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Howard Plan Commission paves way for potential swim facility

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

HOWARD – During their Feb. 17 meeting, Howard Plan Commission members unanimously approved a rezoning request and conditional use approval that will pave the way for a swimming facility at 2938 Shawano Ave., Green Bay.

Susie Van Ekeren, Wisconsin Swim Academy owner, is proposing a learn-to-swim facility for the property that sits adjacent to the Howard Commons.

Van Ekeren is a "lifelong swim enthusiast" who began teaching swim lessons in the backyard of

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FUTURE 15 & Young Professional Awards



Future 15: Tom Murphy

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY - "My parents relocated from the Chicagoland area when I was a toddler, so while I was not born here, I do consider Northeast Wisconsin home," Tom Murphy said.

Murphy and his wife, Tracy, currently live in the village of Bellevue.

"Together we have three children, as well as a cat and dog, both rescues from a local animal shelter," Murphy added.

"I am a product of the Green Bay Area Public School District, graduating from Preble High. After high school, I earned an associate degree in information

technology and began my professional career, taking an entry-level IT position with Bellin Health.

"In 2014, I enrolled at Western Governor's University to continue working on achieving my bachelor's degree. A month later, my wife enrolled for her bachelors degree as well. We were both working full time, raising two kids and taking online classes at

night. But that wasn't enough of a challenge for us, so I went and got a new job at the same time, moving to WEC Energy Group, the parent company of Wisconsin Public Service.

"After wrapping up a Bachelor of Science degree, I

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Plans for new GBAPS elementary school take shape

BY AVERY BIEROWSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - Plans for the Green Bay Area Public Schools' (GBAPS) newest elementary school are beginning to take shape.

On Feb. 12, Chief Operations Officer Cale Pulczinski, along with engineers from Somerville Architects and Engineers, presented detailed renderings of the new school — a project designed to enhance efficiency, sustainability and student experience.

Driven by consolidation and boundary changes, the district is focused on efficiency and longterm planning.

The new school will merge student populations from Kennedy, Keller and MacArthur elementary schools, creating a more unified learning environment.

The project has been a work in progress, and designed with input from the community and school

Cale Pulczinski emphasized the



Designed with accessibility in mind, the entire school will be on one floor, ensuring students can navigate the building with ease. Avery Bierowski photo

community's role in shaping the project.

"A lot of people have had a really big part with input for this design. We held multiple sessions with the community, had some good turnout, some great input and feedback - staff and community," he said.

Planners say the school will be

larger, more efficient and cost ef-

"We are making really good decisions that will impact all of our students throughout the district," said Pulczinski.

Designed with accessibility in mind, the entire school will be on one floor, ensuring students can

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Future 15: Travis J. Vanden Heuvel

Murphy

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY - "I grew up in Northeast Wisconsin, surrounded by a tight-knit community and a family that taught me the value of hard work, faith and showing up for others. Those lessons shaped who I am today,'

said Travis J. Vanden Heuvel. 'I earned my degree from St Norbert College, where I developed a passion for history, storytelling and leadership. Early in my career, I worked in admissions, where I honed my skills in connecting with people and building relationships.

"Over the years, I've held roles ranging from CEO to vice president of business development, focusing on business growth, marketing and community engagement.

"Currently, I'm at KHROME, a creative agency where I lead initiatives that bring meaningful stories to life and help businesses make a lasting impact.

Vanden Heuvel said that two things stand out in guiding his career path.

'First, my passion for storytelling. Whether it's crafting a marketing campaign, writ-

ing a book or advocating for a nonprofit, I've always believed in the power of a well-told story to inspire action and create change," he said.

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There will also be a variety of spaces to accommodate all teacher and student needs.

To encourage collaboration and foster a sense of community, the school will divide grade levels into "pods" or "neighborhoods."

These pods all contain classrooms, as well as a large breakout area in the center, restrooms and lockers.

These breakout rooms allow for supervised independent work without distracting others in classrooms.

In addition to being separated by pods, the school is split up so the younger children are on one side; the gym, commons and library are in the middle; and the older students are on the other.

The building was also designed with natural light in mind, and it features an abundance of windows, as well as colorful and playful features.

Beyond its colorful appeal, the building was designed for safety and sustainability.

Many windows will feature laminated safety glass, which is designed to slow intruders and resist breaking.

Additionally, there will also be card access on all exterior doors so staff knows who is coming in.

The school will utilize geothermal heating and cooling to minimize natural gas use and a solar array will be on the roof to provide renewable energy.



On Feb. 12, representatives from GBAPS and Somerville Architects and Engineers presented detailed renderings of the new school.

Avery Bierowski photos



To encourage collaboration and foster a sense of community, the school will divide grade levels into "pods" or "neighborhoods."

Inside, classrooms will feature solar shades, allowing teachers to adjust natural lighting while maintaining privacy.

Lastly, electronically tinting glass will contribute to energy conservation and qualify for federal tax credits, making the school both eco friendly and cost effective.

Pulczinski said that the plans have been reviewed by the fire department and the police department to ensure maximum safety for children.

"We can accommodate all students in this building. That has been a focus throughout (this process)" said Pulczinski. Small details were scrutinized throughout the process to make things as simple as possible for students.

Those details include a resin coating at the bottom of the lockers, so they won't rust.

"I want to thank all the staff... I can't tell you how many little things throughout, those little things, those little details...we heard that feedback and we tried to find the best balance for all of that in this building," Pulczinski remarked.

With sustainability, safety and student success at its core, the new school is set to shape the future of learning in Green Bay for generations to come.



The coal piles at C. Reiss Coal Co. seen along the Fox River pictured in April 2024, in Green Bay.

Sarah Kloepping/USA Today Network file photo

C. Reiss responds to RFI for Pulliam site

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – Following stalled negotiations between C. Reiss Company and Brown County and a January request for information (RFI) from the county-run Port of Green Bay, C. Reiss Company has submitted a \$28.5 million proposal to relocate its coal storage operation at the mouth of the Fox River.

A release from the Port of Green Bay said that through the RFI it was "seeking information from entities looking to partner with Brown County for future development opportunities at the former Pulliam Plant site that was purchased by Brown County in 2022."

"This RFI is being issued so that interested parties can connect with the Port and share their ideas to develop this important location," said Port of Green Bay Director Dean Haen. "We're excited to see what's out there with re-

gards to creating economic development and family-supporting jobs."

The Port of Green Bay has plans to construct a new multi-use Port terminal facility on 37.5 acres at the mouth of the Fox River.

"The parcel, which is currently zoned "GI" (General Industrial), may be divided into several sections to maximize available funding and to provide development options for one or more users," the Port stated.

Seeing the RFI entitled "Exploring Port Development Opportunities at the Mouth of the Fox River (Former Pulliam Plant Site)," C. Reiss responded to the request to redevelop the Pulliam Plant Site, relocate the coal piles and generate local economic growth.

"C. Reiss's proposal will achieve the long-held goal of moving the coal piles and generate an estimated \$200 million in economic activity for Brown County, according to local officials. This plan includes an imminent agreement with the City of Green Bay for revitalizing C. Reiss's current downtown site and has the support of Mayor Genrich as well as multiple Great Lakes port and shipping companies. We look forward to continuing to engage with the county on this."

On Feb. 17, the Port of Green Bay said that over the next two weeks, Brown County and the Port of Green Bay will be meeting with the eight interested respondents to the RFI to determine "the best path forward."

"We're excited about the level of interest in discussing what the future of the site at the mouth of the Fox River could look like," Haen said. "These discussions will center around supporting job creation, economic development, and moving cargo to support industries statewide."











Green Bay Packers program gets kids out of the house

BY JOHN CRAEMER CONTRIBUTING WRITER/ PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers "Project Play 60" program focuses on getting kids out of the house to enjoy physical activity.

A Feb. 15 event was held on the Lambeau Field Atrium's main floor and in the Legends Club on the fourth floor.

The event featured popular inflatables, interactive physical activity games, a ninja course, a gymnastics circuit, climbing walls, pickleball, face painting and more.

Kids could also partici-

pate in 10-minute mindful yoga sessions led by Bellin Health certified instructors, where they learned mindfulness and yoga techniques to strengthen their minds and bodies.

"It's a free event open to the public for elementary age kids and their families," Green Bay Packers Community Outreach Manager Amanda Wery said.

"We have a variety of different activities from different inflatables, bounce houses, football toss, axe throwing. And then when you go upstairs, you can try new things like gymnastics, a ninja course, and then pickleball.

"Please stay tuned to Packers.com underneath the community tab. That's where we put all of our events forthcoming. We'll have different football outreach activities in the schools coming up. And then over at Titletown.

"And then March 1, we have a 'Time Out for Reading' event under the Packers Give Back. And we'll have free books here for kids to come to Lambeau Field and read."

For more information, visit www.packers.com/community.



Discover Green Bay celebrates those driving tourism

The 2024 Discover Green Bay Tourism Awards were held at Green Bay's Meyer Theatre on Feb. 12, celebrating the individuals and organizations driving tourism in the region. The evenings recipients included: 2024 Tim Quiqley Tourism Person of the Year: Steve Ninham, Oneida Casino Hotel; 2024 Event of the Year: Walk to Mary; 2024 Partner of the Year: Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley; and 2024 Hospitality Employee of the Year: Jennifer Radloff, Badger State Brewing. Radloff is pictured, second from left, with NFL Hall of Famer LeRoy Butler, Croux CEO Jennifer Ryan and Discover Green Bay CEO Brad Toll.



On Broadway holds first annual Volunteer Awards event

On Broadway held their first annual Volunteer Awards evening on Feb. 12 at The Depot. The evening included a welcome by Brian Johson, president and CEO, On Broadway, Inc.; remarks by Eric Genrich, mayor, City of Green Bay; and numerous awards. Pictured are employees of Nicolet National Bank who won the group award.

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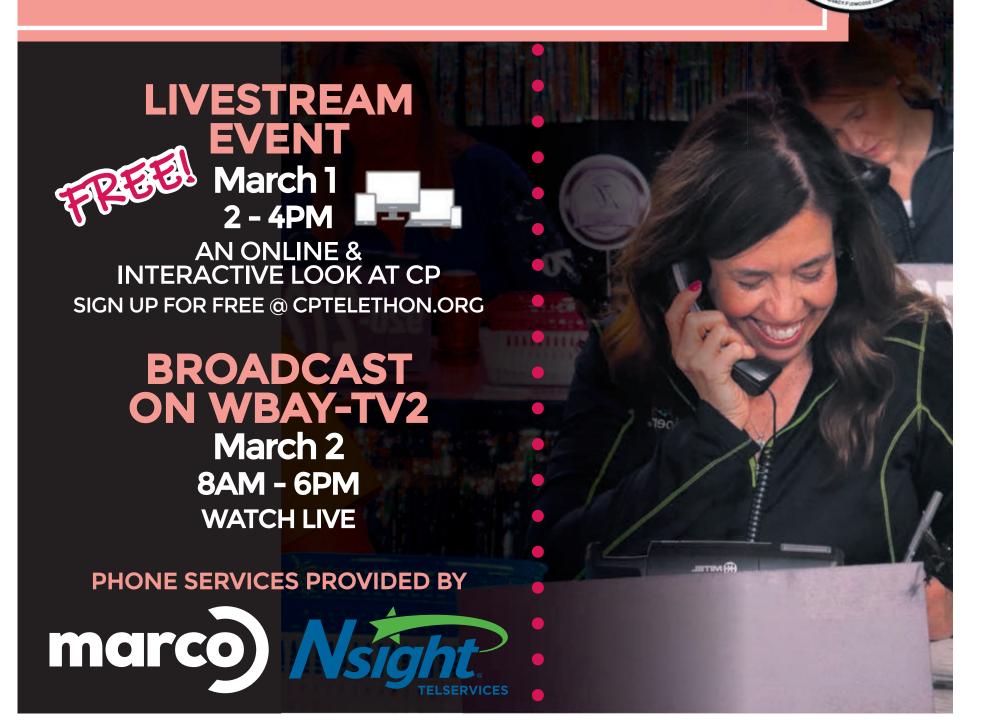
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Evers proposes \$500 million makeover of prison system, closure of GBCI in 2029

BY JACK KELLY/ HALLIE CLAFLIN OF WISCONSIN WATCH PRESS TIMES STAFF

NORTHEAST WISCON-SIN – Gov. Tony Evers has proposed a significant overhaul of Wisconsin's corrections system, pushing a plan that would close one of the state's two oldest prisons, renovate the other and convert the state's youth prison into a facility for adult men.

The proposal, which totals just shy of \$500 million, was included in the governor's budget proposal, which he unveiled this week.

The governor shared details of the plan with reporters Friday morning.

The "domino series of facility changes, improvements and modernization efforts," as Evers described them, would take place between approval of the budget and 2031.

The proposal is the solution to the state's skyrocketing prison population, Evers said, adding there is "not an alternative to my plan that is safer, faster and cheaper."

The first step would be building a facility for youth offenders in Dane County, allowing the state to close its current beleaguered juvenile prison complex in Irma, home to Lincoln Hills School for boys and Copper Lake School for girls.

The cost would be \$130.7 million.

Completing the juvenile Dane County facility would be the latest step in a yearslong effort to shutter Lin-



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coln Hills and Copper Lake.

A similar facility opened in Racine County earlier this month, with another juvenile facility in Milwaukee poised to open next year. With the addition of the Dane County facility, the state would be able to move youth offenders out of Lincoln Hills in early 2029, according to the Evers administration.

The Lincoln County complex would then undergo \$9 million in renovations to be converted into a 500-bed, medium-security institution for men.

Another key piece of Evers' plan would be converting Stanley Correctional Institution into a maximum-security facility for \$8.8 million.

That would allow the state to renovate Waupun Correctional Institution, the state's oldest facility, where at times inmates were confined to their cells for months and denied medical care, according to an investigation by Wisconsin Watch and The New York Times.

Waupun staff also have faced criminal charges following the deaths of five inmates.

The estimated \$245 million renovation would involve demolishing the prison's existing cell halls and replacing them with new, medium-security facilities known as a "vocational village" — the first in Wisconsin based on a model used in other states.

The facility would be "designed to expand job and workforce training to help make sure folks can be stable, gainfully employed and can positively contribute to our communities when they are released," Evers said.

Under the plan, the John Burke Correctional Center in Waupun would also be converted to a 300-bed facility for women "with little to no capital cost," said Jared Hoy, secretary of the Department of Corrections.

Green Bay Correctional Institution, constructed in 1898, would close under the proposal sometime in



Many have pushed for the closure of the prison due to overcrowding, poor conditions and staffing issues.

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spring 2029 at a cost of \$6.3 million.

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To compensate for the lost beds, the last project in the "domino" series would add 200 beds to Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center in Brown County.

The governor's budget will guarantee Green Bay staffers a role at another DOC facility to account for the prison's closure, the Evers administration said. The facility would likely then be sold, the governor told reporters.

In totality, the plan aims to avoid building a new prison in Wisconsin, which the governor's administration estimates would cost \$1.2 billion and take a decade to construct. Evers said Friday that he had not discussed the plan with Republican lawmakers, but implied he was slated to meet with them over the weekend.

The state's adult institutions were locking up more than 23,000 people as of Feb.

That's more than 5,000 above the design capacity of Wisconsin's prisons and more than 3,000 above levels four years ago when COVID-19 actions shrunk prisoner ranks.

Justice reform advocates have argued that Wisconsin can't substantially improve conditions without decarceration, including releasing more inmates and diverting others to programs rather than prisons.

Other states have managed to close prisons by adopting rehabilitation-focused reforms that cut thousands from the population.

Evers noted there are 12,000 inmates on a waiting list to access vocational programming, and expanding the earned release program would likely make another 1,000 inmates eligible for the program.

Response to plan

State Representative David Steffen, of Howard, issued the following response to Evers' proposed plan: "For eight years, I have been communicating the unsafe, unsustainable reality of GBCI. While leadership and decision-making delays have increased the risk, cost and complexity of a solution, we are finally in a position to work together and move forward. It is certain that Governor Evers' proposal will require modifications to meet certain public safety needs; however, his efforts are a promising, positive first step toward the necessary and final closure of GBCI."

Allouez Village President Jim Rafter echoed Steffen's sentiment, "There is finally a light at the end of the tunnel. I applaud Gov. Evers for putting forward an initial plan that includes a path to close Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI). The bipartisan coalition of Republicans and Democrats pushing for closure continues to grow. While this is just the first step in the process, I am hopeful we can all come together and find a consensus to do what has needed to be done for years.

"GBCI is dangerous. Guards have been brutally assaulted. Inmates have been attacked and killed. It is not safe for our community. Madison owes it to the taxpayers of Wisconsin to finish this process and close GBCI once and for all. Today marks a positive step forward in that journey."

State Representative Benjamin Franklin, of De Pere, also expressed relief, "For nearly a decade, local and state officials have been advocating for prison updates and the closure of GBCI, I am glad to see Gov. Evers acknowledge the need to get this done. I met with Gov. Evers shortly after being sworn-in, and we both thoroughly agreed GBCI needs to be addressed, I look forward to reviewing the governors' plan on corrections reform. My number one priority is ensuring the safety and well-being of our correctional staff those incarcerated and our community members. I look forward to working with local and state officials."

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Talking safety

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Green Bay member Pat Wasson talks about free vessel safety checks and available boating safety classes to attendees during this year's Green Bay Boat Show held Feb. 14-16 at the Resch Expo. "The Coast Guard Auxiliary is here at the Boat Show because this is where the boaters are, and we want to engage with them and talk to them about all things safety before the season gets underway and the excitement takes over to be on the water," U.S. Coast Guard Division 095-47, Green Bay, Commander Kevin Osgood said.

The Lumberjack Band: Return of the razzle-dazzle

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from the February edition of the Press Times

In 1929, 1930 and 1931 the Lumberjack Band continued to back the Green Bay Packers during contentious Chicago games, financed by a community collection.

For many years, the Lumberjack Band was formed with members of the American Legion Band, but a disagreement between the American Legion and the band occurred in the following years and the band severed ties with the organization.

On June 6, 1933, the Legion Band was no more, after the Green Bay City Council adopted a resolution to designate it the "Green Bay City Band."

Five days later, the group made their first appearance as the Green Bay City Band.

Little mention of the Lumberjack Band is made during the following years, and the razzle-dazzle was



Lumberjack Band members cheer on the Packers against the Bears in November 1939 in Chicago. Pictured are Merrill Guerin, Billy Johnson, Donald Barber, Tony Vandenberg, Bernard Paulson, Jimmy Collard, Joe Hartinger and Eugene Stiller.

Press-Gazette photo

limited to the action on the playing field.

In the fall of 1939, with the team aiming for its fifth national title, plans were being made for the Lumberjack Band's triumphant return for a Sunday Packers-Chicago Cardinals game, with the musicians starting the training at the same time as the team's players.

"When the Packer corporation decided to seek the formation of a band,

largely as a showmanship project to add to the color at games, the services of men qualified by experience and reputation in the musical field were sought. The result was pretty much the same as when Coach Curly Lambeau recruits his gridders - an all-star organization with a specialist at every post in the lineup," Dick Flatley wrote in the Sept. 13, 1939, Press-Gazette.

"Alex V. Enna, veteran

instructor and conductor, was named director. Wilmer Burke was made business manager. Together they laid plans for such a band as the Packer officials seemed to desire.

"All the musicians were selected in Green Bay and De Pere. Many of them are comparatively young products of the school musical systems in the two cities. Others have been prominent in Green Bay musical circles for several years."

Enna said that he was "deeply gratified to the Packers for giving Green Bay and De Pere musicians something to work for."

"Through the efforts of Mr. (Lee) Joannes, Coach Lambeau and the other Packer officials, enough interest has been aroused to see a real band through.

"I believe that this organization will be of real benefit to the community at large as well as the Packers."

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German Shepherd Rescue at the first annual "White Pawty." John Craemer photo

WPGSR hosts first 'White Pawty' to benefit 'Dogs for Veterans'

BY JOHN CRAEMER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - White Paws German Shepherd Rescue (WPGSR) held its first annual "White Pawty" fundraiser on Feb. 15 at the Northland Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom.

The mission of WPGSR is to ensure the wellbeing of German Shepherd dogs by rescuing and rehabilitating unwanted and abandoned dogs, then placing them in loving, forever homes.

Since 2004, White Paws German Shepherd Rescue has saved 150-175 dogs an-

nually from euthanasia in shelters.

These dogs often come from shelters, owner surrenders, neglectful situations and even dumping grounds across 22 states.

Ticket sales and donations from this fundraiser will benefit the "Dogs to Veterans" program with WPGSR.

The Dogs to Veterans program covers everything from transporting, vetting, fostering and dog placement with local Wisconsin approved applicant veterans.

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spent roughly two years at WEC before moving to Associated Bank, where I have been employed since as a senior infrastructure engineer. I work with all manner of technology, focusing on infrastructure components such as servers/ storage, email systems and cloud technologies. Not unlike constructing a house, before the structure can be built, a strong foundation must be in place. I design and manage the founda-

tional components that Business Analysts then use to deploy business applications on top of."

In 2022, after enrolling in the Leadership Green Bay program, friends and neighbors asked Murphy to run for the Bellevue Village Board.

"I collected signatures and got on the ballot for the spring general election in April 2023. It was great going door-to-door speaking with residents about their concerns and vision for the future of Bellevue. I was one of four candidates vying for two board positions, and ultimately was elected to serve on the village board, where I now represent almost 17,000 residents, am accountable for a \$31 million annual operating budget and \$38 million five-year capital improvement plan," he stated.

"I believe strongly in civic engagement and community service. I have served on Current Young Professional's Civic Engagement committee for several years and have also served on several committees for the Village of Bellevue.

"Additionally, I love volunteering with my children and have been honored with several Presidential Volunteer Service awards. I am also actively volunteering as an election inspector, helping to ensure our elections are run securely and efficiently."

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

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"Second, my commitment to community. Serving on boards, volunteering and working with nonprofits has taught me the importance of relationships and how much we can accomplish when we collaborate for a common goal. Those experiences have been a guiding force in every step of my career.

"I've always been drawn to roles where I can merge my love for history, the arts and community impact with strategic leadership. I see myself continuing to lead in ways that build meaningful connections whether it's advocating for transparency and account-

a nonprofit, steering an organization through a major campaign, or creating experiences that enrich people's lives. Whatever's next, I know it will involve storytelling, community and making a difference."

Vanden Heuvel said his leadership values center around trust, empowerment and service.

"I believe in building a culture where people feel valued, heard and supported, and where they have the tools they need to succeed. Servant leadership is a principle I hold dear leading isn't about standing above but walking alongside others. I also value

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ability, ensuring that every decision reflects integrity and a shared purpose," he

Vanden Heuvel said that his mother, Cheri, had a profound influence in his

"She showed me what it means to love unconditionally, to serve others selflessly and to live a life of faith and grace. Her strength and compassion continue to inspire me every day. Professionally, I've always

admired leaders who balance vision with humility — those who think big but never forget the people they're serving. That combination of ambition and heart is something I strive to emulate," he added.

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Hickory Grove: An uncertain future

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from previous week

In September 1971, the sanatorium housed 45 patients - just 23 with tuberculosis (TB) — and the county began to make budget cuts to the facility.

The following year began and 91 employees were on the payroll — a number the county hoped to get down to 62 or 65 by the end of the year.

By the end of the year, Hickory Grove was being promoted as an extended care facility, with the chronically ill assigned to one floor.

As the original building was declining, there was talk of razing the 1915 structure.

In 1973, the county board approved the demolition of the building and work to cap off the basement of the structure, as it could still be reached from the tunnel and used for storage.

But the institution's future still hung in the balance.

While the second building's future remained a source of discussion for the county board, there was no doubt at the time that the institution would have its place in history.

"You'd be surprised how many families have had someone out at the sanatorium at one time or an-



In 1973, the county board approved the demolition of the 1915 building and work to cap off the basement of the structure, as it could still be reached from the tunnel and used for storage.

Press-Gazette photo

other," Wisconsin Sanatorium Trustees Association President and Green Bay Resident Loris Dow.

In June of 1974, Brown County Mental Health Center Inpatient Administrator Lynn Lucia was appointed to head the new Hickory Grove Study Committee to find "recommendations and alternatives" for the facility.

At that time, there were approximately 34 nursing home patients and 15 TB patients.

The study came back the following month with a recommendation to phase the sanatorium out.

By November 1974, the name was changed to Hickorv Grove Nursing Home as the county looked for proposals from licensed nursing home administrators to run the home.

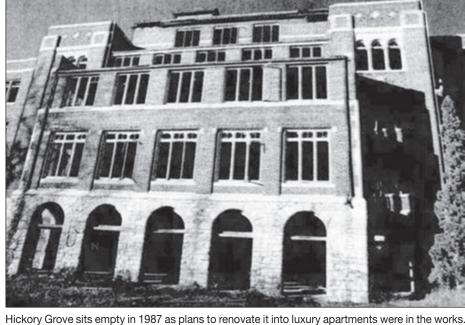
However, the facility needed a greater purpose to reduce a \$240,000 operational deficit with just 34 patients.

To convert it into an operation that could function at its highest level as a nursing home — a 68-bed skilled nursing facility would cost \$600,000.

The county ultimately decided to close the facility on Aug. 31, 1974.

The following year, the remaining building and 16 acres was sold to Elroy Nero and Raphael Parins, of Green Bay, for use as a supper club/hotel business later noted as the "Playboy Club."

But, issues with the DNR and the sewage system put



Mary Pember/Press-Gazette photo

that development to a stop.

In 1984, Al Pokel, Jr. purchased the property with plans to develop a veal processing operation.

When that was met with opposition, Pokel refocused on luxury apartments.

But, Hickory Grove continued to sit empty into the early 1990s when the Brown County Sheriff's Department and other community members called for its demolition.

"There's no way they're going to remodel it," Brown County Sheriff's Capt. Frank Tomcheck told the Press-Gazette's Julie Bell. "It's just too far gone."

"Floors are missing in places and elevator shafts are open," he said.

The windows were also all smashed out and graffiti lined the walls.

The building was torn down in the late 1990s.

The property is now home to Hickory Grove Heights.

GBAPS Board of Education awards Chromebook bid

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY - During a Feb. 12 special meeting, the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education awarded a bid for 4,575 Lenovo 300e Gen 4 Chromebooks and "white glove service" in the amount of \$1,303,875 to CDW Government, LLC.

According to the memo, the devices needed to be delivered and invoiced prior to June 15.

The vote was moved up to a Feb. 12 special meeting held virtually.

"With the tariffs coming through, it will directly impact school boards and school districts with fund-

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ing issues on things. We are going to, hopefully, save money from what is going to happen in the future," GBAPS Board Member Bryan Milz explained.

GBAPS Executive Director of Technology and Information Amy Jaeckel said that white glove service includes enrolling students into the schools' domain, as well as asset tagging, engraving and green packaging.

"Devices must be boxed up by specific quantities needed per school building. Boxes must be labeled with the school name, the asset numbers and associated barcodes for each device in the box," a memo from Jaeckel and Jake Alverson, director of procurement stated.

"The district received 10 qualified bids. All vendors that submitted qualified proposals indicated that they were able to meet the requirements of the RFP. Total cost of bids ranged from \$1,303,875.00 to \$1,532,625.00."

The board unanimously voted to award the bid to CDW Government, with Andrew Becker and Kou Lee absent.

YS Technologies was awarded the bid for 4,575 Chrome OS Management Licenses in the amount of \$131,988.75 by unanimous vote as well.



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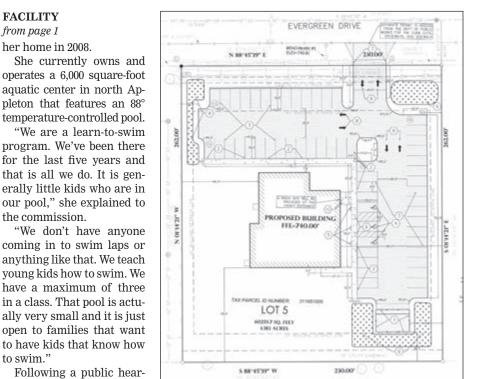
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Plans for the potential learn-to-swim facility adjacent to the Howard Commons. Village of Howard rendering

recreational use.

"I think it is a great idea for that location. I think it's one more reason to go to the (Howard) Commons. Hopefully, we can get more de-

velopments like that," said Plan Commission Chair Burt McIntvre.

Detailed plans and a site plan will return to the committee for approval.

Brown County Sheriff's Office recognizes staff, citizens

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

BROWN COUNTY - On Feb, 12, Sheriff Todd Delain and his staff recognized area law enforcement and citizens during the Brown County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association meeting, held at Rock Garden Supper Club.

During the event, Shaun & Trent Dolan were recognized with the Good Samaritan Award.

"On Dec. 14, 2024, Shaun and Trent Dolan, father and son, observed a female and her child in distress sitting in a business parking lot in the village of Howard. The female and child had been displaced from their vehicle because of a crash earlier in the day," a sheriff's office release stated.

"Shaun and Trent contacted law enforcement and offered to pay for transportation for the female and child to their residence. After arrangements were made, Shaun and Trent took the time to personally deliver all of the items removed from the car to the residence, ensuring they had everything they needed during a difficult and emotional time. This act of kindness demonstrates true selflessness and dedication to helping others."

Two Certificates of Appreciation for a lifesaving act were also presented.

One honored Alexander Beckett, Ross Wegner, Sean Topacio and Devyn Mcll-

"On May 19, 2024, [they] witnessed a tragic accident when a vehicle drove into a pond near Salisbury Street in the village of Bellevue, submerging two individuals inside," the release added. "Without hesitation, [they] exhibited outstanding teamwork by jumping into the pond and courageously pulling the trapped victims to safety prior to the arrival of emergency responders."

A second one was presented to Drew Liegeois. "On June 12, 2024, Drew



On Feb. 12, Sheriff Todd Delain and his staff recognized area law enforcement and citizens during the Brown County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association meeting, held at Rock Garden Supper Club. Above, John Kowalski, left, is recognized as Officer of the Year. **Brown County Sheriff's Office photo**

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was relaxing at a hotel pool when he heard screaming coming from the pool edge. Drew observed a young child being pulled from the pool and appeared to be unresponsive. He demonstrated outstanding courage and the presence of mind to act immediately. Drawing upon his past training as a lifeguard, he administered CPR and began life-saving measures, ultimately aiding in the

Other recognitions

child's recovery," the re-

lease stated.

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PAWTY

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To date, WPGSR has placed 27 dogs with veterans free of charge.

"We are a completely foster-based organization, meaning that the dogs do not go to a facility. We don't have a facility," Dawn Frieburger of WPGSR stated.

"Everybody volunteers, so all the money that we raise goes directly back to our number one bill which is vets. I have, I pay bills for over 50 vets from Michigan all the way down to Texas."

Amber Marzahl started

as a volunteer after receiving a dog from the organiza-

"So I started volunteering, I started fostering, eventually became a medicoordinator, helping with getting all the dogs to the vet for their veterinary needs, and now a managing partner and the lead medical coordinator," she said.

"It's my passion; it's my purpose in life."

The event was coordinated by Jess Ronan with assistance of numerous volunteers.

To learn more, visit wpgsr.com.

Green Bay Area Public **Schools Board of Education Primary Results**

Three seats open

- *James Lyerly (incumbent) 4,551
- *Rick Crosson (incumbent) 4,359
- *Jeanette Knill 4,055
- *Katie Gentry 2,806
- *Alex Mineau 2,578
- *Elliot Christenson 2,286
- Ethan Rouse 1.335 *Advancing to April election

De Pere school board reviews legal guidance on Title IX

BY LEE REINSCH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE - Unified School Board of De Pere board members reviewed preliminary legal guidance on Title IX in light of executive orders issued by President Donald Trump.

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination, sexual assault and unequal facilities and educational opportunities in schools that receive federal funding.

It includes elementary schools and higher education, and all education programs and activities receiving federal monies.

The Biden administration had added protected classes, including pregnancy, a person's sexual preference, gender identity and family status.

Biden also expanded protections to include stalking, domestic violence and hostile educational environments.

They were held up in court cases in 26 states but went into effect in summer of 2024 in Wisconsin.

The new executive order removed Biden's expansions and reverted the policy to the one Trump enacted in 2020.

Wisconsin has additional nondiscrimination protections that may cover gaps that were left by the return to the 2020 policy.

Wis. Stat. 118.13 states that:

(1) No person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

"Action by the federal executive branch, including by way of executive orders, directs the activities and priorities of the federal agency such as the Department of

Education," Jerry Nicholson, director of student services for the district, said. "But those orders do not supersede federal or state statutes; they do not reverse or invalidate decisions made in the federal court."

In 2023, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the federal court of appeals governing Wisconsin, upheld additional protections for transgender students.

All of the details as to what's covered under the old Trump policy and where gaps may lie between it and the protections offered by the state and federal courts have not been nailed down.

"The key to this is to know that while we're always following policy and that ... should we be in a situation where an investigation needs to take place due to a complaint being made, we're always in communication with the legal council through the midst of it so that we don't have missteps," Superintendent Chris Thompson said.



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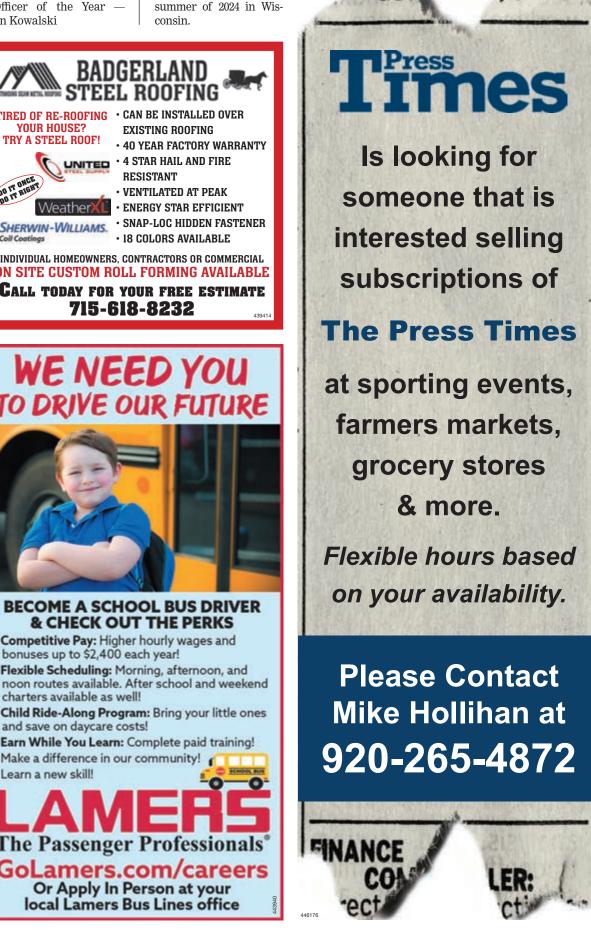
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Ashwaubenon School Board makes updates to sponsorship policies

BY VICTORIA URNESS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ASHWAUBENON – The Ashwaubenon School Board met on Feb 12, where they updated their sponsorship policies and criteria.

Policy update representative Jen Layden informed the board that according to updated state law, all of their digital presence must be ADA compliant.

This meant the district's current database was no longer a viable option.

Due to this, Layden presented the board with alternative databases for the school district to purchase.

These websites were accompanied by steep costs.

Layden proposed the website's landing page display sponsorships to cover the price of the website.

The first part of this action item was a request for the board's approval to pursue digital advertising, specifically from larger sponsors.

The second portion included a catalog created by Layden, which specified criteria for interested sponsors.

The catalog also included sponsorship applications and guidelines.

The primary topic of the board's discussion of sponsorship policy was their concerns regarding the sponsorship criteria.

The board continued to converse about this issue, leading Layden to direct their attention to the catalog, which was created by cross-referencing the advertising, donations and sponsorship guides of local districts.

The board then questioned the district's control over where sponsorship money goes.

"Does that just become general revenue for the district?" Ashwaubenon Board Member Keith Lucas inquired.

Layden informed the board that sponsorships



The Ashwaubenon School Board met on Feb 12, where they updated their sponsorship policies and criteria. **File photo**

have a "definition discrepancy," and that "different districts handle it different ways."

School Board President Jennifer Vyskocil pointed out that sponsorship intentions are often clarified, and board member Brett Vandewalle agreed that sponsors often appreciate awareness of where their funds are being spent.

The board seemed hesitant to immediately approve any guidelines, and suggested returning the action item for future discussion.

Superintendent Kurt Weyers asked for clarification on what a second read would accomplish if the board did not take action to discuss guidelines prior to their next meeting.

School Board and Superintendent Secretary Jennifer Bower informed the board that she shared the same concerns.

To lead into further discussion, the board decided to split the two items to vote on them separately.

First, the board unanimously voted to adopt digital advertising into their sponsorship policy.

They then asked for final clarification on the guidelines specified in the catalog created by Jen Layden.

Before voting, Bower reminded the board that all sponsors must be approved by the school board, and that the written criteria for potential sponsors may be updated at the board's discretion.

The board then voted 4-1 to accept the updated criteria for accepting sponsorships, with all board members moving to approve the proposed guidelines with the exception of Michelle Garrigan.

Other news

• The school board meeting began with a superintendent's report by Kurt Weyers, who honored DECA state qualifiers, the Ashwaubenon boys swim team's conference honors, Ice Bears girls hockey all-conference honors, forensic team honors and more.

• Weyers also recognized board member Michelle Garrigan and board President Jennifer Vysckocil with their level two leadership certificates, rewarded by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB).

• The board passed a summer enrollment request, which stated that starting with the 2025-26 school year, incoming freshman courses not taught at Ashwaubenon High School will be accepted for credit, but will not be accepted for GPA or class rank.

• A kitchen equipment request was unanimously approved to replace an oven at the high school, which will be shipped later in February.

• The board approved the purchase of two treadmills for the Parkview Fitness Center.

State hunters shot more bucks in '24



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZEGUEST COLUMNIST

BY KEVIN NAZE CORRESPONDENT

Northeastern Wisconsin deer hunters shot more than 35,000 whitetails in a seven-county area this past season, part of the more than 321,000 taken statewide.

The Department of Natural Resources has released preliminary harvest numbers, including a buck kill of 161,512 and an antlerless take of 160,332. Both were within the 10-year average, and antlered buck registrations were the fourth highest since 2008. The total harvest was more than 21,000 higher than the 2023-24 count.

The preliminary numbers show 185,978 deer in the nine-day hunt (89,582 bucks); 63,138 with cross-bow (39,387 bucks); 38,466 with archery gear (24,062 bucks); 8,219 in the four-day December antlerless hunt (20 bucks also reported); 7,340 in the youth gun hunt (3,809 bucks); 7,824 in the muzzleloader season (3,468 bucks) and 7,476 in the nine-day holiday antlerless gun hunt (24 bucks reported).

The extended January bow and crossbow season produced 1,018 deer, 221 of them antlered bucks. Those deer are included in the general archery and crossbow preliminary count.

Marathon was the top county in total harvest (11,580). Rounding out the top 10 were Clark (10,760), Waupaca (10,244), Marinette (9,399), Shawano (9,346), Vernon (8,785), Oconto (8,151), Monroe (8,011), Polk (7,914) and Dunn (7,706).

Besides Marinette and Oconto, other area county totals included Brown, 3,154; Kewaunee, 3,078; Door, 4,193; Manitowoc, 4,245; and Outagamie, 4,227.

The Central Farmland region produced 189,019 deer, including 89,056 bucks; Southern Farmland, 71,106 (34,100 bucks); Northern Forest 49,676 (31,094 bucks); and Central Forest 12,043 (7,262 bucks).

Both the antlered and antlerless kills were within the 10-year average, but far from the all-time records of more than 212,000 bucks and nearly 403,000 antlerless, both in 2000. While the turn-of-the-century hunt was not an earn-a-buck season, it was the first in which two free antlerless tags were included with the purchase of a deer hunting license. There were also more than 694,000 licensed firearm deer hunters 25 years ago, about 140,000 more than last season.

CDAC meetings

The 2025 County Deer Advisory Council meeting dates weren't yet posted as of Feb. 17, but should be soon. You'll be able to find them at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Hunt/cdac.

You can find a list of your county council members there, as well as review the data they see when making decisions.

The meetings will include a review of each county's 2024 deer season structure and harvest results and offer the public an opportunity to comment (there will be online opportunities as well).

See BUCKS page 11



There were plenty of whitetails still on the landscape after the gun seasons ended. These antlerless deer — many of them last year's fawns — were part of a large group photographed last month on a farmland field.

Photo by Kevin Naze

Weekly Fishing Report

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First and foremost, no ice is ever safe ice.

This cold weather has ice conditions all over Green Bay very good, but the additional snow accumulation has slowed travel in most areas.

Look for that to get better as this snow set-

Walleye activity on the Fox River has continued to be above average. Jigging raps have still been a favorite choice tipped with a minnow head, but Plastics have now shown some promise.

Also, do not overlook jigging spoons and blade baits.

Perch fishing continues to be very good to above average in most locations, both the west shore and east shore and up to the Sturgeon Bay area. 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.

Northern Pike action has slowed to a snail's pace this last week with the weather changes, bad reports have come in.

Lower Bay areas from Volks up to Red River have been fair to good for Whitefish. Slick jigs tipped with a minnow tail or plastic have been good bait choices. Slider rigs also have been taking some fish. If you are seeing fish on your sonar, slow your presentation down and tighten up your jigging and watch for subtle changes.

The Larsons Reef area has seen much improvement on ice conditions this last week and this cold snap will continue to provide ice pack depth and growth. Travel conditions over the last few days have become difficult with the blowing and drifting snow. The area in general has received over a foot of new snow in the last week.

Anglers that were abl to get on the reef overall reported the Whitefish bite better mid week last week vs. later in the week and weekend. This was most likely due to the changing weather over the last few days. Jigs and plastics continue to be the most prominent and successful tactic. Any plastic that mimics a Goby is a good choice. As always, if you want to find more success out there with Whitefish, get away from the crowd.

Smokeys will reopen Monday March 3rd. Hope everyone had a good ice season this year. See you soon. Yah!!!!

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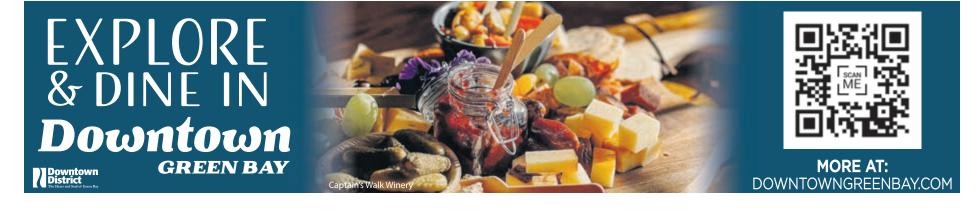
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THE CREATIVE



▲ Artists Zane Statz and Craid Nordeen will paint 100 fan portraits on the Packers Community Fence ahead of the 2025 NFL Draft. File photo

Fan-fueled mural project to take over Packers Community Fence for 2025 NFL Draft

For City Pages

This spring, football fans will have the chance to make history while giving back to the Green Bay community. The Packers Community Fence, a beloved landmark on Lombardi Ave. directly across from Lambeau Field, will transform into a one-of-a-kind mural featuring 100 fan portraits — a powerful tribute to the passion and diversity of NFL fandom.

Each portrait is available for purchase at \$1,000, with all proceeds benefiting three incredible Green Bay charities — GRIT920, providing adaptive strength and fitness training for individuals with disabilities; Freedom House, offering shelter, resources and support to homeless families; and 23's Cause 4 Cleats, supplying underserved youth with quality

sports equipment to help them succeed on and off the field.

This initiative aims to raise \$100,000 while providing fans with an opportunity to be painted onto the iconic fence.

The portraits will be illustrated by renowned artist Craig Nordeen and painted onto the fence by Zane Statz, ensuring a stunning, high-quality tribute to those who participate.

Statz is a distinguished mural artist and designer known for his vibrant and impactful creations.

His work includes the "Let Us Love One Another" mural in Green Bay along with over 50 other murals throughout the midwest.

Statz's artistic journey is marked by a commitment to community engagement and storytelling through art with his murals often reflecting themes of unity, love and local pride.

Nordeen is a creative director, illustrator, designer and motion artist with a diverse portfolio spanning children's, sports and brand illustrations.

His work reflects a dynamic range of styles and subjects, showcasing his versatility and passion for visual storytelling.

Nordeen's expertise in both static and motion art allows him to create engaging and memorable visuals that resonate with audiences across various platforms.

This project builds on the tradition of interactive art at the Packers Community Fence.

Since 2022, the fence has hosted an annual Packers-themed mural, including a paint-by-numbers event before the season opener.

Last year, 500 fans completed the 70ft by 6th mural in just nine hours, showcasing the excitement and community spirit surrounding this project.

With the 2025 NFL Draft coming to Green Bay, this initiative is expected to attract national attention.

The fence painting will begin in early April and all 100 portraits will be completed before the NFL Draft begins, ensuring maximum visibility for fans and visitors arriving in Green Bay.

The mural will remain on display until four weeks before the Packers' 2025 regular season opener, making it a lasting tribute to the fans who make the NFL community so special.

For more information or to secure a portrait, visit greenbaygivesback.com.



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THE BUZZ

For the love of books and wine

Contributing Writer

Pages and Pours, a unique bookstore and bar in one, will open on Main Ave. in De Pere on Feb. 26.

With a wide range of book genres and serving wines, craft beers, coffee and small-plate food options — it is sure to have something for every literature lover and wine fanatic.

"This is a concept that came together based on my interest in books and wine, I had thought about opening a bookstore over the past few years and didn't think that opening a bookstore could be a viable business model but we learned about this concept where people in other cities have combined a bookshop with a wine bar with beer or a full bar and then you have the two elements of wine and food service and the books that come together and make it a profitable little business," said Mark Hank, owner of Pages and Pours.

The store will have a plethora of options for those looking

"It's going to be popular fiction, classic literature, art, design, gardening and sports," Hank said. "I have a Packers section, I have a section on antique medical books, I have science, I have philosophy, non-fiction, history, military history. We have a section on things of interest to Wisconsin."

To continue adding to its inventory, Hank plans to buy used books from customers to resell in Pages and Pours.

In addition to wine, Pages and Pours will have drip coffee and espresso, soda and sparkling water and will offer charcuterie boards as well as other small plate items like muffins, scones, cookies and cheesecake.

Pages and Pours also plans to host special events like poetry readings, author signings and book clubs.

"I love books, and I'm really looking forward to helping people find and support their love of reading and love of books," Hank mentioned. "The thing that we really want to foster is a sense of community connection, whereas a lot of bars people come in and it's about having a drink or two



Above right: Pages and Pours will open in De Pere on Feb. 26. Far left: In addition to being a bookstore, Pages and Pours will also offer a wide selection of wine and other food and drink options. Left: Pages and Pours will sell books form a variety of genres and plans to expand its offerings by purchasing and reselling customers' used books. Submitted photos



together, here we want people to maybe do more than that. So we got all these games that people can play, so people can feel free to come in with friends or family and sit and play a board game, maybe have some refreshments, that's the sort of thing we want to encourage people to do here."

Alongside Hank for the journey of making Pages and Pours come to life has been his wife Sheri and son John.

"It's been a family effort, my wife Sheri, she's an attorney with a company in town and they are a building materials distributor and so she is keeping her job with that company, but also helping us out a few hours a week and my son John has been integral to getting our marketing set up and our social media, and he will be an assistant manager here."

You can find more information about Pages and Pours on their website pagesandpours.com or Instagram @pages_ and_pours_depere.





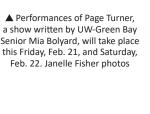
COVER FEATURE

A passion for performance

UW-Green Bay students explore love of art in student-written show



◀ Teagan and her mother argue in the show, raising important questoins about the arts and how we interact with them.





▲ Being a student-run production, cast and crew members have had to learn to rely on themselves and each other to make the show a success.

■ Page Turners follows the story of Teagan on a journey of self discovery as she realizes she wants to pursue a more creative path than her family.

By Janelle Fisher City Pages Editor

UW-Green Bay students are set to stage a story of self-discovery and love of the arts in a studio production of *Page Turner* — a new show written by UW-Green Bay senior Mia Bolyard.

"At its core, it's about this girl named Teagan. She's a freshman in college and she's studying marketing and business because that's what her family does - her brother is a business major, her mother works in marketing, it's just her path," Bolyard said. "Her mom has a huge focus on financial comfort and financial security due to her own past. She thinks of this guy — a male character for a book — and she runs with it and opens herself up to this creative endeavor and this world of her own making and realizes she wants to be a writer. And so there are these fictional characters from her brain and they help her on this journey of, 'Careers that are creative don't have to be scary just because they have this reputation of not being full of money.' It's a story of self discovery with a little bit of a writing flair to it."

Although the process of putting *Page Turner* together may look similar to other shows, being a student-written and student-run production has meant that the students involved have had to learn to rely on themselves and each other.

"A lot of the work I'm doing is still the same, whether it's a new work or an established work. But being a studentrun production and a studio production, we have to be very self-sufficient," said Carter Bauer, stage manager for the production. "We do have a faculty mentor, Rebecca Stone Thornberry, but she's not the director of the show and so we have to manage it ourselves and do a lot of the communicating between people, keeping track of things and making sure that everything is going well in that regard."

Despite the added challenge, working on the show has still been a rewarding process for the students involved.

"This kind of reinvigorated some of my passion for theater," said the show's director, Autumn Johnson. "Having another major, it's kind of hard to balance all of those things. It's been very rewarding to see something like this come to life and to put trust in other people and have it actually work out... In fall of 2023, we did a one-act festival and I went, 'There's no way I could ever direct a show. I would be so bad at that.' And then I took directing this spring and that's when Mia asked me to be the director. I think I have a little more confidence now. I've been building up the confidence to direct a full one-act show and trust my instincts, trust my decisions and trust that the cast and our crew are going to be dependable for each other, which we

That dependability and trust within the cast and crew, Bolyard said, stems from a

mutual respect for each other and a shared passion for theater.

"I think the most rewarding thing has been finding the dynamic of the company as a whole," Bolyard said. "We all had this general respect for each other and we've known each other at different levels and capacities... I have really close friends in the cast and then some people in the cast, I don't know that we know each other enough, but it's great to see all of them taking the same care and passion with this show. There's a warm, fuzzy feeling of everyone just doing theater because we like it."

Bolyard said she hopes those planning to attend the show walk away with a better understanding of that passion, even in the face of challenges.

"I would love if people could walk away from this show feeling the core energy and the heart of it all, which is the love of the arts," Bolyard said. "I want people to leave having more of an appreciation for the arts - more respect — and feeling the love and the care that we as a company have put into this show. Especially in the current day, there's so much struggle with different colleges getting their theater programs cut — our own included... Due to things out of our control and as much as we try, it just always feels like a new obstacle is put in front of our way... I want people to think, in the back of their mind, 'Wow, these students did that with nothing and the only thing that kept them going was their love and passion for art."

That sentiment is not only present in the attitudes of the cast and crew, but in the show itself

"My favorite scene in the show is an argument that the main character has with their mom," Bauer said. "There's a really compelling discussion happening about, 'If art is all around us, why do we under-appreciate artists in the way that a lot of people do?' I hope the audience walks away thinking about, 'Art is all around me and how do I respond to the arts? How do I interact with the arts? How can I help support the arts if that's important to me?'"

"I really like the message of the show — that's one of my favorite things about it," Johnson said. "And Mia weaves her humor in super well, so I hope they enjoy it and I hope they have fun and get some laughs out of it, but I also hope that they can see the effort and care that went into it... I hope they see our collective passion... I hope audiences can see how much effort we put in and that they will appreciate our work as much as we appreciate them coming to see it."

Performances of *Page Turner* will take place on Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Jean Weidner Theatre.

More information and tickets are available at uwgb.edu/theatre/events.



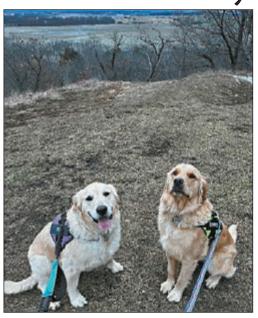
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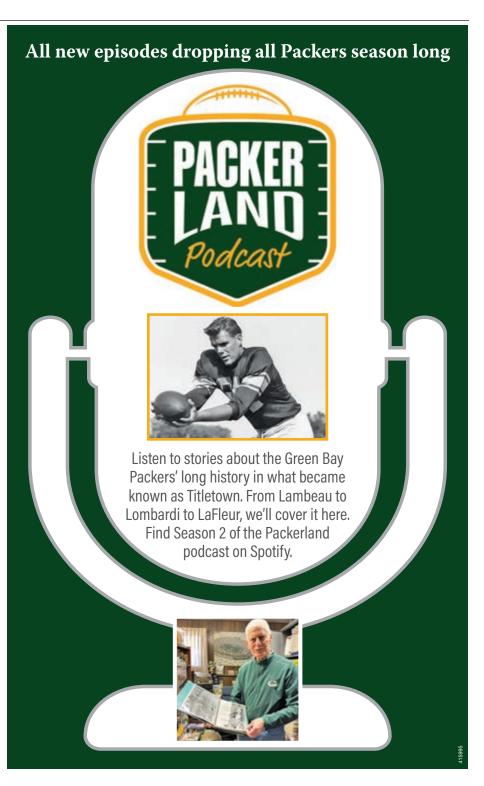


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LIVE MUSIC

Friday, Feb. 28

Oh What a Night • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Musical tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. 7:30 p.m. \$57+. Head to mevertheatre org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Ongoing

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

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

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Once Upon A Mattress • Pulaski High School, Pulaski. Comic retelling of the children's story The Princess and the Pea. Feb. 15, 16, 22 and 23. \$8. Visit pulaskihs.ludus.com to learn more and to purchase tickets

Anchorman: Hello Green Bay • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Production put on by Let Me Be Frank Productions. Feb. 6-Feb. 23 \$37. See meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Ride the Cyclone • Stage Ten Seventeen, Ashwaubenon. Production put on by Stage Ten Seventeen. Feb. 13-Feb. 23. \$25. For more details and to purchase tickets, head to stage1017.com

The Tin Woman • Robert Lee Brault Playhouse, Green Bay. Production put on by Green Bay

Community Theater. Feb. 13-Feb. 23. \$20. Head to gbcommunitytheater.com for more information

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

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

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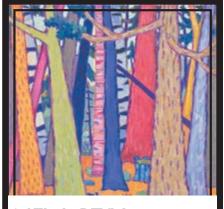
Ongoing

newART/v • newARTSpace, De Pere. Annual exhibition featuring a select group of Wisconsin artists with a special emphasis on artists who live and work in the northeast region of the state. Open during gallery hours Jan. 10-Feb. 22. Free. Learn more at newartspace124.com.

Youth Art Month • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Exhibit featuring more than 160 art pieces created by students in grades K-12 from 16 school districts in Northeast Wisconsin. Open through Feb. 23. Included with general admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more

Unofficial Galaxies • Mulva Cultural Center. De Pere. Exhibit showcasing one of the world's largest private Star Wars memorabilia fan collections. Open through April 27. \$20. Learn more and purchase tickets at mulvacenter.org.

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



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group of Wisconsin artists with a special emphasis on artists who live and work in the northeast region of the state. Free. Learn more at newartspace124.com.

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

Friday, Feb. 28

Evening In The Highlands • Green Bay Distillery, Ashwaubenon. Dinner and entertainment celebrating the music, poetry and dance of Scotland and Ireland. 5:30 p.m. \$50. See firstunitedpc.org for more information.

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



SUNDAY POKEMON LEAGUE

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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.



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Exhibit showcasing one of the world's largest private Star Wars memorabilia fan collections. \$20. Learn more and purchase tickets at mulvacenter.org.

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

DJ Bingo Fridays • WINEaLOT Vinevards. 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

Sunday, Feb. 23

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

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

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

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Joe Heller, Green Bay's Cartoonist • Brown County Library - Ashwaubenon Branch. Ashwaubenon. Discussion with Joe Heller, former editorial cartoonist for the Green Bay Press-Gazette of 28 years. 1 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver • Rennes Health and Rehab Center, De Pere. Former Wisconsin Governor and Author Marty Schreiber shares his story of love, life, learning and caregiving as detailed in his award-winning book. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Free admission. For more details and to register, visit rennesgroup.com/martinschreiber-my-two-elaines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILY/KIDS

Ongoing

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

Sanctuary Storytime • Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Nature-themed story and a simple craft/activity geared towards preschoolers. Mondays at 10 a.m., through Feb. 24 Register by calling (920) 391-3686. Learn more on Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary's Facebook page.

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

ComedyCity Family Fun Show • ComedyCity, De Pere. Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. Find more details and purchase tickets at comedycity.net

COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

Ongoing

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

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

Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Monthly tours of area companies. Meetings are Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for the Feb. 25 meeting will be Amy Carrozzon, GB Conservation Partner-GB West Shore. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

De Pere Area Men's Club • De Pere Community Center, De Pere. Weekly meetings with community speakers. The speaker for Feb. 25 will be Lacy Hansen, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, Volunteer and Office Coordinator. Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Everyone is welcome. See the De Pere Area Men's Club's Facebook page to learn more.

Community Resource Tuesdays • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Each week, a different community resource/ social service agency will be on-site to provide information about



WINTER MARKET ON MILITARY

FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER-APRIL, 9 A.M.-1 P.M. 725 S MILITARY AVE., GREEN BAY.

Indoor winter farmers' market featuring hand crafted, homemade, locally grown and raised products. Free admission. Find more details at militaryave.org.

their programs and services. Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org to learn more.

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

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly-TOPS • Atonement Lutheran Church, Green Bay. Group support for women and men who desire to lose weight and live a healthy life. Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. Visit tops.org or call (920) 396-2098 for more information.

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

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

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





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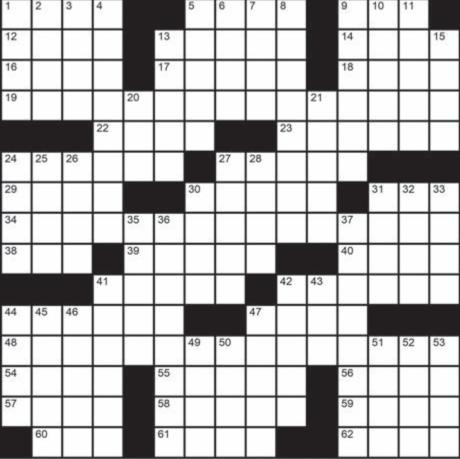


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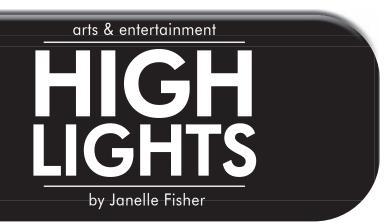
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- 5. Part of CD
- 9. Opposite of flow
- 12. Notion
- 13. You are here
- 14. "___ Land" (2016 musical film)
- 16. ____ Fein (Irish political group)
- 17. Old copy machine, for short
- 18. Like some lattes
- 19. Behind-the-scenes theater worker's been specially selected?
- 22. ___-deucey (backgammon variation)
- 23. Walker's Prawn Cocktail snacks, e.g., in the U.K.
- 24. Fifth U.S. president
- 27. "____ the Sheriff" (1974 hit song)
- 29. Hydrox rival
- 30. ___ Martin (007's auto)
- 31. Wall Street index, briefly
- 34. Pre-owned greeting with a firm grip?
- 38. Sound of admonition
- 39. Albertan NHLer
- 40. Belonging to us
- 41. Walk with pride
- 42. Oppose vigorously
- 44. Peevish
- 47. "Yeah, I bet"
- 48. Straight or flush indicating one way to go to hell?
- 54. Opera highlight
- 55. Journalist Cornish of CNN
- 56. 1/12 of a foot
- 57. Turkey meat preference
- 58. Pretzel shapes
- 59. Gospel singer Winans
- 60. "___ Boot" (1981 film)
- 61. Part of a skate blade
- 62. Sharp as a tack

Down

- 1. Talk smack about
- 2. Make some changes
- 3. John who's supposedly tough to see
- 4. Qantas logo animal
- 5. How often Wordles get released
- 6. "Garfield" waitress
- 7. Instruction
- 8. "Quickly!"
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- 15. 3110W 1103
- 15. Tacks on
- 20. "Foucault's Pendulum" author Umberto
- 21. "Reversal of Fortune" Oscar winner Jeremy
- 24. The majority
- 25. Natural resources
- 26. Shirt measurement
- 27. Dot in the ocean
- 28. Symbol over an 8
- 30. Org. that defends individual rights
- 31. Paint ineptly
- 32. Gumbo ingredient
- 33. Toward sunset
- 35. Observant person
- 36. No-bake dessert that may be garnished with gummy worms
- 37. Nostalgic, perhaps
- 41. Lectures
- 42. Dice, most often
- 43. Singer Rita
- 44. Apple product that debuted April 2010 $\,$
- 45. Org. that tracks Santa
- 46. "Ran" director Kurosawa
- 47. Bitter feeling
- 49. Ilsa's surname in "Casablanca"
- 50. Work like _
- 51. Leg hinge52. "Behold!" to Caesar
- 53. At that moment





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.

My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Rennes Health and Rehab Center, De Pere

Former Wisconsin Governor and Author Marty Schreiber shares his story of love, life, learning and caregiving as detailed in his award-winning book.

This presentation is ideal for caregivers, family members and loved ones who want a greater understanding of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's.

Readings will take place at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Admission to these events is free.

For more details and to register, visit rennesgroup. com/martin-schreiber-my-two-elaines.



Oh What a Night

Friday, Feb. 28 Meyer Theatre, Green Bay

Musical tribute to Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

The performance will include hits such as "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like A Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "My Eyes Adored You," "Working My Way Back To You," "Let's Hang On" and "Who Loves You."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$57.

Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.



Evening In The Highlands

Friday, Feb. 28 | Green Bay Distillery, Ashwaubenon

Dinner and entertainment celebrating the music, poetry and dance of Scotland and Ireland.

The event will include performances by the Irish Heritage Dancers, a Piper and music by Looking Squirrels.

There will also be trivia, games, haggis, raffles and more.

Dress is business casual with a Scottish theme, including kilts.

This event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50.

See firstunitedpc.org for more information.



BUCKS

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CDACs have a chair and alternate chair that are members of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and up to eight citizen stakeholders — a majority hunt. The citizens represent tribal, agriculture, forestry, tourism, transportation, local government, hunting organization and Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) interests. A DNR wildlife manager is there to provide data, answer questions and give an assessment of the council's recommendations.

Each CDAC member is asked to gather public opinion on deer populations and goals, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies; review and consider scientific metrics on the county deer herd, including impacts to habitat, agriculture and human-deer interactions; and provide the DNR with recommendations on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.

Sturgeon update

A total of 664 lake sturgeon were taken the first 10 days of the spearing

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season on the Lake Winnebago system, 382 on the big lake and 282 on the upriver lakes.

Through Monday, there were 42 sturgeon larger than 100 pounds speared, 37 of them on Winnebago and five on the upriver lakes. Check out the season totals at https://dnr. wisconsin.gov/topic/ fishing/sturgeon/Winn-SysSturgeonSpear.

Comment on plan

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is drafting a strategic plan for managing wildlife species and habitat and is seeking public feedback on the plan's obiectives.

You can learn about it. comment, and sign up for occasional updates at https://dnr.wisconsin. gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/WMStrategicPlan. Public comment is due by Friday, Feb. 28.

Hunting Expo Feb. 21-23

The Wisconsin State Hunting expo is running through Sunday at the Resch Expo in Green Bay. Check out the exhibitors, seminar speakers and more at https://www.wisconsinstatehuntingexpo.

Home sale timing: Tax law changes?



Dear Monty,

I read your recent column regarding Capital Gains exemptions.

I'm aware that there is a bill in Congress to raise the exemption to \$1 million (for ioint): H.R.1321 — "More Homes on the Market Act."

I've asked my congressman for a status update but have received no reply. Do you have any insight?

It will affect my timing on selling as it could save tens of thousands in capital gains taxes.

Monty's Answer

Your interest in timing your home sale to potentially benefit from an increased exemption and working to stay ahead of the situation is admirable.

That being said, there are some downsides to getting too far ahead.

As you've noted, H.R.1321 proposes to increase the capital gains exclusion for joint filers to \$1 million (up

from the current \$500,000), but like many bills in Congress, its path to becoming law is uncertain.

For current information about existing capital gains exclusions and requirements, visit IRS.gov. H.R.1321 was introduced in Congress early in 2023 and has seen little movement since.

The existing capital gains exclusion allows married couples filing jointly to exclude up to \$500,000 of gain from the sale of a primary residence (\$250,000 for single filers), provided they have owned and used the home as their primary residence for at least two out of the five years before the sale.

While the proposed increase in the exemption amount could result in significant tax savings for some homeowners, several factors should be considered. Here are some reasons you should wait to decide based on current law rather than pending legislation.

The timing of any potential passage is uncertain, and there's no guarantee the bill will become law in its current form.

Even if passed, the effective date could differ from what's currently proposed, or implementation could be gradual.

Delaying a sale while waiting for legislative changes could expose you to market risks, including potential decreases in home values or missed opportunities in a favorable market.

If you're considering delaying your home sale, consider consulting with a qualified tax professional who can analyze your specific situation.

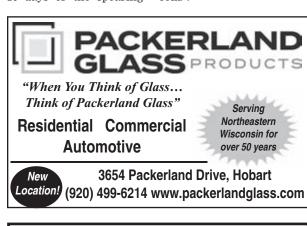
They can help you weigh your options and the potential tax benefits against other financial considerations, including current market conditions, personal circumstances and alternative tax strategies available under existing law.

Your proactive approach to contacting your congressman is appropriate for staying informed about the legislation. It may be that your congressman, understanding the reasons stated above, had many higherpriority tasks on his to-do list and has not yet gotten to your request for a status update.

You might also consider setting up alerts for H.R.1321 on Congress.gov to track its progress directly.

Remember that tax savwhile important, shouldn't be the only factor in deciding when to sell your home. Your options may be weighted by today's real estate market which is under considerable duress with the class action lawsuits, the Federal Reserve holding interest rates high, a new administration that is promising unprecedented changes in how our government functions and the threat of inflation still unsettled.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Grave Thoughts From The Graveyard

Dear Reader,

Today, I visited a graveyard to pay respects to a recently departed family member. The cemetery was vast, and we found ourselves lost amidst rows of unfamiliar headstones. After wandering both on foot and by car, weaving past names unknown to us, we finally reached the gravesite.



Standing there, I couldn't help but think about this place—where those who were once so visible and vibrant in life are laid to rest, becoming part of the quiet, unremembered landscape. The sun beat down with hardly any shade, and the graves seemed tightly packed, which made me wonder about the business side of burial plots—how every inch is planned, sold, and filled.

But more than that, my mind wandered to the fate of the souls. After death, where do they go? Surely, they don't linger here. While the dead no longer have a care or say in their resting place, there's an undeniable finality to it. They are gone from the world we know; and at an immediate or lingered point in time, their bodies become the forgotten invisible. After all of their toils, they are buried away somewhere out of sight, and out of mind.

PATRICK J. WOOD

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

BE OUR GUEST

Practice safe merging techniques to prevent crashes

FROM THE WISCONSIN DOT

erging is a common technique on our roads that requires all drivers to stay calm and pay attention to avoid crash-

Merging includes changing lanes, joining traffic on another road, or entering a roadway from the curb or

State law requires drivers to stay in their lane and wait to merge until they are certain they have enough space to do so safely.

"Proper merging helps maintain a safe and smooth flow of traffic," State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Drivers encounter many different situations on the road that require merging. Crashes can be avoided when motorists are cautious of others on the road, allow plenty of distance between vehicles and avoid driving in blind spots of other vehicles."

Changing lanes

Practice safe lane changes to protect yourself and others from a crash.

Before moving into another lane:

- Be sure the road is clear and there is a large enough gap between vehicles to allow you to safely change
- Use turn signals to give other drivers time to react to your planned move. State law requires drivers to use turn signals before changing lanes, turning or merging into traffic.
- Scan quickly for traffic to the side and behind your vehicle. Use your rear view and side mirrors and look over your shoulder to check your blind spots. Do not take your eyes off the road for more than an instant because traffic ahead of you may stop suddenly.

• Look carefully for other road users like motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians who are harder to see.

Entering a highway

When merging onto another road, like an interstate or highway, drivers should yield to traffic already moving on the roadway.

When using an entrance ramp, aim to enter the highway at the same speed that traffic is moving.

High-speed roadways generally have an acceleration lane to give drivers time to build up speed before merging into traffic.

If you are waiting for space to enter a roadway, slow down on the ramp so you have some room to speed up before merging.

Zipper merge for lane closures

When traffic patterns change and lanes are closed for construction or emergencies, drivers are asked to use the zipper merge technique to reduce traffic congestion.

When you see a sign indicating a lane closure ahead, continue to drive in your lane up until the final merge point.

When you reach this point, take alternating turns with other drivers to merge into the single lane of traffic.

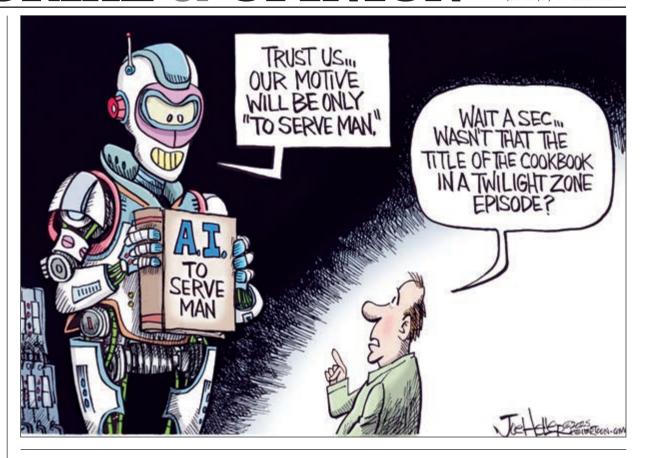
It is important to note, a zipper merge is not necessary when traffic is moving at highway speeds and there are no backups.

Drivers can move over sooner if it is safe to do so.

The zipper merge is a safer way to reduce lanes.

When a vehicle slows down to merge early in heavy traffic, it can slow traffic down too quickly, leading to unexpected crashes.

The zipper merge allows everyone to move at the same rate, minimizing delays for all.



BE OUR GUEST

What's good for our democracy

BY DAN THENO BROWN COUNTY DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR

he new makeup of the Wisconsin Legislature as a result of last fall's elections demonstrates what happens when legislative district boundaries are not rigged to favor the election of candidates of one party over another.

Partisan manipulating of political boundaries, or "gerrymandering," is bad for democracy.

After each Census every state legislature must redraw new state legislative and Congressional districts to reflect shifts in population.

After the 2010 Census, Republicans controlled both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor's office.

When they drew new district lines, they devised districts that largely favored the election of Re-



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publicans.

When Democrats controlled both houses in the Legislature, they did the same thing in years past.

The problem with "gerrymandering" is that it rigs elections even before voters go to the polls.

If you live in district that normally votes 70% Democratic and you are a Republican, the chances of a Republican getting elected in your district is minimal. I would argue that "gerrymandering" is harmful to good government.

In a strongly Republican district the tendency is for a very conservative candidate to get elected. In a strongly Democratic district the tendency is for a very liberal candidate to get elected.

When those very con-

servative Republicans and very liberal Democrats get together in Madison, they have very little in common.

Compromise and cooperation break down.

In 2023 the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that the "gerrymandered" districts created by majority Republicans were unconstitutional and ordered the Legislature to create more competitive districts in keeping with mandates in the Wisconsin Constitution.

The Legislature subsequently approved a map of districts that did not guarantee the election of Republican majorities.

The results of last fall's elections were astounding.
While Republicans still

had majorities in both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature, Democrats made substantial gains because there were more competitive districts.

Republicans went from a 64-35 to 54-45 advantage in the State Assembly and from a 22-11 to 18-15 advantage in the State Senate.

Wisconsin needs to take the process of re-districting out of the hands of the politicians.

State Legislative and Congressional districts are not owned by politicians, they belong to the people.

Let's create an independent, non-partisan body like they have in Iowa to draw legislative and Congressional districts after the next Census in 2030.

sports, entertainment, professions and business.

It's also good for domos

Competition is good in

It's also good for democracy.

Let the political party with the best candidates and the best ideas win.

Merging into a roundabout

Roundabouts are a safe and efficient way to reduce traffic congestion, keep vehicles moving one way and eliminate conflict points at an intersection.

There are approximately 600 roundabouts across Wisconsin.

When merging into a roundabout, slow down and yield to all lanes of traffic on your left and traffic already in the roundabout.

Stay in your lane as you travel through the round-about. Use your right turn signal as you carefully approach your exit.

Give large vehicles extra space

Commercial trucks can weigh up to 80,000 pounds, so they require a greater distance to stop.

Whenever you merge near a large truck, commercial motor vehicle or bus, allow plenty of distance so you don't cut them off.

Student Tools for Emergency Planning program available for youth

FROM WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergencies can strike at any moment, often without warning.

While adults are typically the ones expected to manage these situations, it is just as crucial for children and teens to be prepared.

That is where the Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) program comes in.

Designed for fourth and fifth grade students, STEP equips youth with knowledge and skills to handle common emergencies they might face in their communities.

"Teaching young people about disaster preparedness empowers them to protect not only themselves, but their families and their communities," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. "With STEP, we're not just giving teachers and students knowledge, we're giving them the confidence and the tools to make a difference."

The STEP program provides schools and other educational settings with a curriculum created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The lessons taught through the STEP program cover topics such as identifying hazards in their area, what to do during an emergency, and how students can create an emergency plan and kit with members of their

household.

This year, nearly 4,500 fourth and fifth grade stu-

dents in 85 classrooms and other educational settings are registered to participate in STEP.

Since launching in 2011, it is estimated more than 107,000 students across the state have participated in the program.

Wisconsin Emergency Management's STEP program provides schools with free materials, such as a backpack and flashlight, to help students build their own emergency kits.

STEP is supported this year in part by a \$10,000 grant from TC Energy, through its "Build Strong" social impact program.

"At TC Energy, safety is our number one value," said Craig Summerfield, TC Energy's

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Beyond Health releases Community Health Improvement Plan

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

BROWN COUNTY – Beyond Health, a local steering committee comprised of health-focused agencies, organization and nonprofits, recently released a new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Brown County.

The document now serves as a guide for deciding how efforts and resources should be allocated to best meet community health needs for the next three years.

"The Community Health Improvement Plan is part of a long-term, systematic effort to address public health concerns as a community with the goal of improving health outcomes for those who live, work, learn, and play in Brown County," said Brown County Public Health Officer and Beyond Health Co-Chair Anna Nick.

Beyond Health used data and community voices gathered from the most recent Community Health Assessment and the priority areas outlined by Wisconsin's State Health Improvement Plan to develop three focus areas for Brown County.

These focus areas identify specific issues and are described in a way that will resonate in Brown County:

Mental health and substance use

Goal No. 1: Decrease the number of poor mental health days.

Goal No. 2: Prevent excessive alcohol use.



Brown County Public Health Officer and Beyond Health Co-Chair Anna Nick speaks as Beyond Health releases the new Community Health Improvement Plan.

Brown County Public Health/Rachel Cook photo

Goal No. 3: Increase resources to prevent opioid-related overdoses.

Healthy and safe homes Goal No. 1: Increase access to safe and affordable housing.

Pathways to health care Goal No. 1: Help people get the right medical care when and where they need it.

"With the focus areas and corresponding goals now identified for the years 2025-27, the local public health agencies and healthcare systems within Brown County, along with community partners, are working closely together to develop objectives to achieve those goals," said De Pere Health Officer and Beyond Health Co-Chair Chrystal Woller."These steps are intended to have a cumulative impact on overall community wellbeing."

An addendum explaining the objectives will be forthcoming and is expected to be added to the Community Health Improvement Plan by spring of this year.

"While state statute requires a CHA and CHIP to be completed every five years, Brown County Public Health and De Pere Health Department operate on a 3-year schedule to better align with the requirements set for the local healthcare partners, which means we can align our work for the greatest possible impact in Brown County," added COO of Emplify Health by Bellin and Beyond Health Steering Committee Member Sharla Baenen.

To review the Community Health Improvement Plan and see the partners involved with Beyond Health, visit StayHealthyBC.com.

Into the Past



The first city-owned school — the Sale School — opened in 1856 on land donated by John Jacob Astor at today's 523 Howe St. The building was torn down in 1957. **C.O Stiles photo**

OBITUARIES



Mary E. Devroy
Mary E. Devroy, Green Bay
resident passed away on
Wednesday, February 12,
2025. Please join us in celebrating the life of this wonderful woman at Saint Agnes
Catholic Church on Friday,
February 21st. Visitation will
be held from 10:00 to 11:15
am. Mass of Christian Burial
will be held at 11:30 am at the
church. Online condolences
may be sent to Mary's family
at www.prokowall.com.



Patricia" Patsy" Ann Semo, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at home surrounded by family. A celebration of Pat's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a local animal shelter, a cause close to her heart.

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state government and community relations advisor. "A key part of this commitment is fostering a culture where everyone adopts a safety-conscious mindset and takes ownership. We are grateful for the opportunity to enhance children's emergency preparedness in the classroom through our partnership with the Wisconsin Emergency Management STEP program."

Wisconsin educators interested in offering the

STEP program to their fourth and fifth grade students can find more information at https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/step/.

STEP is part of the Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin campaign, which seeks to improve disaster readiness across the state.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs.

You can find more information about ReadyWisconsin at https://readywisconsin.wi.gov.

Theresa M. Beerntsen Theresa M. Beerntsen, 98, Green Bay, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2025, with family at her side. She and her husband Mel owned and operated Beerntsen Candies in Green Bay for 40 years. Friends and family will gather for visitation at St. Mary of the Angels Church, 650 S. Irwin, from 9:00-10:45am on Saturday, February 22nd. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am. Online condolences may be sent

to the Beerntsen family at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of floral expressions, a memorial fund has been established in her name.



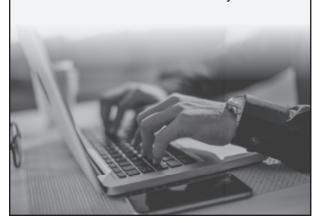
Eunice J. Psenicka Eunice J. Psenicka, 65, Green Bay resident passed away unexpectedly at her home on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Friends may call at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E Mason St. on Monday, February 24, from 5:00-7:00 pm with Fr. Bill Hoffman officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the Psenicka family at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of floral expressions a memorial fund has been established in her name. To view the memor-

her name. To view the memorial service live, please go to the Proko-Wall Facebook page.



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

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





to Carol and her family.

Carol Van Lanen, 79, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Visitation will be held at Proko-Wall Funeral Home 1630 E. Mason St., on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of Memorial Service at 12:00 p.m. Online condolences may be expressed at www. prokowall.com The family extends their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Unity Hospice and especially Aleshya for the care and compassion given

Carol Van Lanen



Milton "Milt" Cornette, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes at his home in Wrightstown, Wisconsin, on February 11, 2025. Family and friends may visit at the Cotter Family Gathering Center, 518 Meadow Lane, Wrightstown, was on Monday, February 17, from 3-7pm. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at St. Clare Parish- St. Mary Site, 2218 Day Street, Greenleaf, from 9:00-10:30am. Mass

of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am with Fr. Brian Wideman officiating and Fr. Bob Kabat as homilist. Entombment will be in the Shrine of the Good Shepherd Mausoleum.



Laurel Lee Edinger, 77, Green Bay, has been called home to life everlasting with our Lord peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, February 12, 2025. Visitation was at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere, February 20 from 11:30am until 1:30 pm, with a funeral service at 1:30 pm, with Pastor Matthew Baye of Hope Lutheran Church officiating. Interment at the Shrine of the Good Shepherd at Nicolet Memorial Gardens to fol-



William (Bill) H. Kane, passed away peacefully at home on February 13, 2025 at the age of 80. He was born on November 17, 1944, to Henry and Margaret (Peg) Kane. Family and friends may visit at All Saints Catholic Church in Denmark on Friday, February 21, from 9:00am until 10:45am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am with Fr. Xavier Amirtham, O.Praem officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery at a later date.

Cotter Funeral and Cremation Care is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Bill's name to the All Saints Fr. Dionne Fund that supports the needs of All Saints School.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT **BROWN COUNTY**

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Summit Credit Union Plaintiff

Alexis Andres Cubillo Mendoza

Defendants. Case No. 24CV1788 Code No. 30301

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action.

Within 40 days after February 7, 2025, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County Courthouse, 100 S Jefferson St, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 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

February 7, 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 28th day of January, 2025. Bates Legal Group, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates Justin J. Bates

Answer within 40 days after

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Allouez

WNAXLP ADVERTISEMENT FOR **BIDS**

PROJECT: Webster Park and Optimist Park Parking Lot improvements village of Allouez

BID DEADLINE: March 13, 2025 1:00 PM, Local Time NOTICE

Sealed bids for the above project will be received by the Village of Allouez until the Bid Deadline. Bids shall be submitted in electronic format through Quest vBid. Immediately after the Bid Deadline, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, online through electronic means.

The bid opening for this project will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. Bidders and other interested parties may call the teleconference number: (715) 318-5006, conference ID: 245692978#, on the day of the bids to hear bids results announced. The teleconference line will be open 15 minutes before bids are due. Bids will be opened after the bid deadline. In general, the project consists of the curb and gutter and asphalt pavement for a

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turnaround and new asphalt trails at Optimist Park and construction of a new parking lot and asphalt trails at Webster Park in the Village of Allouez. Work at both parks may include miscellaneous storm sewer work, site grading, concrete curb and gutter, asphalt paving, pavement markings, and a detention basin. A formal pre-bid meeting to examine the site will not be held. The sites are public parks. Contractors may view the site at their convenience. A single prime bid will be received for the work.

BID SECURITY Bids must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bid and bid security may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the Bid

Bid security will be retained if the Bidder is awarded the Work and fails to execute the Agreement and furnish 100% Performance and Payment **Bonds**

QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders shall be experienced in this type of work and shall submit a Statement of Bidder's Qualifications with

RIGHTS RESERVED Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in any bid. **BIDDING DOCUMENTS** Bidding documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data

Network website, accessible via www.AyresAssociates.com by clicking on the "Bidding" link, for a non-refundable fee of \$64.00 Published by authority of:

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WNAXLP 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 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 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

locations: Issuing Office:
Village of Howard Public Works Facility 1336 Cornell Road Green Bay, WI 54313 (920)434-4060

examined at the following

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

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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

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West De Pere

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WNAXLP EXHIBIT B NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE

APRIL 1, 2025 Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of West De Pere on Tuesday, Aprill, 2025, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

'Shall the School District of West De Pere, Brown and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,925,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of an addition for technical education space, renovations and site improvements at the High School; district wide capital maintenance and building infrastructure

of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?" A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 400 Reid Street, Suite W, De Pere,

improvements; and acquisition

Wisconsin. Additional Information Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Jason Lau, District Administrator. Done in the School District of

West De Pere on February 28, 2025 Barbara Van Deurzen District Clerk Publish 02.21.25 WNAXLP

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Suamico

WNAXIP 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:

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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 Publish 02.14.25 & 02.21.25 WNAXLP

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De Pere

WNAXI P February 3, 2025, USDD Special Board of Education **Meeting Minutes** The Unified School District of

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De Pere Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Conference room at the District Office. Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with: This is a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere being held in the Community Room in the District Office. Before this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate places, and copies of the notice of this meeting were forwarded to local news media. A copy of the notice was provided to the official newspaper of the District. The Press Times. Roll Call: Present - Clayton. Chad Jeskewitz. Melissa Niffenegger, Matt Petersen, Brandy Tollefson. and. Excused - Jeff Dickert and Brittony Cartwright. Quorum declared. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Agenda: Jeskewitz moved to approve the agenda as presented and Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5/0.

Motion to close the public meeting and enter into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c)(f) to review superintendent 2024 performance goals using the new WASB evaluation system and review Employee Retirement/VER Benefit requests. Jeskewitz motioned to move to executive session and Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5/0. Entered close session at 6:02 PM Cartwright entered the meeting at 6:08.

Motion to Adjourn **Executive Session and** Return to Open Session: Cartwright motioned to close the executive session and return to open session and Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote: 6/0. Entered open session at 6:46 PM Action regarding executive session discussion: Motion to approve the voluntary early ment requests for 2025-26 school year from Marcy Becker, DPHS Counselor, Wayne Boudreau, **DPHS Special Education** Teacher, Joy Conway, Altmayer 4th Grade Teacher, Meg Celley-Anderson, Altmayer 4th Grade Teacher. Steve Newton, DPHS Physical Education Teacher.

passed: 6/0 Presentation by the De Pere **High School Student** Council: De Pere High School Student Council members, Emma C., Molly M., and Claire P., students, presented information about the student organization and its activities.

Cartwright motioned to

approve the requests as

presented and Petersen

seconded the motion. Motion

Board Member Discussion Regarding the State Convention: Chris

Thompson, Superintendent, Tollefson, Clayton, and Niffenegger reviewed the sessions attended at the State Convention, Sessions

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included the well-attended sessions given by De Pere administrators, sessions on onboarding new board members, changes in school law, developing compensation plans, and how to attract and keep teachers and annual self-assessments. **Recognition of Jerry**

Nicholson, WCASS 2024 **Director of Student Services** Award: Nicholson was recognized for his outstanding achievements and for winning the 2024 Director of Student Services Award. 2025 Organizational Meeting

Date: Policy 0151.1, regarding the Annual Board Reorganizing Meeting, was reviewed with a suggestion to move the annual meeting to the first Monday in May, rather than the 4th Monday in April. The policy will have its first reading at the February 17, 2025, meeting.

Motion to Approve the 2025-26 School Board Calendar: The proposed 2025-26 school year meeting dates and times were reviewed. Given the larger number of agenda items in July compared to January, two meetings should be scheduled in July and only one in January. Tollefson motioned to approve the presented 2025-26 School Board Calendar, and Petersen seconded. The motion passed, 6/0.

Move to Approve Endpoint Protection Solution: Curt Pieschek, Director of Technology, presented bids for district endpoint solutions for cyber security and recommended we approve the CESA 7 bid. Cartwright motioned to approve the purchase as presented, and Jeskewitz seconded. The motion passed, 6/0. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Cargo Van:

Noah Wentland, Dir. of Buildings and Grounds, and Dawn Foeller, Business Manager, presented 3 bids for the purchase of a new cargo van to replace the 2008 van currently in use and in need of extensive repair. Cartwright motioned to approve the recommended bid to purchase the van and Petersen seconded. Motion passed 6/0. Motion to Approve the

Purchase of High School **Auditorium Curtains:** Wentland and Foeller presented 3 bids to replace the high school auditorium curtains which do not meet current fire code requirements. Tollefson motioned to approve the purchase as presented and Jeskewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed;

6/0. **Motion to Approve Extension of Cost-Sharing Agreement for Police** Liaison Officers: Foeller requested the Board approve the contract with the City of De Pere for police liaison services for the 2024-25 school year. Cartwright motioned to approve the contract as presented and Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed; 6/0. Presentation of and Motion to

Approve the Audited 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report: Foeller presented an overview of the report and requested we bring this item back at the next meeting when Baird's representative will be present. Other Topics and **Discussion:** Cartwright inquired about the viability of a safety system available for public restrooms and whether it could be implemented in the schools. She also asked about the timeline for the potential rollback of the Title IX policy. Nicholson responded that the policy would likely be up for review at the next meeting. Additionally, Cartwright suggested moving to an

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electronic format for board packets instead of using paper. Jeskewitz requested an update on the completion of the sound system installation in the community room and was informed it would be done by the end of February. Jeskewitz also expressed appreciation for the community and staff's support of HB's family. Clayton applauded the Jam Session and highlighted the success and enjoyment of the Destination De Pere event. Petersen congratulated the winter athletic teams for their strong start, and Clayton commended the mock trial teams for advancing to the State competitions. Adjournment: Cartwright motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion carried; 6/0. Adjourned at 8:04

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WNAXLP Monday, January 13, 2025, **Business Board of**

Education Meeting Minutes A Business Meeting of the Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education was held in the De Pere High School Community Room on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM. School Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a business meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere. Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate places, and copies of the notice of this meeting were forwarded to local news media. A copy of the notice was forwarded to the District's official newspaper, The Press Times.

Roll Call: Present - Brittony Cartwright, Clayton, Jeff Dickert. Chad Jeskewitz. Melissa Niffenegger, and Matt Petersen. Excused; Brandy Tollefson, Quorum declared, Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Agenda: Jeskewitz motioned to approve the agenda. Dickert seconded. The agenda was approved: 6/0. Public Comment: None Presentation on Survey Data Regarding Student Cell Phones at High School and Procedural Recommendation for the 2025-26 School Year: Brian Thielhelm. DPHS Asst Principal. Andv Bradford. Foxview Intermediate School Principal, and Nicole, Haese, DPHS Physical Education Teacher, presented response data from the Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 surveys on student cell phone use. The reviewed proposed cell phone policy changes for the 2025-26 school year considering the survey results, the age of the current policy, and the enhanced capabilities of cell phones since the policy was last updated.

Motion to Approve Open Enrollment Seats for the 2025-26 School Year: Christopher Thompson Superintendent Jerry Nicholson, Director of Student Services. Luke Herlache. Principal of Dickinson Elementary School, and Bradford provided a brief review of the open enrollment information presented on January 6, 2025, and introduced three options for the Board's consideration. Option 1: Retain the current policy language regarding "preferences" and
"guarantees." Option 2: Remove the "guaranteed approval" for currently enrolled students applying for open enrollment and instead

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offer a "preference for seats

available." Option 3; Remove

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the "guarantee" mentioned in Option 2 and introduce a reapplication period for any currently open-enrolled 4thgrade students wishing to continue in the district. Dickert motioned to approve Option 1, noting that the options be revisited next year. Petersen seconded the motion, with the condition that the information be presented to the Board in November or early December of 2025, allowing for additional time for review before the January state deadline for setting open enrollment numbers. Motion passed; 5/1 with Cartwright voting nay.

Reading and Motion to Approve Policy 5113: Open Enrollment Program: Due to the prior decision and the lack of required changes to the policy, this motion died for lack of motion.

Motion to Approve December Financial Report:

Dawn Foeller, Dir. of Business, presented the December Financial Reports Dickert highlighted that this marks the second consecutive year without borrowing and congratulated Foeller for the achievement. Cartwright motioned to approve the financial report as presented and Niffenegger seconded the motion. Motion passed; 6/0 Motion to Approve

December Vouchers: Foeller presented the December vouchers. Dickert motioned to approve the vouchers as presented and Niffeneggei seconded the motion. Motion passed; 6/0.

Upcoming Topics and Discussion: Dickert noted that he was still waiting for two board members to complete the Board survey on Board Norms and urged them to submit it promptly. Petersen informed the group that he is unable to attend the February 17, 2025, meeting and Dickert mentioned he will miss the February 3, 2025, meeting. Clayton acknowledged the success of the Night of Jazz event held at the high school, noting its strong attendance. Petersen recognized the Show Choir/Show Camp for its excellent turnout

Motion to Adjourn: Dickert motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jeskewitz seconded. Motion passed, 6/0. Adjourned at 7:23 PM Approved by Board on February 17, 2025, Jeff Dickert, Board Secretary Publish 02.21.25 WNAXLP

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Ashwaubenon Jaguaress dance team takes 3rd at Nationals

The Ashwaubenon High School Jaguaress dance team finished their competition season at Dance Team Union Nationals in Orlando, Fla. They competed against talented groups from across the nation and came home with 3rd place in Large Varsity Kick and 5th place in Large Varsity. Submitted photo

Ashwaubenon Jaguars advance to State



All nine swimmers from Ashwaubenon will be participating in the State Tournament with individual qualifiers and relay teams.



Ashwaubenon's Anthony Hendrickson won the 200 IM and the Ashwaubenon's Nolan Walter won the 500 Freestyle at 100 Breast Stroke events for an automatic bid to the WIAA State



Sectionals for an automatic trip to the State Tournament.

Swimming and Diving prepares for #HLSD Championships

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. - The Green Bay swimming & diving team is in Indianapolis to finish preparations and compete in the Horizon League Championships at the IU Natatorium. Events started on Wednesday and end on Saturday, Feb. 22.

"The days leading up to the Horizon League Championships is always an exciting time!" said Head Coach Alex Lewis. "It's a culmination of all the hard work the athletes have put in throughout the year. We have a fun mix of athletes, from 5th-year seniors swimming their 5th championship meet to freshmen experiencing this for the first time. There is a lot of good energy throughout the team, from the athletes to the coaching staff."

The full daily schedule can be seen below.

Wednesday Schedule:

Men's 3m Diving (Prelims): Noon

Men's 3m Diving (Consolation Finals): 3:30 p.m. 200 Medley Relay, Men's 3m Diving and 800 Free Relay: 5:30 p.m.

Thursday Schedule:

Swimming Prelims: 9 a.m.

Women's 1m Diving (Prelims): Noon Women's 1m Diving (Consolation Finals): 3:30 p.m. 500 Free (Consolations and Finals), 200 Individual Medley (Consolation and Finals), 50 Free

(Consolation and Finals), Women's 1m Diving and 200 Free Relay: 4:30 p.m.

Friday Schedule:

Swimming Prelims: 9 a.m.

Men's 1m Diving (Prelims): Noon

Men's 1m Diving (Consolation Finals): 3:30 p..m. 100 Fly (Consolations and Finals), 400 Individual Medley (Consolation and Finals), 200 Free

(Consolations and Finals), 100 Breast (Consolations and Finals), 100 Back (Consolations and Finals), Men's 1m Diving and 400 Medley Relay

Saturday Schedule:

Swimming Prelims: 9 a.m.

Women's 3m Diving (Prelims): 11:30 a.m. 1650 Free (Early Heats): TBD

Women's 3m Diving (Consolation Finals): 3:30 p.m. 1650 Free, 200 Back (Consolations and Finals), 100 Free (Consolations and Finals), 200 Breast (Consolations and Finals), 200 Fly (Consolations and Finals), Women's 3m Diving and 400 Free Relay: 4:30 p.m.

Visit the Green Bay swimming and diving schedule for all ESPN+ links, news and live results for the #HLSD Championships.

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



The Green Bay Phoenix men's basketball team snapped their losing streak with a 79-68 win over **Green Bay Athletics photo**

Green Bay snaps losing streak, downs Wright State 79-68

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY - Ben Tweedy poured in a career-high 27 points on Sunday to help lead the Green Bay men's basketball team over the Wright State Raiders 79-68. The win snapped a 21-game losing streak for the Phoenix and is the first Horizon League win of the season.

Tweedy's full line was 27 points, seven rebounds. two assists, and two steals. Marcus Hall added 15 points, seven rebounds, and five assists, while Preston Ruedinger had 14 points and Ryan Wade had

Green Bay shared the ball well in Sunday's game, racking up 16 assists on 23 made field goals. On the defensive side, Green Bay held Wright State shooters to just 39.3% from the field, including 26.3% from three-point range. Solomon Callaghan led the Raiders with 21 points on the day.

How it happened

Green Bay fell behind by double digits early, with Wright State marching out to a 15-4 lead by the 12-minute mark. Green Bay responded, however, thanks in large part to Tweedy, who spearheaded a 12-0 Phoenix run with nine points of his own in a three-minute stretch. After a Raiders bucket broke the streak, Green Bay again went on a 9-0 run, this time capped off by a C.J. O'Hara layup to give them a 25-17 lead with 6:34 to go. Green Bay would maintain that lead for the rest of the half and enter halftime up 37-31.

Green Bay expanded that lead at the start of the second half to 12 after a Preston Ruedinger jumper made it 46-34 with 14:31 to go. The Raiders responded and cut the Phoenix lead to two at 52-50 after a Brandon Noel made three pointer with 9:15 to go. That was as close as the visitors got, as Green Bay rained threes down the stretch and secured the 79-

Game notes

The Phoenix shot well from three point range, knocking down seven of 16 long range attempts (43.8%).

Wright State had the advantage on the boards, 37-31.

Green Bay won the turnover battle, forcing 16 Raiders turnovers to Green Bay's 12. Green Bay held Wright

State's leading scorer, Brandon Noel, to 14 points and six rebounds.

Green Bay shot 44.2% from the field and 43.8% from three.

Green Bay made a season-high 26 shots from the free throw line

Up next

The Phoenix will hit the road next weekend with Robert Morris on Friday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. before Youngstown State on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m.

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

Rockers add a trio of **UCLA Bruins to roster**

All three freshman bring previous summer collegiate league experience to Green Bay

BY GREEN BAY ROCKERS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

ASHWAUBENON - With the Division I college baseball season set to get underway this weekend, the Rockers continued adding talent to their 2025 roster as team officials announced the signings of three UCLA Bruins in utility man Kasen Khansarinia, outfielder David Mysza and right-hander Rex Solle.

"Adding three guys, who all have had summer ball experience in the West Coast League following their senior year of high school, will be a tremendous asset to this year's team," said General Manager John Fanta. "UCLA Head Coach John Savage has been sending his top freshman talent to Green Bay for a number of years now and we're pleased to continue that partnership in 2025."

Kasen Khansarinia - UTIL -6'2"/195 - Freshman

A graduate from San Dimas High School in California, Khanarinia was a four-time All-Valle Vista League selection and was named league MVP during his junior year. Playing in over 104 high school games, he posted a .333 batting average and a .430 on-base percentage, tallying 38 hits, 30 runs, 11 RBIs and 14 stolen bases. His performance solicited his reputation as a disciplined hitter with strong defensive skills. Ranked as the No.22 recruit in California, Khansarinia played his 2024 summer season in the West Coast League for the Corvallis Knights, where he appeared in 42 games and racked up a .277 batting average with 38 hits, 14 stolen bases and a .402 on-base percentage.

David Mysza - OF - 5'10"/180 -Freshman

A graduate of La Salle College Preparatory High School in Pasadena, Calif., Mysza was a four-year letter winner in both baseball and football. Throughout

his high school career he earned All-Del Rey League honors four times. In his junior year he achieved a .484 batting average. His consistent performance led to a ranking as the No. 10 shortstop and the NO. 56 overall prospect in California. In the summer of 2024, Mysza played for the Walla Walla Sweets in the West Coast League. Over the season he continued to develop his game, appearing in 45 games and posting a .278 batting average, with 47 hits, 16 RBIs and 16 stolen bases. He is a Baldwin Park, California native.

Rex Solle - RHP - 5'11"/185 -Freshman

Solle attended Redwood High School in Larkspur, Calif., where he was a standout player. As a four-year varsity starter and team captain, he led the team to their first Marin County Athletic League Championship since 2019. Solle was also a four year letter winner at Redwood and in both his junior and senior seasons was named First Team All-League as a pitcher and third basemen. During his junior year he posted a 1.24 ERA with 110 strikeouts in 67.2 innings. In his senior year he recorded 87 strikeouts and a 2.08 ERA in 57.1 innings. He completed his high school career with a 1.71 ERA. During his summer season in 2024, Solle further honed his skills with the Walla Walla Sweets in the West Coast League. He pitched 35.2 innings, maintained a 3-2 record and recorded a 3.28 ERA along with 30 strikeouts. He is a Pasadena, California native.

Single game tickets go on sale Tuesday. April 1st. Season ticket packages, group tickets and the Pep's Drafthaus 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 Ashwaubenon. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30

Seymour bowling team qualifies for State Tournament

SEYMOUR - The Seymour Community High School Co-ed bowling team finished the year with a 10-4 record, tying for 3rd place out of 15 teams in the District 8 Conference. For the first time since 2004, Seymour has earned the right to represent their school at the Wisconsin High School State Bowling Tournament on March 7-9.

This year, the State Tournament will be held in Neenah and Oshkosh, with the Seymour Co-Ed bowling team competing in qualifiers in Division II on Friday, March 7th at 7 p.m. in Neenah at Rolling Thunder Lanes.

If they qualify for the top five teams, they will then bowl on Saturday in a step ladder competition, with the State Division II Team Finals taking place on Sunday, March 9th. All proceeds from fans and spectators watching the tournament in person helps support High School Bowling Conferences. The cost to watch the entire three days of the State Bowling Tournament is \$15, or



The Seymour Community High School bowling team qualified for the State Tournament, Front row: Cecilia Schmidt, Second Row from left to right are: Kaden Krull and Andrew Marsh. Third Row: Cooper Krull, Trent Beilfuss and Alex Marsh. Coach/ SCHS teacher Dennis Rohr behind the camera. Not pictured is Courtney Simons. Submitted photo

to just watch the finals on Sunday is \$5 per spectator.

Information on the State Tournament can be found https://www.bowlwi. com/youth-bowling/highschool-bowling-club/

Highlights from the year include junior Cecilia Schmidt winning the District 8 Conference Singles Tournament with a 3 game scratch score of 671, powered by games of 193 - 190

- and finishing strong with a 288 where she threw 10 strikes in a row in her last

At the Boys Singles Conference Tournament, freshman Kaden Krull threw a 277 final scratch game powered with 9 strikes in a row, to finish with a 631 series.

Both games and series were also personal bests for both bowlers.

FRCC All Conference Teams

Boys Hockey

First Team

Dayne Wafle, De Pere, 11, Defense Nathan Antti, Notre Dame Academy, 12, Defense

Tyler Wempe, Bay Port, 11, Forward Evan Ott, De Pere, 12, Forward Ryker Thomas, Notre Dame Academy, 11, Forward

Keegan Handrick, De Pere, 12, Goalie Player of the Year: Nathan Antti -Notre Dame Academy

Coach of the Year: Mike Szkodzinski -Notre Dame Academy

Official of the Year: Kip Humkey

Second Team

Cade Dorn, Ashwaubenon, 12, Defense Braden Becks, Ashwaubenon, 11, For-

Marek Stefik, Bay Port, 12, Forward Tripp Wroblewski, Notre Dame Academy, 9, Forward

Honorable Mention

Owen Selissen, Bay Port, 11, Defense Michael VanHelden, De Pere, 11, Defense Drew Heil, Notre Dame Academy, 11, Defense

Braeden Hart, Notre Dame Academy, 11,

Henry Laurent, Ashwaubenon, 11, For-

Mitchell Specht, Ashwaubenon, 12, For-

Grant Butrymowicz, De Pere, 12, Forward Max Greenya, De Pere, 11, Forward Landen Smith, De Pere, 11, Forward Austin Lee, De Pere, 10, Forward William Birkholz, De Pere, 10, Forward Owen Atkinson, Notre Dame Academy, 11, Forward

Andrew Ostermann, Notre Dame Academy, 10, Forward

Justin Pintar, Ashwaubenon, 11, Goalie Benjamin Knutson, Bay Port, 12, Goalie Anton Widas, Notre Dame Academy, 12,



Nicolet PRESENTS Senior Spotlight

Jamaya Mariner, Green Bay East, volleyball and basketball and soccer

Parents' names: Jillian Frost

Siblings: Sisters - Alexis and Breanna, Brother -Brendon

Positions:

Volleyball- Freshmen-Senior: Outside Hitter Basketball-Freshmen-Senior: Point Guard Soccer- Freshmen-Senior: Goal Keeper

Instagram: @jamayamariner8 Career Highlight: Recently surpassed 1,000 career points.

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

I started playing basketball at eight years old.

Who introduced you to basketball?

I was introduced to basketball by playing it in the gym at the boys and girls

Has basketball always been your favorite sport?

I have always loved basketball.

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

I have always been good at balancing school and sports, nothing has changed for me.

What is your favorite part about basketball?

My favorite part is how it challenges you to persevere and keep striving to be better. It's helped me reach my full potential as a human

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

Basketball has taught me many lessons and has allowed me to build so many great relationships.

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



Mariner

I don't really look up to any athlete in particular, I look up to anyone who made it despite what life has thrown at them.

What would you say is your biggest asset as

an athlete?

My biggest asset is my confidence, I am never scared to stop shooting or change how I play just because it's not going the best at the moment, it's helped me improve as well as my teammates. They see me struggling but I continue to keep going, they see that and do it as well.

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

Being able to meet and spend all four years with my amazing teammates.

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

It feels surreal to be the senior graduating. I grew up and I have become a better me, and looking back it's like wow I used to do those things or I used to play that way. It feels amazing to see how much I have grown.

Do you have any pregame rituals/routines/ superstitions?

I listen to the same playlist before every game.

memorable Any

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

I would love to shout out Zachary Pate; he originally started as one of my coaches but has become like an older brother to me. He has helped me through thick and thin, giving me countless opportunities to improve at life and basketball.

Any hobbies outside of sports?

I love to read.

Favorite song?

"Pink & White" by Frank

Sports drinks like Gatorade or Powerade or Water?

I love the strawberry banana Body Armor drink.

Future Plans?

I plan on attending UW-Oshkosh, I am currently undecided in what I will major in. I do plan on furthering my athletic career playing soccer.

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both had SNC as a solid option," she said. "It's been the best decision we've made, and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else. At the time of recruiting, it was funny because we were picking between the two schools our parents attended. At the end of the day, they supported us fully in our decision to attend St. Norbert."

With Hoffman Estates being only 45 minutes away from Lake Forest, both girls said De Pere is still close enough for their parents to frequently travel the three hours north.

"I think it's also been good for us to get away a bit, too," Courtnie said. "We wanted to get away for college but not be super far."

In a Feb. 7 game against Lake Forest, Courtnie became the program's alltime leading point scorer with an assist to Natalie in the Green Knight's 8-3 vic-

Natalie recorded a hat trick for the Green Knights in the win.

In 104 career games, Courtnie has recorded 95 points (46 goals, 49 assists), while Natalie comes in with 94 points (39 goals, 55 assists) in 112 career games — fittingly, right before her sister.

A young start

With their dad playing at Lake Forest, the girls said they got a young start with skating and playing hockey.

"I remember doing the 'learn to skate' things with my dad," Courtnie said. "Even though we didn't grow up in a super-dominated hockey area, we were always involved because of my dad's playing days. He knew he wanted to get his kids involved in hockey, so one of my earliest memories was lacing up our own skates, being super small with no equipment on and

learning how to stop. I think we were about four years old."

Natalie said they had two ponds near their house in Illinois — "perfect for hockey."

there with us."

Going forward

With their time at SNC coming to an end soon, the twins said they are unsure of their hockey future.

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Natalie said she feels similarly to Courtnie.

sport would be ideal."

With being on the same club team growing up and now spending four years together at St. Norbert, the duo said it's hard to think about their possible future apart from each other right

thought that far ahead -I'm living in the moment and focused on this sea-



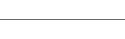
"I remember in the winter going out there, testing the ice and playing pond hockey together with our dad," she said. "We still do that to this day. We also have a dog that goes out

One thing they said, though, is their twin sister bond will never be broken.

"Our assistant coach (Ally Johnson) discussed playing hockey overseas because that's what she did (in Sweden), but I'm not sure how realistic playing after St. Norbert is for me," Courtnie said. "It's an option and hard decision right now, but maybe I'll feel differently after this season is over and I'm done playing to be involved with sports/

"I love hockey — hockey is my passion and life," she said. "It's been a dream come true, and I can't imagine my life without hockey being involved in some way with the game. Maybe that's not playing hockey but definitely with coaching or being around the

"I personally haven't son," Natalie said. "I know



Natalie Hogan has tallied 24 points (11 goals, 13 assists) this season.

St. Norbert College Athletics photos

that Courtnie and I will always be close, even if there is eventually some distance between us. I think right after school, we both think going back home — at least for a little bit — is what we want to do and spend some time with family. Then we'll figure things out from

there." Courtnie said, "Basically we've never been alone."

"Even with our four years at St. Norbert, we've roomed together," she said. "It's going to be a bit weird when we do separate, but like Natalie said, we'll always be together. We have that relationship where we can be apart for a while and then pick things right back up again. I'm not concerned about ever being alone."

A historic season

Hot off its first-ever Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) regular-season title, the Green Knights (20-4-1 overall, 16-1-1 NCHA), ranked No. 10 in the USCHO.com Division III Poll, will host Lawrence in the NCHA Slaats Cup Quarterfinals Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at the Resch Olympic Pavilion.



Courtnie Hogan has tallied 25 points (16 goals, nine assists) this season.

SNC has earned the right to host all potential Slaats Cup playoff games due to its regular-season title.

The winner of the NCHA Slaats Cup will receive an automatic bid into the Division III National Tournament.

"It's kind of surprising we've never won an NCHA regular-season title," Aitken said. "It's a big moment for us because we've lost back-to-back league championships to Adrian (College). We're in the driver's seat going forward because

we play at home, but we have to stay focused and sharp. In all reality, I feel like we have to win our conference tournament to have a shot at getting into the national tournament."

This year's Division III Frozen Four will be played at Hunt Arena in River Falls on March 28 and 30.

"Each year we've been here, the team has gotten better and better." Courtnie said. "We've gotten closer and closer to winning the championship, but this is the first year we've seen major progress. To host (the NCHA Slaats Cup all the way through) has never been done before at St. Norbert. We've got a great group of girls who are very dedicated."

Natalie said home-ice advantage is a big deal, especially with the potential distance teams need to travel.

"Hopefully, we can take care of business (in the quarterfinal series) and move on further," she said. "It's just super nice to not have to travel and be able to sleep in our own bed."

Green Bay teams dominate hockey regionals



De Pere Voyageurs' Max Greenya moves with the puck in Tuesday night WIAA Regional action at De Pere Ice Center against Appleton United.

Jason Coisman photo



De Pere Voyageurs' Owen Zunker fights for the puck in front of Appleton United Goalie Brandon Tobak in the Voyageurs' 3-0 win.

Jason Coisman photo



The Ashwaubenon Jaguars saw a 1-0 win in their playoff game against Sheboygan on Tuesday, Feb. 18. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**



Triton Ryker Thomas dives into a battle for the puck in the first period of their matchup against Oshkosh. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**



The Notre Dame Academy Tritons are on a mission to defend their State Title after their 10-0 WIAA Regional win over Oshkosh on Tuesday, Feb. 18. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

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True to his character, Grzesk said he was glad he didn't know a victory against Lakeland would

put him at 400.

"All the texts from former players, friends and alumni give you a chance to pause and reflect and look back on all those wins and seasons that led to 400 wins," he said.

Before coming to St. Norbert, Grzesk spent three years at Lakeland University where he compiled a 51-31 mark.

After his team's 69-66 win at Concordia University Chicago on Feb. 15, Grzesk is 350-116 as the leader of the Green Knights.

In total, he is 401-147 overall in his college coaching career.

Reaching the milestone

Grzesk, whose son Garrett is a member of the SNC team, said there are several reasons why he reached 400 wins.

"For one, it means I've been coaching a long time," he laughed. "Also, we've recruited some really good basketball players and high-character kids. Several kids have stuck with the program and have been great contributors to practice each day but maybe didn't get the recognition of playing

time or statistics — they also contributed to the wins. Those kids aren't lost on the 400 wins."

Grzesk also thanked his coaches.

"I've always tried to surround myself with really good people, and we've had a lot of assistant coaches and volunteer assistant coaches who have put in a lot of time over the years," he said. "A lot of their work is behind the scenes, and they don't get a lot of recognition. They're certainly not doing it for the money, so I think good players and surrounding myself with good people has been the key."

Grzesk said during his three seasons at Lakeland, he was allowed to make some mistakes as a first-time head coach.

"And then, those first couple of teams at St. Norbert hold a special place in my heart because they laid the foundation for the success that came down the line," he said. "I think it was my fourth and fifth year that we made the NCAA tournament, but those kids in the first couple of years really laid the foundation for success. The first team I inherited was 9-13, and literally, we had nine kids on the roster at the end of that year."

Grzesk said his first real recruiting class where he had a whole year to recruit — included seven kids who finished the season and stayed on.

"By the time they were juniors, they played in the NCAA (Division III) tournament and did it again as seniors," he said.

The grass isn't always greener...

Like SNC men's hockey coach, Tim Coghlin, who has been in De Pere for more than three decades, Grzesk said the Green Bay area holds a special place in his heart.

"Green Bay is home and always has been since I played at (the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay)," he said. "It's a great area to raise a family, and the Division III philosophy has coincided with my beliefs in helping kids graduate in four years. It's good to recruit them, develop them and see them graduate."

On the back end, Grzesk said it's always satisfying to see what his players become down the road.

"I have been here19 years to see fathers, professionals and the husbands they've become," he said. "Coach (Dick) Bennett always said, 'Quality knows no divisions or boundaries.' I didn't feel the need to prove myself at Division I or II to pursue excellence."

Per the SNC Athletics website, Grzesk was a four-year letter-winner for the Phoenix and earned the team's Defen-

sive Player of the Year award four times, helping Green Bay to three NCAA Tournament appearances.

Grzesk is perhaps best known for guarding NBA lottery pick Jason Kidd in a 61-57 NCAA Tournament first-round win over California in 1994.

Grzesk, who started in 107 of the 120 collegiate games he played in, was Green Bay's captain during his junior and senior seasons.

He concluded his career with 450 points and 496 assists.

The Phoenix was 74-19 in Grzesk's final three seasons

A father-son bond

Grzesk said having Garrett on the team these last four years has also been special.

"That's the other piece — maybe there were some opportunities (for me) to move on at different times, but I also wanted to have the opportunity to coach my son," he said. "To have him with me the last four years — and for that 400th win — has been pretty special."

Garrett is currently averaging 13.2 points per game for the 18-6 Green Knights, who host Marian University on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The 1 p.m. game at the Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center is the final regular-season game for SNC.

The Green Knights will also host a Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference Tournament quarterfinal game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Great players

Having coached hundreds of players during his almost 22 years on the bench, Grzesk said a handful of players stand out.

He said David Wipperfurth, Brandon Gries, Andrew Schwoerer, D.J. DeValk and Cam Cerroni come to mind off the top of his head.

"David and Brandon will be the first two kids I recruited who will make the (SNC) Hall of Fame next year," Grzesk said. "And then certainly, Andrew will go in the Hall of Fame the next time the voting comes up. Most recently, fans will remember D.J."

He said all those players were talented, driven and immediate contributors.

"A lot of times, kids have a role as freshmen, but then they continue to improve, and when kids in front of you graduate, their role expands," Grzesk said. "Those kids were impact guys from day one."

With Cerroni, Grzesk said that was a unique situation.

"We had Cam for only one year when he came from Division I (UW-Green Bay) to Division III St. Norbert," he said.
"He was an education major and had already done his student teaching in the Green Bay area and wanted to have one great season. We were fortunate to land him for that year. His skill level was off the charts — he was the best shooter I've ever coached."

For now, Grzesk said he's living in the moment and focusing on this season and advancing his team to the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

"I'm just really thankful," he said. "(Then-President) Thomas Kunkel and (Athletic Director) Tim Bald were instrumental in getting me here. It turned out to be the best decision I ever made. I know I've mentioned the players and coaches, but the support of my family has been unbeatable. My wife, Liz, and two kids have supported me along the way."

Liz is a former college basketball coach herself at Youngstown State University and UW-Green Bay.

Gracie Grzesk, a member of three consecutive WIAA Division 2 State Titles while playing at Notre Dame Academy, is currently a freshman on the UW-Madison women's basketball team.

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Hogan sisters shine on ice for SNC women's hockey

BY RICH PALZEWIC CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE - With their college hockey careers soon coming to an end at St. Norbert College (SNC), the Hogan sisters — Courtnie and Natalie — said they are hoping to help lead the Green Knights to the NCAA Division III National Tour-

The twin sisters, seniors from Hoffman Estates, Illinois, have been vital cogs in the Green Knights' success this season.

Courtnie is second on the team with 25 points (16 goals, nine assists), while Natalie is third with 24 points (11 goals, 13 assists).

"They are competitive with each other, but they also support each other so much," A.J. Aitken, SNC women's hockey coach, said. "Their competition level is very high, and they also work extremely hard on their fitness. They make a lot of second-effort plays and have good offensive skills - they love to score goals and have that extra gear about them."

Though they are identical twins and both talented hockey players, Aitken said they are also different — especially on the ice.

"You've got Courtnie up the middle playing center, so she is strong on the draws and really gets around the ice," he said. "Natalie is a bit more about finesse she likes to get behind the defense and challenge one-on-one quite a bit."



Courtnie, left, and Natalie Hogan are twin sisters on the St. Norbert College Women's Hockey team.

Double trouble

Aitken, currently in his fifth season as head coach, said recruiting the girls "was a fun process."

"Their dad played hockey at Lake Forest College, and their mom went to St. Norbert," he said. "We were in the mix

for recruiting them, but it was getting late in the process to commit. I held a couple of roster spots for them just in case, and they came through with coming to St. Norbert."

Courtnie said coming to St. Nobert has been 'amazing.''

"I really didn't know what I was looking for when picking a college during the recruiting process." Rich Palzewic photo she said. "My mom went

here, so I figured I'd give it a shot. Natalie and I were recruited together to play here, which wasn't super common in our search to play college hockey.'

Courtnie, who has already graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in natural science, said when the Green Knights play Lake Forest, people always ask their dad what school he is rooting for.

"Of course, he always says 'St. Norbert," she laughed.

Like her twin sister, Natalie, who will graduate in May with a secondary art education degree and will also get certified in physical education, said she has loved her time at St. Norbert.

"I went through the recruiting process a bit individually, but we

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St. Norbert College men's basketball coach Gary Grzesk recently recorded

Grzesk reaches milestone victory for SNC men's basketball team

BY RICH PALZEWIC CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE - Now that St. Norbert College (SNC) men's basketball coach Gary Grzesk recently notched his 400th career coaching win, he said he has no plans of slowing down.

"I'm only 51 and enjoy going to work every day — St. Norbert is a special place," Grzesk said. "I plan on being here for the foreseeable future, especially with the landscape in Division I and II college athletics with NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) and the transfer portal. DI and DII college athletics have become a business, and you're doing so many other things besides coaching and recruiting, and that's what I enjoy doing recruiting and coaching."

Grzesk said Division III is the last form of amateur ath-

"There's nothing amateur about Division II, or certainly Division I anymore," he said. "Maybe it's trickling down to the DIII level a little bit but not to the extent where you have to replace your roster every year."

Currently in his 19th season at SNC, Grzesk reached 400 wins in a 99-60 victory on Feb. 12 against Lakeland.

"I wasn't really aware of (hitting 400) until I started getting texts after the game on the bus ride home," he said. "I wasn't keeping track of it because you're in the moment and just lost in the season, trying to get your guys better — that was my

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Pirates down No. 2 Tritons

BY MADDY DIEFENTHALER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the No. 3 Bay Port Pirates (17-7 overall, 13-5 conf.) defeated the No. 2 Notre Dame Academy Tritons (14-6 overall, 13-3 conf.) in a close battle of 59-52 in a Fox River Classic Conference showdown.

Top scorers for Bay Port highlight freshman Kailynn Thompson, who pulled in 13 points for the team, as well as junior Melia Lemorande who earned a total of 20 points to help her team to victory.

The Tritons gave the Pirates a run for their money as they took the lead throughout the first half

of the game, ending the half with fense did a wonderful great job." a score of 29-26 for the Tritons.

Tom Simcik, one of the Bay Port assistant coaches, explained how the girls were able to take the lead and fight their way to victory.

"I think Olivia, number 11, had a big steal, went in for a layup and that kind of changed the momentum. We came back and hit a couple threes, and it just kept us going and we got the lead and never looked back," Simcik said. "I think it was a great win for our program...You know, there's always going to be that peak and valley that Notre Dame was going to make a run, but everytime they made a shot, we made a shot and we just didn't give up and our de-

Thompson shared similar feelings as she explained her feelings about the second half as well as the team's victory

"We were told to come out with lots of energy, and that's what we did," said Thompson. "I just feel really happy to win with my team...it feels awesome, and I feel really energetic right now."

With this latest victory, the Pirates have finished their regular conference season and are preparing to move into post-season playoffs.

"Now it's tournament time. we're [17-7], a good way to finish... it's one game at a time the rest of the way," said Simcik.



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