



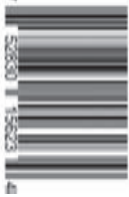
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**Golden Apple 2025:
Jason M. Krings**

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Jason M. Krings grew up in Green Bay and attended East High School. He later graduated from UW-Green Bay with a degree in urban and regional studies. “I went back to school at UW-Madison and received my teaching degree. I’ve worked at Southwest (High School) since

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**Golden Apple 2025:
Scott Stromberger**

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – “I was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. After high school, I traveled the country working as a fine dining cook. I enjoyed cooking and being a chef, so I moved to New Orleans to hone my skills. In New Orleans, I was mentored

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Stromberger

Connecting history

Internship delves into Packers-St. Norbert connection



Under the guidance of Meghan Walsh, executive director of academic advising and career development, a group of 10 SNC students have embarked on a one-of-a-kind internship, delving into the rich history between their college and the Packers. **Submitted photo**

BY AVERY BIEROWSKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – As the NFL Draft approaches in Green Bay, a unique partnership between the Green Bay Packers and St. Norbert College (SNC) is taking center stage. Under the guidance of Meghan Walsh, executive director of academic advising and career development, a group of 10 SNC

“Lombardi was all in,” Walsh said. “He really engaged with the Norbertines and our campus.”
Meghan Walsh, SNC executive director of academic advising and career development

students have embarked on a one-of-a-kind internship, delving into the rich history between their college and the Packers.

This project will lead to exclusive campus tours during Draft Week, offering a fresh perspective on SNC’s storied connection with

the iconic football team. The relationship between St. Norbert College and the Green Bay Packers runs deep. Walsh is particularly fascinated by the legacy of Vince Lombardi, the legendary Packers coach who formed a close bond with Father Dennis Burke of SNC. “Lombardi was all in,” Walsh

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Allouez approves property rezoning, site plan for Riverside Animal Hospital parking

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

ALLOUEZ – After a similar request was denied in Sept. 2024, the Allouez Village Board approved a rezoning request for Parcel AL-1211-A-600, located at 3110 Stanton Ct.

With the board’s approval, the lot will be split into two parts, one of which will be rezoned for commercial use and added to the adjoining Riverside Animal Hospital property while the remaining portion of the lot will remain zoned for residential use.

Dr. Steve DeGrave, owner of both lots, said the intention is to use the roughly 100 additional feet of frontage attributed to the Riverside Animal Hospital Lot to expand the business’ parking lot — something that has been of great concern for both staff and clients.

“We currently have 28 parking spots and 25 employees that work everyday,” DeGrave said. “We see 130 clients a day and we need those parking spots to continue to function as we are.”

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Chappell Elementary School hosts legislators for literacy showcase

BY JOHN CRAEMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – On March 10, Chappell Elementary School hosted area legislators for a literacy showcase.

The morning began with a discussion between area legislators, Green Bay Area Public School District officials and Chappell Elementary School Principal Kris Worden.

The discussion on literacy programs and policies was facilitated by Green Bay Area Public School District Associate Superintendent of Continuous Improvement David Johns.

Prior to the discussion, Johns stated, “This is an exciting event where we are hosting state legislators from the area, not just Green Bay, but the surrounding area as well.

“And really we’re looking to celebrate and affirm some of the great work that’s taking place within our schools as it relates to our literacy program.

“And, unlocking all of the power that comes through being able to read and really focusing on our youngest students.

“When our kids learn to read, primarily within schools, the benefit ripples out throughout the whole community.”

Part of the discussion



Following the discussion legislators had a chance visit the classrooms of Kaitlyn Zellmer, kindergarten; Kelly Schweda, fourth grade; and Kelly Hohman, fifth grade.

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Chappell Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Kaitlyn Zellmer makes reading fun for her students.

focused on the use of the Lexia reading application.

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approach to learning.

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It aims to quicken the development of literacy.

Following the discussion the group had a chance visit the classrooms of Kaitlyn Zellmer, kindergarten; Kelly Schweda, fourth grade; and Kelly Hohman, fifth grade.

Following the closing discussion, Green Bay Area Public School District School Board Trustee Rick Crosson stated, “And then what you’re seeing is the implementation of that guidance very effectively. And it’s showing in the results that we’re getting out of our children. The rate of reading literacy is definitely on the increase. And it was just a wonderful, beautiful thing to see today.”

Crosson admitted he got a little emotional while observing the classrooms.

“And to see the work and the energy and most importantly, the results and the commitment and passion that these children are displaying.... It gets emotional because that’s what it’s all about,” he added.



During a March 6 press conference at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, HSHS Wisconsin Market President and CEO Bob Erickson announced plans to expand and remodel its two Green Bay hospitals.

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HSHS Wisconsin to expand, remodel Green Bay hospitals

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – During a March 6 press conference at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, HSHS Wisconsin Market President and CEO Bob Erickson announced plans to expand and remodel its two hospitals in Green Bay — HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center and HSHS St. Vincent Hospital.

The non-profit, regional health system will invest \$270 million in strategic capital over the next three to five years to meet the need for greater health care access in Green Bay and surrounding communities.

“This is much more than an investment in our brick and mortar,” said Erickson. “This investment is Hospital Sisters Health System’s response to a need for greater access to health care in Green Bay. With projected population growth, an aging population and a growing number of patients

traveling to Green Bay from afar to seek health care, we see a significant need to open more access to patients who want to receive care from us.”

HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, located at 1726 Shawano Ave., is the only hospital on Green Bay’s west side since 1960, will be the site of the largest expansion and transformation.

“There are tremendous benefits to our community in where St. Mary’s is located,” said John Wagner, Chief Operating Officer, HSHS Wisconsin Market. “Not only does St. Mary’s provide Green Bay’s west side community greater access to care, but its location off I-41 makes it ideal for easy health care access — for those traveling from as far north as the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to as far south as Fond du Lac, in need of specialty care.”

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Applications open for Good Neighbor Week

BY VICTORIA URNESS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – This fall, from Sept 22-28, the volunteers of Good Neighbor Week (GNW) will be working nonstop to “help as many people as possible.”

GNW is a collaboration between NeighborWorks Green Bay, Green Bay Neighborhoods and the city of Green Bay.

For those interested, you can apply for some minor home repairs, yard maintenance or landscaping done during Good Neighbor Week.

Applications will be opening in late March and closing May 1.

While reviewing applications, special considerations are made for those who are elderly, lower income, living with a disability and those with medical hardships or familial situations that create barriers for home maintenance to be completed.

“Not only is the week about neighbors, or us helping neighbors fix their homes, but there’s also a lot of opportunity for all of our neighborhoods in Green Bay. A lot of them will plan events during that week, so it’s really about connecting with your neighbors,” shared Vicki Bokelman, the Community Outreach Coordinator for NeighborWorks Green Bay.

GNW began when Green Bay’s 2019 Community Leadership Institute (CLI) committee was tasked with coming up with an idea that would help im-



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prove their community. “This is the idea they brought back,” said Bokelman.

For those interested in contributing to this year’s Good Neighbor Week, sponsorships start at \$500.

“That will all go toward projects, for supplies and anything that’s happening that week. And we will put their logo on a yard sign that will be displayed in the yard of the project that we are doing,” said Bokelman.

Sponsors are also welcome to photo opportunities and “gratitude shout-outs” on GNW’s social media accounts.

“They can also provide a volunteer group if they want to come in and help that way as well.

“We’re also asking, not only financially, but if people would like to donate in kind with materials or tools or even lunch for the volunteers,” Bokelman added.

Good Neighbor Week is also excited about their re-

turning volunteers. Pete Sheldosky, who describes himself as a “professional volunteer,” has been with GNW since the very beginning.

He said his volunteer career started at 14 when he became a volunteer fireman in his hometown.

Years later, Sheldosky is still involved with seven volunteer groups and is a member of eight committees.

He was also one of the CLI committee members that founded Good Neighbor Week, starting out in 2019 with nine projects.

Sheldosky currently works with GNW by assessing the homes of applicants, and Bokelman describes him as, “the heart and soul of Good Neighbor week.”

For applications, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, as well as any additional information, head to the NeighborWorks Green Bay’s website and click on the Good Neighbor Week page.



Work on the clubhouse began in July 1901 and was officially dedicated in February 1902. According to the Elks, it was the first Elks clubhouse built in the state of Wisconsin.

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The lodge of fathers

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) was founded in New York City on Feb. 16, 1868, by a small group of actors and entertainers as a social organization.

As the concept spread throughout the country, its membership broadened to include businessmen, professionals and those of other occupations.

And, on March 15, 1893, a BPOE lodge was founded with 28 men in the city of Green Bay in Odd Fellows Hall.

“Some read the initials to mean ‘the best people on earth.’ This is all right, but BPOE in reality means the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,” a *State Gazette* article stated the following day.

“There has been a movement for some time past to organize a lodge of this order in Green Bay, but for certain reasons, the matter was not made public.”

On Dec. 6, the order held its first social, sending out 400 invitations for the complimentary event at Turner Hall.

“This event will be recorded in the papers tomorrow as the first public Social Session given by the Green Bay Lodge, No. 259, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It is customary on an occasion like this for the Exalted Ruler or some other gifted brother to give a short address, and as the gifted brother is not present I shall have to make the speech myself,” Exalted Ruler S.J. Murphy, Jr., told the crowd.

“Although this is a secret organization, we are very

glad that the public can at times share with us one of its most prominent features.

“This order is founded on the grand principles of justice, charity, brotherly love and fidelity. We have tried to do justice to the good taste of the musical people of Green Bay, and we have no doubt that you will do justice to the entertainment and give it such praise as its merits demand.”

The Elks held their first meetings at the Knights of Pythias Hall in the Duchateau building on Main Street in Green Bay until 1902, when they moved to their own building on the corner of Jefferson and Cherry streets.

The two-story building cost \$15,000 — raised by subscriptions — and its first floor contained a lounging and reception room in the front of the building with two large fireplaces.

The back of the first floor was home to the club room, a billiard and card room, kitchen, cloak room and a secretary’s office.

The second floor contained a large lodge room — which was also used as a dance hall — and a stage.

The basement was home to four bowling lanes and showers.

Work on the clubhouse began in July 1901 and was officially dedicated in February 1902.

According to the Elks, it was the first Elks clubhouse built in the state of Wisconsin.

The building brought a sense of pride, along with the changing attitude in how they operated.

“Twenty years ago, the Elks were characteristically of social activities bent

more or less on frivolity. In the 20 years passed, it has grown to mature manhood — gray hairs have tinged its temples. Today, its name is the synonym of dignified, unostentatious charity, where it was the lodge of sons, it is now the lodge of fathers,” members of the leadership said in a February 1916 editorial.

The clubhouse played host to many club meetings, social events, memorial services and productions for five decades before the Elks looked to expand.

“Meetings, conventions and social affairs of all kinds were held in the redbrick building with the white-pillared, two-story veranda,” Green Bay Historian Jack Rudolph wrote in 1968. “The total number of dances and parties held there — only a fraction by the Elks themselves — boggles the imagination.”

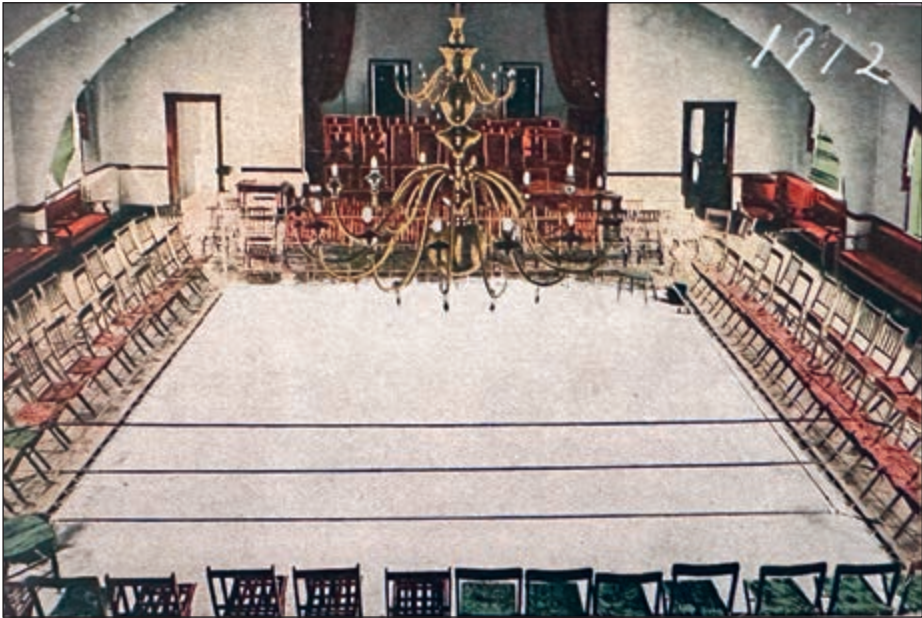
“Half a century of constant use took its toll on the building. As early as 1939 it was obvious that a replacement would be needed but it wasn’t until 1957 that the project really got into gear.”

Work on a new lodge on the corner of South Adams and Crooks streets was started on Oct. 25, 1958, and the property on which the original clubhouse sat was sold.

The project took one year to construct and several years to fundraise for the facility which cost somewhere in the neighborhood of a half million dollars.

In the new facility, the Elks would hit the height of their membership — reported at 1,400.

As numbers dwindled, the lodge moved to its current location on South Ridge Rd., Ashwaubenton.



The clubhouse played host to many club meetings, social events, memorial services and productions for five decades. Dick and Darlene Charneski photo

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Righting the budget without hurting our children

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – During its March 10 work session, the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education got a glimpse of the financial outlook for the 2025-26 school year.

During a staff presentation that evening, GBAPS Superintendent Vicki Bayer expressed concerns about a potential \$10-\$12 million deficit's effect on the district's students.

"We are not the only district in the state of Wisconsin — 420 of us that are facing a deficit, and many of them are depending on referendums to be able to keep their doors open," Bayer said. "So, I hate to be the one to have to keep coming to the board and say this and saying it to the public. We truly are doing the best we can, and our goal is when we're reducing our budget to have the least amount of negative impact on our children. At some point, the state of Wisconsin has to realize we can't keep cutting without hurting our children. Now, that's out of my hands."



During its March 10 work session, the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education got a glimpse of the financial outlook for the 2025-26 school year. **File photo**

Chief Financial Officer Angela Roble said that an ongoing issue with school funding was the revenue controls, or revenue limits.

"Back in 1993, the state put a cap on how much schools could spend per pupil with a combination of state aid and property taxes. Prior to revenue controls or revenue limits that were put into place, the school boards were able to assess property taxes for what the needs were, and the state gave us the aid," Roble explained.

"So once we had the aid, then the school boards could tax as much as the

school needed. But once these caps were put into place, that went out the window. So conservative spending school districts at the time, like Green Bay, we were locked into the lowest revenue spending per pupil. So we were locked at that low revenue ceiling... we are now locked into spending for what we spent 30 years ago, right with limited amount of increases.

"Prior to 2009, school districts would receive an inflationary increase. So whatever the CPI was, the per pupil would be increased along with that for school districts. But then in

2009, that was stopped due to the Great Recession, and ever since then, school districts never got caught up, right? We've never received the funding to make up for the stop in that inflationary increase.

"Prior to the 2023-25 state biennial budget, we were facing a \$36 million budget deficit. So prior to 2023-25, if you recall, we did receive additional funding from the state; in fact, significantly higher than what we had proposed and what we had

2023-25 school year, with the additional funding from the state and with our ESSER funding, that's how we've been able to close that gap, especially this year — in 2024-25."

Bayer said that it was likely that the state would enter into the next school year without a budget.

"July 1 begins the 2025-26 school year, and it is very likely that the state will not pass the budget by that time. So we have to make decisions based on the as-

beginning. We are not the only district in the state."

The staff offered a few items for consideration to help eliminate the deficit by the fall of 2025, which included reducing department and school building budgets; moving COVID vaccine clinic back to the doctor's office or CVS; reviewing stipends and riders; freezing annual wage increase on riders; freezing annual wage increase on riders; freezing steps for one year, or until the

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Vicki Bayer, GBAPS Superintendent

projected in our original projection. So with that additional revenue that came from the state over these last couple of years, that dropped us down quite a bit. I mean, we were facing like maybe a \$20 million at this time, and then once the state funding came, we were able to close that gap. It was around \$2-\$3 million, so over the course of the

sumption that things will remain the same," she said.

"The last budget that came through included, for example, an additional \$325 per pupil. We're assuming that's going to be there and that the state is going to pass a budget that is at least equal to what we have today. We are facing a \$10-\$12 million deficit. And I'll repeat what I said at the

state budget is finalized and this can be reviewed; replacing Income Protection Plan (82.5% of salary) with voluntary, employee-paid short-term disability insurance instead; and reducing or closing KJ Academy School (initially funded through ESSER).

The matter was for discussion only and no action was taken.

Hobart makes changes to special events ordinance, alcohol beverage licensing

BY HANNAH BELLANTI
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HOBART – The Hobart City board met on March 4 and discussed a series of items including the approval of two new ordinances.

The board reviewed, for the second time, revisions to the Special Events Ordinance to improve the application process for special events and bring the village board into the approval process of special events.

The specific changes proposed during the meeting included: better clarification on definitions, outlining activities that would not require a permit and including the village board

into the process depending on the class of permit being requested such as Class I and II permits, as well as allowing staff to approve Class III permits.

The board approved the revisions unanimously.

A second ordinance regarded amending section 9 and sections 16 of article I of the municipal code of the village of Hobart, to conform with the Wisconsin state statute.

In section 9 of Article I, chapter 189-9B, it was required that an individual be a Wisconsin resident for one year before obtaining an alcohol beverage license.

The ordinance proposes

that there would be a requirement of residence in Wisconsin for 90 days before application for a license, to align with state statute.

Section 16 was cleaned up as well to align with state statute such that operators' licenses would be valid for two years — instead of one — and the fee would stay at \$40 per license.

This ordinance was also approved unanimously by the board.

The next meeting will take place on March 18.

For more information, visit hobartwi.gov.



Evers, Johnson hold roundtable at Kavarna

Gov. Tony Evers and Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Kirsten Johnson visited Green Bay on March 6 to host a community roundtable discussion to highlight his budget plan to "crack down on insurance companies and prescription price gouging, lower out-of-pocket healthcare costs, reduce appointment wait times and enable Wisconsin residents to get healthcare closer to home, and expand access to affordable healthcare statewide, including in rural communities." The roundtable was held at Kavarna and was followed by a similar event in Stevens Point.

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Unified School District of De Pere to begin maintenance projects

BY LEE REINSCH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – This summer, crews will begin the first phase of critical maintenance projects at three Unified School District of De Pere schools approved by referendum.

Dickinson Elementary and Foxview Intermediate will see projects beginning around June 1, while work at Heritage Elementary will start the last week in June, according to Superintendent Chris Thompson.

CD Smith is the construction manager and Somerville is the architectural and engineering firm. The actual construction will be bid out and completed by contractors, he said.

Projects at the district's other three schools, Alt-mayer Elementary, De Pere Middle, and De Pere High schools, will begin in 2026.

All schools will receive cell and walkie-talkie improvements and new clock/bell systems.

Dickinson Elementary

At Dickinson, crews will reconfigure the front entrance and replace the roof, remove skylights, replace metal panels, and replace the packaged rooftop unit.

The condensing boiler and fire alarm system will also be replaced.

Dickinson's outdoor air unit will receive new variable frequency drives, which adjust motor and fan speeds based on demand to conserve energy.

Numerous outdoor areas will be resurfaced, including the playground, parking lot and bus lot with asphalt and the sidewalk, curb, and gutter with concrete.

Heritage Elementary

At Heritage, crews will replace the flooring in the health room and flashing around the bay windows.

The school will receive a generator and new LED lighting, and improvements outdoors include re-asphalted bus lot and parking lot maintenance.



Foxview will receive new windows, auditorium roof, library roof and fire alarm system. Its chiller and pumps will be replaced, as will its boilers and pumps. The staff parking lot will be reconfigured and resurfaced. The receiving area will be resurfaced, and sidewalks, curb, and gutters will receive new concrete.

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Foxview Intermediate

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In November, voters in the district approved \$22 million for critical maintenance, safety, and security measures.

NEWS BRIEFS

WDPDS to host referendum open house

DE PERE – The West De Pere School District will host a referendum open house in advance of the April 1 referendum.

On April 1, the West De Pere School District will ask residents' permission to borrow up to \$9.925 million for the construction of an addition to the high school's technical education space, with goals to expand programming and enhance career-readiness opportunities for students, while strengthening partnerships with the local industrial and manufacturing community.

The proposed improvements include Career and Technical Education (CTE) renovation, including updated metals, wood shop and works labs, and design and fabrication lab, as well as the addition of an auto lab and classroom.

The District's Tech Ed program has seen significant growth, expanding by over 40% since 2018. This growth has driven the need for additional space to accommodate more students and advanced programs.

This investment demonstrates West De Pere's commitment to providing relevant, hands-on educational experiences that benefit both students and the broader community.

Representatives from the district, architect, construction manager and financial partner will be in attendance to answer questions regarding the proposed referendum plan.

The district encourages all residents to visit the high school, especially the tech ed spaces, to see the current condition and learn about the proposed renovation plans.

The referendum open house will be held at West De Pere High School on Thursday, March 20, from 5:30-7 p.m.

For information about the proposed referendum projects, including preliminary site plans, are available at wdpsd.com.

WPS Foundation dedicates more funding to technical college scholarships

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Foundation is helping even more students take their next steps toward career success by increasing funding for its technical college scholarships, awarding \$25,000 through this year's program.

The WPS Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2025 technical college scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to help eligible students work toward completing a one-year technical diploma or two-year associate degree program.

The WPS Foundation's technical college scholarships are part of its commitment to enhance education and support area students.

The scholarships help graduating high school seniors continue their education at select Wisconsin technical colleges.

Last year, the scholarships helped 25 students begin working toward careers in fields such as electric power distribution, engineering, human resources and information technology.

High school seniors living in the WPS service area can receive a technical college scholarship to attend one of six select technical schools full-time next fall — Fox Valley Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Nicolet Technical College, Northcentral Technical College and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Interested students can apply for a WPS Foundation technical college scholarship on the foundation's website.

Applications will be accepted through April 30.

Greater Green Bay Chamber announces transition plan as Radke concludes time as president, CEO

GREEN BAY – For the first time in nearly a decade and a half, the Greater Green Bay Chamber will seek a new CEO.

The organization's Board of Directors received and accepted a request by Laurie Radke to complete her time with the organization, which will occur on August 31, 2025.

"I cannot tell you how impactful and transformative Laurie Radke has been as CEO and president," said Ryan Krumrie, chairman of the Greater Green Bay Chamber board of directors. "With Laurie, we have a unicorn. She's someone who strategically leads and profoundly cares about our area. Greater Green Bay is better because we've had Laurie leading in this way since 2011."

Radke will continue to serve through August, giving the organization six months to find its next leader.

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Carol Collard, second from left, is pictured with fellow Lumberjack Band majorettes, Germaine Pirlot, left, and Gloria Birmingham, right, in 1944. **Harmann Studios/Germaine Pirlot family**

Lumberjack Band: The makeup of a band

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from last week

“Those intimately concerned with the destinies of the Green Bay Packers have seen for some time that a football game, even a bang-up battle, is not quite enough entertainment for the average fan. The result has been the formation and financial sponsorship of the Green Bay Packers Lumberjack Band,” Sports Writer Ray Pagel stated in his column “Looking Up” in 1942.

“The three members of the drum section last year claimed 75 years of experience as musicians. Their dean is Walter Remick, a violin, piano and banjo player as well as a drummer for 30 years. Right behind him is Art Andre, with 25 years’ experience. Jimmy Collard rounds out the drum section with his 20 years of band and orchestra work.

“Wendell Shaw and Bob Sheffers made up the bass horn section. Shaw has been tooting the big contraption for about a quarter of a century, and Sheffers has been at it for 15 years.

“Members of the trom-

bone section are considerably younger by comparison. The oldest is Donald Barber, who has been playing for 12 years. Bob LeClaire 11 credited with eight years, and James Weizenegger with six years. Clyde Plog, the fourth, is still playing with the Nicolet High School Band in West De Pere.

“Herb Hall, a musician of some 30 years’ time with many orchestras and bands throughout the country, has the most and widest experience of those in the brass section. Elmer Kaap has been at it for 15 years, while Leo Klamert can claim 27 years as a musician. Merrill Guerin, a St. Norbert College student, is rounding out a dozen years, Quentin Willems has played for 10 years and Harold Ecker for seven years.

“Saxophone players in the Lumberjack band last fall included Joe Hartinger and Ray DuPuis, both with 15 years in music work. Also in that section were Norbert Ecker, a brother of Harold, and Gordon Beseau, both of whom have been playing for 10 years. The only baritone

horn in the band was handled by William Johnson, a man of 15 years’ experience.

“Making up the clarinet section were Russ Walters and Howard Sheldon, both with 15 years to their credit; James Aerts, with 10 years, and Don Schultz, six years. Sheldon is one of several players of the present band who performed with the old lumberjack organization.

“Any summary of the band personnel would not be complete without mention of little Carol Jean Collard, the three-year-old daughter of one of the drummers. Carol showed a keen interest in music when she was little more than a year old, and it was not long before she began to beg to be allowed to be a musician too.”

Little Carol had her chance when she was given a uniform and named a drum majorette.

“When Director Wilner Burke saw the enthusiastic response to this addition to the band’s usual program of marches and popular numbers, an idea germinated,” Lee Rummel wrote in 1948.

Continued next week

NFL OnePass registration now open for Draft

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Fans can now register for free entry to the 2025 NFL Draft by downloading the NFL OnePass app or by registering online at NFL.com/DraftAccess.

Every adult is required to register, and all registrants may include up to five children per entry.

“We are incredibly excited to bring the NFL Draft to Green Bay — a city that lives and breathes football,” said Peter O’Reilly, executive vice president of league events, club business and international. “This event continues to be a celebration of community, heritage and the future of our game. Green Bay’s rich tradition and passionate fan base make it the perfect stage to unveil the next generation of NFL talent and bring the community into the week’s celebrations.”

Fans attending the NFL Draft Experience can enjoy an immersive festival featuring:

Interactive exhibits and sponsor activations

Engage with special activations, including the opportunity to kick a field goal, run a 40-yard dash, participate in catching skills, earn free prizes and view NFL hall of fame exhibits — all designed to bring fans closer to the game.

Player meet and greet opportunities

Get autographs and interact with current NFL stars and Legends, including Packers players and players from across the league. The full schedule of player appearances will be available exclusively on the NFL OnePass app in the coming weeks.

Photo ops and memorabilia

Capture memorable moments with the iconic Vince Lombardi Trophy, Heisman Trophy and 59 Super Bowl Rings, and discover exclusive NFL merchandise at NFL Shop.

Youth and family zones

Enjoy activities at the Play 60 Zone and visit Titledown to take part in NFL FLAG drills, skills challenges and football clinics tailored for young fans.

Local food and culture spotlight

Food and beverage vendors will showcase the local fare, with concessions representing various cuisines and iconic restaurants statewide. Activities, including NFL Draft Experience, family-friendly programs and youth activities, will be hosted throughout Titledown. Fans are encouraged to arrive early as entry is on a first-come, first-served basis.

NFL Draft Experience hours of operation

Thursday, April 24: noon - 10 p.m.
Friday, April 25: noon - 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 26: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

NFL Draft Theater

The NFL Draft Theater will serve as the central hub where all 32 teams make their selections live. The viewing area of the Draft Theater will encompass 250,000 square feet on the stadium’s east and north-east sides, and during the television broadcast on ABC, ESPN, ESPN Deportes and NFL Network, crowd shots from the stage will feature

Lambeau Field in the background.

Attending fans can enjoy the action on multiple screens displayed throughout the venue in a general admission, standing room setting.

On Friday evening at the end of the Third Round, fans can enjoy a spectacular drone show, followed by the NFL Draft Concert Series on Saturday evening after the final pick, featuring a live performance in the Draft Theater.

Both the drone show and the concert are free and open to fans on a first-come, first-served basis.

The headlining act will be announced in the coming weeks.

NFL Draft programming

Thursday, April 24: 7-11 p.m.
Friday, April 25: 6-11 p.m.
Saturday, April 26: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

For more information on the 2025 NFL Draft Experience including a full list of interactive activities, onsite registration options and exclusive digital content, fans interested in attending the 2025 NFL Draft Experience must download the NFL OnePass app or register via the website at NFL.com/DraftAccess.

NFL OnePass provides up-to-date information, digital content and a chance to win exclusive prizes, including a grand prize trip for two to Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara.

The NFL Draft will be fully accessible to all attendees. For more details on mobility assistance, parking, transportation options and road closures, fans can check the Know Before You Go information, which will be released over the coming weeks.

Into *the* Past



A 1905 historical postcard featuring an aerial view of the Fox River looking north over downtown Green Bay. Visible are the Green Bay Paper Mill and Northern Paper Company in the upper right, and the Cargill Grain Elevator in the upper left. **UW-Green Bay Archives collection**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Unison Credit Union Board of Directors Election

92nd Annual Meeting*
6:00p.m.
Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

**The meeting will be virtual, more details to follow.*

Call for Nominees:

Unison Credit Union’s Board of Directors is made up of volunteers elected from among the membership, by the membership, to govern the credit union. Any member interested in running for Director should submit your intentions in writing by Friday, March 28, 2025. Directors will be elected to serve a three-year term.

Please send your qualifications to:

Unison Credit Union
Nominations Committee or Submit an email to:
P.O. Box 260 nominating@unisoncu.org
Kaukauna, WI 54130

HSHS

from page 3

Preliminary design plans for the expansion and transformation of HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center shared at the March 6 press conference include a new tower on the existing campus that would allow for more intermediate and

intensive care beds.

Early design plans also call for additional operating and procedural rooms, wider corridors and spaces that offer more natural light, plus additional parking and entry to make navigating the hospital

campus easier.

“We are taking a very mindful approach to the design plans to ensure we are creating a more spacious environment that promotes health and healing to the highest level and enhances the overall experience for

all who come through our doors,” said Wagner.

Construction at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center is expected to begin in summer 2025 and be completed in 2028.

For more information, visit stmarysgb.org/future.

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Waverly Partners, the firm that led the Greater Green Bay Chamber process that hired Radke, will guide this search, which will begin later this month.

“Serving in this role has been a great privilege. I’m so very proud of the impact that has been made and grateful for the relationships that have been built to further advance the Greater Green Bay Chamber and our region over the last 14 years,” said Radke. “Coming to this decision wasn’t easy. But we’re given this one precious life and time is of the essence for me to see what else I might do with it. No matter where that takes me, this work, this team and this community has my heart.”

During her time as CEO, Radke has sought to ensure business, municipality and education leaders are heard. “She has accomplished more than anyone could have imagined,” said Krumrie. “I’m honored to have witnessed her in action and know that the team she’s built will ensure the continuity and impact the region has come to expect from the Greater Green Bay Chamber. I’m pleased that Laurie is giving us the gift of six months to plan and identify her successor, which is just one more example of how she leads with our best interests at the forefront.”

More information on the search process will be made available in the coming weeks.

Allouez Lions accepting applications for 2025 scholarships

ALLOUEZ – Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Allouez Lions Club college scholarships.

High school seniors who are residents of the village of Allouez and graduating from high school this spring are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications to be considered for one of the six \$1,000 scholarships include submitting an essay detailing your career goals and your involvement in the community (community service/volunteering), a 2.0 GPA and acceptance to a technical college, college or university.

The deadline to apply is Sunday, April 13. Applications are being accepted online at tinyurl.com/AllouezLionsScholarship2025.

Text messaging service supports children’s kindergarten readiness

BROWN COUNTY – Simple activities such as singing and playing every day help kids develop the cognitive and language skills they need to do well in school and beyond.

The more parents and caregivers talk and listen to young children, the easier it is for them to learn to read and write when they start kindergarten.

TALK (Text and Learning for Kindergarten), a free text messaging service, is helping children learn through simple, everyday interactions.

Brown County Library has officially launched TALK for residents of Brown County.

TALK sends two text messages each week suggesting activities that parents and caregivers can easily incorporate into daily routines with their children.

TALK is derived from the research-based program Every Child Ready to Read, which promotes five daily practices to build essential pre-reading skills: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.

Each message begins with one of the five practices and details an activity parents and caregivers can use to help children develop early literacy skills. But content goes beyond literacy and helps children build other important skills such as pre-math and social emotional skills.

Parents are also notified of free programs and services at the library.

“TALK is a great resource for all parents,” said Katie Guzek, Youth Services Manager at the Brown County Library. “We’re excited to provide parents with fun ideas for quick and easy things they can do to help prepare their child for school success.”

Parents and caregivers of children ages 5 and under can sign up by texting TALK to 75547.

Registration can also be completed online at www.textandlearn.org.

TALK is available in English and Spanish.



Working together as one

Brown County officials, public safety agencies and private sector partners work together as one unit to enhance security for local events and the upcoming 2025 NFL Draft. During an exercise led by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on Feb. 26 at the Resch Expo, agencies throughout the area discussed a hypothetical scenario that would require coordination and support from several public safety agencies and many of their partners. The goal was to assess communication, strengthen relationships, and address any identified gaps.

Brown County photo

How to become a volunteer at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

BY BAYLEE ALGER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary’s R-PAWS program is on the lookout for new volunteers.

“It’s a group of volunteers working with the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary staff,” Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Curator of Animals Lori Bankson said. “We admit injured, orphaned, ill and displaced wildlife and give them a chance to return to the wilderness healthy.”

Rehabilitation Program At The Wildlife Sanctuary (R-PAWS), is a group of licensed volunteers that works closely with the staff at the sanctuary to house and feed injured or displaced animals.

The roughly 50 families currently volunteering are in charge of funding the caging and feeding of these animals at the Wildlife Sanctuary, and the sanctuary itself provides the supplies they’ll need.

“It varies on the type of species,” Bankson said about cost. “It is a free program, but it is a com-



Rehabilitation Program At The Wildlife Sanctuary is a group of licensed volunteers that works closely with the staff at the sanctuary to house and feed injured or displaced animals.

R-PAWS photo

mitment of time and energy and funds.”

In 2024 alone, the sanctuary took in nearly 6,800 animals.

More volunteers are always welcome, and the training is free and without commitment.

There are three trainings required, and the “New Member Presentation” is one of them.

These trainings license volunteers for the sanctuary, but will not provide a personal license.

This first session focuses on the rules and regulations of animal care.

A previously scheduled April 5 session has been pushed back to May.

For more information, visit www.greenbaywi.gov//Calendar.aspx?EID=10556 or www.greenbaywi.gov/1374/R-PAWS-Rehabilitation-Program.

Potential volunteers are encouraged to email RPAWS23@gmail.com or Lori at Lori.Bankson@GreenBayWI.gov, or call 920-391-3671 with any questions.

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Open water fishing heating up across area



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

March in Wisconsin can be a roller-coaster of weather, from record highs and red-winged blackbirds singing to robins scrounging for something to eat after a freak snowstorm.

Green Bay and Lake Michigan tributaries saw ice jams last weekend after rain and warm temperatures combined to bust up previously frozen sections of the rivers. There was flooding in a number of areas.

Boaters are already targeting trout along the Lake Michigan shoreline, wall-eyes in the Fox River and 'eyes, perch and pike in west shore tributaries. The perch season on Green Bay and its major rivers closes March 15. The smaller creeks are already in seasonal spawning closures.

Lakeshore rivers are producing a few rainbow and brown trout, along with an occasional pike. A few suckers have been reported by netters closer to the lake.

Great Lakes agenda

The Great Lakes Commission's 2025 agenda for the Great Lakes calls for continued investment in the lakes, which hold about 95% of America's fresh surface water and provide drinking water for more than 47 million people.

The Commission is asking Congress and the Trump administration to fully fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (\$475 million); fund the Great Lakes Commission to fulfill its unique role in the region; provide the cleanest and

safest drinking water in the world; unlock the economic potential of the Great Lakes Navigation System; eliminate harmful algal blooms; defend against invasive species; and build a resilient Great Lakes basin.

The Great Lakes Commission is a binational government agency established in 1955 to protect the Great Lakes and the economies and ecosystems they support. Its membership includes leaders from the eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. Learn more at <https://www.glc.org/>.

Lakes convention

March 16 is the deadline to register for the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention March 26-28 in Stevens Point. Virtual-only registration is open right up to the event. This year's theme is "The Power of Words: Working for Our Waters."

Organizers say by raising awareness, promoting conservation efforts and crafting compelling messages, words can inspire action and drive positive change to protect our water resources for future generations. Participants can learn from experts, grassroots organizers and other passionate water advocate, engage in workshops and discussions, and network with water-focused professionals.

The event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Partnership. Read all about it at <https://wisconsinwaterweek.org/>.

Apply for elk hunt

Applications for a chance at hunting elk in Wisconsin this fall are due by May 31. For the first time, there will be five antlerless tags available for the Black River zone. That's in addition to four antlered elk tags there, and eight antlered tags (four to Ojibwe hunters, four to the public) in the Clam Lake zone.

Only Wisconsin residents can be issued an elk license. Applications cost \$10 and are limited to one per person. Seventy percent of the fee goes directly to elk management, monitoring and research. These funds also enhance elk habitat, which benefits many other wildlife as well. Learn more at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/elkhunting>.

Comment on ducks

State wildlife biologists want to hear from duck hunters and others interested in waterfowl on the proposed 2026-2031 duck hunting season zones and splits.

The DNR is hosting three in-person meetings and one Zoom meeting to take input. You can do that, or simply provide feedback online at https://www.research.net/r/2025_Waterfowl_Input. All comments must be received by March 30. To see the zones and split's options, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/waterfowl>.

Photo contest

Entries for the 17th annual Great Waters Photo Contest and Writing Project are due by April 1. The top photographs and writing submissions will be included in the next calendar. Eligible entries include photos of Lake Michigan and short essays, stories or poems around 200 words inspired by our Great Waters.

Check out the rules and instructions at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/GreatLakes/Contest.html>.

Three tournneys set

The Baileys Harbor Brown Trout Tournament is set for April 10-13. Keep up with the latest, including the Harbor Angler Fishing Report, at <https://www.facebook.com/BaileysHarborBrownTrout/>.

Meanwhile, the Blue Door Series Brown Trout Derby, headquartered in Kewaunee, is set for April 19. Blue Door also holds an Offshore Challenge



Green Bay's ice was deteriorating rapidly when this picture was taken Sunday, and it's not recommended for anglers to venture out any longer. **Kevin Naze photos**

June 21. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/Bluedoortournamentseries/>.

Pheasant club banquet

The Ringneck Pheasant Club is holding its annual dinner at the Waterfront Banquet Hall in Kewaunee on April 5. The club, located on the east side of the Black Ash Swamp near Algoma, has members from Brown, Door and Kewaunee counties.

Tickets for the buffet-style chicken and tips dinner are \$40. There will be music, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. For tickets, call Dan at (920) 559-2980.



Great Lakes tributaries are luring spawning runs of colorful rainbow trout, often called "steelhead." The best fishing occurs from mid-March to early April. **Kevin Naze photo**

Weekly Fishing Report

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First and foremost, no ice is ever safe ice.

For all you open water seekers, it on! As of the writing of this report, all three boat tramps (Green Bay Metro, Fox Point and Brown Cty Fair Grounds) are all open for launching. At least some docks have gone in at Green Bay Metro and I believe Fox Point and the Fair Grounds are to follow this week.

For activity on the river the reports are of good over all activity of Wall-eye catches up and down the river.

Casting the flats and river edge areas has been best with everything from Jigs and Plastics to blade baits and hair jigs.

Remember you do need to pay for a boat launch pass even though there may not be docks in the water.

For all your live bait needs or your hair jigs and plastics to hit the water, check out Smokies on

the Bay near the mouth of the Fox River.

Jeff is back from Florida and ready to help you with those spring catches!

Ice conditions on the entire Bay have become very suspect in most locations and EXTREME caution must be taken.

I would not advise doing anything more than walk out trips and certainly pay attention to your wind conditions.

There is open water and cracks at just about every popular fishing location currently Ice breaking on Green Bay is set to commence this week with the arrival of the USCG Ice Breaker Mackinaw any day now.

The best advice I can give is not to venture out anymore.

Perch fishing is coming to a close on Green Bay on March 15th. Not many reports have some in with the lack of folks

out exploring this past weekend.

Whitefish activity was good overall at Volk, Bay-shore, Red River and the Sturgeon Bay area this past weekend.

Again, I would highly advise not to head out this week as most of those areas have very compromised ice conditions with cracks and soft areas with the current weather and winds.

Over the course of the next week or two we will see more areas open to boat traffic so stay tuned for more open water reports.

Be safe!

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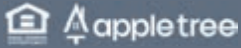


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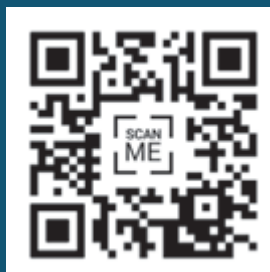
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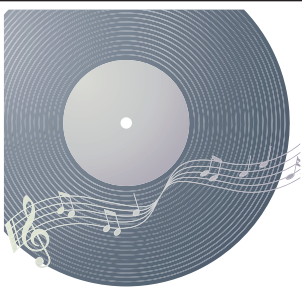
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Ashwaubenon students to march in NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade

By John Craemer
Contributing Writer

The Ashwaubenon Jaguar Marching Band is set to showcase its talent in one of the nation’s most prestigious events, the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Monday, March 17. Under the leadership of director Marc Jimos and assistant director Ellen Moon, the band consists of dedicated students from grades 9-12.

Senior Ella Schmelzer will lead the ensemble as drum major.

“This is the sixth time that we’ve gone to the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City. So we’ve done this quite a few times,” Jimos began. “It’s the oldest one in the United States. There’s over a hundred bands there from all over the world.”

Schneider Trucking Company has generously donated a semi-truck and drivers for transportation requirements to New York.

“We will load all of our equipment on Monday and Tuesday with our suitcases, all of our uniforms, all of our musical instruments all go on there,” Jimos continued. “And then sometime Wednesday morning a Schneider driver shows up and drives everything out to our hotel in New Jersey. We fly out on Friday morning out of



Chicago with all three different flights that are going out.”

In addition to the parade, students, faculty, and chaperones will be able to take in much of what New York City has to offer.

“We’re going to see a Broadway show, one of the hottest shows on Broadway right now, *The Outsiders*,” Jimos added. “We’re going to get to see the New York Philharmonic perform. Our choir is also going to be accompanying us and they’re going to be getting a Broadway clinic. They’re going to go to the 9-11 Museum. We’ll go to the Statue of Liberty, the Museum of Natural History. So it’s an educational trip. It’s a really fun trip for the kids.”

Assistant Band Director Ellen Moon was on this same trip as a student. She said, “This is my first kind of real big trip that I’m directing on. I was actually the drum major of the Ashwaubenon High School Marching Band and I went on the same trip when I was a senior.”

Senior Ella Schmelzer will lead the band in the parade.

▲ The Ashwaubenon High School Marching Band will perform in New York City’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Monday, March 17. John Craemer photos

“As a drum major, my responsibility is to keep the band in time,” Schmelzer said. “I conduct them and I lead them through songs and everything. And I also help coordinate things.”

The Ashwaubenon High School Band has built a reputation for its exceptional musicianship and dynamic performances.

Over the years, they have captivated audiences in major parades across the country, including The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, the King Orange Parade in Miami, the National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the Pan Pacific Parade in Oahu.



▲ The band is led by drum major and Ashwaubenon senior Ella Schmelzer.

Since 2003, the band has proudly represented Ashwaubenon in the NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade five times.

Additionally, the band has performed at halftime shows for the Green Bay Packers and even shared the stage with country superstar Keith Urban. **CP**



▲ In addition to performing in the parade, Ashwaubenon band and choir students will spend time exploring all New York has to offer, including seeing the Statue of Liberty and attending a Broadway show.



▲ The Ashwaubenon Marching Band has performed in several parades across the country, including the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, the King Orange Parade in Miami, the National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the Pan Pacific Parade in Oahu.

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THE BUZZ

Shipyard District is Green Bay's newest recognized downtown district

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Shipyard District, Inc. announced a new public-private partnership with the city of Green Bay along with its formal recognition as Green Bay's newest district at a press conference Monday, March 10.

The newly recognized district encompasses the commercial and residential area from West Mason St. to Lombardi Ave. between South Ashland Ave. and the Fox River.

Although the partnership with the city is new, Shipyard District, Inc. has been around since 2021.

"Four years ago, business and property owners along South Broadway and State St. worked together to form the 501c3 nonprofit organization Shipyard District, Inc. with the mission of revitalizing the business area..." said Tarl Knight, director of Shipyard District, Inc. "The mission of the Shipyard District, Inc. is to further the interests of Green Bay businesses, improve the lives of residents and contribute to a complete downtown destination."

Since its creation, Shipyard District, Inc. has been hard at work bringing life and activity to the area.

"Over the last four years, we played an active role in reforming and supporting the Shipyard Neighborhood Association and recently the Tank Park Neighborhood Association, both of whom have impacted our district at the street level and improved quality of life for district residents... The Shipyard District has also been the home



of All Bands on Deck, Green Bay's largest music festival featuring hundreds of performances by bands at district bars,

restaurants and food trucks. Since 2021, All Bands on Deck and our portfolio of district-wide festivities have generated



▲ New banners will be displayed on street poles throughout the Shipyard District.

◀ Tarl Knight serves as director of Shipyard District, Inc. Janelle Fisher photo

a direct financial impact of almost half a million dollars on district businesses."

Now, the Shipyard District, Inc. joins the ranks of On Broadway, Inc. and Downtown Green Bay as an officially recognized downtown district.

"Shipyard District, Inc. has continued to collaborate with the City of Green Bay through difficult challenges and rewarding accomplishments," Knight said. "Now, Shipyard District, Inc. is proud to finally announce, with the city of Green Bay, a public-private partnership between our organizations and the formal recognition of Shipyard District, Inc. as the representative business association for our district."

With this formal recognition and established partnership, Knight said Shipyard District, Inc. will be better positioned to continue making improvements to the area.

"Our official partnership and recognition means that an organization that was grassroots and worked with the intention of a collaboration with the city now has an official channel for us to work very closely with the mayor and his administration," Knight said, noting that a more formal partnership like the Shipyard District now has with the city means the potential to work together on projects involving improving the public right-of-way and working with city departments to improve the streetscape. "In order to work together holistically and make changes, we need to have a strong relationship with the local government. What Mayor Genrich has done is stepped in and reached out and made sure that we have that connection that all strong downtowns have with their local government."

And the city of Green Bay is just as invested in seeing the area thrive.

"I think this is a great success story for this area..." said Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich. "First and foremost, I want to thank the community members and business owners for taking a larger interest in the neighborhood as a whole and for all the vitality that's been happening here over many years... It's nice for the city to be able to recognize those efforts formally... We have some grand plans for this part of town. I don't know if there's an area that's seen as much activity and as much investment as the city has demonstrated in this area of South Broadway here. And we're looking forward to much more in the future with the Shipyard Park itself and we're still really interested in revitalizing the river as you move further south, including the location of our coal piles."

More information about Shipyard District, Inc. can be found at shipyarddistrict.org. **CP**



▲ The Shipyard District encompasses the commercial and residential area from West Mason St. to Lombardi Ave. between South Ashland Ave. and the Fox River. Submitted graphics

COVER FEATURE

BAMMY AWARDS

return for 2025 with more ways to celebrate Northeast Wisconsin's music scene

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

On March 19 and 20, area musicians and music industry professionals will again gather at the Tarlton Theatre to find out who will be the recipients of this year's BAMMY awards with recognitions set to be awarded across 40 categories.

In December, community members were invited to nominate local bands, musicians, performers and other professionals in the music industry from Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette and Oconto counties.

From the nominees, finalists were selected through a voting process open to both the public and the BAMMY Awards Committee.

And at this week's event, it will be revealed who among the finalists will be honored as 2025 BAMMY Award recipients.

But for event organizer Tarl Knight, the BAMMY Awards are about much more than the awards themselves.

"It's a way to celebrate all of the wonderful things that go on in the music community," Knight said. "A lot of folks don't know how thriving Green Bay's music community

really is or what a success story it is. You have great things going on in Appleton with the Mile of Music and in Madison and Milwaukee and all the other great cities around us in the Midwest. But Green Bay is really an undiscovered gem. It's kind of a hidden secret that we have."

In an attempt to uncover that secret and draw attention to Green Bay's thriving music scene, Knight started the BAMMY Awards last year — an endeavor that turned out to be an overwhelming success.

"I don't think that I could have gotten a better result... Most of our projects at the Tarlton are big, high stakes projects where we risk a lot in order to create a vision," Knight said. "And with Green Bay, you never know what's going to work or what's going to fail. But the idea of celebrating local people is something I think everybody can come behind for the most part. And while some people thought it was a little competitive or some people maybe got a laugh out of having our own local awards show... The idea of everyone coming together and having a night where we can just celebrate each other really resonated with people."



It certainly resonated with the artists who were a part of the awards.

"Over the last year, we were able to see the kind of impact that it made on folks," Knight said. "Bands were bringing their BAMMY Awards trophies to their concerts or setting them up on their merch tables at their gigs and really using it as a source of pride for the place that they fit in their community. I think that really brought the dream full circle, to have this great community, to see them flourish and to be able to celebrate all of them."

To continue to celebrate the area's music scene, even more award categories were added to this year's event.

"We have almost doubled the number of award categories in order to create a much wider array of ways to recognize folks," Knight said. "This year, we're including different genres that were important to people that we missed last year, like hip-hop and rap... We've got more classical music represented this year. And a wider variety of genres means more for people to connect over. And we've got more industry awards that recognize all of the great businesses working behind the scenes to amplify live music in our community."

Learn more about this year's BAMMY Awards at thetarlton.com/the-2025-bammy-awards and tune into City Pages' social media pages for coverage of the awards shows on Wednesday, March 19, and Thursday, March 20. **CP**



▲ Local musicians performed a song in memory of Kai "Pita" Kotobalavu at last year's BAMMY Awards. Janelle Fisher photo

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East High presents Festival of the Arts

By Hannah Bellanti
Contributing Writer

On March 14 and 15, Green Bay East High School will host its annual Festival of the Arts event, featuring music and dance entertainment as well as a full visual art show.

The event is expected to be a community celebration of all things student and art.

“It’s going to be a really fun night...” said Lucinda Roberts, Fine Arts Program coordinator at East High. “We’ve got the piece that the visual arts students have been working on — which is murals — and there will be mural tours so you can see what the students have been working on throughout the year. And then we will also have your traditional 2D and 3D pieces as well. One thing I’m excited about that’s new this year is that during the Rhapsody Revue show the Rhapsody show choir will be performing and the jazz band will be performing, but what we are adding

this year is a whole new element and that’s that our literary arts students have written spoken word pieces and our theater arts students are going to be performing those written pieces during the show. And then we will have dance students performing in the show as well.”

Alongside all the work presented by the students, the Green Bay East Performing Art parents have planned some accompanying events, including a menu curated by a professional chef for a dinner which can be attended for \$15, raffle baskets and a bake sale.


All money raised from the event will be used to support the overall Fine Arts Program at East High.

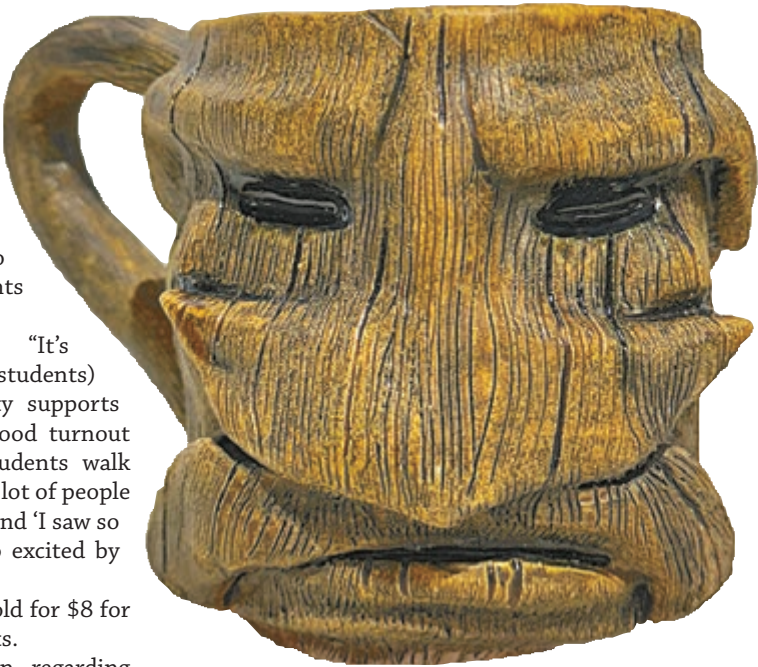
“I am the head cheerleader for the fine arts program and head cheerleader for our terrific students,” Roberts said. “These are kids that have really aimed at doing something more with something that they really truly love and are passionate about, and I want them to feel like they have support.”

This event will also be a great opportunity for community members to support their local students in their artistic pursuits.

Roberts mentioned, “It’s important for them (students) to know the community supports them, when we get a good turnout for something these students walk around like ‘Wow there a lot of people there, that was so cool’, and ‘I saw so and so’, and they are so excited by that”.

Entry tickets will be sold for \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

For more information regarding the Festival of the Arts and other upcoming events at East High, you can visit eastfinearts.com. 



▲ In addition to performance arts, student-created 2D and 3D works will be on display throughout the event. Submitted artwork



▲ Entry tickets will be sold for \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.



▲ The Festival of the Arts offers an opportunity for community to show their support for local students.



▲ Green Bay East’s Show Choir, Rhapsody in Red, will perform at this weekend’s event. Janelle Fisher photo

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BACKSTAGE AT THE MEYER, GREEN BAY.
Indie folk music. 8 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of show. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

LIVE MUSIC

Friday, March 14
Gary Lewis and The Playboys • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Live music. 7:30 p.m. \$30+. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Saturday, March 15
Ladies of Country • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Star-studded tribute to Dolly Parton, Shania Twain, Reba McEntire and Martina McBride. 7:30 p.m. \$35+. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

David Howley • Backstage at the Meyer, Green Bay. Indie folk music. 8 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of show. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

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Saturday, March 22
Red Hot Chilli Pipers • Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon. Traditional bagpipe tunes and covers of pop/rock anthems. 7:30 p.m. \$45+. Learn more and purchase tickets at ashwaubenonpac.org.

Ongoing
Project Pink • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Performance of some of Pink Floyd's best cuts including The Dark Side of the Moon in its entirety. 8 p.m. on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22. \$40 per show or \$70 for both. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

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

Ongoing
Monster Jam • Resch Center, Ashwaubenon. Monster truck competitions of speed and skill. Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. \$28+. More information and tickets can be found at reschcomplex.com.

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

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

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Ongoing
Crochet Club • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Make squares that will be sewn together into blankets to be donated to local shelters. Tuesdays at 6:30, through March 25. Free. Advance registration required. To learn more and to register, visit titledown.com.

The BIG Show • The Art Garage, Green Bay. Exhibit featuring big, bold, impactful pieces. On display through April 12. Head to theartgarage.org to learn more.

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Lens Legends: The Green Bay Packers Legacy Through Photos and Film • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Variety of news-film and photographs on display to showcase the community history of the Green Bay Packers. Open through May 4. Included with general admission. See nevillepublicmuseum.org to learn more.

Darwin and Dinosaurs • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Story-based, interactive exhibit that sets the stage before Darwin's famous voyage, follows him around the world as he finds clues indicating life changes and concludes with modern discoveries that have proved him right. March 8-Aug. 31. Included with general admission. See nevillepublicmuseum.org to learn more.

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.

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

FOOD/DRINK

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

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

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THURSDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
ZAMBALDI BEER, GREEN BAY.
Old-school bingo with prizes each round. Free to play. See Zambaldi Beer’s Facebook page for more information.

GAMES/COMPETITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Ongoing
Yoga • Titledtown, 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 titledtown.com/events for more details.

Cardio Dance • Titledtown, 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 titledtown.com for more details.

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

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

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, March 18
The Ledge, the Limestone, and the Lake • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Presentation by Dr. Don Mikulic about Door County’s Niagra Escarpment and its impact on the stone industry. 6:30 p.m. Free admission. See nevillepublicmuseum.org to learn more.

Philately Program • Trinity Lutheran Church, Green Bay. Hot dish meal and program by Scott B., who has been researching and collecting Norwegian postage stamps since he was a young boy. 6:30 p.m. See the Sons of Norway Grønnavik Lodge Facebook page to learn more.



AN AFTERNOON WITH AUTHOR ANNELISE RYAN

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
2:30 P.M.
BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY - EAST BRANCH, GREEN BAY.
Presentation by a Wisconsin mystery author. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Saturday, March 22
An Afternoon with Author Annelise Ryan • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Presentation by a Wisconsin mystery author. 2:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILY/KIDS

Friday, March 14
Spanish/English Storytime • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Storytime in Spanish and English led by La Escuelita. 10 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Ongoing
STEAMworks • Children’s Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Explore STEAM learning (science, technology, engineering, art and math). Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Included with general admission. Learn more at gbchildrensmuseum.org.

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.

Stay and Play Drop-Ins • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Open-ended activities that encourage creativity while focusing on early literacy skills. Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

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

Friday, March 14
St. Pawtrick’s Day • Vital Essentials Dog Park, Green Bay. St. Patrick’s day fun for dogs and

their humans. 4-6 p.m. Donations accepted for the Wisconsin Humane Society Green Bay Campus Furry Friends Food Pantry. Learn more at downtowngreenbay.com.

Ongoing
Green Bay Pet Expo • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Pet related exhibitors, rescue organizations and animals of all kinds. 3-8 p.m. on Friday, March 14, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. \$11 for ages 13-62. \$10 for seniors, military and first responders. \$7 for ages 6-12. Free for ages 5 and under. Head to reschexpo.com to learn more.

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 March 18 meeting will be Bob Goetz to talk about the history of the Western Racquet Club. 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. March 18’s speaker will be Dan Vermeulen, co-president of Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Everyone is welcome. See the De Pere Area Men’s Club’s Facebook page to learn more.

Community Resource Tuesdays • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Each week, a different community resource/social service agency will be on-site to provide information about their programs and services. Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org 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.



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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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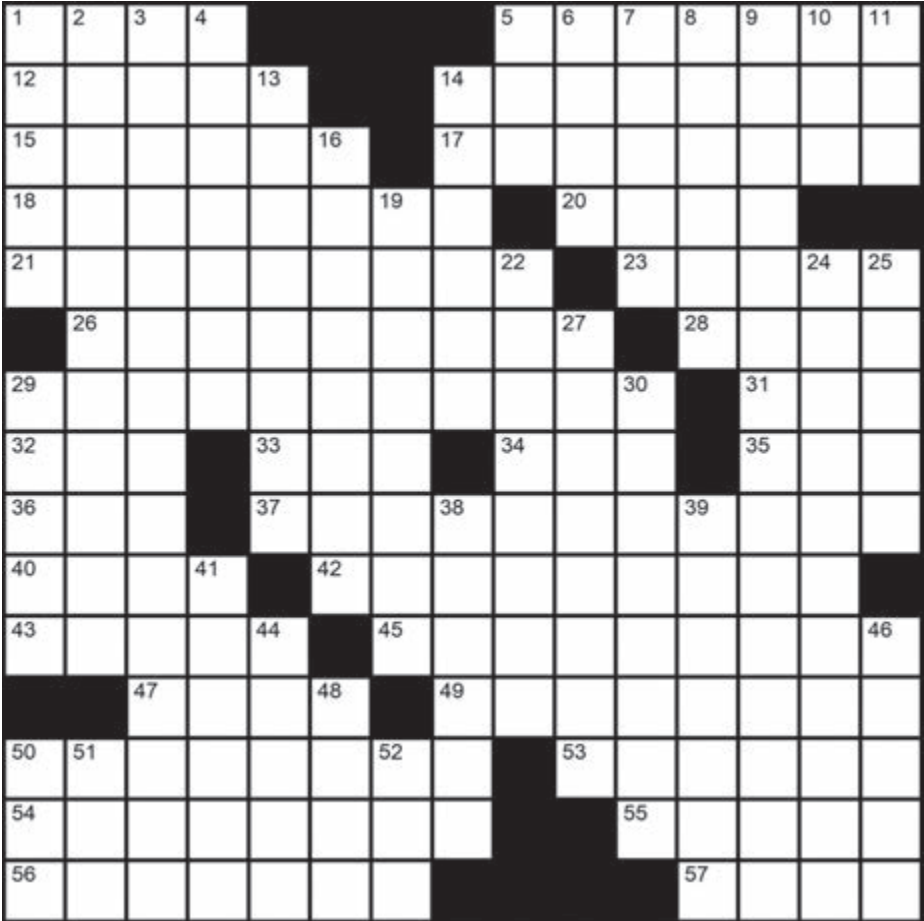
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15. “Broadway Joe”

17. Rhapsodizes

18. Something to run for

20. Not entirely

21. Lab enclosure

23. Graham McPherson, in Madness

26. Like tougher steaks, maybe

28. Syllabus segment

29. “Too much excitement!”

31. “Girls5___” (Busy Philipps sitcom)

32. Grand Theft Auto: ___ Andreas

33. Stannic metal

34. Station where you scan your own groceries, for short

35. Hideaway

36. ‘70s hoops grp.

37. M

40. Middle range

42. Temperance, e.g.

43. Preserves

45. “Episode I” villain

47. “Getting to Know You” musical locale

49. Mount acrobatically, as a horse

50. Being

53. Actress Reeves of “Slow Horses”

54. Pretty close

55. Obsolescent

56. Workplace of 2024 sitcom character Dr. Ron Leonard

57. Distress signals, plural (and yeah, it’s the preferred spelling but looks weird)

- Down
1. Did some wicker work

2. Simple audio cord

3. Fruit part used to make the spice anar dana

4. Get (mud) on the carpet

5. “Son of,” in some surnames

6. Navy Yard team, to fans

7. Workout consequences

8. Dress that translates to “cut off”

9. Ordered hierarchically

10. Zuider ___

11. Sinuous shape

13. Confirm

14. Tale that mentions the Trojan horse

16. Verbal nudge

19. Pitch in a window

22. Downwind side of the river

24. Responsibilities handed down

25. R.E.M. hit

27. Ravioli filling options

29. “Forever Blue” singer Chris

30. Mouse alternative for a laptop

38. Capital of County Kerry

39. Appetizers served with chutney

41. Religion, in a Marx quote

44. Did not reveal

46. A bunch

48. Chicago Symphony Orchestra “Music Director Emeritus for Life” Riccardo

50. Dol. parts

51. Balderdash

52. Icelandic band Sigur ___

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HIGH LIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

St. Pawtrick’s Day

Friday, March 14
Vital Essentials Dog Park, Green Bay
St. Patrick’s day fun for dogs and their humans. The event will feature free holiday-themed bandanas and treats for dogs and beer/light snacks available for purchase for their human companions. This event will run from 4-6 p.m. Donations of dog food, cat food, treats and cat litter will be accepted for the Wisconsin Humane Society Green Bay Campus Furry Friends Food Pantry. Learn more at downtowngreenbay.com.



Green Bay Pet Expo

March 14 and 15 | Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon
Pet related exhibitors, rescue organizations and animals of all kinds. Attendees may bring their pets with a signed waiver. All pets in attendance should be up to date on vaccines, healthy, able to mingle well in public and on a non-retractable leash. This event will be open from 3-8 p.m. on Friday, March 14, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. Tickets are \$11 for ages 13-62; \$10 for seniors, military and first responders; \$7 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 5 and under. Weekend passes are available for \$16. Head to reschexpo.com to learn more.



Ladies of Country

Saturday, March 15 | Meyer Theatre, Green Bay
Star-studded tribute to Dolly Parton, Shania Twain, Reba McEntire and Martina McBride. The show will feature Karen Hetser as Dolly Parton, Corrie Sachs as Reba McEntire and Stacey Whittion Summers as Shania Twain and Martina McBride. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Monster Jam

March 21-23 | Resch Center, Ashwaubenon
Monster truck competitions of speed and skill. Monster Jam trucks and world champion drivers will take over Green Bay for a weekend packed with high-flying action and jaw-dropping stunts. Shows will take place on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. Tickets start at \$28. More information and tickets can be found at reschcomplex.com.





Edwards on a recent trip back to Puerto Rico.

Submitted photos

Meet Sasha Edwards



Re-rooted in Northeast Wisconsin

BY FREDDY MOYANO
GUEST COLUMNIST

GREEN BAY – “I was born in Bronx, N.Y., in 1995. My parents are first-generation Americans. We moved to the island [Puerto Rico] when I was just a few months old until I was about eight years old” said Natasha “Sasha” Marie Edwards (born Vazquez), who moved to Green Bay during her elementary years.

Edwards said she mostly spoke Spanish while growing up, but also some English because her mom, who was raised by Edwards’ grandmother in the New York area also spoke both languages in their household.

About her move to Green Bay, Edwards said one of her mom’s friends flew her mom in from Puerto Rico, showed her around and “she liked it.”

Edwards describes Puerto Rico as “chilled, but party-vibed,” confirming that her mom longed for a “quiet place” to bring up her kids.

“Every Saturday and Sunday, people are on the beach, drinking, barbecuing,” Edwards said about Puerto Rico.

She said her mom had her mind made up to escape all of that.

“My mom liked how quiet and tiny Green Bay was. She especially liked the times when you are out on the street and somebody waves at you, which you don’t get everywhere,” Edwards said.

“I didn’t know what football was,” she said; but, over time, it became a tradition to watch Packers games as a family.

“I grew up with baseball though,” Edwards added.

In her home town of San German Puerto Rico, other than baseball, Edwards said basketball is very popular.

Edwards said their move to Green Bay happened in the middle of the winter of 2003.

Edwards defined her weather identity as “winter baby” and said she does not mind cold weather because she likes to “bundle up” and enjoys “hot cocoa”.

“I grew up with many layers,” Edwards said.

Edwards has picked up cultural habits over the years, such as people wearing shorts in 50-degree temperatures.

She recalls a time when their elderly neighbor snow-blew their driveway.

“I ran and gave him \$20” Edwards said, adding that their neighbor declined, but that she managed to stick the \$20 bill in one of her neighbor’s front jacket pockets.

“People here are awesome, creating a nice give and take cycle” Edwards said.

Edwards’ husband, Geno, is from Kenosha, but moved to Florida in his childhood.

However Edwards said “he moved back here in his

late teens.”

They got married on Feb. 2, 2024, and currently live in Ashwaubenon “five minutes from Lambeau Field,” as she likes saying.

“I grew up on home-cooked meals” Edwards said. “When we first got to Green Bay, we had no TV, no couch; we slept on the floor, so we ate home-cooked meals as that was all we could afford”. Edwards and her two younger brothers love rice and beans, a popular dish their mom used to make, also adding meat and potatoes.

The dish is called “carne guisada con arrow blanco” — stew and white rice.

The saying “You can take the girl out of Green Bay, but not Green Bay out of the girl” became a mission statement for her when at the age of 19 her mom told her they were moving to Central Florida.

Her family still lives there.

“I ended up going there, selling my car, quitting my job (and) studies at NWTC — criminal justice program,” she said

Edwards later returned to Green Bay, where she started creating a new home.



Sasha Edwards moved to Green Bay at the age of eight.



On March 6, Annie Jackson Elementary School participated in the Do Good Wisconsin’s Cereal Box Domino Challenge.
Kayla Starnes photo

Doing good in Wisconsin

BY KAYLA STARNES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – On March 6, Annie Jackson Elementary School participated in the Do Good Wisconsin’s Cereal Box Domino Challenge.

The challenge is to encourage all Wisconsin schools to collect as many cereal boxes before National Cereal Day on March 7.

As a part of the challenge the school also creates a video of the cereal boxes being knocked down.

The school with the best video is to be recognized and receives a trophy delivered directly to the school.

After the challenge, the proceeds are donated to a local food pantry.

The Jackson Elementary staff and students spent over four weeks collecting cereal for Hunger Heroes

Jaguar Den and two additional local transformative pantries.

This is Jackson’s second year participating in the challenge and their school has collected 845 boxes of cereal, some of which were donated while others were acquired through classroom cereal trivia.

The cereal trivia focused on literacy skill while using the cereal boxes as tools.

Some trivia required students to come up with words that start with the same letters as words on the box or reading the nutrition label to determine the amount of calories in each serving.

The cereal trivia promoted student learning while rewarding correct answers with cereal boxes.

Part of the challenge is also to be creative in the

way the boxes are set up.

With the boxes this year they have decided to create an infinity symbol that spans the entire front of their school.

The infinity symbol represents endlessness, interconnectedness and eternity.

Similarly, School Counselor Tammy Van Ess expressed, “we do a lot of things to actually give back to the community because we’ve had so many people give to our community. And I hope that when the kids leave Jackson and they go to [middle] school, they take the skills they have learned and to be those change makers and to provide service to people, that they’ll continue that.”

Van Ess encouraged her students to continue to give and be a part of the cycle that has aided them.



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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Human Body Design

Dear Reader,

When we stop to think about the design of the human body, we might find ourselves wondering if it could have been crafted more efficiently. Consider the everyday processes of hydration and nutrition: why must we spend so much of our lives urinating or expelling waste from our bodies? Couldn't we have been designed to hydrate through the skin, or metabolize food directly into energy without the need for waste?

It's a curious thought experiment—imagining a body that functions without the need to “offload” its excesses, freeing us from the sometimes inconvenient realities of biological maintenance. Wouldn't it be wonderful to live unencumbered by these daily rituals, focusing solely on the higher pursuits of life?

Yet, when we reflect more deeply, we realize that the human body as it is designed is nothing short of miraculous. It's a complex, harmonious system where countless processes—digestion, circulation, respiration—work in synchrony to sustain us. These so-called inefficiencies might actually be part of the greater design, teaching us humility and grounding us in the rhythms of life. They remind us of our interconnectedness with nature and the delicate balance we inhabit.

Could there have been a “better” design? Perhaps. But then, would we be the same creatures we are now—resilient, adaptable, and marvelously imperfect? Perhaps the true genius of the human design lies not in its flawlessness, but in its resilience and ability to grow through imperfection.



PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

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

BE OUR GUEST

The importance of establishing a primary care provider

FROM EMPLIFY HEALTH BY BELLIN

In today's fast-paced world, families with young kids often juggle multiple responsibilities, making it easy to overlook the importance of establishing a primary care provider (PCP).

However, having a dedicated PCP can significantly enhance the health and well-being of both parents and children.

Research shows that families with a primary care provider experience better health outcomes. According to a study by the National Library of Medicine:

- Families with a PCP are 30 percent more likely to receive preventive care services, such as vaccinations and screenings, which are crucial for early detection of health issues.
- Establishing a rela-

tionship with a PCP can save families an average of \$1,200 annually in emergency room visits and urgent care costs.

“Having a primary care provider is often overlooked, but it can ensure health concerns are addressed early, leading to better outcomes and less stress for parents,” says Dr. Brad Wozney, family medicine physician with Emplify Health by Bellin. “It also allows providers to establish a comfort level with children and adults alike, helping to create a lasting, trusting relationship for care.”

By prioritizing a primary care relationship, young families can ensure their health needs are met promptly, allowing them to focus on what truly matters — spending quality time together.



BE OUR GUEST

Properly secure trailers, cargo to prevent hazards on the road

FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The endless opportunities for seasonal recreation are evident as we travel along Wisconsin's roads and see trailers hauling snowmobiles, ice shacks, boats, campers and much more.

To keep our roads safe, always double check that cargo and trailers are secure and that nothing can escape or become a hazard to yourself or others.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's March Law of the Month gives drivers simple but essential steps to properly secure trailers and loads before hitting the road.

“Wisconsin's roads are often busy with drivers hauling cargo and pull-

ing trailers throughout the state,” Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “Drivers are responsible for making sure everything is secure and in good working condition. This is especially important as more boats and trailers come out of storage in the spring. An extra safety check could prevent a serious crash.”

Debris on highways and unsecured cargo cause nearly 1,000 crashes every year in Wisconsin.

These crashes, and the injuries that result from the incidents, are preventable.

Failure to properly secure a trailer or a load of cargo can result in a \$200 citation in Wisconsin.

That penalty can increase if someone is hurt.

Trailer safety

When hauling a boat, camper or trailer, the driver is responsible for ensuring it is in good mechanical condition and is safely attached to the vehicle.

Before getting on the road, make sure:

- Trailer tires, axles and lights are in proper working condition
- The ball and hitch coupling assembly are the same size and latch securely
- Two safety chains of proper length and strength are attached between the vehicle and the trailer (with enough slack to allow proper turning)
- To crisscross the safety chains; it creates a cradle that can catch the tongue of the trailer should an unexpected disconnection occur

Secure your cargo

Make sure that any items loaded into a trailer or truck bed are properly secured. Items such as coolers, chairs, lumber or fishing equipment that bounce out of trailers or truck beds can damage other vehicles or result in serious crashes when drivers swerve to avoid debris.

To secure the load in your vehicle or trailer:

- Tie it down with rope, netting or straps
- Tie large objects directly to your vehicle or trailer
- Cover the entire load with a sturdy tarp or netting
- Don't overload the vehicle or trailer
- Always double check to make sure the load secure

Buehler to retire after four decades in media

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY –WLUK-TV News Director Juli Buehler has announced her retirement, after a career spanning 45 years — with 30 of those years in Northeast Wisconsin.

“Buehler is the recipient of numerous awards, including The Associated Press Carol Brewer Award, and her induction into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle in 2016,” a WLUK



Buehler

release stated.

Jay Zollar, vice president and general manager of WLUK FOX 11 and WCWF CW14 said that “Juli has

had a truly remarkable journey. Many strong journalists across the country have passed through here and have benefited from her involvement in their lives. FOX 11 would not be what it is today if it were not for Juli's investment of her passion and experience.”

Buehler said that she was “appreciative of all the many opportunities WLUK-TV and Sinclair Media (the parent company of WLUK), have afforded me. It has been an incredible journey with colleagues who have become lifelong friends and newsroom adventures that are lifelong memories. This career has been a gift.”

In a previous role, Buehler also wrote and produced for the Voice of America, based

in Washington, D.C. She also worked as a reporter and anchor at television newsrooms in Rochester, Minn., and Eau Claire, and as a producer in New Haven, Conn.

“Under Juli Buehler's leadership, the content creation teams of WLUK-TV embarked on many Northeast Wisconsin 'firsts,' from launching the market-leading four-and-a-half hour morning news program, ‘Good Day Wisconsin,’ to network affiliation changes, Super Bowl coverage, national political conventions and lifestyle programs. She was an integral part of the team that created FOX 11 Packers Family Night, along with the football organization, as well as advising on the purchase of a property across from Lambeau Field, now known as the FOX 11 Field House. She has served on the executive board of the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association and played a part in advocating for access and transparency between elected officials, the court system and journalists.”

Buehler's last day with the station will be May 30.

OBITUARIES



Anthony “Tony” Schultz Anthony “Tony” Schultz, 86, Green Bay resident passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at home with her family by her side. Friends and family may call at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St., on Friday March 14, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation continues Saturday March 15, 2025, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 2040 Hillside Ln, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Adam Bradley officiating.



Jean Price, 93, Green Bay, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, March 9, 2025. The daughter of the late Lawrence and Alma (Huempfer) Boehm was born on May 20, 1931. Friends may call at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1484 Ninth St., from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. at the church. Entombment will be in Allouez Mausoleum. To view full obituary or send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com. A memorial fund has been established in Jean's name. Special thanks to the staff at Woodside Lutheran Nursing Home and Unity Hospice for their sincere, compassionate care given to Jean.

Anthony J. “Motor” Sponholtz

Anthony J. “Motor” Sponholtz, 70, Two Rivers resident, passed away on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Aurora Medical Center. Private services will be held at a later date. To send online condolences visit www.prokwall.com

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Algoma

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Algoma Housing Authority in Algoma, Wisconsin hereby advertises a 45-day comment period beginning March 2 through April 15, 2024 for the public to review and comment on the following proposed document: Five Year Plan for 2025-2029 Capital Fund Program (CFP), . For further information about the documents, contact Algoma Housing Authority at (920) 487-5905. Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP

Howard

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The Village of Howard Board of Trustees has received the following renewal 2025-2026 Class B beer and liquor license applications: Establishment Applicant

Avenue Bar LLC 1745 Velp Ave Green bay Steven J. Van Straten River’s Bend 792 Riverview Dr. Green Bay Courtney Becerril Symba’s Pub & Grill 2334 Velp Ave Green Bay Benjamin Symes

The Village Board will consider the license applications on March 24th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. All license applications are open to public inspection from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am at Howard’s Village Hall, 2456 Glendale Avenue.

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SECTION 00 11 13 MARCH 7, 2025 – MARCH 14, 2025 CITY OF DE PERE ADVERTISEMENT TO BID PROJECT 25-02 NORTHEAST STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY RELAY

Online bids will be received and accepted for Project 25-02 Northeast Street Reconstruction and Utility Relay via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, March 27, 2025, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud. Project 25-02 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities: • 250 LF New and Relay Sanitary Sewer (8-inch) and Associated Appurtenances • 1,750 LF New and Relay Storm Sewer (8-inch to 24-inch) and Associated Appurtenances • 2,000 LF Relay Water Main (8-Inch) and Associated Appurtenances • New Storm Lateral Installation (6-Inch), Relay Sanitary Sewer Laterals (4-inch and 6-inch) and Relay Water Services (1-Inch) • 2,200 Tons Asphaltic Concrete Pavement • 4,500 CY of Crushed Aggregate Base Course of Salvaged Pulverized Asphaltic Concrete Pavement • 5,650 CY Unclassified Excavation • 5,700 LF Slip Form Curb and Gutter • Concrete Pavement, Sidewalk, and Driveway Replacement • Restoration • Traffic Control

Complete digital project bidding documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at [www.QuestCDN.com](#) or may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works. Digital plan documents may be downloaded for \$22 by inputting Quest project #9404087 on Quest’s Project Search page. Project documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN

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which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. Bidders will be charged an additional fee of \$42 to submit a bid electronically. The QuestCDN website can also be accessed through the City website at [www.deperewi.gov/projects](#) or by pressing the *Projects* icon at the bottom of any City website page. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](#) for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages.The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the Director of Public Works. Such forms shall be filed with the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, March 24, 2025. Prospective bidders who have previously submitted such forms subsequent to January 1, 2025 will not be required to separately submit such forms for this project. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interest of the City of De Pere. Dated this 7th day of March 2025. Board of Public Works City of De Pere Eric Rakers, P.E. City Engineer Project 25-02 Publish 03.07.25 & 03.14.25 WNAXLP

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SECTION 00 11 13 MARCH 7, 2025 – MARCH 14, 2025 CITY OF DE PERE ADVERTISEMENT TO BID PROJECT 25-05 SIDEWALK AND CURB REPAIRS

Online bids will be received and accepted for Project 25-05 Sidewalk and Curb Repairs via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, March 27, 2025, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud. Project 25-05 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities: • 2,800 SY of concrete and colored concrete sidewalk, driveway, and ramp removal and replacement (4-inch to 8-inch). • 350 SY of new concrete sidewalk installation (4-inch and 6-inch) Complete digital project bidding documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at [www.QuestCDN.com](#) or may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works. Digital plan documents may be downloaded for \$22 by inputting Quest project #9404102 on Quest’s Project

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Search page. Project documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. Bidders will be charged an additional fee of \$42 to submit a bid electronically. The QuestCDN website can also be accessed through the City website at [www.deperewi.gov/projects](#) or by pressing the *Projects* icon at the bottom of any City website page. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](#) for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages. The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the Director of Public Works. Such forms shall be filed with the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, March 24, 2025. Prospective bidders who have previously submitted such forms subsequent to January 1, 2025 will not be required to separately submit such forms for this project. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interest of the City of De Pere. Dated this 7th day of March, 2025. Board of Public Works City of De Pere Eric Rakers, P.E. City Engineer Project 25-05 Publish 03.07.25 & 03.14.25 WNAXLP

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SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Howard 1336 Cornell Road Green Bay, WI 54313-8923 Sealed bids for the [Hillsdale Court Utility and Roadway](#). [Construction](#) will be received by the Village of Howard at the Public Works Facility, 1336 Cornell Road, Green Bay, WI 54313-8923, until [Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 1:30 P.M., CT](#), and shall include the following approximate quantities: 1,200 L.F. - Sanitary Sewer 1,700 L.F. - Watermain 2,500 L.F. - Storm Sewer 850 Ton - Asphalt Pavement 14,100 C.Y. - Excavation & Grading 8,000 Ton - Base Course 3,500 L.F. - Concrete Curb & Gutter 21,000 S.F. - Concrete Sidewalk The project is scheduled to be completed by [October, 2025](#) Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Bidding Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions,

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Bid Bond, Agreement, Payment and Performance Bonds, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Addenda, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations: Issuing Office: Village of Howard Public Works Facility 1336 Cornell Road Green Bay, WI 54313 (920)434-4060 Bidding and the award of work will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 61.55 and 66.0901. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid bond or certified check equivalent to 5% of the maximum proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive or not waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal, which they deem most favorable to the interest of the Owner. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 150 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](#). Bidders shall download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting [Quest project #9588602](#) on the website’s Project Search. Please contact QuestCND.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](#) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. No paper plan sets will be provided. Please contact us at 920-434-4060 if you have any questions. Josh Gerrits, P.E. Village Engineer Publication Date: 03/14/2025 Publication Date: 03/21/2025 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that on **Monday, March 24, 2025**, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard, a public hearing will be held by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of De Pere to act on the local historic designation changing from historic site to historic structure at the following property: **Parcel ED-752 at 403 N Broadway ST**, approximately 0.0 feet northwest from the N Broadway ST and Cass ST intersection. The public may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor City Hall, 335 S Broadway ST, De Pere WI) or electronically. Electronic or telephonic access to the meeting is below: Computer/smart phone accessing [https://www.gotomeet.me/DePere](#) OR dial by phone: United States (Toll Free): 1-866 899-4679 United States: +1 (312) 757-3117 Access Code: 154-883-285. **A map of the proposed historic structure is available by emailing Peter Schleinz at [pschleinz@deperewi.gov](#).** Dated this 14th day of March, 2025. BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Ald. Jonathon Hansen Historic Preservation Commission Chair Carey E. Danen City Clerk Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP

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Final Minutes Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:30 PM Council Chambers & Virtual

The following is a summary of actions taken at the 11/19/24 Common Council meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Clerk’s office at 335 S Broadway, De Pere WI or online at [www.deperecitywi.igmp2.com/Citizens/Default.asp](#) 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd. Present were Aids. Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kundingner, Ledvina, Perock, & Quigley. 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 3. Approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2024 Common Council meeting. Motion Carpenter second Ledvina **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** 4. Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for calendar year 2025. A. Presentation of 2025 Budget. B. Notice of Public Hearing. C. Approval of proposed 2025 Budget. Motion Hansen second Kundingner **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** D. Resolution #24-97 Adoption of Tax Levy for City Purposes to Support the 2025 Budget. Motion Ledvina second Quigley **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]** 5. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. \$6-3(f) DPMC 6. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to Approve Replacement of Existing Interstate 41 sign. Motion Perock second Gantz **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]** 7. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to Increase sale price for City-owned Property in Business Parks. Motion Gantz second Perock **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** 8. Recommendation from the License Committee on a request by Tamara Jandrain to appear regarding the denial of her operator license application. Motion Carpenter second Gantz **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** 9. Recommendation from the License Committee on an application for Change of Agent for St. Norbert College, Inc., 100 Grant St. Motion Carpenter second Perock **APPROVED [7 TO 0] with Kundingner abstaining [UNANIMOUS]** 10. Resolution #24-98 Authorizing Long-Term Advance to Water Utility Fund from Wastewater and General Funds. Motion Ledvina second Gantz **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]** 11. Resolution #24-99 Authorizing First Amendment to Development Agreement (Amerilux Holdings, LLC - 2000 Commerce Drive; Parcel No. ED-3103). Motion Hansen second Gantz **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]** 12. Resolution #24-100 Approving School of Nursing Practicum Site Agreement with Rasmussen College, LLC. Motion Quigley second Gantz **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]** 13. Resolution #24-101 Approving Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University. Motion Ledvina second Carpenter **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]** 14. Resolution #24-102 Approving Data Use Agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the City of De Pere Health Department for emPower Program. Motion Perock second Hansen

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ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

15. Future agenda items. 16. Consideration and Possible Action on Excessive Assessment Litigation with Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust for 1415 Lawrence Drive (Parcel No. WD-D0011-1). Motion Carpenter second Gantz to close the meeting at 8:30 PM. [ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS] Motion Gantz second Quigley to open the meeting at 8:24 PM. [ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS] 17. Adjournment. Motion Carpenter second Quigley to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. [UNANIMOUS] Respectfully submitted, City Clerk Carey Danen Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP

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Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 6, 2024 7:30 PM Council Chambers & Virtual

The following is a summary of actions taken at the 11/6/24 Common Council meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Clerk’s office at 335 S Broadway, De Pere WI or online at [www.deperecitywi.igmp2.com/Citizens/Default.asp](#) 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd. Present were Aids. Carpenter, Eserkaln, Gantz, Hansen, Kundingner, Ledvina, Perock, & Quigley. 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 3. Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2024 Common Council meeting. Motion Carpenter second Gantz **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** 4. Public Hearing to Act on the Vacation of a Portion of a Public Thoroughfare (Right-of-Way Discontinuance at 2000 Commerce Drive and 2051 Profit Place). A. Notice of Public Hearing. B. Recommendation from Plan Commission. C. Resolution #24-80 Regarding the Vacation of a Portion of a Public Thoroughfare (Right-of-Way Discontinuance at 2000 Commerce Drive and 2051 Profit Place adjacent to Parcels ED-3103 and ED-2382). Motion Carpenter second Gantz **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]** 5. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. \$6-3(f) DPMC 6. Consideration and Possible Action to accept Donation from De Pere Baseball in the amount of \$23,680 to improve Kelly Danen and Southwest Baseball Diamonds. Motion Ledvina second Kundingner **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]** 7. Recommendation from the Business Improvement District Board to approve the De Pere Business Improvement District 2025 Operating Plan. Motion Hansen second Gantz **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]** 8. Recommendation from Plan Commission to approve an extraterritorial 2-lot certified survey map at 1845 Williams Grant DR in Lawrence (Parcel L-169-1). Motion Carpenter second Quigley **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]** 9. Consideration and Possible Action on Employment Agreement for De Pere City Manager Kimberly T. Flom. Motion Ledvina second Kundingner **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]** 10. Consideration and Possible Action on Second Amendment to Employment Agreement for City Administrator/Manager

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Lawrence Delo. Motion Carpenter second Gantz APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] 11. Ordinance #24-23 Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials for the City of De Pere (2026-2029). Motion Perock second Gantz ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [7 TO 1] with Hansen voting nay 12. Resolution #24-93 Approving Partial Release of Utility Easements (2051 Profit Place and 2000 Commerce Drive; Parcels ED-2382 and ED-3103). Motion Carpenter second Gantz ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] 13. Resolution #24-94 Approving Utility Easement (2051 Profit Place and 2000 Commerce Drive; ED-2382 and ED-3103). Motion Perock second Gantz ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] 14. Resolution #24-95 Approving Grant of Stormwater Access and Maintenance Easement (Parcel No. ED-344-101-5; 1862 Commerce Drive). Motion Carpenter second Hansen ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] 15. Appointment to Board of Health and Reappointment to Police & Fire Commission by Mayor Boyd. Motion Ledvina second Kunderinger APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 16. Future agenda items. 17. Walmart Excessive Litigation – Brown County Case Nos. 2023 CV 990 & 2024 CV 1100. Motion Carpenter second Gantz to enter closed session at 7:47 PM. [ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS] Motion Ledvina second Gantz to open the meeting at 8:07 PM. [ROLL CALL UNANIMOUS] 18. Adjournment. Motion Quigley second Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. [UNANIMOUS] Respectfully submitted, City Clerk Carey Danen Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP	

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License Committee Regular Meeting Final Minutes Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:30 PM Council Chambers & Virtual The following is a summary of actions taken at the 11/19/24 License Committee meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Clerk's office at 335 S Broadway, De Pere WI or online at http://depercitywi.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.asp 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Alderperson Carpenter. Present were Aids. Carpenter, Gantz, & Perock, City Attorney Tony Wachewicz and City Clerk Carey Danen. 2. Approval of the minutes of the October 1, 2024 License Committee meeting. Motion Carpenter second Gantz APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 3. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the License Committee. §6-3(f) DPMC 4. Request by Tamara Jandrain to appear before the License Committee regarding the denial of her operator license application.* Motion Carpenter second Perock to open the meeting. [UNANIMOUS] The applicant answered Committee members' questions. Motion Carpenter second Gantz to close the meeting. [UNANIMOUS] Motion Carpenter second Gantz APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 5. Application for Change of Agent for St. Norbert College, Inc., 100 Grant St.* Motion Carpenter second Perock APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] 6. Discussion on "Class B" liquor license quota and number of licenses available. 7. Future agenda items. 8. Adjournment. Motion Carpenter second Gantz to	

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adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. [UNANIMOUS] Respectfully submitted, City Clerk Carey Danen Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP	
Howard-Suamico WNAXLP Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 10, 2025 Present: Greg Klimek, Scott Jandrin, Vanessa Moran, Allen McGuire, Amy Rubright, Rachelle Paulsen, and Jessica Gagan, Student Representative Excused: Chrissy Amtmann, Heidi Wustrack, Student Representative Also Present: Mark Smith, Mike Juech, Kimberly Uelmen, Elisia Lewis, Jennie Garceau, Chad Buboltz President Greg Klimek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Allen McGuire to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken on the motion; 6 -YES; MOTION CARRIED. Recognition of Bay Port High School 2025 State Football Champions Scott Jandrin recognized the Bay Port High School state championship football team and coaches for their contribution to our school district community. Consent Agenda - A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to approve the consent agenda, including minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 27, 2025, approval of vouchers and invoices in the amount of \$4,012,476.67 through February 10, 2025; retirement of Michele Nigbur, Christine Utrie, and John Vandermause. A vote was taken on the motion; 6 -YES; MOTION CARRIED. Reports Administrative Superintendent E-3 Graduate Profile Portfolio Exhibition – Supt. Mark Smith introduced Amanda Waldo, Director of Teaching & Learning who gave an introduction and overview of Ends Policy E-3, Graduate Profile Portfolio Exhibition. The exhibition featured students and teachers from all K-12 buildings, providing a window into the district's commitment to fostering college, career, and life readiness skills through our Graduate Profile. Each group shared their learning journeys through the portfolio expedition from initial implementation to installation and exploration. During the 30 minute learning walk Board members were able to engage with students and teachers as they demonstrated their Graduate Profile skills. Supt. Mark Smith concluded the exhibition by thanking parents, students, and staff for sharing their skills and time. 4K Full Day Pilot Informational Update – Asst. Supt. Chad Buboltz and Jane Delcore, Director of Teaching & Learning provided an informational update on the 2024-25 Full Day 4K Pilot process. They shared academic data and examples of daily schedules, school-based 4K experiences, survey outcomes, and next steps in planning for the 2025-26 school year. Board CESA 7 Report – Amy Rubright shared legislative updates. Public Policy Correspondent Report – Vanessa Moran shared a brief update for an upcoming public hearing for a proposed cell phone bill. Student Representatives to the Board – Jessica Gagan provided updates from across the district including the mock trial team finished first at regionals, boys swim team won their ninth straight conference, Bay Port Student Council hosted the Snoball Dance, HSSD music festival showcased students from band, choir and orchestra and the Bay Port dance team placed third in Pom and sixth	

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in Kick at the state tournament. Board President Governance Process GP-10 Conflict of Interest Monitoring Report – A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Allen McGuire to approve GP-10 Conflict of Interest Monitoring Report at level 1, in full compliance. A vote was taken on the motion; 7 -YES; MOTION CARRIED. Community Conversation Updates Debrief Faculty and Staff – The Board discussed feedback from the Faculty & Staff community conversation held January 27, 2025 in the District Office Community Training Center. Bay Port Student Linkage – Board members reviewed questions for the upcoming community conversation on February 12, 2025 at Bay Port High School. Legislative/Advocacy – Scheduled for Monday, March 10, 7:45-9:00 a.m. at the District Office Training Center with elected and village officials. Vanessa Moran will serve as the facilitator. Draft questions were discussed. Post-Secondary Education - Discussed a possible community conversation with Bellin College in April. Business Professionals/Workforce Development – Discussed a possible community conversation with HSBPA in May. Review Broadcast Communication Article – February and Discuss March Article – The Board reviewed the February Broadcast Communication article for The Press – Give Big Green Bay. The Board discussed drafting an article in March focusing on the Graduate Profile and learning walk experience. Discuss Process for Filling Student Representative to the Board – President Greg Klimek went over the paperwork and timeline for the application process for the two year appointment as Student Representative to the Board. Upcoming Events - Board members discussed upcoming events. March Board Meeting agenda items – The Board reviewed the agenda planning calendar. Board Meeting/District Highlights – The Board shared feedback. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. A vote was taken on the motion; 7 -YES; MOTION CARRIED. Respectfully submitted, Kim McDougal, Recording Secretary Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP	
Howard-Suamico WNAXLP Special Board of Education Meeting/Linkage – February 12, 2025 Present: Greg Klimek, Amy Rubright, Scott Jandrin, Jessica Gagan, Heidi Wustrack Also Present: Mark Smith, Jennie Garceau, Michael Juech, Chad Buboltz, Kimberly Uelmen, Elisia Lewis President Greg Klimek called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken on the motion; 3- YES; MOTION CARRIED. Community Conversation with Bay Port Students - Board members conducted an informal conversation with 15 students. The conversation focused on student wellness, meaningful classroom learning experiences and post-secondary preparedness. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. A vote was taken on the motion; 3-YES; MOTION CARRIED. Respectfully submitted, Kim McDougal, Recording Secretary Publish 03.14.25 WNAXLP	

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NOTICE CITY OF SEYMOUR RESIDENTS ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE Notice is hereby given that the below ordinance has been adopted. ORDINANCE 2025-103 Amending Section 74-152(d) (1)(2)(a) – Sewer User Fee THE FULL ORDINANCE CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT www.cityofseymourwi.org under News & Announcements – read all, OR a copy is available in the City Clerk's Office. Dated this 14th day of March 2025 Christy Stover Clerk-Treasurer Publish March 14, 2025 WNAXLP	
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Auctions 7282	
STORAGE UNIT FOR AUCTION: John Parry Storage Units 251 & 252 for auction located at 3410 Delmar Ln. Green Bay, WI. Auctions will be held online at www.storageauctions.com concluding on 03/27/2025 at 1PM. Pleasant Valley 715-226-6200	
Sporting Goods 7260	
GUN SHOW: March 14-16, 2025 Washington County Fairgrounds, 3000 Hwy PV. West Bend, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. \$8 (Under 14 FREE) 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com	
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The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times to be highlighted each week for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www.packer-shofandtours.com. If you would like to donate Green Bay Packers memorabilia to the Packers Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com. A Green Bay Packers and New York Giants split helmet, autographed by 15 players from the 1960s. **Katie Foust photo**

UWGB from page 15 and Jasmine Kondrakiewicz each tallied 10 points. Maddy Schreiber, who earned All-Tournament honors, scored nine points. Bailey Butler chipped in with another 9 points. Green Bay has won at least 27 games in three straight seasons, and its 29 wins this season are the most since the 2017-18 season. Green Bay will attempt to win its 30th game of the season for the first time since the 2011-12 campaign in the NCAA tournament. Purdue Fort Wayne (25-8) was paced by Sydney Freeman's 18 points. McNeal was able to clamp down on PFW's leading scorer, Lauren Ross, and hold her to just five points on 2-of-8 shooting.	
How it happened The Phoenix got off to a hot start, jumping out to an 11-5 lead after a McNeal mid-range jumper. PFW clawed back and knotted the game at 17 apiece after a triple from Ross. Genke would end the opening frame with a triple, and the Phoenix took a 22-19 lead into the second quarter. A see-saw battle continued leading into the halftime break. Midway through the stanza, Schreiber drilled a deep three to give Green Bay a 33-31 lead. Purdue Fort Wayne reclaimed the	
Game notes Green Bay dominated the boards, outrebounding PFW 36-20. Green Bay had 16 second-chance points, while PFW had one. The Phoenix continued its dominance in the paint, racking up 36 points in the lane. Kondrakiewicz and McNeal tied for a team-high eight rebounds.	
Up next Green Bay will find out who it plays in the first round of the NCAA Tournament this Sunday at 7 p.m. on ESPN's Selection Show. Details about a watch party will be released in the near future.	

Tritons secure runner-up place at State Tournament

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

MIDDLETON – After a successful season and a hard-fought battle, the Notre Dame Academy Tritons (19-9) secured a second place finish at the WIAA boys hockey State Tournament, falling 5-2 to the Madison Edgewood Crusaders (23-6).

“I thought Edgewood did a really good job setting the pace early in the first period. They’re a good team. When you win 17 straight games, there’s a reason for it,” said Tritons Head Coach Mike Szkodzinski.

“The puck didn’t happen to go in for us tonight, and it stings.”

Several close calls early on forced the defending State champ Tritons to recognize the battle ahead of them from the Crusaders.

Just 3 minutes into the game, a Crusaders shot made it past Triton keeper Anton Widas, but luck was on the Tritons’ side as the puck stopped inches before clearing the goal line and was sent out of the danger zone by Captain Nathan Antti.

“I’m super proud of our team this year,” said Antti.

“We had a good run. We played two very hard teams this year to get here.”

Owen Atkinson’s early power play goal put the Tritons out front with 13:05 remaining in the first period.

Shortly after, a Triton broken stick chased chaos by net but Notre Dame survived as Widas held strong in the net.

A strong offensive press by the Crusaders had the Tritons battling on defense to retain their lead through much of the first period.

Widas stayed strong in the net facing several shots 10 minutes into the game.

However, a shot by the Crusaders’ Owen Koch from close range bested Wi-

das and rifled into the back of the net for the equalizer with just 1:33 remaining in the first period.

A competitive matchup, the game continued into the second period with an unassisted go-ahead goal from the Crusaders’ Davis Halbleib on a breakaway just 2 minutes into play.

Widas saw another 1v1 immediately after as the Tritons defense scrambled to recover, but was able to keep the shot out of the net.

The Tritons continued with their offensive press, gaining several opportunities in front of the net but struggling to finish at the hands of a tireless Crusader defensive line.

A shot and a 1v1 opportunity by Ian Aitken with just under 6 minutes of play in the period let the Crusaders know the Tritons were still in the game and on the hunt to defend their title.

Atkinson of the Tritons kept the high stakes game physical — yet, his 2 minute roughing penalty sent the Crusaders on a power play that would keep them out in front.

With 50 seconds remaining on the power play, Thomas lost his stick and the power play proved detrimental to the Tritons as they would face several shots over the next few seconds, one by Owen Porter resulting in a goal and a 2 goal deficit for the Tritons.

The score remained 3-1 at the end of the second period.

“We always get doubted that the year after (a State title) we’re not going to be as good. We play a hard schedule, so our record may not look as good, but we’re a playoff team. We develop over the season and we peak at the right times. I’m just proud of our team and how we stuck it out and just kept going,” said Thomas.



Notre Dame Academy Tritons Head Coach Mike Szkodzinski comforts Drew Heil after an all-out effort and heartbreaking loss in their WIAA State Final 5-2 loss. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**

In a deflating moment for the Tritons, another goal by the Crusaders’ Koch with 13:36 on the clock now put them down by 3 as the score turned 4-1.

In a final offensive press, the Tritons pulled Widas out of the net with 3:30 on the clock.

Crusaders Forward Halbleib was sent to the penalty box for holding, resulting in a power play goal 14 seconds later by Andrew Ostermann, assisted by Drew Heil and Atkinson.

A 4-2 score seemed promising, but with just 1:24 left in the game, the Crusaders lengthened their lead to 5-2 with another Halbleib goal.

Heil had an opportunity to lessen the lead when a scramble in front of the net led to a defensive crease

infraction, awarding him a penalty shot, but was not able to find the back of the net.

The Crusaders held strong for the final 48 seconds to secure the 5-2 win over the Notre Dame Academy Tritons.

“I think the definition of character is how you bounce back from things when they don’t go your way, and it didn’t go our way today. It’s not from a lack of effort. It’s not from a lack of care or passion. It just didn’t go our way. I mean — this is a sport. This happens. What matters is how we bounce back,” said Szkodzinski.

The Tritons were ultimately outshot 29-26.

Widas and Crusaders Goalie Hayden Reuhl each had 24 saves on the night.



Triton Keegan McCarron surveys the ice for a pass in their WIAA State Final game on Saturday, March 8.

Headed to the big dance!

Green Bay goes back-to-back, defeats PFW

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. – Back. To. Back. The Green Bay women’s basketball team is Horizon League Tournament Champions once again after defeating Purdue Fort Wayne 76-53 on Tuesday afternoon.

The Phoenix (29-5) won its 22nd consecutive game behind another sensational postseason performance from Natalie McNeal, who racked up 26 points to lead all players. Her performance was good enough to earn Tournament MVP, an award she earned last season as well. She is the first-ever Horizon League women’s basketball player to collect consecutive Tournament MVP awards. Callie Genke



The Phoenix women’s basketball team has clinched the Horizon League Championship with a win over Purdue Fort Wayne for their trip to the March Madness Tournament for the second consecutive season. **Green Bay Athletics graphic**

Crosby to retire with Packers

BY JOHN CRAEMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER/
PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – Kicker Mason Crosby officially retired as a Green Bay Packers player Friday, March 7th, during a press conference held at Lambeau Field. In attendance were friends and family of Crosby to include his wife Molly and five children.

“So, it’s a pleasure to be here this afternoon as Mason Crosby officially retires as a Green Bay Packer,” Green Bay Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy exclaimed. “Mason was drafted by the Packers in the sixth round in the 2007 draft with a 193rd overall pick. He was always reliable over the course of his 16 seasons with the Packers.

“He played in a franchise record 258 consecutive regular season games and 23 postseason contests. Mason is the Packers franchise leader in points scored, 1,918; field goals, 395; 50-yard field goals... 50 is the old, 60 is now the 50. He had 43 50-yard field goals and extra points 733.

“His 1939 points, he did have 21 for the Giants so that got him a little higher. If you do the math, so that’s 11th most in NFL history. Also, he was a great leader in the locker room and was well respected by his teammates.”



Former Green Bay Packers Kicker Mason Crosby announced that he will be retiring as a Packers player. **John Craemer photo**

Murphy continued speaking about Crosby and his wife’s contribution to the community. “They were strong supporters. Their contributions off the field were just as impactful as his on the field. The work they did for the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation down

in the Milwaukee area was phenomenal and then the Make-A-Wish Foundation.” “This organization, this community, my friends, my family, and something that I learned as a young man and a kid is the importance of what comes first, right?” Crosby began.

“Faith, family, football. Vince Lombardi said it. My dad, my parents said it. That’s kind of how I was raised.” Crosby said he needed some faith when he was drafted in 2007. “Alright, let’s look at the map. Where’s Green Bay, Wis-

consin? Let’s make sure that I know where I’m headed, what’s going on.” “I look at my brother here. He was probably the most excited in our whole family whenever I got that 9-2-0 call because he was a diehard Packers fan, what, since kindergarten? Since

kindergarten.” “That was 18 years ago, which is wild to think about. Faith through the highest of highs in this building, in this community, and through some very low moments. But because of this community, because we have some friends here in the room too that are lifelong friends that we have from Green Bay. “I couldn’t have gotten through all of that without my faith.” Crosby spoke next about the importance of family, “So kind of the next aspect, family. Got a lot of family here, pretty much everybody. My dad and my mom, I want to say just thanks. Thanks for raising me the right way.” Crosby later thanked his wife and five children, “Christine, Felicity, Charlotte, Elizabeth and Nolan, our only boy. Sorry, buddy.” He continued by thanking numerous Packer coaches and staff to include the late Ted Thompson. He then joked, “I’d be remiss if I didn’t, you know, thank Aaron [Rogers] for, you know, getting me in position to score all those points.” He also did not miss a chance to express gratitude to the team’s supporters. “Football is nothing without fans,” he said. “This place is special. I can’t say enough.”

Green Knights win overtime thriller against Adrian College, advance to national tournament

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – For the first time in a dozen years, the St. Norbert College Women’s Hockey team is returning to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. Tristan Wicklund’s goal 14 minutes into sudden-death overtime lifted the Green Knights to a 3-2 victory over Adrian College in the Slaats Cup Finals in front of a packed house at the Resch Olympic Pavilion on March 8.

The victory helped St. Norbert clinch both the regular season and post-season Northern Collegiate Hockey Association titles.

St. Norbert (24-4-1), ranked No. 10 in the USCHO.com Division III poll, won its second-ever conference tournament title and clinched its second-ever bid to the national tournament.

Wicklund’s goal came on a five-on-three power play after Adrian took a high-sticking penalty, followed by an unsportsmanlike call. “We knew when Adrian got called for the two penalties, we had to take advantage of it,” Wicklund said. “We wanted to keep the puck moving — it was kind of a bang-bang play, and that’s what we worked on in practice.”

After a scoreless opening period, St. Norbert went up 1-0 when Claire Healy scored on the power play 19 seconds into the second pe-



The St. Norbert College Women’s Hockey team defeated Adrian College 3-2 on March 8 in overtime. The victory gave the Green Knights an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III National Tournament. **Rich Palzewic photo**

riod off assists from Wicklund and Natalie Hogan. The Bulldogs tied the game 1-1 later in the second period, setting up an exciting final frame. Things looked bleak for the Green Knights after Adrian took a 2-1 lead with less than three minutes remaining in the game, only to see N. Hogan score with 57.3 seconds showing on the clock to tie the contest. N. Hogan’s goal came after St. Norbert pulled goalie Kiera Markell for the extra attacker. N. Hogan had two assists to go along with her goal,

while Wicklund and Court-nie Hogan each had two points. Markell was stout in net, recording 36 saves for St. Norbert. “I’m so proud of the girls,” St. Norbert Assistant Coach Ally Johnson said. “I thought we played with heart and stuck to the game plan. Any time you have a five-on-three power play, the mentality is you have to score — we were fortunate to do so.” All three St. Norbert-Adrian games this season were decided in overtime.



The St. Norbert College Men’s Hockey team recorded a 7-4 victory over Adrian College on March 8 to secure the automatic bid into the NCAA Division III National Tournament. **Rich Palzewic photo**

St. Norbert Men’s Hockey returning to national tournament

BY RICH PALZEWIC
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DE PERE – The St. Norbert College Men’s Hockey team is again heading back to the NCAA Division III National Tournament after a 7-4 win over Adrian College at the Cornerstone Community Center on March 8. The Green Knights (23-5-1), ranked No. 4 in the USCHO.com Division III Poll, earned the automatic bid into the national tournament by winning the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Harris Cup Finals over the No. 9 Bulldogs. After Adrian took a 1-0 lead late in the opening period, St. Norbert scored three goals in the second period to take a commanding 3-1 lead. Carter Hottmann scored on the power play three minutes into the period before the Green Knights scored a

pair of goals late in the period. Calvin Hanson and Byron Hartley scored goals 27 seconds apart for the two-goal lead. Hartley’s tally came with one second remaining on the clock. St. Norbert went up 5-1 on Gustav Portillo and Curtis Hammond tallies, only to see Adrian (18-10-1) make things interesting. The Bulldogs scored three consecutive goals in an eight-minute span to pull within 5-4, but a pair of empty-netters by Hottmann and Liam Fraser sealed the game for the Green Knights. Goalie Hunter Garvey made 18 saves in net for St. Norbert. “I don’t think either coaching staff would have told you this game would end with a 7-4 score,” St. Norbert Coach Tim Coghlin

said. “I thought it would be a one-goal game and a tight game. We had to chase the game a little bit when Adrian scored first, but I liked our resolve in the second period when we popped in three quick ones.” After the Green Knights took the 5-1 lead, Coghlin said his squad “probably relaxed a bit too much.” “There are a few plays we’d like to have back — we’ll take a look at the film — but Adrian is a really good team,” he said. The victory for St. Norbert marked the third time Coghlin’s team beat the Bulldogs this season. “Adrian has a bunch of proud seniors and has a lot of NCAA experience,” Coghlin said. “I’m really proud of my guys. It was a fun game in front of a nice crowd.”

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Julianne Bradford, De Pere High School, hockey, golf, softball

Parents’ names: Katie and Andy Bradford
Siblings: Claire Bradford (20)
Position or events: Hockey - forward
Instagram: @jgbradford6
Career Highlight: 2x WIAA Girls Hockey State Champion as a captain

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

Six years old.
How were you introduced to the sport?

My dad’s family is a hockey family. He played and coached at St. Norbert College. He put my sister and I both in skates when we were little and the hockey rink became our second home!

Has this always been your favorite sport?

Yes — I always loved being at the rink. Hockey weekends were always my favorite and the winter seasons seemed to fly by. I have known for a while that I wanted hockey to be a part of the next chapter of my life.

Outside of sports, do you have any hobbies or extracurriculars you enjoy?

Practicing, playing and training as a three-sport athlete keeps me pretty

busy. In my little free time, I enjoy spending time with my sister and going shopping. I enjoy working out, reading, golfing with friends, going to concerts and traveling as well.

How do you balance your time between school, practice and other commitments?

School is always the top priority in my family. With both of my parents working in education, I have been taught to value my time at school.

As a person and an athlete, how do you think you’ve grown throughout highschool?

I have noticed a tremendous development in my leadership skills. Being named an assistant captain on the hockey team as an underclassman my sophomore year forced me to step up into a role I wasn’t super confident in. However, I had many role models to look up to and I was quickly able to find out what kind of leader I did, and didn’t, want to be. I would now say empathy and understanding paired with organizational skills and maturity are the most important qualities in leadership.

What about your sport motivates you and drives your passion?

The idea of being a part



Bradford

of something bigger drives my passion for hockey. The way our team has become a family inspires me to want to show up and work hard. Especially this year, we not only played with each other, we played for each other. We push each other to get better every day, we hold each other accountable,

and we are there to support one another through the highs and lows. My teammates are my best friends and I know our bond will last even after we all move on.

Do you have a favorite memory or experience from your high school sport?

Winning State is every young athlete’s dream. I am lucky to have experienced this twice, one of which was with my older sister by my side. These experiences are priceless and the memories will stick with me forever.

Do you have a specific ritual to get pumped before a game?

I love going for a quick run outside after our team stretches before I put my gear on. Especially when it’s cold this gets my heart racing and my blood pumping.

Favorite pump up song before a game?

We listen to “Rise” by Katy Perry to dial in and get hype for every game.

Do you have a favorite beverage to drink during a game? (Gatorade, Powerade, Water)

Gatorade Zero.
Is there someone, close or famous, that motivates you?

My parents have been my biggest motivators since day one. They push me to be my best and support me in any decision I make. I owe much of my success to them and their dedication to my athletics throughout my childhood.

Has anyone, coach or teammate, been a big influence in your athletic career?

Coach Dave Kinsler has had a huge impact on my hockey career. He gave me the opportunity to play for Team Wisconsin at a tier 1 level my 14u season. I learned so much from him that year and I gained tons of confidence as a player. He is one of the smartest people I know and I hold his opinions and advice to a high regard. If it wasn’t for my season with him in 2020, I wouldn’t be where I am today.

As you graduate, what is the biggest takeaway, academically or athletically, that you will carry with you as you venture on a new journey?

The biggest thing I will take with me these next few years is the importance of being a good person. I have learned that life is so much bigger than the small stressors of each day and the connections we make and the impressions we leave is what truly matters. Wherever life takes me, I will try my best to be a good person.

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

I am commuted to play hockey at UW Eau Claire where I will study Biology with Environmental Science.

Bellin Training Run quickly approaching

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Though many avid runners in the Green Bay area have begun their countdown to the big Bellin Run race day in June, there is a lot of work and preparation to be done in the coming weeks for everyone involved.

Bellin is facilitating one of their annual training runs on March 26, and said that they highly encourage anyone planning on participating in the Bellin Run to join in on the experience.

“Running and walking is just more fun when you can enjoy it with other like-minded people. You have Linda Maxwell that can let you know all the race updates and what is going on and then you have Jordan Klotz and myself as the running and strength training experts to help you with any training questions. Alongside us is the walk-in injury clinic staffed by our LAT’s for anyone that has an ache or pain to get checked out,” said Nate Vandervest, running specialist for Emplify Health.

Though some runners prefer to train on their own, that is most often easier said than done — even for some of the highest performing athletes, according to Vandervest.



“The biggest benefit is accountability. If I know a person or a group is depending on me to show up, I’m more likely to show up. If I am more likely to show up I become more consistent with my training which leads to results,” said Vandervest.

The training runs will allow participants access to predetermined routes that cater to their training needs for participating in the Bellin Run, whatever their expectations for themselves may be.

“We have two different distances (routes) to run each week. One route will follow the 5K training plan while the other follows the 10K training plan. All of our routes go through the community in areas where there is little to no traffic and it is very safe. We have plenty of veteran runners that can take the new runners under their wing and show them the ropes,” said Vandervest.

According to Vandervest,



The Bellin Run Training Run series begins on March 26. All prospective Bellin Run participants are welcome. Submitted photo

one of the most interesting benefits of participating in a Bellin training run transcends the physical aspects — it can actually be the sense of community that is formed among the runners from the local community.

“What attracts people most is other people,” said Vandervest.

“It’s hard to not encourage the other runners and

walkers that are here week after week. It’s an easy group to get to know and realize that we have plenty of things in common. Before you know it you might be getting together on other days of the week to run with the same people at the training runs.”

The training run on March 26, will allow runners to experience training in a

way that they can interact with other local runners and gage their physical fitness.

“The first one always feels a little like a reunion party. There is plenty of excitement in the air and lots of people catching up with one another. The distance for week one is minimal, if you can run or walk one mile you will fit right in. We want to encourage

everyone to come out and enjoy the first training run and then keep coming back week after week,” said Vandervest.

A full break down of the training run schedule, as well as other information such as nutrition and hydration information, can be found on the Bellin Run website at <https://www.bellinrun.com/train>.

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Addison Dahl retains possession of the puck in the Ice Bears’ State Final game. See full photo gallery online. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**



Abby Mommaerts goes in for a battle for the puck in their State Final game.

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first period brace with 5:21 remaining.

Despite the early lead, the Storm remained competitive as both teams traded hits, one leaving Bill slow to get back up on her skates at center ice with 3:30 left in the period.

Spiering’s stick save brought her to 3 saves by the end of the first period — a testament to the Ice Bears’ defensive tenacity.

Brunke ripped a shot to open the second period that was blocked by Storm Goalie Cami Flohr.

A one-on-one battle at the net led to a goal by Bill, assisted by Bradford and Brunke just 2:37 into the period to bring their lead to 3-0.

Bill and Bradford kept the offensive spark alive with a slew of ensuing shots on goal, continuing to test Flohr’s ability in the net.

With 6:45 left in the second period, Brunke sniped a shot from distance which was followed up by Bradford for a goal to bring the score to 4-0 going into the final period of play as the Ice Bears rounded out the last few minutes with a strong offensive press.

Despite their lead, the Ice Bears were determined to finish the game strong and bring home redemption for last year’s State Final loss.

“It was the talk of the locker room. That was one thing we would always look at. We wanted revenge on them,” said Bill. “I think that it pushed us to want it more this year and I think that showed with our depth and how close we are as a team.”

The final period would be a historical one for both Brunke and the Ice Bears.

The Storm kept the game physical despite facing a four goal deficit.

A Storm slap shot was snatched out of the air by Spiering with 9 minutes on the clock, keeping her shut-out alive.

A breakaway goal by Brunke, assisted by Ava McDonald, with 8:24 left in game continued the Ice Bears momentum.

Just one minute later, Lily Lyons netted her first goal of the game by tipping in a Hannah Von Hayden shot from distance.

With the 6 goal lead, the Ice Bears seemingly clinched their victory by securing a running clock for the remainder of the game.

Addison Gady’s assist to

Rachael Beek brought the lead to 7-0 in the final minutes.

A backhanded finish by Brunke — assisted by Bill and Bradford — secured the Ice Bears’ title-worthy 8-0 victory, as well as her fourth goal of the game.

“I don’t think we expected this. We just played our game and kept our foot on the gas. Hard work pays off,” said Brunke.

Though Brunke’s double-brace was a major part of the team’s victory, Brunke deflected all the credit to the entire team.

“I owe it all to my teammates and my linemates. I couldn’t do it without them. They give me the best passes,” said Brunke.

Spiering’s shutout amounted in 16 saves to Flohr’s 23.

The Ice Bears had 31 shots on goal to the Storm’s 16.

Buchan said that he could not be more proud of his experience with the Ice Bears this season and is thankful for thier respect on and off the ice.

“It was nice for me because it was a veteran group. I got to learn as much from them as they did from me,” said Buchan.

Ice Bears All-Conference Teams

Girls Hockey

First Team

Julianne Bradford
Emily Bill
Faye Brunke
Addison Dahl

Second Team

Ava McDonald

Honorable Mention

Reese Spiering

Scholar Athletes

Julianne Bradford

Emily Bill

Tiana Stindt

Briana Anundsen

Olympia Simons

Addison Gady

Claire Gerarden

Bay Conference All-Conference Teams

Girls Basketball

First Team

Ella Francois*, West De Pere, 2025, SG
Faith Walder*, West De Pere, 2025, PG
(*Unanimous)

Second Team

Jamaya Mariner, Green Bay East, 2025, G/F
Keira VanDeHei, Seymour, 2025, G
Madisyn Berggren, West De Pere, 2025, SF

Honorable Mention

Mia Racine, West De Pere, 2025, C

FRCC All-Conference Teams 2024-25

Girls basketball

First Team

Peyton Musial*, Notre Dame Academy, Senior
Melia Lemorande*, Bay Port, Junior
Gianna Guarascio, Ashwaubenon, Senior
Abby Tassoul, De Pere, Junior
Egan Bierowski, De Pere, Senior
Jaden Ciesielczyk, De Pere, Senior
(* Unanimous Selection)

Aspen Abel, Notre Dame Academy, Junior
Jada Raeder, Green Bay Preble, Senior
Olivia Sprangers, Pulaski, Junior

Honorable Mention

Kailynn Thompson, Bay Port, Freshman
Adeline Dwyer, De Pere, Sophomore
Aubree Fischer, De Pere, Sophomore
Destiny Webster, Notre Dame Academy, Junior
Brooklyn Lucassen, Green Bay Preble, Sophomore
Ashley Servais, Pulaski, Senior

Player of the Year: Peyton Musial, Notre Dame Academy, Senior
Coach of the Year: Jeremy Bouleau, De Pere

Second Team

Addy Phipps, Ashwaubenon, Senior
Olivia Williams, Bay Port, Sophomore

Defensive Team

Olivia Raye, Ashwaubenon,
Payton Dudra, Bay Port
Jaden Cieslecyyk, De Pere
Adeline Dwyer, De Pere

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Ice Bears weather the Storm to claim State title

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

MIDDLETON – The Bay Area Ice Bears (27-1) saw an 8-0 victory over defending State Champions Central Wisconsin Storm (23-6) in their WIAA State Hockey Final to claim their second State title in three years after last season’s runner-up finish.

The Ice Bears also broke a WIAA Tournament record for the biggest girls hockey State Final win since the inception of girls hockey as a WIAA sport in 2002, with the help of Faye Brunke’s 4 goals paired with goaltender Reese Spiering’s shutout in the net.

“The girls were phenomenal. They prepared the right way,” said Ice Bears Head Coach Mike Buchan. “Me, coming in as a first year coach — this is where they wanted to be. We had our journey all year. Our motto was to get better every opportunity we had on the ice whether it was in practice or games.”

Though the Storm kicked off the game by putting the Ice Bears on the defensive, the Ice Bears were able to find momentum just 2 minutes into play with a slap shot from distance by Alanna Dunks that sailed just high of the net.

Though the Storm continued to test the Ice Bears defense, a goal by Brunke, assisted by Mya Sheppard and

Julianne Bradford with 13:12 remaining in the first period put the Ice Bears out in front.

“I think I knew it was our last game — I’m never going to play with those 10 seniors again and I am going to miss every single one of them. Knowing that, I just wanted to go out there and give it my best to have one last go with them,” said Brunke.

Spiering saved a retaliatory low shot by the Storm a minute later to retain her team’s lead.

An assist from Tiana Stindt and Emily Bill helped Brunke ring the far post for another goal, securing a


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The Bay Area Ice Bears won their State Final game 8-0 with the help of 4 goals from Faye Brunke and a shutout in the net by Reese Spiering. Tori Wittenbrock photo

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