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Lang has new vision for Delafield

Proposes museum, other improvements

By Kelly Smith
Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — “It begins with an idea. An idea becomes a dream. A dream becomes a vision. Vision becomes reality; but sometimes the dollars don’t work out.”

That is how entrepreneur Bob Lang once described how he redeveloped downtown Delafield and built the championship golf course at Erin Hills.

Now, Lang says he has a new vision for downtown development but admits he doesn’t know if the dollars will work out.

Lang has no financial backers for his plan, but he is seeking investors.

“I am as enthusiastic and passionate about this as I was for Erin Hills,” Lang said.

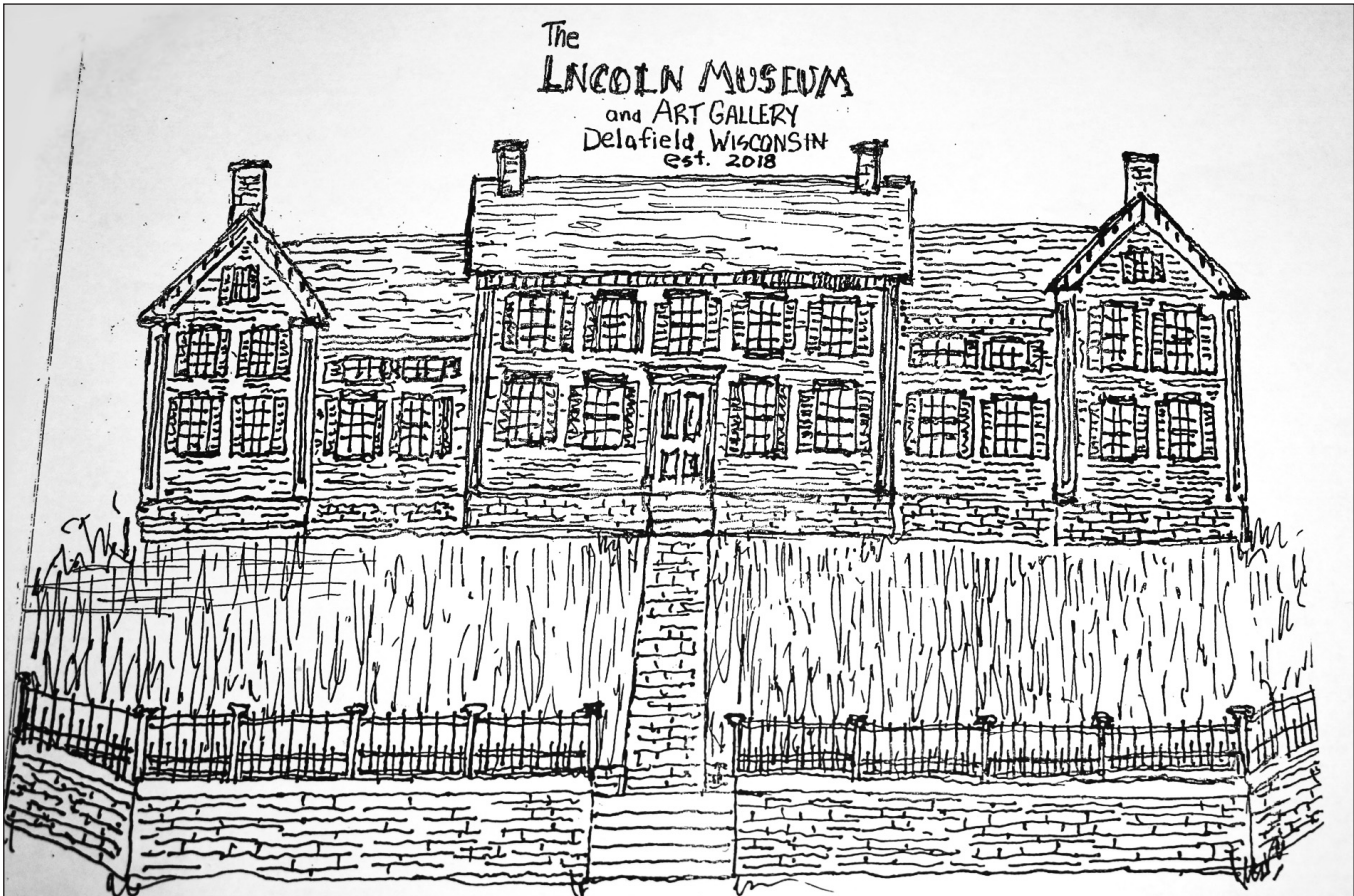
One of the investors is Jon Spheeris, a residential realtor and developer who has successfully sold and developed ultra-high-end homes in Lake Country for the past four decades.

He said he is investing in the project because he believes Delafield is a popular, vibrant community with a bright future.

“My role will be to help with developing and marketing and finding new investors,” Spheeris said.

Kent Johnson will be the architect, Lang said.

When they rebuilt downtown Delafield in the 1990s and early 2000s, Lang used to pencil-sketch the conceptual design for the new buildings. Johnson would convert those sketches into architectural plans.



Bob Lang sketched his conceptualized plans for The Lincoln Museum and Art Gallery that would be located in downtown Delafield.

Lang’s new “vision” includes a three- to four-story multiuse building on the west side of Genesee Street, south of City Hall, that he says would provide a southern gateway into the city.

Lang is also proposing the redevelopment of Pamela Street.

It is a small alley across from City Hall that extends west from Genesee Street for a few blocks along the backs of office buildings and warehouses, located on Wells Street, that Lang built when his calendar and gift card company sales were at their peak in the 1980s and 1990s.

Lang’s plans also include the construction of an Abraham Lincoln Museum and Art Gallery that he says would be built on a yet-to-be disclosed location in downtown Delafield.

Lang told The Freeman he intended the two-story building to be a replica of Lincoln’s home in Springfield, Illinois. However, he later discovered the building would not be big enough to contain his collection of original oil paintings of Lincoln, so he decided to add an addition to each side of the center of the building.

In an effort to recover from

his financial losses at Erin Hills, Lang has put the art collection, which he says is the largest collection of Lincoln oil paintings in the world, up for sale. He says he hopes to find a benefactor who is willing to purchase the collection and leave it on display in Delafield.

Lang says he will use a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the collection to establish an endowment for the Delafield History Center and Hawks Inn.

The collection is presently on display at the history center, located on Wells Street adjacent to the Hawks Inn.

Lang says if the collection is sold and moved from Delafield, he can find other uses for the proposed museum building.

Lang says he has not presented his concepts to city planners or elected officials. He emphasized the plans do not incorporate the development of municipal water in the downtown business district.

City residents rejected plans, supported by Lang, for a municipal water system in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

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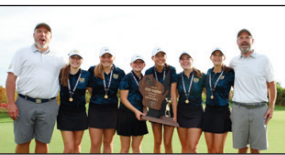
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Barn dance: Rustic structures are popular wedding venues

By JoAnn Petaschnick
Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — We're well into fall, which has become peak wedding season with September and October tying June as the most popular month, according to wedding website The Knot. If the trend holds true, many wedding parties will be dancing the night away in a barn.

Yes, a barn. An increasing number of couples — especially younger ones — are getting married in a rustic setting. In fact, 15 percent of couples chose a barn, farm or ranch for their wedding receptions in 2017, up from just 3 percent in 2009, according to one study.

"I believe that barn weddings are so popular because setting a tone for your wedding day is just as important as selecting a theme. The atmosphere that surrounds a barn wedding is comforting and inviting," said Whitney Shneyder, owner and event planner for Rustic Manor 1848 in Delafield. "With all the stress that goes into planning a wedding, I think couples see a barn as a kind of sanctuary where they can embrace their roots, showcase their creativity and encompass all the beauty that Wisconsin has to offer into their big day."

Studies reveal that millennial couples often gravitate toward settings that say something about their personalities. By choosing to get married in a barn or other rustic milieu, a couple might want to show that they have an affinity for nature, or that they like simple things.

Barns may be slowly edging more traditional wedding locations out of the top spot. The most recent Real Weddings Study from The Knot divulges that barns are among the most popular reception venues booked in

2017. Banquet halls are still the most popular, according to 17 percent of the survey respondents, but they have been losing ground, dropping from 27 percent in 2009. In that same survey, hotels and country clubs came in at 12 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

Carolyn Hewitt, owner of the Barn at Trinity Peak in the Town of Oconomowoc since 2015, believes that many couples are turning away from the formality of a traditional wedding because it is not their style. There is less pressure to have everything perfect with a barn wedding, but these venues can be whatever the couple wants, Hewitt says. "They can have the wedding indoors or outdoors, have a sit-down dinner or an outdoor barbecue. They can go from one extreme to the other. That's the beautiful thing; you can make it your own, including using your own caterer and vendors," she said.

Barn etiquette

Despite the rustic appearance, these barns may be anything but primitive, providing the most in creature comforts including comfortable restrooms (no portapotties, please), dressing rooms for the wedding party, and more. "We pride ourselves in hosting weddings as small as 50 guests to as large as 300 guests. Our unique design allows us to make each event, no matter the size, feel comfortable," Shneyder said. "We also offer transportation to and from local hotels, wedding planning, assistance with day of decorating, string lighting services, wedding photographers and more."

Barn or rustic weddings offer an escape from everyday life for people who live in urban areas and are looking for a haven in a country setting that appears calmer



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A couple who were married at Rustic Manor 1848 have their photograph taken on the wedding venue's grounds.



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The barn at Rustic Manor 1848 is decorated for a wedding.

and less complicated. It's easy to fall in love with the idea of celebrating your special day in the Wisconsin countryside, surrounded by fabulous views and wildlife. Barn wedding venues might not be available year-

round. "We don't do the weddings in very cold months. The barn is heated, but there is no insulation. We primarily have weddings May through October. In November we host fewer weddings and more special

events," Hewitt said.

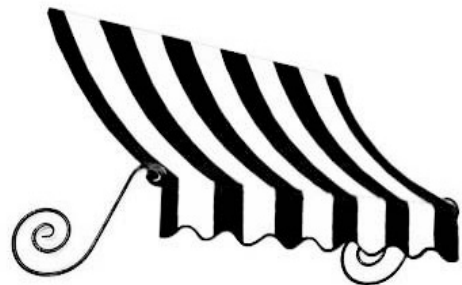
Will barn weddings be a lasting trend? Wisconsin currently has about 250 barn venues hosting weddings, and the number continues to grow.

Wedding planners differ,

but many think they're here to stay because of their versatility. "I feel like it will last because you can make it your own. That's the beautiful thing about a barn wedding," said Hewitt, who is booking into 2020.

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Years later, breast cancer journey still one day at a time for whole family

By Chris Bennett
Special to The Freeman

My wife, Rachel, and I received news on Aug. 21, 2014, that forever changed all we knew and everything we will ever know.

On that day, Rachel was diagnosed with breast cancer.

I had just started writing for this publication and its sister edition in the Brookfield area. Those two monthlies typically highlight breast cancer for the September or October edition — October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

My role with these publications is limited to that of a freelance writer. The bylines of mine that appear in these monthlies help me scratch an itch for journalism. I left the business full-time a decade ago and went into finance.

I have never enjoyed those columnists or journalists who open a vein and bleed on the page. At its best, journalism and writing for a publication is a discipline. Good journalists provide an unbiased and unblemished look at the events of the day in as few words as possible and do so as simply as possible.

I made an exception for the columns I've penned for my wife's cancer. Writing about the events helped me deal with her cancer, and perhaps

impacted those dealing with the gut punch of a new diagnosis.

This is the fifth such column. It is likely to be the last.

In June of this year, not even a week after she finished her school year as a kindergarten teacher, Rachel had her left breast removed. She lost her right breast in 2015 in her first breast cancer surgery.

What amazes me is in the time since she's come to know a peace I have not seen in her for years. The mental burden — whatever it was for her — is gone. Losing her chest made her a new woman.

She again seems natural in her skin. She strikes me as more confident. I've always found her sexy and attractive, but she now believes it herself. She moves differently. She smiles more. She's more affectionate.

A rebirth, of sorts

Losing one breast in surgery and giving up the other willingly, instead of going through reconstruction, has turned into an incredible experience. It feels like a bit of rebirth.

My concerns are now different than they used to be. I need to mend my relationship with the Lord. In one of the columns I wrote in this series, I disclosed my lapse in faith as I watched my pious and God-fearing



Chris Bennett photo

Four years after a breast cancer diagnosis for his wife, Rachel, Chris Bennett said recovery is a journey still taken one day at a time.

wife endure trial after trial.

I wonder how I will ever explain all of this to our 6-year-old daughter, Eleanor. Our older children — Amelie, 19, and Margaret, 16 — watched me shave Rachel's head at our kitchen table.

Eleanor just knew Mommy was sick. I did my best to keep things together and maintain something that resembled normal, but I wonder what I missed in the lives of my two older children; they went through this, too.

I wonder how many years cancer took from my wife. At one of our first appointments Dr. Syed Haider, an oncologist with Aurora Health Care, told Rachel to start working out — treatment might take 10 years off her life.

If this is the case then we will enjoy the time we have left which, for certain, is today. The moment. Cancer taught me we're guaranteed almost nothing in this life.

There have been untended and unexpected consequences. I will be

the first to admit this column is not as good as the others. It lacks the zip and emotional pull of those previous.

Earlier this year, Rachel and I decided we need a break from cancer. We're tired of talking about it.

We came to this realization when a dear friend of mine and his wife asked us to lunch to discuss new developments in her struggle against breast cancer. I served as the best man in his wedding.

I left him at a train station in Winona, Minn., when he moved to Seattle and watched him cry, saving my tears for later.

Rachel and I just could not sit down and counsel them in their time of need. I know how awful this sounds, and Rachel and I were not sure of our actions. But as a married couple that is deeply in love and does things as one, we knew we couldn't do it.

We are still unsure why. The best I can offer is likening it to the safety briefing we receive before a plane takes off. The flight attendant — whose job is way more intense than you think — tells those of us flying with kids to affix our oxygen mask before helping our little ones in the event of an emergency.

The message is clear. You have to take care of yourself before you can help others.

Special sale for Bob Lang's new calendars

DELAFIELD — A special sale for Bob Lang's new calendars and mugs will occur later this month.

Sales of calendars produced by the Delafield Calendar and Box Company started Sept. 9 at the Antique Center of Wales, located one-half mile east of Highways 83 and 18.

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"Folk Heart" theme of scenic views, nature, lifestyle activities, animals, and athletes, depicted by the original works of 18 artists, Lang said.

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Daughter inspires Hartland resident’s first book

Book offers lesson for kids: ‘They can do anything’

By Catherine Jozwik
Special to The Freeman

HARTLAND — Hartland resident Elizabeth Dufek recently realized one of her goals — to become a published author.

Her children’s book, “The Traveling Dress,” is available for presale through barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com., and will officially be released Oct. 23.

Dufek said she had felt the urge to write for a while, but didn’t know what she wanted to write about. Then inspiration struck, stemming from her daughter Piper, now 2. Piper, a brand representative (a children’s clothing model for online stores in exchange for monetary compensation or products) is an Instagram influ-



Dufek

Sloane Grace Pembroke, or “Little Miss Have-It-All,” a girl who has all the material possessions she could ask for — but no friends.

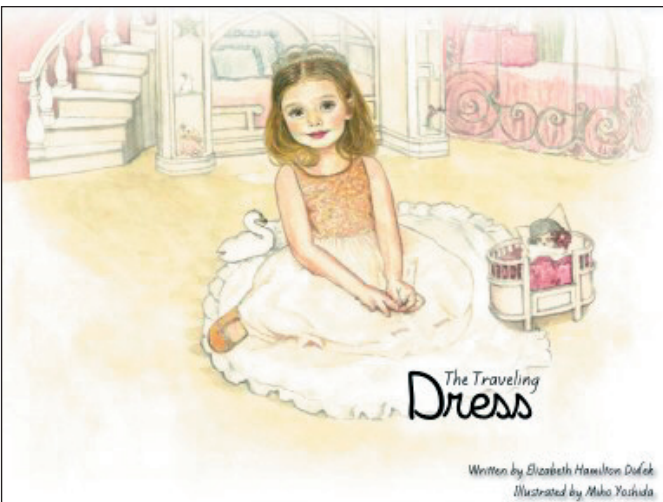
After receiving a dress for her birthday, Little Miss Have-It-All throws it in the trash. Through a series of events, the dress makes its way to many interesting locales and people, and teaches the protagonist a series of life lessons in the process.

A stay-at-home mom to three girls, Piper, stepdaughter Sophia, 10, and Alexandra, 12, Dufek got the idea for her book after finding out about Instagram shop Little Minis, which sent the same size two children’s dress to 50 customers.

“I sat down at the computer and started typing away,”

encer, meaning she has many followers — in her case, 33,000.

The book introduces the character of Alexandra Elizabeth



“The Traveling Dress” by Elizabeth Dufek will be for sale through barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com starting Oct. 23.

Dufek said. Before long, she had her book. The manuscript was almost lost after the author spilled a drink on her computer, but her husband, Matthew, was able to recover it.

Dufek sent the manuscript to Waukesha’s Orange Hat Publishing.

“Within a half hour they called me back,” she said.

The book needed few edits, and the publishing process took less than a year.

Japanese artist Miho Yoshido, whose work Dufek discovered on Instagram, provided illustrations for “The Traveling Dress.”

Despite a slight language barrier, she and Dufek were able to communicate on Instagram. Dufek was very

happy with the book’s end result.

“We worked beautifully together,” the author said.

Raised in Waukesha, Dufek attended Catholic Memorial High School and later Notre Dame University, where she majored in biology. She wanted to pursue an English degree, but said she was discouraged by a teacher who was concerned about the lack of job opportunities in the writing field.

Dufek then transferred to University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree. She was accepted in the college’s medical school, but had to drop out after one semester due to a thyroid condition.

She worked in retail for several years, and then met Matthew. Both have a medical studies background — Matthew is a doctor who works for Abbot Pharmaceutical in Lake Forest, Ill.

The two married and had children, cementing Dufek’s decision to be a stay-at-home parent.

The author believes that

writing and publishing “The Traveling Dress” sets a good example for her children.

“I teach my girls on a daily basis they can do anything,” she said.

Because authors need a physical copy of their work in order to do book signings, Dufek has been promoting her work in creative ways, posting on social media sites and contacting hosts of podcasts in order to increase presales.

“For a book to be successful, it helps to have the presale,” she said.

Dufek has received much support on local Facebook groups, particularly from mothers.

The author already has an idea for her next book, featuring the same character.

She also hopes to work with Yoshido again.

“My hope is that Little Miss Has-It-All will continue telling lessons that children can enjoy,” she said.

For more information about “The Traveling Dress,” follow www.instagram.com/p.s.I_love_u_too.

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Lang reinventing himself

New company, new downtown plans

By Kelly Smith
Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — Mary Daniel, president of the Hawks Inn Historical Society, is among the more than half dozen community leaders interviewed by The Freeman who agreed entrepreneur Bob Lang has gained new respect despite losing millions of dollars in downtown Delafield and on the Erin Hills Golf Course.

“Bob Lang is trying to reinvent himself,” she observed.

Lang’s Colonial-style architecture which permeates downtown has helped brand Delafield as a unique and charming community that has become a popular destination for homeowners, developers, and tourists, said Jim Reiher, plan commissioner and park board chair.

“I have made and spent a fortune,” Lang once said.

“I am not ashamed of losing money in Delafield and Erin Hills,” he recently told The Freeman.

“The biggest regret I have about Erin Hills is I had to use the money that was going to be my children’s inheritance. They owned most of Erin Hills when I had to sell it,” he continued.

Lang emphasized he is putting the losses behind him, so he can move forward with plans to restore his family fortune.

Lang, 75, has started a new calendar company.

The Delafield Calendar and Box Company is producing “Heartland” themed calendars similar to the hundreds of thousands of “folk art” calendars and cards sold by the Lang Company, which was founded by Lang and his wife, Susanne, in 1983 and sold to investors 20 years later.

Lang poured some of the profits from the \$65 million company into building or renovating 19 downtown warehouses, offices and retail buildings in a Colonial-style architecture that complemented the quaint country theme of Lang Company calendars.

But, he also used some of his newly gained fortune to gradually acquire 16 original oil paintings of Abraham Lincoln completed by various artists from 1865 to 1906.

It is the largest private collection of Lincoln paintings and worth millions of dollars, Lang said.

The paintings are included in an exhibit of 72 unique and historic Civil War artifacts collected by Lang, a Civil War history buff,



Bob Lang

and on display at the Delafield History Center.

Lang hopes the yearlong exhibit will lead to the sale of the paintings to a benefactor willing to keep the collection in Delafield, possibly in a museum built by Lang.

Most of the proceeds from the sale will help recoup Lang’s financial losses from the 2008 Great Recession and the construction of the Erin Hills Golf Course, in the Town of Erin in Washington County, where the 2017 US Open Championship was played.

However, he has vowed to use some of the money for an endowment to preserve the Delafield History Center, which he built on Wells Street, and the adjacent Hawks Inn; a historic cultural and political center of the town dating back to the 1800s.

Lang told The Freeman he has an obligation to the city to finish the redevelopment he started 35 years ago.

‘Continued vision’

The Abraham Lincoln Museum and Art Gallery may be the centerpiece of what Lang described as his “continued vision” for downtown.

The building will be designed similarly to Lincoln’s home in Springfield, Ill., and be located somewhere in downtown Delafield, Lang said.

His plan also includes “The Bell Tower,” a three- to four-story residential and commercial building constructed on the west side of Genesee Street, south of City Hall.

In addition, Lang is proposing the redevelopment of Pamela Street, an ally across from City Hall that extends a few blocks west of Genesee Street behind the warehouses and offices he built along Wells Street.

Lang admits he has no money to acquire the land or construct the buildings.

However, community leaders told The Freeman not to underestimate Lang’s ability to turn his vision into reality.

“He is a pretty determined guy. When he sets his mind to do something, it often happens,” said Alderman and former Mayor Jim Behrend.

Downtown Delafield was once described as like a “Depression-era small town,” mostly abandoned because of construction of a nearby interstate highway, left only with a dozen or so part-time antique shops housed in worn-out small retail buildings.

Behrend was mayor when Lang began redeveloping downtown by purchasing and demolishing an old electric company office and work yard on the corner of Wells and Genesee streets.

“Everyone kinda liked the idea,” Behrend said.

“But when he started tearing down some 100-year-old homes, opposition began to develop,” Behrend continued.

“When he started buying up property and building new buildings, the rents downtown started to go up and shop owners didn’t like it,” Behrend added.

“And some of them didn’t like his Colonial Williamsburg architecture,” Behrend concluded.

Lang’s always confident and positive, but sometimes aggressive and brusque, personality rubbed some city officials and citizens the wrong way.

“He could really stir things up,” Behrend said.

“I was not politically correct,” Lang admits.

Lang still passionately raises his voice and slaps his hand on the table when discussing the city’s failure to build a municipal water system which he advocated for in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

However, citizen activist Jim Zhorik, who lead the opposition to the water plan, says he and other citizens respect Lang’s contribution to the community.

“I have always been impressed with his vision and what he has accomplished. I think Delafield citizens see the value in what Bob has done for the community.”

St. John’s academy president Albert to retire

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DELAFIELD — St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy President Jack Albert Jr. has been in his position for 15 years and as the sixteenth acting president, he’s been around to witness what have arguably become some of the biggest changes in the school’s history. Albert reflected on some of those changes, how military education has shaped his life and more after announcing Sept. 28 that he will retire effective June 30 of next year.

“There may never be a ‘right’ time to retire, but I have seen too many of my colleagues wait too long and not be able to do other things in their retirement,” said Albert. “Ronald Reagan said something to the effect ‘one needs to know when to get off the stage.’”

Albert has been a part of the military school community for 30 years, as a head of three schools and the dean at another. He has also held several other positions. He says not much has changed as far as the actual education of students in those three decades, except technology is being used more and parents have become more involved in their children’s education. He added that the number of international students over the years has been on the rise, and the actual dynamics of what the student household may look like have also shifted significantly. Despite some adjustments to the learning environment, Albert says military schools are still a place for transformation within young people.

“I believe in military education for young people because of the structure, discipline and character education it provides. The entire process of this type of school (includes) providing sound education in a structure that rewards success, holds the young person to a standard and gives directions to one’s life,” Albert said.

While what students are learning isn’t changing too much, there have been some major shifts about the actual physical features of St. John’s and who the typical recruit is.

During his tenure, Albert helped St. John’s transition into a coed academy for the first time in its 135 years of existence. He also oversaw a still ongoing \$25 million capital campaign, which included improvements to the physical infrastructure of the school. Dor-



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St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy President Jack Albert is retiring after 15 years at the post.

mitory renovations, a new track and soccer field, enhancements to the school’s other sports facilities, and the creation of a new Learning Commons have all been completed.

“The opportunity to solidify much of our spiritual life programs has also been a special part of my efforts here. It has always been important for me that the school develop positive community relationships,” said Albert.

According to a press release, a nationwide search for Albert’s successor has begun. SJNMA Board of Trustees Chairman Crain Bliwas said the board has known for some time that Albert’s retirement was approaching and they are “well prepared to conduct an exhaustive search for an equally outstanding successor.”

Albert added that at the time of his retirement next year, he believes it will be a good time to hand over the reins as a strategic plan and necessary funding will be in place. He says the advice he’d like to leave for his successor is to enjoy the moment and do what St. John’s founder the Rev. Sidney Smythe instructed: work hard, play hard and pray hard.

Albert says he hopes to do some writing after retiring and has created a small consulting business to work with small churches and schools.

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Martinez receives Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award

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Burn Boot Camp — Lake Country joins chamber

SUSSEX — The Hartland Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Burn Boot Camp — Lake Country as a member. Hartland Chamber of Commerce ambassador and board member Matt Gaulke of Great Midwest Bank, right, presents Brandon Hamilton of Burn Boot Camp — Lake Country with a membership plaque from the chamber. Also pictured is chamber ambassador/board member Deb Nollen of Area Welcome and a Mary Kay Beauty consultant. Burn Boot Camp is a lifestyle fitness facility designed to inspire, empower, and transform the lives of busy women and their families. They provide a mindset and positive environment for women to encourage and motivate one another to get better every day. Burn Boot Camp — Lake Country is at W248-N5250 Executive Drive, No. 200, Sussex, and can be reached at 262-955-5575.



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Some antique sets have up to 24 place settings with numerous serving dishes. Examples might include chafing dishes, celery stands, butter pats, knife-rests, salts, etc. This makes it difficult to store and delicate to wash.

One might have to decide if the dinnerware (or flatware) should be used. Some sets found today were manufactured when firing processes and materials were not always regulated or standardized for safety.

■ Glaze surface: unblemished, meaning no crazing, chips, cracks, cut marks

■ Decorations: no fading or flaking

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This English porcelain, circa 1891, was manufactured by W.H. Grindley and the pattern is Glenmore. It is rare to have such a complete set in near mint condition. It remains a popular line from a well-established company. This set holds favor in the open market of today because of extensive 12-place settings with numerous servings pieces.

Value: \$850.

Fruit bowl set, chocolate glass:

The early 20th century was an era when fresh seasonal berries were considered a luxury and were extravagantly presented. These opaque brown bowls were made by the Greentown Indiana Glass Company. This early American pattern glass was designed by Jacob Rosenthal starting in 1900 and copied by many other glass makers. The footed "leaf bracket" pattern is a caramel brown color outside with a pale interior. This five-piece set with master bowl appears to be in perfect condition; \$200.

Creamer and divided bowl

Although Russel Wright was one of the legendary originators of 20th-century design, in 1939 he had difficulty convincing stores to market his unusual-shaped dinnerware. It was mass produced, durable and affordable. Young American homemakers immediately admired the bold and functional dinnerware with sleek shapes and unique color choices like "nutmeg". Many other manufacturers mimicked the popular style and named them "Russel Wright Shape." Today there continues to be a wave of new collectors searching for authentic pieces in perfect condition. This "Iroquois, casual china" 10-inch, divided bowl with recessed molded handles is valued at \$45.

The nutmeg creamer has a \$35 value.

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The Kettle Moraine girls golf team celebrates its first-place finish at the WIAA Girls State Golf Tournament on Tuesday at University Ridge near Verona. Pictured from left: assistant coach Andy Stippich, Madeline Fiebig, Jenna Anderson, Elizabeth Mantey, Madeline Koenig, Julia Schilling, Reagan Stuke, and head coach John Sams.

KM wins first state golf title in school history

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VERONA — It's finally Kettle Moraine's time.

After years of playing second fiddle, there was a belief this could be the Lasers' year. They conquered Arrowhead to win the Classic 8 Conference championship, edged another area power in Brookfield Central at sectionals, and entered the WIAA Division 1 State Girls Golf Tournament as the top-ranked team by the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin.

There was only one thing left to do — win the whole thing.

KM did just that, shooting 652 as a team to clear second-place Middleton by eight strokes for its first state title in program history.

"It's really crazy," KM senior and team captain Madeline Koenig said. "We've been working so hard for this all year and I think our preparation, just believing in ourselves and loving each other and supporting each other all year really came through in the end."

The Lasers set themselves up well after the first round, building a 16-stroke lead. Middleton never truly threatened, only closing within single digits once that winning feeling was starting to sink in for head coach John Sams' five golfers.

"As a coach I had the luxury of being able to watch the scores," Sams said. "Day 1 really kind of set the stage for us to be able to just go out and play today. It got closer at the end. I think the girls realized it was in their hands, got a little emotional out there. They did a lot of hard work yesterday to kind of set us up today for sure."

Junior Julia Schilling, also a team captain, led KM overall with a two-day score of 159 to finish in a tie for 11th. She closed strong despite the nerves, going 1-under over her final five holes.

"I knew what my front nine score was and I wasn't very happy with it, but it's like, you know, I can go from here," Schilling said. "The last few holes I just tried to stay one shot at a time and it worked out for me."

Sams also got an inspiring effort from freshman Jenna Anderson, who tied for 14th with a 163.

"Knowing that Jenna was playing as well as she was out there really helped us with the rest of the team, just kind of put us at ease," Sams said. "We had two freshmen that just stepped up in a major way. We had strong leadership with our two seniors and our junior and just coming down the stretch, it was a little emotional for all of us, but it really paid off."

"It's just a fabulous feeling knowing this is the first state championship in KM history for golf, boys or girls."

Indicative of its season, it was a total team effort for Kettle Moraine. Freshman Madeline Fiebig fired a 167 to tie for 20th, Koenig carded a 168 to tie for 25th and senior Elizabeth Mantey was 31st with a 170.

"Individually (we) might not have done our best, but to have the other girls supporting us today, it means the world and it makes it so much more fun to play out there and just celebrate with everyone," Koenig said.

And in their 10th appearance as a team at University Ridge, the Lasers proved they were the true No. 1.

"Honestly, it feels amazing," Schilling said. "We've all been very giggly and crying a lot for our seniors. It's honestly a great moment."

Lauterbach short of medalist

Senior finishes runner-up, back one stroke

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VERONA — Emily Lauterbach felt like she let this one get away.

That's despite the horrid luck the Arrowhead senior ran into during her first round Oct. 8. Despite the improbable final nine holes by Bay Port sophomore Jo Baranczyk. And despite playing an under-par round of her own Oct. 9 after birdieing three of her first five holes.

In the end, it all resulted in Lauterbach wondering how she didn't become a two-time state champion in her final high school meet ever.

"Just kind of disappointed in myself," Lauterbach said moments after her round. "I three-putted holes 15 and 16 and I lost by one. This is my first time this year that I haven't won and it's state so it's kind of like ... I don't know. I've won every single meet and then the one that matters just kind of slips away, I guess."

It was a wacky two days at University Ridge Golf Course for Lauterbach. She was one stroke back in a three-way tie for second after Day 1, a day that featured extraordinary circumstances.

A rodent running into her putt on hole 6 that set off a lengthy delay. A walnut sitting in front of her ball in a green-side bunker at hole 9. Then a momentary scare after the round that Lauterbach was assessed a two-stroke penalty for the way she handled the critter conundrum, only for it to be retracted.

Lauterbach seemed to have put it all behind her by Oct. 9 morning, despite more unique circumstances.

All golfers went out at 9 a.m. for a shotgun start due to impending weather; with unseasonably warm temperatures preceding some predicted storms late in the afternoon. Lift, clean and place was also in effect because of a swamped course. No matter, as Lauterbach still started on



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Arrowhead's Emily Lauterbach tees off for the third green during the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament on Tuesday at University Ridge near Verona.

the first hole and was 3-under through five.

By the turn, she had a four-stroke lead and looked well on her way to a gold medal. But she had no interest in knowing where she stood on the leaderboard.

"I didn't want to know," Lauterbach said. "I went to the bathroom and I kept my head down. I missed two putts within five feet on holes 8 and 9. Then I birdied (11), and then I bogeyed (12) and I just three-putted twice. Nothing was dropping at the end."

As Lauterbach struggled to find the bottom of the cup, Baranczyk was going to work. Beginning her round on the fifth hole, Baranczyk was two-over though six. But she birdied five of her last 10 holes, including the par-4 fourth that broke a tie atop the leadership with Lauterbach.

Lauterbach missed a downhill 10-foot birdie putt on 18, settling for par moments before finding out Baranczyk had birdied her final hole, and it was all over.

The Arrowhead senior wasn't surprised about Baranczyk's late charge — more so disappointed in her own efforts.

"It's just kind of sad, with all the bad luck I had yesterday," Lauterbach said. "I thought I could play better today, though, and then the two three-putts happened and I was like, 'OK, Emily, you've really got to do something on your last two holes.' And I had two putts that lipped out on the last two holes."

Not exactly a storybook ending to a remarkable high school career: The Wisconsin recruit finished first, third and second in last three three trips, respectively, to University Ridge, which is where she'll play her home meets the following four years as a Badger.

"I'll be here in exactly a year again," Lauterbach said. "It's a bittersweet ending as always, as everyone would say, but I just really wish I could have pulled it together more in the end."

Arrowhead's two-year reign as state champs also came to an end as it finished third as a team. Rounding out the Warhawks' scores were junior Ellie Kaiser (T28th, 169), senior Caroline Kroeninger (T43rd, 178), freshman Lauren Peterson (55th, 183) and senior Kiera Schmitz (T60th, 191).

Map of Waukesha County showing various locations. Overlaid on the map are several copies of The Freeman newspaper, featuring headlines such as: "How to protect yourself from 'spear phishing' hacking technique used by Russians", "DELAFIELD in the SPOTLIGHT", "Is being a night owl bad for you?", "Peggy Wiggy creates citrus brew with MaltCraft Beer", "First day of Pewaukee Farmers Market", "A SIRIUS ADVANTAGE", "Delafield barn will smile again", and "CITY OF PEWAUKEE".

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