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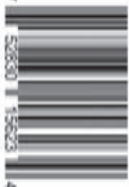
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UW-Green Bay celebrates 1,388 graduates
Graduating Class Speaker Aashvi Pandey addresses fellow graduates and those who inspired her as she speaks during the afternoon commencement ceremony at UW-Green Bay on May 17. The university celebrated its 111th commencement — and the largest spring graduating class to date — with 1,338 eligible graduates at the 2025 spring commencement, held at the Kress Events Center.
UW-Green Bay photo



SNC hosts spring commencement ceremony
On May 18, St. Norbert College hosted its 126th commencement ceremony at the Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center following a baccalaureate mass and brunch. The college is awarding 408 undergraduate degrees and 20 graduate degrees. Among the graduates, 222 students will receive honors distinctions. The class represents 19 states and five countries — the United Kingdom, Peru, Canada, Ecuador and South Korea — spanning four continents.
Mike Roemer/St. Norbert College photo

**From the publisher:
An integral part
of the community**

DEAR READER,
A year ago, I wrote about losing the designation as the official newspaper of Green Bay. While we tried to take it gracefully, we were probably kicking our chins and straining our hearts for about a week. Today, I have good news: we just received word that we are the official newspaper of Green Bay for the next year — and hopefully thereafter. After all, we are the only locally-owned newspaper in Green Bay, owned and operated by one family and our employees since 1953. Even while on the outside looking in last year, we continued to diligently cover all local news, school board and city council meetings and high school sports in our community.

We have on-the-street editors and writers who exclusively produce and edit hyper-local news. In fact, beyond our stewardship of providing local news, we have two other commitments to the community. One is an internship program in partnership with UW-Green Bay, St. Norbert College, NWTC and other local schools, funded by the Packers Give Back and Nicolet National Bank. This internship benefits local students interested in media and journalism, our staff who continue to teach and learn from them as they generate stories, the schools offering the paid internship programs and the community at large through more robust coverage of the news.

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**The Oneida Code Talkers:
They change their words**

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR**

ONEIDA – Many may be aware of the Navajo code talkers, due to the early 2000s action film, “Windtalkers.” The movie’s plot follows U.S. Marine Corporal Joe Enders as he returns from active duty in World War II and is assigned to protect a group of Navajo code talkers. Code talkers passed along secret or highly-sensitive information on the battlefield via radio transmission using their native language, so the opposition couldn’t understand their transmissions. The film is a Hollywood version of the use of code talkers by American troops during World War II, but the Navajo service members weren’t the only ones to serve in that role. Other Nations providing men to fill that role included the Comanche, Kiowa, Creek, Meskwaki, Chippewa, Choctaw, Cherokee, Lakota, Crow, Sioux, Dakota, Ho-Chunk, Hopi, Kiowa, Muscogee, Oglala, Osage, Pawnee, Ponca, Pueblo, Seminole, Apache, Cheyenne, Menominee, Mohawk and the Oneida. “The Oneida have a long history of volunteering for military service dating back to the Civil War, and Oneida men were designated ‘code talkers’ in World War II.”

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The Oneida Oneida Nation Code Talkers were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Building on Nov. 20, 2013 — all posthumously. **U.S. Mint image**



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NWTC program gifts capstone project to National Railroad Museum

On May 15, students from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC)'s Prototype and Design and Electromechanical programs installed their capstone project at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay. The project was a retrofit of the train signal for the museum's Children's Discovery Depot. Which includes automation and guarding to enhance its safety for visitors. This was one of multiple projects in which NWTC and the National Railroad Museum have partnered for to provide students with an opportunity to apply their skills outside of the classroom. See video coverage featuring NWTC Electromechanical Instructor Troy Giese and his students online at gopresstimes.com.

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Our other commitment is initiating and supporting programs that ameliorate homelessness in Wisconsin.

We have spearheaded an awareness program regarding homelessness for a number of years now in conjunction with the Wisconsin Newspapers Association and other media partners.

We have also worked locally with St. Vincent de Paul and NEWCAP, offering tangible benefits such as Badger Packs for those experiencing homelessness.

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GRACE selects new academy headmaster

BY CASSI GARRISON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) school system recently announced Eric Schreiber as the new headmaster of St. John Paul II Classical School and Chesterton Academy.

Schreiber brings more than a decade of experience in Catholic education, most recently serving as headmaster at Divine Mercy Academy in Belgrade, Montana.

He previously spent 10 years teaching in Denver and Dallas and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology and Leadership, with a focus on building Catholic classical schools.

In his new role, which officially begins July 7, Schreiber plans to further the schools’ mission by immersing himself in the Green Bay community and listening to the families he serves.

“My first priority is to be fully plugged into the community,” he said. “I don’t have any goals of coming in to change things, but



Schreiber

rather serve the things that are doing well and help them find areas of growth.”

Schreiber shared that his faith is essential to his leadership style and connection to students, teachers and families.

“Servant leadership is what I see being the most important thing right now, realizing that I’m there as a steward of God’s mission and vision for Catholic education,” he said.

Schreiber’s move to Green Bay was influenced by friend and family connections and a strong sense of being welcome.

“I’ve spent time here visiting family and friends,

and everyone speaks so highly of this community. It really drew my attention,” he said.

Schreiber’s goal for St. John Paul II Classical School and Chesterton Academy is to continue to grow the schools while maintaining strong roots in the Catholic faith.

“My vision is that we’re able to inspire the Green Bay area and the GRACE school system to build a ‘perfect moral union,’ as Pope Pius XI says—working in unison with families and the church,” he shared. “Specifically, my biggest vision is that as schools we continue to know that we are an extension of the family and an apostle of the church.”

What Schreiber wants families to know about him is that he cares deeply about Catholic education and the future of the community.

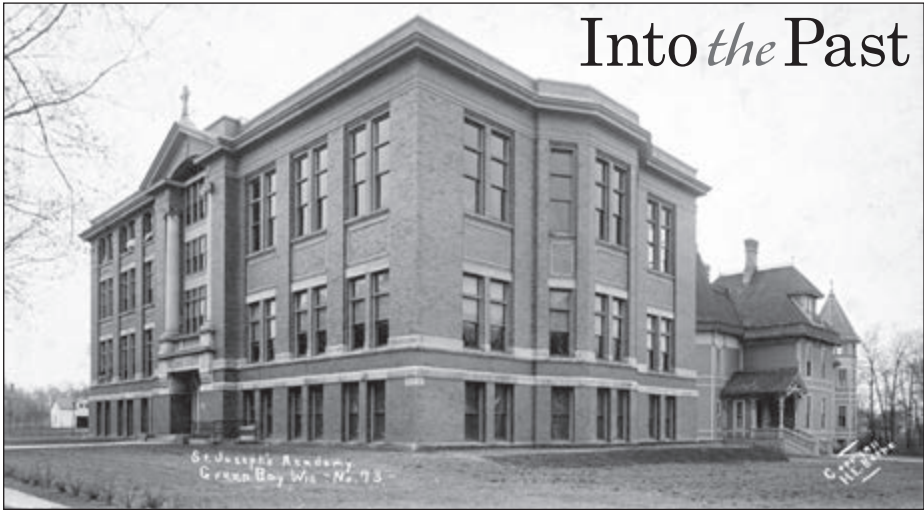
“I have a heart for Catholic education, and I want to be a part of the community that’s already here and make sure this is a place that my wife and I can have our own family be a part of one day,” Schreiber said.



City is Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize Award recipient

The City of Green Bay was recently selected as one of nine 2024 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize Award Winners from over 300 applicants across the United States. The award recognizes the work of communities that are at the forefront of addressing structural racism and other injustices to advance health, opportunity and equity. Green Bay was selected for the award due to a collective vision, action-oriented work and an application submission that highlighted the collaboration of four partner agencies committed to advancing community health and well-being: Wello, We All Rise: African American Resource Center, COMSA: A Resource Center Serving Immigrants and Refugees and Casa ALBA Melanie Hispanic Resource Center. The award comes with a \$250,000 unrestricted investment recognizing work completed. See more coverage at gopresstimes.com.

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An early 1900s photo of St. Joseph’s Academy in Green Bay.

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The oldest church in Green Bay

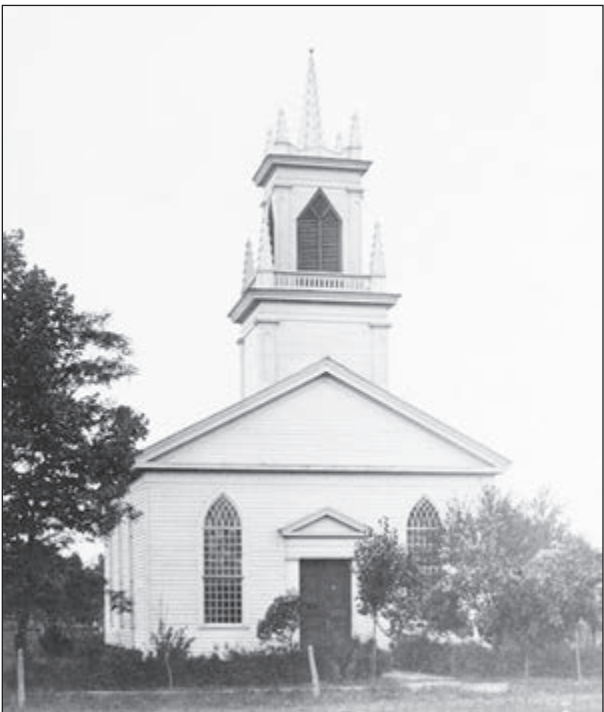
BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – “The Moravian Church, an outgrowth of a reform movement in 15th century Bohemia and Moravia, is one of the oldest Protestant bodies in the world. The Wisconsin wilderness was an open invitation to the Moravians who came in the late 1840s and provided the backbone of three distinct Moravian strongholds: Brown and Door counties, Jefferson County and Wood County,” a Wisconsin Historical Society essay stated.

“John Frederick Fett, a pioneer missionary for the Moravian Home Missionary Society, was sent to Milwaukee in 1848 and the following year, the first Moravian congregation in Wisconsin was formed among a group of Scandinavians. That same year, 1849, Moravian followers of Norwegian-born Andrew Iverson arrived in Milwaukee, and Fett turned his attention to the German community.”

“By 1890, there were 1,477 Moravians in Wisconsin, and their numbers increased by 84% in the next decade. Nils Otto Tank and his wife, both missionaries, came to Wisconsin to establish a religious communal colony based on Moravian principles near Green Bay. Tank named it Ephraim and in 1850, Iverson relocated the Milwaukee Moravians to the settlement.

“Differences between



A former parish of the Rev. Fett in New York City contributed about half of the \$1,500 collected for the erection of the church edifice, on two lots in the middle of Moravian Street, donated by William B. Astor of New York.

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Tank and Iverson led to Iverson’s defection to the shores of Door County where he re-established the community and also called it Ephraim,” the historical society essay stated.

But according to a 2002 article written by Paul Brinkmann for the *Press-Gazette*, Iverson was “dismissed as pastor at Fort Howard in 1883 for having an affair with 17-year-old housekeeper and church member Mary Nelson.”

“The clergymen separated — Rev. Tank remaining on the west side of the Fox and the Rev. Fett Coming

over to the east. Thus originated the East and West Side Moravian churches,” a July 18, 1934, *Press-Gazette* article stated.

Fett conducted the first service in Green Bay on June 9, 1850, the day after he arrived from Milwaukee with the Tanks.

“Permanent organization of a congregation was not effected until 1851, however, when the Rev. Fett, after another unsuccessful attempt at home mission work in Milwaukee, returned to the city with about 100 Germans (and) organized the church,” the



Elizabeth Jolly-Haslitt, senior marketing specialist at Heritage Hill, stands in the prayer room of the Tank Cottage — one of the oldest homes in Wisconsin. Before the Moravian Church was built, the room was a gathering place for Moravians.

Kris Leonhardt photo

article stated.

“A former parish of the Rev. Fett in New York City contributed about half of the \$1,500 collected for the erection of the church edifice, on two lots in the middle of Moravian Street, donated by William B. Astor of New York.

“On Oct. 20, 1851, the cornerstone of the proposed church was laid... a sturdy example of Colonial architecture with Gothic embellishments to distinguish it from the eastern ‘prayer meeting’ houses.”

“The Moravian Church on Jackson Square between Madison Street and Monroe Avenue was organized in 1851, with a full membership of 200, and was dedicated in 1852. Rev. J. F. Fett

was the first pastor and remained with the congregation for 12 years. This clergyman taught a parochial school to which a number of the English-speaking residents sent their children in order that they might have the advantage of imbibing the German language in the classes of this excellent instructor,” Deborah B. Martin wrote in the History of Brown County Wisconsin Past and Present.

In the late 1950s, the congregation began planning for a new church, and on Dec. 4, 1960, the cornerstone was laid for a new east-side church at Allouez Avenue and Libal Street.

The original church building later served as the Martin Luther Chapel of the

Grace Lutheran Church.

In 1972, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1980, the original church was set for demolition, but an anonymous donor stepped forward and provided \$150,000 to purchase the building from Grace Lutheran and relocated it to the park for preservation.

On Oct. 20, 1980, 129 years later on the same day and the same hour that the limestone cornerstone was originally laid, the block was placed at the church’s future home at Heritage Hill State Park.

The church was re-dedicated in 1981 and is claimed to be the oldest church building in Green Bay.



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Celebrating culture

On May 15, Titledtown was the site of a celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) cultures, featuring dance performances and art projects that showcased the diversity and heritage of the communities. On May 17, the celebration continued with the Hmong population recognizing 50 years of American residency with the N.E.W Hmong American Day Festival held at Fox Valley Technical College.

Submitted photos



NWTC hosts annual Tech Challenge

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) welcomed nearly 200 high school juniors and seniors from across the region to its Green Bay and Marinette campuses for the college's annual Tech Challenge. This high-energy, hands-on competition offered students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in a variety of technical fields, all while competing for scholarships to support their future education. Participants took part in challenges across multiple program areas, including Business, Digital Arts, Construction, Automotive, STEM, Welding, Electro-Mechanical Technology and Automation Technology. Scholarships of up to \$1,000 were awarded to first place (gold) winners. In total, over \$20,000 in scholarships were distributed with the support of the NWTC Educational Foundation, the Byron L. Walter Family Trust, the Marinette Trades Club and the Ralph E. Peterson Estate.

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Green Bay’s Golden Girl: The show goes on

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from previous week

Splitting time between Ephraim and Key Biscayne, Fla., Mary Jane Sorgel was set to headline the Miami Fourth of July Parade in 1973.

“Billed as ‘The Golden Girl of the Green Bay Packers,’ Mary Jane was to have led the Fourth of July parade, twirling a baton,” *The Miami News* stated. “But, the band she was to join didn’t show.”

Always one to make sure that the “show goes on,” Van Duyse Sorgel joined the parade instead of leading it.

Van Duyse Sorgel continued to teach young students, and in 1974, two of her Sturgeon Bay students — Jeff and Jody Zahn — took international honors at the world championships in baton twirling held in South Bend, Ind.

She continued to make appearances in Wisconsin and Florida throughout the next decade, and in

1984, made newspapers all across the country when she was featured in a story about “Late Night with David Letterman” and its staff member Sue Hall — who was in charge of finding talent for “Stupid Pet Tricks.”

“Stupid Pet Tricks” was a staple of the David Letterman show from 1982 until 2015, featuring animals performing unusual, and sometimes silly, tricks.

A reimagined version of the iconic segment was brought back on TBS in 2024 — hosted by Sarah Silverman.

In 1984, Van Duyse Sorgel sent in a videotape of her in a red-sequined drum-majorette costume and high-heel boots.

“As an off-camera accompanist strummed a guitar (likely her husband who played the guitar) and dolefully sang ‘How Much is That Doggie in the Window?’ Sorgel twirled a baton while balancing a Yorkie on her head. It was difficult to tell where the teased hairdo ended and the fluffy dog began,” the

article, circulated nationwide, stated.

Hall called Van Duyse Sorgel “a sure thing” for the show.

Van Duyse Sorgel went on to make an appearance not once, but twice, on the Letterman show.

Following her original appearance, Van Duyse Sorgel was brought back on the show in February 1986.

After the show’s fourth anniversary, Letterman and crew brought a 747 to Florida, where three in-flight “Stupid Pet Tricks” were filmed — including Mary Jane and her dog, Muffy.

Van Duyse Sorgel and Muffy were highlighted on the show as the best “Stupid Pet Trick of 1985.”

Van Duyse Sorgel also appeared on the “Sally Jessie Raphael Show” and landed in the Guinness Book of World Records for her the routine her and Muffy performed while traveling in the 747 for Letterman.

To be continued



Mary Jane and her Yorkie, Muffy, appeared on Late Night with David Letterman twice — once in 1985, pictured, and again in 1986.
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CODE TALKERS

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War I because of their complex language,” a Wisconsin Historical Society essay said.

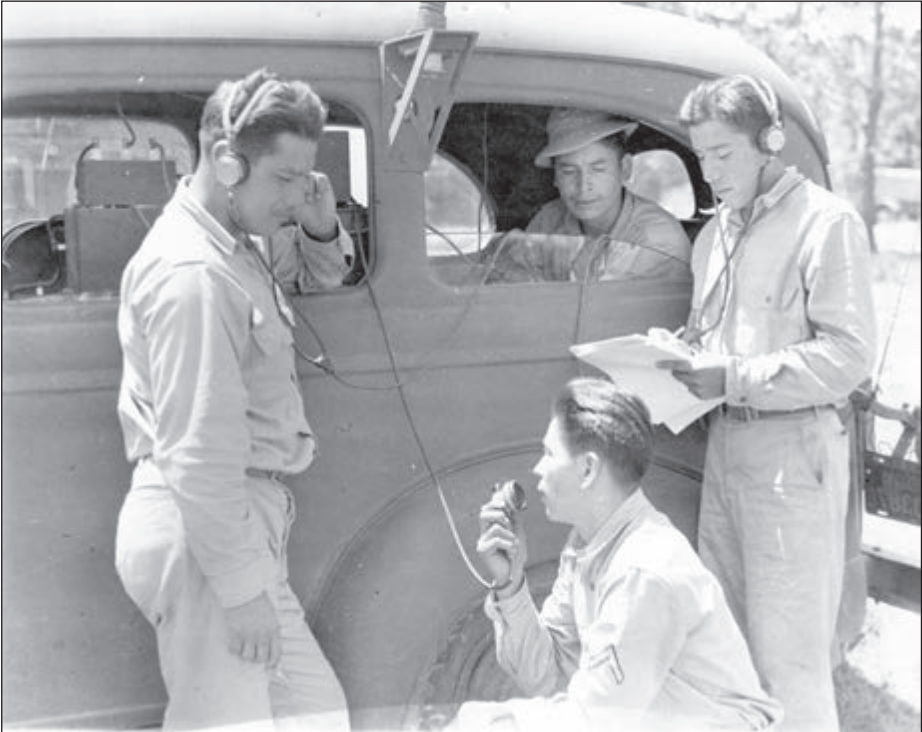
“The Wisconsin National Guard also used indigenous speakers from tribes in Wisconsin as code talkers before and during World War II. The museum staff are aware of four code talkers from the Oneida Nation, 14 from the Ho-Chunk Nation and five from the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin who served in World War II,” the Wisconsin Veterans Museum stated.

The four Oneida men who served as code talkers included Lloyd M. Schuyler, Rupert S. Adams, Rinton L. Doxtator and Hudson R. Doxtator.

Schuyler served in the Army for 17 years, which included World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was the son of Samuel and Ester Schuyler and went on to marry Pauline Jourdan and have four children. He passed away in 2004.

Adams served five years in the Army National Guard, during World War II.



Code talkers passed along secret or highly sensitive information on the battlefield via radio transmission using their native language, so the opposition couldn’t understand their transmissions.
Leland Score/Wisconsin Veterans Museum photo

“They protected the military code with their lives and most took the secret of the code to their graves and never spoke of their role in the war.”

– Tehassi Hill, Oneida Nation chairman

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County leaders break ground on South Bridge Connector project

Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, along with area leaders, officially broke ground May 13 on a project that is over a half-century in the making, as the first two segments of the South Bridge Connector Project are under construction. Project Segment 1 — also known as EB-39 — consists of constructing a roundabout and connecting County Highway F to the west of the new Interstate 41 interchange, and Mid Valley Drive. Project Segment 2 — also known as GV-14 — consists of constructing County Highway GV from French Road to Lawrence Drive, ultimately connecting County Highways EB and GV to Interstate 41.

Brown County photo

City of Neighborhoods: Fisk Addition

BY VICTORIA URNESS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – Anna Kolb restarted the Fisk Addition Neighborhood Association (NA) just over one year ago and is excited to continue to celebrate what the newer NA has accomplished thus far.

Kolb described herself as a thorn in Green Bay Neighborhoods’ (GBN) side during her mission to re-start Fisk Addition’s NA.

After many calls, voice-mails and all other types of messages, she received the greenlight from GBN to reinstate the Neighborhood Association in May of 2024.

Fisk Addition is made up of 627 family homes, 130 multi-family homes and a handful of businesses and churches.

Fisk Addition is also age diverse, which Kolb said creates a sense of community that is built on “a really good blend of people.”

To celebrate the connections that have formed within the neighborhood, Fisk Addition is most excited to be hosting Rock The Block the week of Sept. 22.

The NA hopes to help 35 family households within the neighborhood by offering home improvement services.

These services include home painting, landscaping



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and yard pitch adjustments to alleviate basement flooding.

Not only is Fisk Addition a close-knit neighborhood, they also make a point to welcome each and every new resident to their neighborhood.

“When people buy a home in our neighborhood, we welcome them with a gift basket with some essentials that you need for when you first move in,” Kolb shared.

“Whenever there’s somebody new, I stop by and wel-

come them to the neighborhood, because they don’t know when recycle day is, and they don’t know all those things. You need to make them feel welcome.”

Another event Fisk Addition was excited to be involved in is Keys to the City on May 18.

This is a citywide event where each participating Neighborhood Association provided a piano to be painted and homed in neighborhood parks.

Later this summer, Fisk Addition is hosting their



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National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

This event is a luau style picnic with food trucks and popcorn, as well as luau-style games for kids and residents of all ages.

Fisk Addition’s National Night Out will be hosted in Fisk Park from 5-8 p.m.

Fisk Addition also prides themselves on their eagerness to learn, as they invite guest speakers with knowledge on specific subjects or concerns for their community to each

such a strong sense of community within their NA within the last year of their reinstatement.

Projects and positions within the community are created based on community need and interest.

“Everybody has their passion, and so we just encourage everybody to explore what’s interesting to them. For the people that safety is important, then you know what? You’re in charge of safety.”

Finally, when asked what she would like people to know about Fisk Addition’s Neighborhood Association, Kolb said, “That we’re a friendly, safe community, friendly safe neighborhood full of neighbors who help each other out.”

For those interested in attending Fisk Addition’s summer NA meetings, they will be hosting them monthly in the sheltered area of Fisk Park on June 9, July 14 and August 11 at 5:30 p.m.

And for any additional information on Green Bay Neighborhoods and their mission, visit gbneighborhoods.org.

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NEWS BRIEFS

HUD announces over \$90 million for affordable housing in midwestern tribal communities

ONEIDA – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Scott Turner announced more than \$90 million in Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding for eligible Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to carry out affordable housing activities in Indian Country.

“From day one, HUD has been engaged in alleviating affordable housing challenges facing urban, rural and Tribal communities. Today’s announcement reaffirms our commitment to serve Tribal communities while working towards meeting Indian Country’s housing needs,” Turner said. “HUD has a strong partnership with Tribal nations across the Midwest, and I look forward to collaborating directly with Tribal leaders in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to expand housing opportunities and remove burdensome regulatory barriers that impede progress.”

The IHBG program is a formula grant that provides a range of affordable housing activities in Tribal communities.

Eligible activities include housing development, operation and modernization of existing housing, housing services to eligible families and individuals, crime prevention and safety and model activities.

The Oneida Nation was awarded \$8,106,914.

Nominations open for De Pere Community Silver Knight Award

DE PERE – The De Pere area Silver Knight selection committee is currently seeking nominations for the 2025 De Pere Community Silver Knight Award.

Nomination applications will be accepted through Aug. 15.

Since the inception of De Pere Community Night in 1968, the Silver Knight Award has been bestowed upon outstanding in-

dividuals nominated by De Pere service clubs, civic organizations or members of the community.

Yearly winners are selected by a vote of past recipients.

Previous winners have been recognized for their contributions to civic development, church activities, services to the elderly, handicapped or needy, recreation programs for children, scouting programs or a variety of other civic and philanthropic activities.

For more information and to obtain a nomination form go to deperesilverknight.org.

Green Bay Packers Foundation seeking grant applicants

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers Foundation is seeking applications for its annual grant program through July 7.

This year, the foundation will focus on awarding grants to organizations that will use the funds for programs or projects that address animal welfare, health and wellness, including drug, alcohol and domestic violence, civic and community initiatives and environmental causes.

Only organizations whose programs fit the established criteria may apply for and be considered for grants.

Different focus areas are emphasized through the application process each year, and this is the third year of the current three-year grant cycle.

Organizations that are classified as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code with a valid IRS Tax ID for a minimum of two years and are located in the state of Wisconsin are eligible to apply for a grant.

Organizations may only apply for a grant once during the three-year cycle.

Interested applicants can find out if they are eligible to apply for a grant and complete the application online at packers.com/foundation.

Applicants should note that grant amounts can range from \$3,000 to \$8,000 and recipients may not receive the total amount requested.

Grant distributions vary annually based on the number of applications and total amount of funding approved for distribution.

All grant applications received will be

reviewed by the Green Bay Packers Foundation Trustees, who will finalize the list of grant recipients in October.

A public announcement of the grant recipients will take place in November/December.

Foul play not suspected regarding body recovered from Fox River

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Police Department continues to investigate the death of an adult female whose body was recently recovered from the Fox River.

On Friday, May 9, police were dispatched at approximately 12 p.m. to an area near the 100 block of Bay Beach Road following the report of a passerby who found a body in the water.

The body was removed from the water a short time after police arrived.

At this time, there is no evidence to indicate that foul play was involved.

Police spoke with the next-of-kin and can release that person is Elisabeth Babcock, 47, of Hobart.

Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to call Green Bay Police at (920) 448-3200 and reference case #25-221573.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at (920) 432-STOP (7867).

You may also submit a tip online at www.432stop.com, or utilize the “P3 Tips” app for crime tips.

\$4 million announced to expand access to transportation, reduce barriers for joining the workforce

WISCONSIN – Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), announced over \$4 million in Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP) grants for organizations across 54 Wisconsin

counties to expand access to employment-related transportation opportunities and promote Wisconsinites’ ability to enter and remain successful in the workforce.

Funded by the Federal Transit Administration and state funds from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and WisDOT, WETAP is designed to help local communities address unique transportation needs to ensure transportation access is not a significant barrier to Wisconsinites seeking and retaining employment.

“Whether your family car needs repairs, you’re working the night shift when public transit options are limited or there’s no bus route close to home and work, if there’s a bus at all, transportation can be a significant barrier for Wisconsinites in finding and maintaining gainful employment,” said Gov. Evers. “Wisconsinites are hard workers by nature, but you’ve got to have a way to get to work in order to work hard and put food on the table. So, I look forward to seeing how these grants will help close gaps in communities across our state to help fill available jobs, get folks to work, and build the 21st-century workforce and infrastructure we need to support a 21st-century economy.”

“Lack of transportation can be a significant barrier to getting and keeping jobs for many people in Wisconsin,” said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. “Supporting these transportation options will help to improve economic outcomes not only for these workers, but for the entire state. WisDOT applauds and supports these community organizations that are working to address transportation needs for workers in every county.”

WETAP supports several initiatives to ensure Wisconsinites have access to the transportation they need, including new or expanded transportation services that address the employment-related transportation needs of eligible low-income workers; shared solutions such as ridesharing, public transportation expansion, vanpools or carpools; individual solutions, such as car repair or used car loan programs; and coordinated transportation solutions that address gaps in service and streamline community efforts.

Wisconsinites looking for help under WETAP can find the contact information for the organization working in their area at wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/transit/wetap-contacts.pdf.



Art with a heart

What started as a passion project by local artist Zane Statz has become a vibrant 70-foot-long tribute to NFL fandom and community spirit — raising \$16,750 for three local nonprofits during the 2025 NFL Draft in Green Bay. Located directly across the street from Lambeau Field on Lombardi Avenue, the mural titled “Green Bay Gives Back” features the illustrated likenesses of 33 NFL fans. Every dollar paid by the fans is being split evenly between three Green Bay-area charities — Grit 920, Freedom House and 23’s Cleats 4 Kidz. This marks the 13th mural Zane Statz has painted along Lombardi Avenue, and unlike most of his previous projects, this one was entirely self-funded.

Submitted photo

Green Bay, a tourism hotspot?

BY AVERY BIEROWSKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – Green Bay residents already know: when the snow melts and the sun finally sticks around, this city comes alive.

Now, it seems the rest of the country is catching on.

According to a new analysis from *Dunhill Travel Deals*, Green Bay has seen one of the biggest summer visitor surges in the U.S., a 46.3% jump in daily tourists during the summer months.

That’s higher than Chicago, San Diego and even Orlando.

The report studied three years of round-trip flight data from nearly 200 U.S. cities, filtering out local residents and pass-through travelers to focus solely on tourists whose final destination was Green Bay.

The result?

A clear picture of a city that’s no longer just a cold weather football stop, it’s now a rising summer destination.

But for those of us who call Green Bay home, this isn’t news.

Aside from football, this city has always had a rich lineup of family friendly, fun and deeply local traditions that shine brightest in the summer.

At the heart of the season is Bay Beach Amusement Park, where generations of families have spent sun-soaked afternoons riding the Zippin Pippin and taking in the views of the Bay.

It’s old-school fun at prices that feel like a steal in today’s world.

Just down the road, Titletown offers something for everyone: yoga on the turf, food trucks under the stars and a kid-friendly play-



At the heart of tourism season is Bay Beach Amusement Park, where generations of families have spent sun-soaked afternoons riding the Zippin Pippin and taking in the views of the bay. **Discover Green Bay photo**

ground that turns into a social hub on long summer evenings.

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And of course, there’s downtown, where events like the farmers’ markets and Taste on Broadway bring the community together through local flavors, visual art and live performances.

These aren’t just events — they’re summer staples.

What makes Green Bay so special isn’t just the list of things to do, it’s how deeply they’re woven into the community.

From spending time on the Fox River to weekend drives up to Door County, we’re lucky to live where natural beauty, cultural moments and “Midwestern

charm” intersect.

As more travelers take notice and tourist numbers rise, it’s a good reminder that the place we call home is something pretty extraordinary.

What others are discovering for the first time, we’ve been enjoying for years, and this summer, there’s even more reason to soak it all in.

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Farmers' market season begins throughout Brown County

By City Pages Staff

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Market and Music

Howard Commons Activity Complex, Howard

Local produce and flowers, wood crafts, jewelers, other artisans, homemade baked goods, local businesses and more, plus live music in the Biergarten.

Mondays from 5-8 p.m., June 2 through Aug. 25.

Check out the Howard Commons Activity Complex's Facebook page for more details.

Seymour Farmers' Market

Soda Sense Parking Lot, Seymour

Fresh produce, handmade goods, and community fun.

Tuesdays from 2-6 p.m., through Aug. 27.

Visit Seymour Market's Facebook page for more details.

Farmers' Market on Broadway

Broadway District, Green Bay

More than 110 local vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, carry out foods, coffee and teas, meats, cheeses, flowers and plants, handcrafted goods, soaps and more.

Wednesdays from 3-8 p.m., May 21 through Sept. 24.

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Oneida Farmers' Market

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Thursdays from 12-6 p.m., June 19 through Sept. 25.

Follow Oneida Farmers Market (Wisconsin) on Facebook for more details.

Market on Military

216 S Military Ave, Green Bay.

Sale of locally grown, raised, made, created and crafted goods.

Thursdays from 2-7 p.m., June 5 through Oct. 30.

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Downtown De Pere Farmers' Market

George Street Plaza, De Pere

Local growers and makers, plus weekly featured musicians.

Thursdays from 3-8 p.m., June 5 through Sept. 25.

See definitelydepere.org for more details.

Titletown Night Market

Titletown, Ashwaubenon

Mix of food, drinks, local shopping and live entertainment.

Thursdays from 4:30-8:30 p.m., June 12 through Aug. 28.

Head to titletown.com for more information.

Saturday Farmers' Market

Downtown Green Bay

Fresh, locally-grown produce, artisanal baked goods, carry out foods, coffee and teas, meats, cheeses, flowers and plants, handcrafted goods and more from more than 100 local vendors.

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THE BUZZ

Two new exhibits open at the Mulva

For City Pages

Last week, the Mulva Cultural Center welcomed not one, but two amazing exhibits for the entire family — *Explore Your World* and *Top Secret: License to Spy*.

“Our next two exhibitions are designed to captivate and inspire — blending hands-on experiences with the fascinating worlds of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM),” said Claudia Damiani, director of exhibits and education at the Mulva Cultural Center. “These exhibitions showcase the role STEM plays in our daily lives, highlight careers in various STEM fields and offer an exciting peek into exploration and espionage.”

Both exhibits were created by the renowned Scitech in Perth, Australia, and, produced by Imagine.

“Imagine is proud to partner with Scitech to bring engaging and educational experiences like *Explore Your World* and *Top Secret* to Mulva Cultural Center,” said Tom Zaller, president and CEO of Imagine. “Whether navigating the world through maps or diving into the world of espionage, these exhibitions inspire curiosity and deeper learning by presenting complex STEM topics in accessible, interactive ways.”

“The immersive sets and activities in both exhibits provide a glimpse into the worlds of navigation and covert operations,” said Damiani. “It’s a chance for visitors to engage with real-world science in a completely unique way.”

To learn more about Mulva Cultural Center, see its calendar of events and purchase tickets, visit mulvacenter.org.

Explore Your World

Explore Your World reveals the importance of maps and navigation in everyday life through quests across land, sea and space.

In *Explore Your World*, guests will dive into the art and science of navigation, from ancient techniques to modern technology.

The exhibit invites visitors to embark on adventures through shipwrecks, virtual buildings and even pilot an underwater exploration vehicle.

Visitors will navigate using coordinates in a giant game of Battleship, map their surroundings with sonar and explore global ocean currents through real-time computer modeling.

Plus, learn how ancient explorers relied on the stars for navigation across vast oceans and lands.

Top Secret

In *Top Secret: License to Spy*, visitors will go undercover and enter a world of coded messages and satellite surveillance when they take on the role of a secret agent.

Visitors will go undercover, entering a world of coded messages, satellite surveillance and high-tech espionage.

This exhibit provides a peek into the science behind spying, where visitors will gather intelligence through activities like deciphering codes, identifying microdots and using lasers to eavesdrop.

They’ll even learn how spies use radio bugs and oscilloscope technology to monitor conversations, all while getting a behind-the-scenes look at the secretive world of espionage. **CP**



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▲ *Explore Your World* reveals the importance of maps and navigation in everyday life through quests across land, sea and space. Stock photos

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▲ The piano at Marquette Park, placed in partnership with the Marquette Park Neighborhood Association and Olde Norwood Neighborhood Association, was designed by Carli Ihde. Janelle Fisher photos

Keys to the City puts painted pianos in seven local parks

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

The Tarlton Theatre presented its second annual Keys to the City last weekend — a free, live art and music festival celebrating the painting of pianos in seven parks across the community.

“Last year was a great success,” said Tarl Knight, owner of The Tarlton Theater. “We had over 500 people that we were able to count at the five different parks and five different pianos. This year, we have a number of returning neighborhood associations, painters and musicians, but we’ve expanded to seven. And that’s in order to continue to fulfill our mission of bringing art and music outside of the historic west side theater and to be open and out into the neighborhoods where families and kids live. We want to meet them where they live and be able to provide affordable, free music in the communities that don’t always get the opportunity.”

It’s an opportunity Knight can appreciate, as accessible arts programming is what started him on the path he’s on today.



▲ The Fort Howard Park piano was painted by Sienna, filling in for Natalie Halvorsen.



▲ The piano in the Fisk Park Pavillion was designed by Nate Smith.



► The Seymour Park piano was designed by Rachel Warpinski.



▲ The St. James Park piano, placed in partnership with the Astor Neighborhood Association, was designed by Nicole Zimmer.

“As a musician and an artist myself who was inspired at a young age by accessible and affordable arts and cultural opportunities, it’s important that we as a community are providing a number of options to kids who maybe don’t grow up with the opportunity for piano lessons or guitar camp or art school,” Knight said. “We selected seven different qualified, census-tracked neighborhoods which have low- or moderate-income households where this may be one of the first or only opportunities for kids to be able to interact with a musical instrument as they’re growing up. That’s one of the big missions with this — inspiring another generation in our community to become artistic and

musical and creative.” If you missed Sunday’s event, don’t worry — all seven pianos will remain in the parks for viewing and playing all summer long. “The festival is just part of the experience, and a very small part, because the pianos are going to stay until the end of September,” Knight said. “All summer long, as kids and families go out to their neighborhood parks, these pianos are going to live out here like an extension of the park equipment or an extension of the playground. We hope kids will be able to play on the pianos and they’ll bring some vibrancy and color as interactive sculptures and art.” **CP**



▲ The piano in Eighth Street Park was placed in partnership with the Shipyard Neighborhood Association and designed by Jake Phelps.



▲ The Tank Park piano was designed by Megan Jain.



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Ruby



Meet Ruby, a six-month-old lab/beagle mix. Ruby’s family says she’s a big snuggler and loves to say hello to all her neighbors, but sometimes lets her mischievous side get the best of her and digs holes in her backyard. Janelle Fisher photo

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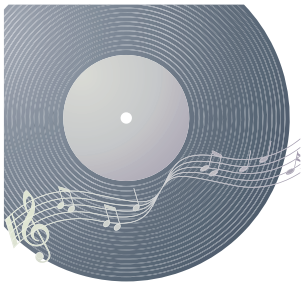
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The All-American Rejects headlined a special pop-up concert at UW-Green Bay, hosted by Radio GBX. The concert marked the start of their nationwide tour of pop-up concerts in support of their upcoming new album and new single “Sandbox.” Gracelyn Giese photos



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Saturday, May 31

Yoga with Kitties • Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, Green Bay. Uplifting morning yoga class with feline friends. 9:30 a.m. \$15. Bring your own yoga mat. See Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary's Facebook page for more details and to purchase tickets.

Ongoing

Hail Mary • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Test your quarterback skills and see if you can hit the target. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., through Aug. 28. Free. Visit titledown.com for more details.

Tuesday Night Rides • Pete's Garage, Green Bay. Road ride and opportunity to meet other cyclists in the community while getting in some riding during the week. Tuesdays at 6 p.m., through Sep. 2. Free. See Pete's Garage's Facebook page for more details and route info.

Sunset Yoga • Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay. Yoga on the patio. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., through Sept. 18. \$15, includes a cocktail token. Find out more on Paradise North Distillery's Facebook page.

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.

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LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

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 wiartemystic.com.

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

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

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

Ongoing

Kids Art • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Simple crafts that incorporate natural materials. Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., through Oct. 8. Free. Visit titledown.com for more information.

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

Thursday, May 29

Plantapalooza • 240 Lazarre Avenue, Green Bay. Annual garden fundraiser hosted by The Canary Fund. 3-6 p.m. \$2-10 per plant. Learn more at thecanaryfund.org/events.

Friday, May 30

Laundry Love Event • Military Ave. Maytag Coin Laundry, Green Bay. Free laundry washing for neighbors in need. 5:30-9 p.m. For more information, head to laundrylovegreenbay.org.

Ongoing

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 May 27 meeting will be Kasha Huntowski to talk about the Neville Public Museum Foundation, followed by a tour of the Manitowoc Maritime Museum. 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 15's speaker will be Rob Charles, director of marketing for Woodside Senior Communities. Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Everyone is welcome. See the De Pere Area Men's Club's Facebook page to learn more.

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

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

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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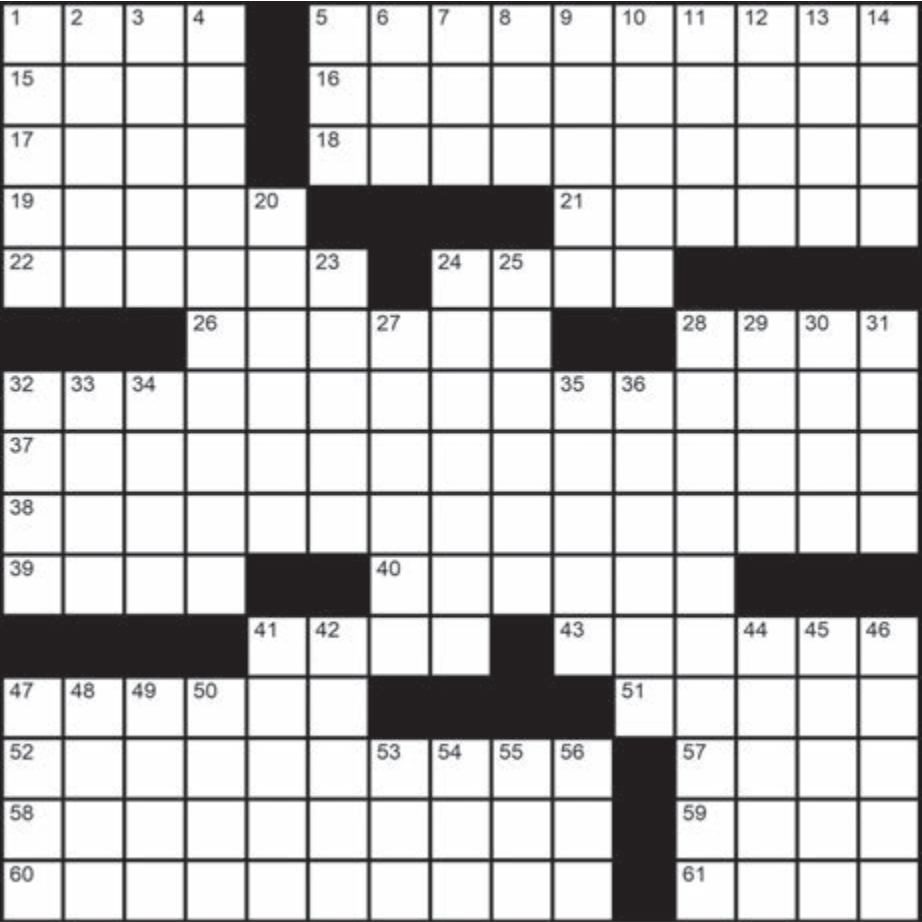
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Crossword answers on page 6. No peeking!

Across

- 1. Fluffy rug type
- 5. Supervisory scuba pro
- 15. Jet speed unit
- 16. Question of finger-pointing
- 17. Prefix for farmers
- 18. Person seen in now-notable footage from the 2005 World Series
- 19. Opera singer Tetrazzini (of chicken and pasta fame)
- 21. Rhino relatives with long snouts
- 22. Some flat screens
- 24. Gift card blank
- 26. Movie that elicits certain emotions
- 28. ____ sci (college dept.)
- 32. “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” actor who’s on the current season (series!) of “Taskmaster”
- 37. Running automatically, maybe
- 38. Sneakily got halfway?
- 39. Abbr. before a founding year
- 40. Dark German lager variety
- 41. “Sure, sure”
- 43. Shoe blemishes
- 47. Necessitate
- 51. Green hill
- 52. Does double duty?
- 57. Item you may wait with
- 58. Event where you win, lose, and draw?
- 59. Temptation
- 60. One who prefers NES to the Switch 2, perhaps
- 61. 1914 Belgian battle river

Down

- 1. One end of a Goodwill rack
- 2. Court locale, with “The”
- 3. Stinging
- 4. 2001 comic book-based black comedy with the tagline “Accentuate the negative”
- 5. Fist-bump greeting
- 6. “As I see it,” in a text
- 7. Somebody
- 8. Les Jeux Olympiques d’ ____ de Paris
- 9. “ ____ bene!”
- 10. At right angles to a ship’s keel
- 11. Bad AI-generated “art”
- 12. Airport-to-hotel option
- 13. Kuwait VIP
- 14. Fires up the engine
- 20. Manhattan map line
- 23. Bracket tournament stage
- 24. Sliced thin
- 25. Narrative device that resolves plot holes
- 27. ____ conducción (driver’s license, in Durango)
- 28. In forthright terms
- 29. New Orleans veggie
- 30. Country where the Buddha’s breastbone is reportedly located
- 31. Shipwreck site
- 32. “Yes, Chef!” judge Andrés
- 33. They may get into cereal boxes
- 34. Either of the Proclaimers, by birth
- 35. Joke “prizes” on a certain game show
- 36. Waiting to hit
- 41. Northern abode
- 42. Former spirituality/philosophy radio show “On ____”
- 44. Half of a Daymond John-owned apparel brand
- 45. Warning signal
- 46. More sneaky
- 47. “Lupin” star Sy
- 48. Snoozefest
- 49. NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie
- 50. Price hike, briefly
- 53. Rockstar series, for short
- 54. Fashion line
- 55. Mao ____-tung
- 56. Bering or Magellan (abbr.)

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HIGH LIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Plantapalooza

Thursday, May 29 | 240 Lazarre Ave., Green Bay

Annual garden fundraiser hosted by The Canary Fund. Attendees can browse hundreds of potted annuals and perennials lovingly cultivated by local garden experts and take them home. This event will run from 3-6 p.m. Suggested donations range from \$2-10 per plant with all proceeds benefitting The Canary Fund’s micro-grant program. Learn more at thecanaryfund.org/events.

Laundry Love Event

Friday, May 30 | Military Ave. Maytag Coin Laundry, Green Bay

Free laundry washing for neighbors in need. Quarters, soap and dryer sheets will be provided. Each individual can wash up to two loads and each family can wash up to five loads. Bringing bedding is encouraged and will not be included in the load limits. Sign-in will run from 5:15-8:15 p.m. Laundry will be done from 5:30-9 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. For more information, head to laundrylovegreenbay.org.



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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Memorial Day: Honoring the Ultimate Sacrifice

Dear Reader,

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to remember and honor those who gave everything for our nation. Each Memorial Day, we stand in solemn gratitude for those who never returned home. The empty chairs at family tables. The children who grew up without a parent. The spouses who faced life alone. Their sacrifice echoes through generations and forms the foundation of the liberties we often take for granted.



My own father was among those who answered the call of duty, serving our country in World War II to keep the world free from tyranny and oppression. He was fortunate to return home, but many of his comrades-in-arms did not. My family’s military tradition continued with my cousin, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army until recently. He earned the distinguished Ranger tab, representing the pinnacle of military training and excellence. Men and women like him stand ready to defend our nation at a moment’s notice, prepared to make the same sacrifice as those we honor on Memorial Day.

As we honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our country, we must also recognize the silent battles many of our veterans continue to fight long after their time on the battlefield has ended. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, affects a significant number of those who have served, and it is a reminder that the cost of freedom is not always visible. These men and women carry wounds that can’t be seen—a burden of trauma, memory, and sacrifice that continues well beyond their return home. Their courage does not end with deployment; it continues every day as they strive to heal and find peace. As a nation, we owe them not only our gratitude but our unwavering support.

As we gather with family and friends this Memorial Day weekend for barbecues and celebrations, let us take a moment—a dedicated, mindful moment—to remember why this holiday exists. Let us teach our children about sacrifice and service. Let us bow our heads in gratitude for those who died defending our values, our freedoms, and our way of life.

May we prove worthy of their sacrifice by being citizens who honor their memory not just on Memorial Day, but every day—by living with purpose, protecting the freedoms they died for, and building a nation worthy of their profound sacrifice.

They gave their tomorrows for our todays. We will never forget.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why do we link moving coal piles to a new port?

DEAR EDITOR,

Why have we in the past linked the building of the new port at the mouth of the Fox River to the moving of the coal piles from their present location to a new location?

We should not have done that; the coal piles will take care of themselves.

As a community, we can do anything — i.e. community-owned NFL franchise in Green Bay.

Let’s use that same spirit and initiative to get this new port built at the mouth of the Fox River for the benefit of the Green Bay community for years to come.

*Sincerely,
James Carl Motley
De Pere*

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

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



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A response to the local student homelessness article

DEAR EDITOR,

Thank you for your coverage in “Education is key to fighting local student homelessness.”

The intersection of education and youth homelessness deserves greater attention and action to ensure students receive the support they need to succeed.

In Wisconsin and across the U.S., youth experiencing homelessness are among the most vulnerable and overlooked.

The state’s homeless student population grew by over 9% in the reported year.

While the Green Bay Area Public School District was highlighted, we also appreciate the article’s recognition that student homelessness is an urban, suburban and rural issue requiring both state and federal support.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, these students are eligible for services that help remove barriers to school enrollment and attendance — such as transportation, academic resources and referrals to community services.

Still, the challenges remain stark: only 69% of

Wisconsin students experiencing homelessness graduate high school, compared to 82.5% of economically disadvantaged students and 90% of all students, according to Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan.

This matters, as education is the most effective path out of homelessness.

The article also rightly highlights the unique challenges faced by unaccompanied homeless youth — those without a parent or guardian.

Their status often prevents them from access-

ing essential resources, including medically necessary healthcare, which impacts their well-being and ability to focus on school.

Advocates across Wisconsin continue working to expand access to healthcare and supportive services for these youth.

We urge state leaders to support these efforts and help ensure all students have the stability they need to thrive.

*Rodd Monts
Director of State Policy
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OPEN LETTER

Supporting the induction of Jack Vainisi into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

TO ALL LEGISLATORS,

Last month, the eyes of the football world turned to Wisconsin as Green Bay hosted the 2025 NFL Draft.

It was a milestone moment for our state and our most storied franchise.

But long before the NFL Draft became a national spectacle, it was quietly transformed by a visionary in a back office at Lambeau Field — Jack Vainisi.

We invite you to co-sponsor a joint resolution supporting the overdue induction of Jack Vainisi into the Pro Football Hall of Fame — the scout, strategist, and architect of the

Packers’ golden era.

Though not a household name, Vainisi may have had more influence on the Packers dynasty than any player or coach.

After a promising playing career was cut short by illness while serving under General Douglas MacArthur in Japan, Vainisi earned his degree at Notre Dame and joined the Packers as a scout in 1950.

What followed was a masterclass in talent evaluation that changed the game forever.

With a sharp eye and a deep network, Vainisi scouted and drafted 12

future Hall of Famers — including Bart Starr, Ray Nitschke, Forrest Gregg, Paul Hornung and Willie Davis.

And when the Packers needed a new leader, it was Vainisi who urged the team to pursue a little-known coach from the Giants: Vince Lombardi.

Together, these players and coaches formed the foundation of a dynasty, delivering five NFL championships and victories in Super Bowls I and II.

Without Jack Vainisi, there is no Lombardi Era. Without Vainisi, there is no Tittle town.

Sadly, Jack Vainisi died at the age of 33 from a rheumatic heart condition, and unfortunately this key figure in National Football League history is not himself a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

To remedy this glaring omission, please contact Sen. Andre Jacque’s office or Rep. Rob Kreibich’s office by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 30, to co-sponsor this resolution calling for the enshrinement of Jack Vainisi in Canton, Ohio.

*Sen. André Jacque
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Where solo agers can find help



Savvy Senior

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DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,

I’m a divorced 68-year-old childless cat lady and have been thinking a lot lately about who will look after me when I get older and my health falters.

What resources are available to solo seniors

like me, and where can I turn to find a reliable person to be my emergency contact, as well as lookout for my health, financial matters and living arrangements in my elder years?

Solo Ager

DEAR SOLO,

This is a very common concern for the 22 million solo agers across the United States who don’t have adult children or other family they can depend on to watch out for their well-being.

Here are some tips and resources that can help you plan ahead.

Choosing helpers and decision makers

While older adults who have children or are married usually name offspring

or spouses as proxies/decision makers, solo agers most often choose a sibling, niece or nephew or rely on a trusted friend or neighbor.

Whomever you choose, talk to them first to make sure they’re up for the task.

If, however, you don’t have anyone you feel comfortable with, or who is willing to take on that responsibility, you can hire someone.

One of the best resources for this is an aging life

See SOLO page 18

Still cool, but fishing is heating up

Bass, panfish, pike and walleyes among the area's best bets



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

BY KEVIN NAZE
CORRESPONDENT

A cool and blustery week is expected to gradually warm heading into the Memorial Day weekend, heating up the odds for spring fever.

As water temperatures climb, look for panfish and bass to cruise the near-shore shallows, scouting out spawning sites. The same sun-warmed areas could also hold pike, wall-

eyes and muskies.

On Green Bay, it's been a very good month for targeting smallmouth bass, walleyes and northern pike, with all three species found in 10 feet of water or less. A few rare bass up to eight pounds have been hooked, and it's been taking a 5- to 6-pound-plus average to secure a top spot in bass tournaments.

The spring yellow perch closure on Green Bay has ended, and the bay's muskie



Bluegills are one of the best bets for consistent action when taking kids fishing on inland lakes.

Kevin Naze photo

Weekly Fishing Report

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

This past week of walleye fishing on Green Bay has been good to above average.

Most location reports have come in of good catches to limits at times. Remember this time of year winds play a huge factor, moving the warm water around and with it; hungry walleye will follow.

Most reports were still of the best fishing being less than 10 feet of water.

University Bay has seen an increase in good fishing with most anglers targeting walleye trolling.

Both cranks like #7 flicker minnows and worm harnesses have been producing now that the water temps have been steadily around 60 degrees.

The best colors have been purple and white combinations.

Suamico to Pensaukee along the west shore has also been productive with both harnesses or cranks.

Many anglers have also had good success still casting jigs/plastics or purple hair jigs up the shallow waters of those areas.

Watch your electronics to find fish along the shallow sand areas then cast to locate the active fish.

Green Bay's east shore from Vincent Point all the way to Shoemaker Point has seen good to above catches like most areas, especially days with some wind blowing into the shore.

The trollers there have reported better action running flicker shads or minnows versus harnesses.

If the wind congregates warm water in pockets, don't be afraid to cast your hair jigs in those areas as fish have been concentrated in the warmer water zones at times.

Small mouth bass action up in the areas of Little Sturgeon, Rileys Bay and Sand Bay of Door County has been outstanding.

Jerk baits and ned rigs have been two great bait choices. Folks throwing marabou hair jigs were also reporting good action.

Reminder that Green Bay perch fishing opens Tuesday, May 20.

Most folks fishing shallow for walleye the last few weeks especially along the west shore of Green Bay have reported many incidental catches of perch mixed in with the walleye.

Good luck all you perch anglers this week!

If you go, please be safe, and take a kid fishing.

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Charlotte A. Hermesen
Charlotte A. Hermesen, 85, Green Bay, passed away peacefully Saturday May 10, 2025, at a local care facility. Friends may call at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 3425 Willow Rd, on Friday, May 16, from 11:00 am until 12:45 pm. Funeral Mass 1:00 pm Friday at the church with Rev. Bill Hoffman officiating. Entombment in the Allouez Chapel Mausoleum. Online condolences may be sent to Charlotte's family at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of floral expressions a memorial fund has been established in her name.

season (with its unique 54-inch minimum size limit) opens May 24. Muskies also open in the northern zone inland Saturday. Most are released, but if you're wanting to keep one, be sure to brush up on the specific regulations for the waters you plan to fish. Get more info at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/musky>, and find some new spots to try at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/outreach/wifishingfinder>.

Meanwhile, don't let chilly mornings keep you from going without sun protection. Just a month away from summer solstice, we've entered the period where you're most likely to suffer serious sunburn. Pale skin from a long winter and cold spring plays a big role, as does reflection off the water and many hours spent pursuing your favorite fish species.

Even though there won't likely be a whole lot of exposed skin just yet, use a high-SPF sunscreen on your face, neck, shoulders and backside of hands, at minimum. Ideally, a baseball cap, visor or one of those goofy-looking (but effective!) boonie hats — with

or without the sun-blocking neck flap — should be worn, paired with dark gray (sunny days) or brown (low-light or overcast) lenses.

Recent hard frosts mean mosquitoes shouldn't be a big problem yet, but having some insect repellent in the tackle box is always a good idea. Ticks are active, so treat your clothing with permethrin and consider some DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil on your skin.

Trout and salmon

Green Bay waters produced more than a third of the estimated 9,000-plus brown trout caught last year, though the numbers are likely much higher considering there's little to no creel census in most areas during the top brown trout months of November through April.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reported a record harvest of sport-caught coho salmon, more than 210,000 between guides and private anglers from boat, pier and riverbank. In addition, the agency reported an estimated 160,000 Chinooks caught, the most since 2012.

Last year, more than

40,000 of the kings caught came out of Algoma and Kewaunee, including 12,000-plus on charter boats. That area was also No. 1 in steelhead, with more than 18,000 of the 67,000-plus reported.

The estimated lake trout catch of 14,636 was the least since 2008. That wasn't unexpected considering how good the fishing was preferred species.

Birds winging in

Peak bird migration took place last week, with estimates of more than 20 million birds crossing into or over Wisconsin some nights. The BirdCast migration dashboard uses bird migration research, including radar ornithology, to come up with the numbers. Daily data can be seen at <https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-WI>.

Colorful backyard visitors seen include Baltimore and orchard orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks and ruby-throated hummingbirds. Some lucky birders are also spotting less-common species such as scarlet tanagers, indigo buntings and red-headed woodpeckers.

If you've been having issues with raccoons or black

bears, be sure to bring food and sugar water mixtures inside before dark.

The black bear population is estimated at more than 20,000. With a sense of smell about seven times greater than a bloodhound, bears zero in on the scent of unsecured garbage, dirty grills, bird feeders, bee hives and pet food left outside. They can cause property damage and break into homes and sheds.

First fawns seen

Trail camera photos and videos posted on social media the second week of May showed the first tiny white-tail fawns of the season. Last year's rutting activity did seem a little earlier than usual. You can backtrack 200 to 205 days for the conception date, meaning some of those early fawns spotted were likely from does bred between Oct. 15-25.

Unless you know that a fawn (or other baby wildlife) has been abandoned, leave it alone. If you are certain it has been orphaned because you observed the parent deceased (such as in a vehicle-deer accident), or you find an injured baby, call the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary at (920) 391-3685.

OBITUARIES



Barbara Wallace
Barbara Wallace, 81, Green Bay, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 15, 2025. A Celebration of Life for all friends and family will be held from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22nd at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St. Services will be held at 6:30 p.m.



Benjamin John Gerbers
passed away at Aurora Hospital ICU from a stroke on May 11, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Once he had been taken off life support, he left like a rocket. That was his gift to his mom on Mother's Day. Ben never did anything slowly. He graduated from East De Pere High School in 1999 and went to work in the family business. He was nurtured and taught by Tom and became his right-hand man. The Memorial Service: Ryan Funeral Home, 305 N 10th St, De Pere, WI 54115 Family and Friends may call, Tuesday May 20, 2025, from 3:00pm - 7:00pm Eulogy. Please go to www.ryanfh.com for further obituary information. "A man is not measured by the time he is present on this Earth but by the love he leaves behind in the hearts of all he knew"



Alice Vera Wilk, aged 93, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 2, 1932, in Austin, Texas, the cherished daughter of the late Harold and Gladie (Rinard) Fountain Sr. Family and Friends may gather on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Cotter Funeral Home, 536 County Road R, Denmark, WI 54208 beginning at 10:00am until the memorial service at 11 am with a prayer service by Fr. Brian Belongia. A complete obituary can be found at www.cotterfuneralhome.com



Charles Eugene "Charlie" O'Brien, 72, Green Bay, passed away on Friday afternoon, May 16, 2025. The son of the late Dennis and Betty (Brecklin) O'Brien was born in Antigo on February 16, 1953. Friends and family will gather at St. Joseph Catholic Church, corner of Ninth St. and 12th Ave., on Friday, May 23, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial for Charlie will be held at 11:00 a.m. To view full obituary or send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

Special thank you to the staffs of St. Mary's ICU and Unity Hospice for their gentle, compassionate care given to Charlie.

LEGALS

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY	
Capital Credit Union Plaintiff,	
v. Akinbo Hashim, Jr. XYZ Unknown Defendant, Defendants.	
Case No. 25CV600 Code No. 30301	

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Defendant:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action.
Within 40 days after May 16, 2025, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County Courthouse, 100 S Jefferson St, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 54305-3600 and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days after May 16, 2025, the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 6th day of May, 2025
Bates Legal Group, LLC,
Attorney for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates
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VILLAGE OF SUAMICO LEGAL NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION LIQUOR LICENSES 2025-2026	

Applications have been made to the Village Board of the Village of Suamico, Brown County for the following:
Combination “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor and Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License by the following:
Chives, Inc., 1749 Riverside Drive, Suamico, WI 54173
Logan Higgins, Agent.
Chambers Hill Bar and Restaurant LLC, 12350 Velp Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313
Richard Klika, Agent.
Four Way Bar LLC, 1801 Riverside Drive, Suamico, WI 54173, James Whiting, Agent.
Gallagher’s Pizza, LLC, 2306 Lineville Road, Suamico, WI 54313, Vanessa VandeHei, Agent.
Tic’s Harbor Lights, LLC, 2824 Harbor Lights Lane, Suamico, WI 54173, Brian Neddo, Agent.
Shoots Bar & Grill, Inc., 3375 Side Street, Suamico, WI 54173, Steve Schuette, Agent.
Suamico H2O, Inc., for use at Wouters' Front, 3171 School

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Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313, Michael Wouters, Agent. T.L. Enterprises of Howard LLC, for use at Townline Pub & Grill, 2544 Lineville Road, Green Bay, WI 54313, David M. Luedke, Agent. Rustique Pizzeria Inc., 13201 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313, Joseph Witthuhn, Agent. Combination Reserve “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor and Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License by the following: Buzz Social, LLC, 2310 Lineville Road, Suamico, WI 54313, Marcus Wise, Agent. JAJR Salsas LLC, for use at Old Mexico Mexicana Cantina & Grill, 11884 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313, Veronica Medina Ramirez, Agent. Rutchik Investments LLC, for use at The Bottle Room, 2300 Lineville Road, Suite 101, Suamico, WI 54313, Justin Rutchik, Agent. Station 1 Brewing Company and Music Hall, LLC, 1745 Riverside Drive, Suamico WI 54173, Peter App, Agent. Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License and “Class C” Wine License by the following: 888 Cheese & Company LLC, 1582 Lineville Road, Unit 101, Green Bay, WI 54313, Juan Hernandez, Agent. The Kitchen Table LLC, 1733 Riverside Drive, Suamico, WI 54173, Tricia Murphy, Agent. Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License by the following: Windjammers Sailing Club, Inc., 4009 Channel Road, Suamico, WI 54173, Theresa Gay, Agent. Combination “Class A” Intoxicating Liquor and Class “A” Fermented Malt Beverage License by the following: Skogen’s Foodliner, Inc., for use at Festival Foods, 2348 Lineville Road, Green Bay, WI 54313, Shaun Bessett, Agent. Kwik Trip, Inc., for use at Kwik Trip #365, 2498 Lineville Road, Suamico, WI 54313, Jason Siranni, Agent. Kwik Trip, Inc., for use at Kwik Trip #1920, 1535 Sunset Beach Road, Suamico, WI 54173, Logan Byrne, Agent. Pelkin’s Smokey Meat Market, LLC, 1756 Riverside Drive, Suamico, WI 54173, Dennis Pelkin, Agent. Aldi, Inc., 2324 Lineville Rd, Suamico, WI 54313, Julie Meier, Agent. Michelle Bartoletti Clerk, Village of Suamico Publish 05.23.25 WNAXLP	

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON Brown County, Wisconsin BITUMINOUS PAVING CONTRACTORS	

The Village of Ashwaubenon will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., CST on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, in the office of the Village Clerk, in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304-4605.
Bituminous Paving & Planing Contract. Detailed specification and proposal forms are on file and may be obtained at the office of the Village Engineer, Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way Ashwaubenon, WI 54304-4605.
The Village of Ashwaubenon reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all proposals. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at 10:00 a.m., in the Village Hall on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check equivalent to 5% of the maximum

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proposal. Dated at the Village of Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin, on this 19th day of May, 2025. BY: STEVE BIRR VILLAGE ENGINEER VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON Publish 05.23.25 & 05.30.25 WNAXLP	

Meetings and Public Hearings	7720
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VILLAGE OF HOBART - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
June 10, 2025 (5:30 PM)
2990 S. Pine Tree Rd.
Hobart WI 54155
The Village of Hobart Board of Appeals will hold the following Public Hearing on **June 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** for the purpose of gathering input on the following:
1. HB-1491-L-4-A, 1195 Flight Way Dr., seeks a variance to reduce the side yard setback to 10 feet, whereas section 295-264 of the Village Zoning Code requires a minimum of 15 feet for a side yard setback.
The materials for the hearing will be available at the Village Office and on the Village website for public inspection starting May 23, 2025 through June 10, 2025 during regular office hours. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Appeals Board will take comments from the public and act on the proposed items at the meeting immediately following the public hearing.
Lisa Vanden Heuvel
Hobart Village Clerk
Published May 23, 2025 and May 30, 2025 WNAXLP

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April 21, 2025, USDD Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
The Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education held a Business Meeting on Monday, April 21, 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, & 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, Chad Jeskewitz, Matthew Petersen, & Brandy Tollefson. Absent - Melissa Niffenegger. Quorum declared. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
Agenda: Cartwright moved to approve the agenda as presented; Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6/0.
Public Comment: None
Presentation of Spring 2024 Innovative Grants: Adam Wolf, High School Agriculture teacher, presented on the Canine Auscultation Trainer for Small Animal Care, a tool allowing students to have hands-on experience in pet physical exams. Bob Mohar, High School French & Theatre teacher, spoke on the Summer Theatre Grant & how it provides arts enrichment & theatre opportunities for students who may not be able to participate during the school year.
2024-25 school year Strategic Plan Quarter 3 Update: Dr. Christoher Thompson, Superintendent,

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Shaunna LaPlant, Heritage Elementary Principal, Andy Bradford, Foxview Intermediate Principal, Nick Joseph, Director of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction, Kathy Van Pay, Director of Primary Curriculum & Instruction, Mark Kirst, Altmayer Elementary Principal, Adam Kraemer, Middle School Principal, Kimberly Hartwig, Director of Human Resources, Roger Allen, High School Principal, & Kelly Pufall, Middle School Assistant Principal, provided an update was provided on the progress toward meeting goals set in the 2024-25.School Year District Strategic Plan. Motion to Approve March 17, 2025, & April 7, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes: Cartwright motioned to approve the March 17 meeting minutes; Tollefson seconded; Motion passed; 6/0. Cartwright motioned to approve the April 7 meeting minutes; Tollefson seconded. Motion passed, 5/0/1. Petersen abstained. Motion to Approve Resolution by Board of Education to Censure a Board Member: Thompson, Attorney Bob Burns, & the Board of Education discussed the findings from the investigation in the complaints filed against Clayton & Niffenegger. Clayton was found to have no violations. The investigation into the complaints against Niffenegger found she violated 7 policies & the general expectation stating, “It is imperative Board members treat all employees with respect & as professionals.” After a discussion regarding whether steps would be taken toward Censure, Dickert motioned to move forward with Censure. & to add Censure to the next meeting agenda. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5/0/1: Cartwright abstained. Motion to Approve Resolution toward Special Education Funding for 2025-27 State of Wisconsin Budget: Thompson & Petersen presented a resolution regarding the Board’s support of greater special education funding within the 2025-27 State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget. This resolution would be shared with the Joint Finance Committee for consideration as it reviews & amends Governor Ever’s budget. It could also be presented to the JFC at April 29, 2025, Listening Session in Wausau. Dickert motioned to approve the motion to approve the resolution, & Jeskewitz seconded. The motion passed, 6/0. Motion to Approve the ECCP & SCN Enrollments: Allen presented a list of students requesting to participate in the Early College Credit & Start College Now Program through NWTC, UWGB, SNC, FVTC, & Bellin College. Dickert motioned to approve the requests, & Jeskewitz seconded. The motion passed, 5/0/1; Petersen abstained. Update on the Furniture Ordering Process: Kirst, Herlache, & LaPlant provided an update on the new furniture ordering process, in which we developed a funding structure & established a system for prioritizing projects between all buildings. Motion to Approve Furniture Purchase for K-4 Buildings: Kirst, Herlache, & LaPlant provided quotes & a request for approval to purchase tables, chairs, & shelving at Altmayer, Dickinson, & Heritage Elementary Schools. Cartwright motioned to approve the purchase from he recommended supplier, &	

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Petersen seconded. Motion passed 6/0. Motion to Approve New Phone System: Curt Pieschek, Director of Technology, LaPlant & Kraemer, presented the district’s needs for a new phone system, the process for selecting a new system, & the costs & benefits. Jeskewitz motioned to approve the purchase of the recommended system, & Cartwright seconded the motion. Motion passed; 6/0. Motion to Approve New Fiber Runs: Pieschek presented bids for new fiber runs with the recommended costs & benefits. Cartwright motioned to approve the purchase from the recommended provider, & Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed; 6/0. Motion to Approve Student Chromebook Purchase: Pieschek presented bids for purchasing replacement student Chromebooks for the 2025-2026 school year with a recommendation for the preferred provider. Dickert motioned to approve the purchase as presented, & Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed; 5/0/1. Jeskewitz abstained. Motion to Approve Transportation Contract: Dawn Foeller, Business Director, presented the proposed Lamers Bus Lines contract for approval. Tollefson motioned to approve the contract as discussed, & Petersen seconded. Motion pass; 6/0. Motion to Approve Contract for the Softball Field & Utility Improvements: Foeller & Jeff Byczek, Athletic Director, presented information & bids for improvements to the softball field, recommending a bid. Petersen motioned to approve the improvements with the recommended bid, & Tollefson seconded the motion. Motion passed; 6/0. Motion to Approve Inclusion of Liquidated Damages in 2025-26 & Forward Teacher Contracts: Thompson & Hartwig presented a recommendation to include a liquidated damages clause within teacher employment contracts. Jeskewitz motioned to approve the recommendation, & Cartwright seconded the motion. Motion passed; 5/1. Clayton voted nay. Motion to Approve March Financial Report: Foeller presented the March Financial Reports created by Dawn Foeller. Dickert motioned to approve the report as presented; Tollefson seconded. Motion passed; 6/0 Motion to Approve Vouchers: Foeller presented the March vouchers as created by Foeller. Tollefson motioned to approve the vouchers as presented; Jeskewitz seconded. Motion passed; 6/0. Other Topics & Discussion: Thompson shared that a former colleague, Zach Jacobsmeier, who’s the principal at Gilmore Fine Arts in Racine, WI, spent the day touring the district & connecting with the administration. Dickert requested that Foeller give a presentation at an upcoming meeting on Special Education funding. Clayton requested an agenda item regarding a statement of support for the district staff. Dickert requested that an email be sent regarding the board's retreat. Thompson suggested using one of the July meeting dates for the retreat. Cartwright questioned the presidential order & the State Superintendent’s response. Thompson noted the information was shared in the Friday Board Notes.	

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Cartwright was presented with a plaque to thank her for her time on the Board. Executive Session: Petersen motioned to move to executive session; Jeskewitz seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 6/0. Entered closed session at 8:57 PM. Executive Session Adjournment: Cartwright motioned to close the executive session & return to open session; Petersen seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6/0. Entered open session at 8:57 PM. Motion to Approve Teacher Hires: Cartwright motioned to approve 2025-26 teacher contracts for: Jessica Daniels, 1.0 FTE, 7th Grade Math / Science Teacher, DPMS; Dominique King, 1.0 FTE, Physical Education / Health Teacher, DPMS; & Jacob Zeitler, 1.0 FTE, Shared Physical Education Teacher, Foxview /DPMS/DPHS. Dickert seconded. Motion passed, 6/0. Motion to Approve New Teacher Contracts: Tollefson motioned to approve a new teacher contract for Sarah O’Connor - 1.0 FTE, DPHS Counselor; Jeskewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6/0. Motion to Approve Resignation: Cartwright motioned to approve the resignation of Robin Ryba, High School Industrial Tech Teacher. Tollefson seconded. Motion passed, 6/0. Adjournment: Dickert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Cartwright seconded the motion. Motion carried; 6/0. Adjourned at 8:59 PM. Submitted for Approval by Joanne DiSalvi, Project Manager, May 19, 2025.Approved, Jeff Dickert, Clerk.Publish 05.23.25 WNAXLP	

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May 5, 2025, USDD Organizational & Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes	
The Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education held a Business Meeting on Monday, April 21, 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, & 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 – Adam Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Chad Jeskewitz, Melissa Niffenegger, Colleen Nowark, Matthew Petersen, & Brandy Tollefson. Quorum declared. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Agenda: Jeskewitz moved to approve the Organizational Meeting Agenda as presented; Tollefson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7/0. Introduction of Members: All members introduced themselves, noting the new member, Nowak. Election of Officers for the 2025-26 School Year: Nomination & Vote for President - Dickert nominated Clayton. Petersen seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Clayton was voted president, 6/1; Niffenegger voted nay. Nomination & Vote for Vice President - Dickert nominated Chad Jeskewitz. Nowak seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Jeskewitz was voted vice president, 7/0.	

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Nomination & Vote for Clerk - Tollefson nominated Dickert & Petersen seconded. No other nominations. Dickert was voted Clerk, 7/0. **Nomination & Vote for Treasurer** - Dickert nominated Tollefson. Nowak seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Tollefson was voted Treasurer, 7/0. **Set Date & Time for Regular Monthly Meetings:** Dr. Christoher Thompson, Superintendent, reviewed Board meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year, which were set earlier this year. **Set Annual Salary for Board Members:** Thompson presented the current salaries for local school boards & the current salaries for the USDD school board. Dickert motioned to hold the salaries at the current rate, & Niffenegger seconded. The motion passed, 7/0. **Appoint District Legal Counsel:** Thompson recommended remaining with Renning, Lewis & Lacy as the District's legal counsel & adding expulsion hearing officer services. Dickert motioned to approve staying with Renning, Lewis & Lacy as the District's legal counsel & adding the expulsion hearing officer services. Nowak seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0. **Appoint Bond Counsel:** Thompson recommended remaining with Quarles & Brady as the District's bond counsel. Dickert motion to approve the recommendation, & Petersen seconded. Motion passed, 7/0. **Adopt Resolution Designating Public Depositories:** Dawn Foeller, Director of Business, presented a list of banks to be designated as public depositories for the district. Dickert motioned to approve the list as presented, & Tollefson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7/0. **Set Official Newspaper of the District:** Thompson recommended that The Press Times remain our official newspaper. Tollefson motioned to approve the recommendation, & Nowak seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7/0. **Set Board Representatives for the 2024-25 School Year:** Thompson presented information on the WASB & CESA 7 representatives for the 2025-26 school year. Petersen self-nominated for the WASB Representative position, & Dickert motioned to appoint Petersen the representative. Niffenegger seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0. Nowak self-nominated herself for the CESA 7 Representative position. Dickert motioned to appoint Nowak the CESA 7 Representative, & Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7/0. **Motion to Adjourn the Organizational Meeting:** Tollefson motioned to close the meeting & Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion passed, 7/0. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM. **Roll Call:** Present – Adam Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Chad Jeskewitz, Melissa Niffenegger, Colleen Nowark, Matthew Petersen, & Brandy Tollefson. Quorum declared. Clayton called the meeting the Special Meeting to order at 6:17 PM **Motion to Approve the Special Meeting Agenda:** Jeskewitz motioned to approve the Special Meeting Agenda, & Petersen seconded. Motion carried; 7/0. **Presentation of the Spring 2024 Innovative Grants:** Amanda Kinney, General Music Teacher at Foxview Intermediate School, presented information on her grant, Orff Instruments for Foxview General Music Classes. Lynnette Peterson, De Pere High School Science Teacher, presented information on the MedTable AR Grant. **Board Development:** Dickert

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presented a plan for Board Development & an outline of the next steps. **Update on Capital Referendum Critical Maintenance Projects:** Foeller representatives from CD Smith discussed the Phase 1 projects related to Dickinson, Heritage, Foxview. **Motion to Approve Dickinson Cafeteria/Gymnasium Roof Top Unit Replacement:** Foeller & Noah Wentland, Director of Buildings & Grounds, presented bids for replacing the cafeteria & gymnasium rooftop units & curbs, including their recommendation. Tollefson motioned to approve the recommendation as presented, & Niffenegger seconded. Motion passed; 7/0. **Motion to Approve School Nutrition Meal Prices for the 2025-26 school year:** Heather Reitmeyer, Director of School Nutrition, presented school meal prices from local districts & the history of the prices in this district, recommending an increase in lunch prices. Dickert motion to approve the increase & Jeskewitz seconded. Motion passed, 7/0. **Motion to Approve Purchase of New Choral Music Risers at Foxview:** Andy Bradford, Foxview Principal, presented bids for new Choral Music Risers for Foxview, including his recommendation, & that the De Pere Vocal Music Booster Club donated the remaining \$5000 towards the purchase. Jeskewitz motioned to approve the recommendation, & Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0. **Motion to Approve Purchase of New LMC Furniture at Foxview:** Bradford presented bids for new LMC furniture to transform the space to accommodate the current & anticipated future needs of the LMC & requested that his recommendation be approved. Dickert motioned to approve the recommendation, & Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0 **Motion to Approve the Purchase of Audio & Video Improvements for Foxview LMC:** Bradford presented bids for audio & video improvements for Foxview LMC & requested that his recommendation be approved. Jeskewitz motioned to approve the recommendation, & Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0 **Discussion on Holding a Public Listening Session on Wisconsin School Finance:** Tollefson brought forward a request she received to hold a non-partisan public listening session with local elected officials relating to Wisconsin School Finance before the end of May. Following a discussion regarding all the considerations to hold such an event, the decision was made to move forward with someone outside of the district facilitating the meeting. Space & dates of availability will be researched. **Discussion on Board Statement of Support for Staff:** Clayton held a discussion regarding issuing a statement of support for district teachers, support staff, & administration regarding curricular & instructional direction & leadership. A decision was made to add this to the next agenda for a motion to approve issuing the statement. **Discussion on Moving to an Electronic Board Packet:** The Board discussed moving from receiving a paper packet & electronic agenda to only receiving an electronic agenda with linked executive summaries & supporting attachments. Electronic devices would be provided for any board member who requests one to view documents during a meeting.

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Options for how the electronic document would be shared were also discussed. **Upcoming Topics & Discussion:** Thompson stated that an additional Special Meeting is needed to approve moving forward with phase one of construction at some buildings. He also noted that Legislator's Day on May 19 will begin at the high school & continue to Heritage & the middle school, focusing on core classes. Clayton highlighted the upcoming International Festival at Heritage & requested a future presentation from STING Cancer. Dickert raised concerns about board members recording meetings, requested the recordings be collected & archived, & will draft a letter to request that past & current members submit any recordings. A discussion was held on live streaming board meetings; Thompson will explore this, & Chris will review ADA requirements & consult legal counsel. Tollefson praised the District Art Show, with Nowak echoing her sentiments & noting students' artistic development. Petersen commended final performances & Dr. Thompson's support for solo & ensemble events, which Thompson noted had top state performances. Clayton praised the high school students' spring play production. Tollefson will attend the De Pere City meeting & report back. Thompson introduced Amanda Beck as the new Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Board of Education, starting April 15. **Executive Session:** Jeskewitz motioned to move to executive session; Petersen seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7/0. Entered closed session at 8:18 PM. **Executive Session Adjournment:** Dickert motioned to close the executive session & return to open session; Petersen seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6/0. Entered open session at 8:52 PM. **Adjournment:** Dickert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion carried; 7/0. Adjourned at 8:53 PM. Submitted for Approval by Joanne DiSalvi, Project Manager, May 19, 2025. Approved, Jeff Dickert, Clerk. Publish 05.23.25 WNAXLP

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May 9, 2025, USDD Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education held a Special Meeting virtually on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 7:00 AM. 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 forwarded to The Press Times, the District's official newspaper.

Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Chad Jeskewitz, Colleen Nowak, Matt Petersen, and Brandy Tollefson. Excused- Melissa Niffenegger. Quorum established. Clayton called the meeting to order at 7:02 AM.

Agenda: Jeskewitz moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Tollefson seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6/0.

Motion to Approve Bids for Construction Projects: Dawn Foeller, Director of Business, and Nick Bloch and Mitch Kidd, CD Smith representatives, presented the bids for the work to be completed at Dickinson and Heritage Elementary Schools and Foxview Intermediate School. The scope of work and recommendations were

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discussed. Dickert motioned to approve the recommended bids at each school, with the exception of remaining with the CD Smith Company for scope 6A - Rough Carpentry for simplicity. Nowak seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6/0. **Adjournment:** Petersen motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jeskewitz seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6/0. Adjourned at 7:27 AM. Submitted for approval by Joanne DiSalvi, Project Manager, May 19, 2025 Publish 05.23.24 WNAXLP

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General Employment7110

Clerk
The Ashwaubenon School District is seeking an individual with excellent public relations skills to support students, parents and staff in performing secretarial duties and assisting with attendance and health room needs. This is a part time position at Valley View Elementary School. Work schedule will be 3.5 hrs/day in the afternoon. For complete job description and application information, please view posting located at https://tinyurl.com/ASD_SupportPostings or contact the District Office at 920-492-2900.

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Auctions7282

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Sporting Goods7260

GUN SHOW: May 23-25, 2025, Eagle River Ice Arena , 4149 Hwy 70E, Eagle River, WI, Proceed go to Camp Neal & Save the Dome, Friday 3pm-8pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-3pm. \$8. 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

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Ulrich named Track & Field Associate Head Coach

BY SNC ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE – Lydia Ulrich has been named associate head coach for men's and women's track and field, director of track and field and cross country Don Augustine announced.

Ulrich, who begins her duties on June 2, comes to St. Norbert after serving as an assistant coach at Berry College since 2022.

“We are excited to bring Lydia back home to Wisconsin and have her work with our sprints and jumps groups,” Augustine said. “In a short amount of time she has proven success in those event areas and our athletes will benefit tremendously from her tutelage.”

A graduate of UW-Stevens Point, Ulrich earned her bachelor of science in health promotion and wellness and was a member of the track and field team, serving as a team captain from 2018-2020. She received her master's degree in physical education coaching of sport from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2022.

“I am excited to join St. Norbert College and return to Wisconsin to continue my coaching career,” Ulrich said.

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care manager.

These are trained professionals in the area of geriatric care who often have backgrounds in nursing or social work and can serve as your emergency contact, oversee your care and even act as your executor.

They can also connect you with professional legal and financial services in your area that can help you manage your affairs.


Aging life care managers typically charge anywhere from \$100 to \$300 an hour, depending on their location and experience.

To search for an expert near you, visit aginglifecare.org.

If you can't afford this, there are other reliable sources you can turn to for specific help.

For example, if you haven't already done so, you need to prepare a basic estate plan (including a power of attorney, advance directive and a will) to ensure your wishes are carried out if you become incapacitated

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Ulrich

“This role represents a fantastic opportunity to impact the lives of student-athletes positively, while embracing the core values of St. Norbert and the program that values both excellence and integrity.”

With Berry, Ulrich coached 28 student-athletes to school records and helped lead Barry to Southern Athletic Association Outdoor Championships in 2023 and 2024. She also coached Jahari Jones to four NCAA Division III Championship appearances in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, earning All-American status all four times.

Prior to her time at Berry, she served as a graduate assistant for Southwest Minnesota State for two years, organizing strength and conditioning regimens, helping with team operations and designing social media content.

and when you die.

To help you prepare these documents, your best option is to hire an experienced estate planning attorney, which can cost anywhere between \$500 and \$2,000.

He or she may also be able to act as your power of attorney or executor, or help you locate a professional in your area that can.

To locate someone, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) and National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (naepc.org) have online directories to help you search.

If you need help with bill-paying, there are services like SilverBills (silverbills.com), or you can work with a daily money manager (aadmm.com) who, in addition to paying bills, can handle tasks like balancing your checkbook and organizing tax information.

And to help you navigate care and senior housing options, there are certified senior advisors (csa.us).

It's also a good idea to meet with a financial advisor to help figure out what services and living arrangements you can afford and what steps you can take to ensure that your financial resources last your lifetime.

If you don't have an advisor, you can find a fee-only, fiduciary financial planner through the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors at napfa.org.

Some other helpful resources you can turn to include Aging Alone Together (dorotusa.org/aging-alonetgether), a program offered by DOROT, which is a non-profit social services organization that provides practical ways to help solo agers prepare for the future.

Also see Navigating Solo (navigatingsolo.com), a national clearinghouse of resources for solo agers and information about solo-ager groups in the U.S.

Packers, Emplify Health by Bellin events kick off Training Camp

Packers 5K Run/Walk, presented by Emplify Health by Bellin, 1K Kids Run, presented by CareSource, at Lambeau Field among highlights

BY THE GREEN BAY PACKERS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers and Emplify Health by Bellin have again partnered to bring fans a series of events to kick off 2025 Packers Training Camp, presented by Emplify Health by Bellin.

The 16th annual ‘Packers 5K Run/Walk at Lambeau Field, presented by Emplify Health by Bellin’ is set for Saturday, July 19, at 8 a.m.

The family friendly run/walk weaves through neighborhood streets, with the route taking par-

ticipants past Titledtown and the Emplify Health by Bellin Titledtown Sports Medicine and Orthopedics clinic before ultimately going through Lambeau Field and around the famed gridiron.

The event has a special finish line — the Packers’ ‘G’ painted on turf located in the parking lot of the historic stadium.

All participants will receive a Packers 5K Tech shirt, bib number and timing chip.

Additionally, photos will be taken on the course and will be available at no cost on the Packers

5K website.

Upon sign-up, registrants will also receive tailored advice from the Emplify Health by Bellin Sports Medicine team to assist with training and preparation for the race.

Packers-themed awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each age group.

Registration, which is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children (age 12 and younger), is available online at packers.com/fans/packers-5k.

Runners can also register at the Bellin Run Expo on Friday, June

6, at Astor Park in Green Bay from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Early registration is encouraged. After July 2, registration fees will increase to \$35 and \$25, respectively.

The Packers are partnering with local charities to raise money through the event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Volunteer Center of Brown County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin and Preble High School boys & girls cross country team.

The event also includes the Packers 1K Kids Run, presented by CareSource. Kids 10 years old

and younger will have the opportunity to run a Lambeau Lap on Friday, July 18, at 6 p.m. Registration for the Packers 1K Kids Run is \$10 and all participants will receive a Packers 1K Kids Run t-shirt and logoed bag. Registration is available at packers.com/fans/packers-1k-kids-run.

More details regarding events to kick off getting back to football, including the schedule for Packers Training Camp and Packers Family Night, presented by Emplify Health by Bellin, will be announced soon.

Redbirds sweep Tritons in doubleheader

BY GRAYSON HEATH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The De Pere Redbirds (17-8 overall, 13-5 conf.) came up with a sweep against the Notre Dame Tritons (11-14 overall, 8-9 conf.) in an intense conference softball doubleheader. The Redbirds came into game one off a big win over Manitowoc Lincoln, ready to continue the wins after a rough patch in the games prior. The Tritons, in the same boat, scoring 11 against Lincoln two days after De Pere, are also looking to keep their streak going and find their place in the conference standings. With both teams prepared for battle and any inclement weather seeming to hold as if watching the game as well, game one was off.

“We wanted to come in today and finish the conference strong,” said Redbirds Head Coach Travis Piper. “It all starts with preparation, this is a grind, we got to come ready to play.”

De Pere wasted no time showing their intent. Cadence Brennan drew an important walk, setting the stage for the offense. NDA starting pitcher Ella Nowak took the mound for the Tritons, but soon enough, Julianne Bradford stepped up and scored, giving the Redbirds an early 1-0 lead. After a fielder’s choice puts Julia Renier on base, she advances on three consecutive walks before eventually coming home, pushing the score to 2-0.

After both defences put zeros on the box score in the second inning, the Redbird offense continued its assault in the third inning. Ava Krepline’s well-hit double to center field brought both Violet Stadler and Renier across home plate. With that hit, the Redbirds extended their cushion to 4-0.

After starting pitcher Reese Falish went three innings scoreless with 5 strikeouts, De Pere turned on the heat even more with the bats back in their hands. Bradford ignited the inning with a powerful triple on a deep fly ball to the center field wall. That hit proved costly for the Tritons as both Addison Krutz and Jaelyn Craig



Third baseman Violet Stadler motions to the outfield to let them know there’s two outs. See the full gallery at gopresstimes.com.
Grayson Heath photos

scored immediately, making it 6-0. The barrage didn’t stop there. Later in the inning, Stadler’s single brought Bradford back home for another run, nudging the tally to 7-0. The momentum carried over as Krepline’s single, choppered cleanly up the middle, drove in Marren Vanremortel to make it 8-0. Then, a well-executed single by Krutz further added pressure—with Krepline scoring and Stadler crossing the plate—before a fielder’s choice allowed Siena Arendt to round the bases for an 11-0 lead by the top of the fourth.

“Getting our energy up in the dugout, getting hyped for each other, getting excited for scoring those runs, helped carry the momentum over,” said Bradford, commenting on the big fourth inning.

Notre Dame began to chip away at the deficit in the bottom of the fourth when Emma Ciak hit a triple. Tracking the ball to center, the hit allowed E. Jahner to score for the Tritons, briefly narrowing the gap to 11-1. The pressure was mounting, and every play counted.

The fifth inning brought mixed fortunes. In the top half, Bradford opened with a double down the line to center field, though

her aggressive baserunning—trying to steal third—resulted in her being caught off the bag by catcher Stella Starry after a couple of fouls and a well-timed throw to shortstop Addyson Simpson. Vanremortel’s subsequent fly-out closed the top half without adding to the tally. Down the bottom, a dropped third strike allowed Aubrey Wyckoff to reach base, and a series of singles and groundouts eventually moved courtesy runner Brynn Broekman into scoring position. A well-worked ground out then brought Broekman home, giving the Tritons two runs in the frame.

The sixth inning saw a swing towards the Tritons, after Nowak takes a ball to the hand, she manages to shake it off and retire three of the four she faced, walking one. The Notre Dame offense, looking for a late-game rally, needed a big inning. The Tritons fans thought their prayers had been answered after some expert baserunning and a sacrifice fly from Madison Siminski brought Ciak home. But their run would be cut at just one run, keeping the Red Birds in the driver’s seat, commanding an 11-3 lead going into the seventh frame.

Command they did,

Roos win, Leprechauns advance



The Green Bay Leprechauns pulled off a 36-31 win over the Pulaski Roos on Monday, May 19.
Janelle Fisher photos



Despite their loss to Green Bay, Pulaski managed to win the N.E.W. Conference, securing a No. 1 seed heading into the playoffs. Green Bay also secured a spot in the playoffs.

tacking on two more off a Craig triple and Bradford single. And with some closing out pitching from reliever Addison Krutz, the Tritons would fall in game one 13-3.

“If I know anything with this game and these girls (runs) come in bunches,” said coach Piper. “We are due to break out, I’m happy where we are with hitting starting today.”

“We are going to carry on our momentum into the start of the second game and keep the approach at the plate, put the ball in play to make good things happen,” said Bradford at the end of the first game. “Hopefully to have another win this afternoon.”

Notre Dame’s Tritons started the second game with a tough inning, Fal-

ish retiring the side to begin her start. In the bottom of the first, the De Pere Red Birds answered immediately. Krutz drew a walk, and a well-hit single by Craig sent her into scoring position. A bunt single by Bradford advanced the runners, and a wild pitch allowed Krutz to score. Soon after, a ground ball single by Bella Robinett scored Craig, and a sacrifice fly by Brennan pushed Bradford home, giving the Red Birds a 3-0 lead.

In the top of the second, the Tritons continued to struggle as S. Starry and other batters found little success, while in the top of the third, Olivia Waldrop’s triple and a follow-up single briefly produced one run, making the score

1-3. Back in the bottom of the third, J. Bradford’s double and B. Robinett’s follow-up doubled the Red Birds’ advantage to 4-1.

The Red Birds kept extending their lead in the bottom of the fourth when Falish tripled and the subsequent plate appearances helped add another run, bringing the score to 5-1. In the bottom of the fifth, a sequence of walks and a wild pitch allowed Renier to score, increasing De Pere’s total to 6-1. The Tritons managed to score again in the top of the sixth on an Maddie Hilts single that scores Simpson from second, trimming the deficit to 6-2. However, their rally fizzled out in the top of the seventh, and the Red Birds held on for a 6-2 win.



PRESENTS

Senior Spotlight

Adam Guyette, Notre Dame Academy, basketball and baseball

Parents' names: Chris and Brannon
Siblings: Hannah and Aubrey
Position or events: Forward (basketball), Outfield/Pitcher (baseball)
X: @guyette_adam
Instagram: @guyetteadam
Career Highlight: Advancing to the first Sectional Finals in school history, my senior year.

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

Nine years old.

Who introduced you to the sport?

My parents. They love sports, so I have been watching basketball and all sports for a long time. Both of my sisters played basketball in grade school, so I have been in the gym with them for a while.

Has this always been your favorite sport? Why?

I have always enjoyed basketball, but it was not always my favorite. I went through a stretch where I liked baseball more than

basketball from eighth grade to sophomore year.

How have you balanced academics and athletics in high school, and has it changed throughout the years?

I have balanced everything very well throughout high school. It has not changed throughout my career. I go to practice, get home, eat, homework. This has been my routine, and it has worked.

Throughout high school, what goals have you achieved and what do you still hope to achieve?

Academically, I have always pushed myself to get the best grades possible; this is something that I want to take into college as well.

What is one class, or subject, that you thought you would hate but actually like?

I do not like English that much, but my college credit English in my senior year was a lot of fun. I enjoyed my class, and we got along really well, which contrib-



Guyette

uted to a strong learning environment.

What is your go-to study method before a big test?

I usually just look over my notes once or twice, maybe watch some videos. I rely on remembering what I learned rather than cramming the night before.

How do you prepare, both physically and mentally, for tough games?

Physically, I am always stretching, I have three different routines that I do in order to prepare. Mentally, I try to relax. Tell myself to have confidence in myself and my team and to trust the work we have put in.

Who or what motivates you through obstacles? Why?

Knowing that it will make me better. I am willing to push myself when I know that it will benefit me in the future.

What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete within your community?

The relationships that we create, as many of us play multiple sports. We follow each other in our sports and support each other when we can.

What is your favorite drill at practice, and why?

One of my favorite drills we do is 2 on 2 "football." There are no fouls called, and it is the first to score. I like this drill because it makes you fight through contact and play physical.

Favorite game you've ever played in?

My sophomore year, we beat Ashwaubenon at home in the Regional Finals to secure the first-ever Regional Championship in NDA history.

Favorite pregame song?

For away games, I always walk into the school listening to "Headlines" by Drake.

Favorite post-game snack, meal or beverage?

Protein smoothie.

Outside of sports, what are you involved in?

When I am not doing something sports-related, I will probably be cooking. It is by far my favorite hobby.

What is the most adventurous thing you've done?

Snorkeling on a volcano in Greece.

How do you think your highschool experience has shaped you as a person?

High school has made me realize who I am. It has given me friendships, faith and opportunities.

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

I will be attending UW-Oshkosh to play basketball and study business and finance.

PACKERS

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at home for the first time since 2018 (Chicago Bears) and only the fourth time in the last 14 seasons (Seattle in 2017, San Francisco in 2012, New Orleans in 2011).

The Packers opened at home four straight seasons between 2006 and 2009 and seven straight years from 1997 to 2003, in addition to ten straight seasons from 1986 to 1995. From 1949 to 1964 the Packers had a 16-season run of opening with a home game. They also had a 23-year run of home openers between 1925 and 1947. Green Bay was the only team in the NFL to open the season on the road each of the last six years (2019-24).

Week 2 has a short turnaround as the Packers welcome the Washington Commanders to Lambeau Field for a Thursday night matchup Sept. 11 at 7:15 p.m. It is the first prime-time game against Washington at Lambeau Field since a MNF game on Sept. 24, 2001 (the first game after 9/11).

The first game between Green Bay and Washington took place in 1932 (Boston Braves) and the Packers lead the regular-season series, 20-16-1 (.556), while also winning two of three postseason contests, including the 1936 NFL Championship game.

The Packers go on the road for the first time in Week 3 when they travel to Cleveland to face the Browns on Sun., Sept. 21, at 12 p.m., kicking off a stretch of three AFC North opponents in five games.

The Packers lead the series, 14-7 (.667), including the postseason (1965 NFL Championship game). Green Bay has won four straight over Cleveland and six of the last seven.

Green Bay faces a prime-



The Packers will face the Detroit Lions this season once on Sept. 7, and again later in the season on Nov. 27. Pictured above is the Kingsley Enagbare making a tackle in their home game at Lambeau Field in 2024.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

time road test in Week 4 at Dallas against the Cowboys on Sunday Night Football Sept. 28 at 7:20 p.m.

It will be the first-ever Sunday Night Football meeting with the Cowboys in Dallas. Green Bay is 22-17 against the Cowboys (including postseason) and has won five in a row and 10 of the last 11. The Packers are the only NFL team with four-plus wins and no losses against Dallas at AT&T Stadium (5-0, including playoffs). Green Bay also won Super Bowl XLV in that stadium in 2011.

Green Bay will be on the bye in Week 5, marking its earliest bye week since 2020 (Week 5), when the Packers reached the NFC Championship game. Philadelphia had a Week 5 bye last season and ended up winning Super Bowl LIX in February, defeating Kansas City.

The Packers take on the Cincinnati Bengals at home in Week 6, a game currently scheduled for Sun., Oct. 12 at 3:25 p.m. The series is tied at 7-7.

The Packers head west to take on the Arizona Cardinals in Week 7, now set for

Sun., Oct. 19, at 3:25 p.m.

Since they moved to Arizona in 1988, Green Bay is 9-3 (.750) against the Cardinals during the regular season. The Packers won the last matchup at Arizona, 24-21, in 2021 — on a dramatic interception in the end zone by Rasul Douglas.

Including the preseason, regular season and the postseason, this year's matchup will mark the 100th overall meeting between these two franchises, dating all the way back to the league's first year, 1921.

The Packers will then cover more than 2,000 miles between their Week 7 trip to Arizona and their Week 8 matchup on Sun., Oct. 26, at 7:20 p.m. in Pittsburgh with the Steelers, who will be coming off a mini bye after playing the Bengals ten days earlier.

Green Bay is 7-9 at Pittsburgh and looking for its first win in the city since 1970. Bart Starr led Green Bay to a 20-12 victory, in his last win as the starting quarterback of the Packers. A young rookie QB by the name of Terry Bradshaw came off the bench for the

Steelers in the second half and led the team to its only touchdown of the game.

The Packers follow up back-to-back road games with two straight home games, a Week 9 contest against the Carolina Panthers at noon on Sun., Nov. 2, and then a Week 10 Monday Night Football game Nov. 10 against the Philadelphia Eagles, marking the third time in the last four seasons Green Bay will play the defending Super Bowl Champion at home (defeated the Los Angeles Rams in 2022 and Kansas City Chiefs in 2023). It is the 33rd straight season (1993-2025) that Green Bay will play on MNF. The Eagles will be heading into the game coming off their bye.

Week 11 brings another game against the NFC East as the Packers travel to play the New York Giants on Sun., Nov. 16, at noon.

This will be the second matchup at the Giants in the last three seasons and the third time the two teams have played in the last four years (2022-25). Green Bay has won three of the last five matchups, including

2025 Green Bay Packers schedule

Preseason	Game Date	Opponent	Kickoff
1	Saturday, Aug. 9	New York Jets	7 p.m.
2	Saturday, Aug. 16	@ Indianapolis Colts	12 p.m.
3	Saturday, Aug. 23	Seattle Seahawks	3 p.m.
Regular season			
1	Sunday, Sept. 7	Detroit Lions	3:25 p.m.
2	Thursday, Sept. 11	Washington Commanders	7:15 p.m.
3	Sunday, Sept. 21	@ Cleveland Browns	12 p.m.
4	Sunday, Sept. 28	@ Dallas Cowboys	7:20 p.m.
5	BYE WEEK		
6	Sunday, Oct. 12	Cincinnati Bengals	*3:25 p.m.
7	Sunday, Oct. 19	@ Arizona Cardinals	*3:25 p.m.
8	Sunday, Oct. 26	@ Pittsburgh Steelers	*7:20 p.m.
9	Sunday, Nov. 2	Carolina Panthers	*12 p.m.
10	Monday, Nov. 10	Philadelphia Eagles	7:15 p.m.
11	Sunday, Nov. 16	@ New York Giants	*12 p.m.
12	Sunday, Nov. 23	Minnesota Vikings	*12 p.m.
13	Thursday, Nov. 27	@ Detroit Lions	12 p.m.
14	Sunday, Dec. 7	Chicago Bears	*12 p.m.
15	Sunday, Dec. 14	@ Denver Broncos	*3:25 p.m.
16	Saturday, Dec. 20	@ Chicago Bears	3:30/7 p.m.
17	Sat./Sun., Dec. 27/28	Baltimore Ravens	TBD TBD
18	Sat./Sun., Jan. 3/4	@ Minnesota Vikings	TBD TBD

*Start time and broadcast are subject to change

the postseason.

When the Vikings visit Green Bay at noon on Sunday, Nov. 23, the Packers begin a stretch of five division matchups in their final seven games of the season.

After hosting the Minnesota Vikings in Week 12, the Packers will play the Lions in Detroit on Thanksgiving, marking the third straight year that Green Bay has played on the annual holiday. The noon showdown on Nov. 27 will be the 23rd meeting between the Packers and Lions on Thanksgiving, the most in the NFL. The Packers are 16-20-2 overall on Thanksgiving with a 9-12-1 record against the Lions.

The Packers begin December at home against the Chicago Bears in a Week 14 contest Sun., Dec. 7, at noon. It is the latest first meeting against Chicago since 1998 (Week 15). Head Coach Matt LaFleur has led the Packers to an 11-1 record against the Bears and, according to Elias Sports Bureau, is the only coach in NFL history to win his first 11 games against the Bears.

After a road game at the Denver Broncos in Week 15 (Sun., Dec. 14 at 3:25 p.m.), Green Bay faces the Bears again in Week 16 at Chicago

on Saturday, Dec. 20, at either 3:30 or 7 p.m.

The final two regular-season games will be played on a Saturday or Sunday with times that are to be determined. Week 17 will see the Baltimore Ravens coming to Lambeau Field and Week 18 has the Packers traveling to Minnesota to take on the Vikings. The Packers and Vikings finish the regular season against each other for the first time since 2015 and in Minnesota for the first time since 2012.

The Green Bay Packers' 2025 NFL schedule will feature eight home games and nine road contests and is highlighted by four prime-time contests. Green Bay will have one home game (Oct. 12 vs. Cincinnati) over a 51-day span between home games (Sept. 11 vs. Washington — Nov. 2 vs. Carolina).

Of the 17 games on the schedule, nine will be against teams that made the playoffs last season, including four versus division champions.

The Packers are tied with the Cowboys and Vikings for the fifth-toughest schedules in the NFL and play the other nine teams in the top ten.

THANK YOU

GREEN BAY PACKERS FANS

Thank you for being a part of the 2025 NFL Draft. I could not be prouder of the Packers organization and our community for this incredible event. There were countless memorable moments and special experiences throughout the whole week. It was a privilege to be a part of it.

As I approach my retirement in July and look back at my time with the Packers, the 2025 NFL Draft is certainly among my proudest accomplishments. But the credit for hosting this event so successfully belongs to our entire community and I want to express my gratitude to so many who contributed:

- To the NFL, for believing Green Bay and our community could host this event. You understood our vision and helped bring it to life.
- To Discover Green Bay and PMI for being our partners on the local organizing committee. We were proud to work alongside you.
- To our host committee who helped raise the funds to bring the Draft to Green Bay. Thank you to our donors for your unwavering support.
- To Governor Evers, Travel Wisconsin and our elected officials at the state level. You appreciated the impact the Draft could have as a statewide event and your support was instrumental in making it happen. We look forward to seeing the impact of this event for years to come.
- To our local municipalities: the City of Green Bay, Village of Ashwaubenon and Brown County. So many departments played a critical role in ensuring a smooth, safe event, especially public safety and first responders. We appreciate all you do.

Most of all, thank you to Packers fans, Wisconsinites and visitors from near and far. You showed your pride in this team and this region. You showed up, provided a warm welcome to new friends (even those cheering for other teams) and created an unforgettable atmosphere here at Lambeau Field and Titledown. We're grateful to have the greatest fans in sports.



Mark Murphy,
President & CEO



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS





WDP's Kate Schmoll named WIAA Scholar Athlete

Schmoll is a dual-sport fall athlete and was a four-time State qualifier in both cross country and swimming & diving. She was a member of the Phantoms' track & field State Championship team her freshman year. In cross country, she is a two-time individual sectional champion. Schmoll is a 17-time Division 1 State qualifier across all three sports. She plans to attend UW-Green Bay to compete in cross country and study finance and accounting. Pictured above, she stands with Stephanie Hauser, the Executive Director of the WIAA and Mike Jacques, the keynote speaker at the Scholar Athlete Awards banquet.

Submitted photo

Pulaski baseball falls in tight game to Kaukauna

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PULASKI – When a high school baseball game takes an hour and 20 minutes to complete, you know there was good pitching and defense and baserunners were at a premium.

Such was the case in the Pulaski Red Raiders' non-conference game against Kaukauna on Saturday, May 17, at Bob Van Lannen Field in Pulaski.

With a 9 a.m. start time, the Red Raiders got good pitching from a pair of seniors and played sound defense, but they could only muster three hits in a 2-1 loss to the Galloping Ghosts.

Throw in two hit by pitches and three walks, and Pulaski (12-8) managed only eight baserunners the entire game.

“When you play an FVA (Fox Valley Association) team, you’ve got to take advantage of your opportunities,” Pulaski Coach Tate McMillan said. “Both teams had good pitching and defense, but we just couldn’t take advantage of our limited opportunities.”

After the Ghosts went up 1-0 in the top of the first inning on an unearned run off starting pitcher Logan Brabant, the Red Raiders tied things up in the bottom of the frame.

Bryce Wotruba walked, eventually stole third base and was plated on an RBI single down the left-field line by Michael Molthen.



Pulaski High School pitcher Logan Brabant fires a second-inning pitch in his team's 2-1 nonconference loss to Kaukauna on Saturday, May 17.

Rich Palzewic photos

That was to be the Red Raiders' only run of the game.

Pulaski's best chance to jump ahead came in the fourth inning when Jake Fredrickson led off with a single before Hunter Money drew a walk to put runners on first and second with nobody out.

A failed sacrifice bunt attempt, a flyout and a force out at third base on a groundball ended the frame.

“That was definitely our best chance, but we didn’t execute there,” McMillan said. “I don’t care as much that we only had three hits — I want runs. When you pitch well and play good defense, offensively, sometimes you don’t need a ton of hits. If we had executed the sacrifice bunt, the fly ball would have tied the game.”

The Ghosts had jumped ahead 2-1 in the top of the fourth inning on an RBI

groundout.

Pulaski also had two runners on base in the third with one out, but a double play ended the inning.

Gavin Sikorski had a two-out single in the seventh inning, but was stranded at first to end the game.

Brabant went four innings and gave up one earned run on four hits.

Lefty Jace Olson came on in relief in the fifth inning and gave up only one hit.

“Logan and Jace pitched great today,” McMillan said. “Pitching and defense have been our forte all season. That was Jace’s first time coming out of the bullpen all season, but he did great.”

The Red Raiders committed the lone error of the game in the first inning.

Kaukauna (10-9) had five hits on the day.



The Pulaski baseball team had only three hits and eight total baserunners in the loss to Kaukauna.

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According to John, both of his parents have been working hard to see a full recovery and return to a normal lifestyle.

The Bellin Run will be John Sr.’s first race back since the accident.

“They have both made incredible progress. My dad has been working out multiple times a week, sometimes overdoing it, because that’s who he is. He’s been timing himself on the treadmill and taking multiple walks a day. He’s been adding in running a few laps at the local YMCA and is eager to see what’s next. The plan this year is to see how things go with no expectations. We plan to sign up for the Bellin soon,” said John.

“Our outlook on running and walking and life in general has changed. From the night of the accident to 6 months later, the support we’ve received from family, friends, and co-workers has truly been incredible. Watching my parents progress day by day, week by week, has made me very proud to be a part of such an amazing family,” said John.

The 2025 Bellin Run

John and his father hit their 100th run together in June of 2020. Five years later, they are looking to run together again for the first time in nine long months.

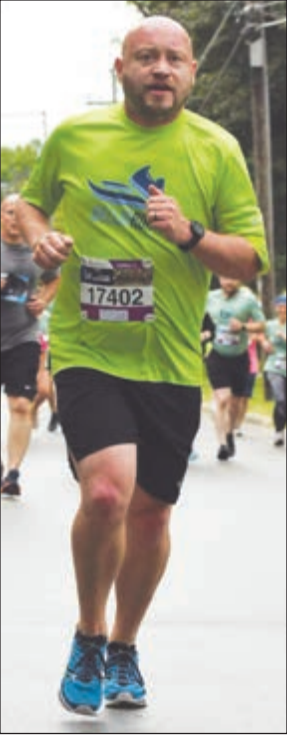
John said that running with his father has been a significant part of his life and he is anxiously awaiting their return to the finish line.

“The bond that my father and I have is unlike any other. The countless miles and stories we’ve been able to share together has truly been an honor. We’re always discussing what race is next and how each run is going in between races,” said John.

Now that John Sr. is on his way to making a full recovery, the Schopf family has a lot to be thankful for in this year’s Bellin Run.

“Being able to participate in the Bellin Run this year means everything to our family. We’ve been running in races for almost 15 years, and Bellin Run has been one of the yearly races with my niece and dad. My niece also runs and it’s been truly amazing watching three generations running together. Other races we run and finish separately, but for the Bellin Run we always finish together and as a family,” said John.

“When the accident occurred in September, I know my dad had doubts about ever being able to run again. He listened to the doctors and nurses and understood he would need to take the necessary steps to get back to the normalcy of walking and then running, and that’s exactly what he did. At first he was told he would be able to run in 12-18 months, but he started running just six months after the accident. He’ll say



John Schopf, pictured above, has competed in over 140 races with his father, John Schopf Senior.

Submitted photos

it wasn’t pretty, but it was a big step to getting to where he wants to go.”

A healthy lifestyle goes a long way

John said that one of the biggest factors that brought him relief the night of the accident was the news that his father’s commitment to exercise would be a big benefit during his recovery.

“The physical health benefits were felt immediately. Upon arrival at the ER, the first comment from the trauma team was how being such an avid runner built incredible strength in my dad’s legs and it not only saved my dad from further serious injuries, but it would also lead to a smoother recovery. Mentally, it was a challenge for him to know if he would ever run again, but from that point forward, it gave my dad and our family hope and encouragement,” said John.

According to John, not only did his dad’s physical health bring him a faster recovery, but his mental and emotional approach to getting better brought strength and positivity to the entire family as well.

“Watching how my dad reacted in such a positive light has honestly changed my life in so many ways. What my parents both had to endure mentally and physically from the accident through months of rehab has been difficult, but if they can overcome obstacles like that, obstacles in my life don’t seem as daunting. If my dad can run six months after a horrific accident, I can get outside and run an extra day, or add another mile to my run, or even just another block,” said John.

“My dad could have used excuses that he was sore and in pain and not pushed himself but he hasn’t. He’s been training and he knows it’s a long recovery, but he’s putting in the work to get to where he wants to go. There’s no reason for me to not do the same. It’s truly been inspiring to see how



John Schopf Sr. and his wife were involved in a car accident on September 15, 2024, that left them both severely injured. Schopf Sr. has worked hard at his rehabilitation process to be able to participate in the 2025 Bellin Run with his son this year.

far a positive attitude can not only take one person but how far it can take an entire family.”

It ‘runs’ in the family

Though John and his father have participated in organized races for years together, running is something that the entire Schopf family has embraced. According to John, their many years of running have given the family several cherished memories.

“Our favorite memory was from the Quarter Marathon at Run Wild in Sturgeon Bay in 2021. At that time my dad and family, who were there cheering us on, thought my girlfriend, Brittany, was there to cheer us on as well, but as we crossed the finish line she was wearing a shirt that had ‘girlfriend’ crossed out and it now said ‘fiance’. Of course, there was extra excitement to that entire run and my legs felt like Jell-O as I was about to announce the most exciting news to my family and my dad,” said John.

As the Schopf duo continues to compete in races together, John said that they are fortunate to be able to look back at over a decade of running together and reflect on what their experience has taught them.

“My dad will say that if he can start running at the age of 55 and run so many races, anyone can do it,” said John.

“My best advice is everyone has a first race. Picking up running can be intimidating, but there are people encouraging you the entire way. Participating in the Bellin brings a sense of community, no matter how long it takes you. It is the fun atmosphere and the friendly faces cheering you on throughout the entire course that is so welcoming. People always talk about having a runner’s high and the Bellin Run provides that every year,” said Schopf.

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The road to recovery for the Schopfs ends at the Bellin finish line

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE – The relationship John Schopf has built with his father, John Schopf Senior, around their mutual love of running has led them to compete in over 140 races together since 2011 — however, this year’s Bellin Run will mean much more to the father-son duo.

After a tragic accident on Sept. 15, 2024, John Sr. was left with severe injuries that the doctors said could impact his ability to participate in competitive runs for at least a year to a year and a half.

Yet, just nine months later, John Sr. and his son have plans to participate in the 2025 Bellin Run together.

Tragedy strikes

“They were going to get a carwash on a Sunday night in Sturgeon Bay and a car hit the driver side door, where my father was. He sustained a broken leg, pelvis, scapula and ribs and he was brought to St. Vincent Hospital in a helicopter. My mother, Linda, was in the passenger seat and suffered a broken pelvis, ankle and sternum. I remember that night like it was yesterday. It was horrifying,” said John.

“I was watching football and I saw I had a missed call. I saw the voicemail text mentioned it was

Door County Memorial Hospital, so I called back immediately. Unfortunately, the only news the caller could give me was that my mother was at that hospital and my dad was airlifted to St. Vincent. Whenever someone from Door County is airlifted to Green Bay, the worst-case scenario floods your mind.”

"Hearing that all of the miles he put in over the last 15 years of walking, biking and running would make such a difference was the positive news we needed to hear. Of course, he still had the aches and the pains, but the positive approach he took after the accident made the difference in his recovery." – John Schopf

John, a De Pere resident, said that he made his way to the hospital to meet his parents despite the onslaught of terrible thoughts and worries overwhelming him.

“I called my mom on the way to the hospital and a nurse picked up. She gave the phone to my mom and her voice was shaky saying she was very worried about my dad,” said John.

“My wife was able to meet me before going to see him and he was laying on the hospital bed with a neck brace,” said John.

“My dad was alert, but he was a little foggy. A while later, we were informed my mom was in transit to Green Bay as they discovered her broken pelvis, which needed to be reviewed closer. Both were told they would make full recoveries. It was a long night of unknowns, but a night that changed our lives and we are so appreciative of the doctors and nurses that were there to help my mom and dad.”

A lengthy recovery

Despite the long road ahead for the couple, John said that he was proud of how his parents braved the next steps together with a positive attitude.

“My dad needed surgery the following two days to repair his leg and pelvis, while my mom was able to heal without requiring surgery,” said John.

“My dad’s first question to the surgeon was if he would be able to run again and the doctor told him 12-18 months and he’d be running. My dad is the kind of guy that will set a goal to do it in 11 months and 29 days.”

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John and his father have been competing in races together since 2011 and are looking forward to the 2025 Bellin Run this year after a nine month hiatus due to John Sr.’s accident. Pictured above, John has just surprised John Sr. with the news of his engagement. Submitted photo

Packers 2025 schedule announced



A 37-year-old Bart Starr (15) — in his last win as the starting QB of the Packers — led Green Bay to a come-from-behind victory against the Steelers Dec. 7, 1970, the last time the Packers won in Pittsburgh. The Packers will play the Steelers in Pittsburgh on Sun., Oct. 26, at 7:20 p.m.

Green Bay Packers Photo

Slate includes home season opener, Thanksgiving in Detroit

BY MIKE WARREN
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GREEN BAY – For the first time in the Matt LaFleur era, the Green Bay Packers will open a football season at home.

The Packers will host the defending NFC North Division Champion Detroit Lions on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 3:25 p.m. at Lambeau Field, marking the third time in the last four years that Green Bay has opened the season against a division foe. It is the first season opener against the Lions since 2005 and the first time playing Detroit at home in Week 1 since 2001. The opener will be the 13th time the two franchises have played in Week 1, with Green Bay winning three of the last four.

The Packers will open the season

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