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Cedarburg electronics recycling event is Saturday

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

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

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

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

For more information, go to cedarburglightandwater.org.

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TERRI PEDERSON, DAILY CITIZEN

Columbus Mayor Mary Arnold assists a resident as she votes on Tuesday at the Columbus Community Center. Arnold, who served one term in the role, decided against running for the position again. Columbus resident Joseph Hammer won the election and will assume office later this month.

Hammer nails down victory

Retired Columbus utility worker earns term as mayor of city

TERRI PEDERSON
 tpederson@wiscnews.com

COLUMBUS — Joseph Hammer was elected as the new mayor of Columbus on Tuesday, April 4, beating out Columbus City Council President

Ian Gray for the position.

Hammer received 1,008 votes to Gray's 733 votes. He will be replacing current mayor Mary Arnold, who decided not to run again for the position.

Gray will remain on the council. His terms runs through April of 2024. Gray was appointed to fill a vacancy for the District 1 alderperson position in June 2019. He was elected as District 1 alderperson in



Hammer

Facebook page after learning he won the election. "I will do my very best to serve the commu-

nity as mayor. Please keep me in your prayers." He has served as the council president since 2021.

"Thanks to those who voted for me," Hammer posted on a community

Facebook page after learning he won the election. "I will do my very best to serve the commu-

nity as mayor. Please keep me in your prayers." Hammer has lived in Columbus for 43 years and retired from Columbus Water & Light after 42 years of service.

Hammer will be sworn in at a council meeting later this month.

Follow Terri Pederson on Twitter @tlp53916 or contact her at 920-356-6760.

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Food drive in Florence



A recent Florence Utilities food drive for St. Vincent de Paul netted 420 pounds of food and more than \$1,100 in monetary donations. From left are Florence Utilities office manager Kathy Wertanen, St. Vincent de Paul of Florence, Wis., representative Dorothy Vayda, and Florence Utilities general manager Roger Secrist.

FLORENCE, Wis. — Florence Utilities, the community's locally owned, not-for-profit utility, held a successful food drive over the month of March. Ultimately, the utility raised more than \$1,100 and brought in 420 pounds of food for St. Vincent de Paul. According to the program's press release, in total over \$33 million have been given through this program since 2006.

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

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

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A special section with ideas, helpful advice and designed especially for readers 55 and over.

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Consumer Information
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ENERGY NEWS – APRIL 2023
HYDRANT FLUSHING
Florence Utilities will be flushing water mains in the Town of Florence and Commonwealth on Friday, May 12 from midnight to 5 a.m. During this period, you may experience fluctuating water pressure and water may be discolored. We recommend you avoid washing clothes during this time. If you do, please check your water for discoloration prior to washing any clothes.

Hydrant flushing scrubs the distribution system and it may temporarily result in discolored or rusty water. This means the hydrant flushing is working.

Semi-annually our staff opens fire hydrant valves to allow water to flow through the pipes. Systematically opening the hydrants enhances water quality by flushing sediment from the main pipelines, verifies the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and ensures that the hydrant is operational in an emergency.

The flushing route is carefully planned to control the direction of water. When a hydrant is opened, there may be a temporary episode of discolored water while fine sediment particles are flushed from the system. There are no health hazards associated with the discolored water. If you see discolored water, run the cold water for a few minutes, allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. Avoid washing laundry until water runs clear. Thank you for your patience. If you experience any problems with water quality or pressure after a hydrant flushing, please contact Florence Utilities at 715-528-3330.

DIGGERS HOTLINE 8-1-1
Safe digging starts with knowing what's below. No matter how large or small the project or how deep

you're digging, underground lines pose a threat to your safety. At least three working days before you begin any project that involves digging, contact Diggers Hotline to have the underground lines in the work area located. Filing a locate request is free and it's the law. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by dialing 811 or 800-242-8511. Be prepared to file the locate request by having the following information available prior to making the call. 1) Your name and contact information. 2) The city, township, or village you are planning to work in. 3) The street address and road where your work site is located. 4) The nearest intersecting road and the distance to that road. 5) The kind of work you are doing, such as planting a tree or putting up a fence. 6) Whether any explosives, boring equipment or equipment that reaches 14 feet into the air or higher will be used. 7) The date you plan to start your work. 8) The area you would like to have marked for underground facilities on the property. [For example: a 20-foot radius of the tree in the back yard or a 10-foot perimeter of the staked area west of the garage.] After submitting your locate request with Diggers Hotline the underground lines in the area of your worksite will be marked by the service owners with colored paint and flags. Each color indicates a different type of service. For example, yellow identifies natural gas lines and red identifies electric service. These marks allow you to know approximately where the lines are buried and will help you to avoid hitting them while digging. Before you begin yard projects make sure to notify Diggers Hotline. By doing so you can avoid damaging buried lines, which means your project can be completed safely

and without additional costs. For more information visit www.diggershotline.com or contact Florence Utilities at 715-528-3330 or 715-696-3330.

DOWNED POWER LINES
With spring comes the onset of thunderstorms and tornado season. This type of severe weather may result in downed power lines and power outages. Downed power lines can carry an electric current strong enough to cause serious injury or possibly death. If you see a downed power line, move away from the line and anything touching it. Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything in contact with the line. Be careful not to put your feet near where a downed power line is located; and do not drive over downed lines.

If you observe a downed line or are experiencing a power outage, do not assume that a neighbor or passerby has called it in. Immediately contact Florence Utilities at 715-528-3330 or dial 911 after normal business hours.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITY
Florence Utilities' goal has always been to deliver natural gas to all of our customers as safely and efficiently as possible. At the same time, we want you the customer, to understand your responsibilities with regard to maintaining a gas delivery system that is safe and free from corrosion or leaks.

The utility inspects and maintains the gas piping that runs underground from the main to your gas meter. If you are a property owner, property manager, tenant and/or occupant, you are responsible for maintaining all gas lines on your side of the meter. You, as a customer are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of all interior and exterior gas piping, including buried pipe that runs from the meter to individual appliances, as well as to other buildings beyond your meter connection (customer piping). The utility does not inspect or maintain customer piping, including any buried piping. Please

contact us if you are unsure or unable to perform those tasks, or encounter problems you are unable to resolve safely.

Most customer piping is interior gas piping, which is not ordinarily susceptible to corrosion but can be under abnormal conditions such as high moisture, or corrosive atmosphere or agents. If you have underground gas pipelines on your property beyond your meter, such as buried pipe to another building or structure with a gas appliance, or an outdoor gas grill, these lines should be periodically inspected for corrosion and / or leakage by a properly trained technician, as those conditions commonly lead to corrosion. If an unsafe condition is found, it should be repaired promptly. If you have any questions regarding customer responsibility of gas delivery equipment, please call us at 715-528-3330 or 715-696-3330. Visit www.florenceutilitieswi.com for more information regarding natural gas safety.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Florence Utilities, in partnership with WPPI Energy, is offering graduating seniors in the Florence Utilities service area the opportunity to apply for a college scholarship. Two-\$500 or One-\$1,000 scholarship will be awarded depending on the number of qualified applicants. Preference given to candidates in this order:

1. Applicants planning to enroll in an Electrical Power Distribution program.
 2. Applicants planning to enroll in an Electrical Engineering program.
 3. Applicants planning to enroll in other Engineering programs utilized in the electrical industry such as Mechanical, Chemical, or Civil.
 4. Applicants planning to enroll in any science program providing they could eventually be employed in the utility industry or work in an industry involved with the utility industry.
- Contact the high school guidance counselor Mallori Feuerhammer at feuerhamerm@myflorence.org or

call 715-528-3217 Ext. 1307 for more information. **ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**

May is National Electrical Safety Month and the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is launching its annual effort to help reduce electrically-related fatalities, injuries, and property loss. Many electrocutions and home fires can be prevented simply by understanding basic electrical safety principles and adhering to safe practices. ESFI has developed a number of resources to help educate

homeowners, consumers, older adults, and children.

Whether you are a homeowner or a renter, electrical safety should be a top priority in your home. Awareness of electrical hazards is the key to reducing the staggering number of electrically-related home fires, injuries and deaths that occur every year.

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Avanzis enjoying Kaukauna community

By **Brian Roebke**
Editor

Michael Avanzi took over leadership of **Kaukauna** Utilities upon the retirement of Jeff Feldt on Nov. 1, 2001, bringing his wife Channy and twin children with him from Colorado Springs Utilities, where he worked for the previous five years, finishing as the manager of electric construction and maintenance.

He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Christian Brothers University in Memphis and a master's degree in business administration from Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Avanzi, who now has nearly 20 years of experience leading utility engineering and operations activities, came to Kaukauna as part of a nationwide search by the **Kaukauna** Utilities Commission.

His hometown is Memphis, Tenn., where he was born and raised and met his wife and got married.

"I was fortunate enough to land this position and my wife and I are really happy to be here," he said.

The Avanzis think the Kaukauna community is great. Channy loves the programs held by the recreation department in the SPAR building for kids.

"We didn't know what we would think about the small-town thing because we've lived in Memphis and Colorado Springs, which are larger cities, and it's actually grown on us," he said.

They like not having to deal with traffic and the hustle and bustle of the city but they still have all the conveniences of the city with Appleton and Green Bay close by.

"The summers and the falls are just spectacular weather wise," he said. "It's not too hot or too humid compared to what we're used to."

Winters have been an adjustment since they're not used to the cold weather. While it snows in Colorado, the temperatures usually melt snow rather quickly.

"Colorado has nice spring-like days throughout the winter time," he said.

Channy said they've ventured out to a lot of different spots in the area like vineyards and supper clubs as well as museums and their favorite destination to take the kids, Bay Beach. The kids also like the inside play area at McDonald's. They also spend a lot of time at the YMCA in Kimberly.

"I have to say when we got here I was a little blue, it's a small town and I was not feeling it but it's kind of feeling like home," she said. "It feels good."

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Everything you wanted to know about Kaukauna Utilities

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Editor

General Manager Michael Avanzi gave residents of Statesburg Apartments in Kaukauna a look into the operations of [Kaukauna Utilities](#) last week.

[Kaukauna Utilities](#) is celebrating its 111th anniversary this month after the City of Kaukauna purchased a private utility company.

"Ever since then we've been providing reliable, clean, safe, electricity and water to this community," he said.

KU serves about 7,000 customers the City of Kaukauna with water and electric service to about 16,000 customers in the City of Kaukauna and most of the villages of Little Chute and Combined Locks, and parts of the towns of Buchanan, Freedom, Holland, Kaukauna, Oneida, Vandenberg, and Wrightstown.

"We do everything we can to try to help our customers," Avanzi said. "Being a community-owned utility, we do a lot for the community and we believe in giving back to the community."

Employees give hundreds of hours per year back to the community and give money out of their own pockets to support community causes.

[Kaukauna Utilities](#) uses the Fox River to generate hydroelectric power that generates about 30 percent of the power it needs to service its customers with low-cost, reliable service.

"That's one of the reasons we have the most affordable electric rates in the area," Avanzi said. "Certainly the privately-owned utilities that are surrounding our area have much higher rates than we do," he said. "They're 25-30 percent higher."

The remainder of Kaukauna's power is purchased from WPPI Energy, a member-owned, not-for-profit organization that serves 51 locally owned electric utilities in Wisconsin, Iowa and Upper Michigan. WPPI members have built a diverse, competitive and responsible power supply and share modern technologies and forward-thinking services, and speaks with a unified voice for effective energy policy advocacy.

Avanzi is hired by the [Kaukauna Utilities Commission](#), a seven-member

body appointed by the mayor of the City of Kaukauna. The mayor and the chairperson of the board of public works, are automatically members of the commission and there are five at-large members.

Pennie Thiele, who works for the apartment complex and sits on the Kaukauna Common Council as well as the utilities commission, pointed out that people think Kaukauna water isn't good, but's clean and it meets or exceeds all state, federal, and DNR requirements.

However, it is hard, and that's what many people are concerned about. "We have some of the hardest water in the state if not the country," he said. "That has to do with where we are geologically located."

The city's water comes from five wells from drilled into aquifers underground. Avanzi said all the minerals deposit underneath Kaukauna and come up through the wells.

"That does not mean it's not clean and that does not mean it's not safe," he said, noting that causes more than 90 percent of water customers needing to soften the water in their homes or businesses.

The hardness of the water also affects the taste, giving it a "mineral" flavor.

Because of the issues, the utilities commission approved a comprehensive study of the water system.

Possible long-term solutions include:

- A different source of water, other than the ground, including Lake Winnebago or Lake Michigan.
- Softening the water before it's distributed like Little Chute does
- Reverse osmosis, which is very costly but strips all the minerals, eliminating the need for softening water. In the end, it's more cost effective than all water users softening water independently.

Avanzi said one advantage ground water has over surface water is it doesn't have any green or blue algae growth.

"There's no perfect source for water, just like there's not a perfect source to produce energy either," Avanzi said.

That led to discussion of electric cars.

Avanzi told the audience he drove



Residents of Statesburg Apartments in Kaukauna learned from General Manager Michael Avanzi about the operations of [Kaukauna Utilities](#) last week.

one to the meeting and while there are only a handful in the community now, the city has four free EV chargers for anyone to use free of charge in the city.

"We do expect electric vehicles to be the future," he said. "All the major manufacturers of vehicles are moving in that direction. Many of them by 2030 are no longer going to produce internal combustion engine vehicles."

Because of that, KU must be prepared for that and have started making upgrades to the electric grid, including upgraded transformers to homes, for one, to provide people with the reliable and cost-effective power they're accustomed.

"Electric vehicles can be a really good asset for our community and utility," Avanzi said. "Beside the fact that it brings in more revenue but we have to make sure that we do that responsibly."

He said beyond vehicles is eventually eliminating and limiting use of natural gas.

The utility is currently applying for a \$3.5 million grant from the federal government for an electric-related project.

To increase reliability, KU is burying overhead transmission lines where it can because lines underground are not affected by weather events.

Nuclear power is a possible source for additional power in years ahead. WPPI gets some of its power from the Point Beach Nuclear Power Center near Two Rivers, but the nuclear plant at Kewaunee has been shut down.

"There's newer technology in the nuclear arena," he said. "It's still

not quite cost effective yet so we haven't entered into a new nuclear project engagement yet but we've explored it."

While nuclear is not renewable energy, it's carbon free so there's no pollution or emissions.

"Fusion could be the game changer for sure," Avanzi said.

Fusion offers a potential long-term energy source that uses abundant fuel supplies and does not produce greenhouse gases or long-lived radioactive waste.

Avanzi stressed KU needs to have a diverse source of energy. "We can't put all of our eggs in one basket," he said. "We don't want to be entirely dependent on coal because coal's getting phased out and there's lots

of regulations against coal."

Maintaining the utility's seven hydro plants is of the utmost importance because it's the most cost-effective method of producing power. KU owns all the hydro plants from Appleton to Rapid Croche just south of Wrightstown.

Statesburg Apartments has benefited from the Focus on Energy program that KU is part of. All utility customers statewide pay into a fund that's used for energy conservation projects.

The apartments have solar panels on the carport roof that power the lots on the garage as well as the parking lot. On sunny days they get paid for excess power that's sent into the electric grid.

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Common council approves rare exception for Dodge Street facility

By Tom Collins
Reporter

The April 5 meeting of the Kaukauna Common Council, moved to an infrequent Wednesday night session because of the previous day's election, seemed concerned with space or the lack of it.

Part of that consideration was aired concerning the Kaukauna Public Library. See the separate story for a report about that situation.

The other space consideration involved a popular food and drink establishment at 313 Dodge St. That facility carefully worked with the city and neighbors to grow an outdoor facility and to be a quieter facility to overcome past noise complaints.

With those hurdles successfully encountered, the facility owners recently worked with the city to consider a different entrance that would allow patrons to access either the main part of the building or the outdoor area.

The norm for such facilities under city ordinances is to access the outdoor areas only by entering the main or front entrance and walking through the main bar area. The proposed change, which cleared the Kaukauna Plan Commission after discussion, made an exception necessary.

Normally the common council, and other city, village and town bodies, defer to the recommendations of the committee levels. In this case, especially because of the penchant for what was called "opening the door to exceptions," the council members decided to carefully review the matter.

Alderman and Council President John Moore offered his caution about possibly creating an exception although he said he supported the choice as a planning body member.

During the council discussion, City Engineer and Public Works Director John Neumeier explained his opposition to the exception at the planning body meeting. He said he thought there were some options available to modify the current structure and remove some outside tables to make changes different from the requested entrance change.

Ultimately the council members present approved the exception via a roll call vote. It was 7-0 with Alderman Marty De Coster not present at the April 5 meeting.

The majority of council members said the building's location and structure made other options less than ideal. The current configuration also creates problems within the building for those trying to access the outdoor area.

The council members also

expressed doubt that other city facilities would have a similar combination of unique location and cramped interior space if other facilities were interested in seeking a similar exemption. The council members agreed to look carefully at each potential request as it appears before them.

The combination of the lengthy library discussion and the focus on the 313 Dodge St. facility took up the majority of the long council session that began at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Tony Penterman offered additional information regarding the city's recent move to request an appeal from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission regarding its share of a proposed assessment and the assessment method offered by the Heart of the Valley Metro Sewerage District.

Penterman said the paperwork for the city's appeal was filed Tuesday, April 4, by the legal firm Boardman Clark. Once the matter is officially placed on the PSC's docket, according to Penterman, HOVMSD officials will be formally notified. They will have 20 days to respond to the formal appeal, Penterman added.

Penterman also walked council members through images of expected features for the improved city swimming pool. The images included versions of the splash pad,

climbing wall, slide and mini golf features selected along with early looks at the remodeled pool building renderings.

Penterman also said the city pool fundraising committee is actively seeking \$1 million and committee members already have approached a number of likely donors.

He said the current estimate for pool improvement costs is \$6.2 million. With contingencies, that rises to approximately \$6.9 million.

In other business, the city highlighted its 30-year participation as a Tree City USA community. A letter

from the national Tree City USA president commended the city on its efforts to create a "brighter and greener future" for Kaukauna.

In other business beyond the usual committee reports, the council members approved three resolutions. One supported borrowing by **Kaukauna Utilities**. A second authorized Penterman and City Clerk Sally Kenney to enter into a storm sewer agreement with MERCO Real Estate Company.

The third resolution approved a preliminary plat for Phase 4 of the Hurkman Heights subdivision.

West gains school board seat in Spring Election

Challenger Charles West has run for the Kaukauna Area School District Board of Education several times, and he finally broke through with a victory in last week's Spring Election. Now instead of sitting in the audience, he will sit behind a table. While incumbent Sue Gertz was the top vote getter with 3,300 votes, West was second and earned the second seat open on the board with 2,842 votes.

Challenger Joe Coenen won Buchanan town chairperson election by seven votes, 1,066-1,059, over incumbent Greg Sprangers.

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Allison Blackmer.....	2,778
Trustee (3 seats)	
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The Muscoda Utilities linemen are left to right: Kevin Ekleberry, Troy Wardell and Justice Dilley

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Muscoda Utilities encourages customers to thank local lineworkers on April 18 for National Lineman Appreciation Day. Lineworkers, the utility employees who install, maintain and repair overhead and underground power lines and related equipment, play a crucial part in making sure people have access to reliable power.

“Our lineworkers work hard all year long, through storms, snow, and sunshine, to keep the lights on in Muscoda,” said Troy Wardell, Superintendent. “The work they do is essential

to keeping our community powered.”

Line work is not easy. Lineworkers must have the physical strength and agility to climb poles, dig trenches, and more while wearing equipment that can weigh around 45 pounds. They expose themselves to danger each day they go to work, whether it be dealing with high voltage lines or working off the ground on a pole or in a bucket lift. Since

power outages can happen at any time and caused by anything from a squirrel chewing wires to a car accident, lineworkers need to be prepared to spring into action at a moment's notice.

During an emergency, lineworkers are typically the first people on the scene. Storms and other catastrophic events can down power lines and put civilians and first responders at risk of electrocution.



Thank a lineman – ‘National Lineman Appreciation Day’

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MUSCODA UTILITIES' linemen are, from left, Kevin Ekleberry, Troy Wardell and Justice Dilley.

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Negaunee offers grants to nonprofits

NEGAUNEE — Negaunee City Manager Nate Heffron has announced a community contributions grants program for nonprofits for 2023.

The city will be accepting applications for the program until May 19.

Qualifications for the program include:

- Must be a nonprofit organization within city limits of Negaunee
- Funds must be expended to help the overall organization or public at large (cannot be for an individual)
- Cannot have received this grant the year prior

According to the program's press release, in total over \$33 million have been given through this program since 2006.

"This is a great way to give back to our local non-profits," Heffron said. "They are the backbone (of) our community."

Funding for the program comes from the not-for-profit wholesale power provider and joint action agency WPPI Energy, which Negaunee is a member-owner.

A copy of 2023's community contributions grants program can be obtained at the city utilities department at city hall or online at cityofnegaunee.com.

Questions can be directed to City Treasurer Brian Downing at 906-475-7700, ext. 16.

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Melvin Meier

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The gentle and kind soul of Melvin A. Meier, 82, of Charlesburg went peacefully home to his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Abridge Care Cottage of Chilton with his loving wife, Rosie, and godson, Dan Diederich, at his side.

He was born Oct. 18, 1940, in Marytown, son of the late Anton and Margaret (Franzen) Meier.

Melvin was an extremely humble man. He had a beautiful mind and possessed many hands-on trades' skills, and had countless talents and abilities. He loved to utilize these skills when accomplishing projects for family and friends.

He had a quick and playful wit, was a patient mentor and could work tirelessly. His positive attitude and love of life were infectious to those around him.

Melvin was currently an active member of Our Lady of the Holyland Parish (St. Mary's, Marytown). Prior to joining St. Mary's he had been a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Melvin proudly served his country in the United States Army (1959-1961) and received an honorable discharge. He had been stationed in Germany where he met his lifelong friends, Jurgen and Christiane Bruhl. Upon his return home, he joined Chilton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3153. He became part of the VFW Military Honor Guard. He volunteered countless hours to Post 3153 throughout his lifetime.

Melvin married the love of his life, RoseAnn "Rosie" Karls on May 13, 1967 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Jericho. Together they created a beautiful life. They took many enjoyable trips. Throughout their marriage they performed many "guardian angel" volunteer services for their church, neighbors, family, friends and community.

Melvin worked for **New Holstein Utilities** (1963-1998) as a lineman, crew lead man and crew foreman.

Even in his retirement, when called upon, Melvin worked for New Holstein Utilities on several jobs. Other businesses he worked for after retirement were Del Zoellner Landscaping and Stanley Schmitz, Inc. delivering appliances. He also plowed snow for the Town of Chilton.

Melvin was a wonderful steward of the property that he and Rosie owned. He was a skilled woodsman. He and Rosie took great care of their lawn, yard and gardens. He loved tending to and harvesting their nut trees and fruit trees. He and Rosie helped care for many litters of their neighbor's, John Hoffmann, Boston terriers.

His pastimes included couple's league volleyball, bowling, dartball league and Chilton Old Timer's League baseball. He was a bow and gun hunter who had many successful trips to the woods and out West (whitetail deer, elk, mule deer and antelope). He also spent time fishing and sturgeon spearing. Melvin created his own sturgeon decoys.

Melvin and Rosie were dedicated to their community, volunteering at the Salvation Army in Chilton and the Ledge View Nature Center. The Red Cross also benefited from Melvin donating 23 gallons of blood.

He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Rosie; his siblings, Br. Ray Meier and Margaret Voss; siblings-in-law, Arlene Meier, Jim (Sharon) Karls, John Karls and his special friend, Jean Wadley, Lyle (Rosanne) Karls and Dorothy Ward; and his godsons, Dan Diederich and Joshua Karls.

He is further survived by nieces; nephews; great-nieces and nephews; other relatives; and friends.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Margaret (Franzen) Meier; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mike and Marie (Ziegelbauer) Karls; his siblings, Benedict Meier, Edward Meier, Marian (Walter) Loehr and Dorothy (Donald) Diederich; and his siblings-in-law, Wayne Voss, Joseph Karls, Mary (Luchterhand) Karls and Nancy (Soliven) Karls.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 29 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marytown. Burial service will be in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Charlesburg at 3 p.m.

Friends may call at Wieting Family Funeral Home (411 W. Main St.) in Chilton on Friday, April 28 from 4 until 7 p.m. and on Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church from 9 until 10:45 a.m. A Parish Vigil will be held Friday evening at the

close of the visitation.

Rosie wishes to express heart-felt appreciation to her neighbors and friends, Tom and Chris Pafford. Also to family, friends and neighbors who were helpful during these difficult times, the staff of Homestead Health Care, Ascension Calumet Hospital Chilton and Abridge Care Cottage Center of Chilton. Special thanks for the wonderful care of Calumet County Hospice. Rosie is also grateful to her nephew, Dan Diederich, and niece, Jan Furtak, for being at her side for the last two months.

“Melvin, thank you for being there for me, and being the best husband. I will miss you always. Love, Rosie.”

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The Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation & Forestry (SPPRF) Department recently announced the second annual Run the Parks event will take place on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 8 a.m. at Stoneridge Estates Park.

The family-friendly run/walk provides distances for all interest, skill, and ability levels. Additionally, participants may also sign their dog(s) up to participate for all distances of the race.

This year, the event will include a one-mile option that takes participants on a loop through Stoneridge Estates Park. The 5K and 8K routes will take participants through Liberty and Orfan Parks. A special



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Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Kristin Grissom (right, in dinosaur costume) prepared to make announcements before the May 7, 2022 Jurassic Parks Run at Stoneridge Estates Park, where mascot Parker N. Rex (center left) interacted with participants.

distance will be established for kids ages 2-5.

Prior to the start of the race, a free 200-yard Dino Dash will be available and feature a special appearance from the famous Parker N. Rex mascot

(sorry, dogs are excluded from the Dino Dash).

The event will culminate with a post-race celebration at Stoneridge Estates Park featuring various community organizations and local businesses.

The proceeds from the event will go towards the SPPRF Scholarship Fund, providing access to recreation programs for those with financial barriers from low to no cost.

In 2022, the Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission updated the department's scholarship program to increase access and eliminate barriers. SPPRF no longer requires documentation of need for a scholarship, and the form to request one is quick, simple, and available online in multiple languages.

Last year, the scholarship program provided low cost or no cost recreational programming and Family Aquatic Center

season passes to 46 families in the Sun Prairie community.

"This is an exciting event to plan because it brings families and their pets together to explore several parks within Sun Prairie while supporting an incredible cause to provide members of the community access to various recreational opportunities," said Alyse Peters, City of Sun Prairie Special Events and Sponsorships Manager.

Interested participants are encouraged to register prior to Sunday, April 23 in order to guarantee receiving a shirt of their preferred size.

All registrants will receive a 2023 Run the

Parks t-shirt. All registered dogs will receive a bandana and doggie goodie bag.

Registration can be accessed by visiting <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=144705>.

Run the Parks is proudly supported by LSM Chiropractic, Sun Prairie Utilities, Wisconsin Bound Dog Rescue, and Movin' Shoes Madison.

Community organizations or businesses are invited to participate in the event by setting up a table at the post-race celebration. Interested organizations should contact Peters via email at apeters@cityofsunprairie.com

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McIlroy elected council president

Jokisch elected council VP

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District 1 Alder Terry McIlroy will be the new Sun Prairie City Council President, thanks to action taken Tuesday night, April 18, by the Sun Prairie City Council affirming nominations made earlier in the evening by the council's Committee of the Whole.

District 2 Alder Bob Jokisch will be the council's vice president and outgoing city council president and District 3 Alder Maureen Crombie was elected the council's elected representative to the Sun Prairie Plan Commission. Both were sole nominees and approved by council acclamation.

District 3 Alder Mike Jacobs received nominations and approvals as Sustainability Committee and [Sun Prairie Utilities](#) Commission representative from the council.

Both Alders Brent Eisberner (District 2) and Jokisch will remain council appointees to the city's Housing Committees after being sole nominees. Eisberner will also serve as the council appointee to the Fire Advisory Committee, which may cease to exist after Sun Prairie Fire & Rescue becomes a city entity on Jan. 1, 2024. The council will reevaluate the need for the committee before the end of 2023.

Mayor Paul Essex's list of board, committee and commission appointments is traditionally considered by the council during its first meeting in May.

Alders approve \$2.28 million in budget adjustments

Acting on a recommendation from City Finance Director Kristin Vander Kooi, alders approved first quarter budget adjustments totaling

\$2,228,163.

According to Vander Kooi's report to the council, during the first quarter of 2023, staff brought forward three projects that require budget amendments to complete. When the projects were presented, information regarding the funding needs were provided and that the official budget amendment would come forward at a later date. The budget amendment requests are:

- Class and Compensation Plan — \$330,861 approved by the Sun Prairie City Council on Jan. 17, 2023. The Class and Compensation plan implementation also included a budget transfer need of \$662,802. Funds were included in the 2023 budget in a single account in each fund until the study was completed.

- The Smith's Crossing Park Shelter — \$171,000 approved by the council on Feb. 7, 2023;

- 2023 Engineering Road Projects — \$1,063,500, approved by the council on April 18, 2023.

The budget amendments for the streets projects are no secret because of greater than anticipated bids by construction firms to do the work this summer. Because of the larger expense to do the work, the city's Public Works Committee approved recommendations submitted by city staff to delay projects that could wait one more year to complete.

According to Vander Kooi, the city Budget Amendment Policy requires budget transfers across functional areas to be considered budget amendments required to be approved by the city council.

Alders approved the first quarter budget amendment for \$2,228,163 to allocate budget for the Class and Compensation Plan implementation, the Smith's Crossing Park Shelter, and the 2023 Engineering road projects.