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Cedarburg electronics recycling event is Saturday

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Cedarburg electronics recycling event is Saturday

CEDARBURG — The Cedarburg Light & Water Utility will host a community appliance and electronic recycling event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Firemen's Park, W65N796 Washington Ave. All Ozaukee County residents are invited to attend.

There is no cost to dispose of computers, laptops, printers, scanners, DVD or VCR players, DVRs, cell phone, keyboards, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, microwaves, washers and dryers, stoves, dishwashers, water heaters, car batteries, gas grills, all wiring and cords, speakers, lawn mowers and snow blowers. Oil and gas must be removed from outdoor equipment before drop-off.

There is a \$35 disposal fee for all TVs and a \$10 fee for all computer and all-in-one monitors. Payments must be made in cash. Dell Reconnect is a free computer recycling program and works with Goodwill Industries. To learn more, go to dellreconnect.com.

A future electronics recycling event is planned for Sept. 23.

For more information, go to cedarburglightandwater.org.



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Columbus city exec returns to old job

Ellefson takes position in Johnson Creek

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JOHNSON CREEK — Columbus City Administrator Kyle Ellefson has accepted a new position and will become the administrator in the village of Johnson Creek.

Ellefson will begin his position as the village administrator on June 5. He previously held the position from 2016 until 2020. He had previously been the administrator for the city of Kewaunee as well.



Ellefson

Ellefson said that he enjoyed his time in Columbus.

“I think as a city we’ve accomplished a lot of things over past few years and really set the stage for continued improvements moving forward by establishing realistic goals and tying a variety of information together with funding commitments so we have more than a list of projects, we have a truly achievable plan,” Ellefson said. “I am excited to see these plans come to life so Columbus can start crossing more things off the list of needs we see throughout the community.”

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Ellefson said he came to Columbus from Johnson Creek in 2020 and found out by coincidence that they had the village administrator position open.

“After some discussion and thinking about the opportunity to work on their upcoming utility projects, new streets, residential and commercial developments, it really intrigued me,” Ellefson said. “I think this will be a great challenge

and opportunity.”

According to an email from Village Board President John Swisher, Ellefson brings excellent credentials. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia University of Wisconsin in the administration of criminal justice, as well as a master’s degree in public administration from UW-Oshkosh. Ellefson has also been designated as a credentialed manager by the International City-County Manager’s Association, which is in recognition of his education, experience, adher-

ence to high standards of integrity, and an assessed commitment to lifelong learning and professional development.

“The Village Board is very excited to have someone with Kyle’s experience and professionalism join us,” said Swisher. “We’ve made progress on several really important issues recently, but having Kyle on board gives us someone we can rely on to help the board accomplish our goals as we work on developments in the village, upcoming public works projects, utility

needs and improvements, and budget challenges.”

Ellefson and his wife, Tina, have three children and have been married for more than 24 years. Some of Ellefson’s activities include being a member of the Wisconsin City-County Management Association, a board member of the Columbus Area Endowment and a Rotary International member, and participating in FFA Alumni activities.

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Students who earned a place in the Top 10% paused for a photo following the ceremony. Displaying their certificates are, front row from left, Skyler Fox, Mikaela Luedtke, Chloe Zmek, Sam Warner, and back row, Griffin Stiemke, Miles McCanles, Gaige Marien, Tyler Beitler, Gabe Smith, Lauren Piper and Elise Gregersen. —Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW

Pines awards over \$300,000 in scholarships

Northland Pines High School (NPHS) held its Senior Scholarship and Awards program for the Class of 2023 May 1 in the school's auditorium.

Local and state scholarships totaling \$300,233 were presented to graduating seniors. This amount does not include individual scholarships students will receive from the university or college they will attend.

A list of the awards, recipients, amounts (where applicable) and presenters is shown in the order of the program as follows:

Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (WHEAB) Academic Excellence: Gabe Smith, \$9,000; presented by Dan Marien.

WHEAB Technical Excellence: Brandon Bacon, \$6,750; presented by Marien.

Mariane: Scholastic Excellence Award, Lauren Piper; Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence, Shawn Miller; Distinguished Athlete Award, Miles McCanles; presented by GYSgt Dallas Pinch.

Northland Pines Youth Football and Cheerleaders: Miles McCanles, \$750; presented by Donna Cox and Jake Weinand.

Community UCC Thrift Shop in St. Germain: Camryn Cox, Mikaela Luedtke, Gaige Marien and Owen Will, \$1,000 each; presented by Bob Krarup.

Eagle River Lions Club: Badger Boys State, William Rozga, \$400; Technical Program, Brandon Bacon, \$1,000; University, Greta Liermann and Hadley Olivotti, \$2,000 each; presented by Josie Silber.

Vilas County Lakes & Rivers Association: Lauren Malanche and Sophia Simac, \$500 each; presented by Susan Knight.

American Legion: Badger Boys

State, Nolan Warner, \$400; Scholar, Gaige Marien; Art, Chloe Zmek; Music, Elise Gregersen; Athlete, Miles McCanles; Americanism, Samuel Warner; presented by James and Marian Lynn.

Vilas County Tavern League: Alyssa Imse, Logan Kramvogel, Lauren Malanche and Sophia Simac, \$1,000 each; presented by Dan Ullsperger.

Plum Lake Women's Club: Bowen Minx and Nevaeh Durski, \$500 each; presented by Ryan Tienhaara.

Forward Bank: Griffin Stiemke, \$500; presented by Larry Snedden and Jake Weinand.

St. Germain Women's Service Club: Brandon Bacon, Arthur Gloss, Elise Gregersen, Paige Hodkiewicz and Gabriel Smith, \$1,000 each; presented by Cookie Lough.

Nicolet College Foundation: Randy J. Hoeger Memorial, Bowen Minx, \$1,400; Brady Frisque, \$1,400; Vern Kohlbeck Memorial, Bowen Minx, \$2,000; Master Pipefitter Bill Kopke, Brady Frisque, \$500; Bob Martini Environmental Stewardship Award, Lauren Malanche, \$500; St. Mathias Thrift Shop, Madi Meisenburg, \$2,000; Trinka Weber Rogers VFW, Megan Franke, \$1,333; Nancy Smith Boone Nursing, Skyler Fox, \$400; presented by Leslie Lukas.

Conover Lions Club: Badger Boys State, Kevin Schaars, \$400; In Memory of "Bud" and Kathryn Reed, Hadley Olivotti and Luke Wessel, \$1,000; presented by Erica Lane.

Eva Schmidt Memorial, Eagle Chapter #218, Order of the Eastern Star: Sabrina Carlson, \$1,000; presented by Sylvia McDonald and Carl Wussow.

Sam Larsen Memorial: Miles

McCanles, Madi Meisenburg, and Griffin Stiemke, \$500 each; presented by Len and Pam Larsen.

Rippe Credit Union: Hadley Olivotti, \$1,000; presented by Diane Sowinski.

Eleanor Royal Scholarship, \$1,000 Renewable: Arthur Gloss, \$4,000; presented by Jen Payne.

Artarama: Lauren Piper and Emma Perry, \$1,000 each; presented by Jen Payne.

"Our Angel" Berkle Strong: Hadley Olivotti, \$2,500; presented by Lindsey Riedel and Jared Adamovich.

Dunnic and Roselyn Richter Technical/Trade: Marissa Brasell, Skyler Fox, Megan Franke, Madi Meisenburg and Emily Rotter-Douangmala, \$2,000 each; presented by Emily Klessig.

Nicolet National Bank: Griffin Stiemke, \$500; presented by Hunter Berwig and Alley Meier.

Medford Cooperative, Inc.: Gabriel Smith, \$750; presented by Tom Gallistel.

Sayner/St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club: Sophia Simac, \$2,000; Dr. Gene Likens, Tyler Beitler, \$2,000; presented by Bob Shell.

Eagle River Light and Water Customer-Shared Strength Through WPPI Energy: Sabrina Carlson, \$1,000; presented by Mike Sanborn.

Masonic Foundation/Eagle River Lodge #248: MaryKate Kuskick, Mikaela Luedtke and Gaige Marien, \$500 each; presented by Albert Rousseau and Ken Krivich.

Ken Kazda Memorial: Brandon Bacon, \$500; presented by Chris Petreikis.

Eagle River Rotary Club: MaryKate Kuskick, \$1,000; Nicolet College, Megan Franke, \$1,000; presented by Martha Geiseman.

Land O' Lakes Elementary PTA: Michael Williams, \$1,000; presented by Chris Petreikis.

Peoples State Bank: Alyssa Karns, \$500; presented by Chris Petreikis.

Eagle River Rotary Club: MaryKate Kuskick, \$1,000; Nicolet College, Megan Franke, \$1,000; presented by Martha Geiseman.

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA): Evelyn Strong, \$1,000; presented by Ryan Tienhaara.

Land O' Lakes Fish and Game Senior Environmental, \$1,000 Renewable: Sophia Simac, \$4,000; presented by Ryan Tienhaara.

Eagle River Chain of Lakes Assoc. (ERCLA): Sophia Simac, \$1,500; presented by Marc Groth.

Nick Parins Memorial: Emma Perry, \$500; presented by Scott Foster.

Plum Lake Lions Club: Arthur Gloss, \$1,000; Brandon Bacon, \$500; presented by Nancy McGee and Debbie Seeger.

Northland Pines Music Boosters: Elise Gregersen and Shawn Miller, \$1,000 each; presented by Kim Lewandowski and Erica Lane.

GNC Scholar Athletes: Camryn Cox, Logan Kramvogel, Gaige Marien, Miles McCanles, Gabe Smith, Griffin Stiemke, Samuel Warner and Krueger Williams; presented by Josh Tilley.

Erica Lane. Sayner Star Lake Lions Club: Nevaeh Durski and Arthur Gloss, \$1,500 each; presented by Debbie Seeger.

Pepsi: Lauren Piper and Michael Williams, \$500 each; presented by Jen Payne.

Lower Nine Mile Lake Association: Lauren Malanche, \$500; presented by Jen Payne.

Northern Horizon: Jack Givok, \$80,000; presented by Scott Foster.

American Citizenship, Student Council, two years or more: Greta Liermann, Gaige Marien, Miles McCanles and Lauren Piper; presented by Jen Payne.

St. Germain Northwoods Lions Club: Sophia Simac and Mikaela Luedtke, \$1,000 each; presented by Jen Payne.

Isaac Tessier Memorial: Madi Meisenburg, \$500; presented by Stephanie Grassl.

St. Germain Northwoods Lions Club: Sophia Simac and Mikaela Luedtke, \$1,000 each; presented by Jen Payne.

St. Germain Elementary PTO: Arthur Gloss, Paige Hodkiewicz and Gabriel Smith, \$500 each; presented by Sade Seeger.

Steven R. Koskelin Memorial: Alyssa Imse, Samuel Warner and Camryn Cox, \$500 each; presented by Sade Seeger.

Secret Chocolate Society (SCS): Emma Perry and Sophia Simac, \$500 each; presented by Amanda Chaloupka.

Northland Pines Community Foundation: Alyssa Karns and Ryan Muench, \$1,000 each; presented by Jim Mulleady.

Peter Kable Memorial Trap, sponsored by Boulder Junction Shooting Range, Inc.: Brandon Bacon, \$2,000; presented by Scott Foster.

Eagle River, Chamber Business: Griffin Stiemke, \$500; presented by Chris Petreikis.

Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Cranberry Fest: Evelyn Strong and Michael Williams, \$500 each; presented by Chris Petreikis.

Roger and Mary Pukall Memorial: Megan Franke, \$1,000; presented by Sade Seeger.

Karen Reed: Brandon Bacon, Nevaeh Durski, Lauren Piper, Gabriel Smith, Griffin Stiemke and Owen Will, Krueger "Mac" Williams, \$1,500 each; presented by Karen Reed.

Walter S. Mehr Memorial: Camryn Cox, Logan Kramvogel, Madi Meisenburg, Cassidy Sternhagen and Sam Warner, \$1,000 each; presented by Dale Mehr.

John Mark Price Memorial: Arthur Gloss, Olesya Gapotchenko and Sabrina Carlson, \$1,000 each; presented by Dale Mehr.

St. Germain Lions Club: Elise Gregersen, Paige Hodkiewicz, Sophia Simac and Gabriel Smith, \$1,000 each; presented by Fred Radtke and Eric Eade.

Ken Liesegang, class of 1971: Lauren Piper, \$2,000; presented by Lisann Snedden.

WIRSA Senior Teacher: Madi Meisenburg, \$750; presented by Scott Foster.

GNC Scholar Athletes: Camryn Cox, Logan Kramvogel, Gaige Marien, Miles McCanles, Gabe Smith, Griffin Stiemke, Samuel Warner and Krueger Williams; presented by Josh Tilley.

Robert W. Martinson Sr. Memorial, Conover Fire Department: Michael Williams, \$500; presented by Ryan Tienhaara.

Parson's of Eagle River Automotive: Bowen Minx, \$1,000; presented by Ryan Tienhaara.

Student Council: Greta Liermann, Gaige Marien, \$500 each; presented by Erica Lane.

Schillerman Bus Service of Eagle River: Michael Williams, \$500; presented by Erica Lane.

Isaac Tessier Memorial: Madi Meisenburg, \$500; presented by Stephanie Grassl.

St. Germain Northwoods Lions Club: Sophia Simac and Mikaela Luedtke, \$1,000 each; presented by Jen Payne.

Michael J. Obrodovich Memorial: Skyler Fox, \$2,000; presented by Jen Payne.

Eagle River Union/NP Athletic Hall of Fame: Paris Croker, Logan Kramvogel, Miles McCanles, Gabriel Smith and Cassidy Sternhagen, \$1,000 each; presented by Ken Kluever.

Northland Pines STEM: Hadley Olivotti, \$500; presented by Chris Petreikis.

Jacob A. Scheible Golf, Inc.: Logan Kramvogel, \$1,000; presented by Chris Petreikis.

R&S Winter Family Fund: Brandon Bacon and Nevaeh Durski, \$5,000 each; presented by Jen Payne.

Marian Pashok Hendrickson Memorial: Megan Franke, \$2,000; presented by Jen Payne.

National Honor Society: Mikaela Luedtke and Sophia Simac, \$500 each; presented by Jone Davis and Stephanie Grassl.

DeBeyer Memorial: Camryn Cox and Samuel Warner, \$1,500 each; presented by Amanda Chaloupka.

WIAA Student Athlete: Ryan Muench and Hadley Olivotti; presented by Josh Tilley.

Kelsey Kares: MaryKate Kuskick and Sophia Simac, \$250 each; presented by Lisann Snedden.

First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCC) members presented a number of awards, including Bird's Nest: Lauren Piper, Sophia Simac and Gaige Marien, \$8,000 each; Educational: Skyler Fox, \$1,000; Jinny Paterson: Michael Williams, \$1,500; Kranz: Olesya Gapotchenko, \$20,000; Kranz: Mac Williams and Miles McCanles, \$2,500 each; Roger Rieckman: Samuel Warner, \$1,000; all presented by Pastor Tim Shirley, Norma Yaeger and Susan Krivich.

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Foundation: Brandon Bacon, \$500; presented by Sade Seeger.

Top 10%: Tyler Beitler, Skyler Fox, Elise Gregersen, Mikaela Luedtke, Gaige Marien, Miles McCanles, Lauren Piper, Gabriel Smith, Griffin Stiemke, Samuel Warner and Chloe Zmek; presented by Dan Marien.



High school Principal Dan Marien closed the scholarship ceremony by offering his thanks to school board members, teachers and staff who took part in the presentation, as well as congratulating the many students who earned scholarships.



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FLAG INSTALLATION — Eagle River Light and Water staff were out the morning of May 12 to hang American flags on light posts throughout downtown Eagle River ahead of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. The flags

will hang throughout the summer and be taken down after Veterans Day in September. Eagle River Revitalization Program funds the flags each year.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



Water flushing set

Eagle River Light and Water Utility will perform an aggressive flushing of the city water system next week.

Starting Tuesday, May 23, hydrants on the south side of the bridge in Eagle River will be flushed beginning at 4 a.m. On Wednesday, May 24, hydrants on the north side of the bridge will be flushed, also beginning at 4 a.m.

Eagle River Light and Water Utility Manager Mike Sanborn highlighted that customer's water may be discolored, cloudy, or may also have a strong smell of chlorine as a result of flushing operations,

but it will still be safe to consume at all times. However, the organization recommends that customers fill water containers for drinking prior to when flushing begins.

“The water department has been working on the most convenient ways to accomplish this, with the least interruption to our customers,” said Sanborn. “This work is done to maintain the high quality of water that we provide and to ensure the proper operations for fire protection.”

For more information, contact **Eagle** River Light and Water Utility at 715-479-8121.

Utility food drive leads to over \$1,100 in monetary donations and 420 pounds of food

Florence Utilities, the community's locally owned, not-for-profit utility, held a successful food drive over the month of March. Ultimately, the utility raised over \$1,100 and brought in 420 pounds of food for St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul is one of the only sources of free and nutritious food for many people struggling with food insecurity in the area.

"We don't just work here in Florence, we live here too," said Roger Secrist, general manager of Florence Utilities. "We believe, along with the rest of this great community, that nobody deserves to be hungry. It was really inspiring to see so many people come through and make donations to help supplement the food pantry."

To encourage donations, Florence Utilities

held a drawing for the chance to win one of three \$100 VISA gift cards to anyone who made a donation. The winners of the drawing were Jason Carney, Brant Brolin, and Wayne Falk.

For questions about the food drive, contact Florence Utilities Energy Services Manager Jesse Roberts at jroberts@wppienergy.org.



Pictured (left to right): Florence Utilities Office Manager Kathy Wertanen, St. Vincent de Paul Representative Dorothy Vayda, and Florence Utilities General Manager Roger Secrist.



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**Florence Chamber
of Commerce**
Weekly Spotlight

Florence Utility Commission



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Florence Utility Commission is a municipally owned and operated electric, water, and natural gas utility, serving more than 1,800 customers in Florence, Wisconsin. We strive to provide low-cost, reliable service with a community-focused, personal touch. We are your friends and neighbors who share your values and understand your needs.

Florence Utility Commission was founded in 1898. While a lot has changed over the past century, the focus of the utility has not. Today, we still offer our customers some of the lowest electric rates in the area - rates significantly lower than those in territories that are served by most investor-owned utilities. And, since we live and work in the community, we provide reliable energy with superior customer service.

Florence Utility Commission also provides our

customers with clean, high-quality water that meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. Our water quality and capacity are monitored every day by well-trained system operators. Florence Utilities is dedicated to meeting our customers' needs while helping to make the community a better place to live and work. We are one of the country's 2,200 public power systems — a utility owned by the community it serves.

A three-member Utility Commission, appointed by the Town Board, decides how to operate Florence Utility Commission. This local representation and control allows all citizens to have a voice in how our utility can best meet the community's needs.

Call 715-528-3330 or visit the office at 501 Spring Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**MAY 2023
811 DIGGERS HOTLINE - FAQ**

Q: What is Diggers Hotline?

A: It is a free service that you use before you do any kind of digging to make sure you don't damage underground lines. Let them know at least three working days before you start digging and they will help you avoid causing damage to costly or dangerous buried lines.

Q: Will all of the lines be marked on my property?

A: Not necessarily. Diggers Hotline coordinates between excavators (such as a homeowner) and the owners of buried lines. It's up to the owners of the lines to mark the locations near your job site with paint and/or flags. Private lines, such as an electric line to a detached garage or other out-building or a line from a propane tank that may be on your property, are considered the responsibility of the landowner. A locating company can be hired to mark private lines. This site provides a list of Wisconsin locating companies: www.diggershotline.com/locators

Q: What are private lines and why don't they get marked?

A: Private lines are facilities that are owned by homeowners or private businesses and are contained fully on their property. Because these lines do not cross into the public right-of-way they are not required to be members of Diggers Hotline and will not be notified of locate requests. Examples of private lines include propane lines, sewer laterals, sprinkler systems, ornamental lighting and electric lines to a barn or garage.

Q: Do I have to call if I'm only using hand tools?

A: Yes, and it doesn't matter how deep you are digging. State law (Wisconsin Statute 182.0175) requires

notifying Diggers Hotline before you excavate, grade, trench, dig, drill, augur, tunnel, scrape, plow cable or pipe. Excavation, according to the law, means anything that moves, removes or displaces earth rock or other material in or on the ground.

Q: Why do they ask so many questions?

A: Many of the questions are required by Wisconsin state law and some questions are required by the underground line owners to help them accurately mark their lines at your job site. Here is a link to help prepare a list of required information prior to making the call: www.diggershotline.com/required-information

Q: I can't wait three working days. Can I get an earlier start date and time?

A: Early start dates must be obtained directly from each facility owner after submitting a locate request. Diggers Hotline can provide you with the list of facility owners who will receive your locate request and their phone numbers. All facility owners will need to agree to your earlier start date request.

Q: How deep are underground lines buried?

A: It depends on the type of buried line, and whether it was installed properly. Although facility owners may follow depth guidelines when installing lines, they have no control over depth variation caused by human interference, weather, or other circumstances. As a result, depths are not provided by utility locators.

Q: Why do I have to hand dig within 18 inches of a marked facility?

A: Locating is not an exact science, and, therefore, the actual location of the facility could vary from the position of the marks. Also, state law mandates an 18-inch buffer zone on each side of a marked facility. No mechanized equipment

can be used within this buffer zone; only hand digging is allowed. Also, you should stay 18 inches away from any utility structure at your job site. Source: <http://call811.com>

NO FATS, OILS & GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN

Sanitary sewer overflows have been known to occur due to sewer blockages generated from Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) poured or flushed down residential drains that connect to the sanitary sewer system.

Bacon grease, chicken fat and vegetable oil, to name a few examples of common FOG, tends to clump together with other FOG washed down drains or flushed in toilets, slowly solidifying and reducing flow capacity in the sewer pipes. Much like too much fat in your diet can cause clogged arteries and lead to a heart attack in humans, the result of many households washing fats down their drains can also be disastrous. Fats don't dissolve in water. Washing fats down the drain with hot water may take it past your sewer connection, but as the water cools, the fats and grease harden in sewer pipes. Detergents dissolve fat enough to clean your dishes or laundry, but not enough to keep it from congealing in the sewer. Fats, oils and grease cause about 47% of sewer overflows in the U.S.

What Should You Do with your FOG? 1) Put it in your trash. If a FOG will solidify, let it in your refrigerator or freezer can speed up the process. Simply spoon it into a container (preferably not anything recyclable) and put it in the trash, once solidified. 2) Scrape plates into the garbage using a rubber or silicon spatula. 3) Before washing pans or anything else containing FOG, pour it into a container to solidify. Then wipe the pan with a paper towel before you wash it to absorb as much FOG as possible and discard the paper towel in the trash. 4) Don't put liquid oil in the trash. Instead, place it in a sealed can and add kitty litter, coffee grounds or other absorbent material, such as the paper towels used to wipe pans

before washing. The message is simple: Never put fats, oils or grease down your drain. If you have any questions, please contact Florence.Utilities at 715-528-3330.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Pipelines exist almost everywhere throughout the U.S. and chances are you may live near or drive past one every day. There are several ways to identify a pipeline in your neighborhood.

Pipelines are marked by above-ground markers (signs, placards or stakes) to provide an indication of their presence, approximate location, the name of product carried and the name and contact information of the company that operates the pipeline. *The presence of these markers does not remove the need for a call to 811 prior to excavation!* They give an approximate indication of where a pipeline might be (not necessarily over the pipeline) and must be verified through placement of a call to 811. Placement of the markers depends on many factors, not necessarily the exact pipeline location.

The markers are generally yellow, black, and red in color. Their primary function is to identify the location of the pipeline to help the public understand the location of pipelines and prevent excavation damage accidents. Pipelines are generally, but not necessarily, buried 3 to 4 feet under the ground or deeper. Other cases require the pipeline to be buried much deeper to go under rivers or roads. The reason for this is because sometimes these areas become shallow after years of erosion or newly dug ditches. The pipeline lies within an area called the pipeline right-of-way, which is kept clear of trees and other vegetation, buildings, or other structures.

Another thing you might see out walking in your neighborhood or driving along the road is a fenced and secured area with some aboveground piping. These secured areas often provide access to valves along the pipeline system. These valves are controlled manually or remotely to stop

the flow of products in a pipeline.

Other functions of the aboveground signs and markers include identification of the pipeline for routine patrols by foot, ATV, airplanes and sometimes helicopters. Pipeline operators must patrol their pipeline corridors and inspect the pipelines valves regularly. Such surveillance is an important safety tool to ensure that unauthorized activities, including unauthorized digging / excavations / building that might damage the underground pipe, are noticed and can be evaluated immediately.

Source: <http://www.pipeline101.com>

You can also contact Florence.Utilities 715-528-3330 or 715-496-3330 if you have any questions regarding pipelines in our area.

SPECIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If anyone in your household has special medical equipment, such as an oxygen machine, that requires constant electrical power; please contact our office at 715-528-3330 as this information is vital to us in the event of an outage or emergency.

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Call Patti for more information:
(920) 301-0150

ADRC
Aging & Disability Resource Center
of Florence County

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Florence County is a source of information for all aspects of adults aging or living with a disability. The ADRC is a friendly, welcoming place where anyone - individuals, concerned families or friends, or professionals working with issues related to aging or disabilities - can go for information tailored to their situation.

The ADRC of Florence Co. offers:

- Transportation
- Nutritious, Healthy Meals
- Disability Benefits Counseling
- Caregiver Support
- Elder Benefits Counseling
- Assistive Technology

For more information or to talk with someone about your aging-related concerns, contact the ADRC
Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4 pm.
715-528-4890 or Toll-free: 1-855-528-ADRC(2372)

Sponsored by the ADRC of Florence Co. 501 Lake Avenue, Rm. 125, Lower Level of the Courthouse

Hartford airport to be without power for three hours early Monday evening

HARTFORD — Hartford announced that the Hartford Municipal Airport will be without power on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. as part of a system-wide electrical upgrade by the **Hartford Electric** Utility Department.

A second planned outage will be scheduled for Monday, June 5, weather pending, according to Airport Manager and Director of Public Works Darryl Kranz.



Watertown Daily Times

Hustisford High School seniors receive scholarships

THE DAILY TIMES STAFF

Hustisford High School recently held its 2023 awards and scholarship night.

Riley Becker, daughter of Wendy and Shane, is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2023. She will be attending WCTC in the fall for Biomedical Electronics. Riley received the Outstanding Senior Female Athlete award, Academic Excellence scholarship of \$2,250 per year, Hustisford Booster Club \$250 and Hustisford Staff Scholarship \$500.

Chellie Hildebrandt, daughter of Courtney and Jason, is the Salutatorian for the Class of

2023. She will be attending Concordia University for Physical Therapy. Chellie received the following scholarships: Hustisford Booster Club \$250, Associated Engineering Corporation \$750, Hustisford Fire Company \$500, Hustisford Fire Dept. Auxiliary \$500, Hustisford Lions Club \$1,000 and Hustisford State Bank \$500.

Carter Schreiber, son of Kelly and Cade, will be attending Concordia University for Physical Therapy. Carter received the Outstanding Senior Male Award and the WIAA Scholar Athlete. He received the following scholarships: Hustisford

Booster Club \$250, 1929-1976 Alumni Scholarship \$500, Beatrice & Otto Hopfinger Memorial \$500, Hustisford Lions Club \$1,000 and Socialette Homemakers \$300.

Morgan Kehl, daughter of Donna and Derrick, will be attending La Crosse in the fall for Marketing. Morgan received the WIAA Scholar Athlete Award. She received the following scholarships: Hustisford Booster Club \$250, Elvin & Louise Will Family Foundation \$500, Baggin' For A Cure \$500, Sinissippi Trail Hawks \$250 and Hustisford State Bank \$500.

Autumn Kuehl,

daughter of Rachel and Brock, will be attending Winona State University for Nursing. Autumn received the following scholarships: Outstanding Senior Female Athlete award, Hustisford Booster Club \$250, United Liquid Waste Scholarship \$1,000, Hustisford Lions Club \$1,000 and Hustisford State Bank \$500.

Tianda Hildebrandt, daughter of Tiffany and Jared, will be attending University of Green Bay for Elementary Education. Tianda received the following scholarships: Dairy Youth Recognition Advisory Committee of \$1,000, Hustisford

Booster Club \$250, Pivot Point \$2000, Hustisford Staff Scholarship \$500, Hustisford Fire Company \$500, Hustisford State Bank \$500, Sinissippi Trail Hawks \$250 and Hustisford FFA Alumni \$300.

Nina Joeckel, daughter of Tracy Malterer and Matt, will be attending Marian University for Radiology in the fall. Nina received the following scholarships: Elvin & Louise Will Family Foundation \$500 and American Legion Scholarship \$500.

Alivia Beisbier, daughter of Michelle and Mike, will be attending Carroll University for Nursing in

the fall. Alivia received the following scholarships: WPPI/Hustisford Utilities \$500 and Hustisford State Bank \$500.

Marissa Boeck, daughter of Kathy and Brian, will be attending Moraine Park Technical College in the fall. Marissa received the Technical Excellence scholarship of \$2,250 per year.

Allison Heckl, daughter of Kristine and Todd, will be attending WCTC for Graphic Design. She received the Trailways Academic All-Conference award, WPPI/Hustisford Utilities \$500 and The Husty Players \$250.

PELICAN PATH TRAIL RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION



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The Hustisford Utilities Commission recently donated \$500 to the Pelican Path Trail, a proposed 5-mile cycling and hiking trail from Hustisford to the Wild Goose Trail. Pelican Path Trail Committee member Carol Pfalz, from left, Pelican Path Trail Committee member Lori Traugher, Wild Goose Cycling Club Linda Allen, Friends of Dodge County Parks President Glenn Daily, Pelican Patch Committee members Sandy Margelofsky and John Pfalz, Hustisford Utilities Chairperson Glen Falkenthal, Town of Hustisford Chairperson Dave Margelofsky and Pelican Path Committee Chairperson Jerry Traugher.



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Kaukauna Utilities recognized as diamond level reliable public power provider

Kaukauna Utilities has earned a Diamond Level Reliable Public Power Provider designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service.

Of the 2,006 municipal utilities nationwide, only 130 hold this diamond level status. Of those 130, KU is one of nine municipal utilities in Wisconsin to hold the diamond level status.

The RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. To achieve the diamond level designation, utilities must score at least 98 percent on the rigorous application judged by industry experts.

“We couldn’t be prouder to be honored with this diamond level designation,” said Michael Avanzi, General Manager of Kaukauna Utilities. “This is the culmination of a lot of work from dedicated KU team members who really care about powering our community. But this designation is not a final destination. We are committed to continue enhancing quality of life and strengthening the communities we serve.”

“Receiving an RP3 designation is a great honor signifying a utility has demonstrated commitment to industry best practices,” says Troy Adams, Chair of APPA’s RP3 Review Panel and General Manager at Manitowoc Public Utilities, Wisconsin. “And ultimately, the culture developed from this pursuit of excellence and continued improvement through the RP3 program results in measurable value delivered to the local community.”

Kaukauna Utilities

ordering new trash racks for Badger Hydro Plant

Compiled by **Brian Roebke**
Editor

Repeated clogs in the trash racks at the Badger Hydro Plant Power Canal Inlet in Kaukauna has led to the Kaukauna Utilities Commission approving replacement of the 1-inch spaced racks with 3-inch spaced racks.

At the April commission meeting, Environmental & Compliance Manager Zach Moureau informed the commission in 2021, the 1" clear spaced trash racks were removed due to development and subsequent repair of the scour near the north side of the Badger Power Canal trash rack structure. Despite cleaning efforts by employees, the narrowly spaced trash racks were constantly clogged with debris and were a main contributing factor to development of the scour.

KU worked with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a more appropriate trash rack design for the power canal intake and protection of fishery resources within the Lower Fox River.

It was determined a 3-inch clear spaced trash rack was appropriate at the Badger Power Canal Intake and approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for installation by the end of 2023. Included in the cost is to apply an eco-friendly

protective coating designed to reduce biofouling adhesion including zebra mussels and algal biofilms. Three bids were received and evaluated with Mike's Welding and Repair, LLC being the lowest evaluated bid at \$245,855. Michels Construction had the lowest installation proposal at \$108,000. In total, the fabrication and installation cost are \$353,855, 21 percent below the 2023 budget of \$450,000.

General Manager Michael Avanzi reminded the commission about a concept paper submitted to the Department of Energy for a grid resilience project that could potentially provide up to \$3.5 of funding. Because KU does not have the resources or expertise to design or put the grant application together, outside support is needed and the commission approved the staff recommendation to contract with Quanta Technologies to complete the grant application for the GRIP project not to exceed \$90,000.

If you've noticed KU crews working outside of their regular hours, know they may not be working overtime. Starting May 1, the maintenance crew and line crew are on summer hours working, 10 hours Monday through Thursday. The water department crew works four nine-hour days and 4 hours on Friday.

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Moore receives Phillip F. LaFollette Public Official Award

John Moore, a member of the [Kaukauna Utilities](#) Commission, received the Phillip F. LaFollette Public Official Award at the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin conference, hosted by [Kaukauna Utilities](#), on May 10.

The award may be given annually to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment to public power through policies, presentations or overall career activities that make a significant impact to public power.

The award is named to honor Gov. Philip F. La Follette, who served as Wisconsin's 27th and 29th Governor (1931-33 and 1935-39).

During his administration, several significant laws were passed

that supported the growth of municipally owned electric utilities. Gov. La Follette's policies are considered to have helped to strengthen public power in Wisconsin.

Any elected or appointed member of a policy board or commission of any MEUW member system who has actively participated in MEUW for at least five years is eligible for the award.

The nominee's personal service to MEUW must have made a substantial contribution toward the attainment of the vision and mission of the MEUW, made a substantial contribution toward enhancing the image of public power, and made contributions to their community.



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LAKE MILLS LEADER

Lake Mills Light & Water honored for Safety Excellence

[Becky Weber](#)

May 16, 2023 Updated May 16, 2023

LAKE MILLS — Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) recognized 39 of its public power members, including Lake Mills Light & Water (LML&W) for their commitment to worker safety.

Wisconsin lineworkers and electric crews risk receiving serious or fatal injuries while working to provide affordable and reliable power. Public power communities across the state emphasize the importance of safety training and daily safe work practices.

LML&W was presented a Silver Safety Award for its safety performance in 2022. This is the sixth consecutive year utility staff have received the safety award.

MEUW recognizes and rewards safe operations through its annual Safety Achievement Awards.

Utilities are placed into categories based on the total number of hours worked, receiving recognition based on the most incident-free records. The incidence rate used to evaluate utilities is based on the number of work-related recordable injuries or illnesses, compared to the total number of worker-hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“Work in the electric utility industry requires a constant focus on safety,” said Tim Heinrich, MEUW President and CEO. “Our association is proud to recognize that on-the-job focus — following safety rules, using safe work practices, and watching out for one another.”

“As importantly, we recognize the commitment of management and the local utility governing board to developing an environment and a culture that supports and values safe operations,” he added. “Providing employees with the equipment they need to do the job safely, as well as training to maintain or improve their skills, is vitally important to achieving a strong safety record.

We applaud our member communities for their dedication to safety excellence.”

Wisconsin’s 81 public power utilities are locally owned, locally controlled and locally operated, enabling them to quickly respond to the needs of their communities. They are also among some of the most affordable and reliable power providers in the state.



Lake Mills high school scholarship winners for the graduating class of 2023

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Lillijana Goeschko

Parents: Karen and Norman Goeschko

\$1,000 – Lake Mills Light and Water Scholarship

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Lake Mills Public Works director wins state utilities award

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LEADER STAFF REPORT

Lake Mills Public Works Director Paul Hermanson received the Meritorious Service Award at the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin Conference on May 11.

The award, given in Green Bay at the MEUW’s 93rd annual conference, recognizes individuals who support the efforts of municipal utilities across the state, according to a statement by the organization. The award is given to individuals for “outstanding service, achievement or other worthy actions as employees of, or working in service to MEUW members’ utilities.”

“An association is nothing without the people who make it special,” MEUW President and CEO Tim Heinrich said. “The



MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES OF
WISCONSIN

Lake Mills Public Works Director Paul Hermanson received the 2023 Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin Meritorious Award at a May 11 conference.

individuals who are recognized by MEUW embody the mission to unify and strengthen community-owned utilities in Wisconsin. Honoring the folks who demonstrate a commitment to public power is important to our continued success.”

Hermanson has worked at Lake Mills Light and Water for 16 years.

Postponed DOT project leaves room for new bids on water and sewer infrastructure

City also awarded 0% WPPI loan for Goeres Park light replacement

JONATHAN STEFONEK
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The Department of Transportation's planned renovation of Highway 113 has been postponed, but this has turned to a come to the benefit of the City of Lodi's planned updates to water and sewer infrastructure.

The City of Lodi's common council received two pieces of good news in their May 16 meeting as they work through a

list of infrastructure projects. The first was learning the city had been awarded a 0% loan for light replacement from WPPI Energy.

GOERES PARK LIGHTS

"We've got bad wiring and bad lights, and we've got an opportunity here to take out this WPPI loan, which breaks up our payment over 10 years at 0 percent interest," said council member and Parks Committee Chair Tim Ripp. "So it is really a no-brainer to improve our infrastructure and not electrocute our citizens."

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New lights have been installed in Goeres Park, the cost of which will be covered by a 0 percent 10-year loan from WPPI Energy, functionally reducing the cost of the project and allowing city funds budgeted for that project to be used elsewhere in the city.

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A Department of Transportation project to renovate State Highway 113 has been postponed by a year, now scheduled for spring to summer of 2024. The shift has allowed for expanded bidding and construction time for water and sewer improvements beneath Highway 113 before it is resurfaced.

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The city had already budgeted project and Utilities, Streets and Parks Superintendent James Lincoln pointed out at the meeting that the infield lights had already been replaced with LEDs, with the rest scheduled for the following days.

Although it would be a loan to be repaid, comparing the terms of 0 percent over ten years to the likely rate of inflation, the loan functionally defrays part of the cost of the project, while allowing the general city funds budgeted for the project to be potentially used elsewhere.

HIGHWAY 113 AND BELOW

The second piece of good news for the city, even if it may not sound it at first, was that the postponement of the DOT's planned renovation of Highway 113 as it goes through Lodi.

Earlier this year at a public information session, DOT engineers announced that work

on Highway 113 was slated to begin this spring, but then was bumped, and again.

At the same time, the city was planning on updating the water and sewer lines that run beneath that road from downtown Lodi and north. The bid for the project, Mayor Ann Groves Lloyd explained in a subsequent interview, only went out in January, yielding one bid that council members felt to be rather high.

"With the project going ahead the way they had scheduled it," said Groves Lloyd, "we would have had to have all of our work done by the end of May, which meant contractors had next to no time."

The city returned to the utilities project plan and Lincoln approached the DOT about working with the city, such as doing work to the north first and get to the downtown latter in the summer. The DOT agreed, which opened a window for a new round of bidding.

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The city was then able to get several competitive bids, which was then followed by the news that due to a snag in property acquisition by the DOT, the Highway 113 road project would be postponed to next year.

KICKED CANS AND SAFETY NETS

Where some disagreement arose in discussion among members of the Lodi Common Council, was in the extent of the project to pursue at one time. Council member Peter Tonn pointed out that several months earlier a total cost of \$2.8 million was called "atrocious," while the new package of bids proposed to go to S&L Underground and Visu-Sewer would total just over \$2.6 million.

The water and sewer project, in two parts, would extend from the Highway 60 intersection to Gay Street,

and then from Gay Street to Alkar-RapidPak. While Tonn emphasized his support for the project, he voiced concern of doing both sections at once, arguing for a delay on the rest in order to preserve a "safety net" for a potential unknown issue on Sauk Street, or Third Street, for example.

Groves Lloyd pointed out that the infrastructure is around 60 years old, and it has been over 40 years since Highway 113 was redone.

"If we don't do that section, it would mean that we would be ripping up that road at some point in time and redoing the road ourselves," said Groves Lloyd.

When asked for more expert input on weighing the options, Lincoln offered: "We've seen this with every project. The price will go up and we have a contractor here doing it all in one shot and the plan is to get it all done this fall"

As street and infrastructure projects have come to

the board, Tonn said that the consensus has been to pursue everything all the time, which could risk a situation that is not financially feasible.

"At some point in time there will have to be projects that we say, 'I don't know that we should replace that now.'"

And additional factor in deciding a direction on utility projects, Groves Lloyd explained after the meeting, is that one of the city's commercial utility customers has changed operations, resulting in \$100,000 less revenue for the city.

If the city were to have an indication of 250 new users to fund utilities and expand the tax base, Tonn said that he might have a different approach.

Ripp expressed a hope that the city would be seeing some measurable economic growth between then an 2034, not seeing Lodi as a shrinking town. Conversely, Council President Rich Stevenson cautioned against assumptions in

economic direction.

"I would love to have your optimism," said Stevenson, "but I believe 10 or 12 years ago Peter and I had your same optimism and we went through a major recession, and we saw no growth whatsoever. So I don't have the optimism, but I hope that we have that growth."

At the same time, Stevenson pointed out earlier that the city has been able to use the extra time to pull in additional bidders and apply additional scrutiny as part of their due diligence, "we've really looked at how we can finance this and still move forward."

The financial operations of municipal utilities are not solely managed by local government, but utility rates are strictly regulated by the state through the Public Service Commission.

Due to the recent lost revenue to city utilities, according to Groves Lloyd, the city has needed to apply to the state

Public Service Commission for a "simplified rate case" to increase rates by 8 percent this year, three percent the next year, then followed by a comprehensive rate case in 2025 or 2026.

At the end of the discussion, Tonn proposed an amended motion for the scaled back utility project, though it was voted down by all other members. The original motion to approve the bid was then approved by the board will all approving with the exception of Tonn.

According to Lincoln, during the utility project, Highway 113 would remain open to local traffic with occasional blockages requiring a detour of a block or so.

"It's not like you'll have to go around to the other side of town to come into town the other way"

His department is looking to have the utilities project completed over the course of the fall, having it out of the way for the DOT's road project the following spring.

City, county teaming up on lighting and parking

By MARY HAYWARD Staff Writer

May 9, 2023

Parking lots and trail lighting were among key talking points between the Jackson County Board of Supervisors and the city of Maquoketa officials last week.

Maquoketa City Manager Josh Boldt and Maquoketa Public Works Director Frank Ellenz attended the May 2 Jackson County Supervisors meeting to discuss the merging of a new Jackson County parking lot with the surrounding city parking lots.

The city of Maquoketa is willing to plow snow off the county lot, located off Second Street across from the Jackson County Courthouse, but that will be easier if the parking spots are reconfigured, it's officials said.

After looking at maps of possible configurations drawn by both Ellenz and Assistant Jackson County Engineer Jayden Scheckel, the group came to a consensus of turning the spots in the county lot to face the same direction as the city spots. The cars in all the spots in both lots will align north and south; this will slightly change the driveway through the north end of the lot.

The supervisors agreed they will remove the posts along the edge of their new lot and prepare the area for parking. Ellenz agreed to get a price to seal the entire lot and paint new stripes. The cost will be divided proportionally.

City personnel also talked about a sharing agreement between the two parties for new lighting along the South Main Street Trail along South Main Street. Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility will install 12 new galvanized poles and lights; Jackson County will pay for the six lights located on county property.

Parties agreed on the following points:

- City lights that have been in storage will be used
- Electricity costs will be pro-rated and Jackson County will pay its share annually
- Lights will be located on the east side of the road, facing west, and 2 feet off the trail
- Lights will turn on from sunset to sunup.

Total cost for the project will be \$52,137.87, including one extra pole for back-up, and the cost will be divided equally between city and county.

This joint meeting also gave both parties a chance to discuss the problem of people driving through the grassy areas near the city softball fields and fairgrounds which are not roadways. City and county road crews will work together on a solution.

In other county business:

- Jackson County Engineer Todd Kinney presented an update on the procedure for a proposed Secondary Road District on 308th Street. A group of property owners along a portion of 308th Street north of Bellevue came to the supervisors offering to pay half the bill to have their street paved.

Kinney's office is working on a price estimate for the 1,400-foot project, then the supervisors will have to decide if they are willing to offer this opportunity to the residents of the area.

In discussion about the rural gravel road retrieval and crowning process, Kinney explained that the goal is to achieve a 4-6% grade on the driving surface of the road (the crown) and 8-12% grade on the shoulder.

Kinney called it "a common misconception" that road ditches would be dug out and roads narrowed during this new process. The roads must maintain a width of 28 inches wide.

Kinney also reminded people that the roads will drive differently for a while until there is more blading, traffic, and moisture to settle them.

The engineer also presented three applications for driveway entrance permits. Supervisors approved all three: a business/farm entrance driveway for John Hostetler on Iron Bridge Road; an existing farm entrance receiving a residential permit for Staci Lange on Centerville Road; and a Class C farm entrance for Andrae D'Acquisto in Perry Township. The D'Acquisto driveway will need "Hidden Driveway" signs installed at the owner's expense because it does not meet the sight-distance recommendations.

The supervisors also approved two right-of-way utility permits for Windstream in Washington and Bellevue townships.

- The supervisors denied a request from Sandy Koppes to erect a memorial sign at the site of a traffic death last summer.

County Attorney John Kies recommended that the county not allow the sign because of the liability of an extra sign in the right-of-way.

Steines suggested possibly installing a barricade or railing at the location to lessen accident damage at the intersection. Kinney explained that guardrails are not designed to protect a

car driving straight into them. Guardrails are designed to re-align a car driving alongside the railing.

- The board hired Thomas Hughes of Delmar as assistant to the county engineer, effective May 22. Hughes has previously worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation. He will take the place of Mike Clausing, who plans to retire.
- The supervisors welcomed Jeremy Oden, project manager for the Jackson County Law Enforcement Center. Oden said construction work continues the jail and progress is being made. Crews are getting material onsite and maintaining an aggressive schedule, he said.
- Whitney Sanger of the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) visited with the board. HACAP is a community action agency serving nine counties in Eastern Iowa, including Jackson.

Sanger said 2023 is the 59th year since community action networks were established. She said this year alone HACAP has served more than 75,000 individuals in the nine counties, with assistance mainly for food, heat, and childcare/Head Start.

Steines read a proclamation citing May 2023 as Community Action Month, in recognition of the work and dedication of all such agencies.

- Don Wentworth and Judy Koon of the Jackson County Pioneer Cemetery Commission visited the supervisors with a proclamation noting Cemetery Appreciation Month during May 2023. Steines expressed appreciation for the work commissioners do.
- Steines also read a proclamation observing May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month and credited dedicated individuals celebrating the national theme of "People Saving Places." Wentworth thanked the supervisors for their support.
- The supervisors re-appointed Daryl DeVore of Monmouth to the Jackson County Board of Adjustment for a five-year term expiring in 2028.
- The supervisors accepted the monthly report of fees collected by the county recorder totaling \$42,831.73.

Menasha completes lead pipe replacement project 5 years ahead of schedule

by Emily Matesic, FOX 11 News
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MENASHA (WLUK) -- [An effort to remove all lead pipes in the Menasha Utilities system](#) is now complete. More than 600 service lines were replaced in the project that was finished five years ahead of schedule.

Pavement patches and disturbed grass are signs of safer, lead-free water in Menasha.

"We know that lead exposure can delay physical and mental development, especially in children and pregnant women and nursing women. It can also cause high blood pressure in adults," says Adam Smith, water utility manager for Menasha Utilities.

Menasha Utilities is announcing it has replaced all of the lead pipes -- a total of 636 -- in the city's water system.

It's a move that's reassuring to residents.

"Good, happy knowing that I don't have lead in my drinking water," says Andrea Bronkar.

The project to replace the lead pipes kicked off after water tests in 2017 and 2018 showed lead levels in the system exceeded the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's action level](#).

"Which triggered a series of events that consisted of public education, lead service line replacements, a corrosion study that we did here in house using our water department staff and through all of that with the additional funding, we thought it was necessary to replace the service lines and take care to the root cause of the problem in itself," says Smith.

While the city paid for the portion of the project on public property, lines that needed to be replaced on private property were the responsibility of the land or homeowner.

Menasha Utilities said a \$1.1 million grant helped to subsidize those costs and led to the project's completion ahead of schedule.

"We had a 10-year plan, initially, because of the funding," explains Smith. "We were going to fund it both through the utilities and the city, but as grants became available through the

Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Fund, we were able to procure additional funds and expedite the whole process.”

Menasha isn't the first community to replace its lead pipes, and it won't be the last.

[In 2020, Green Bay completed its replacement project](#) -- removing 1,782 lead services out of the ground and another 250 on private property.

Both cities decided to complete the project ahead of what is expected to be a directive from the EPA soon.

“The revised lead and copper rule is coming out with recommendations that people replace the lead,” says Nancy Quirk, general manager of Green Bay Water. “That's your source of lead in a water system, and they're encouraging to get the whole thing taken out from the public side in the street to the meter in the house.”

As stewards of public health, the water utilities understand that replacing the lead pipes is simply the right thing to do for their communities.

Plymouth, The Review

City's revolving loan fund said to help attract, retain business

by Emmitt B. Feldner
of The Review staff

PLYMOUTH – The Redevelopment Authority officially got out of the cheese business and into the loan business at their April 27 meeting.

The group endorsed the sale of the Plymouth Cheese Counter and Dairy Heritage Center to The Plymouth Cheese Center Foundation Inc. and agreed to serve as official host for the city's re-established revolving loan fund.

"The city can manage the program but cannot host it," City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee told RDA members about the revolving loan fund.

"There are certain things cities can do but making loans is not one of them," City Attorney Crystal Fieber added. "If you have an RDA, the statutes allow the RDA to have this power."

The city established the revolving loan fund in the late 1980s using community development block grant funds, but changes in state and federal regulations have done away with such funds.

However, because the city's fund was established early, and operated following the original rules and regulations, the city has been allowed to re-establish the fund.

The fund currently is valued at \$1.5 million to \$1.8 million, with three outstanding loans, Blakeslee said.

"It is an asset for a community of our size to have this

fund. It can help drive business attraction and retention," Blakeslee commented.

Fieber said the city-RDA partnership on the fund would be similar to the original one for the Cheese Counter, except the RDA will have the loan fund and the city will administer it, the opposite of the Cheese Counter setup.

The city attorney explained that, while the city owned the 133 E. Mill St. building and property that houses the Cheese Counter, the RDA owned the RDA.

Thus, both groups had to approve the sale of the property and business to The Plymouth Cheese Center Foundation Inc., a non-profit established by Sargento, Sartori and Masters Gallery to own and operate the counter.

"Each of these companies have committed some pretty significant dollars," to the project, RDA Chair Lee Gentine noted. "It's good for the cheese counter and good for the city."

"The RDA will be transferring the assets at the sale closing," Feiber added.

"I think what's probably most exciting about this (sale) is that we have some really, really smart people," to run the foundation, Gentine – who is on the foundation board – told the RDA.

"I think you're going to see that the Cheese Counter is probably going to grow pretty significantly," he predicted.

Gentine said the foundation



ON THE COVER – A girl joyfully stomps down mulch just placed around the root of a newly planted tree on West Main Street as her classmates, Mayor Don Pohlman and Street Superintendent Matthew Magle watch.

Fifteen students (above) from teacher Julie Hauck's class at St. John the Baptist School each received their own sapling to bring home and were among 150 second graders from every public and private elementary school in Plymouth who planted trees around the community in observance of Arbor Day last week, with Magle organizing the effort.

The city has had the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA designation for well over 20 years, actively seeks grants (including another \$10,000 just awarded by the Rotary Club's Restoration of Our Trees Sheboygan initiative to to replenish municipal canopies decimated by Emerald Ash Borer infestation) to continually plant more trees streetside and in local parks and collaborates with schools to teach students about the importance of trees.

– Review photos by Sarah Hall

will utilize executives from the three cheese companies with strong financial, strategic and marketing skills to lead the business.

"This whole group is just so skilled, in due diligence and background, and understanding

what works and what doesn't," Gentine elaborated.

Cheese Counter manager Jenna Schram told the RDA she was excited about working with the new foundation.

"They're knowledgeable. They're connecting us with the

right people," Schram said.

"The fact is we know we have to increase the number of people coming into the store,"

Antoinette the Cow should

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Antoinette the Cow should get a freshening up soon.

Gentine reported that Cascade artist Kris Morse has agreed to repaint the iconic fiberglass cow at the corner of Mill and Milwaukee streets.

Blakeslee noted that the statue was last painted in 2004. “It’s a tourist attraction for the community, but it has become weathered over time,” he said.

The cost of painting Antoinette was around \$4,900 the last time it was done, Blakeslee added.

WPPI Energy has agreed to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of the project and the RDA will pick up the balance.



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Wild animal allegedly caused electrical outage in Slinger

HARTFORD — Hartford Electric responded to an electrical outage in Slinger Sunday night presumed to be caused by a wild animal.

On Sunday night, a Hartford Electric crew responded to an electrical outage in Slinger that affected just over 200 customers, according to Hartford City Administrator Steve Volkert.

Crews investigating the outage presumed it was caused by wildlife, according to Volkert, but the presumed animal culprit had not been found as of Sunday night.

The outage took around 90 minutes to fix, according to Volkert.

Volkert reminded customers of Hartford Electric that if their power goes out, they should avoid calling 911 and instead use the normal Hartford Utilities number of 262-670-3700. The number is monitored 24 hours per day.



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Leadership Sun Prairie graduates classes 23, 24



CONTRIBUTED/SUN PRAIRIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Leadership Sun Prairie Class XXIII included (from left): Valerie Zintz, Sandy Xiong, Ryan Cox, Pam Blattner, Shannon Krachey, Bryn Horton. Missing: Sara Rodrigues



CONTRIBUTED/SUN PRAIRIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Leadership Sun Prairie Class XXIV graduates included (from left, front row): Rebecca Ketelsen, Laticia Hockenberry, Ben John, Stacey Christenson; (back row) Amanda Babiarz, Ann Baranski, Dawn Ferengo, Kristin Grissom, Andy Eyers, Colin Lessig, Mike Steffes, Kyle Lindert. Missing is Chris Pederson.

The Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce another successful group has entered into the ranks of Leadership Sun Prairie (LSP) Alumni.

The graduation ceremony for the 23rd and 24th groups to join the LSP alumni was held at the Westside Community Building, 2598 W. Main St., where the keynote speaker was Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett.

Every class to go through LSP is tasked with a group project to better the community. The participants chose to create a Day of Volunteering where they engaged the broader community to help with their choice of five volunteering opportunities.

A total of 85 volunteers worked together at the five locations planting trees, painting, completing a landscaping project, building raised garden beds at a local school and working at a Habitat for Humanity

worksite in Sun Prairie.

Graduates of LSP XXIII are: Pam Blattner, Bank of Sun Prairie; Ryan Cox, Sun Prairie Police Department; Sandy Xiong, City of Sun Prairie; Valerie Zintz, Kobussen Buses; Shannon Krachey, Bank of Sun Prairie; Sara Rodrigues, Sun Prairie Utilities; Bryn Horton, Sun Prairie School Board.

Graduates of LSP XXIV are: Andy Eyers, State Farm Insurance; Amanda Babiarz, Colonial Club; Dawn Ferengo, PopArt!; Kristin Grissom, City of Sun Prairie; Rebecca Ketelsen, Exchange Club; Colin Lessig, Sun Prairie Media Center; Chris Pederson, Sun Prairie Police Department; Mike Steffes, Sun Prairie Police Department; Ben John, City of Sun Prairie; Kyle Lindert, Summit Credit Union; Leticia Hockenberry, Sunshine Place; Anne Baranski, Forever Home Real Estate; Stacey Christenson, Sun Prairie Area School District.

The Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications for Leadership Sun Prairie XXV for the 2023-24 session.

The application can be found at www.sunprairiechamber.com under the Talent & Development tab.

Leadership Sun Prairie is an adult education program that educates community leaders on various economic, political, and social systems in Sun Prairie.

The program is available thanks to the coordination of the volunteer committee, and support from the City of Sun Prairie, the Sun Prairie Area School District, and the Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

Individuals who are interested in learning more about the Leadership Sun Prairie program may contact the Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce by phone at 608-837-4547 or online at www.SunPrairieChamber.com.



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SPU earns MEUW safety excellence award

Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) recently recognized 39 of its public power members, including Sun Prairie Utilities, for their commitment to worker safety.

Wisconsin line workers and electric crews risk receiving serious or fatal injuries while providing affordable and reliable power.

Public power communities across the state emphasize the importance of safety training and daily safe work practices.

MEUW recognizes and rewards safe operations through its annual Safety Achievement Awards. Utilities are placed into categories based on the total number of hours worked, receiving

recognition based on the most incident-free records.

The incidence rate used to evaluate utilities is based on the number of work-related recordable injuries or illnesses, compared to the total number of worker hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Sun Prairie Utilities received a gold category for its safety performance in 2022.

"I am continuously honored to work with our Electric Operations crew, observing how they continue to excel at providing service to our rapidly growing community in an extraordinarily reliable, cost-effective manner," said Rick Wicklund,

Sun Prairie Utilities Manager.

"But most importantly, I'm so pleased that they continue to do this with a safety-first focused mindset," Wicklund added. "This award is not only a great achievement, but an excellent reminder of the prioritized importance safety plays in the lives of all our utility workers."

Wisconsin's 81 public power utilities are locally owned, locally controlled, and locally operated, enabling them to quickly respond to the needs of their communities.

"Work in the electric utility industry requires a constant focus on safety," said Tim Heinrich, MEUW President and CEO. "Our association is

proud to recognize that on-the-job focus — following safety rules, using safe work practices, and watching out for one another."

"As importantly, we recognize the commitment and the local utility governing board to developing an environment and a culture that supports and values safe operations," Heinrich added. "Providing employees with the equipment they need to do the job safely, as well as training to maintain or improve their skills, is vitally important to achieving a strong safety record. We applaud our member communities for their dedication to safety excellence."



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Sun Prairie Utilities Manager Rick Wicklund (left) accepted the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin Safety Achievement Award from MEUW Director of Safety Services and Operations Mike Czuprynko.



Sun Prairie High School seniors receive Sun Prairie Utilities scholarships

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Two local high school seniors were recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each by Sun Prairie Utilities and WPPI Energy. Stella Ewoldt and Enrique Ramirez received the scholarships based on criteria including accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and future goals/plans.

Stella plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and pursue a career in Actuarial Science. In her application, she said she enjoys working with numbers and has a natural ability to analyze them.



Stella Ewoldt was one of the recipients.

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Enrique Ramirez has an interest in engineering.
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Enrique will attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering and study Civil Engineering. He explained in his application that his love of Lego sets and math helped him decide he wanted to become an engineer.

“We are truly proud to support two outstanding scholars from Sun Prairie High School,” states Rick Wicklund, Sun Prairie’s Utility Manager, “and we wish them success with both their college and future career endeavors.”

Sun Prairie Utilities partners with WPPI Energy to provide scholarships annually for seniors attending high school in Sun Prairie. The Scholarship Program allows both to give back to the community and contribute to educational efforts. For more information about the program, visit sunprairieutilities.com/scholarships.



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Waterloo high school scholarship winners for the graduating class of 2023

NEAL PATTEN
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Ashley Batz
\$12,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Top 5
\$1,000 — FFA Alumni
\$1,000 — Scott Skali-tzky Memorial
\$100 — FFA Scholarship
\$1,000 — UW-Milwau-kee Chancellor's Merit
\$2,000 — Froedtert Memorial Hospital
\$500 — David C. Scott Scholarship
Caleb Bergeron
\$1,000 — Stube Family Scholarship
Connor Bergeron
\$1,000 — Waterloo Masonic Lodge #63
Samuel Billingsley
\$8,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Foundation
\$500 — Tammy Hafen-stein Memorial
\$3726.94 — Mary Stremmer

Kaylee Bostwick
\$500 — Senior Parent
\$1,000 — VFW Krause-Langer Post 6614
Keagan Carnahan
\$500 — Hubbleton Brewing Company
\$2,500 — David Veith Scholarship
Brianna Cayce
\$1,000 — WI Chapter of UPMA
Stephen Davis
\$500 — Senior Parent
Bella Degler
\$1,000 — UW-White-water Cobe Scholarship
\$1,000 — Ellen Schwandt Perry
\$1,000 — Stube Family Scholarship
\$150 — FBLA Schol-arship
Cabella Ellis
\$250 — American Red Cross
\$1,000 — Austin Weber Memorial
\$500 — Senior Parent
Monserath Flores

\$2,000 — Thomas Schmitt Memorial
Alyssa Jaehnke
\$8,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Foundation
\$2,000 — Fred and Wanda Kuhle Memorial
\$250 — Anonymous
\$500 — Tri-County Wings over WI
\$1,000 — Kegler Farms Scholarship
\$1,000 — ALA Unit 233
\$1,000 — Austin Weber Memorial
\$1,000 — Wloo Hum-phrey-Wilsey Legion 233
\$1,000 — Scott Skali-tzky Memorial
\$100 — FFA Schol-arship
\$2,500 — Watertown Agri-Business
\$1,000 — FFA Alumni
\$500 — Jefferson Co Agri-Business
Ava Jaehnke
\$3,726.94 — Mary Stremmer
\$1,000 — WYSO

Scholarship
\$8,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Foundation
Joshua Josheff
\$1,000 — Waterloo Utilities
Sabrina Killary
\$100 — John Phillip Sousa Scholarship
\$500 — UW-Whitewa-ter Dept of Music
Abigail Leckel
\$50 — Art Club
Taylor Noel
\$3,000 — Francis C Carnes Scholarship
\$100 — FFA Scholarship
\$12,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Top 5
Yareli Perez
\$3,726.94 — Mary Stremmer
\$500 — Avestar Credit Union
\$8,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Foundation
\$1,000 — Prairie Ridge Health Careers
\$3,000 — Francis C Carnes Scholarship

Simone Schaefer
\$8,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Foundation
Sophia Schneider
\$250 — American Red Cross
\$12,600 — Lander Trustee Scholarship
\$17,300 — Lander Ath-letic Scholarship
\$12,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Top 5
Cooper Setz
\$6,750 — Technical Excellence
\$1,000 — Austin Weber Memorial
\$1,000 — WYSO Schol-arship
\$3,726.94 — Mary Stremmer
Rick Ugorji
\$8,000 — Karl Unrein and Ellen Kemnitz
\$1,000 — Waterloo Utilities
Cassandra Valle
\$50 — Art Club
Maddie Webster
\$1,000 — WYSO

Scholarship
\$1,000 — Spectrum 1 Scholarship
\$2,000 — Doc Voelker Scholarship
\$12,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Top 5
\$9,000 — Academic Excellence
\$3,200 — NHS Schol-arship
\$10,000 — Herb Kohl Scholarship
\$1,000 — Wloo Hum-phrey-Wilsey Legion 233
\$750 — Farmers & Merchants
\$4,000 — Elks Schol-arship
\$1,000 — Meriter Health Care
Undisclosed — Schus-ter Farm Scholarship
\$1,000 — UW-Eau Claire Freshman Honors
Gracie Wiechmann
\$12,000 — Karl Jungin-ger Top 5
\$1,000 — FFA Alumni
\$100 — FFAScholarship

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New rate to help Waunakee electric vehicle drivers save money

[Roberta Baumann](#)

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Electric vehicles continue to grow in popularity, and Waunakee Utilities says it has seen an increase in home charging stations. To reduce home charging costs for electric vehicles (EV) drivers, the utility developed a reduced late-night rate which was approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in March.

“We are introducing this new rate plan to support EV drivers in the community,” shared Tim Herlitzka, general manager at Waunakee Utilities. “The new rate isn’t going to make sense for every customer, but residents with EVs can save money by scheduling them to charge after midnight.”

Interested customers can sign up for the new rate plan on the utility’s website or call the utility at (608) 849-8111.

Waunakee Utilities’ standard rate for residential customers is \$0.1005 per kilowatt-hour, with a monthly customer charge of \$10.50. The new, EV-friendly rate offering includes the same monthly customer charge with a higher charge of \$0.1587 per kilowatt-hour from 3-7 p.m. and a lower late-night charge of \$0.0538 per kilowatt-hour from midnight to 5 a.m.

Charging an EV using the late-night fee structure may result in annual savings of \$150 when comparing the two different electric rates. Notably, the late-night cost of electricity allows for vehicles to be charged at the equivalent cost of \$1 per gallon. Waunakee Utilities customers can compare rate plans at myaccount.waunakeeutilities.com to see how the new option would impact their monthly electric bills.