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# Fallen wire causes power outage

Did you hear the big boom about 7 a.m. Saturday morning, June 14?

An live electrical wire at the corner of Dwight St. and Wisconsin Ave., fell and landed in the grass by a car causing some damage. It was just old and burned through. Bosco-

bel Police, Boscobel Fire and Boscobel **Utility** Water Supervisor were on the scene. Power was out for most of the south side of Boscobel. Cory Murphy, Boscobel **Utility** Electric Supervisor could not be reached for more info on the incident as of press time.

# Eagle River Light and Water Utility donates kids snacks to elementary school

Eagle River Light & Water Utility, the community's locally owned, not-for-profit utility, provided a donation of kids snacks to Eagle River Elementary School to keep up with the needs of the classrooms.

Eagle River Light & Water has two employees who are community-minded and always looking to give back to the community. Mike and Cole Sanborn are the father and son team that made this donation happen, with cooperation from Gretchen Smart-Hall who is the Eagle River Elementary school principal, and office staff.

"Our staff with Eagle River Light & Water are all community-minded and this is only another small opportunity to start a trend



Mike Sanborn, Eagle River Light & Water Utility Manager, (left) presents Gretchen Smart-Hall, Eagle River Elementary School principal, with a donation of kids' snacks for the school.

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of improving our community one step at a time," said Mike Sanborn.

For questions, contact Eagle River Light & Water Utility Energy Services

Manager Jesse Roberts at [jroberts@wppienergy.org](mailto:jroberts@wppienergy.org).

# Evansville Water and Light makes changes

Evansville Water and Light has enhanced its capability to respond in emergencies. The utility implemented a new management system Monday, June 2, to help better coordinate responses and collect data to gain insight into its operations.

Daupler software provides response management solutions to cities and utilities across the country to improve customer experience and outage management. This technology makes it easier for crews to keep residents updated while responding to service requests and emergencies.

Evansville Water and Light will use the new system to simplify the dispatch process, as well as automating steps and documentation where possible. It will

also centralize data and connect separated systems, which means Evansville Water and Light can access information quickly. With these added capabilities, the utility will have an accurate and more complete understanding of work performed in the field.

Residents of Evansville can expect after-hours calls to be answered quickly and handled by a trained professional. Community members can also choose to receive a link where they can upload photos and add additional details to their request. In the event of a bigger emergency, such as a large-scale power outage, citizens can stay informed on the restoration of their service.

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## Florence Utility Commission

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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West Bend, Daily News

# Hartford city staff to meet with residents during Maxwell Street Day

HARTFORD — Hartford department heads and Common Council members will be on hand during the city's annual Maxwell Street Day, on July 9, to meet with residents to talk Hartford.

"If any City of Hartford residents have any questions or would just like to sit down and talk with specific employees, please join us during this great community event," the city said in a news release.

City staff will be at Maxwell

Street Day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the schedule as follows:

■ 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Holly Wenzel (utility billing specialist), Brian Rhodes (utility director) and Ashley Sonsthagen (energy service manager — [WPPI](#))

■ 12 to 2 p.m.: Shanna Kreilkamp (city clerk), Vanessa Taylir (library director) and Tony Burgard (fire and rescue chief).

■ 2 to 4 p.m.: Jacob Maas (planning director), Scott MacFarlan (police chief) and Randy Wojtasiak

(parks and recreation director).

■ 4 to 6 p.m.: Dennis Regan (mayor), Chris Walter (city engineer) and Dean Kirley (District 2 alderman).

■ 6 to 8 p.m.: Chad Waldvogel (District 2 alderman), Steve Volkert (city administrator) and Wayne Rusniak (District 2 alderman and council president).

"Come to downtown during Maxwell Street Day, pull up a chair and let's talk City of Hartford," the release said.



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## Hartford City staff, elected officials meeting residents during Maxwell Street Day

On Wednesday, July 9th, Department Heads from the City of Hartford along with some of the members of the City Council will be setting up shop in downtown Hartford in front of City Hall during the annual Maxwell Street Day to answer your questions. If any City of Hartford residents have any questions or would just like to sit down and talk with specific employees, please join us during this great community event. The schedule for appearances by staff and council members is:

10 a.m. to noon: Holly Wenzel, Utility Billing Specialist; Brian Rhodes, Utility Director; Ashley Sonsthagen; Energy Service Manager, [WPPT](#);

Noon to 2 p.m.: Shanna Kreilkamp, City Clerk; Vanessa Taylir, Library Director; Tony Burgard, Fire & Rescue Chief;

2 to 4 p.m.: Jacob Maas, Planning Director; Scott MacFarlan, Police Chief; Randy Wojtasiak, Park and Recreation Director;

4 to 6 p.m.: Dennis Regan, City Mayor; Chris Walter, City Engineer;

Dean Kirley, Alderman District 2;

6 to 8 p.m. Chad Waldvogel, Alderman, District 2; Steve Volkert, City Administrator; Wayne Rusniak, Alderman, District 2.

Come to downtown during Maxwell Street Day, pull up a chair and let's talk City of Hartford.



Watertown Daily Times

## 2025 awards, scholarships at Hustisford High School on May 21

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HUSTISFORD — Kiera Leinen, daughter of Chad and Jessica, is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2025. She will be attending University of Wisconsin in Platteville in the fall for criminal justice. Kiera received the WIAA Scholar Athlete Award, American Legion

Good Citizen Award, National School Choral Award, Academic Excellence Scholarship of \$2,250/year, Elvin and Louise Will Family Foundation \$500, WPPI/Hustisford Utilities \$500, Hustisford Volunteer Fire Company, \$1,000, and Hustisford Lions Club, \$1,000. Isabella Burback, daughter of Matt and

Lauren Maas, is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2025. She will be attending University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee to study social work. Isabella received the Outstanding Senior Female Athlete, Hustisford Booster Club, \$500, Hustisford Staff, \$1,000, Pivot Point, \$2,000, Hustisford Volunteer Fire Company, \$1,000, American Legion, \$500, Otto and Beatrice Hopfinger Memorial, \$500, Hustisford Lions Club \$1,000, Hustisford State Bank \$750, and Hustisford Business Association, \$500. Isabella also received the Chancellor's Merit Scholarship \$1,000, and the Black and

Gold Scholarship, \$500 from University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Joe Beavers, son of Eric and Christine, will be attending University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh in the fall for engineering. Joe received the WIAA Scholar Athlete Award, Hustisford Booster Club, \$500, Hustisford Staff, \$1,000, National Honor Society, \$300, Associate Engineering, \$750, Hustisford Youth Wrestling Club, Hustisford Lions Club \$1,000, Hustisford State Bank, \$750 and Sinissippi Trail Hawks, \$300.

Madison Fetzer, daughter of Jeremiah and Carrie, will be attending University of Wisconsin in

Platteville for Animal Science. Madison received the National School Choral Award, Elvin and Louise Will Family Foundation \$500, WPPI/Hustisford Utilities, \$500 and Hustisford State Bank, \$750.

Treyton Hildebrandt, son of Jason and Courtney, will be attending MATC in Madison for the Electrical Program. Treyton received the Technical Excellence Scholarship of \$2,250/year.

Caleb Peplinski, son of Rob and Jennifer, will be entering the work force to become an operator. Caleb received the Outstanding Senior Male Athlete Award.

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# Plein Air painters coming to downtown Jefferson

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JEFFERSON — Local painters will be working outside in downtown Jefferson this week, and in the surrounding area as part of an annual Plein Air event.

To paint “en plein air,” is the French expression for “in the open air.”

Artists will leave their studios June 11-14 to paint scenes of Jefferson on canvas in the open air. Artists will be found in downtown Jefferson and surrounding areas painting historic buildings, churches, the Rock and Crawfish rivers, landscapes and other points of interest.

The public is invited to find the artists and watch them create.

This is the ninth year for the Plein Air event in Jefferson, organized by the Arts Alliance of Greater Jefferson.

The work will be judged by Wisconsin Plein Air artists Troy Tatlock and Mary Beth Drabiszczak. They will view all the paintings on Friday afternoon and collaborate to choose winners for awards totaling \$3,800.

The framed artwork will then be on display and will be available for sale in the community room at the Jefferson Public Library starting Friday evening at a reception and awards presentation.



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The public is welcome to view and purchase artwork during the gallery hours on Saturday June 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local artists participating in this year's event include Derek Hambly of Jefferson, Janet Nelson of Cambridge, Chris

Steinmiller of Sullivan, Nicole Gross of Sullivan, Joseph Kiefer of Lake Mills, Crystal Reidinger of Fort Atkinson, and Amanda DeMauro of Cambridge.

Sponsors include Gold Sponsor Nestle-Purina, Silver Sponsor Jefferson Utilities Commission, Bronze Sponsor Jefferson Tourism

Commission, and Community Sponsors Century 21 Integrity Group and FOCUS Coworking.

More information is at [www.artinjefferson.com](http://www.artinjefferson.com) on the Plein Air tab, on the Arts Alliance of Greater Jefferson Facebook page or by contacting Ellen Waldmer at 414-322-1440 or [ellenw@artinjefferson.com](mailto:ellenw@artinjefferson.com).



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**Kaukauna Class of 2025 members receive awards and scholarships**  
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The Kaukauna High School Awards Ceremony was held on May 21 in the Bernie Hupperts Center for the Performing Arts at Kaukauna High School. The following senior students were recognized at the ceremony:

Adrians, Eden	Soccer Booster Club Scholarship.....	\$250.....	Noah & Amber Adrians
Alberts, Reagan	Rhoades Sanford Foundation, Inc Scholarship .....	\$750.....	Travis & Heather Alberts
Ashauer, Maxwell	Sheldon Niquette Education Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Mark & Kay Ashauer
Baehr, Madison	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Bill & Natalie Poppe
Baerenwald, Abigail	Kaukauna Lions Club - Technical Scholarship .....	\$750.....	Dawn Kloehe
Baumgart, Addison	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Brad & Sherri Baumgart
Baumgart, Addison	Kaukauna Girls Basketball Association Scholarship .....	\$500.....	Brad & Sherri Baumgart
Baumgart, Addison	Northern Michigan University Athletic Aid Scholarship \$22,524/yr.....	\$90,096.....	Brad & Sherri Baumgart
Baumgart, Addison	Northern Michigan University NMU Bridge Award .....	\$5,600.....	Brad & Sherri Baumgart
Baumgart, Addison	Northern Michigan University Wildcat Merit Scholarship.....	\$3,000.....	Brad & Sherri Baumgart
Bekish, Luciana	Charleston Southern University - Student Leadership Grant.....	\$2,000.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bekish, Luciana	Charleston Southern University Buccaneer Enhancement .....	\$2,000.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bekish, Luciana	Charleston Southern University Buccaneer Scholarship \$14,000/yr.....	\$56,000.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bekish, Luciana	Charleston Southern University Out-of-State Grant .....	\$2,000.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bekish, Luciana	Charleston Southern University Tour Treasure Grant.....	\$1,500.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bekish, Luciana	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bekish, Luciana	Kaukauna Athletic Club Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	John & Megan Bekish
Bellotti, Talia	KHS Ghost Scholarship .....	\$500.....	John & Kathleen Bellotti
Bentley, Lluvia	Elmer & Margaret Otte Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Andrew Bentley
Bentley, Lluvia	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Andrew Bentley
Bentley, Lluvia	Paulson Family Scholarship at Lawrence University .....	n/a.....	Andrew Bentley
Berken, Derrick	John, Agnes, Paul and Catherine Reichel Scholarship \$1,100/4 yrs .....	\$4,400.....	Brian & Kay Berken
Biese, Xander	Mayor Anthony J. Penterman Scholarship.....	\$500.....	Justin & Jessica Biese
Biese, Xander	Technical Excellence Scholarship \$2,250/3yrs.....	certificate & \$6750 .....	Justin & Jessica Biese
Bolstad, Emily	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Brian Kimball & Yaping Wang
Borchardt, Emma	Claire Fell Doherty Nursing Scholarship .....	\$850.....	James & Cheri Borchardt
Borchardt, Hannah	Kaukauna Athletic Club Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	William & Cristy Borchardt
Borchardt, Hannah	Kaukauna Girls Basketball Association Scholarship .....	\$500.....	William & Cristy Borchardt
Boucher, Nora	DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) .....	pin & certificate .....	Brady & Janalee Boucher
Boucher, Nora	Geraldine Loderbauer Scholarship.....	\$1,750.....	Brady & Janalee Boucher
Boucher, Nora	Lang Trophy .....	trophy .....	Brady & Janalee Boucher
Boucher, Nora	Soccer Booster Club Scholarship.....	\$250.....	Brady & Janalee Boucher
Brandt, Trevor	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Justin & Stacy Brandt
Broderick, Adam	Community Blood Center Scholarship .....	\$1,250.....	Michael & Elaine Broderick
Broderick, Adam	Ferdinand Kowalke Award.....	\$40.....	Michael & Elaine Broderick
Broderick, Adam	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Michael & Elaine Broderick
Broderick, Adam	Sherwood Area Optimist Club Scholarship .....	\$500.....	
DeGroot, Alaina	Kay Vandenberg Arts Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Alan & Stacy DeGroot
DeGroot, Alaina	KHS Drama Parents Club Scholarship.....	\$500.....	Alan & Stacy DeGroot
DeGroot, Alaina	UW-Milwaukee New Directions Scholarship \$1500/4yrs.....	\$6,000.....	Alan & Stacy DeGroot
DeValk, Chloe	Albert W. & Louise M. Wuyts Scholarship \$750/2yrs .....	\$1,500.....	Travis & Magan DeValk
DeValk, Chloe	Kaukauna Elks Technical Scholarship .....	\$200.....	Travis & Magan DeValk
DeValk, Chloe	Wisconsin Elks Technical Scholarship .....	\$2,000.....	Travis & Magan DeValk
Dvorak, Nyah	Kaukauna Girls Volleyball Scholarship.....	\$500.....	Brian & Rebecca Dvorak
Ebben, Jozy	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Scott & Tammy Ebben
Ebben, Jozy	Kaukauna Girls Basketball Association Scholarship .....	\$500.....	Scott & Tammy Ebben
Ebben, Jozy	UW-Madison Business Emerging Leaders Scholarship \$10,000/4yrs .....	\$40,000.....	Scott & Tammy Ebben
Fietzer, Madison	Community Blood Center Scholarship .....	\$250.....	Paul & Heather Fietzer
Fietzer, Madison	Dr. George Behnke Memorial Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Paul & Heather Fietzer
Franzen, Kaci	Academic Excellence Scholarship \$2,250/4 yrs .....	certificate & \$9000 .....	Greg & Katina Franzen
Franzen, Kaci	Ferdinand Kowalke Award.....	\$40.....	Greg & Katina Franzen
Franzen, Kaci	Kaukauna Community Players - Arlene Trettin Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Greg & Katina Franzen
Franzen, Kaci	Rhoades Sanford Education HS Scholarship.....	\$2,500.....	Greg & Katina Franzen
Franzen, Kaci	Sherwood Area Optimist Club Scholarship.....	\$500.....	Greg & Katina Franzen
Fuchs, Chloe	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Timothy Fuchs & Wendy Bollen Fuchs
Fuchs, Chloe	Marquette University Pere Marquette Scholarship \$28,000/4yrs.....	\$112,000.....	Timothy Fuchs & Wendy Bollen Fuchs
Gauthier, Jessica	Sheldon Niquette Education Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Paul & Jennifer Gauthier
Gerrits, Amber	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Chad & Jennifer Gerrits
Gerrits, Amber	Kaukauna Athletic Club Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Chad & Jennifer Gerrits
Gerrits, Amber	Winona State Academic Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Chad & Jennifer Gerrits
Gerrits, Amber	Winona State Athletic Scholarship.....	\$20,000.....	Chad & Jennifer Gerrits
Graff, Caden	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Jamie & Kelly Graff
Graff, Caden	Kaukauna Boys Hoops Club Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Jamie & Kelly Graff
Graff, Caden	Rick Majerus WBY Shootout Basketball Scholarship .....	\$5,000.....	Jamie & Kelly Graff
Graff, Caden	Unison Credit Union - John Aman Memorial Scholarship .....	\$2,000.....	Jamie & Kelly Graff
Granger, Ethan	Donald T. Straus Scholarship .....	\$500.....	Scott & Kimberly Granger
Granger, Ethan	Kaukauna Athletic Club Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Scott & Kimberly Granger
Granger, Ethan	UW-Whitewater Warhawk Achievement Scholarship \$1,000/4yrs .....	\$4,000.....	Scott & Kimberly Granger
Griesbach, Anna	Kiwanis Club of Dayboy Key Club Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Lee & Michelle Griesbach
Griesbach, Anna	Knights of Columbus Koehler Memorial Scholarship .....	\$1,000.....	Lee & Michelle Griesbach
Griesbach, Anna	Rhoades Sanford Foundation, Inc Scholarship .....	\$2,500.....	Lee & Michelle Griesbach
Gronke, Isaac	Technical Excellence Scholarship \$2,250/3yrs.....	certificate & \$6750 .....	Ryan & Angelica Gronke
Gucwa, Ian	Philip B. Foxgrover Memorial Scholarship.....	\$750.....	Scott Gucoma & Blanche Schafer
Gucwa, Ian	UW-Green Bay Herbert F & Crystal J Sandmire Scholars Scholarship .....	\$2,500.....	Scott Gucoma & Blanche Schafer
Haase, Brayden	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Craig Haase & Michelle Viissers
Hackel, Dylan	Ferdinand Kowalke Award.....	\$40.....	Scott & Michele Hackel
Hackel, Dylan	Kaukauna Alumni Association Scholarship .....	\$1,500.....	Scott & Michele Hackel
Hackel, Dylan	Kaukauna Elks US Constitution 1st Place Winner.....	\$200.....	Scott & Michele Hackel
Hackel, Dylan	Sherwood Area Optimist Club Scholarship .....	\$500.....	Scott & Michele Hackel
Hackel, Dylan	United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award .....	certificate.....	Scott & Michele Hackel
Hackel, Dylan	Wisconsin Elks U.S. Constitution Contest 1st Place Winner .....	\$3,400.....	Scott & Michele Hackel
Hartzheim, Alayna	Alex Sprangers Peace Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Joshua & Tiffany Hartzheim
Haupt, Morgan	Ric Schiedermayer Memorial Scholarship.....	\$1,500.....	Mike & Jennifer Haupt
Heller, Lillianne	Al Zierler Memorial Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	Bret Younger Memorial Track Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	C.L.A.A. Combined Locks Advancement Association .....	\$300.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	David Nelson Scholarship.....	\$3,000.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	Ferdinand Kowalke Award.....	\$40.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	Kaukauna Utilities Scholarship.....	\$3,000.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	Quentin and Ermagard Kuenzil Family Scholarship .....	\$11,500.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	UW-Madison Business Emerging Leaders Scholarship \$5000/4yrs .....	\$20,000.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Heller, Lillianne	UW-Madison Nicolas Merit Scholarship \$10,000/4yrs.....	\$40,000.....	Andrew & Kristin Heller
Herzfeldt, Chloe	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Mark & Lori Herzfeldt
Hietpas, Hope	Gordon & Marjorie Jacobson Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Jeffrey & Crystal Hietpas
Hietpas, Hope	KHS Drama Parents Club Scholarship.....	\$500.....	Jeffrey & Crystal Hietpas
Hoelzel, Katelyn	Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) Scholarship.....	\$500.....	David & Julie Hoelzel
Hofmann, Tucker	Dr. & Mrs. Robert F. Nagan Scholarship.....	\$1,500.....	Mike & Kay Hofmann
Hofmann, Tucker	Ferdinand Kowalke Award.....	\$40.....	Mike & Kay Hofmann
Hofmann, Tucker	Kaukauna Quarterback Club Scholarship.....	\$500.....	Mike & Kay Hofmann
Holtz, Olin	Kay Vandenberg Arts Scholarship.....	\$1,000.....	Jason & Carissa Holtz

## Wrightstown seniors receive scholarships and awards

**Brynn Bousley** — Unison Credit Union Scholarship

**Juliana Coenen** — Rae of Light Dance Team Scholarship

**Mallory Colwell** — Greenleaf/Wrightstown Optimist Club, Tom Ramage Memorial Fund

**Natalie Colwell** — Green Bay Rebekah Lodge #185 Scholarship, Piggly Wiggly Scholarship, Chris Reichwald Memorial Scholarship, Stevens Point Pointer Promise Scholarship, Future Leaders in Health Scholarship, Stevens Point Admissions Scholarship, Ariens Family Foundation Scholarship, Jack Finnegan Memorial Scholarship

**Elianna Coussons** — Bellin Health Scholarship, Greenleaf Riders Club Scholarship

**Josiah Coussons** — Wrightstown Wrestling Club Scholarship

**Mason Driscoll** — Cottingham & Butler Scholarship

**Briley Durocher** — SBCC Scholarship in Memory of John Hanaway, Greenleaf/Wrightstown Optimist Club, Russ Bowers Memorial Scholarship, American Legion Post 436 Scholarship

**Ella Fandrey** — Stevens Point Pointer Promise Scholarship, Stevens Point Invest in Your Future Scholarship, Wrightstown Area Business & Community Alliance Scholarship

**Riley Feldkamp** — American Legion Post 436 Scholarship

**Sarina Fors** — Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship

**Louis Hock** — Wrightstown Wrestling Club Scholarship

**Aiden Humphreys** — Kaukauna Utilities Scholarship, Van Hoof Family Scholarship

**Reagan Juntunen** — Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

**Jaeden Kittoe** — Wrightstown Gridiron Association Scholarship

**Elizabeth Leick** — Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarship, Country Visions Cooperative Scholarship

**Kaia Leick** — UW-Milwaukee Chancellor's Merit Scholarship, UW-Milwaukee Black & Gold Scholarship, Darcie Dekker Budd Scholarship, GreenLeaf Bank Scholarship

**Leah Lennon** — Greenleaf/Wrightstown Optimist Club

**Seth Meulemans** — National Merit Scholarship, University of Alabama in Huntsville Scholarship

**Dominic Myers** — Foundation for the Carolinas Scholarship, Lakeland University Service & Leadership Scholarship, Lakeland University Alumni Legacy Scholarship, Lakeland University Opportunity Scholarship, Lakeland University Dean Scholarship, Lakeland University Business Scholarship, AmWins Scholarship, American



Brian Roebke photos

**Bill Lake of American Legion Post 436 and Wrightstown High School teacher Derek Erickson present a scholarship to Wrightstown High School senior Riley Feldkamp at the school's awards night on May 21.**

Legion Post 436 Scholarship

**Cailey Peterson** — University of Dubuque Presidential Scholarship, Greenleaf/Wrightstown Optimist Club

**Caleb Podgorski** — Unison Credit Union Scholarship, Wrights-

town Gridiron Association Scholarship, The Keegan A. Grimm Scholarship

**William Schoenwalder** — Greenleaf Riders Club Scholarship, Fox River Valley Branch of the Wisconsin Section of the ASCE,

Wrightstown Gridiron Association Scholarship, Great American Rivalry Series Scholar Athlete Award

**Trevor Vande Hey** — BIG Ten Athletics Scholarship

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Brian Roebke photo

**Kaia Leick and Madison Wiese pose with Michael Krutz after receiving GreenLeaf Bank Scholarships.**

## Scholarships

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**Carlie Verbeten** — Wrightstown Wrestling Club Scholarship

**Peityn Vickman** — UW Milwaukee Black & Gold Scholarship

**Victoria Watzka** — College-Ready Distinguished Student Award, Chris Reichwald Memorial Scholarship

**Madison Wiese** — Wisconsin Holstein Foundation President's Award, James W. Crowley Award, University of Minnesota (UMN) Canfield Scholarship, UMN College of Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Science Scholarship,

UMN Gopher Dairy Club Scholarship, UMN Agricultural Communication & Marketing Major Scholarship, Greenstone Farm Credit Services Scholarship, Brown County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship, Country Visions Cooperative Scholarship, Greenleaf/Wrightstown Optimist Club, Collins Dairy-Future in Agriculture Scholarship, Brown County Dairy Promotions Scholarship, GreenLeaf Bank Scholarship

**Rebecca Zemple** — The Florence M. & Stanley V. Kabat Memorial Scholarship, Bellin College Scholarship, St. Clare Catholic School Graduate Scholarship.

## Little Chute High School/Little Chute Career Pathways Class of 2025 scholarships and awards

**Silas Alcalá** — Mr. & Mrs. K. "One Word" Scholarship

**Youssef Ayari** — Reynebeau Floral Instrumental Music Recognition Award

**Brandon Brady** — Mike Mollen Humanitarian Award

**Nathaniel Burns** — Presidential Academic Excellence

**Hayden Carroll** — EZ Glide Athletic Scholarship, Mike Mollen Outstanding Male Athlete Award, Presidential Academic Excellence

**Victoria Champeau** — Presidential Academic Excellence, BLC Community Bank Outstanding Math Student Scholarship

**Amelia Eiting** — LCCPA Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, Presidential Academic Excellence, Booster Club Mustang Spirit Award, Chute-ing Stars Dance Scholarship, George Vanderloop, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, Heart of the Valley Lions Club Scholarship, LCCPA Wisconsin Academic Excellence

**Claire Ellenbecker** — American Legion Auxiliary Outstanding Senior Girl Award,

**Nehemiah Engle** — LCHS Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, Presidential Academic Excellence, Little Chute Hoops Club Scholarship

**Emma Fritsch** — Presidential Academic Excellence, Appleton Breakfast Rotary Scholarship for Continuing Education in the Mental

Health Field, Spirit of Skills USA Scholarship

**Bryn Fuchs** — Presidential Academic Excellence

**Emilie Haessler** — Presidential Academic Excellence, Mustang Mentors Scholarship, Horatio Alger Scholarship

**Addisen Harper** — Community Blood Center Scholarship, Community Blood Center Gallon Grad

**Kendall Hengst** — LCHS Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, DECA Scholarship, Little Chute Families for the Performing Arts Scholarship, Reynebeau Floral Instrumental Music Recognition Award

**Brooke Janssen** — LCHS Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, Presidential Academic Excellence, Ken's Sports Racing for Academic Excellence Scholarship, The Project Starfish Pay It Forward Scholarship, LCHS Wisconsin Academic Excellence, AP Scholar

**Marin Jones** — Joseph Hietpas Memorial Scholarship

**Connor Kliner** — LCHS Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, [Kaukauna Utilities](#) Scholarship, Little Chute Educational Enrichment Scholarship, Nestle Pizza Division Academic Scholarship

**Aubrey Knutson** — Presidential Academic Excellence, Booster Club Mustang Spirit Award

**Dane Kruckeberg** — Presi-

dential Academic Excellence, Eugene & Jane Romenesko Family Scholarship

**Krista Kucharski** — Presidential Academic Excellence, Amy De Bruin Memorial Scholarship, Bill Fitzpatrick, Sr. Jaycees 110% Award, George Vanderloop, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, Little Chute Education Association Scholarship, Student Council IMAD (I Made a Difference) Scholarship, The Project Starfish Pay It Forward Scholarship

**Isabel Lamia** — Project Starfish Pay It Forward Scholarship

**Kenson Lefebvre** — Presidential Academic Excellence, Little Chute Education Association Scholarship

**Nelli Leicht** — LCCPA Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, Nestle Pizza Division Academic Scholarship

**David Lenz** — LCCPA Wisconsin Technical Excellence

**Andi Manschot** — Appleton Breakfast Rotary Scholarship for Continuing Education in the Mental Health Field, Al Zierler Outstanding Service Scholarship, Capital Credit Union-Tom Young Education Scholarship

**Caden Maronek** — Presidential Academic Excellence, American Legion Post#258 Outstanding Senior Boy Award

**Ethan Melendrez** — LCCPA Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, WIAA Scholar Athlete, Presidential

Academic Excellence, Little Chute Diamond Club Scholarship, WIAA Scholar Athlete

**Samantha Miller** — Outstanding Senior Female Athlete Award, Outstanding Female Athlete Scholarship

**Blake Moberg** — Little Chute Families for the Performing Arts Scholarship

**Ryan Odle** — American Legion Carl Hammen Memorial Scholarship, Fox Valley Metro Police K-o Foundation Scholarship, Reynebeau Floral Vocal Music Recognition Award

**Taylor Olds** — Reynebeau Floral Vocal Music Recognition Award

**Mason Peeters** — Little Chute Gridiron Club Scholarship

**Danica Pfrang** — LCCPA Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, American Legion Carl Hammen Memorial Scholarship

**Ava Quella** — Presidential Academic Excellence, Van Lieshout Visual Arts Award

**Micah Ridley** — Presidential Academic Excellence

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**Kyra Whalley** — LCCPA Valedictorian, Top Ten Senior, WIAA Scholar Athlete, [Kaukauna](#)

[Utilities](#) Scholarship, Little Chute Diamond Club Scholarship, Little Chute Hoops Club Scholarship, WIAA Scholar Athlete

**Ashley Wilson** — National Merit Scholarship Corporation Scholarship, Peter J. and Minnie A. Hietpas Scholarship

**Shawn Xiong** — Reynebeau Floral Vocal Music Recognition Award

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## Public Works Board supports participation in Highway KK corridor study

By Tom Collins  
Reporter

A growing state and county effort to look at traffic needs for the Highway KK corridor recently opened the door to include several municipalities to join the effort, including Kaukauna.

The invitation for Kaukauna to join with Appleton, Harrison, the Town of Buchanan, and both Calumet and Outagamie Counties to examine the busy corridor between John Street in Appleton and the intersection with Highway 55 in Kaukauna.

Kaukauna and the other participating communities and counties will examine the current and potential needs along the growing corridor with the East Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The effort seeks to tap into a federal grant for such traffic studies called the Safe Streets and Roads for All.

According to regional reporting, the ECWRPC identified the KK section destined for study as running from John Street in Appleton east to the intersection with Highway 55 at Kaukauna.

That section has the highest priority in our area regarding streets and roads. One report stated the Highway KK section, a portion of which is also known as Calumet Street, had 823 accidents over the two-year period from 2020 through 2022. Included in those totals were nine serious injuries and three fatalities.

City Engineer and Public Works Director John Neumeier noted Kaukauna has less footage along the corridor than some other municipalities. The footage calculation will likely determine how the study shares for participants will be divided among the participating entities. One regional source estimated the overall study would cost as much as \$640,000.

The reported breakdown of that estimate includes 80 percent paid by the federal grant, plus the remaining \$120,000 split among the participants. One-half of the remaining amount would be split between Calumet and Outagamie counties, an estimated \$40,000 each. Kaukauna would have the smallest financial commitment in the study, with an estimated amount of just more than \$7,000 based on its footage.

The Village of Harrison and the Town of Buchanan are estimated to have the highest community shares at just more than \$28,000 and \$26,488, respectively.

The city's public works body members eagerly supported the effort and expressed that is a positive step for the city and the region.

The local representatives likely to

participate in the multi-jurisdictional discussions are Neumeier and City Planner Dave Kittel.

The meeting began with a brief public hearing regarding the city's 2025 alley paving program. The current efforts include alleys in the 9th and 10th Street vicinity.

A representative of a city resident impacted by the construction remarked that the alleys are something of a hindrance for those with garage entrances only available from alleys.

That person was also invited to ask an individual question about the property affected in a separate discussion with the city engineering department personnel. There were no other questions of comments. Later, in the night of meetings, the legislative committee approved the authorization to officially assess properties touching the alleys involved.

The current city assessment policy means property owners now pay one-third of the costs involved on each side of the alleys, with the city taking up the remaining one-third of the costs.

The legislative committee offered still another discussion that likely will impact a number of city residents at some point in the future. That discussion involved the potential of rules and regulations for e-bikes, motorized scooters, and other similar devices.

Committee members offered a number of concerns and tangents that might be considered. One example was the use of motorized devices on city sidewalks versus streets and roads in the city.

It is not easy to paint a broad brush of rules and regulations, especially since the motorized versions are capable of higher speeds than many traditional pedaled bicycles. On the other hand, the balance of safety is important since many of the motorized devices are ridden by students on their way to and from various schools.

And not all areas of the city are easily alike in terms of traffic patterns. Rules that may favor students riding on sidewalks near Kaukauna High School instead of riding on the highway might not apply at all in other areas of the city where there are bike lanes or quieter traffic patterns on city streets.

After a discussion of many potential scenarios by elected officials, Police Chief Jamie Graff admitted there was no clear direction available regarding potential changes in city ordinances. That led to some additional discussion and a decision by the committee to recommend the formation of a subcommittee to study and eventually recommend possible ordinance changes.

That subcommittee may include various city representatives, along with members from the school district, and potentially could include members of the public.

The nearly two hours of committee and board meetings included a 35-minute closed session that comprised the finance and personnel committee's session. It involved a fire department matter. That discussion yielded no action or motions prior to adjourning.

The public works session also included a second look at bids for the 2025 street patching program, caused by an error in a date involved with bid submissions. When all bids involved were examined a second time, the outcome included the chance for additional bids to be submitted. The low project bidder was the same as in May. It was Al Dix Concrete for \$190,850.

The board members also approved the city's annual CMAR report involving the status of the city's sanitary sewer system.

The public works update included the closure of the Highway J and Interstate 41 overpass for work, along with a brief closure of the interstate highway at that location, along with an appropriate detour coming soon.

Neumeier offered something of a Sesame Street-style lesson for the upcoming fire hydrant painting by Kaukauna Utilities. In this case, it had to do with hydrant colors. For example, Neumeier said green paint shows a hydrant with higher pressure, while red paint is a hydrant with lower pressure. He knew some residents might be curious about the use of differing hydrant paint colors in various parts of the city.

In addition to the motorized and electric vehicle discussion, the legislative committee also looked at a few ordinance changes that likely will need some updating.

One example called out by City Attorney Tim Greenwood was a 1967-era ordinance calling for mandatory retirement of police and fire personnel at age 70. Greenwood noted that provision would likely be difficult to enforce in our modern era.

The legislative committee also formally approved the CMAR report and the city's participation in the application process for the potential KK corridor grant. Both items were forwarded to the common council.

The committee also decided the city can suspend potential committee and common council meetings on June 30 and July 1, surrounding the July 4 holiday.

That decision impacted some of the work of the health and recreation committee, where bar licenses were under consideration for

renewal.

Because the meetings will not be held on June 30 and July 1, there are two city businesses that essentially need to take care of some matters holding up their license renewals before June 30 or they may face temporary closure until the city committees and council meet later in July.

Health and recreation committee matters included potentially tightening rules for signs types of signs and display length at the city's dog park. Recommendations regarding those changes may come back for consideration soon.

Apparently, some current signs have overstayed their time at the dog park by a few years.

Consideration of a temporary Class B license for the Kaukauna Athletic Club for an Aug. 19 event

at the St. Paul Home was pulled from consideration and will be revisited again at an upcoming meeting.

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gratitude — for the memories, the mentors, and the magic of being part of something bigger than himself.

The show dates for The Hunchback are Thursday, June 26, through Saturday, June 28, with performances at 7 p.m. along with a through a link on the KCP website, kaukaunacommunityplayers.org and at the door an hour before each performance. Tickets are general admission. Ticket prices are \$18 for adult/senior and \$7 for 12 and under.

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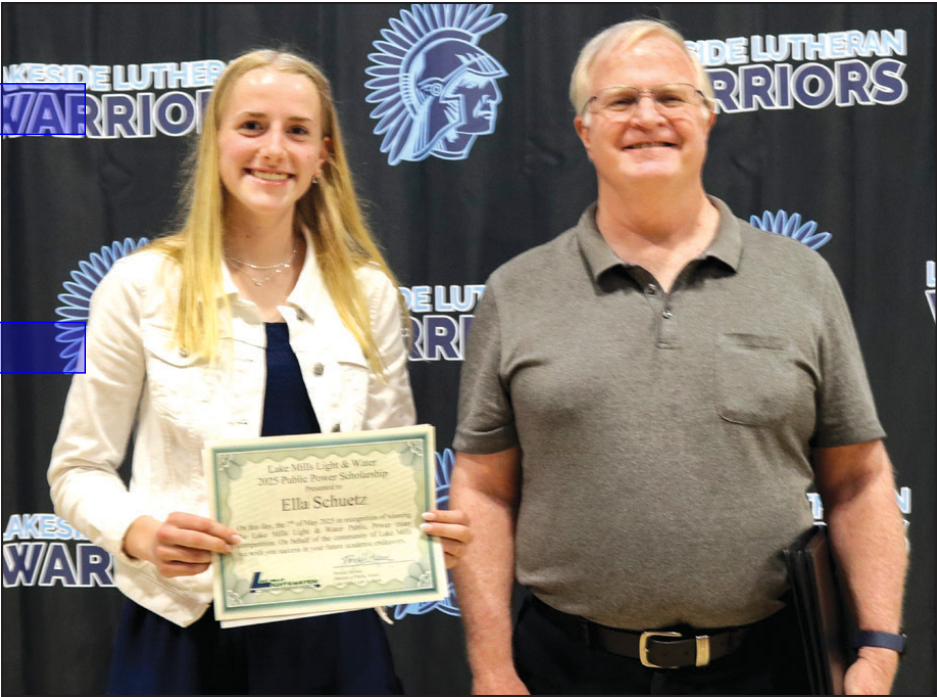




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# ELLA SCHUETZ LIGHT & WATER SCHOLARSHIP

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Gregg Hoffman, Energy Services Representative from Lake Mills Light & Water, presented a Public Power Scholarship to senior Ella Schuetz at the May 7 Academic Awards Night at Lakeside Lutheran High School. The \$500 scholarship, part of Lake Mills Light & Water's commitment to give back to the community and contribute to educational efforts, is available to seniors whose parents are customers. Schuetz, who plans to major in nursing at UW-Milwaukee, is the daughter of Jason and Rachel of Lake Mills.



## **L'Anse Council Adopts Budget, Requests Disaster Aid**

**By Todd Overbeek** Jun 24, 2025 | 3:35 AM

The Village of L'Anse has its 2025-2026 budget in place.

The spending plans for the village government, its related entities, and the Downtown Development Association were approved by the village council last evening.

The general fund budget came in at \$1.644 million, slightly less than the anticipated \$1.728 million in anticipated revenue. The three street fund budgets totaled \$634,000. The electric utility anticipates expenditures of \$1.96 million, with revenue just over \$2 million. The combined water and sewer budgets total \$2.2 million. The DDA budget was set at \$201,000.

The property tax rate for the year was set at 14.13 mills, with an additional assessment of 1.66 mills for property included in the Downtown Development Authority. That figure includes levies for the street fund, cemetery, and retirement of bonds from construction of the fire hall.

The council also approved a resolution requesting disaster relief funds from the state to help cover the costs of repairing damages from the heavy rains and flooding on May 15th. Village manager Robert LaFave reported that the damage was not severe enough to qualify for federal assistance.

LaFave also noted that he will meet this week with officials from CN railroad about the problems with the gates on the US-41 rail crossing near the Falls River. Gate malfunctions have caused lengthy traffic delays. LaFave said railroad officials have indicated a willingness to resolve the problem.



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The Lodi Fire Department gives a student the opportunity to practice using a fire extinguisher in a safe environment using a digital simulator at the Lodi Safety Fair on June 12.

## Lodi parents get reminders for safety amid the hot summer fun

JONATHAN STEFONEK  
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As many Lodi families were registering for summer school, on June 12 Lodi Community Action Team took advantage of the moment to remind kids and parents how to stay safe amid the shenanigans of summer vacation.

This has been the third year that LCAT has hosted the annual Safety Fair at Lodi High School, featuring information and demonstrations from local police, firefighters and emergency medical services, as well as Lodi CREW (Community Resource Enrichment Wellness, the City of Lodi, Columbia County Health and Human Services, Aspirus Health, Kobussen, and Grade Boat Club.

Targeting families with younger kids in the school district, LCAT Program Director Bryan Bilse says the goal is to make sure that parents, grandparents, and guardians know how to keep their kids safe over the summer, pointing to Columbia County Public Health as an example.

"They brought a tick kit, so essentially what it is, is it's a kit where if your child gets a tick, which often occurs, there's a safe way of removing those ticks, and they brought them," said Bilse.

One of the more surprising demonstrations highlighted the importance of car seats and booster seats. While some people may recall a time when car seats and booster seats were less prevalent, many are



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City of Lodi Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent James Lincoln gives kids an eye-catching demonstration of the dangers of playing around utility boxes, which in Lodi can involve potential consequences involving 7,000 volts of electricity.

surprised by the current standard for how long children should use a booster seat.

A standing doorway gave a clear demonstration, with the sign: "Walk under the sign, booster seat in the car," with a measure at the side showing a minimum height of 4 feet 9 inches for riding in a vehicle without a booster seat.

The Lodi Fire Department brought a digital virtual fire extinguisher exercise, and Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent James Lincoln give a live electricity demonstration showing kids the dangers of going near utility installations or haphazardly digging where there may be buried power lines.

Outside the school the Lodi Area Fire Department was giving tours of their fire engine, and Kobussen was letting visitors get in the driver's seat of a school bus, but more for the benefit of adults than children.

"They can look at the different blind spots, because a bus company

wants parents to know that we can't see kids and that's why you have to be so careful when there's a bus," said Bilse, pointing out the "10-foot rule" of the zone in which accidents are most likely to happen.

"I thought that was a really good idea to let the parents sit in the seats to see and feel what the bus driver is experiencing every day when they're out on the road, trying to keep our kids safe."

As the event grows each year attendance appears to expand, according to Bilse, beyond students and their parents, to include anyone in the community that might babysit or watch children over the summer.

"For kids it is a more carefree time of year and I think some kids can forget," said Bilse, "but I think parents, sometimes, can forget too, because it's like this huge weight lifted off of their shoulders, they're not in school anymore, it is summertime and we can relax, but we always need to keep our kids safe, no matter what time of year it is."



## These Mount Horeb graduates left high school career-ready



Mary Meyer worked with BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Biotechnology



Samantha Buechner worked with Mound City Bank

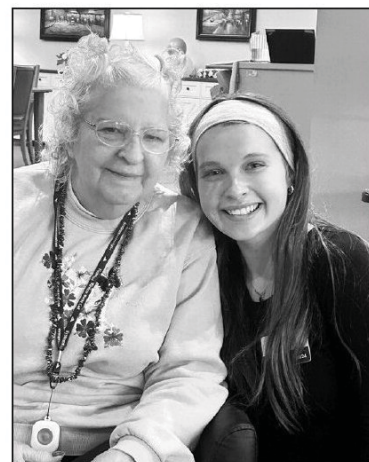


Tate Boatman worked with UW Health.

At right, Zach Maguire, Owen Preimesberger, Sophia Nelson, and Griffin Hannah worked with Ziro.



At right, Clara Lindley worked with the MHASD Intermediate Center.



Olivia Parks worked with the BeeHive Homes.

Two Sundays ago, more than eighty proud Mount Horeb High School (MHHS) students who walked across the stage at the Alliant Energy Center to receive their diplomas are graduating with Career and Technical Education certifications. For many, this moment represented more than the end of high school—it marked the launch of career-ready futures already in motion.

Through Mount Horeb Area School District's innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, these industry-recognized certifications, from "Concepts of Finance" to "Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)," developed by leading companies and validated by employers, reflect real-world workforce demands, enhance graduate employability, and give students a competitive edge in job markets and college admissions.

"These certifications demonstrate our students' commitment to excellence and real-world readiness," said Jodie Baber, Business Education Teacher and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator. "They don't just gradu-

ate with knowledge—they graduate with proof they're prepared to contribute."

In addition to earning certifications, many students also participated in the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program, where they gained hands-on experience with local businesses across industries, including healthcare, agriculture, finance, engineering, and more. This year's Youth Apprenticeship placements included Eli Ahrens at The Electrician, Mason Albrent at Premier Cooperative, Tate Boatman at UW Health, Benjamin Brohn at Helwig Auto, Abbey Brunner at Viva Infusions & Wellness, Samantha Buechner at Mound City Bank, Meredith Cowden at Mt Horeb Animal Hospital, William Cox at KL Engineering, Molly Erickson at Single Oak Farm, Logan Ford at JG Development, Alexandria Grundahl at Elevate Events, Colin Haag at Ron Haag, Griffin Hannah at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Elise Hazlewood at Mt Horeb Area School District, Sawyer Helgesen at Ritchie Implement, Mason Hellenbrand at

DRH Fencing, Mikayla Holter at Four Winds Manor, Daphne Hughes at Natural Wisdom Counseling, Carter Kolb at Plastics Ingenuity, Nathan Lacy at ACS, Colin Larson at Stagecoach Plumbing, Cy Lawry at Viva Infusions & Wellness, Clara Lindley at Mt Horeb Area School District, Zach Maguire at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Zelma Marohn at Biotechnology, Zeva Melka at UW Vet Clinic, Mary Meyer at Biotechnology, Benjamin Mieritz at Mt Horeb Animal Hospital, Thomas Miller at Norsk Golf Club, Sophie Nelson at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Parker Nihles at B&B Trucking, Noah Olmsted at Dave Jones, Rowan Padden-Lechten at Mt Horeb Area School District, Olivia Parks at BeeHive Homes, Owen Preimesberger at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Porter Retzlaff at Plastics Ingenuity, Emma Ringgenberg at Farmers Savings Bank, Theodore Rogers at WI Surplus, Savannah Schlimgen at Upland Hills, Lucas Schultke at Helwig Auto, Kynley Schwake at Azura Memory Care and Assisted Living, Logan Schwoerer

at Syndon, Devin Shelstad at Fertile Ridge Dairy, Ryan Skogen at Harker Heating and Cooling, Spencer Stadel at Mt Horeb Utilities, Talon Stoener at Lake Ridge Bank, Calton Thomas at Garfoot Farms, Waylon Tollefson at Blue Line Designs, Taytem Zander at Ope Haus.

"These apprenticeships are about more than work experience—they're about empowering students with clarity, skills, and confidence," Baber added. "It's a testament to our community's commitment to helping students thrive both in and beyond the classroom."

Further advancing its mission to prepare students for a globally connected world, Mount Horeb High School proudly launched the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) this year. The IBCP blends rigorous academic coursework with practical career experience, offering students the opportunity to explore fields of interest while developing transferable skills, global perspectives, and real-world expertise.

"The IBCP adds a powerful new layer to our career readiness work," said Craig Smith, MHHS School to Career and International Baccalaureate Coordinator. "It allows students to dig deep into career fields while engaging in high-level academic study and personal development."

For more information about the IBCP or other career readiness opportunities, email Craig Smith at [smithcraig@mounthorebschools.org](mailto:smithcraig@mounthorebschools.org).

With a deep commitment to real-world readiness, the

Mount Horeb Area School District continues to build partnerships with businesses, industry leaders, and higher education institutions to bridge the gap between education and employment.

Whether students graduate with certifications, apprenticeship experience, or International Baccalaureate credentials, they leave MHHS prepared not just for what's next—but for whatever comes next.

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## GOVERNMENT

# Administrator leaving NH for Falls position

Cullen Peltier, city administrator of the City of New Holstein, has officially announced his resignation from the city as he will be taking a comparable job with the City of Sheboygan Falls.

Peltier's resignation was an item on the agenda of a special New Holstein Common Council meeting on May 29. He was officially approved for the Sheboygan Falls position by that council on Wednesday, June 4.

Peltier released a statement on Thursday, June 5 in which he said, "As I prepare to begin a new chapter as the administrator and utilities general manager for the City of Sheboygan Falls, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the City Council, Calumet County, the New Holstein Chamber of Commerce, the entire staff of the city and **New Holstein Utilities**, and the residents of the city of New Holstein.

"The past two years serving as city administrator in New Holstein have been an incredibly rewarding experience. I am truly thankful for the warm welcome I received and for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated and collaborative individuals. It has been an honor to serve a community that values progress, engagement and cooperation.

"I leave with many great memories and a deep appreciation for all

## DONATION TO PROJECT



**A grant in the amount of \$3,000 has been Kiwanis Club to the New Holstein Baseball to get a new concession stand constructed**

that we've accomplished together. I wish the City of New Holstein continued success and all the best in the years to come."

Another special meeting of the New Holstein Common Council was held Tuesday, June 3 to further discuss recruiting a new administrator and to discuss the position in the interim. Deputy City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Lori Beck will serve as the interim city administrator.





## STUDENT RECOGNITION

# NHHS scholarship recipients announced

New Holstein School District officials recently announced that members of the Class of 2025 have received over \$500,000 in total scholarships to pursue their educations in the fall.

Scholarship recipients are as follows:

Aubrey Achter—Leo & Jeanette Steiner Family

Addison Anhalt—Harvey G. Baker, Community Blood Drive, New Holstein Chamber of Commerce, New Holstein Kiwanis

Grace Binversie—Violet & Ruben Laack Memorial, Lorraine Stemper, Todd Nagel Memorial, Aurora Medical Center Sheboygan County Medical Staff, American Legion Auxiliary Grasshold Schmidtkofer Unit 125, Ascension Calumet Medical Center Auxiliary, HUI Arnold Memorial, Bellin College Admissions

Kaylee Brill—Dr. I.A. Walsdorf Memorial, Tim Meyer Ag Leadership, Courtney Krebsbach Memorial, Leo Hanke Memorial, Fond

du Lac County Market Livestock Project

Madelyn Burg—Donald & Mary Muenster Memorial, Ryan Zwart Memorial, New Holstein Knights of Columbus

Erick Burns—Adam Buechel & Bob Randl Memorial, Sami Nelson Memorial

Hayley Carroll—Concordia Regents, Concordia Early FAFSA Filing, Concordia Grant, Concordia Luther Promise Guarantee, Concordia Opportunity

Skyla Franzen—Edward J. Casper, Lorraine Stemper, Marytown Farmers & Business

Takarah Gaedke—New Holstein Utilities

Allie Heimermann—Lorraine Stemper, Janet Nagel Memorial, NHHS National Honor Society, Lakeland Presidential, Lakeland Leadership, Lakeland Alumni, J. Garland Schilcutt Business, Lakeland Opportunity, Lakeland Rath

Violet Karls—Harvey G. Baker,

Winnebago East Shore Lions, Lynn & Jerry Burton Business, NHHS National Honor Society, New Holstein Utilities

Camden Kraus—Wisconsin Technical Excellence, Neil Bollinger Memorial, New Holstein Community

Makenzie Lance—Donald & Mary Muenster Memorial, Roger & Mary Rulseh

Lillian Lefebber—Sami Nelson Memorial, New Holstein American Legion Post 124, UW Stevens Point Invest in Your Purpose

Alaina Lisch—Laack Scholarship for the Arts, Calumet County Tavern League, Charlie Schwarz Memorial, Mt. Calvary Athletic Club, Local 400 Plumbers & Steamfitters

Addison Marquardt—Harvey G. Baker, Anonymous Donor/Iversen/Langefeld, New Holstein Utilities

Josie Mertens—Harvey G. Baker, Community Blood Center, Ryan Mueller, Ambrose & Lorna Lisowe, Judith Krueger/Else Vollstedt, Cal-

umet County Farm Bureau, New Holstein Utilities, UW Platteville Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation, UW Platteville Kenneth Wilcox, UW Platteville Academic Merit

Chloe Meyer—Harvey G. Baker, Feider/Timm/Roegner

Elijah Pearsall—Violet & Ruben Laack Memorial, Charlie Schwarz Memorial, Orin & Gertrude Lindemuth, National Honor Society, Lakeland Presidential, Lakeland Schools of Science, Education & Continuing Studies, Lakeland Sheboygan County Scholars, Lakeland Helen Boatwright Music

Alexander Petry—Harvey G. Baker, Ruth & John Mattke, Henry Reineck Family I, Bright Penny

Caryn Reiser—Wisconsin Academic Excellence, Harvey G. Baker, Henry Reineck Family I, Rob Stellflug Memorial, National Honor Society, St. Vincent DePaul

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**Madison Ritchie**—Terry Leibham Memorial, John Hemauer Memorial

**Peyton Salchert**—Tina Marie Stephanie, Rick Sattler Memorial

**Ella Schmitz**—NHHS Alumni College

**Ava Scholz**—Donald & Mary Muenster Memorial, New Holstein Lions Club, National Exchange Bank, NHHS Alumni Tech College, New Holstein Utilities, New Holstein Knights of

Columbus

**Benjamin Schroeder**—Harvey G. Baker, Wieser Family, Marytown Athletic, Lynn & Jerry Burton Business, Leonard Gentine, New Holstein Utilities, Gordon Umland Education, UW Whitewater College Excellence, New Holstein Optimist Club

**Nicole Unke**—Donald & Mary Muenster

Memorial, Sami Nelson Memorial

**Jeshua Valentin**—Promise Scholarship Fund II, Ralph & Alice Steiner Family, Diane Ploederl Memorial

**Hailey Will**—NHHS Alumni College, Winnebago East Shore Lions, Marian Academic Achievement Award, Marian Early Sabre Award, Marian CSA Legacy Award



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STUDENT RECOGNITION

# KHS Class of '25 receives scholarships

The Kiel Area School District High School Senior Class of 2025 Awards & Scholarship Ceremony was held on Wednesday evening, May 14 at the Kiel High School Performing Arts Center.

Special donor presenters, KASD Board members, administration, faculty and staff, students, parents and families were present to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the students listed below. The total scholarship amount to the Class of 2025 at that time stood at \$736,150.

Sean Allen—Kemper K. Knapp National Merit Undergraduate Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Corporation Finalist, UW-Madison Great People Scholarship, YA Completion Certificate

Seth Allen—Kemper K. Knapp National Merit Undergraduate Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Corporation Finalist, UW-Madison Great People Scholarship, YA Completion Certificate

Braden Aprill—Gordon Umland Educational Scholarship, Kiel Area

Association of Commerce Scholarship, Kiel Area Basketball Association Scholarship, Kiel Lions Club Scholarship, Kiel Optimist Club Scholarship, Leonard A. Gentine Scholarship (Sargento), EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Manitowoc County Sports Officials Association Scholarship, "Outstanding" Senior Scholar Athlete

Sydney August—Aurora Medical Center- Sheboygan County Medical Staff High School Scholarship, Kiel High School Math Club Scholarship, Kiel Booster Club Scholarship, Richard and Ione Beerntsen YMCA Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Chaz Blanke—YA Completion Certificate

Brady Bortz—Cleveland State Bank (Charlie Kolb) Scholarship, Leonard A. Gentine Scholarship, St. Nazianz Lions Club Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Richelle Bramstedt—EWC Aca-

demic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Courtney Faust—Bill Fromm Memorial Scholarship (Knights of Columbus), KABA Scholarship, Keegan Grimm Scholarship, Kiel High School Wrestling Club Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Karris Fisher—Lakeland University Service and Leadership Scholarship

Dane Freund—Kiel High School Math Club Scholarship, Kiel Lions Club Scholarship, Zielanis Family Scholarship

Jay Garlieb—Carthage College Lincoln Scholarship

Dean Gibbs—EWC Academic All-Conference Award

Keegan Gimbi—Land of the Free Scholarship, Milton H. Kuether Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), YA Completion Certificate

Shawn Grove—YA Completion Certificate

Landon Hager—EWC Academic

All-Conference Award

Isabella Halfmann—Laurie Binnerse Heckmann Memorial Scholarship, R&S Nursing Scholarship

Taylor Halfmann—University of Wisconsin-River Falls Acceptance Scholarship, YA Completion Certificate

Austin Hammerling—Nemak Achievers Scholarship, YA Completion Certificate

Hailey Helms—Dennis J. Hortum Memorial Scholarship, Elkhart Lake-Kiel Fire Department Scholarship, Kiel High School Mission Club Scholarship, Officer Macullen M. Schnell Memorial Scholarship, UW-Platteville Merit Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, "Outstanding" Senior Scholar Athlete

Adela Henschel—Louis Corners Sno-Birds Snowmobile Club Scholarship

Kaiden Jochimsen—YA Completion Certificate

Addison Johannes—National Honor Society Scholarship National

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Conner Kamp—Emily Wegner Memorial Scholarship

Ben Kienbaum—Adolph Stoelting Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), KHS Wrestling Club Scholarship, Wayne Horn Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Manitowoc County Sports Officials Association Scholarship, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Jadeyn Kind—Lakeshore College - Kohler Foundation Advantage Scholarship

Emmett Langenfeld—John Adema Memorial Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), Northern Michigan University-Bridge Award, Northern Michigan University-Wildcat Merit Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Lillian Larson—Adolph Stoelting Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), Helen & Friederich Falz Scholarship, Ralph "Kelly" Kramer Scholarship, VFW Auxiliary Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award, WIAA Scholar Athlete Award

Edward LeMieux—YA Completion Certificate

Julia Mayer—Kiel High School National Honor Society Scholarship, NAMI Manitowoc County 2025 Scholarship

Karleigh Michaud—UW-Stevens Point-Pointer Promise Scholarship, UW-Stevens Point-Invest in your Purpose Scholarship, YA Completion Certificate

Sawyer Moore—EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Lakeshore All Sports Hall of Fame

Brandon Muehlbauer—Harvey Baker Memorial Scholarship, Kiel Area Basketball Association Scholarship, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Kendra Muehlbauer—Senior Scholar Athlete Award, Emily Wegner Memorial Scholarship, Kiel High School Wrestling Scholarship

Ava Neils—Lakeland University Fine Arts and Humanities Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Ivan Paulish—YA Completion Certificate

Logan Perl—Elkhart Lake-Kiel Fire Department Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award

Julia Quinn—Cleveland Fish & Game Scholarship, SSG Amy S. Krueger Memorial Scholarship, Families of Children with Cancer Scholarship

Brady Ramminger—Kiel Area Basketball Association Scholarship, Sylvia & Jerry Mertens Scholarship, UW-La Crosse Merit Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award, WIAA Scholar Athlete Award

Carson Ramminger—Lakeshore College-Promise Scholarship, Technical Excellence Scholarship, Lakeshore College-Kohler Foundation Advantage Scholarship

Sara Riebe—Elkhart Lake-Kiel Fire Department Scholarship, Harold C. Kallies Scholarship Fund of Lakeshore Community Foundation, Kiel Lions Club Scholarship, Milton H. Kuether Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), UW-La Crosse Merit Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Carolyn Riesterer—Dr. Erica Sheets Memorial Scholarship, Fisherman's Road Fishing Club Scholarship, Hermitage Conservation Club Scholarship, Kiel Fish & Game Scholarship, Kiel Area Youth Theatre Scholarship, Linda L. Schneider Scholarship, Manitowoc County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Agriculturist Committee Scholarship, Milton H. Kuether Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), **New Holstein Utilities** Scholarship, Ralph "Kelly" Kramer Scholarship, UW-Stevens Point-Pointer Promise Scholarship, UW-Stevens Point Admissions Scholarship, UW-Stevens Point Invest in Your Purpose Scholarship, Violet and Ruben Laack Memorial Scholarship, WI Garden Club Federation—Myrtle B. Ogilvie Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Emma Russart—R&S Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement Scholarship, UW-Platteville Merit Scholarship

Owen Schmit—Lakeshore College-Promise Scholarship

Koen Sitzman—Lakeshore Aviation Fund Scholarship

Annie Steffes—Kiel Booster Club Scholarship, Kiel Lions Club Scholarship, Violet and Ruben Laack Memorial Scholarship, EWC Aca-

demic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Addison Uselding—Emily Wegner Memorial Scholarship, Jim & Sandie Fitzgerald Scholarship, John Adema Memorial Scholarship, UW-Oshkosh Titans Promise Freshman Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Cade Voelker—Kiel Area Basketball Association Scholarship, Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Kiel Scholarship

Abby Wasmer—Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Kiel Scholarship, Zielanis Family Scholarship

Lily Watson—Jim & Sandie Fitzgerald Scholarship, Milton H. Kuether Scholarship (Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region), NWTf Chuck Zorn Scholarship, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Addison Weigert—Harvey Baker Memorial Scholarship

Benjamin Werdeo—EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Kailey Williams—Kiel Optimist Club Scholarship, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

Harrison Zorn—Harold C. Kallies Scholarship Fund of Lakeshore Community Foundation Scholarship, Kiel Lions Club Scholarship, UW-Platteville-Academic Merit Scholarship, UW-Platteville—WI Tuition Promise, EWC Academic All-Conference Award, Senior Scholar Athlete Award

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Damage to the Millenium Technologies roof was evident from a significant fire that briefly trapped two firefighters inside following a partial ceiling collapse. — Drone photo by Bob Turicik

## Large commercial fire results in MAYDAY call as firefighters briefly trapped

On Sunday, June 15, 2025, at approximately 11:16 a.m., the Plymouth Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming from a large commercial building at Millenium Technologies, 1404 Pilgrim Rd, Plymouth. Multiple units, including Engine 8, Truck 7, Rescue 15, and Plymouth Fire Ambulance, responded to the scene. Upon arrival, fire crews confirmed an active fire and initiated interior and roof operations.

Due to the size of the structure and conditions encountered, a MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) first alarm was activated, bringing in assistance from surrounding departments. Reports of chemicals stored inside the building were investigated, and all hazardous

materials were secured without incident.

At approximately 12:21 p.m., a MAYDAY was declared after a partial ceiling collapse inside the structure. Two firefighters were briefly trapped but were quickly located, assisted out, and medically evaluated on scene. No serious injuries were reported. A second alarm was requested as operations continued.

The Sheboygan County Fire Investigation Team and Sheriff's Department Drone Team responded to assist with documentation and determining the fire's cause. While officially undetermined, the fire is believed to have originated from an electrical issue in the building's break room area. No loss amount is available at this time.

The Plymouth Fire Department extends a sincere thank you to the following responding agencies for their assistance: Cascade Fire and First Responders, Cedar Grove Fire Department, City of Sheboygan Falls, Elkhart Lake Fire Department, Greenbush Fire Department, Howards Grove Fire Department, Kiel Fire Department, Kohler Fire Department, New Holstein Fire Department, Orange Cross Ambulance, Plymouth Police Department, Plymouth Utilities, Sheboygan County Fire Investigation Team, Sheboygan County Communications Center, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department Drone Team, Silver Creek Fire Department, Town of Sheboygan Falls Fire Department, and Waldo Fire Department.



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# New tax district to support Laack Block project advances

by **Emmitt B. Feldner**  
of The Review staff

PLYMOUTH – A financing tool to facilitate the renovation of the Laack Block/52 Stafford building downtown and the adjacent city parking lot is closer to final creation.

The Plan Commission endorsed the creation of the city's eighth tax incremental finance district to aid the LAG Family LLC project at their June 5 meeting.

The district map and plan had been approved earlier in the day by the TIF 8 Joint Review Board. The City Council is scheduled to act on the plan at their June 24 meeting.

The district, designated as a rehabilitation district, "is primarily being created to aid the Laack Block project," Kayla Thorpe, a municipal advisor for Ehlers and Associates, told the council.

"The district is also being created to facilitate the parking lot development," she added, referring to the west municipal parking lot off Stafford Street.

"The hotel and related improvements are projected to add approximately \$6.5 million in new increment value to the district," City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee wrote in a memo to the commission.

He said the city is working on a developer's agreement with LAG Family LLC for the Laack Block project, which will include

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# \$4 million in city spending expected in new tax district

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a boutique hotel, street-level restaurant on Mill Street and a meeting/event space at 52 Stafford.

The 9.84-acre TIF district includes properties along the south side of Mill Street from Stafford Street to just east of Milwaukee Street and includes Bade-Utility Park, the former Plymouth Utilities building and the former Ace Rental building on Thayer Street.

Thorpe said the city is planning a total of \$4.025 million in spending in the district, the bulk of that in 2026, for parking lot property acquisition and resurfacing, right-of-way adjustments on Stafford Street and other infrastructure costs.

The project plan also includes a future expenditure of \$250,000 toward the replace-

ment of the Stafford Street bridge over the Mullet River.

"That is not currently planned or funded," Thorpe said of replacing the aging bridge, "but we wanted it to be included."

A number of the parcels included in TIF 8 are already included in TIF 5, which stretches from downtown to Masters Gallery Foods on County PP. That district was created to aid expansion by Masters Gallery as well as several downtown projects.

That overlap is allowed under the state TIF law, Thorpe assured commission members.

"TIF 5 is winding down," Blakeslee noted. "It is expected to close in the next three to five years."

"TIF 5 cannot initiate any new projects," Thorpe added.



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## Plymouth Utilities

The 2024 Water Utility Consumer Confidence Report was published in the Review on May 30, 2025. It is also now available at <https://plymouthgov.com/publicworks/page/city-water> and will be mailed upon request.

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## Finances and tax impacts detailed as city projects ramp up

by Emmitt B. Feldner  
of The Review staff

PLYMOUTH — Things are moving forward for past, present and future downtown highlights.

The City Council Tuesday approved the creation of a tax incremental finance district to boost the \$6.5 million Henry Christopher Hotel project and a \$6.99 million borrowing for the Mill Pond dam renovation.

The council also approved a developer's agreement with LAG Family LLC, the Gentine family firm which is converting the Laack Block building at Mill and Stafford streets into the boutique Henry Christopher Hotel, along with a restaurant and event/meeting space.

The city's eighth TIF has one more step before becoming official, approval by the Joint Review Board at their July 9 meeting.

The borrowing will pay part of the cost of the \$3.47 million dam replacement as well as \$2.15 million to upgrade the West Stafford Street parking lot, a \$1.86 million electric storage building for Plymouth Utilities and the Clifford Street road project currently underway.

The sale of the 20-year promissory notes is expected to be completed by mid-August, Paul Boening, senior financial specialist with Ehlers Inc., told the council.

The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay a total of \$305.18 in additional property taxes for the borrowing, Boening projected.

The TIF will finance the parking lot improvement west of Stafford Street, as well as infrastructure improvements on Stafford Street for the hotel project, including sidewalk installation and leveling, curb cuts, underground utilities and

more.

LAG Family LLC will also receive TIF funds of \$8,500 to \$17,000 annually through 2032 for advertising costs, with the TIF reimbursed through a portion of room tax revenues generated by the hotel.

The TIF will also finance just over \$121,000 for property and easement purchases as part of the west municipal parking lot improvement.

The city expects to begin construction of the new parking lot this fall, City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee wrote in a memo to the council.

That work, as well as the Stafford Street infrastructure improvements, should be completed no later than fall of 2026, Blakeslee added.

Lee Gentine of LAG Family LLC told the council the Laack Block renovation should be completed by then.

"Our goal is to open (the hotel) late fall of next year," he said.

Gentine thanked city staff, including Blakeslee and City Attorney Crystal Fieber, for their work on the developer's agreement and related issues. "I think the process went pretty well," he said.

"Congratulations to all of you and the city staff for a job well done," Boening added.

"It's great to have a project like this happening," council member John Binder commented.

Noting that tourism has already increased this year in the county and the state, he added, "This is going to help with that increase in tourism."

Boening told the council that TIF 8 will bring the city's total property valuation in TIF districts to \$33 million.

State law allows up to 12 percent of a city's total valuation to be in TIF districts.

For Plymouth, that amount is \$139 million.

"The city still has \$106 million (in property value) it could add to other TIF districts," Boening said.

The council took a first step in that direction Tuesday, holding a closed session discussion on an application from Sargento to create a ninth tax incremental finance district.

The company recently announced plans to construct a new manufacturing facility on a 66-acre parcel on the southeast corner of State 57 and County PP.

The council approved rezoning the property to industrial last month.

Sargento plans to begin site preparation this fall, with construction to start next spring and completion in 2027.

The council took no action following the closed session discussion.



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# Reedsburg Utility offers grants to encourage energy efficiency

**Reedsburg Utility** Commission is offering grants up to \$2,500 for non-profit organizations interested in electrical energy efficiency improvements.

Qualifying 501(c)(3) customers can apply to have their projects 100% paid for, up to the \$2,500 limit. Project examples include energy efficient kitchen equipment, HVAC system upgrades, and replacing old bulbs with LED lighting. Projects must

qualify for Focus on Energy incentives for electrical energy savings or utilize Energy Star certified equipment.

“As a locally owned, not-for-profit utility, we do what we can to help our local non-profit organizations stay strong, contribute jobs and add value to the community,” said Brett Schupner, general manager of **Reedsburg Utility** Commission.

Applications are avail-

able at reedsburgutility.com and due July 1, 2025; awards will be announced later in July. For questions, contact Sally Turpin at 608-768-6443.

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## RIVER FALLS Area News

### Home is where the microphone is

By Greg Peters



Sarah Jenkins has been a realtor in River Falls since 2017, the last four years with Property Executives Realty. Photo by Greg Peters

When you walk into realtor Sarah Jenkins' office on Second Street in River Falls, it does feel like home. Her renovated office looks like a brand-new home from the outside, but on the inside, that's where you'll find the heart.

Sarah Jenkins loves her town and it shows in her weekly podcast, "Beyond the Falls."

"Our community has so much to offer and there's always something new," said Jenkins. "We have so much uniqueness about River Falls and I'm guessing nobody else knows about most of this stuff either."

Jenkins has been a realtor for the past eight years, the last four with Property Executives Realty, but the Eden Prairie, Minn., native originally studied early childhood education and was a Gopher cheerleader at the University of Minnesota. Jenkins also received her master's degree in early childhood education.

"I thought I was going to start a pre-school in River Falls," said Jenkins after she and her husband, Dan Jenkins, met at the U of M and were married and moved back to Dan's hometown of River Falls.

Dan was building homes, but the housing market crash threw the Jenkins a curveball.

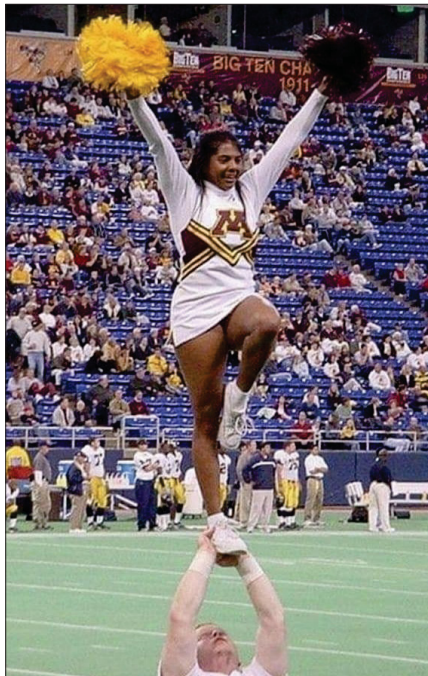
"We got into securing and cleaning market foreclosures and protecting them for the banks, so that kind of pushed the pre-school idea out of the way," said Sarah. "We covered the Twin Cities all the way to Milwaukee. It was crazy. You never knew what you were going to walk into every day."

Jenkins said as the business grew, they started buying rental properties and it made sense for her to acquire her realtor's license.

"Anyone can have a podcast and I had seen other agents around the country doing them," said Jenkins. "Dan (her husband) was like, 'You should do that.'"

Enter Chris Larsen.

Many River Falls High School hockey fans may know Larsen from streaming Wildcat boys' hockey games on the River Falls YouTube Sports channel. Larsen's day job is



River Falls realtor Sarah Jenkins met her husband, Dan, at the University of Minnesota where she cheered for the Gopher football, basketball, and wrestling teams. She's now cheering on River Falls with her weekly podcast, "Beyond the Falls." Contributed photo

also media related, as he owns and runs Foremost Outdoor Television.

"He made it really easy for me," said Jenkins. "So it was just getting myself out of my comfort zone to start it."

Jenkins and Larsen schedule three or four shows one day per month to shoot. One podcast per week is aired on the "Beyond the Falls" podcast YouTube channel.

"Since it's just one day per month, it's definitely manageable even during the busier summer months," said Jenkins.

Jenkins' podcast has just reached her one-year anniversary. She's interviewed everyone from community leaders, to coaches, to business owners. All telling their stories through their River Falls' lens.

"Like the one with 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace,'" said Jenkins. "They make beds for children who don't have beds in Pierce and St. Croix counties and who knew Kevin Westhuis (River Falls Municipal Utilities Director) used to be a realtor years ago. I get a coaching tip from Kevin every Monday on email now."

Lori's Day Spa owner Lori Moran was on a "Beyond the Falls" podcast and started talking about infrared saunas.

"I had no idea what that is, so I just asked her to tell me about it," said Jenkins. "I'm genuinely curious about people and interested in what they do, but I have gotten better with my interviewing skills. I

wasn't afraid to be on camera, but I had never done that before. I had a blast talking with Lisa Ziebarth and Lori Larson from the Power of 100 Women."

The day Jenkins was being interviewed by the Pierce County Journal, she was just about to record a podcast with River Falls High School Head Football Coach Ryan Scherz. The two were talking about Scherz being an attorney for 10 years before he found his true passion teaching and coaching.

"You learn something new every day, right?" said Jenkins. "I have two out-of-state real estate clients that wanted to learn more about River Falls and I told them to watch the podcast."

Jenkins treats her podcast role just like she does her Property Executives Realty and Jenkins Property Management businesses, with attention to detail and empathy for the person sitting in the chair next to her.

"If a property sale takes two weeks, wow," said Jenkins. "If it takes two years, then it takes two years. I want the person I'm interviewing to be comfortable in that chair just like I want my clients to be comfortable with their home."

As the saying goes in real estate, home is where the heart is. Sarah Jenkins has found her home behind the microphone uncovering new nuggets about River Falls on the "Beyond the Falls" podcast.



## City of Stoughton

# Council talks affordable housing ‘barrier’

BY ABIGAIL LEAVINS

Hub Correspondent

Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton vice-president Mark Peterson told the Stoughton City Council at its Tuesday, May 27 meeting that housing is paramount for students, and affordable housing is a

“barrier” in the community.

“Housing is imperative for children to allow them to succeed and thrive in school,” he said. “And housing is needed for children to have the mental energy to enter into the classroom.”

A HATS program Step Forward connects people with housing and helps

with rent payments for up to two years. Participants begin paying a minimum of 30% of their income for rent contribution, and throughout the two years, gradually pay more until reaching full rent.

Peterson said HATS believes in a housing first model, and so is focused on meeting that need.

“Our primary goal is to

eliminate homelessness in Stoughton one family at a time,” Peterson said.

The council unanimously approved an irrevocable standby letter of credit for Eldon Land Development, LLC for the Magnolia Springs development. Alder Patrick Butler said this essentially ensures the developer actually

finishes the project and makes the necessary improvements in phase two.

He said it protects the city should the developer go bankrupt; it would still be tied to installing all the improvements and updates.

The council also approved an updated compensation plan

for utilities employees. [Stoughton Utilities](#) director Jill Weiss said the plan was outdated, with some employees getting compensation above or below where it should be. She said the city has the money to update compensation, it just needs to make the proper cost of living adjustment.

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# Sun Prairie Utilities names Jill Weiss as new general manager

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The Sun Prairie City Council unanimously approved Jill Weiss to serve as Sun Prairie Utilities (SPU) general manager on Tuesday, June 3. The vote followed a unanimous recommendation from the SPU Commission at a special meeting held on May 22.

Weiss is replacing former SPU General Manager Rick Wicklund, who held the role for 18 years dating back to 2007.

Weiss currently serves as the utilities director for Stoughton Utilities and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations, managing an annual budget of approximately \$25 million and spearheading efforts to improve operational efficiency.

During her time at Stoughton, she led initiatives including



New Sun Prairie Utilities General Manager Jill Weiss.

developing and executing a Strategic Alignment Plan and establishing community relations with a customer engagement strategy to ensure transparent and responsive communication.

Prior to this role, Weiss served as distribution system operations supervisor with Alliant Energy and has held leadership roles in Jefferson as utility manager and city engineer/

director of public works. During her time with Alliant Energy, she supervised the operations of the distribution system, mitigated electric and gas emergencies, as well as outages and restoration and led the restructuring of the Distribution Dispatch Center into the Distribution System Operations.

Weiss will officially step into the role on July 21 and spend her time becoming integrated in the community by building relationships with elected officials, SPU commissioners, city staff and community members.

"As I begin this new opportunity with Sun Prairie Utilities, I'm looking forward to being part of an organization so deeply rooted in serving our community and our customers," said Weiss. "My immediate focus

is on strengthening the trusted service our customers rely on, investing in the infrastructure that provides high-quality drinking water and reliable electrical service that powers our city."

Weiss is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison with a bachelor's of science degree in agricultural engineering and biological systems engineering with an emphasis in environmental and natural resources engineering. She has a Professional Engineering License. Weiss currently serves on the WPPI Energy Executive Committee, WPPI Energy Board of Directors, WPPI Energy Rates Services Advisory Group, and the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin Board of Directors.

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welcome Jill to the Sun Prairie Utilities team,” said Jeff Christenson, chair of the SPU Commission. “Her history of strong leadership, talent development and

industry influence will position the utility well in our efforts to be a leader amongst municipal utilities.”

“I look forward to working with Jill as our new general manager and would like to extend my gratitude to the Sun

Prairie Utilities Commission for their support throughout this process,” said City Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer. “Jill has demonstrated her commitment to delivering reliable utility services, prioritizing safety and building

community relations.” SPU provides electricity to over 18,000 customers and water to over 12,000 customers, primarily within city limits. As the utility’s general manager, Weiss will be responsible for the overall operations, regulatory

compliance, future planning and financial management of SPU. She joins at a pivotal time as the organization is set to complete its new operations facility at the end of the year.

“I am excited to support the talented staff

that makes it all possible,” said Weiss.

“Together, we’ll continue building a utility that’s not only reliable but also responsive and deeply connected to the people of Sun Prairie.”

## Waterloo water tower may be dismantled

CHRIS LEE [chris.lee@apg-sw.com](mailto:chris.lee@apg-sw.com) Jun 30, 2025

WATERLOO — Its circumference is painted with carousel horses. Now Waterloo's water tower may be going away.

Waterloo Utilities Superintendent Barry Sorenson said the "carousel" water tower at 212 Squire St. is no longer attached to the water system.

Atop the tower, the main portion of the water tank features painted carousel horses evoking the 1911 C.W. Parker carousel at Firemen's Park, while above that are the names of four well-known current or former Waterloo businesses: F&M State Bank, Trek, Van Holten, and Perry Printing.

Because of the paintings, Sorensen said there was a motion at a Water & Light Commission meeting to offer the water tower to the City as a gift, with the feeling being that it should be the City's decision on whether to keep it as a historical landmark.

The City Council took no action on the offer, so at its June 3 meeting the Commission directed staff to obtain bids to dismantle the tower, Sorensen said.

The Commission is scheduled to take up the issue again at its July 8 meeting, he said.



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## La Farge Streets/Utilities Committee approves Cherry St. plan

**VILLAGE OF LA FARGE  
Streets and Utilities  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 12, 2025**

\*Committee Chair Terry Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. at the Emergency Services Building. Committee members Karen Leis and Cathy St. John were present, Village President Aaron Nemec, Mark Digman (Delta 3 Engineering), Public Works Manager Wayne Haugrud, and Utility Clerk Greg Lawton.

\*Verification of meeting posting: Agenda was posted at the Bank, Post office, and Village office on 5-8-25.

\*Discussion on proposed rate and terms for boom truck financing. Farmers State Bank municipal rate is

4.25 percent for either a five- or six-year term. Royal Bank was 6.59 percent for a five-to-seven-year term. Lawton said we would like to finance the whole truck to have savings available for projects since the interest rate is good. Jensen moved, Leis seconded to recommend to the full board we go with Farmers State Bank for 4.25 percent and a five-year loan. (Carried).

\*Discussion on lineman services. Haugrud talked about area utilities and potential opportunities for joining forces with lineman staffing. Westby's lineman left, and Cashton's lineman went to work for Westby. Viola has no lineman on staff. Adam Schlicht has just finished his schooling as our

lineman. Westby's Public Works Director is looking to retire soon. Haugrud talked with Westby about a plan that **WPPI** did for a couple communities to share lineman services. For two communities, it was \$12,092 per month to share lineman services. Cashton is not interested in this option and Viola has not given any commitment to such a plan either. It could be something to consider for Westby and La Farge to look at such a plan. Viola utilizes Vernon Electric for their services when they need it. We also have an agreement with Vernon Electric, but it is mainly intended for emergencies as needed.

\*Discussion on North Cherry Street infrastructure.

Mark Digman from Delta 3 Engineering gave an overview of the history with the first couple blocks of North Cherry Street. There have been several water main breaks in that stretch which are very costly. Since Badger is here doing Main Street, it would be a good time to add this to the contract with the extra cost to replace the water main. Digman thinks approximately \$50,000 would cover this and would also replace a water service that is fed through a manhole. The water main is outside of the street so the blacktop would not be affected. For financing, the Village can utilize funds in the tax money account and the Utilities will pay it back over a matter of months. Leis moved, Jensen seconded to recommend to the full board approve the North Cherry Street infrastructure addition. (Carried).

\*Discussion on Adams Street infrastructure. Digman gave an overview of Adams Street from Mill Street to Bird Street. There

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What's up with those patches of white flowered trees in the La Farge area that are so predominant in view at the present time? They are black locust trees, which are blooming profusely this year. This photo shows a group up Aumock Road, another good view is looking towards Fort Wales rock and others can be seen when looking down towards Tunnelville. (The photo at right is a close-up of the white flowery blooms, which the bees love) Go to page 2 for the trees destined to bring economic groups and conservation to the Kickapoo.

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is a large storm water problem with a large open ditch. The street is very narrow, and the water mains are old. The proposed project would widen the street and add curb and gutter on both sides as well as eliminate the large open ditch in the park and manage the flow of water with underground storm-water. For financing options, we could apply again in 2026 for CDBG funds, or if we want to do it sooner, we could apply for Safe Drinking Water

Loan Program funding and if successful, fund the rest with TID funds. We are not committed until we hear on the application. Jensen moved, Leis seconded to recommend to the full board to have Delta 3 do the plans and estimates and apply for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for Adams Street. (Carried).

\*Leis moved; St. John seconded to adjourn. (Carried). Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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## Whitehall looks to raise electric rates

*By Andrew Dannehy  
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The Whitehall city council gave official approval to seek a raise in its electrical rates following a presentation that showed it would otherwise operate at a net loss in the future.

What the new rates end up being and when the hike will happen is yet to be decided, but the council heard that without an adjustment it could see a net operating loss of about \$284,125 next year. That's the figure Adam Dikeman of WPPI Energy gave the council during a presentation at last week Tuesday's regular monthly meeting.

Dikeman recommended an average rate increase of 9.24 percent, though he said the Public Service Commission will likely lower that number when it reviews the application. Should the proposed rate be accepted, the average residential customer would see an average increase of about \$11.85 on their monthly bills.

The timing of the increase is still in question. While the council approved submitting its intent to increase the rates to the Wisconsin Public Ser-

vice Commission (PSC) last week, Dikeman said the PSC has taken an average of 275 days to review such requests.

Dikeman said the PSC changes the proposed rates "every time" they review an application and the actual increase will "most likely" be less than what was proposed last week.

The city hasn't raised its electrical rates since 2017.

In other matters, the council approved moving forward with developing plans to add an improved HVAC system in the water treatment plant, though it could alter or remove the addition in the future.

The council heard from representatives from engineering firm Short Elliott Hendrickson, who said the current HVAC system isn't keeping up and, since the council is already remodeling the plant, it could consider upgrades. While a scientific study hadn't been done on the plant, Jeff Nussbaum and Isaac Steinmeyer told the council they believed the chemicals in the plant were causing corrosion on metal parts.

"We didn't have HVAC improvements in our scope

of design or our project estimate cost, but it is clearly a problem with equipment getting destroyed," Nussbaum told the council.

The SEH engineers estimated that including the HVAC upgrades would add an additional \$350,000 to \$400,000 to the total project. However, they did include some cushion in the initial estimates so the amount the city requested from the DNR, \$2.8 million, would be the same.

Their recommendation was to only do a portion of the plant, but council members asked that an HVAC system for the entire plant be included with options to reduce the scope of that portion of the project. Bidding for the entire project won't be done until after the city finds out if it is awarded a Safe Drinking Water Loan.

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