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PHOTO BY THOMAS J. MCKILLEN Germantown's Kamorea Arnold drives toward the basket against a New Berlin Eisenhower player during a Jan. 4 non conference game. See story on page 22.

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Two candidates seek county executive post **Mabilitat for Humanity**

Washington County residents will be selecting a county executive for the first time during the April 7 general election.

Candidates for local offices had until 5 p.m. Jan. 7 to turn in nomination papers. The general election is April 7. Washington County residents will be voting for their first county executive. Currently, the day-to-day administrator of Washington County is an appointed position. On Sept. 11, the County Board voted to change to the county executive form of governance, in which the executive is directly elected by voters. That vote was a reversal of a board vote on June 13, when it was split 13-13 on the issue.

The candidates for county executive are Josh Schoemann and Adam Gitter. Schoemann is currently the county administrator and was administrator for the village of Richfield prior to being selected for the Washington County post. Gitter is the economic development manager for the city of West Bend, and previously served as assistant program director at Wisconsin Community Services.

Of the seats up for election on the Washington County Board, there is a contested election to replace Mark McCune for the District 20 seat. Jeffrey E. Millikin of the town of Erin and Ryan J. Lippert of Hartford are seeking to replace McCune, who opted not to seek another term. District 21 Supervisor Don Kriefall, District 22 Supervisor Rock Brandner, District 23 Supervisor Brian J. Gallitz, District 24 Supervisor Peter Sorce, District 25 Supervisor Jeffrey Schleif and District 26 Supervisor Carroll Merry are all running for re-election with no challengers on the ballot.

There will be two contested elections for seats on the Germantown School Board.

In Seat 5 on the School Board, incumbent Robert Soderberg is being challenged by Tracy Pawlak. In Seat 3, incumbent Lester Spies is being challenged by Amanda Reinemann.

Incumbents in several other local boards face no opposition on the ballot. On the Germantown Village Board, District 1 trustee David Baum and District 2 trustee Rick Miller are seeking re-election with no challengers on the ballot. Jolene Pieper is on the ballot for District 3 while Phil Hudson is on the ballot for District 4 with no opposition. The incumbents for those seats (Jeff Hughes and Robert Warren) are not seeking re-election.

In the village of Richfield, incumbent village trustees Dan Neu and Bill Collins are running for re-election with no challengers on the ballot. - Compiled by Thomas J. McKillen,

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Students with last names A-K:5:45 - 6 p.m., packet pick-up; 6 - 6:30 p.m.; orientation in HFAC; 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., open House in cafeteria.

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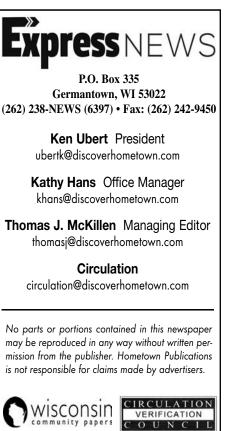
and four-year planning. Templeton Middle School students will receive their core course recommendations at this meeting. Parochial school or out-of-district students will receive a packet with instructions on how to obtain recommendations from their current teachers.

The Open House, which is open to families registering a student in any grade, will be held in two sessions. Administrators, school counselors and representatives from departments, clubs, extracurricular and athletic activities will be on hand to answer questions. For a complete list of participants please visit www.hamilton.k12.wi.us./schools/hami lton/athletics-and-activities/. National Honor Society members will conduct tours of the school.

Prior to the Orientation and Open House, informational meetings for students interested in band and choir will be held beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Band Room and Little Theater.

Those unable to attend the Orientation and Open House or parents of private school students whose school was not notified about this event should contact the Student Services Department at (262) 246-6476 x1130.

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Benedon's raises \$8500 for St. Jude's Thanks everyone for helping

Benedon's Jewelry and Loan on Appleton Avenue held their annual Christmas party and fund raiser for St Jude's children's hospital.

The evening was filled with music and raffles. Grand prize was a Lake Superior fishing trip for 4 with all riggings and fees paid, donated by Sleight's Wildwood resort. Gromme prints, diamond jewelry, sterling jewelry, a table saw, guitars including a Gibson Les Paul and other musical gear, and many wine and liquor baskets helped bring in just over \$8500 in donations. The event was attended by hundreds of people. Bub's donated the space and Brandon Medved donated the sound and lights.

The music was hosted by The Benedon Band, consisting of Mike Lawler on Saxophone, Pat Love on Drums, Dave Kasik on Bass, Sam and Chuck Benedon on Guitars, and Pierre Lee on Keyboards. Special guests and headliners included a who's who of Blues and R&B artists from the area. Reverend

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Rick Raven from the Chain Smokin' Alter Boys, Barefoot Jim Swartz of the Blues Disciples, Marvelous Mack from the Pressure Release band, Pierre "Mr Untouchable" Lee, and recording artist Alex Wilson.

Following that awesome lineup and headlining was the venerable Johnny Rawls, a Milwaukee native with numerous national nominations and awards. Topping it off were numerous top flight local musicians like Misha Sigfried, Big Al Dorn, David Karp, Marcus Gibbons, Stacks Edward, CJ Topes, George Orcholski, Dave Miller, Paul Fonder, Bob Ellicson, Jessica Zdanowicz, Joe Toscano, Colin Loman, Dave Adams, and others. The Benedons host a jam session every Thursday, in Germantown at Jerry's Old Town, where musicians from around the area come together to play. It starts at 7:00.

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<u>Germantown Police Blotter</u>

The following report was taken from records at the Germantown Police Department.

Domestic violence

• A male subject was taken into custody for domestic violence at 11:31 a.m. Dec. 24 as a result of an altercation with a female victim in the N10000 block of Appleton Avenue.

Drug possession

• A male subject was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor bail jumping at 12:21 a.m. Dec. 23 in the W15000 block of Mequon Road. The man was found in possession of marijuana and to be operating without a license. He was placed in jail.

Operating while intoxicated

• A male subject was arrested for operating while

intoxicated-first offense at 12:22 a.m. Dec. 24 following a traffic stop at Highway 41 and Holy Hill Road.

Retail theft

• Three male suspects left Pick 'n Save, N112 W16200 Mequon Road, with \$900 on unpaid baby formula Dec. 23.

• A female subject was taken into custody for retail theft at Walmart, W190 N9855 Appleton Avenue, at 1:51 p.m. Dec. 24.

• A female subject was taken into custody for retail theft and on a body-only warrant with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office at 3 p.m. Dec. 24.

• A female subject was taken into custody for retail theft and on an Ozaukee County warrant at Walmart at 2:01 p.m. Dec. 24. She was placed in jail.

• Two female subjects were taken into custody for felony retail theft at Walmart at 5:07 p.m. Dec. 24.

• A female subject fled Walmart at 11:41 a.m. Dec.

24 after price-switching on merchandise at Walmart.

• Two subjects-one male and one female—were taken into custody following a retail theft at Fleet Farm, N96 W18200 County Line Road, at 2:01 p.m. Dec. 24. The male attempted to steal a \$30 blender and then fled in a vehicle, refusing to stop at Maple and Lannon roads. Police performed a high-risk traffic stop and took the male into custody for retail theft, possession of marijuana, felony bail jumping and on a body-only warrant. The female driver was arrested for retail theft.

Theft

• A male resident of Virginia Highlands, W173 N10915 Bernies Way, reported the theft of his i-Phone from his room Dec. 26.

Warrant

• A male subject was transported from the Waukesha County Jail to the Washington County Jail on Germantown warrants at 8:46 p.m. Dec. 26.

Suspect arrested for fourth OWI after crash in Germantown

A 51-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI)-fourth offense following a crash on northbound I-41 south of Holy Hill Road during the evening hours of Jan. 6.

According to information from the Germantown Police Department, at approximately 7:28 p.m. Germantown Police received reports of an erratic driver on northbound I-41. Witnesses told police that the suspect vehicle was weaving in traffic. Witnesses also stated the suspect driver stopped in traffic on I-41 near Lannon Road.

"While officers were responding to the area attempting to locate the suspect vehicle, witness reports indicated that the suspect vehicle began to travel northbound on I-41 at an extremely high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle eventually crashed into the rear of another vehicle that was traveling northbound on I-41 south of Holy Hill Road/STH 167. The suspect vehicle started on fire and officers had to pull a 51 year-old male from inside the vehicle," Germantown Police said in a statement on their Facebook page. The suspect was transported to Froedtert Hospital Menomonee Falls with non-life-threatening injuries and was arrested for OWIfourth offense.

The 38 year-old female driver in the vehicle that was struck from behind had very minor injuries and refused ambulance transport

New property owner would restore use of horse riding arena, mini golf course

BY THOMAS J. MCKILLEN MANAGING EDITOR

The Menomonee Falls Plan Commission got a first look during its Jan. 7 meeting at a proposal to use land at the northwest corner of Main Street and Maple Road for outdoor recreational activities such as miniature golf and trail hiking; and for support services for adults and children with disabilities.

The proposal from America Farms is similar to past uses at the site, which is located at W187 N8581 Maple Road and was once home to Ranch Community Services and later Curative Care Network. According to information from village Director of Community Development Matt Carran, in November 2006 Curative Care acquired Ranch Community Services, which provided residential and day care services to people with disabilities. Over the past 14 years, Curative Care moved away from activities provided by Ranch Community Services, such as horseback riding, miniature golf, and other outside programs to focus on services for people with disabili-

Ranch past part of new proposal

ties.

Most of the site, with the exception of the Hellman Community Center building on Maple Road, has been purchased by America Farms Inc. for the Promised Land Ranch. America Farms submitted a conditional use permit to the village to allow use of the horse riding stable, miniature golf and allow trail riding and hiking. Under the proposal, motorized vehicles would be prohibited from the trails. The new owner also requested the ability to use the barn to sell seasonal fruits and vegetables, and the conditional use permit also requests permission to use facilities for special public and private events. Organic farming, tree planting and land conservancy is also proposed at the site.

Tim Winter of America Farms, who resides west of the former Ranch/Curative site, noted he raised his children in the community and they also now reside nearby on residences west of the former Ranch/Curative property.

"Our vision is to restore the community services that were once provided when my children would see the horses grazing and others would rise horses," Winter said. He added that "as we've been soliciting pictures and stories, we've finding a lot of people miss what was offered there."

Winter said that in the 130 days since America Farms purchased the site, power has been restored to the group home, and the horse riding arena is being cleaned up.

The Hellman Center is still owned by Curative Care Services and will continue to operate as is under the conditional use request that has been submitted.

A public hearing will be held on the proposal at the commission's Feb. 4 meeting.

The Ranch history

Before Ranch Community Services was acquired by Curative in 2006, it had been part of the village for several decades. The Ranch dates back to 1964, when the organization was founded by "Farmer Vic" Helman. The history of the Ranch is summarized at demo.giftingnetwork.com

"Farmer Vic envisioned a place where individuals with developmental disabilities could do meaningful work in the least restrictive environment possible. Until his death in 1992, Vic worked tirelessly to ensure that his dream would succeed and continue to grow," the summary stated.







How to create a wedding day schedule

Wedding days can be hectic. In fact, many couples note after tying the knot that their wedding days were so busy that the ceremonies and receptions were over before they knew it.

Creating a wedding day schedule can seem like a daunting task. Couples tend to have lots of things to do before saying "I do," and organizing everything so ceremonies begin on time can seem as puzzling as a brain teaser. But certain scheduling strategies can help couples ensure they look their best and make it to the altar on time.

• Start with the ceremony. Couples can establish a framework for their wedding day schedule by working back from the ceremony. Once the ceremony time is set, couples who plan to take photos before their ceremonies can then work with their photographers to determine how much time they will need for photos and where they want to take the photos. Bridal parties may need transportation to the photo session, so determining when and where to take photos before the ceremony gives couples an idea of when to arrange for pickup.

• Confirm when the wedding venue is open to the wedding party. Before booking hair and makeup appointments, couples should confirm when they will be able to access their wedding venue. Brides may want to get their hair and makeup done at the ceremony sight, but that may only be possible if the venue opens early for the wedding party. If it does not, then brides must account for transportation time to the ceremony sight when making their wedding day schedules.

Determine how much time is needed for hair and makeup. Weddings that feature large bridal parties will require more time for hair and makeup than ceremonies with small bridal parties. Grooms and groomsmen often take care of their own hair, though some grooms might want to schedule hot shaves for themselves and their groomsmen. Grooms should ask groomsmen if they want a hot shave and then work with their barbers to determine how much time it will take to tend to all participants. Brides with large bridal parties may need to book more than two hair and makeup artists so everyone can get done on time. Wedding hair and makeup sessions can last several hours for large bridal parties, so brides should schedule their sessions early if their parties are big.

• Make lunch arrangements. Some couples choose to tie the knot and host their receptions at

the same venue. In such instances, if brides are getting their hair and makeup done at the venue, ask the venue representative if lunch can be provided to the bridal party. Some venues may include small lunch buffets in their reception costs, while others might charge extra. Confirm the availability and costs, and if it's unavailable or too expensive, then arrange for lunch to be delivered. Either way, couples should not skip lunch, as it may be their only chance to eat until after the ceremony.

• Distribute your schedule to one another and the bridal party. Once the wedding day schedule has been devised, couples should share it with each other and their wedding parties. Grooms' wedding day to-do lists might not be as extensive as brides', but grooms should still be kept in the loop regarding the schedule so they can help if anyone has questions or if something goes awry. Sharing the schedule with the wedding party decreases the chances of someone being late or missing an appointment.

Couples can solve the riddle of scheduling their wedding days by working backwards and asking their vendors to cooperate in laying out the day's events.

Make a statement with your wedding cake

Brides and grooms may pour over every detail of their weddings, but few components of the festivities may be as fun, especially for foodies, as deciding what the wedding cake will look like. Couples who want to deliver show-stopping visuals often express some measure of their creativity and personalities through statement wedding cakes.



Many couples now eschew the classic three-tiered white cake in favor of a dessert that garners instant attention. Whether the cake is brightly colored or hand-painted, a towering architectural marvel or shimmering in metallics, couples are opting to make a statement with their confections. Apart from clever cake-toppers, here are ways to stand apart when dessert is served.

• According to the Perfect Wedding Guide, a rising trend in cakes is to cover a white or naked cake with translucent glaze tinted in the couple's wedding colors. This artistic expression can be especially stunning in boho-chic weddings.

• Statement tiers also are popular. The cake may be traditional in nearly every way, but couples then set the cake apart by featuring an elaborate design or a different hue in one tier.

• Martha Stewart Weddings advises that more than just color can be used to make a statement. Lifelike sugar flowers can really set cakes apart. Guests may not be sure if they can consume all aspects of some cakes. But delicate sugar flowers taste as good as they look.

See 'WEDDING CAKE' PAGE 9





Weddings celebrate the joining together of hearts, families and homes. The unification of a couple pledging vows to each other is the key component of the ceremony, and unity rituals are common during both traditional and nontraditional weddings.

Unity ceremonies represent the magic of two people coming together as one. Unity rituals may be built into certain religious or cultural weddings as a normal part of the festivities. Other couples may want to embrace the idea of a unity ceremony to add something extra special to their ceremonies.

Couples seeking creative options for unity rituals as part of their wedding ceremonies can explore these clever ideas.

 Candle lighting: The lighting of a unity candle is one of the more recognizable and traditional unity rituals. During this ritual, the bride and the

groom each light an individual candle and then together light a larger candle, which celebrates them coming together as one.

• Sand pouring: The pouring of sand into a vessel also is a popular unity ritual. In this ritual, couples choose two sands of different colors and then pour their respective colors into a vessel, allowing the different hues to mix together. This ritual can be expanded to include other family members, with a rainbow of colors blending for a now unified joining of families

 Unity cross: Christians may enjoy a unity cross ritual at their ceremony. A unity cross is a decorative cross with a holder, and the cross is held in place by three pins, which symbolize the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. During this ritual, the bride, groom and officiant will each set a pin in place.

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is a green idea and one that takes unity rituals to a different level. Couples can place the sapling in a decorative pot and then take turns watering it. Later the tree can be planted outside the couple's first home

• Lasso ceremony: This ritual is traditional in many Spanish- and Filipinospeaking countries. After vows are exchanged, the officiant wraps a floral garland or rosary around the couple. At the end of the ceremony, the garland is saved as a symbol of unity and love.

• Handfasting: This ritual comes from an ancient Celtic tradition that bounds the bride and groom's right hands together during the wedding ceremony. Handfasting symbolizes couples' commitments to one another.

· Flower ceremony: In this ritual, couples can exchange roses or a favorite flower and then place them in a vase or basket. All members of the family also are invited to place a single flower into the vessel, which ultimately results in a beautiful floral displav

Couples can create their own unique unity ceremonies. The blending of any two materials, such as wine, tea, glass beads, or paint, or even the traditional tying of knots will convey the symbolism of joining as one.



Wedding cake From Page 8

• Hand-painted tiles on a cake are another way to add panache. A bride and groom may be inspired by a European vacation or the stainedglass effects of religious windows and want to add that feel to the tiers of the cake.

Sometimes a statement comes by way of texture. Even an all-white cake can be dressed up with interesting textural effects. Ruffles, lace, embossing, and 3-D rosettes are different textural components that can be incorporated in cake designs.

 Couples also may want to tell their unique stories with cake. Individual tiers designed to reflect various milestone moments from the couple's relationship can be quite engaging.

 Capitalizing on the trend of edgier weddings, couples may opt for darker hues on their cakes — even a

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3 tips for couples considering Friday or Sunday weddings

The cost of weddings continues to rise. In its 2016 Real Weddings Study, bridal resource The Knot found that the average wedding cost couples and their families more than \$35,000. With such a high price tag, it's no wonder happy couples look for ways to save money.

One of the ways couples can save a sizable amount of money on their weddings is to tie the knot on Friday or Sunday instead of hosting a more traditional Saturday afternoon or evening wedding. Wedding ceremony and reception venues may charge considerably less to host weddings on Fridays or Sundays. Reception venues tend to be the largest wedding expenses, so reducing those rates can go a long way toward helping couples stay within their budgets.

While the cost-savings of Friday or Sunday weddings may be the main focus for happy couples, it's important that grooms- and brides-to-be recognize that planning Friday or Sunday weddings may require some unique planning.

1. Avoid holiday weekends.

Three-day holiday weekends may seem like the ideal time to host Friday or Sunday weddings, as guests likely already have Friday or Monday off from work. But the cost of travel and lodging may be much higher on holiday weekends than non-holi-day weekends. That may compel some guests to decline their invitations. In addition, many families have holiday weekend traditions and it may be unfair for couples to ask them to interrupt or cancel those plans to attend their weddings.

2. Consider the timing.

When hosting a Friday wedding, couples may want to start the ceremony later than they might if they were getting married on a Saturday. That's because out-of-town guests who don't want to use more than one vacation day to attend the wedding may be flying in on the day of the wedding. A later start time gives guests more flexibility when booking flights. Starting later also allows local guests to work a full day and still make it to the ceremony on time. Couples who opt for a Sunday wedding may want their ceremonies to start earlier than they would on Saturday to accommodate guests who need to go to work on Monday morning.

3. Confirm vendor availability.

Wedding vendors are accustomed to working on Saturdays, when the vast majority of weddings take place. So couples should not simply assume a favorite deejay, band or catering company will be available to work their Friday or Sunday weddings. Couples who have particular entertainers or caterers in mind should confirm the availability of these vendors before booking a wedding and reception facility. It's also important that couples getting married on Sundays confirm that hotel rooms will be clean and ready in time for their guests to make it to the ceremony. Many hotels host wedding parties on Fridays and Saturday nights, and some might not be able to turn rooms around in time to accommodate Sunday wedding parties.



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Insurance policies can help couples protect their wedding investment. Special event insurance provides coverage for various scenarios, including extreme weather, damaged gifts, lost jewelry, vendor cancellations or no-shows, venues closing before the wedding, and canceled weddings, according to Travelers Insurance. Insurance also may cover other unforseen scenarios, such as unexpected expenses from injuries during the wedding or spoiled food.

Policies will pay directly for any damage or injuries that occur, or



reimburse the couple if the wedding is postponed or canceled. If weddings occur at home, some people's home insurance or umbrella policies may cover certain wedding liabilities. Most wedding venues carry their own liability insurance, so couples may not have to overlap there. However, for those who desire extra protection for vendor mishaps, it is wise to speak with an insurance professional about special wedding coverage.

Prices for wedding insurance policies can start at around \$100 to \$200 for minimum coverage and reach \$1,000 for more expensive ceremonies, according to the financial advisement website NerdWallet.

Speak with an insurance agent and read policies carefully before purchasing one. Non-covered issues typically include theft or loss of an engagement ring; rainy days that do not classify as extreme weather; switching vendors after a deposit is made; and risky entertainment, such as fireworks or live animals.

Protecting wedding expenditures with insurance policies can provide couples with added peace of mind on their bia days.





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Helpful hints when planning floral arrangements

When planning their weddings, couples may find themselves becoming experts on subjects they previously never gave much thought. Thanks to the cost of weddings, today's couples must make each decision carefully, and that may result in hours of research and discussion.

One of the big decisions couples must make when planning their weddings concerns their floral arrangements. The right floral arrangements won't break the bank but will add



Floral arrangements can set the mood for a wedding ceremony and reception, and even couples with little or no experience choosing arrangements can end up with stunning displavs.

substantial aesthetic appeal to ceremonies and receptions. It can be difficult for couples to achieve that balance of cost and look on their own, so the following are a few helpful hints for couples when choosing their wedding day floral arrangements.

Work with a florist you trust and like. All florists are not the same, so finding one you can trust and will enjoy working with can make all the difference. Many couples have little or no experience with floral arrange-

ments prior to planning their weddings, so it can calm couples' nerves to work with someone they trust in such situations. Florists with significant wedding experience will no doubt make a host of recommendations based on couples' budgets and preferences, so couples might be more inclined to listen to that advice if they are working with someone they trust. Ask relatives, friends or coworkers if they can recommend any florists whose wedding work they are familiar with.

• Choose in-season or native flowers. Couples working with tight budgets may want to choose in-season flowers or those native to the area where they will be tying the knot. In-season and native flowers won't need to

be ordered or shipped in from afar, which can be costly. In-season and native flowers tend to be more abundant as well, and the greater their availability the less couples are likely to pay for them.

 Repurpose floral arrangements. Another way to save on floral arrangements is to repurpose flowers throughout the day. Once brides-maids no longer need their bouquets, use them to decorate gift tables or cocktail areas. Floral arrangements on display during the ceremony can be removed once you have both said "I do" and moved into the reception area where they can be enjoyed through the night. Go over

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any repurposing you plan to do with your reception hall manager prior to your wedding day so he knows where and when to move the arrangements.

• Go big. Some flowers simply bloom larger than others, and choosing such flowers may help you save money since you won't need to buy as many flowers as you would if you were to go with smaller blooms. Once you find a florist to work with, discuss your options with regard to doing more with less. Many florists embrace the challenge to be creative within a budget, so you might just be surprised and impressed by what they come up with.





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The Shining Star— This individual is a member of a local group who has dedicated their time and talent and made a generous commitment to that organization. Through his or her acts of volunteerism, the organiza-

tion makes a significant impact on our community.

The Patriotism Award— This award will be given to a member of our community who has dedicated service that exemplifies patriotism to our country. He or she professes the epitome of Americanism and continually promotes the standards of what it means to be an American.

Visit https://www.fallsfoundation.org/leadershipawards to submit your nomination by Feb. 1. Call Sue Jeskewitz with questions at 262-251-9595.

Established in 1991, the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation provides a platform for you to invest in meeting your community's needs now and in the future. Annual grants are given to charitable organizations that strive to keep Menomonee Falls a strong and vibrant community.

For more information, visit www.fallsfoundation.org

Grant applications sought

The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation is accepting grant applications for 2020. Grants will be awarded in 2020 to support non-profit organizations that improve the quality of life in Menomonee Falls. Grant applicants may apply for up to \$6000. To qualify, the following must be met:

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A look at the life and influence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. played a pivotal role in race relations in the United States for nearly a decade. He helped secure the end of legal segregation of African-American citizens, created the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and served as a source of inspiration for black individuals across the globe.

Dr. King did not begin his life as a crusader or public figure. He had much more modest beginnings in rural Atlanta. Born Michael King, Jr., he was the middle child of Michael King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King. Michael King, Sr. served as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church upon the death of his father-in-law, who was the church's prior pastor. At this point, the elder king decided to change his name to Martin Luther to honor the famed Protestant religious leader. His son soon decided to adopt the name as well.

A religious family, the Kings tried to shield their children from the realities of racism that were alive and well in the country. They believed racism and segregation to be an affront to God's will, and Martin, Sr. discouraged separation of class and taught these lessons to his children. Those lessons resonated with Martin, Jr.

Dr. King attended Booker T. Washington High School and was so advanced he was able to skip both the

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9th and 11th grades. He went on to college at the age of 15, graduating from Morehouse College in 1948 with a degree in sociology. In his junior year of college, King enrolled in a Bible class that sparked a renewed enthusiasm for the ministry. He later enrolled in the liberal Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, where he received a Bachelor's of Divinity. Later he attended Boston University and earned a Ph.D. at the age of 25. It was during his time in Boston that he met his future wife, Coretta Scott. While he was completing his dissertation work, Dr. King became the pastor for the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama.

Martin Luther King, Jr. became directly involved in the civil rights movement after the head of the local NAACP chapter in Montgomery met with him on the night that Rosa Parks was arrested for failure to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. Dr. King helped institute the Montgomery Bus Boycott. During this time, African-Americans refused to ride the public bus system in Montgomery. The boycott lasted 382 days. During that time, Dr. King's home was bombed due to his involvement in the boycott, and he was arrested for conspiracy. His work paid off on December 21, 1956, when the Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on

vote in 1979.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States that is celebrated annually on the third Monday of January. The day commemorates and celebrates the life of the esteemed civil rights leader who was tragically assassinated in 1968 at the age of 39.

Dr. King championed racial justice and equality, inspiring others in his moving species and leading by example while promoting nonviolent resistance. He was not afraid to sacrifice his own freedom in an effort to secure freedoms for others, going to jail 29 times on charges related to his work as a civil rights leader.

U.S. After Dr. King's death, Congressmen John Convers (D-MI) and Edward Brooke (R-MA) introduced a bill to make the famed orator's birthday a national holiday. But holidays honoring private citizens such as Dr. King contradicted a longstanding tradition, and the bill failed to pass when it was first up for



Despite opposition from prominent politicians, including North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, who opposed naming a federal holiday after Dr. King because of the latter's opposition to the Vietnam War, the bill was eventually signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is now observed in all 50 states.

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Dr. King promoted nonviolent protests against unfairness to the African-American community, urging civil disobedience and peaceful protests, tenets that formed the basis for the Christian Southern Leadership Conference, or SCLC, which he led. He participated in numerous nonviolent protests and was arrested several times. During one stint in jail, he penned his famous, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

Dr. King established a relationship with fellow African-American civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, who shared similar interests, including the teachings of Gandhi. Rustin would serve as King's mentor and also was the main organizer of the March on Washington that took place on August 28, 1963. Approximately 250,000 demonstrators were involved in the march, and it was the largest demonstration in the nation's capital up to that time. In front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King issued his famed "I Have a Dream" speech. He later met with President John F. Kennedy to appeal for greater rights for African-Americans and called for an end of segregation.

As a result of his civil rights efforts, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 1964, at the age

to receive the honor. He donated all of the prize money to his racial equality effort. Through the late 1960s, Dr. King expanded his Civil Rights Movement to other cities. But he was often met with criticism, especially when he appealed to white middle-class citizens. Many militant black organizations considered King's methods too weak and ineffective. His support was faltering and Dr. King grew weary of marches, jail and protests. However, in April of 1968, a labor strike in Memphis drew King's attention, and he gave a speech about the sanitation labor dispute, which would prove to be prophetic. The next day, on April 4, Dr. King was hit by a sniper's bullet while standing on an outside terrace of his motel room at the Lorraine Motel. King's words from the previous day, including, 'I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land," were haunting. James Earl Ray was charged with the assassination.

In his honor, Americans have celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a federal holiday since 1986. King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977. Many streets have been renamed in his honor, and Dr. King remains a source of inspiration



<u>NEWS & EVENTS</u>

Vendors sought for Spring Marketplace April 18

Vendors are wanted for the annual Community League Spring Marketplace on April 18 at Menomonee Falls High School. For more information, call 414-581-0352 or email cleague@communityleague.com

County libraries conducting survey

The five public libraries in Washington County (Kewaskum, Hartford, West Bend, Slinger, and Germantown) are seeking public input though a community survey.

"Surveying Washington County residents is critical for the future of library services," the libraries stated in information that is posted on their websites. "Our goal with the survey is to better understand factors that determine the public libraries our citizens visit. The results will be incorporated into a final report presented to the Washington County Administration Committee in May 2020.

The survey is available online though the library websites or in paper version at the five libraries. The survey contains five questions and takes no more than two minutes to complete. Completed surveys need to be returned to local libraries by Feb. 22.

Patio Players presenting 33 Variations

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Patio Players auditions

Falls Patio Players will hold open auditions for the musical "The Music Man" by Meredith Wilson Feb. 10-11. Call-backs will be held, as needed, on Feb. 12. We are looking for a large and varied cast of adults, teens, and children, ages 10 to 70. There will be reading from the script for all speaking parts. Prepare 16-32 bars of a song in your key that highlights your vocal range, and bring sheet music; an accompanist will be provided. Tape recordings and unaccompanied singing are not permitted. Please also wear shoes suitable for dancing.

Auditions will be held at Menomonee Falls Middle School Auditorium, N88 W16750 Garfield Dr. Menomoneee Falls WI 53051. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., auditions start at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.fallspatioplayers.com or contact director Christopher Orth at christophersorth@gmail.com

2020 Washington County park stickers available

The Washington County Parks Department has begun selling 2020 park and boat launch stickers. A discount continues for seniors and veterans. Fees collected directly support park and trail maintenance, boat launch preservation, and amenities throughout the Washington County Park and Trail System. The 2020 annual park stickers are available for purchase online and make a great gift or stocking stuffer.

"We're pleased to be providing annual stickers holders with a number of exciting improvements in 2020," said Eric Hyde, Parks and Trails Manager. "Look for our new dog park in Sandy Knoll in early June, boardwalk construction throughout several parks, a new dock at Henschke Hillside Lake access and a number of other improvements."

Annual Sticker Rates for 2020 are: Annual resident, \$30; annual non-resident \$40; annual senior, \$20; annual Veteran (NEW), \$20; annual boat launch, \$80; annual senior boat launch, \$40 (boat launch passes include park entrance fee); annual Veteran boat launch (NEW), \$40; annual disabled boat launch, \$40; additional vehicle pass, \$20; daily boat launch; \$8; daily park pass, \$5.Seniors are age 60 or older. Veteran rates are offered to residents and non-residents.

For more information on Washington County Parks or Park Entrance Fees, please visit www.washcoparks.com or call 262-335-4445.

Lannon anniversary celebration Jan. 18

The village of Lannon 90th anniversary celebration will be held at Lannon Elementary School, 7145 N. Lannon Rd., from noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 18.

The event will include historical photos, family heirlooms and another items on display. The Lannon 90th anniversary book and other anniversary memorabilia will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle and refreshments will be served.

Make the year ahead clutter-free

Opting for e-statements instead of paper statements can help men and women reduce clutter around the house.

Many people feel the dawn of a new year provides an opportunity to clean the slate and begin anew. That notion can be applied in various ways, including around the house.

Cleaning the slate at home may involve reducing clutter around the house. Clutter can gradually overtake a home's interior, turning a once pristine home into one overwhelmed with nonessential items. Clearing a home of clutter can seem like a monumental task, but the following tips can help homeowners and apartment dwellers make the year ahead clutter-free.

 Scan important documents and save them on a computer. Some documents cannot be discarded, but that does not mean they have to be stored in bulky file cabinets or desk drawers. Scan important documents such as medical receipts or tax returns and save them on your computer where they won't take up any physical space. Purchase an external hard drive as a safety net where you can store backups of important documents in case a computer crashes and cannot be rebooted.

• Thin out DVD and CD libraries. Thanks to streaming services and digital music players, DVDs and compact discs have become somewhat obsolete. Discard or donate DVDs that you can just as easily stream through your television, and convert compact discs to digital files that you can play on your computer and MP3 players, ultimately donating the discs and clearing space.

• Purchase furniture that doubles as storage. Storage ottomans and benches can help clear common areas and bedrooms of clutter such as blankets and bed linens that can make rooms feel more claustrophobic. Storage furniture might not get excess items out of the house, but such furnishings can create a more comfortable, welcoming environment.

• Switch to e-statements for bank documents and

utility bills. Paper is a big contributor to household clutter. That's still the case even though many adults now pay the majority of their bills online. When given the chance to choose between paper or e-statements, opt for the latter so bills and bank statements don't pile up on your desk or throughout your home office. If you still want to keep important bills and bank statements, download them to your computer and keep them in a designated folder on your desktop.

• Adopt an "out with the old, in with the new" mantra. Resolve to discard old items after purchasing new ones or receiving birthday or holiday gifts. Hanging on to old items because they can still function and serve some utility is a recipe for a cluttered home. Anytime you or a family member brings a new item into your home, make sure the item it's replacing finds its way out the door.

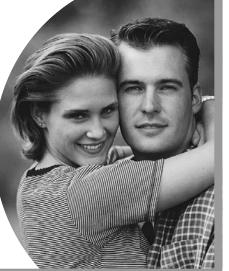
Clearing clutter is a goal for many people at the dawn of a new year. As intimidating as clutter can seem, discarding it is easier than it may appear.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

Hamilton stays in conference lead



PHOTO BY THOMAS J. MCKILLEN Hamilton's J.T. Hoytink (3) is guarded by Will Beyer of Milwaukee Marquette during a Jan. 3 game.



The Hamilton boys basketball team remained undefeated and on top of the Greater Metro Conference standings following a 79-61 win over Milwaukee Marquette on Jan. 3.

Hamilton entered halftime with a 42-27 lead and opened the second half with a jump shot by Patrick Baldwin, Jr. The Chargers used several four and six point runs to expand their lead, as a dunk by Baldwin gave Hamilton 65-45 lead with just under eight minutes remaining. After Lucas Finnessy converted one free throw with 5:45 remaining, the second free throw attempt was short but Carson Smith picked up the rebound and scored as Hamilton expanded its lead to 73-47. Both teams pulled their starters in the closing minutes of the game.

Baldwin led all scorers with 23 points while Smith added 16 points.

Afterward, Hamilton Coach Andy Cerroni noted that Marquette had six offensive rebounds in the first half.

"I thought we shared the ball really well, we made the extra pass," Cerroni said of his team's performance in the first half. He said the team was able to jump out to a 10-point lead and extended it through the second half, with a run with about nine minutes left in the game enough to seal the victory.

"It's what we needed to do playing them at home," Cerroni said.

Hamilton started last week with a 91-53 win over West Allis Hale on Jan. 7. Baldwin led Hamilton with 26 points while Tanner Resch added 22 points. The win left Hamilton with a 5-0 conference record and an 8-0 conference mark.

Falls at .500

Menomonee Falls lost to Wauwatosa West on Jan. 3, 92-85. Falls rallied from an 18-point deficit and trailed by 5 points in the closing minutes of the game but West held on for the victory. Steven Clay led Menomonee Falls with 43 points. Menomonee Falls dropped to 2-2 in conference and 4-4 overall.

Germantown loses at East

Germantown lost at Wauwatosa East on Jan. 7, 77-60. The loss dropped Germantown's record to 0-4 in conference and 2-5 overall.

WRESTLING Chargers wrestlers fourth at Bauer Brawl

The Sussex Hamilton wrestling team finished fourth at the Bauer Brawl held at West Allis Hale High School on Jan. 4.

Hamilton was led by Cruz Riojas, who won the 145 pound weight class. Riojas started the day with a pin over Connor Williams of Waukesha North and followed that with a 7-3 decision over Lucas Jackson of Racine Case. He then pinned Jude Vinas of Milwaukee Hamilton in the semifinal before finishing the day with an 8-4 decision over Caleb Heidmann of Whitefish Bay.

Tyler Moore placed second at 106. Moore received a quarterfinal bye and then scored a technical fall over Andres Pesch of Whitefish Bay. Moore lost on a technical fall to Jacob Hoxie in the final.

Hamilton had two entries in the 152 weight class: Chad Holzem and Sam Behrndt. Holzem started the day with a pin over Antonio Torres of Fort Atkinson while Behrndt pinned Carrera Ramos of Fort Atkinson. While Holzem and Behrndt were slated to compete in the semifinal, the match summary lists Holzem as advancing on an injury default. Holzem lost on a pin to Connor Dyke of Whitefish Bay in the final while Behrndt scored a 6-4 decision over Michael McNally of Muskego in the third place match.

The other third place for Hamilton came from Max Burch, who started the day with a technical fall over Gavin Graham of Hale, lost a 9-3 decision to Austin Elger of Muskego in the semifinal, and then finished the day with an 8-1 decision over Elijah Stevens of Hale.

Sam Beffa placed fourth at 160, Reid Mayer placed fifth at 170 while Kenzie Friedrich placed sixth at 106.

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PHOTO BY THOMAS J. MCKILLEN Germantown's Kamorea Arnold is defended by Cameron Hoffman of New Berlin Eisenhower (23) during a Jan. 4 game.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Second half surge lifts Warhawks past Eisenhower

The Germantown girls basketball team erased an eight-point halftime deficit on the way to a 62-46 nonconference win at New Berlin Eisenhower on Jan. 4.

The teams played even through most of the first half but a 13-point run gave the Lions a 29-21 lead after Brynn Fuerstenberg converted a three-point basket for Eisenhower near the three minute mark. Natalie McNeal stopped the Eisenhower run with short jump shot inside the lane with 49 seconds left before halftime.

Germantown scored the first nine points of the second half, as Kamorea Arnold converted a free throw after being fouled to give Germantown a 30-29 lead at the 15:53 mark. The Warhawks built on their lead, as a layup by Natalie Palzkill gave Germantown a 50-38 lead with 8:32 remaining. Germantown held a double digit lead the rest of the way.

While the Warhawks defense created several opportunities in the second half, Germantown Coach Matt Stuve said "it's just do what you're capable of doing more than anything else" as opposed to any changes in defensive schemes. He said the team's defense has been inconsistent at times during the season.

Stuve said there were "just a few lapses, arriving a few steps late" with the defense in the first half, which may be attributed to the fact that this was Germantown's first game after the holidays.

"There were no halftime adjustments. Shots didn't go in, we were little sluggish defensively, and let's just go play how we're capable of playing," Stuve said.

Germantown followed the win with a 100-34 win over Wauwatosa East on Jan. 7. Afterward, Germantown was leading the Greater Metro Conference with a 5-0 conference record and an 8-1 overall mark.

Germantown started last week ranked third in the Division 1 coaches poll.

Hamilton splits conference games

Hamilton split two conference games to start the new year. Hamilton lost at Divine Savior Holy Angels on Jan. 3, 69-36. The Chargers rebounded with a 62-23 win at West Allis Hale on Jan. 7. After the win over Hale, Hamilton was fourth in the Greater Metro with a 3-2 conference record and a 7-3 overall mark.

Falls begins year with win

Menomonee Falls started the new year with a 77-17 non conference win over Milwaukee Carmen Northwest on Jan. 4. The win improved Menomonee Falls record to 5-4 overall.





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