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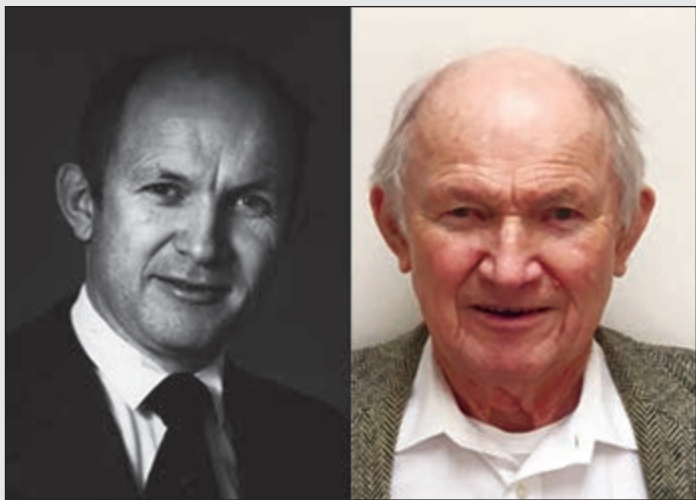
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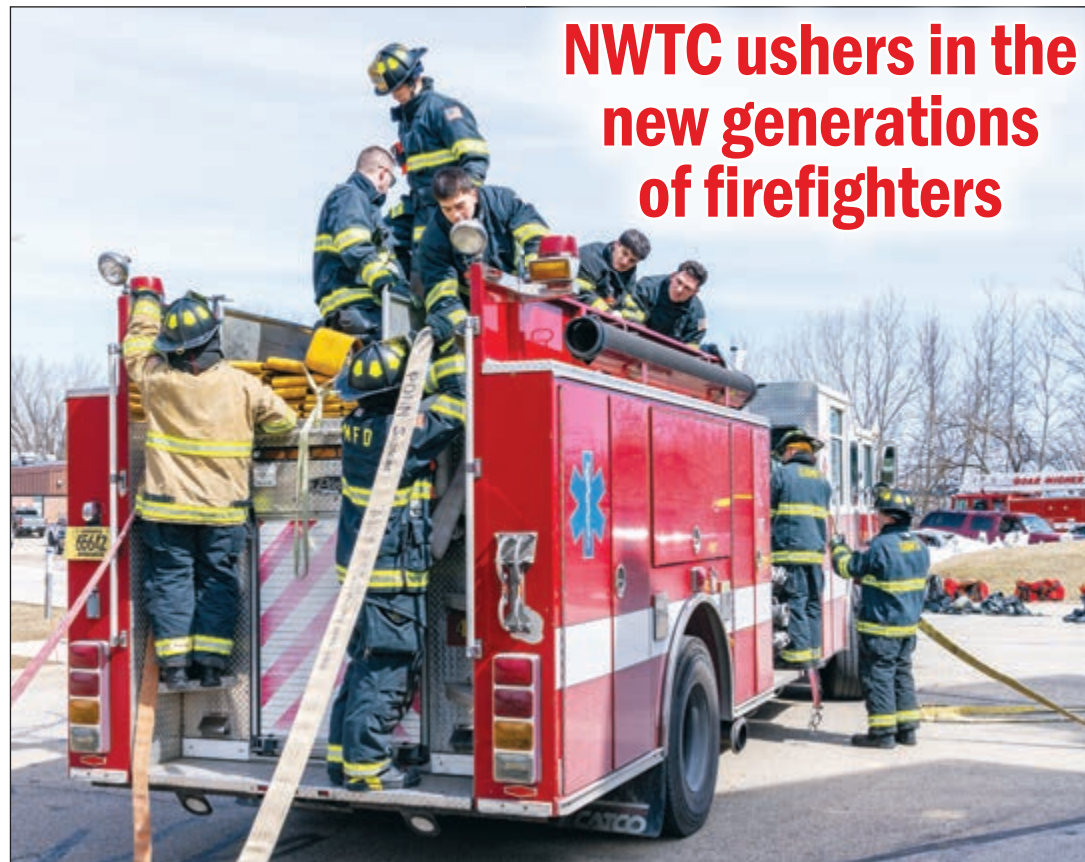
BY AVERY BIEROWSKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – At 95 years old, Harold “Jack” Day sits in his Green Bay home, reflecting on a life that has taken him across the world — from the deck of a Navy aircraft carrier to university lecture halls in over 40 countries.

His journey is one of service, learning and love, shaped by the experiences of war, education and a marriage that spanned 65 years.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Jack turned 17 at the close of World War II.

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NWTC ushers in the new generations of firefighters

Green Bay Metro Fire Departments newest recruitment class of eleven firefighters work on SOGs (Standard Operating Guidelines) specific to the department at the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Public Safety Training Center April 1.

John Craemer photo

BY JOHN CRAEMER
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PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – On April 1, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) hosted an open house for four area fire departments at the NWTC Public Safety Training Center.

Students were able to interact with department representatives and ask questions about their departments.

The event served as both a recruiting tool and an educational forum, giving students a chance to hear directly from those already in the field about the reali-

ties of firefighting.

“These students here are kind of looking to gauge what department might interest them, and kind of find where they want to go once they get out of school,” Green Bay Metro Fire Department Lieutenant Shauna Walesh

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Leveling up their literacy



Proceeds from the event will help fund ELL classes as well as the nonprofits' other programs, including one-on-one adult tutoring, which helps adult students learn about math, computer skills, or another topic of their choosing.

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BY CASSI GARRISON
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GREEN BAY – On Tuesday, April 8, Literacy Green Bay will hold its first in-person Trivia Bee, hosted by nine-time “Jeopardy!” champ Ben Chan.

The event — a spring fundraiser for Literacy Green Bay — will take place at Stadium View from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

“We really wanted to take the opportunity to do something different

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Streets around Lambeau close as NFL Draft site build begins

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – With the NFL Draft just weeks away in Green Bay, work has begun to construct the site, including the Draft Theater on the east side of Lambeau Field on Oneida Street, adjoining the Resch campus.

To accommodate the site footprint, South Oneida Street is closed between Lombardi Avenue and the entrance to Lot 1 on the stadium's southeast side. Armed Forces Drive is closed to vehicle traffic.

Visitors to Lambeau Field



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Tori Wittenbrock photo

are asked to park in the north and west lots off of Lombardi and Ridge Road (Lots 4, 5 and 6), with very limited parking available in front of the Packers Pro Shop and the American Family Insurance Gate.

Access to the Lambeau Field parking lots will become more limited as the site build progresses and more street closures begin. More information will be shared as work progresses.

The Lambeau Field Atrium, including the Packers Pro Shop,

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Green Bay Metro Fire Department Lieutenant Shauna Walesh, right, speaks with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College firefighter students during an open house at the school's Public Safety Training Center.
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FIREFIGHTERS

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explained.

She emphasized that the open house was a space for prospective recruits to learn about different specialties and ask questions directly to experienced firefighters.

"We're here to give them the information...so hopefully when they graduate, they make the right choice for them and their families too, because it's kind of a family event," Walesh added.

Public Safety Officer Craig Brock explained that the village of Ashwaubenon public safety department is set up a little different from Metro Fire.

"Here at Ashwaubenon, we go by public safety because we're cross-trained in all three aspects: fire, EMS, and police," explained Craig Brock.

This approach, he noted, allows them to attend multiple types of job fairs and meet a wide range of students.

It also helps them to better handle all types of situations when they respond to a call.

Brock noted, "We work 24-hour shifts. In our 24-hour shift, we have an eight-hour shift as a police officer...and then for the other 16 hours of the 24-hour shift, you have the fire and EMS duties."

While the open house was going on inside, 11 new Green Bay Metro Firefighters were training outside.

Captain Kyle Lauf explained, "In the middle of March, we brought in 11 new recruits...they come with previous fire experience, firefighter 1, firefighter 2, associate degree, stuff like that. Then they

go through a nine-week academy with our department so they learn our SOGs (Standard Operating Guidelines), how we fight fires, how we respond to medical calls.

"There is just so many different things in our area that we have to be good at, between hazardous materials, we have a lot of industrial in the area, USAR, so Urban Search and Rescue.

"But then we also have ships that come in that we have to be prepared for in the event that they have a fire. Which is kind of the exciting part because then you can kind of branch out and if there's something that you want to be a subject matter expert in, you have that opportunity."

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Altrusa Hospitality House seeks community's assistance for Draft week

BY BAYLEE ALGER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – As NFL fans prepare to flock to Green Bay, it is often forgotten that life goes on.

Many will be traveling to Green Bay for medical procedures, and may worry about having a place to stay.

Hotels will be booked up. That's where Altrusa Hospitality House comes in.

Altrusa Hospitality House started as a small three-bedroom house in 1989, a place for people to stay and feel at home while in town for important medical care, sponsored by the Altrusa Club.

"We found that the people who stayed in houses rather than hotels were more likely to finish their cancer treatment," said Kristine Blum, mission advancement manager for Altrusa Hospitality House.

The house was always in such high demand and always full, that a new house was built across the street from St. Vincent and Bellin Hospitals in Green Bay.

Today, it houses anywhere between 10 and 12 families a night.

"Last year alone, we served 620 families," Blum said. "We had to turn down just as many referrals as we accepted. There really is a need and a waitlist for this here in Green Bay."

The house runs much like a Ronald McDonald House, providing clean lodging, linens and living



Altrusa Hospitality House started as a small three-bedroom house in 1989, a place for people to stay and feel at home while in town for important medical care, sponsored by the Altrusa Club.
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spaces to all of the families who stay there.

The only requirements for staying in the Altrusa Hospitality House are you must be referred by a hospital and live more than 50 miles away.

There are talks to build other facilities, but no concrete information at this time.

With the NFL Draft coming to Green Bay in a few weeks, the Altrusa Hospitality House has made a call for volunteers to offer a room for these patients to stay in.

In a press release, Altrusa stated, "If you or someone you know is staying in town for the Draft and looking for a way to make a difference, consider opening your home to a patient or caregiver. A few nights of generosity can provide comfort, stability, and hope to someone facing a medical crisis."

In the seven days following when the press release was published, 25 volunteers have already stepped forward.

"My family has had extensive cancer care treatment at St Vincent, and I've needed a place to stay. Without Altrusa Hospitality House, I could have afforded maybe a few nights in a motel before needing to sleep in my car during my radiation treatments these two weeks. Altrusa was a godsend, it took away a lot of fear & worry during my time here. I appreciate having a nice quiet place to rest with a wonderful staff & community," said a past guest "Ken H."

Another guest "Anne H." added, "Facing an unexpected medical emergency for my brother, we had been staying in a hotel, but knew we couldn't

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BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

“The FutureTech Forum is for the leaders navigating what’s next,

“The Forum launch comes at a time of global momentum: 75% of organizations are now regularly using generative AI.

“FutureTech Forum members will continue to meet throughout the year for private events, executive development and curated programming designed to turn inspiration into implementation. Programming includes: access to top researchers and thought leaders in transformative tech; cross-industry knowledge sharing and pilot collaboration and co-creation and technology commercialization opportunities.”

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

The Combine — the next phase of its TitletownTech Startup Draft — is taking place April 3-4, bringing “high-growth startups” together with corporate leaders and industry experts for a series of immersive experiences ahead of the \$1 million investment decision on “Startup Draft Day” on April 24.

“These finalists, selected from nearly a thousand applications across nearly all 50 states, represent some of the most promising early-stage companies in sectors aligned with Titletown-Tech’s strengths. Over the two-day Combine, they will meet with and get feedback from corporate partners, tour Lambeau Field, refine their pitches, and film content for the Startup Draft broadcast,” a Titletown-Tech release stated.

“We’re excited to welcome this group of talented founders to Green Bay,” said TitletownTech Managing Partner Craig Dickman. “This is a community that shows up for its team, its businesses, and now, for the next generation of innovators. The Combine gives founders a chance to experience the strength of the TitletownTech ecosystem



Steven Brandt and Adam Gobbo are co-founders of CubeNexus, one of seven startups in the TitledTownTech Startup Draft Combine. **CubeNexus photos**

and the collaborative spirit that defines how we do business here.”

**Ateios Systems
Newberry, Ind.**

Ateios Systems has developed a chemistry-agnostic platform for manufacturing battery electrodes without toxic solvents or forever chemicals. The company's RaiCure coating technology enables faster, cleaner, and more cost-effective production for next-generation batteries.

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Avant Genomics streamlines liquid biopsy sample preparation through an automated microfluidics platform. The company's solution reduces cost, waste, and processing time to make precision cancer diagnostics more accessible and scalable.

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A house ahead of its time

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – “In 1835, the town of Astor was platted, the proprietors being John Jacob Astor, Ramsay Crooks and Robert Stuart. A fine hotel, the Astor House, was built by John Jacob Astor, on the corner of Adams and Mason streets, and also a rambling structure, known in later years as ‘the bank building.’ Where the first regularly incorporated financial institution west of Detroit, the Bank of Wisconsin, opened its doors in 1835,” Ella Hoes Neville, et al, wrote in *Historic Green Bay*.

“At the time the shrewd old fur dealer, John Jacob Astor, desiring to increase the value of the land he owned in the new village of Astor, and to draw here some of the settlers who were coming in numbers to this part of the country, wisely determined to build a fine hotel, in which the transient guest should be made so comfortable he might be changed into a permanent resident,” Fannie C. Last said before the Green Bay Historical Society on Dec. 2, 1901.

“Chicago at that time had but some fifty inhabitants all told; and the little village of Astor, which was to be honored with this edifice, so far superior in size and in other respects to anything to be found in all the broad expanse of the Northwest, contained not more than some half dozen houses, built mostly of logs, small in size and destitute of paint.”

Astor hired James Duane Doty as his agent and promoter.

Since the adjacent village of Navarino had a hotel, “Doty wanted one so far superior to the primitive Washington House that it would be a frontier sensation,” Green Bay Historian Jack Rudolph wrote in 1958.

Construction on the hotel began in the spring of 1837.

“About the time the Astor House was erected the Astor warehouse and dock were built near it — a convenient landing place for boats coming up the lakes or down the river. Much interest must have centered just here during the busy months of preparation and



John Jacob Astor

construction, and small as was the population in the two villages one can imagine quite a wild excitement when the work was actually completed, and in all the imposing majesty of its three stories and crowning cupola, the Astor House glistening fresh white paint, stood in the morning sunshine, a beautiful object to the partial eyes of the beholders. Perhaps a stranger would hardly have considered it an architectural gem; it was very large, very square, quite guiltless of any adornment or frivolous devices whatever. Its many windows were provided with bright green blinds to temper sun and wind to the lambs gathered within its walls,” Last said.

“The spacious, comfortable rooms became a favorite meeting place for the citizens. Here the gentlemen of the twin villages were wont to assemble in the evening for the interchange of ideas, the discussion of the news of the day, and here the village storyteller enlivened the evening with copious recollections of his past life, and predictions, cheerful or otherwise, according to his mood, of the future.”

The hotel opened in August of 1837, coinciding with the country’s Panic of 1837 — a major recession in the U.S. economy — which rippled through the nation until the mid-1840s.

“Gradually, time caught up with the hotel and it began to justify Doty’s vision. The rising lumber industry and the tide of immigration during the late 1840s and 1850s turned it into a highly profitable venture,” Rudolph stated.

In 1854, the hotel was purchased by Ira Stone.

“He completely redecorated it, added rooms, en-



A sketch created from memory by Arthur C. Neville.

UW Archives

larged the stables and imported a ‘Troy coach’ that became Green Bay’s first public transportation and which he used to transport guests to and from the ship landings,” added Rudolph.

Again, the hotel was operating way ahead of its time, but good fortune would not last.

“The old house lost none of its popularity while Mr. Stone presided over it, and it was very prosperous and successful financially. Shortly before its destruction, it was decided to enlarge the hotel, giving fourteen new rooms in addition to the number it already contained. It became quite a popular abiding place for families who preferred boarding to the cares and worries of housekeeping. Lieutenant Smith, later Admiral Smith, who after doing gallant service during the Civil War, spent his last years in Green Bay, boarded here for some time with his wife, the gayest and most social of women, who made life in the little city one perpetual festival while she sojourned in our midst. Col. Robinson brought his bride here, a very welcome addition not only to the Astor House, but to Green Bay society as well. Perhaps the old house was too prosperous for its own good; certainly, it made for itself an enemy. Several unsuccessful attempts to burn it were followed by one better or worse planned, for this time the flames had made great headway before being discovered, and the house was burnt to the ground

one night in August 1857,” Last said.

“So rapidly did the old house burn that the inmates barely escaped with their lives, leaving their possessions behind them. Mrs. Smith, genius of gaiety and fun, came down the stairs while they were in flames, and a few moments after her descent they fell in ruins.”

The Green Bay Common Council offered a \$3,000 reward for information on the arsonist who set fire to the structure.

“The reward is a liberal one, as it should be, and we hope, for the good of the community, that it will prove to be sufficient for the purpose. Even should it fail, as we have no doubt it will, it will be some satisfaction to know that the city authorities have done all they could in the matter,” the Aug. 27, 1857 Green Bay Advocate stated.

Historical publications do not provide any indication that the perpetrator was identified, but fingers were being pointed.

“After the fire, a good share of the members of the fire department, taking some of the fire apparatus along, went across East River and tore down a house of unsavory repute,” the *Green Bay Weekly Gazette* stated in September 1893.

“This was done partly on general principles and partly from a lurking suspicion that there was some connection between the Astor House fire and the inmates or frequenters of the house they destroyed.”

Former Packers Player to speak at suicide prevention summit

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – UW-Green Bay is hosting the Northeast Wisconsin Suicide Prevention Summit on Thursday, May 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Brown County Central Library, featuring keynote speaker, Earl Dotson.

The summit is open to the community, and social workers, therapists, mental health professionals and everyone touched by suicide are encouraged to register.

“Unity in Diversity” is the theme of this year’s summit. Dotson, a former Packers Player and Super Bowl Champion whose son died by suicide, will address attendees about “A Broken Man: Learning to Feel After Loss.”

“Dotson had always felt he was broken because mental health wasn’t talked about. His Green Bay Packers teammates helped save his life. By not being able to fix himself, Dotson wasn’t able to help his son, who died by suicide, and now it is his calling to give people the tools to safely feel and cope and know that they are not alone,” an event release stated.

“Wisconsin is facing a significant challenge with suicide rates, which have been rising over the past two decades. Suicide is now one of the top 10 leading causes of death in the state according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

“Some populations are more vulnerable to suicide, and this year’s summit will encourage conversation and strategies that focus on an inclusive suicide prevention response. Attendees can choose from the following breakout sessions: VA S.A.V.E Training; Compassion Resilience in Practice; Multicultural Approaches to Trauma-Informed Care; Dudes + T.A.C.O.S.; Suicide Prevention and Postvention Efforts in Response to a Major Event; Intersectionality in Mental Healthcare/Countering Influential Implicit Bias; Teen Mental Health: Trends, Challenges & Surprising Realities; and Suicide in the Tribal Community.

The closing session “It’s OK to Not be OK” will be delivered by Jeffrey Ditzenberger, a suicide survivor, certified mental health life coach and peer specialist in mental health and addiction recovery.

A former corn and soybean farmer, he founded TUGS to promote mental wellness in rural communities.

The event is hosted by the UW-Green Bay, in partnership with Brown County Coalition for Suicide Prevention and community collaborators Center for Suicide Awareness, Family Services, Brown County Health and Human Services and Unity Hospice.

For more information, visit www.uwgb.edu/suicide-prevention-summit or contact Melissa Betke, betkem@uwgb.edu or (920) 663-7337.



Dotson

LITERACY

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this year, and everyone loves trivia,” said Literacy Green Bay Director of Development Lauren Waters. “It will be a fun and lighthearted night.”

The event will feature three rounds of trivia led by Chan, raffle games, a buffet, a silent auction table and a speech from one of Literacy Green Bay’s English Language Learner (ELL) students, who moved to the United States from Serbia.

“His English has really improved over the last few months, and he will get to share his story. That’s typically the most powerful aspect of the evening because you get to see firsthand what Literacy Green Bay does and how students are impacted,” said Waters.



Chan

“He’s going to get up in front of everyone and talk about why he came from Serbia to United States, his troubles along the way and how our staff has helped him feel more comfortable.”

Proceeds from the event will help fund ELL classes as well as the nonprofits’ other programs, including one-on-one adult tutoring,

which helps adult students learn about math, computer skills, or another topic of their choosing.

“[Tutors] get to see students get their GED, apply for the citizenship test, and become a citizen. All of these milestones become possible because of what they learned at Literacy Green Bay,” shared Waters. “A lot of students say it becomes like a second home or a safe space.”

Waters said that because many students are migrants who had to flee their home countries, it can be difficult for them to get comfortable in a new space, but the staff supports and provides resources for them to help adjust.

“Every time I sit in on one of their classes, I always tear up a little bit because they’re working so

hard, and they get really proud of themselves and each other when they see improvement. We’re kind of like a one-stop shop for support and those different resources,” she said.

Waters shared that the need for volunteer tutors is always increasing, and it can be a rewarding experience for both students and volunteers.

“The ELL program has about 300 students on the waiting list, and the tutoring program also has a waiting list,” said Waters, adding that tutors don’t need any special skills or training. “We’ll give you all the tools you need to become a great tutor.”

For more information on the Trivia Bee and Literacy Green Bay, visit <https://literacygreenbay.org/contact>.

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Bellevue looks at options for correcting sanitary utility loss

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

BELLEVUE – During its March 26 meeting, the Bellevue Village Board discussed options for correcting a net operating loss in its sanitary utility.

In July 2024, the village hired Kerber Rose to prepare a comprehensive review of Bellevue’s water and sewer rates.

“The Sanitary Sewer Utility rate study was conducted after our previous annual audits showed signs of stress within the utility due to the sustained increases we continue to see for the treatment of sewage costs paid to NEW Water,” a memo from Bellevue Director of Public Works Teal Spellman to the village board stated.

“The goal is to review utility rates annually in order to maintain, and at times increase, utility operating revenues in a sustainable fashion that is weathered from inflation and market changes. This process, as a goal, was originally set out through prior financial management

plans but has not been followed as judiciously as recommended.”

The last increase the village saw was in December 2020, when rates were increased by 10.4%.

For residential users, the rates went from \$5.98 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.85 per 1,000.

Spellman said that the amount that the sewer utility pays to NEW Water continues to increase annually — adding up to a 30% increase.

“This increase in expenses that the village sanitary sewer pays to NEW Water for treatment is the main driver in the sewer utility’s net operating losses in the previous two audits. Other expenses including operations and projects have also increased but at a substantially lower percentage,” Spellman said.

“In order to correct the net operating loss from the 2024 audit of \$434,589, a rate increase must be completed. The utility must generate additional revenue to account for the continued

increase in expenses attributed to NEW Water. The amount of necessary revenue increase depends on the desired Rate of Return (ROR) ranging from 2.5% and up.”

The board was presented with the following two options from staff:

1. Maintain current system organization
2. Sanitary Sewer Utility assume ownership of sanitary laterals within the road right of way

Currently, per the village municipal code, costs associated with the maintenance and replacement of sanitary laterals is the responsibility of the property owner from the main (including the Y or similar

fitting) to the property line.

Option No. 2 would result in the sanitary utility needing to generate more additional revenue than option No. 1, so a higher rate of return would be utilized. The suggested rate of return for this option through the analysis would be 5% to result in additional revenue generated of \$843,708, an increase of approximately 26.8%.

Under option No. 2 the property owner would be responsible for replacing the lateral and the village would have the right of recovery, and the process for replacing the lateral or performing maintenance in the right of way would be streamlined.

The board voted unanimously to move forward with option No. 2.

Staff will now analyze how the additional revenue will be generated through fixed charges and volume charges.



During its March 26 meeting, the Bellevue Village Board discussed options for correcting a net operating loss in its sanitary utility.

File photo

On April 9, the board will vote to approve the new sanitary sewer rates, and if approved, the new sanitary sewer rates would go into effect on June 1.

Suamico Public Works looks at staff time allocation

BY KAYLA STARNES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SUAMICO – During the Village of Suamico March meeting, Public Works Director Andy Smits presented the 2024 MS4 Annual Report as well and the Consumer Confidence Report.

In the Annual Report Smits states that 50 to 60% of their staff’s time is used for stormwater management.

He argues that “it’s quite a bit of time that’s involved between all the

individual permits there are issued for any stormwater management plan, every site that has work in this village, any new development, everything has to be reviewed and approved by us... there’s a lot that goes into it that’s overlooked.

“I’m reviewing the 2024 MS4 Annual Report the board approved annual reports, in addition to revisions to Public Works goals to get back to being more involved in the community and utilizing their time elsewhere.”

Other items

- The board discussed the graffiti at Bay Port High School’s football field. Restorations have been made through reimbursement from the court.
- While discussing administrative items first on the agenda was an Amendment to the Development Agreement with MBA Holdings LLC. The board and Administrator Alex Kaker have decided to handle agreements through the building lease rather than change legal documents.

This decision will stay with the land.

- Resolution 25003 Tax Incremental District No. 2 Closure was approved 5-0. Granting excess funds to the village, school district, technical colleges and the county.
- The fire department has also accepted the resolution 25004 Radio Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs and the Office of Emergency Communication. This will allow for \$32,000 in funding which was approved across the board.

Public feedback sought on future of Ashland Avenue corridor

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region will host a public involvement meeting to launch a new study of the WIS 32/Ashland Avenue corridor in the city of Green Bay.

The meeting will take place April 9, 5-7 p.m., at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay.

“WIS 32/Ashland Avenue is a major arterial that connects I-41 and Ashwaubenton to downtown Green Bay. This study will evaluate options to address the condition of the roadway and structures between 9th Street and WIS 54/Mason Street, including the bridge over the Canadian National Railroad rail yard and 5th Street,” a WisDOT release stated.

“This study will review safety conditions, bridge condition, bike and pedestrian accommodations and alternatives for the removal, reconstruction, or replacement of the bridge.



Parking will be on the west side of the entrance to Tundra Lodge with access from Lombardi Avenue and Bart Starr Drive. There is an entrance to the conference center directly from the parking lot, shaded in orange. The Metro Gold Line runs on Lombardi Avenue adjacent to Tundra Lodge.

WisDOT map

“A formal WIS 32/Ashland Study presentation will begin at 5:15 p.m. The study team will share the project progress, including the information we have collected and analyzed through the data gather-

ing stage of the study. The meeting will be conducted in an open-house format, providing an opportunity for one-on-one discussions with members of the project team.”

The study phase of the

project will complete the required National Environmental Policy Act document and identify a preferred alternative that will move forward in design.

Construction is expected in 2031.

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Brown County, Green Bay officials to reconvene talks with C. Reiss

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF
BROWN COUNTY – Brown County and Green Bay officials will reconvene talks with C. Reiss regarding relocation of the coal piles in downtown Green Bay.
On March 19, the Brown County Board of Supervisors voted against negotiating exclusively with C. Reiss Co. to relocate its coal piles from downtown to the former Pulliam Power Plant site.
Instead, after a closed session, the board decided to explore options over the site with eight unspecified companies that responded to a request for information, one of which is C. Reiss.
The county originally offered C. Reiss a 30-year lease with an optional 10-year extension requiring board ap-

proval, along with a requirement to sign a redevelopment agreement for its current Mason Street site by June 1.
C. Reiss rejected the offer, arguing the lease was too short for their 125-year company history, and a deadline of June 1 was not enough time to finalize a redevelopment plan.
The company countered with an offer to either purchase the site for \$3.5 million or lease it for 25 years with three optional 25-year extensions starting at \$110,000 per year, with a 2% annual increase.
On March 27, Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach and Brown County Board of Supervisors Chair Patrick Buckley issued the following statement:

“Last Wednesday, the Brown County Board of Supervisors formally rejected the C. Reiss Counteroffer to control the entire 37.5-acre Pulliam site for 100 years.
“The county remains interested in working with the City of Green Bay in helping to relocate the coal piles. Along those lines, the city (through its mayor) and the county (through its executive and board chair) met last Friday to discuss how to best move forward. The city and county agreed at that meeting that the alternate site should be discussed further. A meeting date has not yet been finalized, but the county looks forward to the city finding a date in the coming weeks that is amenable to all three parties.”

That same day, C. Reiss released the following statement, where they said that they would return to the negotiating table with Brown County and the City of Green Bay, following “the state’s call for all parties to sit in a room and come to an agreement.”
“Earlier this week, the state agency in charge of the \$15 million grant to move the coal piles publicly stated that all parties need to ‘sit in a room and come to an agreement.’ C. Reiss completely agrees, and we’ve now accepted an invitation to meet with Brown County and the City of Green Bay to negotiate an agreement on moving the coal piles to the old Pulliam Power Plant site,” the release stated.

SITE
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1919 Kitchen & Tap, Packers Hall of Fame and Stadium Tours, is open for regular hours.
Atrium hours of operation for the week before and the week of the Draft are still being determined.
The Packers ask that visitors attending events at the Resch Center plan ahead for parking, as the large east side lots at Lambeau Field will not be available.
Titletown and its businesses are also open normal hours, and visitors may continue using the Titletown parking lot.

Guests visiting Titletown in the coming weeks are asked to inquire with individual Titletown businesses regarding their hours of operation.
Other local businesses near the Draft campus remain open as the site build continues.
For the latest information about road closures, detours and what to know in the coming weeks as the Draft approaches, visitors and community members are encouraged to check packers.com and the Packers’ social platforms, as well as greenbay.com/draft25 for up-to-date information.

ALTRUSA
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afford it much longer, especially with the Packers’ opening season game that weekend, and prices were skyrocketing. Eventually Altrusa had an opening, and stepping into the house for the first time felt like coming home. My brother was hospitalized for 5-6 weeks, and I don’t think we would have remained as rested

and calm if it weren’t for staying there. We are truly grateful for all that the staff and volunteers gave.”
Altrusa is asking for volunteers to provide room for families from anywhere between one to seven nights during the week of April 21-27.
Interested volunteers and those looking to get involved may find more information at www.greenbayaltrusahouse.org/nightsforneighbors.

DAY
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Like many young men of his generation, he was drawn to the military.
“There were lots of sailors in Milwaukee, especially on weekends,” he recalled with a chuckle. “I thought if I was a sailor, the girls would like me better.”
At 17, he was eager to enlist, but his mother feared for his life and refused to sign the papers.
His father, however, gave his blessing, and Jack joined the Navy with a promise that he could study electronics.
He entered an elite training program at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, where recruits were tested every two weeks.
“If you passed, you went on for another two weeks,” Jack explained. “I kept passing.”
Out of 400 recruits, only 100 remained at the end, and Jack ranked 30th.
His orders sent him to the

USS Philippines, one of the last WWII aircraft carriers with propeller-driven planes, bound for the Mediterranean.
His mission was not one of combat but of diplomacy.
Under President Truman’s direction, Jack’s fleet played a role in the geopolitical maneuvering that led to the creation of Israel.
While stationed in Europe and North Africa, Jack encountered the unfortunate realities of post-war devastation.
“We’d go ashore to play baseball, and because so many men were killed in the war, we only saw women and children watching from the edge of the field,” he said. “We later learned the reason they were there is because they wanted some of our food.”
The experience left an impression, sparking his lifelong curiosity about the world beyond America’s borders.

After his service, Jack turned his attention to education, seizing the opportunities afforded to veterans under the GI Bill.
He initially enrolled at the UW-Milwaukee but quickly transferred to UW-Madison, where he studied civil engineering and applied mathematics.
It was there, in November 1951, that his life changed forever.
A blind date led him to Jan, the woman who would become his wife.
“We kinda liked each other,” Jack said simply.
They courted, traveled to meet each other’s families, and soon realized they never wanted to be apart.
By 1953, they were married, beginning a partnership that would last for more than six decades.
Jack’s career in engineering took him across the globe, where he lectured, collaborated with universities and immersed himself in differ-

ent cultures.
His passion for water management, particularly surface water, made Green Bay — a city nestled along the Fox River — a perfect home.
Jack joined the UW-Green Bay faculty in 1970 as the “Environmental Controls” chair, and through his career, his research focused on water resources.
After retirement in 1994, he worked on projects for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
Today, Jack lives alone, but Jan’s presence lingers.
“I talk to her every morning while I have my coffee,” he shared, holding back tears. “I feel her love spirit often. It’s a mystical life experience I can’t explain.”
From a young Navy recruit to a world-traveling professor, Harold “Jack” Day has lived a life filled with purpose, curiosity, and love.
And even now, he continues to cherish the lessons it has given him.

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Cambridge, Mass.
SpaceRake builds miniaturized laser communication systems designed for satellites, drones and other

critical small systems. The company’s free-space optical technology enables secure, jam-resistant communication from ground to space and everywhere in between.
Ubicept
Madison, Wis./Cambridge, Mass.
Ubicept unlocks high-performance camera-based perception in all lighting conditions for robotics, mo-

bility, and security applications. The company’s approach is based on advanced image sensor data processing, currently for conventional image sensors, while simultaneously paving the way for emerging single-photon image sensors.
Each company will be featured in the TitletownTech Startup Draft broadcast on April 24, streamed across LinkedIn, YouTube

and X.
The public can participate in voting for the TitletownTech Startup Draft Fan Favorite at www.TitletownTech.com/TitletownTechStartupDraft.
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For more information, visit www.TitletownTech.com/TitletownTechStartupDraft.

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Ashwaubenon to allow non-residents into youth sports clubs

BY VICTORIA URNESS
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ASHWAUBENON – On March 25, the Ashwaubenon Village Board met to discuss the possibility of allowing athletes who are not village residents or open-enrolled students into their youth sports clubs.

Currently, the Village of Ashwaubenon partially funds seven co-sponsored youth clubs with direct and reimbursed payments, and three of these clubs are now looking for the right to allow non-resident, non-opened enrolled participants to join these groups.

However, the Village of Ashwaubenon’s code does not allow financial support to clubs that allow non-resident participants to enroll.

Specifically, Ashwaubenon swim club, youth baseball and youth wrestling are looking to open enrollment to youth clubs for non-residents.

The cap for this registration for non-residents would be limited to 15% of the previous season’s total enrollment to encourage and prioritize youth resident participation.

Non-resident participants would also be charged a \$15 dollar fee to enroll to alleviate the loss of funding from the village.

This fee is a relatively small amount when considering that youth clubs looking to allow non-residents would still be losing several thousand dollars compared to previous seasons.

For clubs that highlight individual youth sports, such

as swim and wrestling, Chris Zirbel said that “it’s not a money issue, it’s a numbers issue.”

Ashwaubenon Swim Club Representative Renee Jadin-Rice agreed.

“We have to turn away 10-12 families every year when we see on their form that they live on the wrong side of the street,” she said.

The board unanimously agreed with this thought and considered amending the action item to only give individual team sports the option to allow non-residential youth.

However, the board quickly delared that the decision should be up to each club, which quickly scrapped the amendment.

“It’s the co-sponsored club’s choice whether they want to take non-residents

or not,” said Ashwaubenon Board Member Tracy Flucke.

“Ultimately, that’s what we’re here for. To get these kids involved.”

Ashwaubenon Village Board President Mary Kardoskee chimed in her agreement as well, saying that, “we have to have reliance on the coaches that are coaching.”

Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball (AYB) Representative Donovan Miller, spoke during the open floor session about his reasons for wanting to allow non-resident youth.

Miller was candid about the fact that AYB may not be enacting the enrollment change, especially considering the loss of direct cash contribution from the Village of Ashwaubenon, but that the option was still nice to have.

“It’s an expensive sport for a parent to try. We’re working on ways to knock that down,” said Miller.

The board unanimously approved this action item, while also mentioning their plans to revisit this issue on July 1 of every year.

“I’m gonna say OK. Let’s see how it goes,” said Board Member Jay Krueger.

Krueger also suggested that each club comes before the board before the annual July 1 ruling for this “fine tuning” of the open enrollment for non-residents.

Joel Gregozeski added this suggestion as an amendment to the board’s motion that was unanimously approved, giving Ashwaubenon youth sports clubs the option of open enrollment for non-residents.

Other items

- The village board witnessed the promotion of Sergeant Scott Hennessey to Lieutenant.
- The Ashwaubenon Police Department welcomed two new police officers, Will Nimmer and Rafael Diaz-Molina, witnessing their oath of office.
- A beer and liquor license extension was approved for Anduzzi’s Sports Club for a parking lot section of their outdoor property during the dates surrounding the NFL Draft.
- The board unanimously denied a request to implement Bird scooters into the village of Ashwaubenon for the duration of the NFL Draft.

De Pere Health Department offers free emergency preparedness tools

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE – As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week — April 7-11 — the De Pere Health Department will be giving away a weather radio and emergency preparedness guides to city of De Pere residents free of charge.

Residents must visit the Health Department and bring proof of their residence within the city of De Pere to receive these valuable resources.

These items will be offered on Tuesday, April 8, between noon and 5 p.m.

Limit one set (radio and resource guide) per household, with residency identification.

Offer runs while supplies last. No pre-reserving allowed.

The De Pere Health Department is located in De Pere City Hall at 335 S. Broadway, De Pere.

The radio offered is a FosPower Emergency NOAA Weather Radio with AM/FM and Weather Alerts.

These radios have been pre-programmed to the NOAA weather frequency for our area, ensuring that residents are well-equipped to receive timely weather updates and alerts during severe weather events.

For more information about the FosPower NOAA

Weather Radio, interested individuals can visit the following link: Emergency Solar Crank Portable Radio - FosPower

In addition to the NOAA weather radios, the De Pere Health Department is also providing residents with an Emergency Preparedness Guide titled *What To Do When Disaster Threatens*.

This comprehensive guide offers essential information

and resources to assist individuals and families in planning and preparing for a variety of emergency situations.

“Severe Weather Awareness Week serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of being prepared for severe weather events and other emergencies. By offering these preparedness tools, the De Pere Health Department aims to empower residents to take

proactive steps to ensure their safety and well-being during times of crisis,” said Deputy Health Officer and Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Sara Lornson.

For more information and any questions on these offerings, residents are encouraged to contact the De Pere Health Department at (920) 339-4054, or visit www.deperewi.gov/health.

De Pere Parks looks at long-term ‘wish list’

BY LEE REINSCH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – A miniature garbage truck, a robotic lawn mower, an outdoor ice rink chiller and a new playground are a few items on the De Pere Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry long-term wish list.

The board of park commissioners approved a seven-year capital improvement plan for the department.

It goes to the city manager to be reviewed before heading to the De Pere Common Council for approval.

see how well it works.

If it works well, the city will purchase more units for 2026.

“We anticipate it to be a solid cost-saving measure,” Director of De Pere’s Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Marty Kosobucki said.

In previous meetings, he’s discussed the dearth of summer help, despite wage increases, and how mowing of the city’s 400 acres of park land eats time that staff could use for other projects.

Miniature garbage truck and lift (\$30,000)

A previous plan to place a large dumpster and enclosure in Voyageur Park has been put on hold for the

time being while the city explores an alternative: units that would transform ordinary pickup trucks into small garbage trucks. Also known as portable garbage trucks as the units can be removed, they fit into the bed of the truck and have arms that pick up trash containers.

Currently, city employees bag the contents of full garbage cans and load the bags by hand into the back of city pickup trucks.

Then they take them to a main dumpster at the park to be picked up by sanitation workers.

The process requires staff to handle the same load of garbage several times, often coming into physical contact with unbagged garbage, according to Marty Kosobucki, director of the department.

Kosobucki said converting pickup trucks into small garbage trucks has several advantages.

“This equipment operates identical to our large garbage trucks and would allow staff to drive up to

garbage cans, grab the cart and then dump directly into the truck,” he said.

It has many advantages, he said. It would lessen the stress on staff, for one thing.

“Many of these garbage cans are extremely heavy and at times require two people to handle,” he said.

For another, it’s safer because it would reduce the need for staff to touch the garbage.

He said there’s “an incredibly wide range” of garbage in park garbage cans, and some of it comes with safety concerns for park staff.

Kosobucki asked the city to put the original dumpster project on hold while his department looks into grants and funding for the devices. It impacts the dumpster project because the portable devices would render the dumpsters obsolete, as they lack a way to empty into the dumpsters.

The city would have to develop a method of transferring the garbage to the larger garbage trucks at the

municipal service center, or take each load to the landfill site.

Pickle ball facility (\$260,000) at Southwest Park

Pickle ball continues to grow, and Kosobucki said he frequently hears from people that the city needs more pickle ball courts.

Outdoor ice rinks (\$200,000)

Kosobucki said weather has been a factor in the lack of success of outdoor ice rinks in recent years. The project would include installing either a portable chiller system or a large covered concrete pad, he said.

He said several people in the community have expressed interest in fundraising for such a project.

Other projects

Among the other projects in the plan are an addition to the community center (\$750,000); updates and repairs to the gazebo at Rotary Park

(\$12,000); resurfacing the Kiwanis Park parking lot (\$25,000) and replacing the playground (\$155,000); replacing the roof at Optimist Park’s open shelter (\$12,000); improvements for Wilson Park (\$200,000); replacing the bleachers at Kelly Danen Park (\$20,000); replacing park lights with LED lights (\$15,000); reconstructing the dugouts at Kelly Danen Park (\$30,000); replacing the transient boat docks at Voyageur Park (\$125,000); replacing the restrooms at the Kiwanis Park shelter (\$230,000); installing a miniature disc golf course at Southwest Park (\$8,000); refurbishing the Riverwalk (\$150,000); and replacing restrooms at VFW Park (\$210,000).

The board removed two projects that have been on previous capital improvement plan lists for years: the \$125,000 replacement of the playground at Carney Park and a \$150,000 urban soccer complex.

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Certified in Wisconsin Program now open for new applications

WISCONSIN – Applications are being accepted now through May 2 for the Certified In Wisconsin Program, which designates industrial development sites as being shovel-ready, making them attractive to developers and valuable to communities.

Offered in partnership with the Site Selection Group (SSG), the Certified in Wisconsin Program partially subsidizes the cost to communities of obtaining site certification.

The program’s goals include gauging the potential for corporate investment at the site, making recommendations for the community to consider and gathering detailed site information to effectively market the property.

“The Certified in Wisconsin Program sends a message to site selectors and businesses that these properties and their communities are ready for new development,” said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC, the state’s lead economic development agency. “Going through the process and completing key reviews, documents, and assessments offers certainty to developers, site selectors, expanding companies and other attraction prospects.”

For site selectors and developers, the Certified Site designation is a pre-qualification, indicating a property’s title is clear, it possesses sufficient utilities and other infrastructure for industrial use, it is properly zoned and it has adequate transportation access for industrial use, among other criteria.

The certification makes sites more attractive to developers by removing many of the ambiguities, pitfalls and delays that can crop up during the siting and planning process.

WEDC and SSG are seeking a diverse pool of applicants with respect to regions statewide, including both rural and urban sites, as well as sites located within established industrial parks and those that are not.

To be eligible for the program, a site must consist of a minimum of 20 contiguous, developable acres that are available for sale or lease to prospective industrial buyers.

Both privately and publicly owned properties are eligible, provided the community either owns the property or has an exclusive option on the property.

2024 Mayor’s Beautification Award winners announced

GREEN BAY – Mayor Eric Genrich and the City of Green Bay have announced the recipients of the 2024 Mayor’s Beautification Awards, celebrating 55 years of recognizing outstanding contributions to the city’s aesthetic appeal.

The Mayor’s Beautification Awards honor individuals, businesses, and organizations that have made significant efforts to enhance and improve the beauty of Green Bay.

This year’s winners exemplify the spirit of community pride and dedication to creating a more vibrant and visually appealing city.

“For 55 years, these awards have highlighted the remarkable work of our residents and organizations who go above and beyond to beautify our city,” said Mayor Genrich. “Their efforts contribute to making Green Bay a more welcoming and enjoyable place for everyone. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to our community.”

The 2024 Mayor’s Beautification Award winners are Shipyard, Brown County United Way City East Center, Ho-Chunk Heritage Mural - Downtown Green Bay, Inc., UW-Green Bay Cort Condon Hall, Legacy Green Bay and Gentle Vet Animal Hospital.

Roberts joins FCRNEW as executive director

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Family and Childcare Resources of Northeast Wisconsin (FCRNEW) has announced the appointment of Matt Roberts as the new Executive Director, effective May 5.

Roberts brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of leadership at Integrated Community Solutions and brings a wealth of energy and innovative ideas that align with FCRNEW’s vision for growth.

“I am honored by the opportunity to join FCRNEW’s incredible and talented team of staff, volunteers, and board of directors as we continue to not only serve but to grow as an organization,” Roberts said. “I look forward to building and enhancing our relationships within the community and to continuing to deliver the finest services we have come to be known for.”

Roberts will be instrumental in guiding the agency towards achieving its strategic goals and continuing its mission to support healthy child development by providing high quality education, support and programs to families and early childhood professionals.

Crystal Bay acquires Rogge’s Sausage

GREEN BAY – Crystal Bay has acquired Rogge’s Sausage Inc., ensuring the longtime Wisconsin-based family business remains locally owned.

The acquisition comes as Jeff Rogge, the third-generation owner and grandson of the company’s founder, transitions into retirement.

Rogge’s Sausage has been serving Wisconsin and its neighboring states since 1938.

Under Crystal Bay’s ownership, it will continue to provide its loyal customer base with high-quality seafood, deli meats, cheeses, entrees, salads, and sausage products.

Crystal Bay is excited to expand its offerings and bring beef, pork, and other meat products to Rogge’s customers.

With a long history of expertise in seafood, both companies are excited to offer grocers and other retail food outlets an expanded array of seafood options.

“Rogge’s has been a part of my family for three generations, and serving our customers for so many years has been an honor. I’m grateful to see the company continue under Crystal Bay’s leadership, and their commitment to quality and personal service ensures that Rogge’s will remain a trusted name for years to come,” said Jeff Rogge.

All of Rogge’s employees will remain with the company, ensuring a smooth transition and continuity for customers and partners.

Rogge’s will be rebranded as Rogge’s Foods, LLC, and a new logo will be unveiled with a website, Rogges-Foods.com, to be developed in the next few months.

“We recognize the responsibility that comes with acquiring a business with such a rich history,” said Todd Van Lannen, president/co-owner of Crystal Bay. “Our focus is on ensuring a seamless transition for employees, vendors, and customers alike, preserving the values that have made Rogge’s a trusted name for generations.”

WISH LIST

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Kosobucki said that although the playground equipment at Carney Park is more than 30 years old and is deteriorating, new equipment has been recently installed at Willems Park, which is within walking distance.

As for the urban soccer

complex, the idea didn’t catch on, according to Kosobucki.

“This concept never really gained traction or has had any interest from outside donors or organizations,” he said, adding that they’re more popular in larger areas with greater population.

Seasonal ATM

People attending Voyageur Park events this summer who realize they don’t have cash with them may have a solution soon.

The board unanimously approved the installation of a seasonal automated teller machine (ATM) at the park’s Nelson Family Pavilion.

The machine will be on hand from May 1 to October 1 each year.

New park coming

De Pere may be getting a new park at Waterview Heights subdivision on the city’s west side, between Lost Dauphin Road and the De Pere dog park.

It would be a pocket park

or mini/neighborhood park and would include a gazebo, green space and restroom/shelter building.

Kosobucki indicated the site could be a new host site for the summer parks playground program, possibly taking the place of the Kiwanis Park playground program location.

The park wouldn’t have an athletic field, as there’s not enough parking.

The capital improvement plan includes a playground (\$160,000) for the park in the next few years.

A gazebo and path (\$50,000) for the park are also on the capital improvement plan.

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Inside In or the Outside Out

Dear Reader,

When I was young, love seemed like something you could measure in glances. I wanted a pretty girl—the kind that turned heads and made other guys envious. I’d walk into a room with her, and the looks we’d get felt like a raised eyebrow and a quiet “Wow, buddy, how’d you do that?” In my mind, I’d say to everyone watching, “Eat your hearts out.”



How shallow that seems now.

Time has a way of showing you what really matters. It took years—and some heartbreaks—for me to realize that beauty on the outside pales next to the beauty within. Now, as I look back, I treasure the richness of the life I share with someone who knows me at my core. She is not just my partner but my most trusted friend, the keeper of my past, and the compass for my future. She embodies the familiarity of family, the comfort of shared memories, and the strength of shared virtues.

I almost missed it. I was so busy casting for the surface that I nearly overlooked the depth. But by some miracle of fate—or grace—my last cast in the pool connected me to the love I didn’t even know I needed.

Now, I wake up each day beside her, and the morning sun shines a little brighter. The stars twinkle a little more at night. She makes the world go round. Not with the kind of beauty that fades but with the kind that grows richer, deeper, and more radiant with every passing year.

To anyone still searching or holding out for the “wow” factor, I say this: Look deeper. True beauty isn’t something you show off to the world; it’s something that wraps itself around your heart, fills your soul, and makes life worth living.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

OPEN LETTER

Shipyard District, westside Green Bay neighborhood leaders urge county to come to agreement

DEAR BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

Shipyard District, Inc. (SDI) is the representative 501(c)(3) nonprofit business association formed and supported by the taxpaying business- and property owners of the Shipyard District from Mason Street to Lombardi Avenue between Ashland Avenue and the Fox River on the city of Green Bay’s west side.

Since our legal formation in June of 2021, our mission has been to revitalize our commercial, residential and industrial riverside corridor — the home of the Clemens Reiss Coal Company coal piles — and contribute to developing a true downtown destination.

For over one hundred years, the coal piles on the banks of the Fox River have obstructed the development of our corridor along our historic waterway.

They have stood in the way of Brown County housing and business developments, hundreds or possibly thousands of new residents, hundreds of new jobs and new businesses, long-term port activity, over \$150 million in development, a significant boost to Brown County’s tax base and a vastly improved quality of life for Brown County residents in our district and neighborhoods.

The coal pile sites represent the single largest opportunity for public and mixed-use development in the history of our district and one of the largest opportunities for Brown County in recent decades.

On behalf of the taxpaying Brown County business owners, property owners and residents of the Shipyard District and its neighborhoods, and in recognition of the approaching grant funding deadline, we stand together as a westside community to urge the Brown County Board of Supervisors and other Brown County leaders to finally come to a good-faith, mutually beneficial agreement with the Clemens Reiss Coal Company and the City of Green Bay, apply the allocated grant funds to advance the coal pile relocation project, and support our community at the heart of Brown County.

Sincerely,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Goodbye Austin’s and Sal’s

DEAR EDITOR,

Here’s a weird question: How do you feel when you go grocery shopping?

I distinctly remember what I felt when I went to Sal’s Foods of Allouez on Thursday, March 13, and that was a tinge of sadness. The store at 3823 S. Webster Ave., Allouez, most famously known from 1984 to 2021 as The Original Austin’s, closed for good two days later.

That fact hung over my head like a rain cloud as I browsed. The other customers seemed to have the same morose feeling. I lingered in the aisles on my final visit to soak it all in. I enjoyed the sound of shopping cart wheels

rolling across the familiar green and white checker-board floor as well as the oldies music on the PA system.

I also liked chatting with the employees. Most of them had worked there for decades.

I talked to a short lady with dark, curly hair who said her first day working there was Jan. 1, 2000.

The grocery bagger said he started 10 years before that. Both were very pleasant, and they didn’t even get mad when I told them I work in the deli at Walmart.

After checking out and getting to my car, I went back in to buy a memento

to keep the store’s spirit alive but all I could find were things like paper plates and dishwashing liquid.

Just then, I noticed a big collection of beautifully woven wicker baskets against the wall in the produce aisle.

I found one I liked and a manager said it was mine for \$10. As I handed her a crisp Hamilton, she told me I picked out a cute basket.

The keepsake is great but saying goodbye to the store is still difficult.

It’s harder for smaller businesses to offer conveniences like self-check-outs and online shopping but they make up for it in

other ways.

Austin’s, for example, was known for carrying groceries out to cars for the elderly and anyone else needing assistance.

It’s comforting when you know the people you’re buying from are motivated by more than money to do their jobs and that’s why I’ll continue to mourn the loss of the old Austin’s.

I’d say all my experiences at that store were positive. Everyone there was always nice and that was true to my very last visit.

Goodbye Austin’s and Sal’s. Your presence will surely be missed.

*Matt Metzler
De Pere*

BE OUR GUEST

Attending the 2025 Draft? Three scams to avoid

FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Many Wisconsinites, football fans and other Americans already know this year’s Draft will take place in Green Bay between April 24 to April 26.

But scammers know this too, and will do everything possible to take advantage of the consumers who are excited for the upcoming Draft.

It is important for consumers to know how scammers may try to swindle them so they can avoid it.

Lodging scams

It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of people will visit Green Bay to attend the 2025 Draft activities.

Most of these people will need a place to stay. Some of these visitors will opt to stay at short-term housing rentals instead of hotels, using platforms like Airbnb, Vrbo, HomeToGo and others to find lodging.

Despite the best efforts of these platforms, scammers are occasionally able to post fake listings.

The listings may be real units the scammer does not own, or are entirely fictional.

A consumer can protect themselves by:

- Cross referencing a unit they are considering across multiple platforms. Is it listed on more than one? If so, are the photos the same? Do any other details differ?
- Verifying the property address is legitimate

using a map app prior to booking if the platform provides that detail. If the address is not available prior to booking, verify the property address immediately upon receiving that information.

- Seeking out reviews on third-party websites and conducting a web search for the property with words like “scam,” “complaint,” or “fake” to check if anyone has reported on it.

- Practicing caution if asked to move away from the rental listing platform to communicate, confirm details, or pay. Scammers often do this to cover their tracks.

- Avoiding paying with nontraditional, nontraceable, and nonreversible payment methods, such as cryptocurrency, pre-paid gift cards, wire transfer, cash, or banking apps.

Fake ticket scams

General admission to the Draft campus, including the free Draft Experience fan festival, does not require tickets.

However, fans should download the NFL OnePass app and register in advance to gain access to event information and participate in interactive games on-site.

Limited opportunities for paid tickets to certain hospitality or VIP areas and sections of the Draft theater may be available.

Scammers may try to deceive attendees into buying tickets or entering giveaways for fake tickets to either the 2025 Draft Experience or alternative ticketed events.

- Remember and tell others that paid entry tickets are not needed to access

the Draft campus or the 2025 Draft Experience. Fans are encouraged to register in advance on the NFL OnePass app, but no paid entry tickets are required.

- Only buy tickets for community and VIP events through verifiable, original sources.
- More information about the Draft is available at nfl.com/draftaccess.

Imposter websites

Many scams are enabled by fake websites designed to imitate real platforms that consumers are already familiar with.

These imposter websites are tools scammers use to steal consumers’ money and private information.

They are commonly promoted through texts, emails, and online ads promoting discounts and sales.

Imposter websites may sell low quality, knockoff merchandise and/or record data entered like passwords and credit card numbers.

Before entering personal or payment information, check a website’s address for errors in spelling or formatting. For example, the fictional “Shop-PackersProMerch.com” looks similar to, but is different than, the legitimate website “PackersProShop.com.” Do a few minutes of research to verify the real address.

If a user is logged out of a website they use often and are usually logged into automatically, they should double check it is real before entering their password.

- When in doubt, close the tab and type the correct address directly into the search bar.

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VINYL WORD

A monthly column for vinyl enthusiasts from vinyl enthusiast, Tom Smith.

Pet Mosquito - Village Idiot

What's For Breakfast Records

Rating 11 out of 11

I'm an old person and for years I have heard other old people bemoan the state of rock'n'roll.

They proclaim there aren't good bands anymore or go on and on about how much it was better back in the day.

Attitudes like this lead to old people only buying albums by artists they have been familiar with for decades.

Also, this is a gateway to old people who only come out for bands they have been seeing since their youth, reunion tours or bands with one original member.

This frame of mind will bury in the sand and prevent you from missing out on great rock'n'roll and what the youth are bringing to the table.

No, it isn't easy keeping up with great rock'n'roll, but think of the people who were your current age and passed on — Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Eddie Cochran and Elvis Presley in the fifties.

Sorry, I'm still snickering at the older punks that couldn't be bothered checking out bands like Brainiac, Oblivians, Quadrajets, Lunachicks, New Bomb Turks, The Humpers, Teengenerate, Dead Moon, The Figgs or Guitar Wolf.

Not to be all Jon Landau (Bruce Springsteen's manager), but Pet Mosquito from Carbondale, Illinois, are currently the best rock'n'roll band in America and just may be the future of rock'n'roll.

I have been bedazzled by them from my

first exposure.

That first time seeing them, I knew nothing about them and was blown away by their live performance at DCDK in Memphis at a Gonerfest aftershow.

It turns out that besides being a fantastically entertaining and energetic live band, they are super nice people who instantly were down to the idea of performing in Green Bay.

Pet Mosquito graced Titledown with their presence last July at the GBUFO Invasion Fest 2024 and, as predicted, won a whole slew of new fans in Wisconsin that night.

Pet Mosquitos's set that night was solid gold punk garage rock and within days after the festival last year, it was already planned to have them back on day two of the festival in 2025, right before a dazzling Wisconsin headliner.

That mission was accomplished when it was announced that Green Bay's very own Smart Shoppers would be headlining day two of the GBUFO Invasion Fest 2025 on Saturday, July 26, at the Historic Riverside Ballroom.

So if you haven't had the chance to see Pet Mosquito yet, I implore you to give them a chance. Warning — if you are an older person you may have a lot of fun and be flashed back to when you were aged 14-21. This is how I feel every time I see them live.

Do they match up on vinyl? Are egg prices high? Is the Pope Catholic?

They most certainly do and even though



I'm sitting at a closed GBUFO all alone listening to *Village Idiot*, I'm getting a dance party vibe/feeling going on big time.

Favorite tracks are the title track, "Is There a Man Around?," "Bucky Shred the Cosmic Gnar," "Toilet Bowl," "Late Breaking," and "Overalls" — with its hypnotic beat and spooky surreal tones, it makes a great way to close this album down tempo after the roller coaster ride of RNR this album takes us on. **CP**

Bravo, Pet Mosquito!

Tom Smith was the store manager at Green Bay's Exclusive Company and currently works at the Green Bay UFO Museum Gift Shop and Records. He has a vast knowledge and a lifelong love of vinyl.



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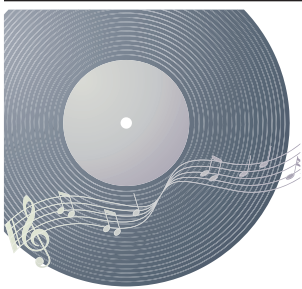
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THE BEAT

Draft City Music Fest lineup announced

For City Pages

The music lineups for the WPS Foundation Draft Kickoff and 8th Round Downtown events — both a part of Draft City Music Fest — have officially been announced this week with De La Soul and Less Than Jake featured as headliners.

The WPS Foundation Draft Kickoff on April 23 will include The Chocolateers, a Wisconsin-based alternative rock group starting off the performances at 4 p.m.; Grupo Kn Zavor, a Latin band performing at 5 p.m.; Luke Combs UK, a Luke Combs tribute band taking the stage at 6 p.m.; Riverboat Gamblers, a power punk band playing at 7:30 p.m.; and De La Soul, a hip hop group hitting the stage at 9 p.m. to wrap up the night.

8th Round Downtown, held on April 26, will feature performances by Hang Ten, a Wisconsin-based pop group at 5 p.m.; Rebelmatic, a group bringing a blend of punk, funk and hip hop at 6 p.m.; J Roddy Walston, playing rock music at 7 p.m.; GZA and the Phunky Nomads, a funk- and soul-influenced hip hop band at 8:30 p.m.; and Less Than Jake, a ska/punk group rounding out the evening's festivities at 8:30 p.m.

"Draft City Music Fest is truly one of the coolest things the City of Green Bay has ever done," said Tom Johnson, Draft City Music Fest entertainment booking agent. "We have artists coming to our city who headline major festivals across the globe. We're covering all kinds of genres from Hip Hop and Indie to Punk Rock and Country. There's something for everyone, and the best part is it's all free to attend which is rare for an event like this."

The activities happening at Draft City Music Fest are free, but for those looking to make their Draft week in downtown Green Bay extra special, VIP Tickets are available.

VIP tickets will be sold at \$35 per day or \$60 for both days. Amenities include an up-close concert-viewing location, access to beverage sales and conveniently located port-o-potties.

In addition to live music, Draft City Music Fest will feature other activities for attendees to enjoy, including a kid's zone,



glow zone, fireworks, beer garden, food trucks, mobile skate park and the Packers drum line at the Draft Kickoff and a kid's zone and beer garden featuring the 8th Round pale ale collaborative beer from nine local breweries at 8th Round Downtown.

"Draft City Music Fest is sure to bring energy and excitement to the Broadway District and throughout all of downtown during Draft Week, said Brian Johnson, president and CEO of On Broadway, Inc. "The Broadway District is a hub of culture, creativity, and local pride; hosting an event of this caliber creates an opportunity for visitors to experience something uniquely Green Bay alongside the many residents who enjoy our programming efforts year-round. We're thrilled to co-support planning efforts for this event to

curate a visitor experience with national headliners and local acts, and to encourage those visitors to patronize the many small businesses that call the Broadway District home."

More information about Draft City Music Fest can be found at greenbaywi.gov/1514/Draft-City-Music-Fest. **CP**

▲ Ska/punk band Less Than Jake will headline 8th Round Downtown on Saturday, April 26.



▲ Hip hop group De La Soul will headline the WPS Foundation Draft Kickoff on Wednesday, April 23. Submitted photos

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COVER FEATURE

A new LEASH on LIFE

Benchwarmer Tryout program helps get long-term shelter residents into homes

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Most animals who pass through the doors of the Wisconsin Humane Society's Green Bay Campus experience a short stay, averaging about 10 days, but for some dogs, labelled 'the benchwarmers,' finding the right home is not such a quick process.

Last month, the Humane Society kicked off a new program aimed at helping those benchwarmers get out of the shelter — and hopefully into their forever homes.

For all animals that come through the Humane Society, foster homes offer an opportunity to get out of the shelter environment, which can have negative effects on an animal's mental health.

"They can get hyperactive, and we've seen that it just turns into all of their negative behaviors getting a little worse," Corey said.

"You can imagine, if every single day your stress levels were as high as they possibly could be, what that would do to your mental health. Three months of that much stress would really hurt anybody. And it's the same for these animals — that high stress level is hard on them. So we try our best to get them out and into calm, loving homes."

"We rely on our foster homes to be able to take some of these

animals and care for them in their home and outside of the shelter environment, which can be kind of stressful," Corey said. "We try to make it as great as we can and we try so hard to take amazing care of these animals, but it's just not a super great environment."

Through the Benchwarmer Tryout program, individuals and families can go through the shelter's foster system to bring home a benchwarmer on a trial basis— taking the animal into their home for seven days with the option to adopt or return them at the end of the week.

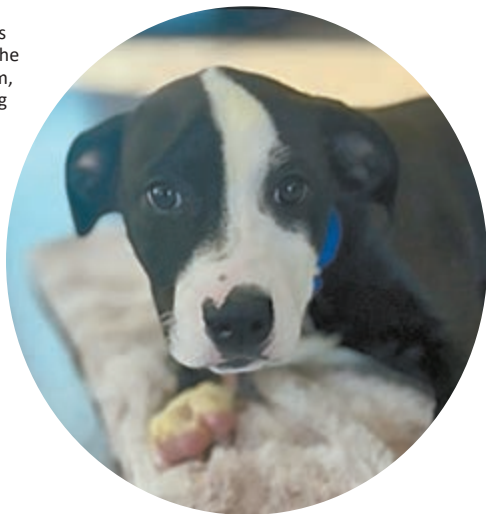
To get these animals able to go out, even if it's just for a week — we understand they're not going to get adopted right away every time they go out — just to get them out there is kind of like taking a vacation."

Even if a tryout doesn't result in an adoption, the dogs still benefit from their time out of the shelter.

"That's one of the things that we like about the Benchwarmers Tryout program," Corey said. "It helps them get a break from the shelter and it helps get them in front of more people. If you sign up to be one of those benchwarmer tryout people, you go through the foster system and you pick out which benchwarmer



▲ All of the Humane Society's benchwarmers are eligible for the Benchwarmers Tryout Program, allowing families to take a dog home on a trial basis.



▲ Ozzie is one of the Humane Society's benchwarmers who has had a difficult time finding a home due to his age and special needs.



you want. You get to take them home for a week and if they work in your home, that's fantastic and you can fill out the rest of the adoption. And if not, it's totally fine. You can bring them back and the worst thing that happens is they get a break from the shelter — a little vacation — and you can pick up another dog to see if they'll work in your home."

As for how dogs become benchwarmers, Viars said it is often not one big issue, but lots of small factors that cause a dog to spend an extended amount of time in the shelter.

"We try our best, of course, to get everybody out the door as fast as possible," Viars said. "But we get a lot of puppies and



everybody loves puppies, so they'll be in and out pretty quick. Our senior dogs will probably stay a little longer, unfortunately. And if they have any allergies or medications, that's a big cost for a family to take on. And animal people usually have a lot of animals at home, so when we say an animal could really use all the attention or just be the single animal in the home, a lot of people might not want to adopt that one because they've got other animals at home... These things don't mean they're bad dogs. They're not aggressive... But all of these little things pile up and they make it so [these dogs] sit just a little longer, even though they're fantastic."

That's exactly what happened for Ozzie, a seven-year-old dog who is still searching for a home to call his own.

"Ozzie's one of our benchwarmers... He's been here for just a little bit longer," Viars said. "He's got some conditions, but he's super sweet. And he's a little bit older, and those kinds of animals are usually here a little bit longer than average. But that doesn't mean they're bad animals. Ozzie's fantastic, but because he's seven years old and he has some special needs, it's hard to give dogs like him a chance and find them good homes."

And Pastila, currently the shelter's longest resident, is in a similar situation — a good dog with a few restrictions that have steered potential adopters away.

"Pastila got here at the beginning of the year, so she's been here quite a long time," Viars said. "Pastila is fantastic, but she can't go to a home with any other animals, so we're looking for somewhere she'll be the only one with all of the attention, and she has some dietary restrictions and the food is kind of expensive. She's a fantastic dog, but it just kind of is what it is."

More information about the Humane Society's current benchwarmers and the Benchwarmer Tryout program can be found at wihumane.org. **CP**



▲ Pastila has been at the Humane Society for roughly three months, making her the Green Bay campus' longest resident. Submitted photos

SNC performs Right to be Forgotten



By Hannah Bellanti
Contributing Writer

▲ Performances of *Right to be Forgotten* will begin April 9 and continue through April 12. Submitted photos

On Wednesday, April 9, St. Norbert College Theater will perform *Right to be Forgotten* by Sharyn Rothstein.

The contemplative yet comedic performance will be free entry and held at the Webb Theater in Abbot Penning's Hall of Fine Arts on the Saint Norbert College campus.

"The topic is so interesting because it has to do with privacy on the internet, and who gets to call the shots on what gets to stay there [on the internet] or not, even if it's not true", said Show Director and Professor of Theatre Studies Stephen Rupsch.

The show's storyline follows a man who, in his teen years, made a big mistake that tainted his online and in-person reputation.

This has led him to struggle with maintaining stable relationships, jobs and more.

Frustrated with the mistake that haunts him online and the false rumors that coincide, he embarks on a journey to clear his name.

The plot will provide audience members with some real-life ethical dilemmas, and questions that demand an answer to the

ever-changing fast-paced reality of the internet.

"I hope this leaves audience members questioning their rights, about their personal rights, and what they are putting on social media," said Rupsch. "The internet still feels like the wild west, it's very lawless, how can we use it in a healthy way?"

Contributors to making this show come to life included only twelve Saint Norbert College students, alongside Rupsch, and Associate Professor of Theatre and Director of Theatre Studies April Beiswenger.

Since the start of the Spring semester at SNC, actors have been rehearsing for the show about five days a week, on top of their studies.

Rupsch warns, "There will be adult language and themes, it's not for little kids."

The show plans to run for a consecutive 92 minutes with no intermission. **CP**



▲ Tickets to St. Norbert's production of *Right to be Forgotten* are free, but limited.

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Saturday, April 5

Scott Sadro • Elk's Lodge, Green Bay. Polka, waltz and variety music. 10 a.m. Free admission. See the Northeast Wisconsin Accordion Club's Facebook page for more details.

Alive Again • Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon. Tribute band dedicated to maintaining the instrumentation, spirit and jazz-rock of Chicago. 7:30 p.m. \$36. Find more information and purchase tickets at ashwaubenonpac.org.

Sunday, April 6

Tha Retail Simps(Montreal, Quebec, Canada), **Feeling Figures**(Montreal, Quebec, Canada), **Hue Blanc's Joyless Ones**(Algoma, Wisconsin, USA), and **The Smart Shoppers** • Green Bay UFO Museum Gift Shop and Records, Green Bay. The Canadian Invasion of the GBUFO. 6:20 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. Check out Green Bay UFO Museum Gift Shop and Records' Facebook page to learn more.

Liverpool Legends • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Beatles tribute show. 7 p.m. \$50+. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Thursday, April 10

ELSWHR, Haunter, Static Affliction and Paramorpheus • At the Tracks, Green Bay. Nu-metal, metalcore, hard rock and prog death metal music. 8 p.m. \$10. (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) See At the Tracks on Facebook for more details.

Friday, April 11

Dorothy Scott and The Peacekeepers • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Pop, folk, jazz and blues music. 7 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit thetarlton.com to learn more.

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Ongoing

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

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

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Wednesday, April 9

Retro Replay: Lilo and Stitch • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Film screening with a themed dinner special. 7 p.m. \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit thetarlton.com to learn more.

Friday, April 11

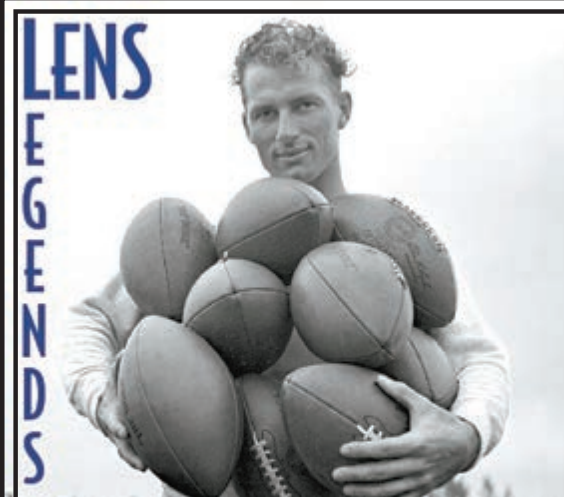
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NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM, GREEN BAY.

Variety of news-film and photographs on display to showcase the community history of the Green Bay Packers. Included with general admission. See nevillepublicmuseum.org to learn more.

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Saturday, April 5

Pisanki Egg Decorating Class • Pulaski Museum, Pulaski. Learn the art of the Polish Easter egg-painting technique through a local Polish couple, Steven and Tracy Karcz. 1 p.m. \$20. Visit pulaskiwihihistory.com to learn more.

Ongoing

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.

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

The Packers and the Draft • NWTC Eagle Gallery, Green Bay. Exhibit featuring the history of the Packers throughout the years and their connections to the Draft dating back to the first event held in Wisconsin in 1940, presented in partnership with the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame. Weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., March 31 through May 2. See NWTC's Facebook page to learn more.

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.

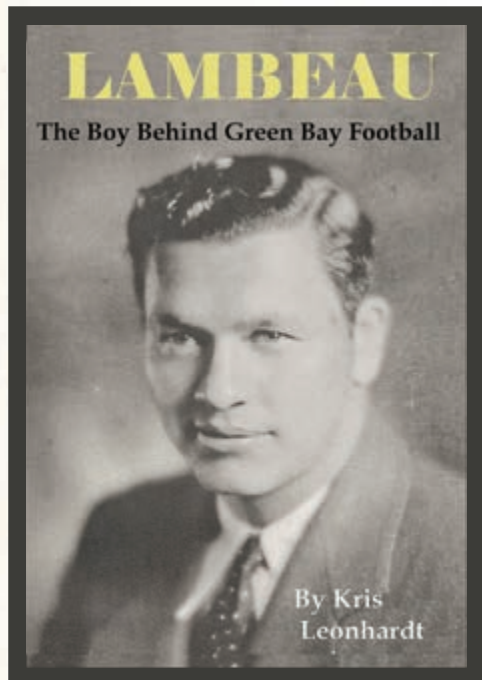
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of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.”

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis “Curly” Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

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Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.



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FOOD/DRINK

Wednesday, April 9

Grocery Store Tour • Festival Foods, Green Bay. Transform your grocery shopping experience with expert guidance from Prevea Registered Dietitian Deb Guenterberg. 10 a.m. \$20. Head to Prevea’s Facebook page for more details and to sign up.

An Evening With Chef Ace • Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay. Creole pork tenderloin with bourbon sauce, PND rum-glazed sweet potatoes and peaches and cream pie. 6 p.m. \$45. Learn more and sign up on Paradise North Distillery’s Facebook page.

Ongoing

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

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

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

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



PINBALL TOURNAMENT

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6-10 P.M.

TITLETOWN BREWING CO., GREEN BAY.

Pinball showdown with cash prizes. \$15. See Titledtown Brewing Co.’s Facebook page to learn more.

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

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

Saturday, April 5

The Loneliness of Horses • Lion’s Mouth Bookstore, Green Bay. Reading and discussion with local author Andrea Thalasinis. 1 p.m. Free. Find more details at lionsmouthbookstore.com.

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

How to Develop a Family Budget • YWCA, Green Bay. Learn how to create a realistic budget to cover essentials like utilities, groceries and more. 12 p.m. Free. See the YWCA of Greater Green Bay’s Facebook page to learn more.

Who I Always Was • Lion’s Mouth Bookstore, Green Bay. Evening with award-winning writer and storyteller Theresa Okokon as she discusses her powerful debut essay collection, Who I Always Was, in conversation with UW-Green Bay English Professor Tara DaPra. 6 p.m. Free. Find more details at lionsmouthbookstore.com.

Wednesday, April 9

Human Trafficking 101 • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Presentation led by attorney Kasia Klaus, executive director of Awaken

Justice. 11:30 a.m. Free. Find more details on the Altrusa Club of Green Bay’s Facebook page.

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 wartemystic.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.

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, April 4

Hack the Bots: LEGO Robotics Jam with STEM Inclusive Initiatives • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn to build, program and bring LEGO robots to life. 3:30 p.m. Free. (Grades 4-12) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Ongoing

Great Bunny Train • National Railroad Museum, Ashwaubenon. Train ride, live entertainment, egg hunt and more. April 12 and 13 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$20+. Head to nationalrrmuseum.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Sanctuary Storytime • Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Nature-themed story and a simple craft/activity geared towards preschoolers. Mondays at 10 a.m., through April 28 Register by calling (920) 391-3686. Learn more on Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary’s Facebook page.

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

Sunday, April 6

Blanket Making Event • St. Matthew Catholic Community, Allouez. Make fleece tie blankets for bone marrow transplant patients and other cancer patients in the community. 12-4 p.m. All materials will be provided. Check out Bonnies Blankets’ Facebook page for more details.

Ongoing

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

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

Green Bay Area Retired Men’s Club • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Monthly tours of area companies. Meetings are Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for the April 1 meeting will be Paul List to talk about City Nature Challenge, followed by a tour of Gandrud Automotive. 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. April 1’s meeting will be held at the Nelson Family Pavilion in

Voyageur Park. 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

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Answers





WINTER MARKET ON MILITARY

FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER-APRIL, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

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

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.

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 greenbaywisconsin.ga.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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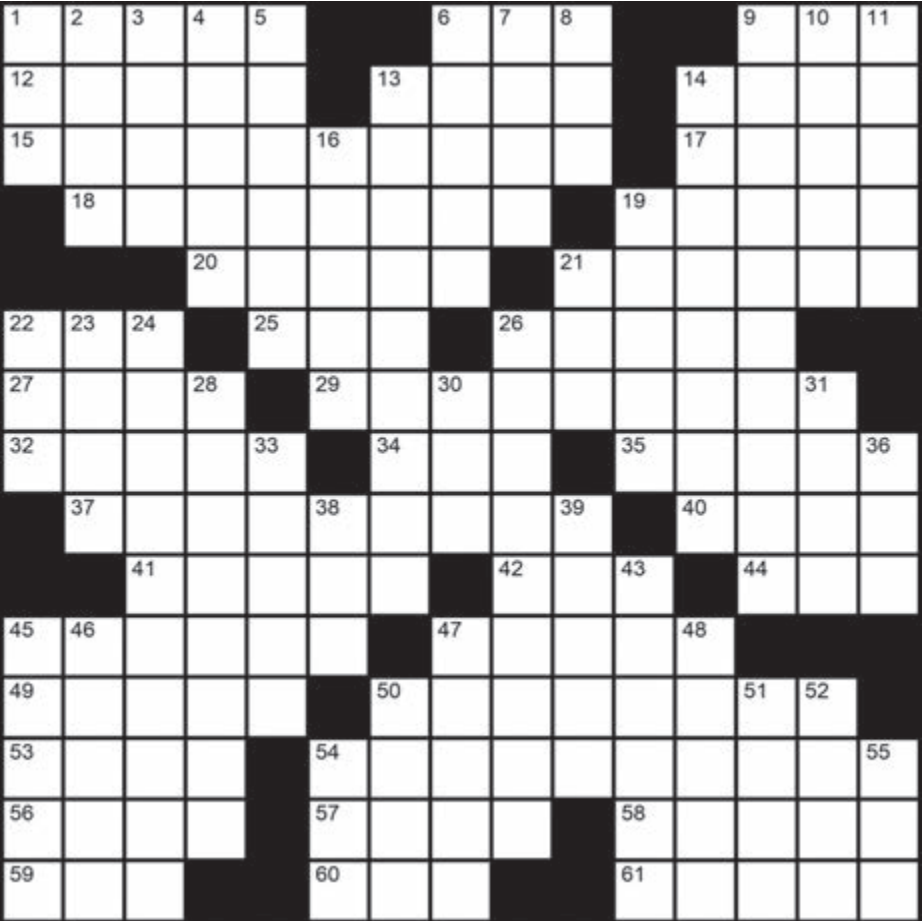
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by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

1. Thai coins
6. Not so many
9. Gen Z term of endearment
12. Dark area in an eclipse
13. Neighbor of Hispaniola
14. Be furious
15. Adjective for college sophomores
17. Subject of adoration
18. In an apt way
19. ____ 3000 (“New Blue Sun” artist)
20. Red tag events
21. Moved back and forth
22. ____ points (really low Eurovision score)
25. Word used a lot by Grover when pestering the “blue guy”
26. It might be blue or gray
27. Onetime ruler of Iran
29. Barbecue servings
32. IRS investigation
34. Aussie students’ school
35. “The Only Way is ____” (long-running UK reality show)
37. Put one name after another, maybe?
40. Send a message
41. Kindle material
42. ____ Bo (Billy Blanks workout)
44. JFK serves it
45. Parts of some emoticons
47. Wild
49. “Fresh Off the Boat: A Memoir” author Eddie
50. Selectively un-hears
53. End in ____
54. Just me, really?
56. Fish parts
57. Muscat’s country
58. Up and about
59. Added charge
60. German article
61. Sound, for one

Down

1. Vehicle with a route
2. Iowa State locale
3. Morehouse or Howard, for short
4. Three, to Marie
5. December mall employees
6. Energizes
7. Web bidding site
8. “Avengers: Infinity ____”
9. Portrayer of Jed Clampett
10. Love, to Lorenzo
11. Went looking for lampreys
13. William Gibson genre
14. Runner-up, usually
16. Some surrealist paintings
19. Mindful
21. “And ____ Was” (Talking Heads hit)
22. Code-breaking org.
23. “Nope”
24. Museum-Go-Round proprietor on “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”
26. Used, like a notepad
28. Pelvis parts
30. Actress de Armas
31. Hot
33. Beachwear item
36. “Making Plans For Nigel” band
38. “Rosy-fingered” goddess
39. Lop-____ rabbit
43. Chill classes
45. Grain husks
46. “Severance” persona, partially
47. Terrible, acronymically
48. “My Fair Lady” composer
50. Overwhelming volume
51. ____ Bator
52. Scolding noises
54. Subtle signal
55. Ultra-wide shoe size

arts & entertainment

HIGH LIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Alive Again

Saturday, April 5

Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon

Tribute band dedicated to maintaining the instrumentation, spirit and jazz-rock of Chicago.
Songs for the evening will include “Saturday in the Park,” “Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?,” “Feelin’ Stronger Every Day,” “25 or 6 to 4” and “Alive Again.”
Music will begin at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$36.
Find more information and purchase tickets at ashwaubenonpac.org.

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St. Matthew Catholic Community,
Allouez

Make fleece tie blankets for bone marrow transplant patients and other cancer patients in the community.
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Grocery Store Tour

Wednesday, April 9
Festival Foods, Green Bay

Transform your grocery shopping experience with expert guidance from Prevea Registered Dietitian Deb Guenterberg.
Discover which foods pack the most nutritional benefits and learn how to decode food labels with ease.
Learn practical tips and insights to shop smarter and support your wellness goals.
The tour will begin at 10 a.m.
Registration is \$20.
Head to Prevea’s Facebook page for more details and to sign up.



An Evening With Chef Ace

Wednesday, April 9
Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay

Cocktails and dinner prepared by Chef Ace.
Dinner will include Creole pork tenderloin with bourbon sauce, PND rum-glazed sweet potatoes and peaches and cream pie.
Cocktails will be available starting at 5 p.m.
Dinner will begin at 6 p.m.
Tickets are \$45.
Learn more and sign up on Paradise North Distillery’s Facebook page.



Spring fish & game rules hearings April 14



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Would you support a rule that would limit small-mouth bass fishing in Green Bay, northern Lake Michigan and many tributaries to catch-and-release-only through the end of June?

That's one of the most controversial proposals included in this year's Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fish and wildlife hearings to be held across the state April 14.

All the hearings begin at 7 p.m. that night, but if you don't want to or can't attend in person, there will be an online opportunity from 7 p.m., April 14 to 6 p.m., April 16.

Votes are considered advisory-only, and it's often legislators that decide if something advances to a rule or not. Still, the chance to make your vote heard is there, and it's not to be taken lightly. You can even express interest in running for one of the county Conservation Congress representative positions if you attend in person.

The WCC was created in 1934. Five citizens from each county are elected to serve terms to represent their county at an annual meeting, and many also serve on various committees that take up citizen resolutions and decide to advance them or not. The group is the only statutory body in Wisconsin where citizens elect delegates to advise the seven-member state Natural Resources Board and the DNR on how to responsibly manage natural resources for present and future generations.

Locally, hearings will be held at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay, Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, and the Kewaunee, Oconto, Sturgeon Bay and Suring High Schools.

Question 17 asks if the bass harvest season should be delayed until July 1 off Door County as well as in the Fox, Oconto and Peshtigo Rivers up to the first dam. The proposal originates from concerns raised by the angling public for additional protection of

spawning fish.

There are also questions asking if you think a sport fishing board should be created, if the inland trout season should open a month earlier and if the daily bag limit for steelhead in streams should be reduced to three.

On the hunting side, one question asks if you support allowing County Deer Advisory Councils to extend the late archery season archery hunt to Jan. 31 without having an approved Holiday Hunt in their county. Another asks if all active bear baits on public land should be required to be labeled with the person's identification; and one asks if nonedible parts of deer, bear and elk should be able to be left in the field after harvest.

Others ask if you think lead ammo and fishing tackle should be phased out; if a \$5 habitat stamp should be required with funds used for habitat work on uplands, warm water lakes, and streams; if more funding should be made available for non-point pollution control; and if a sandhill crane stamp should be created with funds to compensate farmers for treating their corn with a crane deterrent or purchasing pre-treated corn.

Online input was added in 2019 to give more people an opportunity to vote. Last year, fewer than 1,500 citizens attended the first in-person hearings held since COVID-19 forced an all-online format in 2020. More than 90 percent of the 18,802 votes last April were online.

See all the questions and learn more at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing>.

Lake level inches up

Prior to heavy rain, sleet and snow earlier this week, Lake Michigan's water levels rose three inches since early March and were expected to rise another four inches by early May. Levels last weekend were six inches below the 100-year average and down 41 inches since the record high five years ago, but were still two feet above the record March low, set in 1964.



If a proposed rule is supported by anglers, legislators and the state Natural Resources Board, weigh-on-land tournaments on the waters of Green Bay would not be allowed until after June. This 8.78-pound smallmouth was caught during the Sturgeon Bay Open in May, 2018.

File photo

Increased flows on the tributaries are drawing runs of spawning walleyes, rainbow trout and suckers. There's also been decent catches of 'eyes in Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay waters, especially at night.

When it's not too windy, trollers have been doing well on brown trout and an occasional laker, rainbow or pike in the lake and bay shallows.

Don't forget licenses

New 2025-2026 licenses

are now needed. Get them and any needed stamps online at <https://gowild.wi.gov/> (print it out yourself) or at any business that has an automated license issuing system (will be printed for you).

Turkey leftovers

Zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 all had leftover spring wild turkey permits available earlier this week. Check what's left and for what period at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/springturkey.html>.



Marie Catherine McDonough Rowe, 85, De Pere, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. The daughter of the late Roland and Katherine (Locatelli) Laverdiere was born in Lake Linden, MI on May 18, 1939. Friends and family will gather at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church - De Pere, 220 S. Michigan St. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial for Marie will be held at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Micheal D'Souza officiating. To send online condolences, please visit www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.



John J. Gezella, 82, Green Bay resident passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 7, 2025. Visitation will be held at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St., on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parish wake service 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 3425 Willow Rd, from 9:00 a.m. Until the time of Mass. Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a memorial fund will be established.



Maureen M. Richter, 86, Allouez, passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at a local hospital. Friends may have called at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, 650 S. Irwin Ave., on Wednesday, April 2, from 9:00-10:45 am Wednesday at the church with Fr. Bill Stout OFM officiating. Burial in the Allouez Catholic Cemetery. To leave online condolence or read the obituary in its entirety, please go to www.prokowall.com.

Weekly Fishing Report

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

Mother Nature is at it again! Throwing a big old curveball at us with winds, snow, cold and rain late last week making many areas shift from a decent walleye bite to tough fishing.

The weather forecast the next few days will not help the situation either.

The Fox has officially turned to chocolate milk and your best bet jigging is to use bright colored baits like Rippin' Raps and plastics.

The night trolling bite on the Fox was starting to get good but that will also be slower due to the very dirty water.

If you are going to go give it a shot again bait choices should be brighter colors in the P-10's or Husky Jerks.

University Bay is also reported as very muddy currently and hopefully will clean up

late this week.

Oconto and Sturgeon Bay both report cold water around. The bite has been a bit better on the West shore this last week.

The best baits were hair jigs in dark purple and gold patterns along with darker colored plastic like 4" Keitech Easy Shiners.

Use your electronics to locate areas of slightly warmer water holding small schools of fish.

Reports of a decent night bite in shallow water trolling P-10's have also come in from Oconto.

Reminder — as of April 1 you need a new 2025 fishing license.

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OBITUARIES



Edward J. Holschuh
Edward J. Holschuh (Holzschuh), 97, Green Bay, passed away on Monday, March 24, 2025, with his family at his side. Visitation for Edward will be at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St. on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Visitation continues Saturday, April 5, 2025, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 2040 Hillside Dr. from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. with rev. Adam Bradley officiating. For the full obituary and to give condolences to the family please visit www.prokowall.com



For more than 86 years, **Bernadine "Bernie" Mary Ann Queener** lived to serve her Lord God and her family. On Thursday, March 27, 2025, God called her to everlasting life with Jesus and all the saints who passed before her. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Cotter Funeral Home followed immediately by a committal service at the East Side Cemetery in Denmark, WI. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin or the Postal Employees' Relief Fund (PERF).



Joyce White
Joyce A. White, 85, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Family and friends will gather at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 220 S. Michigan St., De Pere, from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Proko-Wall Funeral Home is assisting the family and online condolences may be expressed at www.prokowall.com.



Thomas Christensen, 73, Green Bay, passed away Friday, March 28, 2025 with the love of his life, Annette, by his side. Friends and family will gather at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 4; Service to follow at 2 p.m. with full military honors to conclude. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

Into the Past



This photo shows the Broadway House which was located between Dousman Street and Hubbard Street in 1883.
Neville Public Museum of Brown County photo

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submission is available for this project for a non-refundable **\$55.00**. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

An optional 'paper' set of Bidding Documents is also available for a non-refundable **\$60.00 (approximate cost)** plus applicable sales tax and shipping. Contact **Blue Print Service Company** for more information on paper Bidding Documents and payment options available. Full-size Drawings are available upon request at an additional cost. Neither the Owner nor McMahon Associates, Inc. shall be held responsible for the scale of downloaded Drawings. Printed Drawings obtained from Blue Print Service Company shall be considered to be scalable. Blue Print Service Company 2350 West Pershing Street; Suite A Appleton, WI 54914 920-733-4539 - Telephone 920-733-1438 - Fax bps@blueprintservice.com - Email

BID SECURITY - No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the City of Seymour in an amount not less than **10%** of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within **15-days** after the Notice of Award.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS - No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of **30-days** after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

GOVERNING LAWS & REGULATIONS - The Contract letting shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 66.0901, 66.0903 and 779.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Published by the authority of the City of Seymour acting through its Common Council. CITY OF SEYMOUR | Outagamie County, Wisconsin Sean Hutchinson, Administrator Dates: April 4, 2025 April 11, 2025 WNAXLP

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CITY OF SEYMOUR
Outagamie County,
Wisconsin
OWNER – The City of Seymour acting through its Common Council, hereby gives notice that Bids will be received via Quest CDN for the following described project.
PROJECT - The work shall consist of full-width street reconstruction (780 feet length) including pavement, base course, sidewalk, curb & gutter and restoration. The project is an ARIP funded project.
Bids will be received on the following Contract:
Contract No. **S0002-09-24-00725 MORROW STREET RECONSTRUCTION**
TIME - Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., local time, on Friday, April 18, 2025, via Quest CDN vBid™. Bids will be publicly opened at City of

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Seymour Municipal Building, 328 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI 54165.

BIDS - All Bids shall be submitted via Quest CDN vBid™. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance upon the Bid Forms online.

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

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS - In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall either download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™ or by obtaining a hard copy as designated in this Advertisement For Bids. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable **\$40.00** by inputting **Quest Project No. 9482179** on the website's Project Search page. On-line bid submission is available for this project for a non-refundable **\$55.00**. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

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AGRICULTURAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ARIP) – This project has been awarded funding through the ARIP program

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through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). The project shall be constructed in conformance with ARIP program requirements. Published by the authority of the City of Seymour acting through its Common Council. CITY OF SEYMOUR | Outagamie County, Wisconsin Dates: Friday, April 4, 2025 Friday, April 11, 2025 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard, a public hearing will be held by the Common Council of the City of De Pere to act on the request for a zoning map amendment at the following property: **Parcel ED-3100**, approximately 1,300.0 feet northeast from the Commerce DR and Rockland RD intersection, from BP-2 (Business Park 2 District) to Pl-1 (Public & Institutional District).

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 zoning map amendment is available by emailing Peter Schleinz at pschleinz@deperewi.gov.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
James G. Boyd Mayor
Carey E. Danen City Clerk Publish 03.28.25 & 04.04.25 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard, a public hearing will be held by the Common Council of the City of De Pere to act on the request for a conditional use for High-Impact at the following property: **Parcel WD-364-D-505-7 at 1776 W Matthew DR**, approximately 0.0 feet southwest from the W Matthew DR and Venture AV 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.

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Howard-Suamico

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard-Suamico School District will be holding a public hearing on the Title VI Indian Education Program. The

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hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2025, 5:00-5:30 pm.

The public hearing will be held remotely through the use of communications technology. This is a required meeting as part of the Title VI Federal grant application for the 2025-2026 school year. The public is allowed the opportunity to be heard. Join via Google Meet meet.google.com/wus-wcff-pji or call by phone at: (323) 905-2950 PIN: 791 908 916#

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Unified School District of De Pere - February 17, 2025, Board Business Meeting Minutes

The Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education held a Business Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the De Pere High School Community Room. Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with: This is a business meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere. Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate places, and copies of the notice of this meeting were forwarded to local news media. A copy of the notice was provided to the official newspaper of the District, The Press Times.

Roll Call: Present – Brittony Cartwright, Adam Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Melissa Niffenegger, Brandy Tollefson. Excused - Chad Jeskewitz and Matt Petersen. Quorum declared.

Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Agenda: Cartwright moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Tollefson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5/0.

Public Comment: Two community members addressed the board on topics including the introduction of State Senator for District 30 and a request to remove gender identity language from policies.

ACT 20 Family Survey and Remediation Plan: Kathy Van Pay, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, and Jessie Specht, Literacy Interventionist, provided the Board with information about the requirements and the district's progress for ACT 20. They reviewed the required early literacy remediation plan, the website where ACT 20 information is located, and the family survey. They also provided information about Wilson staff training and materials.

Motion to Approve January 13, 2025, and February 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes: Cartwright motioned to approve the January 13 meeting minutes, and Dickert seconded; Tollefson abstained. Motion passed; 4/0/1.

Tollefson motioned to approve the February 3 meeting minutes, and Niffenegger seconded; Dickert abstained. Motion passed, 4/0/1.

Motion to Approve DPHS 2025-26 Handbook Revision: A revision to the De Pere High School Student Handbook will state that all students must turn in their personal wireless communication devices at the beginning of each class period and collect them at the end of the class period. This handbook change follows the recommendation from the staff committee that studies student instructional time cell phone usage during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

Dickert made a motion to approve the revision, and Cartwright seconded. Motion passed, 5/0.

Presentation and Motion to Approve the Audited 2023-24 Annual Financial Report: Leah Lasecki, lead auditor from

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Clifton Larsen Allen, presented the 2023-24 audited Annual Financial Report for the Board to accept and approve in accordance with WI State Statute 120.14.

Tollefson motioned to approve the audited 2023-24 Annual Financial Report as presented, and Niffenegger seconded. The motion passed, 5/0.

Motion to Approve PE Opt-Out Requests: Ivy Jeskie, De Pere High School Assistant Principal, presented the twenty-eight Phy Ed Opt-Out requests for the 2025-26 school year. Cartwright motioned to approve the requests as presented, and Niffenegger seconded. The motion passed, 5/0.

Motion to Approve New Student Internet Safety Management Solutions: Curt Pieschek, IT Director, and Jerry Nicholson, Director of Student Services, presented a plan and request to change from the District's current Student Internet Safety Management vendor to Gagggle. The yearly cost of \$17,015 plus the additional one-time implementation and training costs of \$2,950 will be paid by the Technology budget.. Cartwright motioned to approve the change, and Niffenegger seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

First Reading of Policy 0151.1 - Annual Board Reorganization Meeting: Current policy states that the annual board reorganization meeting takes place on the fourth Monday in April without the 30-day portion of State Statute language.

First Reading Title IX Updated Policy: Jerry Nicholson reviewed and recommended actions to policies 2264 and 2266. The Board was provided with a legal alert from Neola related to the most recent legal status of Title IX.

This update explains the impact of the executive order as well as how WI State Law and Seventh Circuit Federal Court law (which includes the State of WI) impact the District's continued legal obligations to investigate and resolve disputes. It is recommended that the Board rescind Policy 2264, remove the reference to the end date of the applicability of Policy 2266, and the District continue to investigate and resolve complaints under the District's existing nondiscrimination policies. Board members will send clarifying questions to Chris Thompson for review by legal counsel.

Motion to Approve January Financial Report: Dawn Foeller, Business Manager, presented the January Financial Reports. Dickert motioned to approve the report as presented, and Tollefson seconded. Motion passed; 5/0.

Motion to Approve Vouchers: Foeller presented the January vouchers. Tollefson motioned to approve the vouchers as presented, and Niffenegger seconded. Motion passed; 5/0.

Other Topics and Discussion: Clayton congratulated Jam Session for their success as grand champions at the Monona Grove competition.

Thompson acknowledged Kathy Van Pay for her AI discussion on the radio last week. Cartwright inquired as to when complaints will be addressed by the Board.

Motion to close the public meeting and enter into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to review the staffing plan for 2025-26. Tollefson motioned to move to executive session, and Dickert seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5/0.

Entered closed session at 7:35 PM.

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Open Session: Tollefson motioned to close the executive session and return to open session, and Dickert seconded the motion. The motion passed on

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a roll call vote: 5/0. Entered open session at 7:58 PM.

Adjournment: Dickert motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Cartwright seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5/0. Adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Approved by the Board on March 17, 2025, Jeff Dickert, Board Clerk Publish 04.04.25 WNAXLP

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Unified School District of De Pere - March 3, 2025 Board Special Meeting Minutes

The Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Conference room at the District Office. Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with: This is a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere being held in the Community Room in the District Office. Before this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate places, and copies of the notice of this meeting were forwarded to local news media. A copy of the notice was provided to the official newspaper of the District, The Press Times.

Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Chad Jeskewitz, Matt Petersen, and Brandy Tollefson. Excused - Brittony Cartwright and Melissa Niffenegger. Quorum declared.

Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Agenda: Dickert moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5/0.

DPHS FBLA Presentation: De Pere High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members: Hayden B., Aubrey L., Lily L., and Evan S. presented information about this student organization and its activities. In 2024, these four students attended FBLA Nationals in Orlando, FL.

State competition is at the KI Center, March 31-April 1.

Update on Facilities Referendum Project Timeline: Melanie Parma from Somerville Architects and Engineering and Marc McGuire from CD Smith Construction presented updates on the facilities projects approved in the November 2024 referendum. Projects at Dickinson Elementary, Heritage Elementary, and Foxview Intermediate will be Phase 1 and will take place in Summer 2025. Phase 2 will be Summer 2026 to include Altmayer Elementary, De Pere Middle School and De Pere High School.

Board Member Policy 0144.5 Survey Results: Jeff Dickert reviewed the survey results on the performance of the Board on each of the expectations listed in Policy 0144.5. The Board will focus on the six lowest-rated expectations, suggest ideas for ways to improve, and continue discussion at the first meeting of each month during an agenda item labeled Board Development.

Innovative Grant Application Process for 2025-26: Nick Joseph, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the Innovative Grant application process and presented the six requests for the 2025-26 school year.

Board members will rate them by March 11, 2025, to be tallied and presented at the March 17, 2025, Board Meeting.

Motion to Approve Installation of a New Dishwasher at Altmayer Elementary School: Heather Reitmeyer, Director of School Nutrition, and Dawn Foeller, Director of Business Services, reviewed the need for a new dishwasher machine and gas booster heater at Altmayer Elementary School. They recommend the Hobart

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Brand dishwasher with a built-in electric heater at a cost of approximately \$55,000, which includes installation. Dickert motioned to approve the purchase, and Petersen seconded. Motion passed 5/0. Other Topics and Discussion: Dickert thanked the staff responsible for publishing the recent Hi-Light newsletter. Members particularly liked the “Alumni on the Fly” section. Petersen expressed appreciation for Girls and Boys Basketball teams winning the FRCC Conference, the Wrestling team’s success at State, Ice Bear’s Hockey going to State competition, Jam Session’s success at Western Dubuque, DPHS Winter Play “Government Inspector,” Band program on March 3, 2025, and Heritage PTO’s STEAM night. Motion to close the public meeting and enter into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) (f) to work on the superintendent’s 2024-25 evaluation, review administrator 2025-27 contracts, and review teacher contracts for renewal. Jeskewitz motioned to move to executive session, and Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5/0. Entered closed session at 7:08 PM. Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Return to Open Session: Dickert motioned to close the executive session and return to open session, and Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote: 5/0. Entered open session at 7:55 PM. Action regarding executive session discussion; A motion was made by Petersen to approve the Administrator contracts for the 2025-27 school years, and the motion was seconded by Jeskewitz. Motion passed; 5/0. Dickert motioned to approve the renewal of teacher contracts for the 2025-26 school year, and Tollefson seconded. Motion passed; 5/0. Adjournment: Dickert motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5/0. Adjourned at 7:56 PM. <i>Approved by the Board on March 17, 2025, Jeff Dickert, Board Clerk Publish 04.04.25 WNAXLP</i>	
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Board of Education Work Session: 3/10/2025 @ 5:00 p.m. & Adjourn Into Closed Session (Monday, March 10, 2025)	
Members present: Andrew Becker, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
Members excused: Laura McCoy	
Also present: Vicki Bayer, Superintendent; David Johns, Associate Superintendent; Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer; Melissa Thiel-Collar, Legal Counsel; Kinsey Lehr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education; Lori Blakeslee, Director of Communications and Public Relations; Mike Friis, Executive Director of Human Resources; Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer	
Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.	
1. Meeting Access	
A. Roll Call	
Members present: Andrew Becker, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
Members excused: Laura McCoy	
B. Convene in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.	
The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303. The open session meeting took place in room #331, the closed session meeting took	

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place in room #337, both of which are located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy_UydBvV9g .	
C. Convene in Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.	
MOTION: That the Board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (g) – Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, more specifically, to wit: potential litigation matter(s) regarding the District.	
Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by Rick Crosson. Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
The Board convened into closed session at 5:02 p.m.	
D. Convene in Open Session Immediately Following Closed Session	
The Board ended closed session and re-convened into open session at 5:56 p.m.	
2. Opening Activities	
A. Welcome	
The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303. The meeting took place in room #331 which is located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy_UydBvV9g .	
3. Open Forum	
A. Public Forum	
There were five individuals who registered to speak during the Public Forum:	
● Tonya Cioni - Green Bay, WI	
- Possible budget deficit option to close or restructure KJ Academy	
● Emilie Heil - Green Bay, WI	
- Paraprofessional Mentoring Grant Award	
● Steph Guzman - No Longer Present to Speak	
● Iliana Flores - No Longer Present to Speak	
● Sara Erdmann Savage - Green Bay, WI - KJ Academy	
4. Updates	
A. Strategic Plan Recommendation	
David Johns, Associate Superintendent; Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer; and Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer, reviewed the attachment.	
Discussion ensued regarding increased support staff de-escalation trainings, strategic plan action plan and continuous improvement cycle, community support and execution of the plan, measurable reading and math goals, contingency planning, and background on strategic planning. This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
B. 2022 & 2024 Referendum Updates	
Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer, presented an update to the Board.	
Discussion ensued regarding West Stadium and cell tower.	
C. Report of Canvassers	
Bryan Milz, Board Clerk, read the Certification of the Board of Canvassers out loud.	
5. Education	
A. Elementary English Language Arts: Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners Resource Adoption	
Vicki Leisgang, Principal at Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners, reviewed the attachment.	

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This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
B. Health and Wellness, Introduction to Health and Wellness Resource Adoption	
Eric Conn, Director of Curricular Pathways & Post-Secondary Partnerships, reviewed the attachment.	
Discussion ensued regarding different Health & Wellness courses among High Schools.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
C. AP Chemistry Resource Adoption	
Angie La Combe, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
D. Principles of Chemistry, Dual Credit Resource Adoption	
Angie La Combe, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
E. AP Macroeconomics Economics Dual Credit Resource Adoption	
Angie La Combe, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the attachment.	
Discussion ensued regarding combination of AP and Dual Credit.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
F. AP Psychology Resource Adoption	
Angie La Combe, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
G. Technical and Professional Writing Resource Adoption	
Jennifer Schneider, Curriculum Coordinator - Literacy Focus, reviewed the attachment.	
Discussion ensued regarding the budget allocation for resources.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
H. Head Start Grant Extension Approval	
Rachel De La Cruz, Head Start Co-Director and Principal at Jefferson Head Start, presented the attachments to the Board.	
Discussion ensued regarding Head Start program highlights and monthly Board Report.	
The Board recognized the Head Start program and staff.	
This item will be brought forward for action on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
6. Operations	
A. Budget Update	
Vicki Bayer, Superintendent, and Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the attachment and presented to the Board.	
Discussion ensued regarding state funding and Special Education reimbursement at public schools vs. private schools.	
David Johns, Associate Superintendent, and Mike Friis, Executive Director of Human Resources, came to the table to answer questions.	
Discussion ensued regarding the number of positions eliminated, advertising and growing Katherine Johnson Academy of Learning, state report card data, student outcome data, enrollment data and trends, state funding effect on budget deficit, budget efficiencies and District alignment, budget model inclusion of flat per pupil	

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funding, future operational referendum, fiscal approach and next steps, strategic planning and planning for contingencies.	
Some items discussed will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025. Other topics be brought forward at future Board Meetings for discussion and potential action.	
B. 2025-26 Benefit Recommendations	
Mike Friis, Human Resources Executive Director; Jessica Cortes, Human Resources Manager - Benefits Emphasis; and Bec Kurzynske, Client Executive Director of Education and Government, M3 Insurance, reviewed the attachment and presented to the Board.	
Discussion ensued regarding loss ratios, average and median spend per single and family plan, salary and benefit comparison to private sector, cost to the District, and funding of health plan.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
C. Job Description Updates	
Mike Friis, Executive Director of Human Resources, and Julie Seefeldt, Director of Multilingual Learner Programs, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
D. Proposed Land Exchange with the City of Green Bay	
Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer, reviewed the attachment.	
Discussion ensued regarding affordable housing and other potential redevelopment at Tank and Elmore.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
E. Contracts Under Wis. Stat. Section 118.22	
Vicki Bayer, Superintendent, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
F. Edison Middle School Roof Replacement	
Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
H. Aldo K-8 Roof Replacement	
Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer, reviewed the attachment.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
7. Policy and Governance	
A. Revisions to Board of Education Policy 341.1 - Reading Instruction Goals	
Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
B. Revisions to Board of Education Exhibit 341.1 - Reading Instruction Goals	
Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	

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C. Revisions to Board of Education Policy 342.3 - Programs for Gifted and Talented Students	
Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
D. Revisions to Board of Education Policy 345.4 - Grade Promotion, Retention and Acceleration	
Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, and David Johns, Associate Superintendent, reviewed the attachments.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
E. Revisions to Board of Education Rule 345.4 (1) - Grade Promotion and Retention Procedures	
Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
F. Repeal of Board of Education Policy 345.41 - Fourth and Eighth Grade Promotion	
Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments.	
This item will be brought forward for discussion and potential action at the Regular Board Meeting on March 17, 2025.	
8. Agenda Setting	
A. GBAPSD Board Meeting Schedule	
The attached schedule reflects upcoming Board of Education meetings.	
9. Adjournment	
A. Motion to Adjourn Into Closed Session	
MOTION: That the Board adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) – considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to wit: Superintendent’s Performance Evaluation; and Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(e) – Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, more specifically, to wit: negotiating with the Village of Allouez and the Village of Bellevue regarding the potential acquisition and divestment of real property and the listing of other real property; and Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (g) – Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, more specifically, to wit: potential litigation matter(s) regarding the District.	
Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by Rick Crosson. Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
The Board adjourned into closed session at 8:46 p.m.	
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Green Bay WNAXLP

Regular Board of Education Meeting: 2/24/2025 5:00 (closed session) @ 6:00 p.m. (open session) & Adjourn into Closed Session (Monday, February 24, 2025)

Members present: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee

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Crosson, Kou Lee	
Also Present: David Johns, Associate Superintendent; Cale Pulczynski, Chief Operations Officer; Melissa Thiel-Collar, Legal Counsel; Kinsey Lehr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education; Lori Blakeslee, Director of Communications and Public Relations; Mike Friis, Executive Director of Human Resources; Amy Jaeckel, Executive Director of Technology and Information; Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer; Andres Mora , ICSC Representative; Abigail Garcia, ICSC Representative	
Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.	
1. Meeting Access	
A. Convene in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.	
The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303. The open session meeting took place in room #331, the closed session meeting took place in room #337, both of which are located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy_UydBvV9g .	
B. Roll Call	
Members present: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
C. Convene in Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.	
MOTION: That the Board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(e) – Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, more specifically, to wit: negotiating with 3rd parties regarding the potential acquisition and divestment of real property.	
Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by Bryan Milz. Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m.	
D. Convene in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.	
The Board ended Closed Session at 6:12 p.m.	
The Board re-convened into Open Session at 6:15 p.m.	
2. Opening Activities	
A. Welcome	
The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303. The meeting took place in room #331 which is located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy_UydBvV9g .	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	
Board of Education members stood, faced the flag, and recited the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Mission Statement	
James Lyerly recited the district mission statement, “we educate all students to be college, career and community ready, inspired to succeed in our diverse world.”	
D. Land Acknowledgement Statement	
Laura McCoy read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.	
3. Recognition	
A. Recognition of School Crossing Guards	
The Board recognized the Green Bay City Crossing	

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Guards who support Green Bay Area Public School students.	
4. Open Forum	
<u>A. Intra-City Student Council Report</u>	
Andres Mora and Abigail Garcia, ICSC Representatives, gave a good news report.	
<u>B. Public Forum</u>	
The following individuals spoke during the Public Forum:	
Tori Wittenbrock - Green Bay, WI - GBAPSD Book Donation	
Don R. Sipes II, MD - Green Bay, WI - Lambeau Book	
Paul Boucher - Green Bay, WI - Declining Enrollment	
5. Consent Agenda Approval	
<u>A. Consent Agenda Approval</u>	
James Lyerly moved to remove item G. Job Description Changes from the consent agenda.	
MOTION: That the Consent Agenda Items, as adjusted, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Andrew Becker.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>B. Bills</u>	
<u>C. Financial Report</u>	
<u>D. Gifts</u>	
<u>E. Minutes</u>	
<u>F. Personnel Action</u>	
<u>H. Head Start Self Assessment</u>	
<u>I. Head Start Selection Criteria</u>	
The Board recognized Jen Good as the new Principal at Danz Elementary School for the 25-26 school year.	
6. Items Withdrawn from Consent Agenda	
<u>A. Items Withdrawn from Consent Agenda</u>	
<u>G. Job Description Changes</u>	
MOTION: That the job description changes, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Andrew Becker.	
David Johns, Associate Superintendent, shared a message on behalf of Vicki Bayer.	
Board members discussed the job description changes.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach	
No: Andrew Becker, Kou Lee, Rick Crosson	
The Board took a short break.	
7. Action Items	
<u>A. Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$105,000,000 General Obligation</u>	
<u>Promissory Notes and Notto Exceed \$136,175,000 in Total</u>	
<u>with the Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes</u>	
MOTION: That the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$105,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and Not to Exceed \$136,175,000 in Total with the Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, as presented,be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Lynn M Gerlach.	
Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer, and Mike Clark, Baird, reviewed the attachments.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>B. Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$42,000,000 Taxable General Obligation</u>	
<u>Promissory Notesand Not to Exceed \$136,175,000 in Total with the General Obligation Promissory Notes</u>	
MOTION: That the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$42,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes and Not to Exceed \$136,175,000 in Total with the General Obligation Promissory Notes, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Lynn M Gerlach.	
Angie Roble, Chief Financial	

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Officer, and Mike Clark, Baird, reviewed the attachments.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>C. Awarding of the bid for the HVAC system upgrade at John Dewey Academy of Learning</u>	
MOTION: That Tweet Garot Mechanical be awarded the bid for the HVAC system upgrade at John Dewey Academy of Learning,in the amount of \$1,343,650.00 as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Lynn M Gerlach.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>D. Notice of Change in Adopted Budget</u>	
MOTION: That in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a) the adopted changes to the previously approved 2024-25 budget amounts, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Lynn M Gerlach.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>E. Renaming of Nicolet Elementary School to Nicolet Elementary Community School</u>	
MOTION: That Nicolet Elementary School be renamed to Nicolet Elementary Community School, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Rick Crosson, second by Lynn M Gerlach.	
Discussion ensued regarding the community school model.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>F. Acceptance of School Security Drill Evaluations</u>	
MOTION: That pursuant to Wis. Stat. section 118.07(4) (cp), the written drill evaluations submitted by the principals from all District schools, as reviewed, be accepted.	
Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by Rick Crosson.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>G. Approval of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Report</u>	
MOTION: That the District maintain their investments with CESA 6 OPEB trust and remain in the Moderate Growth Portfolio –Investment Strategy 3, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Lynn M Gerlach.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>H. Revisions to Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs</u>	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Bryan Milz, second by James Lyerly.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>I. Revisions to Policy 446 - Student Searches</u>	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 446.1 - Searches of Lockers, Desks and Other Storage Areas, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Andrew Becker, second by James Lyerly.	
Discussion ensued regarding policy language regarding	

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permitting student searches without SRO involvement.	
MOTION: To change Section III.D.1.b. to the following:	
In a situation in which a search of a student’s person or personal belongings is appropriate, school administration may conduct the search under the administration’s direction. If the information justifying the search suggests that the student is in possession of dangerous materials whereby the expertise of law enforcement is necessary, school administration may contact law enforcement and request their assistance.	
Motion by Lynn Gerlach, second by Rick Crosson.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 446.1 - Searches of Lockers, Desks and Other Storage Areas, as amended, be approved.	
Motion by Rick Crosson, second by Lynn Gerlach.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>J. Revisions to Policy 446.1 - Searches of Lockers, Desks and Other Storage Areas</u>	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 446.1 - Searches of Lockers, Desks and Other Storage Areas, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Andrew Becker, second by James Lyerly.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>K. Revisions to Policy 522.4 - Conflict of Interest</u>	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 522.4 - Conflict of Interest, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Andrew Becker, second by James Lyerly.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>L. Revisions to Policy 411.11 - Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence</u>	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 411.11 - Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by James Lyerly, second by Andrew Becker.	
Discussion ensued regarding policy revisions.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
No: Andrew Becker	
<u>M. Revisions to Rule 411.11- Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Complaint Procedures</u>	
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Rule 411.11 - Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Complaint Procedures,as presented, be approved.	
Motion by James Lyerly, second by Andrew Becker.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
No: Andrew Becker	
<u>N. Revisions to Board of Education Policies and Rules in the 300 and 400 Series Policies</u>	
MOTION: That the Revisions to Board of Education Policies and Rules in the 300 and 400 Series Policies Related to Pupil Services and Teaching & Learning, as presented, be approved.	
Motion by Andrew Becker, second by Rick Crosson.	
Final Resolution: Motion	

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Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
<u>O. Repeal of Board of Education Policies and Rules in the 300 and 400 Series Policies</u>	
MOTION: That the Board of Education Policies 443.9 - Insubordinate and Defiant Behavior and 447.2 - Detentions as well as Rule 447.2 - Student Detention Procedures, as presented, be repealed.	
Motion by Andrew Becker, second by James Lyerly.	
Discussion ensued regarding merging of policy language.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
8. Updates	
<u>A. Superintendent's Update</u>	
David Johns, Associate Superintendent, provided an update to the Board on behalf of Superintendent Bayer.	
Discussion ensued regarding the East and West boys basketball games.	
<u>B. Legislative Update</u>	
Bryan Milz, Legislative Liaison, provided a Legislative Update to the Board.	
9. Agenda Setting	
<u>A. GBAPSD Board Meeting Schedule</u>	
The attached schedule reflects upcoming Board of Education meetings.	
10. Adjournment	
<u>A. Motion to Adjourn Into Closed Session</u>	
MOTION: That the Board adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) – considering employment,promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to wit: Superintendent’s Performance Evaluation.	
Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by James Lyerly.	
Final Resolution: Motion Carries	
Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach, Rick Crosson, Kou Lee	
The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.	
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Howard WNAXLP

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting

March 10, 2025

Village Board Room at Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village President Burt R. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

President McIntyre called for a roll call. Present: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Trustee Maria Lasecki, District 1; Trustee Chris Nielsen, District 2; Trustee Cathy Hughes, District 3; Trustee John Muraski, District 4; Trustee Scott Beyer, District 5; Trustee Ray Suennen, District 6; Trustee Adam Lemorande, District 7; Trustee Craig McAllister, District 8

Staff: Administrator Paul Evert, Director of Administrative Services Chris Haltom, Community Development Director Dave Wiese, Public Works Director Geoff Farr, Engineering Director Josh Gerrits, Fire/Rescue Chief Dennis Staeven, Village Clerk Kat Jurecki, and Public Information Officer Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

3. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President McIntyre led the meeting in the pledge.

4. REPORT BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAWS

President McIntyre read the following notice: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.81-19.98, the Village Board is

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meeting to conduct public business. In accordance with state law, the meeting agenda was posted at Village Hall, other municipal buildings, and on the Village of Howard website and was also distributed to the local media and other requesters at least 24 business hours prior to the start of this meeting.	
5. APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING	
C. Hughes moved to approve the agenda. C. McAllister seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	
6. HOWARD FIRE RESCUE SWEARING OF LT. JAMIE LENZER, DALTON BECKER, JAMES MATTHEWS, CODY BULTMAN, AND LT. RUSS STOVER	
Chief Dennis Staeven introduced the two promoted lieutenants and the three new Howard Fire Rescue employees and their guests who pinned them. Village Clerk Kat Jurecki administered the Oath of Office.	
7. PUBLIC APPEARANCES (NONE)	
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (NONE)	
9. COMMUNICATIONS (NONE)	
10. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	
S. Beyer moved to approve the consent agenda. C. Hughes seconded. C. McAllister asked for clarification on the attorney fees listed in the invoices. C. Nielsen suggested another member of the Deer Committee and said he will send the contact information to President McIntyre. The motion carried unanimously, and the following items were approved:	
a. Village Board meeting minutes from Feb. 24, 2025	
b. Receipt of the Sex Offender Residency Appeals Board meeting minutes from March 3, 2025	
c. Municipal invoices	
d. The following Operator Licenses	
<i>Operator licenses, per s. 125.17 of the Wisconsin Statutes and s. 12.02(4)(h) of the Howard Municipal Code, if approved, are valid for a period of up to two years expiring on June 30.</i>	
i. Michelle R. Flynn	
ii. Marilyn M. Matthews	
iii. Michelle A. Stefens	
iv. Judith M. Summers	
v. Jessica J. Williquette	
vi. Nong Yang	
e. The renewal 2024-25 Class A beer and liquor license applications for the following:	
i. CB’s Tap, 1674 Velp Ave. – Harold Heuvelmans applicant	
ii. Gilligan's Bar & Grill, LLC, 1985 Velp Ave. – Chris Knutson applicant	
f. Change Order #5 to Feaker & Sons Company for the Nature Ridge - Utility Contract involving a \$2,065.00 decrease	
g. Change Order #4 to KCG Excavating for the Hazel Estates 1st Addition - Road Contract involving a \$2,200.00 decrease	
h. Change Order #3 to Dave Tenor Corporation for the Lineville/Brookfield Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Construction Contract involving a \$2,555.00 increase	
i. The 2025 Arbor Day Proclamation	
j. Appointment of the Deer Control Committee members	
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS (NONE)	
12. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS	
a. Review and take action on the development agreement with Tycore Built LLC and Wade Micoley for the 3rd Addition to Hazel Estates	
P. Evert said the developer has requested the village finance the construction improvements for the 36-lot subdivision. The total cost of the project is \$1,538,441.97, and the developer is agreeable to pay the full amount, which covers the	

costs of public improvements. The proposed Development Agreement outlines definitive assessment terms, including a maximum repayment term of three years for the 36 lots in the third addition with an interest rate of 5.5 percent beginning at the time the assessments are levied. The Final Plat has been approved for the 1st and 2nd additions.

C. Hughes moved to approve the Agreement Waiving Notice and Agreeing to Special Assessments for the Hazel Estates 3rd Addition. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried 8-0 (M. Lasecki abstained.)**

b. Review and take action on the development agreement with C. Roffers Properties, Chad Roffers, and Keith Garot for Marley Meadows

P. Evert said the developer has requested the village finance the construction improvements for the 41-lot subdivision. The total cost of the project is \$1,758,378.59, and the developer is agreeable to pay the full amount, which covers the costs of public improvements. The proposed Development Agreement outlines definitive assessment terms, including a maximum repayment term of three years for the 41 lots with an interest rate of 5.5 percent beginning at the time the assessments are levied. The Final Plat was approved on February 24, 2025.

R. Suennen moved to approve the Agreement Waiving Notice and Agreeing to Special Assessments for the Marley Meadows Subdivision. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

c. Review and take action on awarding the Hazel Estates 3rd Addition and Marley Meadows roadway project to Triple P Inc. dba Peters Concrete Company for \$943,366.20, contingent on approved and signed developer agreements

J. Gerrits said the proposed project includes full improvements for both subdivisions. Storm water management for the project will be satisfied by the existing regional storm water pond in the original Hazel Estates subdivision. The Hazel Estates 3rd Addition project includes oversizing of storm sewer that runs through the rear of the lots in the subdivision that serves Marley Street. No oversizing is involved in the Marley Meadows project.

Village staff is requesting that award of the contract be contingent upon approval and signing of the developer agreements. The low bidders are:

- Roadway Contract– Triple P Inc. dba Peters Concrete Company for \$943,366.20
- Utility Contract – Dornier Inc. for \$1,555,760.60

If awarded, construction could begin in late March, dependent on weather, and is scheduled to be completed in September of 2025, subject to weather conditions. Special assessments for the project will come before the board after the subdivision plats are recorded.

M. Lasecki moved to award the Hazel Estates 3rd Addition and Marley Meadows Roadway Construction Project to Triple P Inc. dba Peters Concrete Company for \$943,366.20, contingent on attorney review of the contracts, approval and signatures of developer agreements, and recording of the plats. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

d. Review and take action on awarding the Hazel Estates 3rd Addition and Marley Meadows utility project to Dornier Inc., for \$1,555,760.60., contingent on approved and signed developer agreements

C. Hughes moved to award the Hazel Estates 3rd Addition

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and Marley Meadows Utility Construction Project to Dornier Inc. for \$1,555,760.60, contingent on attorney review of the contracts, approval and signatures of developer agreements, and recording of the plats. B. McIntyre seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

e. Review and take action on Resolution 2025-05, amending Section 9 (A) of the Village of Howard Personnel Policy to include Easter as a recognized holiday for Howard Fire Rescue employees

D. Staeven said now that Howard Fire Rescue is a 24/7/365 operation, some staff will work holidays with no shift having them all off. The Village of Howard only recognizes certain holidays listed in the personnel policy, and administration is requesting an amendment to the first part of section 9 to include Easter as a holiday. This change would allow the Fire Department staff to receive holiday pay for Easter. The change would only affect the on-duty shift working Easter from 7a.m. Sunday to 7a.m. the following morning. R. Suennen moved to approve Resolution 2025-05, amending Section 9 (A) of the Village of Howard Personnel Policy to include Easter as a recognized holiday. J. Muraski seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

f. Review and take action on Ordinance 2025-04, amending Sec. 4-25, 4-30, and 4-54 of the Howard Village Code and approve new forms and licenses

Trustee Hughes said the Village of Howard limits the number of dogs a household may own to two dogs over 5 months old unless the household obtains a kennel license. Kennels are defined in the ordinance as an establishment that has dogs kept for breeding, sale, or sporting purposes. In the past, households who own three or more dogs have obtained kennel licenses even though the dogs are family pets and are not kept for breeding, sale, or sporting purposes. The changes to the ordinance create a new way to license households with three or more dogs that do not meet the kennel definition by creating a multiple dog license. She said the license applications also have been updated to reflect the changes. M. Lasecki moved to approve Ordinance 2025-04 and the new license application forms. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried 8-0 (C. Hughes abstained.)**

13. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a. C. Haltom reviewed the financial report for the three utilities for the year ended Dec. 31, 2024. **No action was taken.**

14. CLOSED SESSION

C. Hughes moved to convene to closed session. R. Suennen seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the Village Board of the Village of Howard convened to closed session at 7:12 p.m. pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats, to discuss an Offer to Purchase VH-303, and a letter of intent to lease 575 Commons Place.

15. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

J. Muraski moved to return to Open Session. R. Suennen seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the board reconvened to Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

16. ACTION (NONE)

17. ADJOURNMENT

J. Muraski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrator's Assistant/PIO
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General Employment7110

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill, WI. Seeking **Director of Youth & Family Ministry**, Part-Time Position(20 Hours Per Week). The position strives to foster Christian community through building relationships with young people and their families and pursuing ways to bring all generations together to participate in God's mission for this church. Call 715-536-5813.

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Accounting Specialist
The Ashwaubenon School District is seeking a full time Accounting Specialist who will be responsible for daily accounting and the development of financial information and fiscal reports. For complete job description and application information, please view posting located at <https://tinyurl.com/ASDSupportPostings> or contact the District Office at 920-492-2900.

Bay Port hosts Indoor Quad meet



Bay Port placed 1-5th in the girls 800m at the Bay Port Indoor Quad Invitational. See gopresstimes.com for the full gallery. **Janelle Fisher photos**



Bay Port Senior Sawyer Arndt vaults over 9'6" placing fourth.

Karius hires Patrick Bowlin as assistant coach

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Another familiar face is back with the Green Bay women's basketball program. Head Coach Kayla Karius announced the hiring of Patrick Bowlin as an Assistant Coach on Wednesday morning.

"We are thrilled to welcome Patrick back to Green Bay," said Karius. "He is a dedicated assistant who shines in recruiting and player development. With his prior knowledge of our program, he will excel in this role, and we look forward to him helping us continue the great tradition of success in our program!"

Bowlin was a Director of Basketball Operations (2021-23) and an assistant coach (2023-24) at Green Bay under previous Head



Bowlin

Coach Kevin Borseth. He was most recently with Idaho State, serving as an assistant coach for the Bengals under Head Coach Seton Sobolewski. Idaho State went 14-17 during the 2024-25 season and advanced to the Big Sky Semifinals. Bowlin was part of a staff that coached Big Sky All-Defensive Team member Kacey Spink and All-Con-

ference Second Team member Tasia Jordan.

During his previous stint with the Phoenix, Bowlin helped Green Bay win the 2022-23 Horizon League regular season championship and the 2023-24 HL tournament championship. He was part of a coaching staff that guided multiple Horizon League All-League honorees, including Bailey Butler, Hailey Oskey, Maddy Schreiber, Sydney Levy and Natalie McNeal.

"I feel incredibly blessed to join Coach Karius and her staff as they continue the great tradition of Green Bay women's basketball," added Bowlin. "The success of the student-athletes both on and off the court is unparalleled, and the community, fanbase, and alumnae are second to none. I couldn't be more grateful to

be a part of the championship culture of Green Bay women's basketball again. Go Phoenix!"

Bowlin was also at Green Bay just over a decade ago, serving as an Assistant Coach on the Phoenix volleyball team. Prior to his collegiate experience, he spent four years as a head coach for girl's basketball at Rogers High School and Totino-Grace High School in Minnesota. Bowlin also worked at St. Thomas as an assistant volleyball coach from 2016 to 2019. Additionally, he was the head softball coach at Cretin-Derham Hall, where he led the team to an MSHSL Section Championship in 2021.

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Senior Spotlight

Lillian Bukoske, West De Pere High School, softball

Parents' names: Aaron Bukoske and Sara Bukoske
Siblings: Austyn Bukoske
Position or events: I play pitcher and utility.
Instagram: @bukoskelillian
Twitter: @LillianBukoske
Career Highlight: Beating New London for the first time in my high school career my junior year.

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

I started playing baseball at five years old and after two years of baseball I switched to softball at age seven.

How did you get into the sport?

Like many other kids, I tried my hand at many different sports but softball/baseball always called my name. This is because I watched my brother play baseball and from a young age I looked up to my brother and wanted to be like him.

Has this always been your favorite sport?

Overall, I think softball has always been my favorite because, despite trying all other sports, I always found myself going back to softball.

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

My freshman year during the softball season, I prominently focused on softball rather than school because I was so nervous for softball that I didn't focus as much on school. But this year, I have tried focusing more on school because I've realized how important school is now that college is coming closer rather than just being focused on the softball season.

What or who inspired you to push yourself to be your best?

My most inspirational people have always been my parents. They are my rock in hard times. My parents always know when I can work myself harder and they call me out on it. Specifically my dad, who was my coach for my entire life. He always makes sure I am putting in the work to shape me into the best athlete I can be. Without my parents showing me what it is to work as hard as you can, I would never be where I am today.

How has your career as a student-athlete shaped you as a person?

Being a student-athlete has taught me how to multitask two very important aspects of my life and perform them to the best of my ability.



Bukoske

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

My biggest asset has been gaining a second family that pushes me to my physical limits, which is important for healthy life habits for the future because I know that I will be able to push my body to its physical limitations.

How do you stay motivated, especially in tough or stressful times?

My biggest motivators are my teammates because, without them, I doubt I would be anywhere close to where I am today. Whenever I have a bad game, they are the ones who pick me up, so when I think of what gets me motivated to come to a practice or games everyday, they are who I think of.

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

As a person, over the years, I have seen how my hard work as a freshman in all aspects of my life has paid off to get to the point I am currently at. In softball specifically, as a freshman and sophomore I put in a significant amount of work, because I knew that if I was going to continue to play varsity that I needed to do all that I could to prove to my coach that I could do it. And now looking back as a senior, I am proud of my early high school me and all the hard work she put in.

What is your favorite part about being a student-athlete in your community?

My favorite part is that my community is one of the most supportive communities that I have seen and, no matter the sport, there is always support.

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

Most of the time before a big game I do extra reps outside of practice with my dad or I take some extra reps with my teammates after practice is done.

Favorite pregame song?

"I Look Good" by O.T. Genasis.

What do you like to eat/drink before a big game?

I normally don't eat too much before a game but after a game my teammates and I love to eat Taco Bell.

Outside of sports, how do you spend your free time?

I spend most of my free time hanging out with my friends, reading, singing and spending time with my family.

What's a fun fact about yourself that most people do not know?

When I was younger my dream job was to be an opera singer.

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

I plan to go to college at UW-La Crosse and major in Psychology in hopes to become a school psychologist.

Green Bay Blizzard Home Opener



A local fan cheers on the Blizzard on their opening day for arena football at the Resch Center.

John Craemer photos



A full gallery of the Green Bay Blizzard opening day is available on the Press Times website.

Rohde gears up for upcoming Bellin Run

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The countdown to the 2025 Bellin Run continues and many avid local runners have their training in full swing as they prepare for the big day.

Notre Dame Academy girls basketball coach Sara Rohde is a well-known member of Green Bay's basketball community, but has also made a name for herself in the Bellin Run world.

Rohde is a part of the Bellin Run's invited runners contingency, meaning that she placed in the top 20 females in last year's race.

According to Rohde, remaining active is an important part of her daily life.

"I run on a consistent basis so my training doesn't change a whole lot for the Bellin. At times, I'll be intentional about some tempo and interval runs prior to the race; otherwise, I just go and run," said Rohde.

Being a dedicated Bellin Run participant has been a significant part of Rohde's life and the big day is something she said her entire family looks forward to every year.

"I have been participating in the Bellin for at least 10 years now. This race usually falls on my birthday weekend and it's a great way to cel-



brate. I have a love-hate relationship with this race because a 10K is tough, but when I'm finished, it's so fun to see family, friends, students, volunteers and everyone else who rallies around the Bellin to make it special," said Rohde.

"My own children participate in the kids' run on Friday night and are now getting old enough to run in the 5K or 10K. The energy in Green Bay on race weekend is fantastic and it's one of the biggest 10K's in the nation."

Aside from her own participation in the event, Rohde is dedicated to giving back through her coaching efforts with the Kids for Running Program.

"I have been leading the Kids for Running Program at Foxview Inter-

mediate School in De Pere for several years with the support from our principal, Andy Bradford. I love helping the fifth and sixth graders because running can look a lot of different ways for these kids — some want to be competitive, some want to have fun and some want to be active. With the addition of the 5K, the distance isn't overwhelming for a new runner," said Rohde.

"The kids all have different goals so it's fun to see them accomplish their "hard." In a world where we are surrounded by so much technology, I think it's important for kids to understand the benefits of being active. Running builds a lot of mental toughness, confidence and can be therapeutic. It's very rewarding to see the kids train and finish in practice and on race day."

Participating in the Bellin Run has a wealth of benefits for anyone interested. Outside of physical and mental benefits, there is a great sense of community to be earned.

"This is a race that the community does rally around. The Packers are present, there is live music, there are tons of people cheering on the runners, there is a kid's run and there is something for everyone. It's a very inclusive event and will be a memorable experience," said Rohde.



NDA midfielder Ellie Rupp advances the ball up the field in Notre Dame's 12-11 win over Oregon on Thursday, March 27. See the full gallery online. **Grayson Heath photo**

White's 11-goal stunner sparks Tritons' spring start

BY GRAYSON HEATH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – A nail-biting showdown unfolded at Notre Dame Academy as the Tritons (1-0) battled past the Oregon Panthers (0-1) in a girls lacrosse game that had fans on the edge of their seats.

With seconds left in regulation, Josalyn White sealed the victory with a decisive goal, leading the Tritons to a 12-11 win.

White, who scored an astonishing 11 goals in the game, was nothing short of sensational.

From the start, she led Notre Dame's offensive charge, demonstrating a combination of skill, composure and tactical awareness.

"Obviously, for the last goal, we wanted an isolation play," White said post-game, describing the timeout strategy that set her up for the game-winning moment. "The time ran down, and I knew I had to go...I ended up winning the game."

The game saw consistent back-and-forth action, with neither team pulling ahead by more than two goals.

The Tritons entered halftime tied 5-5 after a heated exchange of goals in the second quarter, highlighting White's persistence and Oregon's tenacity.

Notre Dame surged ahead early in the third quarter with standout performances from Lucy Phillips and White, extending their lead to 9-8 by the end of the quarter.

Oregon fought back in

the fourth quarter, tying the score twice and briefly pulling ahead.

With 7:51 remaining, White weaved past defenders and scored her 10th goal of the game, tying the score at 11-11.

After a clutch save by senior keeper Morgan Gokey and a perfect long-distance pass to Phillips, the Tritons were perfectly positioned to seal the game. Coach Hailey Anderson called a timeout with 4:31 remaining.

"This is our home field and our game to win," Anderson said during the timeout. "You girls just need to want it more."

After a tense 4 minutes and 21 seconds, White delivered the game-winning goal with 10 seconds left on the clock.

Her poise under pressure, combined with 11 goals and 1 assist, earned her the "grittiest player of the game" honor—a Notre Dame-branded hardhat symbolizing tenacity and teamwork.

Despite the thrilling win, White acknowledged areas for growth as the team looks to maintain momentum throughout the season.

"We all need to step up as a team," she said. "I got the ball a lot, and we want to try and spread the touches out more evenly. Everyone needs to be ready to play and know their roles."

The Notre Dame girls are scheduled to play next Tuesday, April 1, at Appleton North High School against Appleton United (0-0).

BOXING

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isn't even the exercise — it's the community.

"I would say there's two things I love. I love when someone just gets diagnosed and finds us, because that is the best time to start. When they are first diagnosed and confused about it and what is happening with their mind and body, we can introduce them to a community of people that have possibly had Parkinson's for many years," said Merrill.

"I also like to see people walk in nervous and unsure, because they are now with people who are dealing with exactly what they are dealing with and they are able to express themselves in a positive way through the movements and exercises. When they can calm down and their anxiety goes out the door, they are able to fight back with the rest of us."

Parkinson's is a unique neurological disorder, and its effects can be equally unique on each person.

"Parkinson's looks different on everybody. There are different levels in everybody and there are different times people get diagnosed, but movement is definitely something that helps them tremendously. We'll see it when they walk in the door versus when they leave. Some people walk in using a cane or a walker and then forget their cane when they are walking out the door. Sometimes they walk in with really apparent tremors and as they calm down you see them subside a bit," said Merrill.

Participant EJ Waters said that he was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2004 — the longest diagnosis in the group.

Waters first heard about the program through his neurologist in Milwaukee.

"I've met a lot of nice



Boxers work through rotations throughout a class. Shown above, participants work through strength exercises with TRX bands.

people through it," said Waters, whose favorite part about class is working with the speed bag.

Living with Parkinson's for two decades, Waters said he has some advice for people who are facing a recent diagnosis.

"You can make it last a long time. When I first was diagnosed, I was working as a telephone operator and I had to retire because I couldn't get my work done with the wires because my hands were shaking, but I can do that all now after the classes," said Waters.

Even though the concept of boxing can seem intense and may be intimidating to some people, Merrill said that each person can benefit in their own way from participating in Rock Steady Boxing.

"I would say to someone that feels intimidated by the idea of boxing that we spend little time on the heavy bags. It's part of it, for sure, but we have volunteers and coaches that are right by your side for the first couple classes throughout the movements. We have all ages, all sizes, all fitness levels, male



Rock Steady Boxing Coach Kari Merrill gives instruction to longtime participant EJ Waters who was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2004. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**

and female, all diagnosed at different times so once you step in, there's someone in there that's been in your shoes before. When you walk in, you're going to connect with someone who has been where you are," said Merrill.

Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. each day.

Anyone living with

Parkinson's interested in becoming a part of Rock Steady Boxing can call Western Racquet and Fitness Club at (920)-497-1161 and tell them they would like a Rock Steady Boxing assessment and they will connect them with Merrill for a free assessment to get to know you and see how you move. Then those interested can try a class for free.

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A movement for positive movement

Rock Steady Boxing leads people with Parkinson's to a more active lifestyle

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

Part two of last week's segment on Parkinson's rehabilitation.

GREEN BAY – Though a diagnosis of Parkinson's can be devastating and confusing, new research shows that movement and exercise can be among the most effective methods for keeping symptoms at bay.

Rock Steady Boxing helps people with Parkinson's to do just that by providing a boxing program with exercises tailored to rehabilitation for people living with the disorder.

Kari Merrill, programming director at Western Racquet and Fitness, said that the program came to Western a few years back and has changed the lives of countless people.

"We run Rock Steady Boxing classes with four certified coaches. We got involved seven years ago. There was a husband and wife that came to us wanting to add this class because they did it in Florida and they saw the benefits of delaying the progression in him, so they wanted to add something here in Green Bay," said Merrill.

"They built a foundation and then raised money to get it started here in Green Bay. They went to the hospital system with their idea and the hospital system contacted us, so we were able to start the program here. We are an affiliate of Rock Steady boxing, so there are a total of over 870 throughout the world. We had two certified coaches and nine boxers at that time and just built it to 50 boxers in the program."

Merrill said that she has seen the effects of Parkinson's in her life first-hand and is thrilled to be able to help people to lessen the effects of their symptoms and gain more confidence in their everyday lives.

"I actually started on a whole different career path and took a leap of faith about 15 years ago. I worked at the Brown County Jail as a correctional officer and then decided to go into fitness full time. I ran the fitness department at Western and did some personal training, and when Rock Steady Boxing was brought to my attention, I was ready to go.

My grandfather had Parkinson's, so I was ready to pay it forward with helping and assisting people living with Parkinson's," said Merrill.

"When my grandfather had Parkinson's I was in my 20s. It was before there was scientific

background on how people with Parkinson's should be moving and how beneficial exercise is to them. It wasn't until I got certified and learned more about Parkinson's that I was really able to see what exercise could really do for people with Parkinson's. I wasn't able to help my grandfather in the way that I help everyone in that class, so this is kind of my way to pay it forward because this is something that they need to keep them functioning and living independently for the rest of their lives."

lor exercises to what will help them delay their progression and retain their function for life."

According to Merrill, for each symptom of Parkinson's there is an exercise or an athletic focus that they practice in order to combat it.

"We have everything from voice, to hand-eye coordination, to dexterity, to big movements, flexibility, the boxing movement, the speed bag element so we can create a 75-minute class and combat anything that Parkinson's attacks or affects for anyone that walks through our door," said Merrill.

"Every class looks a little different based on how the coaches create the class, but in each one you're going to see the same warm up circle. We spend about 20 minutes with voice activation, breathing and catching up on each other's lives because it is community based. Then we do big movements focusing on flexibility and mobility before splitting off into different stations. We have a heavy bag station, a speed bag station and then we have all the equipment that we pull out for different balance and strength exercises. We have cognitive elements, too — we bring games out, do different things from their childhood, we have great music playing, so there's a lot of nostalgic elements, as well."

Comfort through community

Merrill said that in her experience, the most effective part of the class for many participants

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Local people living with Parkinson's can participate in Rock Steady Boxing classes at Western Racquet and Fitness to help mitigate their symptoms.
Tori Wittenbrock photo

What to expect

Rock Steady Boxing classes are tailored specifically to the needs of those with Parkinson's, so each exercise has its own specific benefits to help mitigate the effects of the disorder.

"Because we are an affiliate of Rock Steady Boxing, you have to have an official Parkinson's diagnosis or a diagnosis that's under the umbrella of Parkinson's to participate. We have some Lewy body dementia, or other Parkinson's-isms in class, but we are specifically certified to treat people living with Parkinson's which allows us to tai-

Phantoms kick off season with a win



Senior Faith Walder had two goals in the Phantoms' 3-1 win over the Ashwaubenon Jaguars.
Tori Wittenbrock photo

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE – The West De Pere Phantoms kicked off their 2025 season with a 3-1 win over the Ashwaubenon Jaguars at home on Tuesday, April 1.

Though the Jaguars held strong for the majority of the first half, an offensive press by the Phantoms eventually broke through the Jaguar defensive line.

A cross from the corner hit right at Faith Walder's feet for a near post tap in to give the Phantoms the lead in the 29th minute of play.

"I'm looking forward to seeing our improvement. We lost some pieces last year, so I'm looking

forward to seeing who fits into those roles," said Walder.

However, just two minutes later, the Jaguars responded with a retaliatory goal off of a corner kick to even the score.

A volley into the back of the Phantoms' net by Sylvia Dawson brought the score to an even 1-1 going into the second half.

"I liked the extra effort after the play. If there was a missed pass or a turnover, there was good recovery and if a mistake was made they fixed their mistakes," said second year head coach Chad Johnson.

Though the Phantoms focused on connecting passes and building out of the back, the Jaguars continued to find ways to cut off

passing lanes and force turnovers.

"Ashwaubenon did a good job defending. We had to be patient and that's going to happen a few times this year," said Johnson.

Possession remained in the Jaguars' danger zone for much of the half until a goal in the 52nd minute by Katie Neuens on an aggressive takeover in the box for a far post shot brought the Phantoms out in front again.

In the 73rd minute, a left-footed rip by Walder inside the box brought the score to 3-1 to bring the Phantoms their first win of the season.

The Phantoms next home game will be against Kimberly on Saturday, April 5.

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