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**Making a splash during homecoming**  
Decked out in Pirates gear, members of the Port Washington High School swim and dive team were all smiles as they rode through downtown during the Friday, Oct. 11, homecoming parade. They were (front) Teagan Zuraw, (middle row, from left) Brooke Peiffer, Cate Gaskell, Laylah Henschel, Zaylie Beilfuss, (back row) Victoria Del Angel Cano, Becky Uttke, Sarah Gwidt and Haley Leute. See page 5B for more homecoming coverage. *Photo by Sam Arendt*



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Grafton seals third-straight Woodland title with 31-14 win at Greendale.  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Here's how Port residents can register, vote early and by mail

To Ozaukee Press:

As we approach the Nov. 5 general election, I would like to take this opportunity to share voting information with the residents of the City of Port Washington.

Starting Oct. 17, residents can register only at the city clerk's office at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Nov. 1 or on election day. Residents who do not have their current address on their driver's license or ID, or have not been issued one, will need to provide other documentation from the approved list that can be found on our website at [portwashingtonwi.gov](http://portwashingtonwi.gov) or by contacting the city clerk's office.

For registered voters, in-person early voting at City Hall is available Oct. 22-25 and Oct. 28-31 and Nov. 1. A photo ID is needed to obtain a ballot. Absentee voting by mail is available through Oct. 31 by completing an absentee ballot application on [Myvote.wi.gov](http://Myvote.wi.gov) or by application at the city clerk's office and also requires photo ID.

Voters using the mail option should allow enough time to receive and return the ballot. Residents may contact the city clerk's office if they have any questions or need assistance at 262-284-5585.

Finally, I would like to thank my election inspectors and staff, who are very dedicated and committed to providing an efficient and well-run election for our city residents. Please take the opportunity when you arrive to cast your ballot to thank them for their public service.

**Susan L. Westerbeke**

Director of administration and city clerk  
Port Washington

### Glasstein will work to reverse backward trend of Assembly

To Ozaukee Press:

Republican control of the Wisconsin Assembly for more than a decade has negatively impacted the quality of our education and health care. Wisconsin now trails neighboring states. Assembly candidate Dana Glasstein is committed to reversing this trend.

Education remains the most reliable path to upward social and economic mobility, but Wisconsin's K-12 schools and the University of Wisconsin system are significantly underfunded compared to neighboring states. Wisconsin ranks 43rd in state and local funding for public universities, whereas Illinois ranks first and Michigan third.



In 2024, almost half of Wisconsin's school districts, including Northern Ozaukee and Mequon-Thiensville, are turning to voters for funding due to state shortfalls. The Port Washington - Saukville School District is expected to go to a referendum soon.

Glasstein is endorsed by the Wisconsin Education Association Council and, as a teacher for many years in the Wisconsin Technical College System, is committed to education.

Wisconsin has higher health care costs than Minnesota and Illinois. Despite broad public support for expanding Medicaid, Republicans have refused to expand BadgerCare. This is federal money that only 10 states have not accepted for their citizens.

As our representative in the Assembly, Glasstein will prioritize expanding access to affordable health care.

Republican control since 2011 has shaped policies on education, health care, abortion rights and voting laws. In 2024, with fair voting maps, we have the chance to balance the Wisconsin Assembly and ensure that a range of perspectives is represented in decision making. Vote for Dana Glasstein.

**Peter Vander Velden**  
Port Washington

### Don't sit out this election, the issues are 'profoundly grave'

To Ozaukee Press:

In his debate with Vice President Harris, Donald Trump stated inflation is "the worst in our nation's history." That is a lie. By economists' measure, the economy under the Biden/Harris administration is doing far

better than it was under Trump.

When we bought our Cedarburg house in 1984, our mortgage interest rate was 14%. Republican Ronald Reagan was president. Our first house purchased in 1977 had a mortgage rate of 8.85%, a percentage point higher than today's average.

Still, Kamala Harris acknowledges for many, "the cost of living is just too high." To solve this, she plans tax incentives for first-time home buyers, paid family leave and universal childcare—offset by the wealthy paying their fair share. And she proposes a federal ban on corporate grocery price gouging. She needs Congress to help. This is where our votes for Sen. Tammy Baldwin and John Zarbano for Congress become critical.

Do not sit this election out. The issues are profoundly grave. There is only one candidate who has upheld their oath of office to defend the Constitution, and it is not the one who, as Liz Cheney stated, fomented a treasonous coup on Jan. 6. My family is voting for Kamala, the coach, and every other Democrat on the ballot. Join us.

**Deb Dassow**  
Cedarburg

### He'll do anything for a vote, like lying to hurricane victims

To Ozaukee Press:

We are now witnessing another shake of the "maganut" tree as Trump and his acolytes are flooding North Carolina, Georgia and Florida with an ocean of lies about the federal response to hurricane recovery.

Why? Well, it's surely not expected to change the minds of any committed Democratic voters. No, it is a desperate and despicable attempt to cover the eyes and ears of any marginal supporters who may accidentally witness the good works of FEMA and other federal and state agencies pouring in to help them and their families during this terrible crisis.

What could be more cruel and heartless than urging the victims of a natural catastrophe to distrust and avoid the very people arriving to save their lives and property? How unfeeling, dangerous and insane is it to beat the drums of distrust and denial at this time of desperate need?

What Trump and Vance apparently believe is that it is in their best interest for the victims of this natural disaster to suffer and die rather than witness, or (God forbid) accept help from the Biden/Harris administration.

Fortunately, the governors and local officials of all three states are praising the federal response and have been in constant communication and coordination with the White House.

In the midst of this climate double whammy, President Biden is rallying Congress to extend federal disaster funding. As for Trump, he's urging Republicans to freeze the money and maximize the suffering.

If there is a reason to cast a vote for Donald Trump, it completely escapes me.

**Donald Harvey**  
Port Washington



The Wellenstein brothers of Belgium, Lawrence, Joe and Jim, who were famed for their craftsmanship, constructed the building that was the clubhouse and restaurant for the Port Country Club and later the Squires Golf Club. The building was admired for its soaring roofline, panoramic array of windows and intricately fitted fieldstone walls.

### It was sad to see demolition of clubhouse built by craftsmen

To Ozaukee Press:

The Squires golf course was such a great asset to the Town of Belgium for decades. Hundreds of people learned the game of golf there and thousands more enjoyed playing the course.

It has been disturbing to watch the

demolition of the clubhouse. True craftsmen from the area worked on the addition and created those beautiful fieldstone walls. Many from the area have fond memories of the family events held there. I know I do.

**Cathie Urness**  
Belgium



EDITORIAL

The green countryside is a valuable farm product

**Ozaukee County** has the smallest land area and one of the fastest rates of population growth of Wisconsin’s 72 counties, which makes it all the more remarkable that 40% of the county’s land is still farmland.

As just about the only land available for significant development, the agricultural share of the county’s space—78 square miles of land—will be shrinking. Development is inevitable and essential for the county’s economic vitality, but it should come at a measured pace and with limits, because farmland is a resource worthy of protection.

Farmland gives the Ozaukee County its open spaces and much of its green space. Besides more than 50,000 acres of cropland and pasture land, the farm properties include woodlands and wetlands that add up to an extensive area of natural landscape.

The evolution of the Town of Grafton illustrates the growing pressure on Ozaukee farmland. The sprawling Grafton Commons mall and adjacent shopping areas, along with residential development of the once rural countryside, have consumed thousands of acres of land that were once farmed and are now in the Village of Grafton. Working farms have all but disappeared. The remaining acres of leased cropland are in the sights of developers for upscale subdivisions.

In contrast, farming thrives in the Town of Port Washington. Most of its land, nearly 8,000

acres, is used for agriculture. That vast expanse of open land, however, makes it a target for industrial development on a massive scale.

Contracts to sell 2,000 acres at \$42,000 per acre, an astonishing price unheard of until now, have been signed by landowners. The land had been earmarked for annexation to the City of Port Washington as the site for an enormous semiconductor manufacturing facility. The potential buyer chose another site, but the land is still being marketed to attract a high-tech manufacturing complex. If that comes to pass, the town could lose 25% of its farmland.

No one is offering to pay a fortune to turn farmland into industrial land in the Town of Saukville, and that suits its residents just fine. More than 150 of them attended a recent informational hearing to learn about the town’s revised land-use plan. Many voiced strong support for the enhanced protection for farmland featured in the plan.

Town Chairman Kevin Kimmes characterized the public response as a clear message from residents that the Town of Saukville is an agricultural community and should stay one.

The “working lands” designated in the plan “are not just holding areas until a better use comes along,” Kimmes said. “The town is vested in their value for the long term.”

The Town of Saukville, with its nearly 9,000

acres of farmland and large tracts of undevelopable land, including bogs, swamps and old-growth beech and maple forests, exemplifies rural character in its most appealing form.

Agriculture is key to that character, but it should not be equated with some sort of environmental movement, or thought of as a quaint throwback to simpler times. Images of red barns with black and white cows grazing nearby are mostly memories. Farming in real time is a business, and in aggregate not a small one.

Overall in Ozaukee County, farms produce more than \$71 million worth of milk, cattle, grain and other products each year and employ 2,000 people, according to the UW-Madison Extension.

Like many industries, farming is not inherently kind to the environment. Animal waste handling and tilling practices that abet runoff of manure and chemical fertilizers that pollute waterways are ever-present issues in farm operations.

It is encouraging that a growing number of Ozaukee County farmers, with guidance from the Ozaukee County Department of Land and Water Management and the Clean Farm Families initiative, are adopting conservation practices intended to reduce the amount of phosphorus that enters waterways and Lake Michigan.

This enlightened approach is a fitting sign of respect for one of the county’s most important resources—its farmland.

Low info voters, take note: the news media lies about Trump

To Ozaukee Press:

If a lie is repeated long and loud enough, gullible low-information voters will believe it. There’s no proof or truth to the statement that Donald Trump as president called the military “losers,” as stated in a recent letter to the editor. Trump vehemently denies it. Individuals with him at the time, such as Mike Pompeo and John Bolton, deny it was ever said.

The real facts can be found on Snopes, a left-leaning fact checker. It summarizes that this lie gained traction when The Atlantic magazine relied on anonymous second-hand reports, with no independent footage or proof to substantiate the claims.

Another lie that the left and specifically Joe Biden have said repeatedly is that when in Charlottesville, Trump called neo-Nazis and white supremacists “very fine people.” Again on Snopes: Trump did say that there were very fine people on both sides. He also specifically noted that he was not talking about neo-Nazis and white supremacists, saying “they should be condemned totally.” Snopes rated this claim “false.”

It’s sad when the leftist legacy media selectively edits video and audio to

Trump’s words show he’s good role model for children, right?

To Ozaukee Press:

At the recent local Trump rally, I saw many children with parents in vehicles; heartwarming, positive role models are important in child development. I propose a video compilation of Trump’s statements for viewing by our children, to be shown at the Rivoli Theater, and in K-12 classes at local schools.

Said video would include a few of Trump’s verified statements:

“The Democratic presidential candidate is a retarded individual.”

“I never met the woman” (that a jury found me guilty of sexually assaulting).

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create a false narrative; it turns outright immoral when the lie gets repeated, as this one did many times by Joe Biden, Chuck Schumer and others.

Low or no information voters can and do fall for whatever is said loudest and longest. Since traditional media leans overwhelming liberal, whatever boosts the Democrats and hurts Republicans is that which is reverberated.

Don’t believe everything you hear. A healthy dose of skepticism is advisable and doing one’s own fact checking is prudent before repeating something that’s simply not true.

Dan Drierwer  
Grafton

Vote no on amendment that attacks our freedom to vote

To Ozaukee Press:

I’m voting no on the Nov. 5 constitutional amendment question, and I urge other residents of Ozaukee County to do the same. Here are three reasons voters need to vote against this harmful amendment.

First, this is an attack on our freedom to vote. Changing the language from “every” citizen to “only” citizens would allow lawmakers to further limit our

right to vote, including implementing proof of citizenship requirements despite knowing that thousands and thousands of eligible voters don’t have the documents to prove their citizenship, according to the Brennan Center.

Getting the necessary documents can be both expensive and time-consuming. Processing time can take several months, during which an eligible voter could be deprived of their right to vote. This could be especially challenging for older voters who don’t have updated paperwork, students who leave their documents at their parents’ house, married women who have changed their name and the many voters who don’t have hundreds of dollars and hours to spare.

This anti-voter amendment could open the door to an even more complicated registration process and discriminatory practices—diminishing our freedom to vote.

Sinykin: defender of women’s rights, science, environment

To Ozaukee Press:

Wisconsin Senate candidate Jodi Habush Sinykin and I first met at an environmental conference in western New York State in 1994. Jodi was working as a new attorney already focusing on environmental issues.

As her career progressed, she got involved in working on water issues related to Wisconsin, particularly the Great Lakes Water Compact. It essentially guarantees no entities outside the boundaries of the Great

Second, the rigged state Legislature isn’t doing its job. Wisconsinites have had five confusing constitutional amendments on the ballot this year. We’ve had enough of these wide-sweeping, harmful amendments. Our legislators need to do their job and work with the governor to pass policies.

Third, Wisconsin is stronger when we stand together. This constitutional amendment aims to divide us and pit us against our neighbors. I care about my community, and I know that other Ozaukee County residents are sick of the lies. Wisconsinites are better when we stand together. Let’s say no to the lies and vote this amendment down.

Visit LWVWI.org to learn more about this constitutional amendment. Visit MyVote.Wi.Gov to register to vote, find early voting locations, find your polling place and more.

Christy Schwan  
Cedarburg

The letter writer is president of the League of Women Voters of Ozaukee and Washington counties.



Duey Stroebel

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Mike Loberg  
Cedarburg

Dan Vogel  
Grafton



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Jeremias Miguel Dominquez, 4123 County Highway B, Port Washington, deviating from lane of traffic, operate w/o valid license, \$375.80  
Ronan T. Monahan, 646 N. Sauk Dr., Port Washington, vehicle operator fail/wear seat belt, \$10.00

Tyler N. Mueller, 907 Ridgeway Cir., Fredonia, failure to obey sign or signal, \$175.30  
Leslie J. Murphy, 611 W. Russet Ln., Mequon, misappropriate ID info – obtain money, credit card – fraudulent use (<=\$2500), probation, sentence withheld, \$2,521.69  
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Sara L. Napreilla, 3785 County Road I, Saukville, inattentive driving, \$187.90  
Dylan J. Neumann, 1041 7th Ave., Grafton, MV windows not reasonably clean, \$175.30

Judith L. Noren, 8390 Hickory Ln., Cedarburg, fail/yield right/way from stop sign (resulting bodily harm), \$389.50  
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### It's a shootout

The scoreboard operator was busy in Columbus. **6A**

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But Port Washington's Alex Anewenter still turned in an impressive run. **8A**

### Securing second

Grafton is tied among the top volleyball teams in the conference. **9A**

# Sports PRESS



## Pirate party

Port Washington celebrates homecoming with its sixth straight victory. *See page 7A*

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# Ground game, goal-line stand guides Grafton



**GRAFTON'S TYLER DEER** made a sliding catch for 20 yards in the first quarter of a 31-14 win at Greendale on Friday. *Photo by Mitch Maersch*

## ■ Black Hawks win third straight Woodland Conference title in the same place they sealed the 2023 crown

By **MITCH MAERSCH**  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Tommy Lutz ran until he nearly broke, the Grafton High School football team's defense refused to break at the goal line and Jeremy Dickerson busted out for a 90-yard touchdown that broke the backs of Greendale last Friday.

That added up to a 31-14 victory that sealed the Black Hawks' third straight Woodland Conference title. Grafton won, 42-7, at Greendale for last season's championship.

"Starting back in June you think you've got so much time. In a blink of an eye we're three-peat conference champs. It feels great and we worked really hard for this. Praise God for everything we were able to accomplish tonight," lineman Jackson Wojcik said.

"It's amazing. We worked so hard for this the entire season," lineman Miles Muilenburg said.

Plans to mark the occasion were in the works minutes after the game.

"We're going to get some nice T-shirts. We're going to blast the music on the way home and everybody's got some Chick-Fil-A sandwiches from their parents to celebrate," linebacker Max Glab, who had two of the Hawks' six sacks, said.

Grafton went to 6-0 in the conference. Wisconsin Lutheran is 5-1 with its only loss to the Hawks. With Shorewood/Messmer dropping out of the season, the Hawks play a noncon-

ference game on Friday, Oct. 18, and cannot be caught for the crown.

Last Friday's game turned during the third quarter. The Hawks, who scored with 38 seconds left before halftime to take a 14-7 lead, drove 65 yards on 10 running plays — nine by Lutz for 64 yards before he left with a bruised leg — to take a 21-7 lead.

Greendale drove to the Hawks' 3-yard line and was primed to make it a one-score game, but Grafton didn't let it happen.

The Hawks stuffed three runs and forced two incomplete passes, including surviving a pass interference penalty, and kept the Panthers out of the end zone. It echoed back to last season when the Hawks made two goal-line stands in the sectional final that helped beat Stoughton.

"We knew they'd make a couple of big plays. We knew we had to reload every play and pound the rock. Eventually it was going to go our way," linebacker Tyler Heinle said.

"We work so hard in practice, focusing on each other, not hating on each other, ultimately working as one. So when the plays are called, we do our job. We strive on the goal line," Glab said.

Three plays later, Dickerson put the game on ice with a 90-yard burst up the middle. A Panther tried to run him down from behind and got a hand on him, but Dickerson kept *See Champs on page 6A*

# Dohrwardt's long ball lets Port hang onto treasured trophy

## ■ Pirates edge Grafton for the second straight season

By **MITCH MAERSCH**  
Ozaukee Press Staff

The Timm Snider Trophy is staying in Port Washington after another dramatic victory over rival Grafton.

The Pirates' boys' high school soccer team scored twice in the final nine minutes to pull out a 3-1 road win on Oct. 8. A year ago, they scored three times in the final five minutes to win, 4-3.

This year, John Dohrwardt had the game-winner from long distance in the 71st minute to break a 1-1 tie.

"He hit a long range shot that seemed to drop in really the only spot that would've beaten their goalie," coach Mark Burmesch said.

"It was definitely a shot where as a coach you see him winding up to strike it you're saying, 'No, no, no' and then 'Yes!!!' once it goes in. It was a great moment for our guys and big for them to see that we can come from behind against a very well-coached and organized team with our playoff run right around the corner."

Even Grafton coach Jake Wilde credited the boot.

"Forty yards out — just a terrific shot," he said.

Grafton changed its alignment and pushed hard to try to tie, but that led to another goal by Port, this time from Joe Sepanic on an Angel Ramirez assist.

Grafton took a 1-0 lead into halftime thanks to a goal by Charlie Lawrence.

"We created some quality chances early on that we weren't able to capitalize on *See Soccer on page 8A*



**PORT WASHINGTON KEPT** the Timm Snider Trophy with a thrilling 3-1 win at Grafton on Oct. 8. Keeper George Pasko (1) and midfielder Angel Ramirez (4) proudly held the traveling trophy as the team celebrated after the game. *Photo by Sam Arendt*



# Rockets run out of gas in entertaining game

By MITCH MAERSCH  
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Cedar Grove-Belgium High School went undefeated in the Big East Conference this season but didn't win any of its three non-conference games.

However, the Rockets' strength of schedule could be worth mentioning.

The Rockets last Friday lost, 57-33, at Columbus, ranked No. 2 in Division 4 according to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association weekly poll.

The Rockets trailed 44-33 and were driving midway through the fourth quarter when Cade Borden got a cramp on a pass route that led to an interception.

"If Carter (Schmitz) would have hit him in stride, he would have been gone," coach Dan Schreurs said.

Columbus drove 50 yards and scored, and added another touchdown later.

"It was a fun game. It was exciting. There was really never a dull moment. Anything could happen at any given time," Schreurs said.

After the game, both teams stayed on the field for 20 minutes talking.

"There was a good camaraderie. All the players knew this was a phenomenal battle," Schreurs said.

Columbus' Connor Roche rushed for 318 yards for the second straight week

and scored four touchdowns. Schreurs said Roche's speed reminded him of former Rockets' star Kyle Voskuil, who is now an assistant coach for Cedar Grove-Belgium. Roche, Schreurs said, could rush for 4,000 yards in the Big East. He is third in the state with 1,655 yards.

The Rockets' Griffin Knight caught six passes for 179 yards and two scores and made an interception. Schmitz went 12-for-33 passing for 260 yards with three touchdowns and an interception. Ira Hilbelink ran 20 times for 73 yards.

Jackson Foster and Austin Knapp each had nine tackles, and Foster returned an interception 12 yards for a score after Nolan

Aponte, playing with a broken hand, batted it into the air.

"I couldn't have been prouder of the guys," Schreurs said.

Schreurs said he got requests for game film from across the state from coaches who told him the team "gave everything it could."

The Rockets, 6-0 in the Big East, host Howards Grove (4-2 Big East) in the regular season finale on Friday. Oostburg, Manitowoc Lutheran and Reedsville are tied for second with Howards Grove.

The Rockets, who play in Division 6, lost three nonconference games to high-end Division 4 foes — Columbus is No. 1 and Mayville's record is 7-1 and Mosinee is 6-2.



IT WASN'T Jerry Kramer and Fuzzy Thurston leading Jim Taylor on the famous Lombardi sweep and the Port Washington legend Vernon Biever wasn't the photographer, but Grafton's Jackson Wojcik (63), Thomas Petersen (72) and Ian Cornelius (above right) escorted running back Jeremy Dickerson downfield in a similar fashion as quarterback Brady Hilgart watched the action in a 31-14 win at Greendale on Friday. Colton Boehlke (right) had two of Grafton's six sacks. *Photos by Mitch Maersch*



## West Bend Co-op overpowers Port

By MITCH MAERSCH  
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The Port Washington High School girls' swim and dive team struggled to match the numbers and the depth of the West Bend Co-op at home on Oct. 8, losing 137-48.

"West Bend is a combined team with East and West, and they are generally a very strong team. The middle of the season is also tough with homecoming week and general fatigue," co-coach Danielle Peiffer said. "It's important for the girls to stay focused and motivated because these are very critical weeks for training, but we understand how challenging this can be."

Port's best finishes were five seconds.

The 200-yard freestyle relay of Laylah Henschel, Anna Nisiewicz, Teagan Zuraw and Edynn Strube finished in 1:59.92 and the 400 freestyle relay of Drue Nelson, Lily Kerbel, Nisiewicz and Strube finished in 4:23.42.

Strube swam the 50 freestyle in 28.55 and the 100 freestyle in 1:02.49. Kerbel swam the 100 backstroke in 1:10.63.

"We only have two dual meets left, and we will encourage the girls to stay focused and motivated. This is where the mental side of training and competition become equally, if not more important, than the physical," Peiffer said.

Port was to swim at Homestead on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The Pirates compete in a Shorewood invite on Saturday, Oct. 19, and host Cedarburg on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Grafton was to swim at West Bend on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The Black Hawks swim a Shorewood invite on Saturday, Oct. 19, and host Homestead on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

## Champs: Grafton has its sights set on a 1 seed in playoffs

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his balance and kept sprinting. He wasn't going to be caught.

"I knew I wasn't. I knew I wasn't," he said.

"TP, (Thomas Petersen) my offensive lineman, made a great block and I took it to the crib."

"That was amazing," lineman Miles Muihlenburg said. "I was blocking my guy and all of a sudden I look up and I see Jeremy halfway down the field."

That made the score 28-7 late in the third quarter. The Panthers never recovered.

Dickerson ran eight times for 143 yards

and a score in relief of Lutz, who ran 29 times for 214 yards and a touchdown.

"I feel good," Lutz said. "I'm not going to lie. They were tackling low."

Lutz has been the Hawks' leading rusher on each of the last three league title teams.

"I just think it reflects what we do here in Grafton, just do it to the best of our ability, and it shows on the field," he said.

The Hawks started slowly with an uncharacteristic interception by quarterback Brady Hilgart and fell behind 7-0. Then they got the running game going and took control of the game.

Hilgart went 8-for-14 for 118 yards with a touchdown and interception. Ian Cornelius caught a 20-yard score.

The euphoria of the game seemed to wear off Jim Norris as he walked off the field.

"As good as this lasts, if you live in this world of celebration too long you get behind the next week, and we're going to have our hands full next week," he said.

The Hawks, 7-1, host Milwaukee Academy of Science (8-0) on Friday, Oct. 18.

"Tonight was for the conference championship. Next week's for a 1 seed," Norris said.

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VOLLEYBALL

HARBOR HILLS RECREATION COED LEAGUE

October 9

|                          | W  | L  |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| Mama Whit's Misfits      | 17 | 1  |
| Sets and Beer            | 15 | 3  |
| Pass & Hitties           | 13 | 5  |
| Hit Happens              | 10 | 8  |
| That's What She Set      | 9  | 9  |
| Slow & Sloppy            | 9  | 9  |
| Owen Didier Real Estate  | 8  | 10 |
| Lakeland                 | 8  | 10 |
| EB & Flow Print Co.      | 7  | 8  |
| To Spike a Blocking Nerd | 7  | 11 |
| Chewblocka               | 6  | 12 |
| Dance Diggers            | 5  | 10 |
| Rascal Rats              | 5  | 13 |
| Harvard Hills            | 4  | 14 |

BOWLING

CEDARS III

Lutheran Social League

October 14

|                            | W     | L     |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Heidtke Builders           | 178   | 92    |
| Midwest Precision          | 162.5 | 107.5 |
| Circle B                   | 146.5 | 123.5 |
| Ozaukee Disposal           | 143.5 | 126.5 |
| Kooley's Klub              | 132   | 138   |
| Karthauser & Sons          | 112   | 158   |
| Paloma Print Products      | 110   | 160   |
| MacGillis Insurance Agency | 95.5  | 174.5 |

Team and Individual Scratch Game: Midwest Precision, 1,123; Circle B, 1,070; Ozaukee Disposal, 1,044; Brandon Mertes, 267; Bobby Phillips, 266; Walter Guhl, 256; Duane Balsiger, 256.

Team and Individual Scratch Series: Midwest Precision, 3,097; Ozaukee Disposal, 3,061; Circle B, 3,045; Bobby Phillips, 751; Brandon Mertes, 716; Austin Mertes, 692.

HARBOR HILLS

Monday Men's Senior League

October 7

High Scratch Game: Dennis Berndt, 274; Peter Bares, 222; Mike McComis, 195; Joe Fenney, 181.

High Scratch Series: Dennis Berndt, 659; Peter Bares, 559; Mike McComis, 534; Richard Madden, 505.

Tuesday Men's Major Classic

October 8

|                      | W  | L  |
|----------------------|----|----|
| Busch Light          | 46 | 8  |
| J'Sports Bar         | 32 | 22 |
| Da Boyz of Da Hill   | 30 | 24 |
| PWSB                 | 29 | 25 |
| Field 5              | 26 | 28 |
| East Towne Landscape | 24 | 30 |
| Allied Insulation    | 23 | 31 |
| Harbor Hills II      | 18 | 36 |
| Harbor Hills I       | 15 | 39 |

High Scratch Game: Jeff Kreutzer, 258; Rich Rodriguez, 253; Dan Fisher, 245; Jay McMahon, 234; Mike McComis, 227.

High Scratch Series: Dan Fisher, 661; Jeff Kreutzer, 628; Rich Rodriguez, 623; Scott Bares, 613; Jay McMahon, 612.

Tuesday Women's Major League

October 8

|                 | W  | L  |
|-----------------|----|----|
| Gopher One      | 26 | 9  |
| Saukville Feed  | 24 | 11 |
| John's Pizzeria | 23 | 12 |
| Centre Court    | 19 | 16 |
| Shipyard        | 11 | 24 |

High Scratch Game: Amy Jo Schmit, 192; Brittany Laatsch, 187; Gabby Jurgilanis, 176.

High Scratch Series: Amy Jo Schmit, 535; Gabby Jurgilanis, 472; Lacey Roemhild, 447.

Wednesday Night Ladies

October 9

|                           | W  | L  |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Harbor Hills              | 31 | 11 |
| Girls Just Wanna Have Fun | 26 | 16 |
| The OG's                  | 26 | 16 |
| Sassy Strikers            | 25 | 17 |
| Four's Company            | 24 | 18 |

Striking Gals

|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Striking Gals     | 22 | 20 |
| Golden Oak Dental | 21 | 21 |
| Bags to Balls     | 15 | 27 |
| Gutter Gals       | 13 | 29 |

High Scratch Game: Tami Osness, 242; Emme Pruefer, 233; Amy Jo Schmit, 217; Ellen Biever, 191.

High Scratch Series: Emme Pruefer, 625; Amy Jo Schmit, 583; Tami Osness, 560; Denise Blaubach, 502.

Thursday Men's Handicap

October 10

|                         | Points |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Homeward Bound          | 108    |
| The Outsiders           | 106.5  |
| Allied Insulation       | 97     |
| Thierfelder Builders    | 96     |
| Burton's Bushwhackers   | 92.5   |
| Grand Ave.              | 91.5   |
| Fuel Powersports        | 90.5   |
| All Pro Maintenance     | 90     |
| Jeff's Home Improvement | 86.5   |
| Juices Deuces           | 83     |
| RJ Wood                 | 70.5   |

High Scratch Game: Nick Repinski, 277; Bryan Sternig, 269; Mike Mueller, 268; Ryan Schmitt, 267; Kevin Runkel, 258; Bryan Fechter, 258.

High Scratch Series: Ryan Schmitt, 730; Nick Repinski, 703; Bryan Fechter, 702; Kevin Runkel, 700; Tim Durr, 684.

Saturday Night Live Fun Couples League

October 21

|                           | W  | L  |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Jeffers - Hughes          | 12 | 0  |
| Jesse Wheaton - Smith     | 12 | 2  |
| Charles - Tate            | 11 | 3  |
| Dornburg - P. Mueller     | 10 | 4  |
| Morgan - McLafferty       | 8  | 6  |
| Carroll - Wegner          | 5  | 9  |
| J. Schmidt - Joey Wheaton | 4  | 10 |
| P. Schmidt - Dickmann     | 2  | 12 |
| Heikkila - Hoener         | 2  | 12 |

High Scratch Game: Kent Jeffers, 265; Jesse Wheaton, 235; Joey Wheaton, 231; Jessie Guinta, 233; Olivia Schmidt, 232; Jacquie Jeffers, 171.

High Scratch Series: Kent Jeffers, 672; Scott Morgan, 604; Chad Smith, 582; Jessie Guinta, 648; Olivia Schmidt, 509; Carmen Morgan, 483.

Newcomer's Saturday Night League

September 28

|                   | W  | L  |
|-------------------|----|----|
| V-Squared         | 14 | 0  |
| The B Team        | 10 | 4  |
| Newbies           | 9  | 5  |
| Not Related       | 9  | 5  |
| We're on Strike   | 9  | 5  |
| High Rollers      | 7  | 7  |
| The Alley Gators  | 7  | 7  |
| Lickety Splits    | 5  | 9  |
| Crapstatics       | 5  | 9  |
| Gotta Ketcham All | 5  | 9  |
| Ball Hogs         | 2  | 12 |
| Straight Shooters | 2  | 12 |

High Scratch Game: Bruce Bloemer, 256; Jim Villeneuve, 227; Mike Klement, 223; Kenzie Phillips, 236; Heather Carlson, 223; Lynn Call, 198.

High Scratch Series: Bruce Bloemer, 695; Steve Footit, 626; Jim Villeneuve, 621; Kenzie Phillips, 614; Heather Carlson, 518; Dawn Andree, 470.

CIRCLE B

Wednesday Ladies Night Out League

October 9

|                        | W  | L  |
|------------------------|----|----|
| Twizzlers              | 35 | 7  |
| We Were Framed         | 32 | 10 |
| Merged                 | 28 | 14 |
| Gutter Girls           | 28 | 14 |
| Splits & Giggles       | 28 | 14 |
| Bowling Bags           | 27 | 15 |
| We Don't Give a Split  | 25 | 17 |
| Dammit Jim             | 24 | 18 |
| Surprise               | 21 | 21 |
| Circle "B"             | 16 | 26 |
| WTF                    | 14 | 28 |
| 5 Corners Truck & Auto | 14 | 28 |
| Blazin' Chicas         | 12 | 30 |
| Bowling Buddies        | 12 | 30 |
| Living on a Spare      | 12 | 30 |

High Scratch Game: Rachel Schemenauer, 235; Nancy Tadzysak, 212; Cyndy Check, 211.

High Scratch Series: Heather Gollwitzer, 565; Rachel Schemenauer, 551.



# Loose, defense lead Port to homecoming win

■ *Pirates host Beaver Dam for East Central title on senior night on Friday*

By **MITCH MAERSCH**  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Cal Loose continues to be a dual threat for the Port Washington High School football team and Friday's homecoming game against Watertown was no exception.

After the Goslings closed to 20-14 thanks to a 20-yard pick six in the third quarter, the Pirates outscored their foes 13-0 in the final 12 minutes for a 33-14 victory.

Loose ran for a six-yard touchdown and threw to star receiver Josh Arnold for a 21-yard score in the fourth quarter.

Loose ran 14 times for 111 yards and a score, and he went 10-for-13 passing for 140 yards with four touchdowns and one interception.

"Cal did a good job running the football for us. We keep using him as that threat," coach John Bunyan said.

"He threw the ball well. We're trying to make it easier for him, but he's got to make those throws and he has."

Loose in the last four games is 42-for-54 passing (77.7%) for 539 yards with 10 touchdowns and three interceptions. He ran for 320 yards and four touchdowns in that stretch.

Kiya Sullivan added 47 yards on 11 carries.

Port held a 20-7 halftime lead thanks to three touchdown passes from Loose. He hit Landon Jankowski, who has come on strong of late, for 31 yards, Arnold for eight and running back Sam Pasten for 39 yards.

On defense, Jayden Lathrop made two interceptions and Arnold made one. Bunyan said Izaiah Scheftgen played well at line-backer.

"Our defense stepped up and played great. For the most part, we were in control," Bunyan said.

Port held the Goslings to 60 yards rushing on 28 carries for an average of 2.1 yards per rush. Davis Cashin went 13-for-26 passing for 119 yards and three interceptions. Watertown scored its first touchdown on a 22-yard double pass from Alexander David to Kaedyn Holden.

Port went to 6-0 in the East Central Conference and 7-1 overall but is only 4-0 in ECC games. Two wins were in crossover games against teams in the Badger Small Conference.

Port hosts ECC foe Beaver Dam, which is 5-1 in the ECC and 7-1 overall. The Golden Beavers are 4-0 in ECC games not counting crossovers. Both teams have qualified for the



**PORT WASHINGTON'S JAYDEN LATHROP** (above) made two interceptions against Watertown on Friday. Landon Jankowski (right) caught two passes for 40 yards and a touchdown in a 33-14 win.

*Photos by Sam Arendt*

playoffs and will be looking to improve their seed.

Beaver Dam is ranked No. 10 in Division 2 and Port is ranked No. 5 in Division 3, according to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association weekly poll.

"They're a good team. They run the ball real well," Bunyan said. "They don't make mistakes. They've only thrown two interceptions and fumbled once all year."

It will be senior night for Port when each senior adds a link with his name on it to the chain connected to the anchor. It's a tradition Bunyan started 13 years ago in his first year of coaching.

"Every senior can find their name here. They're forever connected to our program. The seniors love it. The parents love it," Bunyan said.



# Knepfel is on pace for a return trip to Wisconsin Rapids

By **MITCH MAERSCH**  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Port Washington High School's Ellie Knepfel is hoping to return to the state cross country meet and thinks she is on pace to do just that.

Knepfel got 10th at the Port Washington Invite at Tendick Park in the Town of Saukville last Thursday. She ran the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 49.2 seconds.

"It wasn't exactly where I wanted, but I'm OK with it for where we are in the season because we're coming off some harder workouts," she said.

"That was by far her best time on that course," coach Joe Adamak said.

A return trip to state for the sophomore is in the cards.

"I think just probably some easier weeks like tapering" should provide the boost she needs, Knepfel said.

Knepfel got a top running partner this season when senior Parker Allen moved to the district from Missouri. Allen, who is a tick faster than Knepfel, twisted her knee in the final 400 meters and didn't finish the race. Coach Joe Adamak hopes to get her back this week for the North Shore Conference Meet back at Tendick.

Port's other three finishers were Marietta Knepfel, 48th, 21:56.8; Charlotte O'Brien, 64th, 22:44.3; and Payton Wysocki, 23:06.4.

O'Brien ran a personal record.

"It's hard to run your best time on that course," Adamak said.

After the NSC Meet, Port hosts the sectional on the same course.

"There's one hill that I'm definitely not a fan of after the first mile. Other than that I actually really enjoy it," Knepfel said of the course. "I'll have it memorized by the end of this."

### CG-Belgium senior has a day

Cedar Grove-Belgium's Evelyn Ramos-Garcia finished 40th in the invite in a personal-best by 41 seconds in 21:37.5.

"She may have gone out a bit too aggressively, so a little more control early and she will take off even more time," coach Brandon Langer said.

The Rockets finished eighth with 244 points. Slinger won the 13-team meet with 24 points, followed by Brookfield East's 40.

Cedar Grove-Belgium's Brynlee Schmidt was 43rd in 21:45.7. Ashleigh McCluskey was 46th in 22:16.4. Amara Beernink was 51st in 22:34.8 and Aubrey Nett was 64th in 23:05.8.

"Ashleigh had a season best and really looked strong after the mile, and Aubrey Nett continues to move up," Langer said. "She (Nett) had been battling some breathing issues and a sickness over the last couple of weeks, but she had dropped 1:40 in the last two weeks and is progressing nicely as we enter October."

The Rockets host the Big East Conference Meet on Saturday.

### Ozaukee earns personal records

Ozaukee's Eva VanMinsel was 60th in a personal-record 22:35. Madison Glaeser was 62nd in a personal-record 22:41. Addison Schubert was 70th in a season-best 23:04. Emily Luza was 85th in 24:22 and Lilia Steinert was 91st 22:52.

"It was encouraging to see both Eva and Madison break into the 22s and set new PR's on a challenging course, especially as we head into the conference meet next week," coach Andrew Pfeuffer said.

**PORT WASHINGTON'S ELLIE KNEPFEL** (far right) finished 10th in 19:49.2 at the Port Washington Invitational last Thursday at Tendick Park in the Town of Saukville. Cedar Grove-Belgium's Evelyn Ramos-Garcia ran a personal-record 21:37.5 and finished 40th.

*Photos by Mitch Maersch*





# Anewenter paces Port with second place

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Inhaler or no inhaler, Alex Anewenter can traverse a cross country course with the fastest of them.

The Port Washington High School senior prefers having the breathing device along, but that didn't stop him from setting a personal record at Tendick Park in the Town of Saukville last Thursday.

Anewenter, who took seventh in the Division 1 state meet last season, ran the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 11.6 seconds, finishing in second place by about five seconds.

"I was going for the win but I forgot to take my inhaler, and it did not end well," Anewenter said.

But he was pleased with the Pirates' overall performance.

"It was a beautiful day out here. The course is in great shape. A lot of guys on varsity got PRs, so I'm pretty happy with it," he said.

"Alex ran a very strong race. He got out in great position off the start and was with the eventual race winner through the mile. He lost contact with the leader on the second mile and then held his second-place position," coach Mark Pasten said.

The Pirates scored 130 points and placed fifth of 11 teams in the 44th annual Port Washington Invitational. Jameson Koebel finished 13th in 16:56.7. John Dohrwardt, who scored the winning goal two days earlier to beat Grafton in soccer, was 17th in a personal-best 17:04.5. All three earned medals.

"Jameson did not have his A game but did a nice job of competing for the team," Pasten said. "John had an outstanding race and ended up running 30 seconds faster than he has all season."

Alexis Luna was 37th in a personal-best 17:44.1.

"Alexis got out way too fast on the start and fell back throughout the race. That shows me that he can run much faster with some patience off the starting line," Pasten said.

Connor Zinuticz was 61st in 18:59.4, which was nearly 3:30 faster than last season at this meet.

Port held out Pete Lotz because he was having breathing issues.

Hartford won the 14-team meet with 39 points, followed by Germantown's 104, Neenah's 111 and Sheboygan North's 129.

Port hosts the North Shore Conference Meet at Tendick on Saturday, Oct. 19, and hosts the sectional on Oct. 26.

The Pirates, ranked No. 7 in Division 2 according to the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association weekly poll, are aiming to qualify for state as a team, and having three meets in a row on their home course may help.

"You get to know how to race the course the best," Anewenter said of running the same place three times in a row.

"This course I feel like is a perfect example of what a cross country course should be. There's uphill, downhill. There's all different sorts of terrain, straights and flats."

### CG-Belgium hopes to get runner back

Will and Wes Huenink again led Cedar Grove-Belgium at the invite. Senior Will was fourth in 16:20.5 and junior Wes was 11th in 16:43.3.

"It was pretty solid, maybe a little slower than I would like, but our 3-4 runners got down in their time, which is kind of what we wanted," Wes Huenink said.

His brother got a personal record by five seconds.

"We got out very fast. I think we were under five (minutes) at the mile," he said.

"What I really have to work on is the next mile after that, getting my two-mile time closer to my one-mile time. I wanted to do a better job of that than I think I did. That's definitely where we're going to have to focus if we want to drop our time."

Nolan Brill was 43rd in 18:09.6. Jack Krause was 44th in 18:11.4 and Noah Hope-man was 56th in 18:50.9. All times were personal records.

"They were out aggressively and it paid off," coach Brandon Langer said. "A little more control early on Saturday and Nolan and Jack will be under 18 (minutes), which is what they need to do if the team wants to reach their goals that they set before them before the season began."

The Rockets finished sixth with 158 points. They hope to get Jamison Velzke, who is recovering from a broken foot, back for a postseason run. He is usually their third-fastest runner.

The Rockets had been ranked No. 1 in Division 3 in the state for weeks, but recently slipped behind Prentice/Rib Lake and Phillips.

"I think that's kind of nice because it gives us something to work back up to, to get in that first spot by the end of the year," Wes Huenink said.

The Rockets host the Big East Conference Meet on Saturday, Oct. 19. Defending two-time state champion Kohler is the favorite.

"I am hoping our home course will give the Rockets some extra motivation and adrenaline as we try to get as many runners on the all-conference teams as possible," Langer said.

### Schubert continues fast pace for Ozaukee

Nicholas Schubert finished 15th in 17:00.7 for Ozaukee.

Brice Schueller was 29th in 17:34.8. Dylan

Budzisz was 75th in 19:45.9. Peyton Mueller was 82nd in 20:00.5 and Evan Caswell was 87th in 20:49.6. The Warriors scored 288 points and were 12th.

"Both Nick and Brice had great races. They found their spots in the first mile and then proceeded to move up places the second half of the race," coach Andrew Pfeuffer.

Ozaukee runs in the Big East Conference Meet on Saturday, Oct. 19.



## Concessions Impressions

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

It was a return to childhood, or more accurately bachelorhood, last Thursday at Tendick Park in the Town of Saukville.

A pre-race hot dog (no onions) did the trick to get me through the cross country races. Afterward, I dove into the stand's retro delicacy — Spagheittios. They provided a large cup of the noodles and tomato sauce for just \$2.

The dish was served hot and took a while to reach that last O. I think the boys' and girls' junior varsity races just about finished before I did.

I hustled enough not to miss the bus back to the parking lot across the street. Anyone who knows anything about Tendick knows walking is not an option unless you are in cross country shape. I don't qualify.

Greendale last Friday offered a flavorful cheeseburger. They also sold Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and nuggets, but I choose to support the local grillers.

# Soccer: Pirates play well vs. Cedarburg; Grafton battles injuries

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before having a lapse in communication on a back pass that allowed their striker a one versus one, which he finished off well," Burmesch said.

"Down 1-0 at halftime our message as a team was just to not get into panic mode. Stay calm on the ball and keep the intensity and pressure up when we don't have it and more chances will come. We were fortunate to get one early in the second half on a great run and finish off the left wing by Xavier Styles that seemed to settle our nerves, and from there we found a good rhythm in the game and started to have more control of it."

Ramirez got the assist on Styles' goal. It was a special win for Port during the Pirates' homecoming week.

"Grafton is always the biggest game on our schedule for our boys. A lot of the guys know each other or have played alongside each other, so you know you're always going to get that extra bit of focus and intensity even when some adversity hits in a game," Burmesch said.

Wilde credited the play of sophomore midfielder Christian Hansen, who was moved to center mid from defender.

"I thought he did a great job controlling the tempo and controlling the game for us," Wilde said.

### About Timm Snider

Timm Snider began his soccer career as a U-12 player the first year club soccer started in Port Washington. At Port High, he made the NSC first team. In 1990, at 21, Snider became the youngest coach to lead a team — the Port girls — to the state soccer tournament. He also coached the Grafton boys to the sectional finals in the early 1990s.

Snider operated a soccer store, Sportworks, ran youth camps and played on the Milwaukee Sport Club Major and Reserve teams. He played soccer the night before his heart went into an abnormal arrhythmia, and he died at 32 in 2001.

### Pirates hang with top D2 team

Port continued its sharp play last Thursday, losing 2-0 to Cedarburg, the No. 1-ranked team in Division 2, according to the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association weekly poll.

"They have zero weaknesses as a team, however I do think the 0-2 scoreline was not indicative of the actual play and the performance that our guys gave. We defi-



PORT WASHINGTON'S SCOTTY BENNETT (above left) battled for a ball with Grafton's Ty Mekkelburg on Oct. 8 in Grafton. Port's Turner Styles and Grafton's Talan Roddy (above right) tried to corral the ball.



Photos by Sam Arendt

nately gave them troubles with our speed and energy, but just couldn't find that lethal finish on any of our chances that we created," Burmesch said.

"Junior goalkeeper George Pasko was massive for us and really showed why he is one of the best in the state. He commanded the game well and was sure handed on all of his saves, which included a penalty save early on in the game. But what really stands out is the strides he continues to show in his decision making with the ball and his ability to ping it where he wants around the field. It's definitely a massive advantage for a team when you have a guy like George in goal; it allows your team to play in a number of different styles and tempos depending on the team that we're facing. He will be huge for us as we look to make a deep run in the state tournament."

Cedarburg went to 8-0 and sealed the North Shore Conference title. Port, 1-7-1 in

the NSC and 6-11-1 overall, plays at West Bend East (0-8) on Thursday, Oct. 17, in the regular season finale. Port got an 8 seed in the Division 3 playoffs and hosts No. 9 Waupun on Thursday, Oct. 24.

### Grafton hopes to get healthy

Grafton, still beset by injuries and those working their way back into the lineup as they recover from injuries, lost to Homestead at home, 4-1, last Thursday. Freshman Ethan Krueger scored Grafton's goal in the second half and sophomore Ethan Weinhold had an assist.

Down 2-0 at halftime, Wilde told his team it had to adjust.

"We had to play that game a little differently than we're used to with not having to get the ball a lot. We've got to make the most of our chances. That's what he did there," he said of Krueger, who took the ball halfway down the field before scoring.

The Black Hawks gave up a couple of

goals while pushing hard in trying to tie it.

On Saturday, the Hawks beat Luxemburg-Casco, 3-0, at home.

Freshman Julian Terril scored twice, and Krueger scored once.

"We were happy with the performance. We created a lot of chances. I wish we would have put more away. It was still good to get back on the winning track," Wilde said.

Grafton, 1-6-1 in the NSC and 5-9-1 overall, plays at Cedarburg on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The Hawks got a 15 seed in the Division 3 tournament and host No. 18 Hmong American Peace Academy on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The winner plays at No. 2 Shorewood on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Wilde hopes to have a full complement of players for the postseason.

"When we're healthy I'm very confident," he said.



# Black Hawks' volleyball comes up big during big week

■ *Two wins over NSC foes launch Grafton into a tie for second place*

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

The Grafton High School volleyball team did what it had to do last week to remain in the mix for a high seed in the playoffs.

The Black Hawks swept Port Washington on Oct. 8 at home then beat Homestead in four games to tie the Highlanders and West Bend West for second place in the North Shore Conference. All three are 6-2 behind 8-0 Slinger.

“Both of those wins help us with playoff seeding as well,” senior setter Kaitlin Muecke said.

The Hawks beat Port, 25-18, 25-19, 25-8.

Paige Proefrock had 11 kills. Anna Holzer had nine, and Sophia Verplancke had seven. Muecke served five aces, had 11 digs and 19 assists. Proefrock had seven digs, and Mary Weishan had nine assists.

Khiah King had 14 serve-receives with two errors and Verplancke had 13 with two errors.

“That was a good rivalry win,” Muecke said. “There’s not much I could say we did terrible.”

For Port, Summer Wille and Ava Burt each had four kills. Sierra Hoeft and Savanna Miller each had three. Jazmyn Runkel had 12 digs, and Cali Schultz had 10. Claudia Ryder had 10 assists. Wille had 18 serve-receives with two errors. Schultz had 15 with two errors, and Runkel had 13 with three errors.

Against Homstead, Grafton won, 25-14, 13-25, 25-17, 25-18.

“We dropped a set to them because we missed a lot of our serves and our passing was not as great as it usually was. Once we picked up our serving and got more aggressive, we started to do better,” Muecke said.

Proefrock had 10 kills and Verplancke had seven. Proefrock and Weishan each served six aces. Holzer and Grace Tilley each had three blocks. Proefrock had 15 digs and Muecke had 12. Muecke had 14 assists, and Weishan had 10. Izzy Pitre had 22 serve-receives with three errors. King and Abby Barthelmy each had 10 with one error. Proefrock had 11 serve-receives with no errors, and Verplancke had 11 with two errors.

Grafton hosts Cedarburg on Thursday, Oct. 17, in the regular season finale.

**CG-Belgium takes fifth in Big East tourney**

Cedar Grove-Belgium finished in fifth place of eight teams in the Gold Bracket of the Big East Conference Tournament in Appleton last weekend.



PORT WASHINGTON'S SUMMER WILLE went for a kill over Grafton's Sophia Verplancke (8) and Grace Tilley (10) as Claudia Ryder (4) watched (above). Tilley tried to save a ball any way she could (top right) to the astonishment of Anna Holzer (6). Kaitlyn Muecke set a ball for a kill (right) and middle hitter Amelia Werner smacked a kill attempt (far right) in the Black Hawks' home sweep of the Pirates on Oct. 8.

Photos by Sam Arendt



Ozaukee finished fifth of six teams in the Silver Division. Ozaukee beat Kohler, 24-26, 25-14, 15-6; and Reedsville, 12-25, 25-23, 15-13. The Warriors lost to Sheboygan Lutheran, 25-18, 25-16, 15-9; and Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, 25-20, 25-12.

Coach Samantha Kroeger highlighted the effort of freshman Trahern Bartels.

“Trahern hasn’t played back row since the first week of the season. When our libero had to leave for the day, she stepped up and played all the way around. Trahern led the team in digs and hustle,” she said.

The Warriors were to host St. Anthony on Tuesday, Oct. 15, and play at Wayland Academy on Thursday, Oct. 17.

**Soccer teams win, lose and tie**

Cedar Grove-Belgium’s soccer team lost, 7-1, at Oostburg on Oct. 8, tied St. Mary Catholic, 1-1, last Thursday and won at Mayville, 2-0, on Saturday. Caleb Heinen had three goals. Carlos Garcia, Cameron Holle and Juan Castellon each had an assist.

The Rockets play at Winnebago Lutheran on Thursday, Oct. 17, and at Heritage Christian in the playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Random Lake/Ozaukee lost, 8-0, to Roncalli on Oct. 8 and 8-0 at Sheboygan Falls last Thursday.

RLO plays at Omro on Thursday, Oct. 17, and hosts Eastbrook Academy in the playoffs on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

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# Lure of Luxembourg fuels thriving business

■ *An expert on the country, Kevin Wester handles citizenship applications, guides tours for customers around the world*

By **MICHAEL BABCOCK**  
Ozaukee Press staff

Kevin Wester estimates he has helped more than 2,000 people obtain Luxembourg citizenship.

It started a decade ago when Wester was working at the Luxembourg American Cultural Center in Belgium and was contacted by the Luxembourg ambassador to the United States, who asked if Wester could put together an English step-by-step guide to applying for citizenship — so Americans could stop annoying the Luxembourg citizenship office with calls.

Wester said the “test run” was applying for his nephew, his friend Mike Ansay and himself. After figuring out the process for them, Wester started to offer his assistance to people at the Cultural Center and his service quickly took off.

Since then, Wester said he has helped people of all ages worldwide: people living in Ozaukee County to Japan and Great Britain; young professionals hoping to get new opportunities in Europe, and older people hoping to reconnect with their roots.

Starting with a consultation on Zoom, Wester compiles the birth, marriage and death records of the client’s ancestors and fills holes left by shoddy or non-existent record keeping.

Wester said Wisconsin law did not require that major life events be documented until 1907, which means he often has to get creative. Frequently, Wester digs through clerical records for baptismal records instead of birth certificates.

Originally, it was required that applicants had an ancestor living in Luxembourg as of 1900.

“You could imagine how disappointing it was if the ancestor died or left in 1899,” Wester said.

In recent years, however, the process has changed to so most people who have a Luxembourg ancestor qualify for citizenship, Wester said.

About three-quarters of applicants must apply for citizenship in person at a government office in Luxembourg.

People always get nervous and excited to see the new country and become a national — “It’s like a homecoming,” Wester said.

One time he did applications for an entire 80-person family from Minnesota. By stitching together the family tree, Wester said he discovered the family descended from a Luxembourgian great-great-grandfather who moved to Iowa before leading the family north.

“These are all of his descendants, and they don’t know anything about him,” Wester said. The family learned that right in their hometown, the patriarch’s old barn was an event venue and his old home an Airbnb.

“It amazes me that some people don’t know their grandparents,” Wester said. “People not only get citizenship but a history of their family.”

Many people seek out citizenship after being surprised by their ancestral roots through a DNA test or report from an amateur genealogist in the family. Commonly, people think they are German and have to Google Luxembourg to learn it’s a small, landlocked country in Western Europe when they get the news, Wester said.

By the time applicants have learned so much about their history and sit down with the citizenship authorities, it can be an uneventful conclusion.

“It’s kind of an anticlimactic, ten-minute meeting. Because we have Luxembourg ancestry, we are exempt from the language and civics exam,” he said.

It takes another six to eight months to become a citizen after that meeting, Wester said.

A quarter of applicants can gain citizenship through the mail because they have a line of male ancestors going back to Luxembourg — an artifact of the past, Wester said, from when nationality passed only through the father.

“Most people are happy to find out they can do it by mail because it’s cheaper,” he said. “But I always kind of feel bad because they miss out on the excitement.”

Wester said the process is not easy. A lot of his clients come to him after attempting to apply themselves based on information found online.

“It’s not a cookie-cutter thing. Every family I deal with has unique issues because of name changes, adoptions or missing records. There’s so many levels that complicate it,” he said.

Wester said he has to order criminal records from every country the applicant has lived at and translate them to an accepted language by the Luxembourg government.

Luxembourg started the program, which has allowed 25,000 people to obtain citizenship, in 2008 for several reasons, Wester said. For one, it helps Luxembourg in the European Union by bolstering its population numbers without adding expenses to social services and public infrastructure.

It also helps Luxembourg maintain its



**KEVIN WESTER** stood next to a sign he created in St. Mary’s Cemetery in Lake Church recounting the history of the former St. Mary’s Parish. The cemetery is a stop on tours of Ozaukee County for people from Luxembourg.

Photo by Sam Arendt

cultural identity. Almost 70% of the residents of Luxembourg City are foreign-born, while 50% in the nation are.

“They like the immigrants coming, but one of the struggles is losing what is traditionally Luxembourg,” Wester said. “It’s not nationalistic, but it’s a concern that even in 50 years all the Luxembourg names will be gone.”

Wester said he is putting together a report that will be distributed to the Luxembourg Parliament about how the program helps promote Luxembourg’s tourism and cultural awareness in America.

“All of these new citizens are small ‘a’ ambassadors. When you go to social media, there are all these people online talking about Luxembourg,” he said. “They don’t realize what this is doing for the country here in America.”

For Americans, the program has a lot of benefits, Wester said.

Because the country is so rich and is small enough to have no enemies, a Luxembourg passport is one of the best in the world, he said.

While new citizens don’t have access to social benefits like free education and healthcare, which start after two generations, Wester said, education is extremely cheap. For example, he said the tuition for studying for a doctorate is less than \$1,000 a year at the University of Luxembourg.

The demographics of his clients has changed over the years, Wester said.

“When I started it was 50 or older. Initially, the motivation was, ‘Oh this is cool,’ or, ‘This is a tribute to my parents or my grandparents,’” he said. But now, more clients who are usually younger see gaining citizenship as a way to expand opportunities.

Wester said he’s not concerned about running out of clients.

“As far as prospects, it’s a couple of million people that could do it,” he said, noting there are more people with Luxembourg ancestry in America than live in Luxembourg.

“At some point, they are going to pull the plug,” he said. “It was supposed to end in 2018, but because so many people were doing it, they continued it indefinitely.”

Wester said he’s always been an independent worker, from when he was a priest to Executive Director at the Cultural Center to now, but he recently faced having to turn away clients or hire an employee.

So, he hired Rebecca Bley Shamblin, a genealogist living in Minneapolis with family ties to Belgium and Luxembourg, who he knew from her historical work.

“She reminds me of me, and how crazy I am,” he said.

Shamblin handles most of the initial consultations, Wester said, and will help him guide a double-group tour to Luxembourg in May as part of his company Luxembourg Adventures.

Wester leads tours of about 40 people in Luxembourg. Each tour is different and can be personalized. Often, tour-goers find their old family homes or cemeteries.

He also helps tour guides in Luxembourg who bring their groups to Ozaukee County. Wester lays out their stops, including Stony Hill school, Port Washington City Hall, Pioneer Village and St. Mary’s Cemetery in Lake Church.

“There was one man who was here two summers ago who lost his luggage. The poor guy hung on for three days with clothing donations from the tour group,” Wester said. “So, I took him to Kohl’s.”

“Later, I saw him in Luxembourg and he told me it was a high point of his trip. He said, ‘It was so interesting to see an American shopping center.’”

Wester was knighted by the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. He was named the Wisconsin attaché for cultural affairs and public relations by the country.

He said he has respect for the Grand Duke, who is richer than the English King but is humble and forward-thinking.

Wester said his interest in Luxembourg has become his defining characteristic.

“I always say, ‘Don’t ask me a thing about anything but Luxembourg,’” he said.



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CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 2024PR000120

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Annette F. Waddington  
DOD: 7/7/2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 2/12/1957 and date of death 7/7/2024 was domiciled in Ozaukee County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1629 W. Bradford Drive, Mequon, WI 53092.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 1/6/2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Ozaukee County Court-house, 1201 S. Spring St., Port Washington, Wisconsin, Room 201.

DATE SIGNED: September 23, 2024

Electronically signed by Connie Mueller  
Probate Registrar

Attorney Jamie B. Barwin  
von Briesen & Roper, s.c.  
411 East Wisconsin Ave., Ste. 1000  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
414-287-1274  
Bar No. 1124353

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(Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 2024 CV 362

In the Matter of the name change of:  
Amber Lynette Psket  
By: Amber Lynette Psket

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition has been filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Amber Lynette Psket  
To: Amber Lynette Adair  
Birth Certificate: Amber Lynette Haynes

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Ozaukee County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Judge Sandy Williams  
Place: 1201 S. Spring St.,  
Port Washington, WI, 53074  
Date: 11-11-2024  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 262-284-8409 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

BY THE COURT:  
DATE SIGNED: September 27, 2024

Electronically signed by Sandy A. Williams  
Circuit Court Judge

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(Oct. 17, 24, 2024)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OF ELECTORS

Town of Fredonia, Ozaukee County

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors of the Town of Fredonia, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin will be held at the town hall located at 242 Fredonia Ave, Ozaukee, Wisconsin, on the 30th day of October, 2024, at 7:30PM following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 town budget, which begins at 7:00p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To consider the adoption of a resolution by the electors at the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2024, after adjustments, by 13.108%, for a dollar increase of \$100,000.
2. To approve the 2024 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2025), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

Christophe E. Jenkins  
Town Clerk

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| (Oct. 17, 24, 2024)<br>TOWN OF BELGIUM<br>BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING<br>SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS<br>MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS                                                                                                                                           |           |           |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Belgium will hold a public hearing on <b>Monday, November 4, 2024</b> , at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 171 Main Street to consider adoption of the proposed 2025 budget in the amount of \$723,577.        |           |           |        |          |
| NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that immediately following the public hearing, a Special Town Meeting of the Electors will be held to approve the 2025 budget which includes the proposed road expenditures in the amount of \$384,341 and local tax levy payable in 2025 in the amount of \$474,453. |           |           |        |          |
| NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that immediately following the Special Meeting of the Electors, a Meeting of the Town Board of Supervisors will be held for motion and vote to adopt the 2025 budget.                                                                                                 |           |           |        |          |
| Advance copies of the proposed budget are available on the website at <a href="http://www.townofbelgiumwi.gov">www.townofbelgiumwi.gov</a> or by contacting the Clerk at <a href="mailto:clerk@townofbelgiumwi.gov">clerk@townofbelgiumwi.gov</a> or (262) 285-3326.                          |           |           |        |          |
| For accessibility or interpretation needs, please contact Anne Nord at 262-285-3326 or <a href="mailto:clerk@townofbelgiumwi.gov">clerk@townofbelgiumwi.gov</a> three working days prior to the meeting.                                                                                      |           |           |        |          |
| BUDGET SUMMARY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |           |        |          |
| REVENUES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2024      | 2025      | DIFF   | % CHANGE |
| Local Tax (T)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 471,815   | 474,453   | 1,824  | 0.56%    |
| Intergovernment (I)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 226,385   | 229,224   | 56,441 | 1.25%    |
| Licenses & Fees (L)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10,900    | 10,900    | 0      | 0.00%    |
| Miscellaneous (M)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 9,000     | 9,000     | 0      | 0.00%    |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$718,100 | \$723,577 | 58,495 | 0.76%    |
| EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |           |        |          |
| General Govt. (G)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 149,355   | 149,155   | -200   | -0.13%   |
| Roads [R]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 408,905   | 384,341   | 70,013 | -6.01%   |
| Transfer Site (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 53,300    | 53,300    | -1000  | 0.00%    |
| Public Safety (S)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 106,540   | 136,781   | 73,016 | 28.38%   |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$718,100 | \$723,577 | 5,477  | 0.76%    |
| Dated on the 11th day of October, 2024<br>Anne Nord, Town Clerk                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |           |        |          |
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(Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 2024 CV 365

In the Matter of the name change of:  
Kinsey Mae Garza  
By (Petitioner): Leona Irene Jordan  
By (Co-Petitioner): Ronald Warren Jordan

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition has been filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Kinsey Mae Garza  
To: Kinsey Mae Jordan  
Birth Certificate: Kinsey Mae Garza

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Ozaukee County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Judge Sandy Williams  
Place: 1201 S. Spring St.,  
Port Washington, WI, 53074  
Date: 11/11/2024  
Time: 2:15 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

BY THE COURT:  
DATE SIGNED: September 30, 2024

Electronically signed by Sandy A. Williams  
Circuit Court Judge

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(Oct. 17, 24, 31, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 2024 CV 381

In the Matter of the name change of:  
Evelyn Grace Hintz  
By: Evelyn Grace Hintz

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A petition has been filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Evelyn Grace Hintz  
To: Evelyn Louise Hintz  
Birth Certificate: Evelyn Grace Hintz

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Ozaukee County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Judge Sandy Williams  
Place: 1201 S. Spring St., Room 253  
Port Washington, WI, 53074  
Date: Nov. 11, 2024  
Time: 2:45 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 262-284-8409 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

BY THE COURT:  
DATE SIGNED: October 7, 2024

Electronically signed by Sandy A. Williams  
Circuit Court Judge

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(Oct. 17, 24, 2024)

CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
COMMON COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024  
6:30 P.M. (Council Chambers at City Hall)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Common Council of the City of Port Washington on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024** at 6:30 P.M. The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington, WI.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the subject of the hearing is to **AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON RELATING TO BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF THE B-4 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the proposed ordinance from the Department of Planning & Development located in the lower level of City Hall, 100 W Grand Avenue.

Dated this 14th Day of October 2024

Robert Harris  
Director of Planning and Development

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(Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 2024PR124

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
PETER S. RUPNOW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 1/25/1964 and date of death 6/26/2015 was domiciled in Ozaukee County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 6533 W. Bonniwell Rd., Mequon, WI 53097.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 1/6/2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Ozaukee County Court-house, 1201 S. Spring St., Port Washington, Wisconsin, Room 201.

DATE SIGNED: September 23, 2024

Electronically signed by Connie Mueller  
Probate Registrar

John D. McNally  
Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown LLP  
330 E. Kilbourn Ave. #1170  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
414-271-1440  
Bar No. 1101998

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(Oct. 10, 17, 24, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 2024PR118

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JAMES W. BIEHL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 21, 1951 and date of death June 13, 2024 was domiciled in Ozaukee County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N80 W7059 Hickory St., Cedarburg, WI 53012.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 16, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Ozaukee County Court-house, 1201 S. Spring St., Port Washington, Wisconsin, Room 201.

DATE SIGNED: October 3, 2024

Electronically signed by Connie Mueller  
Probate Registrar

Attorney Christopher C. Janson  
Mawicke & Goisman, S.C.  
1509 N. Prospect Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
414-224-0600  
Bar No. 1088090

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(Oct. 17, 2024)

Public Notice: TowerCo 2013, LLC proposes to construct a 199-foot monopole tower (with appurtenances) located off Forward Way, Cedarburg, WI 53012, Ozaukee County (N 43-19-07.38, W 87-59-23.58). Not Lit – lighting type of none. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) filing number is A1300366. We invite your comments pertaining to the effect of the proposed tower on historic properties. Please submit comments within 30 days to Amy Perrine c/o MartinEnviro at 3830 Crown Point Road Suite F, Jacksonville, FL 32257, [aperrine@martinenviro.com](mailto:aperrine@martinenviro.com), or call (904) 737-1034.

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(Oct. 17, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL DIVISION, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
SMALL CLAIMS  
CASE NO. 24SC593  
PUBLICATION SUMMONS

DOWN HOME FLOORING LLC  
DEFENDANT'S NAME

234 E. Pier Street, Port Washington, WI 53074  
DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS, if known

You are being sued by ACUITY in the small claims court for Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, Room 231 of the Ozaukee County Courthouse, 1201 S. Spring Street, Port Washington, Wisconsin. A hearing will be held at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on November 6, 2024.

If you do not appear a judgment may be given to the person suing you. (A copy of the claim has been mailed to you at the address above.)

Dated this 10th day of October, 2024.

Electronically signed by Darrell R. Zall  
Plaintiff's Attorney

P.O. ADDRESS:  
KOHNER, MANN & KAILAS, S.C.  
4650 N. Port Washington Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-1059  
PHONE: (414) 962-5110  
File No. 24-02911

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| (Oct. 17, 24, 2024)<br>Notice of Public Hearing<br>The Town of Fredonia will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2025 Budget on October 30th 2024 at 7:00pm at The Fredonia Government Center, 242 Fredonia Avenue |                |                |                 |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF FREDONIA                                                                                                                                                                        |                |                |                 |        |
| OZAUKEE COUNTY, WI                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Contemplated   | 2024           | 2025            | %      |
| REVENUES:                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12/31/2024     | Budget         | Budget          | Change |
| Taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$749,685.00   | \$748,816.00   | \$855,135.00    | 12%    |
| Intergovernmental Revenue                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$254,772.00   | \$254,772.00   | \$268,534.00    | 5%     |
| Licenses & Permits                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$45,000.00    | \$27,040.00    | \$34,760.00     | 22%    |
| Public Charges                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$13,900.00    | \$13,900.00    | \$14,550.00     | 4%     |
| Other Revenues                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$43,226.00    | \$35,755.00    | \$30,500.00     | -17%   |
| TOTAL REVENUES:                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$1,106,583.00 | \$1,080,283.00 | \$1,203,479.00  | 10%    |
| EXPENDITURES:                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12/31/2024     | Budget         | Budget          | Change |
| Debt Service                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 107,985.00  | \$ 107,985.00  | \$ 107,985.00   | 0%     |
| General Government                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$ 149,590.00  | \$ 149,590.00  | \$ 134,066.00   | -12%   |
| Public Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$ 154,589.00  | \$ 144,947.00  | \$ 229,698.00   | 37%    |
| Building Inspection                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$ 12,000.00   | \$ 6,500.00    | \$ 8,500.00     | 24%    |
| Public Works                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$ 550,000.00  | \$ 570,783.00  | \$ 598,235.00   | 5%     |
| Street Lighting                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$ 9,005.00    | \$ 9,005.00    | \$ 9,000.00     | 0%     |
| Storm Water Maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$ -           | \$ -           | \$ -            | N/A    |
| Recycling                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 44,390.00   | \$ 44,390.00   | \$ 38,912.00    | -14%   |
| Health & Human Services                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$ 2,000.00    | \$ 2,000.00    | \$ 2,000.00     | 0%     |
| Culture & Recreation                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$ 8,500.00    | \$ 7,500.00    | \$ 7,500.00     | 0%     |
| Conservation & Development                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$ 1,500.00    | \$ 2,583.00    | \$ 2,583.00     | 0%     |
| Capital Outlay                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$ 17,971.71   | \$ -           | \$ -            | N/A    |
| Contingency                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 35,000.00   | \$ 35,000.00   | \$ 65,000.00    | 46%    |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES:                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,092,530.71 | \$1,080,283.00 | \$ 1,203,479.00 | 10%    |
| Sub-Total                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                |                | \$0.00          |        |
| Budget Surplus 2022 (Audited)                                                                                                                                                                                        |                |                | \$0.00          |        |
| Budget Surplus 2023 (Audited)                                                                                                                                                                                        |                |                | \$27,182.00     |        |
| Net:                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |                | \$0.00          |        |
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(Oct. 17, 24, 31, 2024)

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT  
OZAUKEE COUNTY  
Case No. 2024CV000137

Mortgage Assets Management, LLC                      Plaintiff,  
v.  
Estate of Clarence T. Richards, et al.                      Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on August 6, 2024 in the amount of \$175,114.36, I will sell at public auction, located in the main lobby of the Ozaukee County Justice Center, 1201 S. Spring St., Port Washington, WI 53074, on

November 14, 2024

At 1:30 PM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

LOT EIGHTEEN (18) OF BLOCK SEVEN (7) IN HARRIS PORT ESTATES ADDITION NUMBER ONE (1), BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTH-WEST ONE-QUARTER (1/4) AND THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) NORTH, RANGE TWENTY-TWO (22) EAST, IN THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON, OZAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Street Address: 1569 Parkview Lane, Port Washington, WI 53074  
Tax Key No. 16-065-07-18-000

**THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPE-**

**RIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.**

**TERMS OF SALE:** CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of the Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Christy Knowles  
Sheriff of Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
(414) 775-7700  
50-24-00400  
**NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.**

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(Oct. 17, 2024)

**VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

**You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

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| (Oct. 17, 2024)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| OZAUKEE COUNTY, WISCONSIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of Section 65.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, that a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Ozaukee County for the year 2025 will be held in the County Board Chamber at the Historic Courthouse on Monday, November 4th, 2024 at 7:00PM |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| The Budget is now open for public inspection in the County Clerk's Office, Room 128, Administration Center, Port Washington or at <a href="http://www.ozaukeecounty.gov">www.ozaukeecounty.gov</a>                                                                                                  |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| The following is a summary of the 2025 Proposed Budget:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2023 Actual   | 2024 Adopted Budget | 2024 Actual Year to Date | 2025 Proposed Budget | % Change |
| EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| General Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8,545,741     | 8,185,736           | 7,744,218                | 8,196,832            | 0.14%    |
| Public Safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 18,887,209    | 20,464,712          | 15,628,149               | 21,210,965           | 3.65%    |
| Public Works                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 20,123,419    | 21,697,844          | 15,828,072               | 19,661,556           | -9.38%   |
| Health & Human Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 42,262,492    | 39,633,764          | 30,075,877               | 41,882,879           | 5.67%    |
| Culture, Recreation & Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4,888,972     | 4,502,821           | 3,669,924                | 4,801,248            | 6.63%    |
| Conservation & Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2,494,453     | 2,656,488           | 1,702,520                | 2,832,465            | 6.62%    |
| Capital Outlay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 8,980,811     | 728,287             | 3,316,274                | 1,353,644            | 85.87%   |
| Debt Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2,389,965     | 1,577,563           | 1,586,788                | 1,558,338            | -1.22%   |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 108,573,063   | 99,447,216          | 79,551,823               | 101,497,928          | 2.06%    |
| REVENUES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| Taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12,100,674    | 12,014,565          | 6,814,711                | 12,569,150           | 4.62%    |
| Intergovt Charges for Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7,524,329     | 8,109,015           | 6,471,267                | 8,065,865            | -0.53%   |
| Public Charges for Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 23,306,762    | 26,376,588          | 19,444,639               | 29,677,114           | 12.51%   |
| Intergovernmental Revenues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 29,447,969    | 18,923,615          | 11,377,937               | 18,754,650           | -0.89%   |
| Interdepartmental Charges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5,137,357     | 4,824,826           | 3,019,145                | 4,955,191            | 2.70%    |
| Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 184,855       | 206,300             | 163,656                  | 200,000              | -3.05%   |
| Licenses and Permits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 994,303       | 1,007,675           | 722,680                  | 1,047,153            | 3.92%    |
| Interest Income                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2,248,514     | 380,050             | 1,690,750                | 430,300              | 13.22%   |
| Other Revenues                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3,803,043     | 3,082,788           | 1,159,941                | 2,243,458            | -27.23%  |
| Other Financing Sources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2,258,825     | 2,230,855           | 285,687                  | 739,280              | -66.86%  |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 87,006,631    | 77,156,277          | 51,150,413               | 78,682,161           | 1.98%    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |               |                     |                          |                      |          |
| COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 21,566,432 | \$ 22,227,270       | \$ 22,227,270            | \$ 22,818,586        | 2.66%    |
| LIBRARY TAX LEVY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$ 713,969    | \$ 720,730          | \$ 720,730               | \$ 760,759           | 5.55%    |
| TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$ 22,280,401 | \$ 22,948,000       | \$ 22,948,000            | \$ 23,579,345        | 2.75%    |

| FUNDS                                   | GENERAL       | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | ENTERPRISE   | INTERNAL SERVICE | TOTAL       |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| Unapplied Fund Balance 9/30/24          | \$ 12,032,010 | \$ 8,990,507    | \$ 2         | \$ 4,173,038     | \$ 2,568,826 | \$ (616,101)     | 27,148,282  |
| Less: Fund Balance Applied              | -             | (1,134,324)     | -            | (2,822,894)      | -            | -                | (3,957,218) |
| Plus Anticipated 2024 Surplus/(Deficit) | -             | -               | -            | -                | -            | -                | -           |
| Est. Fund Balance 12/31/24              | 12,032,010    | 7,856,183       | 2            | 1,350,144        | 2,568,826    | (616,101)        | 23,191,064  |

| BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>KAREN NIEMUTH<br>COUNTY CLERK - OZAUKEE COUNTY | Equalized Value                     |                  |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                                                           | 2023                                | 2024             | Inc/Dec From 2023 |
|                                                                                                                           | \$17,119,752,500                    | \$18,237,145,600 | \$1,117,393,100   |
|                                                                                                                           | Tax Rate (Area with Library Access) |                  |                   |
|                                                                                                                           | 2024 Adopted                        | 2025 Proposed    | Inc/Dec From 2024 |
|                                                                                                                           | \$1.32                              | \$1.25           | (\$0.070)         |
|                                                                                                                           | Tax Rate (Non-Libraried Area)       |                  |                   |
|                                                                                                                           | 2024 Adopted                        | 2025 Proposed    | Inc/Dec From 2024 |
|                                                                                                                           | \$1.54                              | \$1.47           | (\$0.070)         |
|                                                                                                                           |                                     |                  |                   |

(Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2024)

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, OZAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 2024 CV 344**

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In the Matter of the name change of:  
Rex Allen Prochaska  
By (Petitioner): Rex Allen Prochaska  
By (Co-Petitioner): Barbara Jane Schulze

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**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition has been filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Rex Allen Prochaska  
To: Rex Allen Armstrong  
Birth Certificate: Rex Allen Prochaska

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Ozaukee County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Judge Cain  
Place: 1201 S. Spring St., Port Washington, WI, 53074  
Date: 10/21/2024  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 262-284-8409 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: September 17, 2024**

Electronically signed by Steven M Cain  
Circuit Court Judge

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(Oct. 10, 17, 2024)

**NORTHERN OZAUKEE FARM DRAINAGE BOARD  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that an annual meeting will be held by the Northern Ozaukee Farm Drainage Board on **Monday, October 21, 2024**, at the **Belgium Village Hall, 104 Peter Thein Avenue, Belgium, WI 53004, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m.** for the purpose of discussion and possible action on the ditch maintenance work, treasurer's report, annual reporting and other items. See the district website [ozaukeefarmdrainage.com](http://ozaukeefarmdrainage.com) for the full agenda of items.

Cindy Oskey  
Northern Ozaukee Farm Drainage Retention Clerk

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# Public Notices

## Ozaukee Press

(Oct. 17, 24, 2024)

### Request for Proposal Notice for Design Build of a Solar Electric PV System for Administration Center, Justice Center, and Highway Workshop

#### Ozaukee County, Official Notice

Proposals will be received by Ozaukee County in the County Clerk's Office at 121 W Main Street, Port Washington, WI until 1:00 PM, CDT, on Thursday, November 14, 2024, for professional Design-Build services for construction of three separate Solar Electric PV Systems. This Request for Proposal is for three tilt-up rooftop mounted Solar PV Systems of 98 KW, 166 KW and 70 KW in Port Washington, Wi, on Ozaukee County's Administration Center, 121 W Main St, Justice Center, 1201 S Spring St, and Highway Department, 410 S Spring St, respectively, to include all design, engineering, labor, wiring, racking and other equipment needed for a complete installation. The anticipated award of this contract is November 21, 2024.

No pre-submittal meeting will be held.

A bid guarantee in the form of a certified check or bond payable without condition to Ozaukee County in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid shall be submitted with each bid as a guarantee that if the contract is awarded, a proper contract and 100% payment & performance bond will be executed and filed within ten (10) days after the acceptance of the bid. If the Contractor fails to execute and file such contract and bond, the amount of the check or bond shall be forfeited as liquidated damages.

No proposal shall be withdrawn after submitted without the consent of Ozaukee County for a period of

sixty (60) days after the time of opening. Each Contractor agrees upon submission of a proposal that if the same be accepted within said time period, he/she shall be bound by the terms of acceptance hereinafter contained.

Proposer shall comply with the applicable federal and/or state laws regarding hours of labor and minimum wage rates. Ozaukee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any technicality, and to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of Ozaukee County. The successful Contractor will be required to furnish a satisfactory payment & performance bond in the sum of the full amount of the contract.

All proposals must be sealed, addressed, and submitted to Ozaukee County in the County Clerk's Office, at 121 West Main Street, Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074. There shall appear on the envelope of each proposal, the name and address of the Contractor and purpose for which the proposal is intended.

The award to be let under this solicitation is between Ozaukee County and the most responsive and responsible proposal. Please refer to Solar Electric PV Systems on all correspondence relating to this project.

The Request for Proposals is available on Ozaukee County's website at <https://ozaukeecounty.gov/bids.aspx> or at Ozaukee County Administration Center, 121 W Main Street, Port Washington, WI 53074. Copies of the Request for Proposal may also be obtained by calling Jason Wittek, Policy & Budget Analyst, at (262) 284-8324 or by email at [jwittek@ozaukeecounty.gov](mailto:jwittek@ozaukeecounty.gov).

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### NORTHERN OZAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Northern Ozaukee School District that the Annual Budget Hearing of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the Northern Ozaukee Middle School/High School Library on the third Monday, being the 21st day of October 2024, at 6:00 in the evening.

The summary of the budget is printed below. Two budgets for the 2024-25 fiscal year will be brought forward for approval. Budget #1 represents the current financial state of the school district, without an approved operational referendum. Budget #2 represents the budget if the operational referendum being brought forward on the November 5, 2024 ballot is approved. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office at 401 Highland Drive, Fredonia, WI.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2024.

Suzanne Miller, District Clerk

| GENERAL FUND                                | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance                      | 3,816,315.70       | 2,996,487.04         | 3,277,925.57         | 3,277,925.57         |
| Ending Fund Balance                         | 2,996,487.04       | 3,277,925.57         | 2,490,588.57         | 3,590,588.57         |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES          |                    |                      |                      |                      |
| Transfers-In (Source 100)                   | 15,039.00          | 0.00                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| Local Sources (Source 200)                  | 4,278,659.72       | 5,582,114.25         | 4,808,982.00         | 5,908,982.00         |
| Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)  | 4,659,462.00       | 4,525,094.00         | 5,321,703.00         | 5,321,703.00         |
| Intermediate Sources (Source 500)           | 7,979.10           | 6,687.33             | 7,410.00             | 7,410.00             |
| State Sources (Source 600)                  | 4,635,426.87       | 3,869,729.88         | 4,920,019.00         | 4,920,019.00         |
| Federal Sources (Source 700)                | 750,173.12         | 557,566.12           | 130,247.00           | 130,247.00           |
| All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)        | 566,739.33         | 657,967.91           | 523,463.00           | 523,463.00           |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES    | 14,913,479.14      | 15,199,159.49        | 15,711,824.00        | 16,811,824.00        |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES         |                    |                      |                      |                      |
| Instruction (Function 100 000)              | 4,593,694.38       | 4,714,508.67         | 5,050,245.00         | 5,050,245.00         |
| Support Services (Function 200 000)         | 3,958,372.17       | 3,852,641.76         | 4,133,487.00         | 4,133,487.00         |
| Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000) | 7,181,241.25       | 6,350,570.53         | 7,315,429.00         | 7,315,429.00         |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES   | 15,733,307.80      | 14,917,720.96        | 16,499,161.00        | 16,499,161.00        |

| SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND               | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 194,563.39         | 238,921.71           | 180,547.76           | 180,547.76           |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 238,921.71         | 180,547.76           | 211,697.76           | 211,697.76           |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 2,054,958.24       | 2,059,517.08         | 2,228,567.00         | 2,228,567.00         |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 2,010,599.92       | 2,117,891.03         | 2,197,417.00         | 2,197,417.00         |

| DEBT SERVICE FUND                   | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 2,091,485.37       | 248,562.90           | 1,518,451.63         | 1,518,451.63         |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 248,562.90         | 1,518,451.63         | 129,183.63           | 129,183.63           |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 3,709,239.58       | 2,285,747.78         | 3,111,002.00         | 2,011,002.00         |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 5,552,162.05       | 1,015,859.05         | 4,500,270.00         | 3,400,270.00         |

| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND               | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 185,332.34         | 405,819.91           | 428,136.99           | 428,136.99           |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 405,819.91         | 428,136.99           | 448,356.99           | 448,356.99           |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 400,804.61         | 22,317.08            | 20,220.00            | 20,220.00            |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 180,317.04         | 0.00                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |

| FOOD SERVICE FUND                   | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 190,423.69         | 125,746.31           | 107,171.69           | 107,171.69           |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 125,746.31         | 107,171.69           | 83,435.69            | 83,435.69            |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 358,195.29         | 375,030.57           | 362,326.00           | 362,326.00           |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 422,872.67         | 393,605.19           | 386,062.00           | 386,062.00           |

| COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND              | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance              | 34,029.38          | 40,813.06            | 30,117.14            | 30,117.14            |
| Ending Fund Balance                 | 40,813.06          | 30,117.14            | 4,594.14             | 4,594.14             |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES  | 93,684.09          | 93,315.00            | 118,300.00           | 118,300.00           |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 86,900.41          | 104,010.92           | 143,823.00           | 143,823.00           |

#### Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

| ALL FUNDS                                                          | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS                              | 23,986,159.89      | 18,549,087.15        | 23,726,733.00        | 22,626,733.00        |
| Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS                       | 1,463,077.15       | 1,048,443.82         | 1,137,137.00         | 1,137,137.00         |
| NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS                                | 22,523,082.74      | 17,500,643.33        | 22,589,596.00        | 21,489,596.00        |
| PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR |                    | -22.30%              | 29.08%               | 22.79%               |

#### PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

| FUND                                              | Audited<br>2022-23 | Unaudited<br>2023-24 | Budget #1<br>2024-25 | Budget #2<br>2024-25 |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund                                      | 3,880,847.00       | 5,202,468.00         | 4,398,632.00         | 5,498,632.00         |
| Referendum Debt Service Fund                      | 3,551,023.00       | 2,179,900.00         | 2,958,736.00         | 1,858,736.00         |
| Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund                  | 90,534.00          | 90,534.00            | 90,534.00            | 90,534.00            |
| Community Service Fund                            | 90,000.00          | 90,000.00            | 115,000.00           | 115,000.00           |
| TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY                                 | 7,612,404.00       | 7,562,902.00         | 7,562,902.00         | 7,562,902.00         |
| PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR |                    | -0.65%               | 0.00%                | 0.00%                |

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## Community News

**FREDONIA** Town denies liquor license request for shuttered Little Kohler Haus. **6B**

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Deputy dog No. 4, joins the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office ahead of Rev's retirement.

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Thursday, October 17, 2024

Section B

# \$33.5M safety building to add hundreds to tax bills

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM  
Ozaukee Press staff

PORT WASHINGTON - The Port Washington Common Council on Tuesday unanimously approved spending \$33.5 million to construct a new public safety building on the city's far west side, a move that will add hundreds of dollars to the property tax bills of city residents.

A \$33.5 million borrowing will result in a tax increase of \$573 on a house with an assessed value of \$300,000 beginning next year, according to figures presented to the Common Council last week.

## ■ Port council approves project that is estimated to cost the owner of a \$300,000 home \$573 a year

For a house valued at \$200,000, taxes would increase \$382 and for a \$250,000 home they would rise \$478. Taxes on a house valued at \$350,000 would go up \$669, and for a \$400,000 house they would increase \$764.

Those increases would not affect this year's property tax bills but would be reflected in the bills received next December.

Before the vote, Barrett Genson, 1822

Newport Vista Dr., told aldermen he believes the entire project had been mismanaged, saying the city should have set a budget and designed a building to meet that budget with an independent body overseeing the entire process.

"You left the door wide open," Genson, a retired Port architect, said. "I think the management of this project has been terrible. I don't believe you've done your due diligence."

"When you start a project, why not set a limit?"

Aldermen Jonathan Pleitner and Deb Postl said before Tuesday's meeting that the steep tax increase was a concern, especially coming on top of a \$1.75 million tax levy increase approved this spring to hire six additional full-time paramedics and a 43% water rate increase that went into effect last year.

"There's a need and there's a cost and how do you reconcile that?" Postl said. "I have not had much sleep trying to decide how I will vote."

See Safety building on page 4B



**LONGTIME PORT WASHINGTON** Fire Chief Mark Mitchell (left) passed the chief's helmet to Joe DeBoer, a deputy chief who was picked by the Police and Fire Commission last week to lead the department after Mitchell's retirement on Oct. 31

Photo by Sam Arendt

# Deputy chief tapped to head PWFD

## ■ Commission chairman says DeBoer, the department's emergency medical services director, has the expertise needed to lead it into the future

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM  
Ozaukee Press staff

PORT WASHINGTON - Deputy Fire Chief Joe DeBoer will be Port Washington's new fire chief on Jan. 1, succeeding retiring Chief Mark Mitchell, the Police and Fire Commission agreed last week.

But DeBoer will essentially take over the position next month. That's because Mitchell will retire on Oct. 31, prompting the commission on Monday to name him interim chief as of Nov. 1.

DeBoer, 38, who told the commission Monday he is "humbled and honored"

by the appointment, has been with the department for 20 years. He has become the defacto face of the department during the past year as the city considered a referendum to increase the tax levy to hire full-time paramedics.

"The fire service was always something I was interested in growing up," DeBoer, who was also part of the department's Explorer program for four years while in high school, said. "I always had a passion for helping people."

"Now, I'll be able to help people in a different way."

Police and Fire Commission Chairman

Jim Biever said Friday that both DeBoer and Assistant Chief Steve Schmidt, who were interviewed by the commission on Wednesday, were "excellent candidates."

"Either one would have been good for the department," Biever said. "They certainly know the department, the city."

But DeBoer, he said, had the "education and experience we were looking for to lead the Port Washington Fire Department into the future."

DeBoer's role in the department has increased during the last several years, Biever noted.

See Chief on page 4B

# Man accused of threatening to kill dentist, warden faces terrorist charge

## ■ Grafton resident arrested after being shot with bean bags told friend he might shoot up clinic, complaint says

By BILL SCHANEN IV  
Ozaukee Press staff

A 61-year-old Town of Grafton man accused of threatening to kill a dentist and his staff as well as a Department of Natural Resources conservation warden was charged last week in Ozaukee County Circuit Court with making terrorist threats.

Jeffrey M. Knapp, who was arrested Friday, Sept. 20, outside his home and business, Bucky's Taxidermy, after sheriff's deputies tased and shot him with bean bag rounds, also faces a felony count of threatening to harm a law enforcement officer and obstructing officers, a misdemeanor.

Knapp remained in the behavioral health unit of an area facility this week, Undersheriff Marshall Hermann said. When Knapp completes his treatment, deputies will serve an arrest warrant issued last week and take him to the county jail.

Both the dentist and one of Knapp's friends gave authorities detailed accounts of the threats Knapp made. His friend said Knapp even told him he had three scenarios for killing the dentist, saying he would either shoot him from a tree stand, go to his home and make his wife watch as he shot him or go to his dental clinic with a shotgun and shoot the dentist and everyone else there, according to a criminal complaint.

Knapp's friend said he was terrified the dentist and his family were in danger, noting that Knapp had numerous guns, was usually drunk and had threatened to kill himself after shooting the dentist, the complaint states.

After Knapp's friend called the dentist on Sept. 20 to tell him about the threats, the dentist, who was out of town at the time, See Threats on page 9B



# Man is on a mission to help victims of Helene

■ *Waubeka resident who felt compelled to help is delivering supplies to ‘gnarly’ hurricane-ravaged states*

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM  
Ozaukee Press staff

Billy Mills has made the arduous journey from his Waubeka house to the flood zones in Tennessee and North Carolina twice in the past 10 days, hauling trailers of supplies for residents whose lives were turned upside down by flooding caused by Hurricane Helene.

Mills, who is planning a third trip in the coming weeks, said he has seen unimaginable devastation but also heartwarming generosity and dedication to fellow man along the way.

“It’s not pretty,” Mills said when asked what he saw. “The towns are just wiped away — it’s just gnarly.”

“There are logs piled along the road as high and as far as you can see, and they’re burning them, trying to get it cleaned up.”

“Everybody’s still shell-shocked down there. There are some people who aren’t allowed to go to their houses yet. There are some people who never left and now are cut off from everyone.”

“But the people that are victims (of the flooding) are stepping up and helping like crazy.”

Mills said he felt compelled to start his one-man relief operation after hearing about the devastation caused by Helene.

“I’m retired. I have time,” he said. “It’s a good thing to do.”

“I’m not in this for the glory. I don’t need the recognition. I just wanted to help people.”

He put word out on Facebook that he

hoped to bring relief supplies to the disaster zone, and within a day had enough donations — he used cash donations to purchase six pallets of water and a couple of generators and some tents seriously discounted by Fleet Farm in Plymouth — to fill a trailer and head south.

En route to Bristol, Tenn., his borrowed trailer broke down. He met a pastor from Kentucky who was heading to a relief center, so they transferred the water to him for distribution while Mills waited to continue his trip.

He then headed to Bristol, dropped off the rest of the donations at the Bristol International Speedway, which is serving as a relief point, and plotted a course back to Wisconsin.

On Thursday morning, he got a call from a woman heading the North Carolina disaster response team who he met on his first trip. She asked if he could bring another load of supplies, so he put out another call for help.

In two days, enough donations had been dropped off to fill one trailer and get a head start on another.

The donations ran the gamut, everything from the trailers themselves, donated for his use by Mueller’s Sales and Service, to supplies like heaters, extension cords, warm clothes, blankets, food and water.

Mary Ellen Race of the Landt-Thiel American Legion Post Auxiliary in Saukville saw the call for supplies on Facebook and thought it was the ideal use for roughly six suitcases of clothing col-



**WAUBKEA'S BILLY MILLS** (left) showed Jerry Mueller of Mueller’s Sales and Service in Random Lake some of the items donated for his next trip to North Carolina to bring flood relief to the victims of Hurricane Helene. Mueller has donated the use of the trailer for Mills’ most recent trip and his upcoming trek in about two weeks.

Photo by Sam Arendt

lected during the Auxiliary’s warm clothing drive but not needed by the veterans group the drive supports.

“They have nothing. No beds. No pillows to lay their heads on. No clothes. No homes. Nothing,” Race said.

“It wouldn’t take a rocket scientist to know where I should go with that stuff. What a blessing to help these people. You can’t imagine how happy I was to know we

were giving it to where it’s really, really needed.”

Mills left early Sunday and headed to western North Carolina.

“I went right into the heart of it,” he said. “It’s unbelievable.”

“I drove over a half-dozen power lines on the road just to get where I was going. You just see power lines lying on the road See **Mission** on page 9B



## Governor visits Port to see how grant money will be spent

Gov. Tony Evers visited Port Washington last Wednesday and stopped at the Niederkorn Library (left photo), where Library Director Tom Carson (left) talked about the improvements to be made to the facility using a \$1 million grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration. Evers then headed to the lakefront accompanied by (from left in photo at right) Public Works Director Rob Vanden Noven, Mayor

Ted Neitzke and City Administrator Melissa Pingel to check out the city’s iconic lighthouse, which will be refurbished next year with the bulk of the cost covered by \$2.2 million in federal money awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The city plans to cover the \$600,000 balance of the \$2.8 million project.

Photos by Sam Arendt



# County to spend \$1.2M on golf course irrigation system

By DAN BENSON  
Ozaukee Press staff

Work on replacing the irrigation system at Hawthorne Hills county golf course, parts of which are more than 60 years old, will soon begin after Ozaukee County officials approved spending over \$1 million on the project.

Replacing the irrigation system, which includes nine miles of pipe and 35 miles of wiring, is expected to be completed when the course opens next spring, county Planning and Parks Director Andrew Struck told members of the county Natural Resources Committee earlier this month.

“The system has become increasingly unreliable, and it is failing. In addition to mechanical failures, the wear on the irrigation heads has caused a drop in efficiency estimated to be over 25% loss,” Struck said in a memo.

Bids from companies were sought and the committee voted on Oct. 1 to award the

■ *Hawthorne Hills project to be completed by next season; park’s WiFi service to be extended for outdoor school*

contract to Midwest Irrigation with Toro as the supplier of the irrigation heads and control system.

Midwest Irrigation was the second lowest bid at \$1.06 million.

“Midwest Irrigation has the most experience for complete irrigation system renovations of any of the contractors that submitted a bid,” Struck said. “In addition, Toro Irrigation has both product parts and service technicians based out of Reinders, Inc. located in Sussex.”

Midwest Irrigation has positive references from the Milwaukee County Parks Department, for which the company performed three irrigation replacements in the last three years.

A 10% contingency fund brings the total

cost of the project to a not-to-exceed amount of \$1.16 million. Money for the project will come from reserves set aside for the purpose.

Meanwhile, Wi-Fi service is being extended to the new maintenance building at Hawthorne Hills, which will make it possible to equip the new Sugar Maple School with Wi-Fi so it can have internet access.

Sugar Maple School utilizes the outdoors as a classroom. It was formerly located at Riveredge Nature Center, but this past spring Ozaukee County supervisors approved a lease agreement to allow the school to hold classes on five acres at Hawthorne Hills through 2029.

The school is a kindergarten-through-sixth grade charter school of the Northern Ozaukee School District. The school site

includes a five-acre “exclusive parcel” near the park’s maintenance building and a campground being developed immediately to the west.

The school also will have access beyond its five acres to use the 57-acre Hawthorne Hills Park and 67-acre Shady Lane Natural Area as an outdoor classroom and learning lab, including the park’s nearby pond and the Milwaukee River.

The school’s building plan calls for a 70-by-120-foot one-story building containing eight classrooms, one of which will be used for offices for an administrator, nurse, counselor and speech pathologist.

Delays in building the site have meant the school has been using the nearby Pioneer Village, owned by the Ozaukee County Historical Society.

Providing Wi-Fi service to the school is required under the county’s contract with the school.



# Money from feds fuels county van-buying spree

By DAN BENSON  
Ozaukee Press staff

The Ozaukee County Transit Department is going on a vehicle-buying binge thanks to a bank account bulging with federal grant funds that need to be spent by next July.

The county Public Works Committee recently approved spending more than \$1.2 million on 12 vans for its shared ride taxi service to replace aging vehicles and expand its fleet.

To buy the vans, \$968,566, or 80% of the purchase price, will come from federal grants and the remaining \$242,142 in local match funds will come from the department's financial reserves, which is currently over \$2 million thanks to other federal grants.

Vehicles to be purchased include four Ford Transit vans outfitted to be used for bariatric use, four Chrysler Voyagers or Pacificas that are compliant with the

## ■ Transit Departments to purchase 12 shared ride taxi service vehicles with funds that must be spent by July

American With Disabilities Act and four Ford VIP 2500 buses.

They will replace three Toyota Priuses, one Starcraft van, four Metrolite vans and one bariatric van.

Three of the new vehicles will temporarily expand the service's fleet of 27 to 30.

Each of the vehicles being replaced will have logged at least 250,000 miles by the time the new vehicles arrive next year, county Transit Supt. Kara Ottum told the committee.

The Federal Transportation Administration's "useful life" standards are four years or 100,000 miles, Ottum said.

"Due to the quality service of the Ozaukee County maintenance staff, shared

ride vehicles always exceed the federal requirements," she said.

Traditionally, four vehicles are replaced each year, but supply chain delays have hampered the procurement rotation, she said.

Each of the new vehicles will be ADA compliant, which some of the vehicles being replaced are not, she added.

The new vehicles will be purchased off the Wisconsin Human Services Vehicle Contract, which is negotiated by the state Department of Transportation, Ottum said.

"The vehicle costs have already been negotiated and we anticipate no additional set-up costs to incorporate the vehicles into our Shared Ride Taxi fleet," she said.

The transit reserve fund, a kind of sav-

ings account, has grown to nearly \$3.02 million thanks to a flood of federal money awarded to the county through the American Rescue Plan Act and other plans.

That money was used to help fund the Ozaukee Express commuter bus until it was shut down earlier this year due to low ridership.

Before approving the vehicle purchase, county officials had already committed to spending close to another million dollars to purchase a tow truck for about \$180,000 for the taxi service and to remodel parts of the Transit Center and other facilities it shares with the county Highway Department, and to purchase equipment, such as lawnmowers and laptops.

If the federal dollars aren't spent by July 2025, the money will be taken and distributed to other regional transit programs, Ottum said.



WELCOMING K-9 REMO AT HIS swearing-in ceremony Monday were several of his colleagues at the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, including, from left, Lt. Justin Kaas, Capt. Chad Eibs, Sheriff Christy Knowles, Deputy Noah Narlock, Undersheriff Marshall Hermann and Lt. Brad Arndt.

Photo by Sam Arendt

# Deputy dog No. 4 joins the force

## ■ Sheriff's Office swears in German shepherd Remo, who joins three other dogs in unit that will lose Rev to retirement in November

By DAN BENSON  
Ozaukee Press staff

Three months after adding its third K-9 deputy, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office added a fourth on Monday by swearing in Remo, a two-year-old German shepherd.

Remo arrived from Germany on March 27 and responds to German commands. In Germany, he received obedience training and basic tracking skills.

He received his law enforcement training at Steining Tal Kennels in Campbellsport and is certified in drug detection, which includes marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin and cocaine.

He is certified in apprehension and bite work, tracking and locating articles.

"On his first day on Sunday he got right to work, assisting in an apprehension," Sheriff Christy Knowles.

Remo's handler is Deputy Noah Narlock, a Port Washington native. Remo will live with Narlock and his fiancée, Kelsie Dieringer, at their Port Washington home.

Narlock has been with the Sheriff's Office for more than a year and has been training with Remo since August.

Narlock said he applied for the job earlier this year and went through a series of interviews, as did the other candidates.

"When I first met Remo, we really hit it off," he said.

Remo was purchased for \$15,000. The price included the four-week training

he and Narlock received at Steining Tal Kennels.

Ongoing expenses for the Sheriff's Office's K-9 program, including food, grooming, veterinarian services, specialized training and equipment, are covered by private donations, Undersheriff Marshall Hermann said.

Remo joins the department's three other K-9s — Rev, Odin and Geo, who joined the Sheriff's Office in July.

Rev is the senior member of the group and will retire in November, Hermann said.

Knowles said Remo will be a great addition to the department.

"I could feel his energy from day one," she said.

# Man charged with road rage shooting on freeway

## ■ Driver is accused of firing shot that hit truck after 'back and forth' on busy I-43

By BILL SCHANEN IV  
Ozaukee Press staff

A 21-year-old Milwaukee man has been charged with firing a bullet into a pickup truck in what is described as a mid-morning road rage incident on a busy I-43 in Ozaukee County last week.

Cam'ron D. Bardney, who is being held in the Ozaukee County jail in lieu of \$250,000 bail, faces felony counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety with a dangerous weapon and firing a gun from a vehicle toward another vehicle.

According to a criminal complaint, the driver of a 2011 Toyota Tundra pickup truck called 911 at 10:52 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, to report that another driver had fired a bullet into his truck on northbound I-43 just north of County Line Road in Mequon.

The man said he got on the freeway at Good Hope Road and eventually made his way into the left lane in heavy traffic. A teal Ford Fusion then came up quickly behind and passed him on the right as the driver made a hand gesture toward him, the complaint states.

The pickup truck driver said he eventually caught up to the Ford, which had been cutting in and out of traffic, and as he was passing the car on the left he heard a pop and breaking glass. The man said he looked over and saw the driver of the Ford, who authorities later identified as Bardney, pointing a handgun with a flash light attached to it at him, according to the complaint.

A witness who recorded the incident on video told authorities that the pickup truck was traveling at an "average speed" in the left lane when the driver of the Ford "flew up" behind the truck, pulled into the right lane and made a hand gesture toward the driver of the truck before pulling back into the left lane and cutting the truck off, the complaint states.

The witness said "this back and forth" continued for a few seconds before the truck attempted to pass the car again and a shot was fired.

Both vehicles appeared as if they were going to exit the freeway at Mequon Road, but the Ford then swerved back into traffic and continued north, the witness said.

Flock cameras recorded Bardney's car on Highland Road and officers pulled him over on North Port Washington Road a

See Road rage on page 9B



# Safety building: Officials admit tax hike is ‘drastic’

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Pleitner said the steep increase is “a drastic step. It’s something I don’t take lightly,” but he said the city has to do something about the poor condition of the police and fire stations.

“A lot of these needs haven’t been addressed for 30 years,” Pleitner said. “There are unsafe conditions we’re dealing with. These are not decisions we can kick down the road.”

Postl concurred, saying during the meeting that after talking to various city officials that she was convinced that both the existing police and fire stations need to be replaced.

Constructing a stand-alone fire station “would have been wrong” because both buildings are in such need of repair, she said.

Like Postl and Pleitner, Ald. Dan Benning said the need for the building is prompted by

deferred decisions in the past, but he said the impact of the project is “not insignificant.”

“I don’t like it. I don’t like the number,” he said. “It’s going to hurt. But in this day and age, that’s the cost.”

To help mitigate the cost, he said, officials have been talking about how to decrease borrowing for other projects in the near future.

Aldermen voted with few comments to set the maximum cost of the public safety building at \$33.5 million. Only Ald. Pat Tearney was absent.

Ald. John Sigwart questioned what would happen if bids for the building come in higher than \$33.5 million.

“What if bids come in at \$38 million?” Sigwart asked. “What then? Would the building shrink? Would it be redesigned and rebid?”

Ric Miller, a partner with MC Group, the city’s owner’s representative, said he’s

confident the final cost will not exceed that amount, comparing it to a school referendum that authorizes only a set amount of money.

“I realize this is a bit of a leap of faith,” Miller said. “We know a not-to-exceed (number) is just that.”

The \$33.5 million, he noted, isn’t just for construction but also includes land acquisition, furnishings and other so-called soft costs.

After the meeting, Mayor Ted Neitzke called the council’s action “bold and courageous,” noting it is a commitment to move ahead with the new building.

“I believe this is a case of deferred maintenance that has caught up with us,” he said. “When you look at the position we’re in, we’ve held taxes down for so long and piecemealed everything. These things are now coming due.

“Nobody wants to increase taxes, but at the same time you can’t watch your infrastructure fall apart. We have for too long been shortsighted in terms of infrastructure.”

The Common Council is contemplating charging an impact fee on new developments in the city that would defray a portion of the cost of the public safety building, he noted, and the new development itself will help lessen the tax impact of the new structure.

In the past, Neitzke has also suggested the city could sell the land now occupied by the police and fire stations for development and use the proceeds to defray the cost of the public safety building.

Neitzke also noted Tuesday that some costly city projects such as repairs to the lighthouse and renovations to the library will be covered by grant money rather than paid for through taxes.

# Chief: New public safety building is one of DeBoer’s goals

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“We’ve had the opportunity to test drive him,” he said. “Chief Mitchell has a lot of faith in him, and he’s trusted him with a lot of decision-making lately, which says a lot.”

DeBoer, who is the department’s emergency medical services director, understands the department’s ambulance service, which is a plus given the fact that ambulance calls make up more than 80% of the department’s work, Biever said.

“He’s very knowledgeable, especially with the ambulance side of the business,” he said. “That’s important. At this point, we’re running an ambulance service that happens to have fire trucks.”

DeBoer, a graduate of Port Washington High School, joined the fire department when he turned 18.

He went through firefighter training at Milwaukee Area Technical College, then trained as an emergency medical technician. He decided to study biomedical science in college, earning a master’s degree in physician assistant studies from Marquette

University in 2011.

He worked as a physician’s assistant in emergency medicine in Fond du Lac for a decade while living in Port and being a paid on-call member of the fire department.

Mitchell offered him a full-time job as deputy chief and emergency medical services director when American Rescue Plan Act funding became available to pay for it two years ago.

When he took the job, DeBoer said, he and Mitchell discussed the possibility of his becoming chief someday.

“This was the finish line of that,” he said. “It’s been really good to have him (Mitchell) as a mentor to feel ready to take the next step forward. Since day one, chief has been really good at pulling back the curtain and letting me get involved with everything.”

DeBoer and Schmidt split the chief’s duties when Mitchell has been unavailable, such as when he had knee replacement surgery.

“It was a good trial run,” DeBoer said. As chief, DeBoer said, he has a cou-

ple of goals.

“The biggest thing is we’ve got to get the public safety building across the finish line,” he said, referring to the proposed \$33.5 million police and fire building to be constructed at the corner of highways LL and 33 on the city’s far west side.

Filling the six full-time paramedic positions authorized in the spring referendum and training those new members is also a priority, DeBoer said.

The department opened the application

process late last week and has already received some applications, DeBoer told the Police and Fire Commission on Monday.

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 1.

And, DeBoer said, he wants to sit down with department members to see what their vision for the agency is.

“The Fire Department is a team,” he said. “I want to see where they want to go in the future and what they see for the department.”

# Old Port tornado sirens go haywire

Two of the tornado sirens in the City of Port Washington went off Tuesday afternoon for more than an hour for no apparent reason.

Port Police Chief Kevin Hingiss said Tuesday that the sirens near Dunwiddie Elementary School and the Ozaukee County Highway Department haven’t been used for the past two years or so but they inexplicably sounded Tuesday.

When they were in use, Hingiss said, the sirens were activated by pressing a button. However, he said, the button was removed when the sirens were decommissioned, leaving officials scratching their heads when the sirens turned on and off, then on again Tuesday afternoon.

He called Street Commissioner J.D. Hoile, whose crew went out and “shut them off for good,” Hingiss said.

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Seniors have a way of making a statement, and they did so during the homecoming parade with a float adorned with star-studded balloons.



Hewitt Dekker carried the Pirates flag onto the field.

Port Washington High School

Homecoming

Photos by Sam Arendt



During powder-puff football action, freshman ballcarrier Clare Ritter tried to evade junior defender Eily Haas with some help from teammate Hadley Schwenzen (top photo). The marching band and dance team performed during the varsity football game.



The girls' and boys' volleyball teams were well-represented in the parade.

Days grow shorter, temperatures get colder and leaves turn to vibrant hues of yellow and orange, but there may be no better sign of fall than when Pirates pride fills the halls of Port Washington High School and spills into the streets of the city during the annual October homecoming celebration. Festivities began Sunday, Oct. 6, on the gridiron with powder-puff football games. The fun continued throughout the week and ramped up on Friday, when students filled downtown streets lined with the Pirates faithful for a rather large small-town homecoming parade. After that, there was a tailgate party at the high school followed by the football team's 33-14 dismantling of Watertown. The fun culminated on Saturday with a City of Stars-themed dance in the school cafeteria.



During a City of Stars homecoming dance, court members shined brightly. They were (front row, from left) Sierra Hoeft, Sam Yass, Sadie Turner, queen Reagan Jerome, Abby Zirbes, Marin White, Lily Kerbel, Harlow Albiero, (back row) Grayson Allen, Griffin Sheriff, Josh Arnold, king Eamonn Tetzlaff, Alexis Luna, John Woods, Kiya Sullivan and Jack Bunyan.



# Little Kohler Haus liquor license request denied

■ *Town rejects application for second time after owner who faces charges missed renewal deadline*

By **MICHAEL BABCOCK**  
Ozaukee Press staff

Little Kohler Haus in the Town of Fredonia won't reopen soon.

Owner David Cook, who shuttered the bar and restaurant after it was raided earlier this year, was denied a liquor license by the Fredonia Town Board last week in part due to two license violations he's facing.

It's the second time he's been denied since a missed renewal deadline cost him his license in June.

Town Chairman Lance Leider said he joined supervisors Jim Stemper and John Depies in rejecting the license because of Cook's outstanding misdemeanors and concerns he has heard from Cook's neighbors.

"The town didn't cut your feet off. You cut your own off," he told Cook. "It's a responsibility to run a public business."

"A liquor license is not a right but a privilege."

Cook is charged in Ozaukee County circuit Court with purchasing liquor for sale at Little Kohler Haus from a retailer instead of from a wholesaler and selling liquor without a license.

Cook's liquor license expired June 30. He was warned about the deadline by an Ozaukee County sheriff's deputy a week before that, and responded by saying he was

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going to submit the paperwork, according to a criminal complaint.

Sheriff's deputies observed patrons drinking beer and mixed drinks at Little Kohler Haus on two nights in early July, the complaint states.

On July 11, Wisconsin Department of Revenue officers and sheriff's deputies searched Little Kohler Haus and saw Cook and two employees appearing to set up for a bartending shift.

Although the state alleges receipts found at the bar indicate he had sold liquor after his license expired, Cook said during an interview this week that he had given a few beers away for free at the bar and didn't sell them.

In the bar's office, officers found 28 receipts dated 2024 from local alcohol retailers, according to the complaint. It is a crime for alcohol vendors to purchase from retailers in Wisconsin.

Most of them were from Jeff's Spirits in West Bend. Cook said he had told the owner there that he needed to purchase from a wholesaler and was told it would be all right since he was offered a 10% discount.

The raid, Cook said, was disappointing for law enforcement and the town.

"They wanted to find drugs and guns but they didn't find anything. So they did their best to make stuff up," he said.

Leider and Stemper said they want to see Little Kohler Haus cleaned up and the court case resolved before they consider a new



**THE LITTLE KOHLER HAUS** in the the Town of Fredonia closed after the Town Board denied its liquor license requests. The bar's owner is charged with selling alcohol without a license and buying it from a retailer.  
*Photo by Sam Arendt*

liquor license.

Neighbors have complained about Cook, Leider said, but are too afraid to come forward.

Cook said it was only one neighbor who had a minor complaint, and that the neighbor was afraid he would offend Cook, not that he was afraid of Cook.

Supr. Matt Miller said he considers Cook innocent until proven guilty and doesn't think complaints from neighbors are a concern unless they file them with the town or attend a meeting.

At the meeting, one neighbor complained about Cook.

"It's been hell for years," he said about Kohler Haus.

As part of negotiations with the Town Board, Cook said, he tore down an ax throwing room he had built. The room was built without a permit and had safety issues, Town Clerk Christophe Jenkins said.

In addition, Cook said, he has completed

\$8,000 in repairs and renovations to meet the town inspection code.

Cook said he's committed to Little Kohler Haus.

"This was my retirement plan. I've got \$300,000 to \$400,000 in this, and without the license this is worth nothing, so I am going to fight it," he said.

Cook said he has tried to host fish fries to keep going, but they haven't been profitable.

"I tried to stay open, but without beer you can't sell food," he said.

The fight isn't over, Cook said. He was to appear in Ozaukee County Circuit Court on Wednesday and plans to reapply for a license and if denied, will apply again.

"I'll be fighting it if it takes 100 years," he said.

Hilltop Haven, a bed and breakfast and event venue, has also applied for the liquor license.

# Tailwaggers founder dies but dog rescue lives on

By **MITCH MAERSCH**  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Dawn Boeselager passed away last week, but her life's passion didn't.

Her daughters-in-law are making sure of that.

Boeselager, 60, the founder and president of the nonprofit dog rescue Tailwaggers 911, is believed to have died from cardiovascular issues on Oct. 9 at her Saukville home.

In late August, Boeselager transferred the nonprofit to Brianna and Becca Boeselager as she continued recovering from an accident in July 2023 when she fell into her fire pit and was severely burned on much of her body. She was put into a coma and faced a difficult health journey.

"She openly admitted she's done her fair share. It's a strenuous job mentally and emotionally she has done for years," Brianna said.

"She didn't want it to end, that's for sure. She saw that we had the potential."

They also have passion for the dogs and a drive to keep the nonprofit going in honor of their mother-in-law.

## Saukville news

■ *Saukville woman who worked to find homes for dogs leaves nonprofit in hands of daughters-in-law*

Boeselager founded Tailwaggers 911 in her basement in 2007. She had worked as an executive assistant and volunteered at rescue organizations before deciding to start her own while running a cleaning business and raising two school-age sons.

"It wasn't easy. We sacrificed a lot," Boeselager told Ozaukee Press in summer 2023.

Years later, Boeselager found an office in the Town of Grafton for the rescue. She sold her cleaning business and ran Tailwaggers 911 full time. It survives on adoption fees, donors and foster families.

The rescue doesn't have a kennel; all dogs are put into foster homes.

Boeselager was strict on vetting before taking in dogs and letting them be adopted. An 80-pound active Labrador mix named Danny she had last year was not going to be allowed to be sent to an apartment.

The rescue runs a five-day trial, allowing adopters to bring the dog back if it's not working out. Those instances are rare thanks to Boeselager's vetting and the progress the

foster families make with the dogs.

Boeselager had kept dogs in foster homes for as long as 18 months before they were adopted.

"You have to reprogram their brains, and we work really hard at resetting," she said.

Boeselager rescued more than 4,000 dogs through Tailwaggers 911. Many families came back for a second dog after theirs passed, and some for a third, Brianna said.

Brianna, 28, of Hartford got involved with the rescue last year after Boeselager's accident, and last fall she asked Becca, 31, of Plymouth to join the effort.

Now, they're running Tailwaggers 911.

"Becca decided that I am the president and she is the vice president," Brianna said.

Both have rescue dogs but no children.

"We always say the jobs that we have that are full time are to pay the mortgage and the job we have at Tailwaggers is to fill the cup," Brianna said.

Tailwaggers 911 has no paid employees, only volunteers, some of whom had been with Boeselager from the start.

"A lot of these volunteers have been around before Becca and I were even in the picture," Brianna said. "It's a big community and we're very thankful for everyone involved."

Boeselager's last foster dog was moved to a home a couple of weeks before she died.

"She knew the rescue was in good hands with us and the community. She could let go and not be in pain anymore," Brianna said.

"It's pretty cool to be involved and be part of this. We're going to continue this in her honor."

The next van of rescue dogs from Texas



**SAUKVILLE RESIDENT** and Tailwaggers 911 founder Dawn Boeselager surrounded herself with dogs rescued from throughout the country.  
*Press file photo*

is coming Saturday, Nov. 2. Brianna hopes to make it the biggest transport this year in memory of Boeselager.

For more information, to donate or volunteer, visit <https://tailwaggers911.com>.

*See Boeselager's obituary on page 11B.*



## Village of Saukville FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village of Saukville Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village Monday – Thursday, October 21st through October 24th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Flushing will resume October 28th through October 31st if necessary. There may be some discoloration in your water during this process. This is iron and is not harmful. We recommend that you do not do laundry if your water is discolored. If you happen to do laundry during the flushing period and it has a reddish appearance, do not dry; rather rewash in cold water to remove the discoloration. Running your faucets for a short period of time after the flushing in your area is completed should clear the lines. You may want to bottle some water for drinking, cooking, etc. prior to the flushing dates.



## Prayer Service for All Souls

St. Nicholas Chapel  
W4274 County Road K  
Sunday, November 3 at 1 pm  
Fellowship to follow





# Joint fire department budget comes up a little short

By MICHAEL BABCOCK  
Ozaukee Press staff

The approximate \$5.2 million budget recommended by the Ozaukee Central Fire Department Fire Board last week will almost, but not quite, fund the joint Grafton-Saukville department's proposed 25 full-time positions.

Fire Chief Bill Rice said the three positions that aren't filled when the department starts on Jan. 1, will be "phased in" through the year.

"What that exactly looks like, we will know soon," he said.

The budget was a result of Rice, Saukville Village Administrator Dawn Wagner and Grafton Village Administrator Jesse Thyges "putting their heads together" to get it as lean as possible while getting it ready in time for the department's start, Thyges said.

Rice said the budget should be very close to the actual costs, although it does include a conservative revenue estimate of \$700,000 from service charges to other communities.

■ *Recommended \$5.2M spending plan won't quite cover 25 full-time positions; three will be 'phased in'*

"Some of these numbers are going to change," he said. "One of the questions is equipment repairs, we've had some rough times in Grafton recently unlike previous years.

"Costs have gone through the roof on everything, but I think the operating numbers are fine."

The biggest expense is people — the personnel cost is about \$2.5 million for the Grafton station, which includes administrative staff, and about \$1 million for the Saukville station, according to the budget.

The budget funds a business manager position, likely to be filled by the Grafton station's Administrative Assistant Diana Degnitz, who Rice hopes will assume human relations and management duties that are currently handled by the Village of Grafton.

A little less than \$500,000 is allocated for capital expenses such as heart monitors, pick-up trucks, radios and ambulances.

Rice said he estimated the cost of annual equipment — averaged over 20 years — to be about \$700,000 a year.

However, Rice said, the new department will not save for fire trucks, which can cost between \$1 and \$3 million each, but fund those purchases by other means.

He noted the department doesn't have an immediate need for a new truck.

One of the first challenges for the new department is planning and funding living quarters for staff working 24-hour shifts at both stations, projects an architectural firm has estimated will cost \$8 million.

Necessary improvements include the installation of vent hoods in the stations' kitchens, along with the construction of

dedicated sleeping areas, Rice said.

He said he remembered when a Grafton business was in the same situation — housing employees in the workplace — and was eventually kicked out of the community.

"These are some big dark clouds we will need to create a plan for," Rice said. "Somewhere soon this board will have to come up with a plan and then go back to the village and town boards. But this is not something we can kick down the road."

The budget is buoyed by \$85,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds. Next year, those funds could be replaced by an additional levy from the villages and towns of Grafton and Saukville, Thyges said.

At the same meeting, the Fire Board decided to take over fire services for the entire Town of Saukville, a portion of which was previously covered by the Newburg Fire Department for about \$51,000.

"I don't think there's any value in paying them to be the first responders to places where we will be first," Rice said.



## Grafton celebrates autumn with pumpkins, food and fun

Paramount Plaza was filled with pumpkins, including ones on wheels, for the annual Fall into Grafton celebration on Saturday. Participating in one of the highlights of the events, Anna Borkenhagen and Elena Rund sent their Baby Yoda pumpkin flying down the pumpkin derby race track (top photo). Despite a crash that required repairs, Baby Yoda won the derby's speed award. The pumpkin raced by Suzanne Beck and her daughter Audry was inspired by their dog Neddle (left). The Grafton Police Department chili cook-off was such a hit last year that it returned to the event. Sampling one of the entries was Jedotta Dainsberg (right).

Photos by Sam Arendt

## Electronic poll book proposal raises concerns from officials

■ *Clerk said machines would ease workload but board members worried about election integrity*

By MICHAEL BABCOCK  
Ozaukee Press staff

The Grafton Village Board is considering switching to a Badger Books poll book system by the Spring elections of 2026. The electronic books would replace the paper ones voters sign to receive a tally slip.

Last week, Village Clerk Kaity Olsen proposed the purchase of eleven poll book computers for about \$22,000 to reduce the strain put on election poll workers to write and read small print.

"We see an aging community with our election inspectors. They love coming back and working for the village, but I see a struggle for them to write and to see, so this would be an opportunity to put them in front of a computer instead," Olsen said.

Their new job would be to verify that the voter in front of them matches their picture identification card such as a driver's license, instead of searching for names and collecting signatures in the paper book.

The system would require eight fewer poll workers, saving the Village about \$1,000 each election.

Badger Books was developed by the Wisconsin Elections Committee in 2017 and is the only electronic poll book allowed by the state. It is used by 304 municipalities including the City of Mequon and the City of Cedarburg.

According to the flier provided by Badger Books, the system is never connected to the Internet, but instead connects to machines through an independent, closed network.

While the system would save her many days of verifying and comparing voting records, Olsen said she felt it was secure.

"If I didn't feel this was secure I wouldn't be recommending it. Elections are the most important part of my job, and I value my job," she said.

Trustee Mary Pat Fenton said she was concerned about the system's security.

Books claims the system allows for quicker voter check-ins and registrations, fewer mistakes from poll workers and a smaller elections staff.

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**Grafton news**



# Prohibition on feeding feral four-legged friends fails

■ Village Board doesn't necessarily encourage the behavior but relocation of kitty shelter to private property eliminates need for adopting an ordinance

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Feeding feral animals is still allowed in the Village of Belgium.

The Village Board on Monday unanimously voted against creating an ordinance to prohibit feeding feral animals but not for the reason one might think.

A shelter for feral cats built by a local family at the village dump has been moved to private property. With that luring some of the cats off village land, the board agreed Eric and Rachel Curtain may feed, trap and have as many of the cats spayed and neutered before returning them to the area as they desire.

"I think this issue has been taken care of now. There's nothing we can do," Village President Pete Anzia said.

## Belgium news

The Curtains have been working since May to try to control the feral cat population at the dump. By spaying and neutering the cats, they stop the growth of their population, and returning them to the area keeps new cats from entering since they defend their territory.

The Curtains hoped to relocate some of the cats to working farms where they would be fed and cared for or have them adopted as pets. They have paid for much of their vet bills themselves and set up a GoFundMe page for people who want to help.

The couple's efforts resulted in a fair number of raccoons also being trapped.

Public Works Director Dan Birenbaum regularly sees the cats.

"There are 11 plates of cat food laying there every night. You go there between 5:30 and 6:30 and the cats come out like the field of dreams on the baseball field. There

they are," Birenbaum said.

The shelter was moved to a spot next to the Holiday Trims building, which is next to the village garage and dump.

Birenbaum asked if Eric Curtain had talked to the business owner first. Curtain said he received permission from him to move the shelter there.

Birenbaum said he asked Holiday Trims if they ever have cats in their building.

"They leave their doors open sometimes in the summertime. They never had any, never have seen any," he said.

"Well, that might change," Trustee Dan Wolff said.

Birenbaum said at least some feral cats and raccoons will still hang around the dump since people discard food there instead of putting it in their curbside garbage pickup.

The Curtains GoFundMe page can be



THE FERAL CAT shelter that used to sit on Village of Belgium property near the dump has been moved to private property. Photo by Dan Birenbaum

found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-dump-cats-food-vet-bills-shelter>.

## School tax rate slated to drop

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

CEDAR GROVE — The Cedar Grove-Belgium School District's tax levy is slated to increase by 5.3%, a smaller bump than last year's 7.7%, which is expected to result in a tax rate decrease.

At the annual meeting on Oct. 9, the School Board and district officials — district residents may attend and vote but nobody else did — approved a total tax levy of \$6.4 million, up from \$6.07 million last year. Of that, the general fund increased to \$4.61 million from last year's \$4.17 million.

The tax rate is slated to be \$6.49 per \$1,000 of equalized value, a 2.1% decrease from last year.

That means the owner of a \$350,000 home would pay \$2,271.50 in school taxes.

The district is receiving about \$300,000 less in state aid, District Business Manager Tera Rogers said during her budget report.

Salaries are up by 4.6% and fringe benefits are up by 6%, she said.

The district is losing \$277,000 in open enrollment, a smaller loss than last year's \$424,000. This year, 111 students are coming into the district and 117 are going out. Last year, 78 came in and 124 went out.

The district's property value increased 7.4% from \$916 million to \$984 million.

Rogers expected to get updated numbers from the state this week. The board may approve the updated budget on Wednesday, Oct. 23.



BARB SKUTKA AND her husband Sean held a party last month at First Reformed Church in Cedar Grove to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Parkinson's Support Group Barb started. Photo by Sam Arendt

## Eerie Street Cemetery to raise money for charity

BELGIUM — The annual Eerie Street Cemetery starts operation this weekend.

Rick Peszko and company create a haunted yard at 281 N. Middle Rd. and request donations to walk through it.

This year's requests are nonperishable food for Ozaukee Food Alliance, cash/

Venmo or coats, jeans, bedding, towels and backpacks for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge and cash/Venmo for Dogs2Dog Tags.

Hours of operation are 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, and 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Trick or treat is from 4 to 7 p.m., Oct. 27.

## Seven years of support and counting

■ Barb Skutka still helping those with Parkinson's

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

CEDAR GROVE — Not long after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Barb Skutka thought forming a local support group would be a good idea.

But she didn't know if anyone would show up to the first meeting at the Cedar Grove Public Library.

"Thirty-one walked in, showing the need in the area was there," Skutka said.

Seven years into her endeavor, the Cedar Grove Parkinson's Support Group is going strong. Nearly 150 people have attended at least one meeting and today monthly meetings regularly draw 60 people.

Skutka changes the topics and formats to keep people interested. Speakers cover topics from mental health to insurance and neuroplasticity to nutrition. Several interactive exercise demonstrations are held, and sometimes the group splits into care partners and patients.

"This is where the guts of the support comes in. Tough subjects are discussed, so-

lutions may be found or maybe not, but you always feel heard and know that those in the group understand and are there for you," Skutka said.

She also holds social events such as a Christmas party and summer picnic. The theme of the September meeting was seven years of support.

Of the original 31 members, 15 are still regulars. Some have passed and others aren't physically able to attend anymore.

The group dynamics have changed since 2017.

"I remember our first meeting seven years ago — 8 o'clock came and people were out of the building in a flash," Skutka said. "Nowadays we start earlier for more chatting and have to kick people out so we can lock up the building. It's a great group and it warms my heart to hear the laughter, joking, the getting together outside of the group, and yes, sometimes crying, but always in love."

For more information on the group, visit <https://wiparkinson.org/location/cedar-grove-support-group>.

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Holy Cross Cemetery, Holy Cross at 3:30pm

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# Threats: Man shot with bean bags after ignoring commands

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informed his dental staff of the possible danger and his family left home and went into hiding.

The dentist told authorities that Knapp first threatened him on Sept. 14 when he went to Bucky’s taxidermy to pick up an item he had ordered.

The dentist said at first Knapp appeared normal although drunk, but then he began to rant and threatened to kill the dentist and conservation warden Tony Young, according to the complaint.

The dentist said Knapp told him a story

## Mission: Man headed back to disaster zone

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everywhere. Water 15 feet high in low-water areas.

“I’ve seen mounds of people’s household stuff on the side of the road as far as I could see. Trees on the side of the road as far as I could see. Six inches of dirt and mud over everything — one road, it was all dirt for four or five miles.”

Given the devastation, Mills said, “It’s going to be like that for a long time.”

Federal aid workers haven’t made it to that area yet, he said, and utility crews haven’t gotten there either.

But the people are resilient, Mills said. They’re tough with big hearts and are working to help one another.

“They’re survivors,” he said.

“What I have seen is a great outpouring of people from the U.S. donating and taking care of people. I saw people stepping up and helping each other. Everybody’s working with everyone else. The outpouring of help is incredible.

“I know there are good people in this world. It’s a shame it takes a disaster for them to come forward.”

Mills said he is planning a third trip to the disaster zone in two weeks. What’s needed most, he said, are items such as tents, sub-zero sleeping bags, portable heaters and the propane tanks to run them, camp stoves and winter gear — “Think, if you had to live in the north woods of Wisconsin in winter, what would you need,?” he said. Used clothing isn’t being accepted anymore, he added.

To make a donation or for more information, call Mills at (262) 483-1964.

## Poll books: Public hearing suggested

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Trustee Dave Armstrong asked Olsen if the system could do more harm than good.

“We have an aging population of poll workers and now you’re going to throw in a technology component. You don’t see that as a problem?” he said.

Olsen responded that it wasn’t the mental or technological capability but the physical ability of the poll workers that is an issue.

Village President Dan Delorit said the use of Badger Books could be controversial, so there should be a public hearing before the system is adopted.

“We all want secure elections. There’s been a lot of information and some misinformation about what is and is not a secure election,” he said.

Ozaukee County Supr. Scott Rishel told the board he thought using electronic poll books didn’t signal transparency at a time when trust in government is at an all-time low.

“I think this is going in the opposite way of transparency,” he said. “There’s something about hand counts, about paper ballots, about two poll books and two people witnessing the signature that brings more transparency. People can understand that. They don’t understand a tablet or swiping a driver’s license.”

The adoption of the technology in neighboring communities shouldn’t influence the board’s decision, Rishel said.

“We’re better than Mequon and we’re better than Cedarburg,” he said.

The purchase of Badger Books will be discussed as part of the village’s budgeting for next year and will require another Board approval to be used.

about a confrontation that occurred when Young came to his house. Knapp said he grabbed the warden’s gun out of his holster and told him to back off, adding that he would shoot Young if he came to his house again and said the wrong thing, the complaint states.

Knapp made up the story, Hermann said. “We spoke to the warden and there was no confrontation and he was not disarmed by Knapp,” Hermann said. “It was a fabricated story that Knapp told the witness, possibly as a way to intimidate him or due to his mental health crisis.”

The dentist said although he was very concerned about his Sept. 14 encounter with Knapp, he did not initially report the threats to authorities because he wanted to give Knapp time to deal with the recent death of

his daughter, according to the complaint.

The dentist did, however, report the threats on Sept. 20 after being told by Knapp’s friend that he and his family were in danger.

That is when officers descended on Knapp’s home and business on Trailway Court. His wife left the house followed by Knapp, who walked to a detached garage, got into his truck and drove to the end of the driveway at a high rate of speed, gesturing at and making derogatory comments to officers, the complaint states.

Knapp got out of the truck and walked toward officers. He initially ignored commands, but then lied face down on the ground as he was ordered to do.

Knapp, however, then stood up, resisted officers and began walking back to his

house. After an officer attempted unsuccessfully to tase Knapp and because of his mental state, the homicidal and suicidal threats he made and his failure to comply with authorities, a deputy fired “less-lethal” bean bag rounds at him. The first round missed him. A second round appeared to strike him in the back but Knapp continued to ignore commands. A third round clearly hit Knapp and he went to the ground and was arrested, according to the complaint.

Knapp will make his first court appearance after he is booked in the county jail.

Threatening to harm a law enforcement officer is punishable by a maximum three years in prison and three years of extended supervision. Making a terrorist threat is punishable by 1-1/2 years in prison and two years of extended supervision.

# Road rage: Bullet hit console, just missed driver

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short time later.

Authorities searched his car and found a .40-caliber handgun with an attached accessory light in the center console. A magazine loaded with 12 rounds was next to the gun, according to the complaint.

The pickup truck was also searched and

authorities found a bullet hole just below the window frame on the passenger-side door. A bullet was embedded in the center console just behind the gear shifter and within inches of where the driver was sitting.

The area of I-43 where the incident occurred was shut down and authorities found one .40-caliber bullet casing on the freeway

just north of County Line Road.

First-degree endangering safety and firing a gun from a vehicle are both punishable by a maximum 7-1/2 years in prison and five years of extended supervision, although if convicted Bardney would face an additional five years in prison because the incident involved the use of a dangerous weapon.



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## Marjan Zeinert

Marjan Zeinert, 61, of Port Washington passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center.

Marjan was born on Feb. 14, 1963, to Ralph and Alma (Lammers) Neerhof in Sheboygan.

She graduated from Sheboygan Falls High School and went on to Lakeshore Technical College for nursing. She later pursued certification in medical coding. Marjan was employed at the Aurora Sheboygan Clinic for 23 years and was a CPR instructor for 15 years. She also worked at Sommer's Automotive.

Marjan was married to John Hameister on April 13, 1991, for 17 years. She was later united in marriage to Thomas Zeinert on May 19, 2015.

Marjan was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Port Washington. She enjoyed helping with gardening and decorating at church. Marjan had a love of animals, especially her cat Mr. Puss, and took pride in feeding the wildlife that lived around her house. She enjoyed sewing, baking, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Marjan is survived by her husband Tom; daughters April (Ryan) Van Asten and Erin (Jonathan) Castaneda; grandchildren Cadence, Trace, James, Tyler, Riley, Juliana and Claudia; mother Alma Neerhof; brother Bruce (Sharie) Neerhof of Kohler; cousins; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Ralph and grandparents.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was to be held at Wenig Funeral Home in Oostburg on Wednesday, Oct.



16, 2024, at 5 p.m.

A private family graveside service will take place at Hingham Cemetery at a later date.

Relatives and friends greeted the family at the funeral home from 3 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are appreciated in Marjan's name to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

Marjan's family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nurses in the surgical ICU at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center and Aurora Grafton Medical Center.

The staff of Wenig Funeral Home in Oostburg (920-564-2771) is assisting the family.

Please visit [wenifh.com](http://wenifh.com) for online condolences.

## Darlene J. Schommer

Darlene Schommer, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at Aurora Medical Center in Grafton. She was 82 years old.

Darlene was born in Milwaukee on Sept. 18, 1942, the daughter of Howard and Donna (nee Wilmont) Turk.

She grew up in Antigo and Milwaukee before her family moved to the Saukville area. She attended Port Washington High School.

On Oct. 8, 1960, she married the love of her life, Daniel Schommer, in Saukville. Dan and Darlene were blessed to be together for 64 years.

Darlene worked as a receptionist for both Bolens Manufacturing and Trak International in Port Washington, retiring in 2004.

Darlene cherished her family and community. She was a member of Divine Savior Parish. She enjoyed participating in the community quilting group at Christ the King Church in Port Washington and also generously contributed to Bob's Under the Bridge through her knitting skills, making numerous pairs of mittens, slippers and hats.

Darlene's passion for crafting extended beyond her personal circles as she generously made quilts for every one of her children's weddings, showcasing her talent and love.

Those who knew Darlene could attest to her fondness for babies and her adoration for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The fussiest of babies found comfort in her loving arms. She found solace and joy in spending time with her family, creating countless cherished memories.

Darlene is survived by her husband Dan of Fredonia; her four children, Christine (Dale) Arendt of Port Washington, Wendy (Shannon) Grant of Belgium, Bob (Toni) Schommer of Cedar Grove and Lee An



(Eric) Hedtke of Minneapolis, Minn.

She is further survived by 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, her sister Peggy (the late Tom) Husting, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Howard and Donna, her son Tony Schommer, her grandson Thomas Schommer and her sister Sherri Roell.

Funeral services will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at noon at Divine Savior Parish, Holy Cross Chapel, 5330 County Why. B, Belgium. Visitation will precede the services at the church on Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. until the services. A reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

Eernisse Funeral Home, Port Washington, is honored to serve the Schommer family.

Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com).

## Carol M. King

Carol Marie King of Newburg went to her heavenly home on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the age of 80 years.

She was born in Newburg, Wis., to the late Oswald and the late Benadetta (nee Picciurro) Bretschneider.

She graduated from Port Washington High School in 1962.

On Nov. 8, 1969, she married the love of her life, Wayne Robert King.

She retired from Tecumseh Power Products in Grafton in 2003 after spending 36 years working in its service department creating boxes for Tecumseh engines.

Carol had a love for the outdoors. She loved traveling and camping with Wayne and their friends. In her younger years, Carol was an avid baker, often making cakes for friends and family. More recently, she enjoyed trips to the casino and playing bingo with her friends.

Carol's faith was very important to her. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Newburg. She spent many years as a Sunday school teacher and member of the St. John's Ladies Auxiliary.

Carol is survived by her special niece Benadetta (Scott) Hess, special nephew Allen Bretschneider and brother-in-law Robert Uhlig.

She is further survived by her beloved fur babies Mittens and Sophia, other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her hus-



band Wayne Robert King and her siblings Roger Bretschneider, Lee Bretschneider and Joy Uhlig.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 623 Congress Dr., Newburg. Interment immediately followed the service at the church cemetery. A visitation took place on Wednesday at the church from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.muellerfuneralhome.com](http://www.muellerfuneralhome.com).

## Noah M. 'Pudge' Sharpe

Noah M. "Pudge" Sharpe gained his angel wings on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, while surrounded by his loving family. He was 15 years old.

Noah and his twin brother Jacob were born on July 7, 2009, in Milwaukee, Wis., to parents Daniel and Darling (nee Gutierrez) Sharpe. The boys were originally triplets with brother Nathan, who was born sleeping at 28 weeks.

The family has lived in Port Washington since 2005. Noah was very involved in the special education program in the Port Washington-Saukville School District and was currently a freshman at Port Washington High School. His favorite programs included speech therapy with Ms. Pinke, vision therapy with Mrs. Koppa and music therapy with Ms. Melody.

Noah was a member of New Life Church in Grafton, where he loved to participate in Christian worship time and praise music. He was the ambassador of Noah's Place, affiliated under Mel's Charities of Ozaukee County, and looked forward to helping host events at his family's home every year. Even though he was primarily homebound, Noah loved to spend time outside listening to the birds or going on rides with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his parents Daniel and Darling Sharpe of Port Washington; brothers Isaac (Vanessa) of West Bend, Zachary (girlfriend Abby Shaurette) and Jacob Sharpe, both of Port Washington; niece Kalani Sharpe; and grandmothers Rafaela Moncada (special friend Bob Lammers) of Oak Creek and Patricia Sharpe of Milwaukee.

He is further survived by uncles Michael (Alyson) Sharpe, Tony (Tina) Gutierrez and Jairo (Reyna) Gutierrez; aunts Johanna Gutierrez, Scarlet (Sam) Owen and Shaddaira (Michael) Edwards; godfather Daniel Frey; special caregiver Socorro Montoya; cousins; other family members;



and friends.

He was preceded in death by brothers Nathan and Adam and grandfathers Salvador Gutierrez and James Sharpe.

Funeral services for Noah will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Eernisse Funeral Home, 1600 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington. Pastor John Timothy will preside over the service. The family will greet visitors at the funeral home Friday, Oct. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Noah will be laid to rest the following day at Pinelawn Memorial Park in Milwaukee.

If desired, memorials in Noah's name can be made to Noah's Place c/o Mel's Charities.

Pudge's beautiful laugh will now grace heaven's space and will be forever missed by his family.

Eernisse Funeral Home is honored to assist the family.

Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com).

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## Jeffrey D. Townsend

Jeffrey “Jeff” Townsend, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away at his residence in Port Washington on Oct. 10, 2024. He was 76 years old.

Jeff was born in Port Washington on Sept. 17, 1948, the son of Robert and Katie (nee Williams) Townsend.

Jeff grew up in Saukville and then moved to Port Washington in his childhood. He graduated from Port Washington High School with the Class of 1967.

After high school, Jeff went on to earn an associate’s degree in computer networking.

He worked at Freeman Chemical Corp. as a diesel mechanic for many years. After Freeman Chemical, Jeff worked in maintenance at St. Mary’s Hospital in Mequon until his retirement.

On May 16, 1970, Jeff married the love of his life, Phyllis Merrill, at St. Peter of Alcantara Catholic Church in Port Washington. They shared 54 wonderful years together.

Jeff’s love for music and playing his guitar was rivaled only by his affection for his beloved pets; dogs and cats always found a warm spot in his heart.

Jeff and Phyllis shared a deep bond, building numerous models of trucks, airplanes and ships out of balsawood as a hobby.

He was a gifted mechanic and a jack of all trades. There was almost nothing he could not do.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife Phyllis, his daughter Rachel (Eric) Curtin, and his two grandchildren, Jennah and Spencer Curtin.

He is further survived by his two sisters, Joan (Richard) Mistele and Judy (Brian) Peiffer; numerous brothers and sisters-in law, Connie (Keith) Schachel, Susanne (Mark)



Brunner, Karen Merrill and Susan (the late Dennis) Merrill; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Eric, his siblings Roberta Barber, Dale Townsend, Lee Townsend, Jeanne Pukas, June Kroll, Deborah Hoffman, Lora McInnis and Kaye Miller and brother-in-law Allen Merrill.

In accordance with Jeff’s wishes, private family services will be held.

He will be laid to rest next to his son Eric in St. Mary’s Parish Cemetery in Port Washington.

Eernisse Funeral Home, Port Washington, is honored to serve the Townsend family.

Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com).

## Georgine Molitor

Georgine Molitor of Port Washington passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the age of 82.

She was born the beloved daughter of William and Mary Peterson in Port Washington on Feb. 20, 1942.

Georgine was united in marriage on Feb. 7, 1959, to DuWayne Molitor at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Port Washington, and together raised three sons.

Georgine was a longtime member of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, St Peter’s of Alcantara Church.

She retired from Badger Meter in Brown Deer as a forklift operator after 35 years of dedicated service.

Georgine enjoyed shopping and meeting her lady friends for lunch. She was an avid reader, had a wonderful library of cookbooks and loved making birthday cakes for her family.

Georgine was passionate about supporting St. Jude’s Hospital for children and the ASPCA for displaced animals.

Above all, Georgine cherished the time spent with her family.

Georgine’s memory will be cherished by her sons Rick (Susan) Molitor, David (Kay) Molitor and Dan (Amanda) Molitor; grandchildren Justin Molitor, Jordan Molitor, Katie (Craig) Smet, Taylor Lesh, Dylan McCollough and Samuel Verstegen; great-grandchildren Payton and Connor Molitor, Rylee, Kendall and Harper Smet and Kayden Lesh; brother-in-law Mike (Vicky) Molitor; niece Chrissy (Mike) Wondra; and nephews Tony (Lynne) and Bill Ernisse. She is further survived by other relatives and many dear friends.



She was preceded in death by her parents, husband DuWayne, two infant daughters and her sister Karen Ernisse.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, St. Peter of Alcantara Church. The family will receive visitors at the church from 3 to 5 p.m.

Georgine will be laid to rest next to her husband at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Port Washington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the Ozaukee County Humane Society.

Eernisse Funeral Home of Port Washington is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com).

## Dawn Boeselager

Dawn Boeselager, 60, of Saukville passed away suddenly the evening of Oct. 9, 2024, at her home.

Dawn was born on Jan. 19, 1964, to Tom and Diane Radecki in Sheboygan.

After Dawn graduated from Kewaskum High School in 1982, she went on to study accounting at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from 1989 to 1990 and later earned a certificate in business administration from Lakeshore Technical College.

From 1993 to 1998, Dawn was married to Randall Boeselager, and together they had two sons, Beau and Brandon.

In 2007, Dawn founded Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue. She had a mission to find as many forever homes for dogs as possible. Her charity took dogs from overcrowded shelters in the southern United States, hoarder homes and breeding operations that were being shut down, as well as surrendered dogs, then found foster homes for them to live in while searching for the right permanent fit for that dog. For 17 years, she did just that, saving more than 4,000 dogs before she passed the organization on to her daughter-in-laws in August 2024.

Dawn enjoyed swimming in her pool, dogs (of course) and spending time and sharing a good meal with friends and family.

In 2023, Dawn had a horrible accident in which she fell into her fire pit. She was in an induced coma for weeks and spent about eight months in the hospital receiving treatment for her burns and battling various complications. Dawn continued to struggle with her health, especially with cardiovascular issues, after her stint in the hospital. It’s be-



lieved that those cardiovascular issues led to her death.

Dawn was predeceased by her parents Tom and Diane Radecki.

She is survived by her brothers Craig (Claire) Radecki and Roy Radecki and her sons Beau (Rebecca) Boeselager and Brandon (Brianna) Boeselager.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of life open house that will be held at the Patio Bar and Grill in Port Washington on Oct. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the charity Dawn built, Tailwaggers 911 Dog Rescue.

## James R. Heinle

James R. Heinle passed away on Thursday, Oct. 3, at his home in Grafton, Wis.

Jim was born on Aug. 12 1942, in Stevens Point.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a degree in forest management.

He met his wife, Carol Emery, while attending college, and they were married on Nov 14, 1964, in Elcho, Wis.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing.

Jim is survived by two sons, Thomas Heinle of Cross Plains and John (Diane) Heinle of Grafton; four grandchildren, Savanna (Paul) Alvarado and Jackson, Tyler, and Devin Heinle; two great-grandchildren, Amara and Paul Alvarado; sister Mary Gerlach of Rhinelander; and brother David Heinle of Grand Rapids.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol, brother Mike and one son, Christopher Heinle.

Private family services will be held.



For online condolences, please visit [www.muellerfuneralhome.com](http://www.muellerfuneralhome.com).

## Frances M. Ansay

Francis M. Ansay of Belgium was called home on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at the age of 94.

He was born to Arthur and Mary (Schueller) Ansay on April 10, 1930, in Lake Church, Wis.

Francis married the love of his life, Joan Rosewitz, on Sept. 12, 1953, at St. Mary’s Church in Port Washington. Francis and Joan raised two children.

Francis lived in Lake Church, where he worked at his father’s cheese factory until his family moved to Belgium to help run the family’s dairy farm.

He graduated from Port High School in 1949 and then proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in Germany.

After the military, Francis returned to work on the family farm and did so until his retirement.

He and Joan were long time members of Divine Savior Holy Cross in Belgium. Francis was an active member of the Melvin Wester Belgium Memorial American Legion Post 412. He loved his Oliver tractors and belonged to Badgerland Oliver Collectors Club. Francis was a member of Cushman Club of America and The Singing Farmers. His hobbies included bowling, golfing and woodworking.

Francis’s memory will be cherished by his children Daniel (Ardell) Ansay and Gerri (Roy) Bichler; grandchildren Erin (Derek) Hobbs, Katie (Matt) Graziano, Eric Bichler, Jason (Meghan) Bichler and Ryan Bichler; six great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Sylvester Prom; and sisters-in-law Jean (Joe) Gasser, Janice Albrecht and Diane Zettler. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife



Joan; sisters Marjorie (Rich) Harns and Madeline Prom; brother Arno (Luella) Ansay; sister-in-law Mary Ann (Don) Liermann; and brothers-in-law Ronald Albrecht and Alvin Zettler.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at Divine Savior Catholic Parish, Holy Cross Chapel, 5330 County Rd. B, Belgium 53004. The family will receive visitors at the church from 4 to 5:45 p.m.

Francis will be laid to rest next to his wife at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Lake Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Camp American Legion or Divine Savior Catholic Parish.

Eernisse Funeral Home of Belgium is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at [www.eernissefuneralhome.com](http://www.eernissefuneralhome.com).

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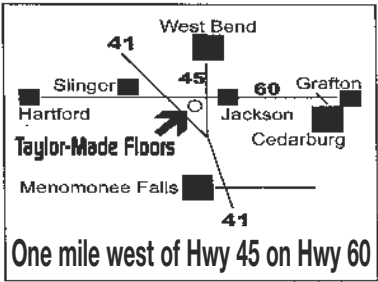
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# His guitar riffs a call to worship

By MITCH MAERSCH  
Ozaukee Press Staff

Greg Wessel has come home. The longtime worship leader at Vineyard Church in Grafton left to start a Milwaukee church in 2017. Now he’s back.

“In our hearts it’s our home church. We were here for 15 years. It’s going home for Thanksgiving in a way,” Wessel said.

Wessel is back home, but he hasn’t left the Milwaukee church. He’s now the worship leader at both Vineyards.

Wessel started a Vineyard church in Milwaukee at a time when racial tension and turmoil were filling the city. He said he felt a calling to help a diverse population in a rougher neighborhood.

“We wanted to be at a point of serving the community, and wanted to bridge a divide that was growing,” he said.

The church meets in a building owned by St. Vincent De Paul. A meal site is in the basement.

It wasn’t Wessel’s idea to do both jobs. The pastors at Milwaukee’s Vineyard Church

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Greg Wessel leads worship at Vineyard Church in Grafton, which has a coffee shop to encourage continued fellowship after services.

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## Space Force official to speak in Grafton Oct. 21

Retired US Air Force Lt. Col. Luke Schaub, who is currently employed by the Department of Defense as a senior staff civilian serving the U.S. Space Force, will be the guest speaker for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Military Historians on Monday, Oct. 21.

The program will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose-Harms American Legion Hall, 1540 13th Ave., Grafton.

Currently stationed in California, Schaub has a total of 38 years with the Armed Forces. His appearance comes as he visits his family.

Schaub will present information on numerous aircraft and Space Force systems, satellites, GPS navigation, missile warning, weather and nuclear detonation detection, among other things.

Schaub will speak in a personal capacity, not on any behest of duty or on orders from the Space Force.

His father Paul is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel.

Reservations for the program are due Friday, Oct. 18.

Admission is \$25, which includes a buffet dinner and the presentation. A limited number of seats are available for the speaker's program only for \$10.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

For reservations or more information, call Ken Grigas at (262) 284-1090 or email [rsvp@mkemh.org](mailto:rsvp@mkemh.org).

## Lawn care is topic for Oct. 24 program

"Let's Talk Lawns" is the theme for a 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, program sponsored by the Ozaukee Master Gardeners.

The presentation will be at the Kacmarick Center, 885 Badger Cir., Grafton.

The talk, presented by Doug Soldat, will focus on how to grow a healthy lawn while protecting the environment.

Soldat will provide research-based information on selecting the right grass seed, proper mowing height, weed control, watering and environmentally safe practices. In addition, he will offer tips on how to keep lawns looking their best throughout the season and what to do about No Mow May.

Soldat is a professor and turfgrass extension specialist in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in soil science at UW-Madison and earned a doctorate in plant science from Cornell University. His research and outreach programs are focused on improving turfgrass nutrient and water use efficiency.

He teaches courses on turfgrass management and general soil science at the University of Wisconsin.

Advance registration is required and may be done online at [www.ozaukeemastergardeners.org](http://www.ozaukeemastergardeners.org).

For those unable to attend, a video of the presentation will be posted on the Ozaukee Master Gardeners website.

## Checking out the fire, police stations in Port



The open houses hosted by the Port Washington fire and police departments on Oct. 5 provided a photo-op for the Bieber family. Jim (left in photo above), who is chairman of the city's Police and Fire Commission, posed in front of a fire engine with his son Mike and grandson Brody while Jim's wife, Mike's mother and Brody's grandmother Mary took a photo. Mia Hoeppner (left) high-fived a fire department diver through the glass of a tank while at the police station Asher Ogden tried on a tactical vest with the help of Lt. Jerry Nye (far left). The open houses, as well as those at departments throughout the area, coincided with National Fire Prevention Week.

*Photos by Sam Arendt*

## Garden consultations offered this fall

Free garden consultations are being offered to residential property owners who live near the Harrington Beach-Kohler Andrae Important Bird Area corridor and are interested in creating bird-friendly habitats through native plantings.

Eligible homeowners are those who live within a half-mile of Lake Michigan between Sheboygan Point in Sheboygan County and the southside of Port Washington.

The area encompasses Harrington Beach and Kohler-Andrae state parks, the Cedar Grove Hawk Research Station State Natural Area and Forest Beach Migratory Preserve.

The consultations are being offered by the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory.

Joanna Demas, the observatory's director of conservation and partnerships, leads the consultations, which last one to 1-1/2 hours.

Demas will walk through problem areas homeowners are facing, brainstorm solutions and keep an eye out for invasive species while recommending the best management practices. She and the homeowner will dive into maintenance concerns, discuss ways to boost native habitat and tackle challenges such as predation.

Demas will suggest native plant species

that match the property owner's vision, and within two weeks will provide a comprehensive email recap, along with a curated list of resources to help move forward.

To register, email [info@lmbo.org](mailto:info@lmbo.org), placing "Free Garden Consult" in the subject line and provide contact information. An observatory staffer will then schedule an appointment.

## Outdoor Adventure Day set at Riveredge

Self-guided and educator-led activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, during Outdoor Adventure and Exploration Day at Riveredge Nature Center in the Town of Saukville.

The event, sponsored by Riveredge and Kohl's Healthy Families, is designed for youths and their families to get active outdoors and discover a variety of ways to enjoy nature.

Youths of all ages are welcome, but those younger than 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Some activities may be better suited for children older than 7.

There is no fee, but families are asked to register by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18.

To register or for more information, visit [riveredgenaturecenter.org/event/outdoor-adventure-and-exploration-day](http://riveredgenaturecenter.org/event/outdoor-adventure-and-exploration-day) or call (262) 375-2715.

Riveredge is at 4458 Hwy. Y.

## Drug collection to be held on Oct. 26

The Ozaukee and Washington County drive-through prescription drug take-back day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

Collections will be held at the Ozaukee County Transit Center, 741 W. Oakland Ave., Port Washington; Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr., Mequon; and the Washington County Highway Department, 900 Lang St., West Bend.

The items accepted must be generated by a household, not a business.

Controlled and uncontrolled prescription and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, inhalers, non-aerosol sprays, creams, vape cartridges and devices

with batteries removed, vials and pet medications will be accepted.

Liquids will be accepted. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging.

Items that will not be accepted include illegal drugs, needles and sharps, mercury thermometers, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials — anything containing a bodily fluid or blood — flares, personal care products, household hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, chemicals, oil or gas, acids or any vape devices containing batteries.

The event provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of unused or expired medicine.

They should never be flushed or poured

down the drain because wastewater plants are not designed to remove all of these medications and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes.

Permanent drop boxes for year-round prescription medication disposal are available during regular office hours at police departments throughout Ozaukee and Washington counties. To find a location, visit <http://doseofrealitywi.gov/find-a-take-back-location>.

The event is sponsored by the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department, Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, Sirona Recovery, Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy and Washington County Sheriff's Office.



The Cover Story

Performances are at Grafton and Milwaukee Vineyards

Experiment calls for a stiff drink ... for the garlic, not the gardener

By Erin Schanen

I planted garlic last weekend, but first I gave it a stiff drink.

It wasn't meant as a last hurrah for the cloves before they were plunged into the soil. Rather, it was all part of yet another garden experiment.

Of all the crops I grow, garlic has to be up there on the return on investment, especially if you factor in the time it takes to pick through garlic bulbs at the grocery store looking for the perfect one.

And it's dead easy to grow. Whereas other crops need frequent tending to prune, harvest as fruit ripens and protect from assaults from insect pests, garlic needs none of this attention.



THE IMPATIENT GARDENER

So you might wonder why I went out of my way to complicate an otherwise very easy planting process just to give my seed garlic a vodka martini.

Because it might grow better.

Garlic is so easy to plant that I was willing to add a few steps to see if it made enough of a difference to bother with.

The basic version of garlic planting is about as simple as it gets. Start with seed garlic meant for planting (not garlic from the grocery store, since it may not be a variety that is cold tolerant or may be treated with a chemical to discourage sprouting) or bulbs you've harvested in the previous year's crop. There are two kinds of garlic — hard neck and soft neck — and the more hardy hard neck varieties are a better bet to grow in Wisconsin.

I only grow the variety 'Music' because it produces very large, easy to peel cloves that have a good flavor that is not too overpowering.

Right before planting — typically mid-October to early November — break the bulbs apart into individual cloves, choosing only large cloves to plant. Garlic is a heavy feeder, so prepare the soil with compost and some high-nitrogen fertilizer. A well-draining soil is best.

Then plant the cloves pointy end up about 3 to 4 inches deep and 5 to 6 inches apart. Water them lightly, then mulch with straw or leaves and forget about them until spring.

Here's where my experiment, which I did on half my seed garlic, comes in. Some garlic growers swear by a fertilization soak before planting, so I followed the directions from Keene Garlic, a Madison-based garlic supplier, and started with a 10-minute sterilization soak. Although Keene offers multiple sterilization solutions, I chose the cheap vodka method because it seemed easiest. I left the spendy Tito's in the liquor cabinet and opted for something in a plastic bottle from the gas station.

Then I soaked the cloves in a mixture of fertilizer (I used a fish and seaweed fertilizer) with one teaspoon of baking soda per gallon of fertilizer mixture for about three hours, although up to a day would have been fine. Then I planted like usual.

I'll have to wait until July to find out the results of my side-by-side comparison, but if the fertilization soak produces noticeably larger garlic bulbs, a toast will be called for. I'll bring out the good stuff and save the gas station vodka for the garlic.

Erin Schanen lives and gardens in the Town of Belgium. She is the author of the blog The Impatient Gardener.

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moved services to 4:30 p.m. That gave Wessel a chance to attend Grafton's morning service and head south for the afternoon one.

The change started on Sunday. Wessel was looking forward to reconnecting with his Grafton parishioners.

"I'm excited to see the faces I haven't seen in a while. It's neat to be in this space again," he said.

As worship leader, Wessel leads the music at both churches. He plays guitar and sings, and he can play bass, banjo, piano and saxophone.

Now 50, Wessel said he realizes "this is a young person's gig" usually pursued by people in their 20s and 30s.

"God pointed me to training young worship leaders," he said. "To find the gifts they've been gifted and use them in leadership, use them with humility."

That, he said, is a learned behavior.

"You have to have an awareness of your ego and how it affects you and your approach to people and music. It's not about you and your position as a musician; it's about God," Wessel said.

Vineyard churches were among the first to adopt contemporary Christian music, Wessel said, as well as the "come as you are" approach.

"You don't have to become someone else to come. You could come in your blue jeans and cargo shorts and you'd be accepted," Wessel said.

Wessel grew up in Mequon in the Assemblies of God denomination and developed a passion for music. Neither of his parents played, but he said his mother was a great lullaby singer who always had Christian music playing on the radio.

Wessel can play by ear and he is self-taught on guitar. He wanted a "fancy guitar with a curly maple top" when he was in high school. His father was a woodworker, and the two built one, which later sparked a business idea for Wessel.

"It was good enough to make me think the next one would be better," Wessel said.

He played saxophone at Homestead High and attended Evangelical University in Springfield, Mo., to study sacred music in hopes of becoming a worship pastor.

"I grew up in a church as a teacher and a young adult. I felt like God was giving me a purpose for using music to help experience God," he said.

His first gig was as a youth pastor in Pennsylvania.

"It was the hardest thing I ever did," he said.

The kids were great, but it was managing the parents' expectations that made the job complicated.

"The biggest need they have is to feel loved and heard," Wessel said of youth.

He wanted to return home, and one day his wife Heather, who was raised in nondenominational churches, was shopping in Cedarburg when she parked



GREG WESSEL HAS been a worship leader for a couple of decades and can play multiple instruments. Photo by Sam Arendt

near a Vineyard Church.

"We found the Vineyard and it felt like home as soon as we stepped in the door," Wessel said.

"They found out I was a worship leader and soon they put me to work. I'm more than OK with how that turned out."

The Cedarburg church moved to its a current facility constructed in Grafton in 2008. The church was built on top of a hill on Highway V offering scenic views.

It also has its own coffee shop — the java is free after the service — to promote further fellowship.

"It's kind of a place so people wouldn't feel rushed out after church," Wessel said while sitting at one of its tables.

"It's a place people can talk and share their lives with each other."

The congregation had grown from 50 people to 200 when Wessel left in 2017.

When Wessel started the Milwaukee church, he also started a business making guitars and amplifiers. Making the musical tools was fun, but being a business owner was not, Wessel said, and he stopped the business a few years later. He still builds guitars and amps, but now it's for family and friends.

He also plays guitar and sings in an indie rock band called Juneautown. Rehearsals are at Glenn Walters' garage in a Port Washington neighborhood "where they like to hear the music," Wessel said. The band knocks off around 9 p.m.

Wessel writes most of the band's songs, as well as some of the music for worship. He also likes to use songs written by other Vineyard worship leaders. It's the type of music played on the Christian radio station K-Love, he said.

One of Wessel's two daughters is following in his footsteps. His 21-year-old is studying music education at Campbellsville University, a Christian college in Kentucky, and is a worship leader at a Vineyard church there.

His 17-year-old, a senior at Living Word Lutheran in Jackson, plays bass guitar, volleyball and wants to go into law.

His wife, whose mother was a music teacher, teaches first grade at Milwaukee Public Schools. She had been a children's pastor years ago.

"She really has a heart for ministry," Wessel said. "By default she gets roped into music sometimes."

His Grafton church is pleased that Wessel has returned.

"Greg was always a favorite of our congregation, and we are pleased to have him back," lead Pastor Pat Mulcahy said.



THE WARM WELCOME Greg Wessel and his family received at Vineyard Church told them that's where their spiritual home should be Photo by Sam Arendt



# Keep the chill out of the air with casseroles

■ *Satisfying one-pan dishes are easy to make and bake on a cool autumn day and are perfect for freezing*

As the crisp autumn air takes over, casseroles provide a simple way to warm families while offering a tasty meal. While they are typically made for dinner, breakfast casseroles add a warm touch to the early part of the day. Typically made with meat, vegetables and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, bound with sauce or soup and topped with crumbs or cheese, casseroles take little time to whip up and warm not just the body but the soul with their tantalizing aroma. You can easily vary the flavor by changing one or two ingredients. Instead of beef, use chicken. If you have broccoli but not carrots, use the broccoli. Vary the starch between pasta, rice and potatoes. To promote even cooking, cut the ingredients to about the same size. To add flavor and seal in juices, brown the meat or chicken. Make sure to coat the meat in flour just before cooking.



If you coat it too early, the moisture in the meat can absorb the flour, spoiling the texture of the casserole. Add the vegetables, liquids and herbs after the meat is browned. Only fill your casserole dish about three-quarters full, otherwise the liquid may overflow. Most casseroles are baked in a 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes. Many casseroles are covered initially, then uncovered for the last 20 minutes or so to create a crusty, browned top layer. If you're making one casserole, think about making a second and freezing it for a later date. Casseroles can be frozen cooked or uncooked in its baking dish. Place the casserole ingredients in the dish and freeze it. Once frozen, use the foil to lift the casserole out of the dish. Cover the casserole with the overhanging foil, then place it in a heavy-duty freezer bag and seal. When you want to bake it, place the casserole in its original dish and allow to thaw in the refrigerator or bake it frozen, doubling the amount of time in the oven. Following are some casserole recipes from spendwithpennies.com.

## EASY CHICKEN ROLL UPS

- 10.5 ounces condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1-1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1-1/2 cups cooked shredded chicken
- 2 cups broccoli florets or asparagus, steamed

### DIRECTIONS

Combine soup, milk, broth, flour, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Pour into the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Separate crescent roll triangles. Spread cheddar cheese, chicken and broccoli over the crescent rolls. Roll each crescent roll and place in the pan. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 25 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and bake an additional five to 10 minutes. Rest five minutes before serving.

## TATER TOT CASSEROLE

- 32 ounces Tater Tots
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 small onion diced
- 2 cups mixed vegetables fresh or frozen
- 10.5 ounces condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- Salt
- Black pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

### DIRECTIONS

Brown ground beef and onion over medium heat until no pink remains. Drain any fat. In a bowl, mix together soup, milk, garlic powder, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Set aside. Place half the Tater Tots into a greased four-quart slow cooker. Layer beef, mixed vegetables, remaining tater tots and cheese over the top. Pour sauce over top, cover and cook on high three to four hours or on low seven hours, until heated through.

## CHICKEN PARMESAN CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces rotini or penne
- 24 ounces marinara sauce or pasta sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 cups cooked shredded or chopped chicken
- 14-1/2 ounces canned diced tomatoes, well drained, optional
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- For topping:*
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/3 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

### DIRECTIONS

Mix topping ingredients together, then set aside. Cook pasta until al dente according to package directions. Toss with two cups pasta sauce, Italian seasoning, chicken, diced tomatoes and parsley. Place in a 9-by-9-inch dish or two-quart casserole dish and top with remaining pasta sauce. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and topping mixture. Bake in a 375-degree oven 23 to 25 minutes, until golden and bubbly and topping is browned.

## REUBEN CASSEROLE

- 8 to 10 slices rye bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard or grainy mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds, optional
- 8 ounces corned beef diced
- 1 cup sauerkraut, drained
- 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- For serving:*
- 1/2 cup thousand island dressing
- 1/2 cup chopped dill pickles

### DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, whisk butter, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder and caraway seeds. In a large bowl, drizzle butter mixture over the bread cubes, tossing to combine. Place half the bread cubes in a greased 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. Top with half the corned beef, half the sauerkraut and half of the cheese. Repeat the layers, ending with cheese. Cover casserole and bake in a 375-degree oven for 25 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 15 minutes, until browned. Drizzle with thousand island and top with chopped pickles.



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# Partying at Pepi's Playground



Pepi's Playground Dog Park in Belgium is where the party was on a blustery Saturday, Oct. 6. Among those attending the second annual Pepi's Pet Party was a princess named Ariel, who was a costume contest winner, and her owner Melisa Creekpau (top right). Jax and Olivia Federspiel checked out some of the raffle prizes (right) and therapy dogs Grace and her little buddy Joy hung out together (above). In addition to a costume contest, the event included pet photos, treats for both dogs and people and a pet blessing. The three-acre, fenced dog park is in the Belgium industrial park at 807 Silver Beach Rd. It is named for the dog of Julaine Demge, who provided the land for the park.

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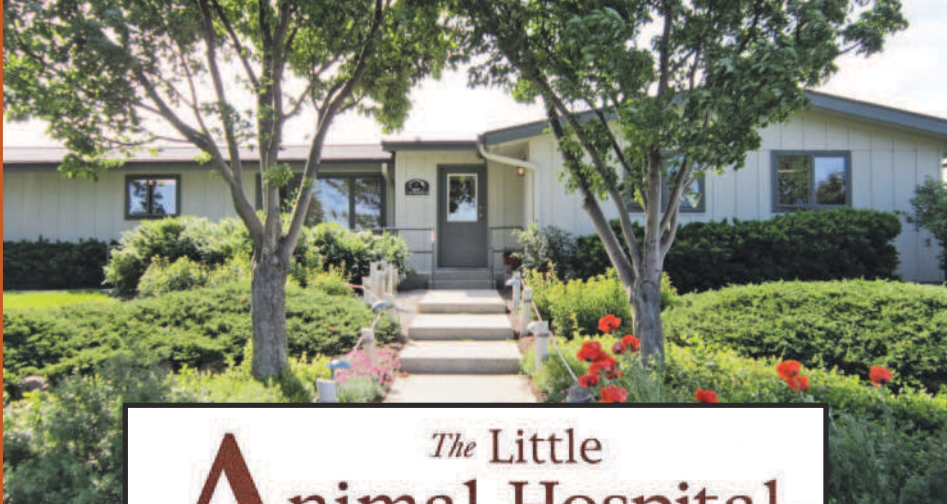
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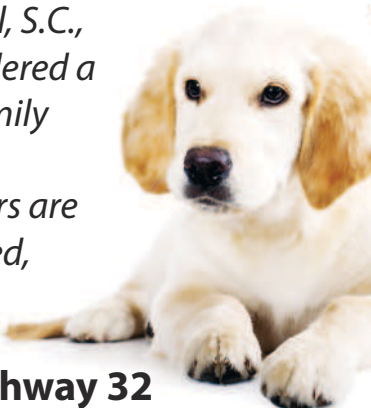
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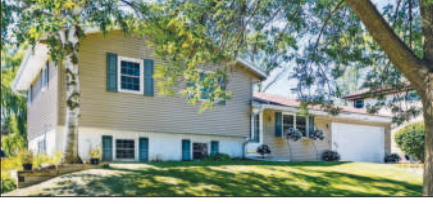
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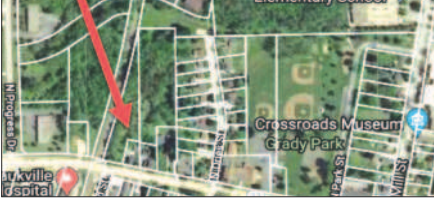
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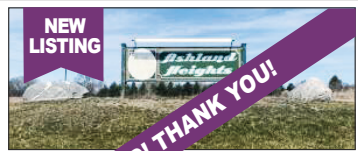
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**1122 9th Ave., Grafton**  
3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1,568 Sq.Ft **\$319,000**

**SOLD**



**1969 Cold Springs Rd., Saukville**  
3 BR, 2 BA, 2,141 Sq.Ft., 10 acres **\$525,000**

**NEW PRICE**



**948 N. Green Bay Rd., Grafton**  
4 BR, 2 BA **\$535,000**

**SOLD**



**2877 Cty. Rd. Y, Saukville**  
3 BR, 2 BA, 2,304 Sq.Ft., 8.92 acres. **\$525,000**

**SOLD**



**10425 W. Hawthorne Rd., Mequon**  
5 BR, 5.5 BA, 8,810 Sq.Ft., 5 acres **\$1,789,000**

**SOLD**



**3214 Cty. Rd. W, Saukville**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,360 Sq. Ft., 18 acres. **\$860,000**

**SOLD**



**1338 Midland Ave., Kewaskum**  
4 BR, 2 BA, 1,946 Sq.Ft. **\$340,000**

**SOLD**



**11801 W. Bonniwell Rd., Mequon**  
4 BR, 5.5 BA, 7,155 Sq.Ft., 30+ acres **\$2,688,183**

**SOLD**



**12037 W. Bonniwell Rd. Mequon**  
5 BD, 5 BA, 8,711 Sq.Ft., 29.58 acres **\$3,400,000**

**SOLD**



**405 Lake Dr., Random Lake**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,866 Sq.Ft. **\$900,000**

**SOLD**



**W78N401 Ridgeway Ln, Cedarburg**  
3 BR, 2 BA split ranch **\$799,000**

**SOLD**



**515 Greisch Ct., Port Washington**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 3,300 sq.ft. ranch **\$580,000**

**SOLD**



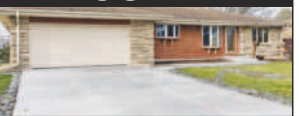
**932 Garnet Ln. Port Washington**  
**\$500,000**

**SOLD**



**6576-6577 Silver Beach N, Belgium**  
5 BR, 2 BA, 2,681 Sq.Ft., 2.82 acres **\$1,300,000**

**SOLD**



**1112 Sunset Ct., Grafton**  
3 BR, 2 BA, 2,384 Sq.Ft., 0.3 acres **\$499,000**

**SOLD**



**13030 N. Wasauke Rd., Mequon**  
4 BR, 2 BA, 2,664 Sq.Ft., 54.86 acres **\$2,400,000**



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NEW LISTING



210 S. ORCHARD ST.,  
THIENSVILLE

3 BR, 2 BA, LR w/vaulted ceilings, updated windows, new carpet & pad. Dining area & KIT w/new vinyl plank flooring, patio doors to backyard. New water heater, new vinyl siding on west portion of the house, fully remodeled BA's & more! **\$472,500**

NEW PRICE



290 N. SWEETWATER BLVD.,  
PORT WASHINGTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA, MOVE IN ready! DR & LR with awesome Lam/Wood floors & GFP. Huge working eat-in KIT w/SS appliances & flush snack island, dining area w/patio doors to deck. 1st floor laundry, 6 panel doors. Spacious master w/walk-in closet & private BA. 3 more BR's w/large closets & family BA. 1801 sq.ft. **\$424,900**

NEW LISTING



206 W. MONROE ST.,  
PORT WASHINGTON

3 BR, 1.5 BA, open LR & DR w/refinished HWF, working eat-in KIT w/all appliances, spacious FR with NFP, huge BR's w/large closets & HWF. LL rec room. Water Heater 2020, Furnace 2020, updated 1/2 bath on main w/storage. **\$325,000**

NEW LISTING



3601 N. 98TH ST.,  
MILWAUKEE

4 BR, 1.5 BA, KIT w/granite tops, SS appl., eat-in area & spice cabinets. Finished basement w/dry bar, small ref. & carpeted. Fenced in backyard, nicely landscaped. Updates: 2023 furnace, 2020 A/C, added sump pump 2018. **\$275,000**

NEW LISTING



1313 VILLA PARK DR.,  
WEST BEND

4 BR, 3 BA, massive GR w/vaulted ceilings, huge eat-in KIT w/snack bar & bonus work island, large dining area. LL rec room w/pool table & GFP. Roof tear off 2014, Water Heater 2021, Furnace 2023, Water Softener 2018, newer carpeting. **\$389,900**

NEW LISTING



1966 BLUE SPRUCE CT.,  
THIENSVILLE

3 BR, 2 BA condo, open concept w/vaulted ceilings. Massive KIT w/SS appl. & walk-in pantry. LR w/GFP w/patio doors to private patio, spacious dining area, master BR w/private BA & walk-in closet. Main level laundry. **\$459,900**

NEW LISTING



4151 W. CHERRYWOOD LN.,  
BROWN DEER

2 BR, 1.5 BA south facing end unit condo. Spacious LR w/new carpet & paint, working KIT w/fresh paint & appliances, large dining area w/slider doors to rear fenced patio. LL rec. room, huge laundry room w/washer & dryer included. **\$112,324**

NEW LISTING



1561 GLORIA LN.,  
GRAFTON

4 BR, 1.5 BA on .82 acres with partial exposure, redwood siding (Per Seller) & brick. Slate tile foyer, huge LR w/large window, Eat-in KIT w/updated lam. floors, all appliances included. All BR's with HWF. Roof updated w/tear off 2012, LL family room w/wood burner, full size window & access to patio. **\$399,900**

NEW LISTING



4509 W. PLEASANT VALLEY RD.,  
CEDARBURG

3 BR, 1.5 BA on 3.13 acres w/Mole Creek frontage. New roof 2019 tear off & gutter guards, new furnace & A/C 2018. Large working KIT w/appliances. 3 BR up w/large closets & full BA. LL FR w/GFP, patio doors to deck. **\$399,900**

NEW LISTING



828 KOHLWEY DR.,  
GRAFTON

3 BR, 2 BA, pitched ceilings in foyer, LR, KIT/dining area. Open split ranch, huge KIT w/island, granite or equivalent, crown, staggered cabinets & punch out dining area. Spacious master BR w/tray ceilings, massive walk-in closet & private master BA. 2 more large BR & full family bath. **\$579,990**

NEW LISTING



804 KOHLWEY DR.,  
GRAFTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA, w/massive open concept living/dining area & KIT + 9 ft. ceilings. Huge working KIT w/snack island & walk-in pantry. Bonus office & laundry room. Upper has large master w/walk in closet & private BA & 3 more BR w/large closets & full BA. **\$579,990**

NEW LISTING



240 MULLBERRY LN.,  
GRAFTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA, massive open LR w/GFP, huge KIT w/large dining area, snack island & walk-in pantry, 1st floor mud/laundry room. Upper has large master BR w/huge walk-in closet w/transom window & master BA, 3 more BR w/spacious closets & full BA. **\$589,990**

NEW PRICE



156 SPRING ST. 2,  
BELGIUM

Maintenance free 3 BR, 1.5 BA, large LR w/bow window, eat-in KIT w/patio door to private patio, breakfast bar, built-in pantry, 1st floor 1/2 BA, open bannister to upper 3 BR & full BA, each w/own closets. Full basement, new hot water heater 5/2024, 2 car attached garage, newer roof 2017, manicured yard. **\$244,850**

NEW PRICE



2183 PINE RIDGE CT.,  
GRAFTON

3 BR, 2 BA, fully updated, open concept KIT w/granite counters, black SS appl. & snack bar, dining area w/vaulted ceilings, huge LR w/vaulted ceilings & GFP. Primary BR w/walk-in closet & private BA, 2nd BR has private BA. 1st floor utility w/washer & dryer. **\$299,900**

ACCEPTED OFFER



232 MULLBERRY LN.,  
GRAFTON

3 BR, 2 BA, open concept w/10 ft. ceilings in LR w/GFP, flex room w/patio door to private patio, breakfast bar, built-in pantry, 1st floor island w/sink, walk-in pantry + dinette with patio doors to rear yard. Master w/tray ceilings & spacious walk-in closet, mud/laundry room main w/lockers! **\$594,990**

ACCEPTED OFFER



220 MULLBERRY LN.,  
GRAFTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA, open concept w/massive LR w/GFP, large working KIT w/walk-in pantry, dinette area w/patio doors to rear yard. 1st floor 9 ft. ceilings + laundry w/lockers on main. Upper master w/tray ceilings w/pr. master BA. Home offer tons of storage. LL has egress window sliders. **\$564,990**

ACCEPTED OFFER



783 HUMMINGBIRD CT.,  
GRAFTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA, open concept w/1st floor 9 ft ceilings, huge LR w/boared ceilings & GFP, massive KIT w/island, pantry & dining area with patio sliders to rear yard. Main level office w/Fr. doors, 1st floor mud and laundry, main level master w/tray ceilings, walk-in closet & private BA. 3 huge BR upper level w/full BA. **\$689,990**

ACCEPTED OFFER



264 MULLBERRY LN.,  
GRAFTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA, open concept w/towering GR w/tons of windows & GFP, massive eat-in KIT w/snack island & walk-in pantry, mail level master w/large windows, walk-in closet & private master BA. Bonus Flex room on main, 1st floor laundry and mud area. **\$649,990**

ACCEPTED OFFER



1654 NEW PORT VISTA DR.,  
PORT WASHINGTON

1st floor condo, 3 BR, 3 BA, lower finished + a patio & deck! Lots of newer LVP flooring on main, newer appl., new furnace & A/C. Open concept LR w/GFP & dining area. Large working KIT facing liv/dining area, SS appl. & flush snack island. 1st floor laundry, large master w/walk-in closet & private BA. LL FR w/wet bar. **\$349,900**

SOLD



3965 BLUE GOOSE RD.,  
SAUKVILLE

4 BR, 3 BA on 7.68 acres, split BR design, GR w/12ft ceilings, full wall field stone FP, great KIT w/SS appl., pantry & breakfast bar. Private ensuite, walk-in closet & jacuzzi. 1st floor laundry, HWF throughout, LL w/bar & GFP. Pole building w/concrete floor, electric, horse stalls and fencing. **\$799,000**

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LOT 120 - \$99,000  
LOT 121 - \$99,000

ACCEPTED OFFER



1011 CANDLEBERRY LN.,  
GRAFTON

3 BR, 2 BA, open concept w/huge LR w/10 ft. ceilings & GFP, dining area w/patio doors to rear yard. KIT w/flush island & walk-in pantry. Master BR w/tray ceilings, huge walk-in closets & master BA with access to laundry room. Two other BR's & family BA. Bonus Flex Room & Laundry on Main. **\$629,990**

ACCEPTED OFFER

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**5.1 Acres**  
**Village of Grafton Development Land**  
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Future Zoning to include possible retail/condo/multi-family. Broker owned.  
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**1606 EDGEWATER CT. GRAFTON**  
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**1601-1603 WISCONSIN AVE GRAFTON**  
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**\$219,900**

SOLD



**1609 SPRUCE ST. GRAFTON**  
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