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'Living the dream' caring for horses

Town of Genesee woman finds green pasture in equine farm

By Linda Hiller Deppe Special to The Freeman

TOWN OF GENESEE — Tammie Roeber has a buoyant spirit and a wild, reddish-gold mane that rivals and '90s; but by the early some of the horses she has under her care. With an easy-going nature and determination, steadfast she spends a minimum of 12 hours a day managing and running Western Venture Farm on Highway 18, and for her that truly is "living the dream."

Her love for and interest in all things "horsey" started early on. With her trademark smile, Roeber said, "Pretty much since I could walk and talk, anything horse-related, I was all over it.'

Roeber attended college at William Woods University in Fulton, Mo., and received a bachelor's degree in equestrian science. Her exhaled, courses in equine nutrition, anatomy, and pre-vet helped prepare her for a professional career in horse care.

college to be the assistant trainer at a Saddlebred sta-ble in Mukwonago that was week, and I'm usually here able horses are all rescues; called Northern Venture Farms. When that stable nine or ten o'clock at neglected and seized by closed, Roeber opened her own horse transportation business called Western Venture Horse Transport, which ran for 12 and a half vears. Roeber said the stories from that "venture" could fill a whole book.

with Joan and Grant Her- explains, "We don't shy rman, who own the farm on away from the horses that a story. Moraine Farm Road off need a little extra care. I

Highway 18. Originally called Moraine Farm, it was more recently known as Herrman Stables, and had been a prominent training barn in the area in the 1980s 2000s it housed only a few horses. Roeber credits the Herrmans' generosity for helping her get started. Coming in with two horses of her own and no clientele, the Herrmans allowed her to rent the wing of a smaller barn on the property by the individual stall, as she took on boarders one by one.

Gradually the number of boarders grew, and as of September 2015 Roeber began leasing the whole farm. Presently the two barns and pastures on 63 acres are home to 56 horses and one miniature donkey.

What does it take to have the stamina to run a farm of this size? Roeber paused, and then answered, "Number one is you have to be OK with the concept that you pretty much give up the 'normal She was hired right out of life.' I typically get here around eight o'clock every until somewhere between night.'

Special care needs

Tammy prides herself on the full-service care all of the horses get and especially in providing the special care required by senior In 2014, Roeber connected equines and rescues. She hard cases is written all



Tammie Roeber with Swampy and her filly Boggy, both rescued from a kill pen and up for adoption.

really enjoy dealing with Haleena, and foal, Scrappy, the rescues who come in came to the farm from skin and bones and watch- Florida. They were part of a ing them blossom and herd that had been abanbecome real horses again."

not a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, there are horses available for sale, for lease, adoption the other starving horses in and sponsorship. The adopt- the herd. Haleena is now a some from kill pens, some authorities, and a few that were taken to avoid being needlessly euthanized, or sent to auction where their chances of a happy ending were slim.

Roeber's happiness at being able to help these over her face as she relates

Two years ago a mare,

Wisconsin Upside Down

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doned in a swamp. Roeber While Western Venture is produced a before photo of a dangerously thin Haleena with her tail chewed off by beautiful bay Arabian on the outside. On the inside she still bears the emotional scars of her abandonment. The foal is now healthy but blind in one eye due to lack of nutrition in utero.

It's easy to see that Roeber will do whatever is humanly possible to keep caring for and helping horses, as she works to realize her dream of purchasing the entire farm that she now leases. The other half of her

dream is to do more to educate young rescue horses to give them a future.

Linda Hiller Deppe/Special to The Freeman

There is a land contract in the works and if all goes according to plan the sale could be soon. Considering that Roeber began Western Venture a mere four years ago with a dream and a couple of leased stalls, it is an amazing accomplishment and inspiration.

Roeber gave this final bit of wisdom:

"There are people who have horses and there are horse people. What I truly call horse people is even if they never got on a horse again, it honestly is enough to spend the time taking care of them, and walking them, and grooming them, and grazing them."

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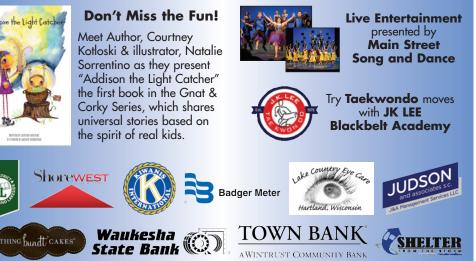
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SECTION B

Peck and Bushel orchard observes seventh season

Town of Erin firm serves as venue for Bartolotta events

no

family-owned farm that

between

Launching new careers

selling out of a tent.

They purchased the land

2015, they began construc-

late

By Kelly Smith Special to Conley News Service

the next eight to nine that we can sell to local from each tree by hand. weeks, Joe Fahey will people," Joe explained. spend 10 hours a day picking apples off the 30,000 varieties of apple trees in farming trees at the Peck and the United States. Bushel Organic Fruit Com-

pany's orchard. work crew of high school duce apples in the selling greatest dangers. and college students will season spend another four hours August and late October. washing the apples.

His wife, Jennifer, will Halloween. After Hallo- eight different bugs. be at the barn at about 6 ween, it is getting cold and By tracking when and p.m., from her job as a cer- people aren't thinking where they lay and hatch tified public accountant, about buying apples," Jen- eggs, the Faheys know and spend the rest of the nifer explained. evening baking apple pies, apple cider doughnuts, and Jennifer and Joe's passion reduce the risk of disease. apple walnut bars, to sell for growing organic apples at the orchard's sales has evolved from 30 trees ty industry have a reputabarn.

homegrown organic apples their Town of Lisbon home. work," explained Megan for one of its catered events. and apple products at their sales barn on County Line Road (Highway Q), about a half-mile west of Lake Five in 2009. By 2011, they were the Bartolottas began sev-Road.

Their customers also have the option of picking small roadside stand. In customer," Joe explained. their own apples.

apple orchard is very foot the barn that took the restaurant company labor-intensive, but the nearly three years to com- and chose the Peck and Faheys believe it is worth plete. it because the delicate, Joe, 46, gave up a career one of its special catering chemical-free process of in nuclear medicine tech- events. growing organic fruit pro- nology to devote full time duces a tasty and healthy to the orchard. eating experience.

sion for growing organic help support the family course, fine dining experiapples that are sold to and the orchard. neighbors, friends, and good, clean fresh fruit. tification.

They have tions and grocery store ral conditions for organic and meats. chains who want to buy growing after decades of their products. They say fertilizers, pesticides, and

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herbicides spread and sprayed to encourage crop growth.

It takes another three vears for the trees to grow strong enough to hold "All we want to do is be a apples.

During those years the TOWN OF ERIN - For produces organic apples blossoms must be stripped

There are about 2,500 Computer-assisted

Although weeds are The Faheys select 18 always plentiful and somevarieties that can be plant- times must be cut by hand, He and his part-time ed in early spring and pro- bugs and disease pose the

The Faheys use computer software programs to "The season ends with track the life cycles of

what organic products to In less than a decade, use to kill the insects and "People in the hospitaliin their backyard to about tion for being hard work-McKenna, general manag-

er of Bartolotta Catering. "Our relationship with eral years ago when Jen-In 2013, they built a nifer Bartolotta became a

Bartolotta is director of Operating an organic tion of the 37,000-square- strategic partnerships for Bushel Barn as a venue for

About 100 guests — most of them from the Milwau-Jennifer, also 46, contin- kee metro area — paid \$85 The Faheys have a pas- ues her work as a CPA to a plate for a recent fourence at the barn.

It takes at least three A second event has been other consumers who enjoy years to earn organic cer- scheduled for Oct. 27. It will be a four-course dinreceived It takes that long to ner focused on fall apples



Kelly Smith/Special to The Free

The Faheys begin their 30,000 trees on the farm ers. But I am amazed at About 100 guests enjoyed a four-course, fine dining experience recently in rural Washington seventh season of selling about 15 minutes from how hard these people County when the Bartolotta restaurant company chose the Peck and Bushel barn as a venue



Kelly Smith/Special to The Freeman

offers from food corpora- restore the land to its natu- and other fresh produce Joe and Jennifer Fahey have a passion for growing organic apples they can sell to their neighbors at the Peck and Bushel Organic Fruit Company on County Line Road bordering Washington and Waukesha counties.

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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 last. all we knew and everything we will ever know.

diagnosed with breast kindergarten cancer.

ing for this publication right breast in 2015 in her and its sister edition in first the Brookfield and Elm surgery. Grove area. Those two monthlies typically high- the time since she's come light breast cancer for the to know a peace I have not September or October edi- seen in her for years. The tion - October is Breast mental burden - whatev-

lications is limited to that a new woman. of a freelance writer. The She again seems natural appear in these monthlies me as more confident. I've full-time business finance.

I have never enjoyed affectionate. those columnists or journalists who open a vein A rebirth, of sorts and bleed on the page. At is a discipline. Good journalists provide an unbidav in as few words as ply as possible.

the columns I've penned Lord. In one of cancer. and

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

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

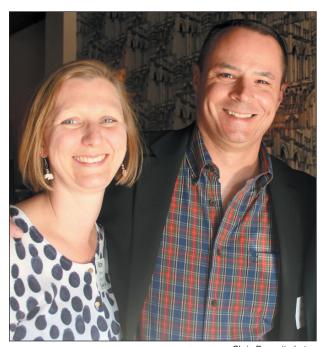
In June of this year, not even a week after she fin-On that day, Rachel was ished her school year as a teacher, Rachel had her left breast I had just started writ- removed. She lost her breast cancer

What amazes me is in Cancer Awareness Month. er it was for her — is gone. My role with these pub- Losing her chest made her

bylines of mine that in her skin. She strikes help me scratch an itch always found her sexy and for journalism. I left the attractive, but she now a believes it herself. She decade ago and went into moves differently. She smiles more. She's more

its best, journalism and surgery and giving up the year-old writing for a publication other willingly, instead of Eleanor. Our older chil- with Aurora Health Care, briefing we receive before going through reconstruc- dren ased and unblemished incredible experience. It me shave Rachel's head at take 10 years off her life. job is way more intense look at the events of the feels like a bit of rebirth. our kitchen table.

My concerns are now I made an exception for relationship with perhaps my pious and God-fearing went through this, too.



Chris Bennett photo

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

wife endure trial after I wonder how many trial

Losing one breast in explain all of this to our 6- first appointments Dr. The best I can offer is tion, has turned into an Margaret, 16 — watched ing out — treatment might flight attendant — whose

Eleanor just possible and do so as sim- different than they used to Mommy was sick. I did my have left which, for cer- kids to affix our oxygen be. I need to mend my best to keep things togeth- tain, the er and maintain some- moment. Cancer taught little ones in the event of the thing that resembled nor- me we're guaranteed an emergency. for my wife's cancer. Writ- columns I wrote in this mal, but I wonder what I almost nothing in this life. ing about the events series, I disclosed my missed in the lives of my helped me deal with her lapse in faith as I watched two older children; they tended and unexpected yourself before you can

years cancer took from I wonder how I will ever my wife. At one of our daughter, Syed Haider, an oncologist

is today.

consequences. I will be help others.

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. likening it to the safety - Amelie, 19, and told Rachel to start work- a plane takes off. The If this is the case then than you think — tells knew we will enjoy the time we those of us flying with The mask before helping our

The message is clear. There have been unin- You have to take care of

A grand feat: 1,000 books before kindergarten

By Chris Bennett Special to The Freeman

One thousand of anything is a lot of something. On thousand pennies is \$10. One thousand sheets of paper equals two reams. Leo Tolstoy's 'War and Peace" is, on average, 1,225 pages long.

With that in mind, consider the impact on a child's life if that young mind reads 1,000 books

before kindergarten. The impact is considerable. Literacy is a building block for the acquisition and understanding of knowledge. And the Bridges Library System is using an app to encourage reading among its youngest patrons.

'My daughter was 3 at the time, and I was trying to do the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten with her," said Angela Meyers, coordinator of Youth and Inclusive Services for the Bridges Library System. "We lived in a two-story house, and I



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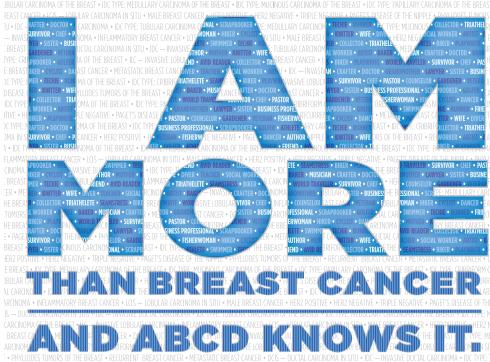
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found I never had that folder with me, where I'd write down the name of the books. "But I always had my phone in my pocket."

The Bridges Library System consists of 24 member libraries in Waukesha and Jefferson counties.

The notion of getting young children to read 1,000 books before kindergarten, either on their own or with an adult, started at a library in Bremen, Ind. Sandy Krost, a former children's librarian at the Bremen Public Library, is credited with the idea

According to online sources, the inspiration for the idea is a book by Mem Fox called "Reading Magic." Evidence exists that the more children read and hear books read to them before kindergarten the more they will be ready to learn when they reach the classroom.

The sticky wicket in the desire for parents to get their kids to read 1,000 books before kindergarten is recording just how many books the child and parent or adult read together.

Tech support

For years the means of recording, at most libraries, was a folder with some forms. Parents recorded the name of the book, the date it was read, and how many times the child read the book.

Technology changed the process. Meyers said the idea for an app came to be in July 2013. The app went live in April 2015.

'It's really an optional program for parents," Meyers said. "If they choose to do the paper and pencil model they can certainly continue to do that.

"Others prefer that app because, like me, they could never find the folder."

To record the book in the app the parent or adult scans the book's barcode or types in the name of the book to make a record of the title being read.

The name of the app is "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten." Meyers said a few other apps exist with a similar premise and name, but that the app developed by Bridges is tagged as being from Waukesha County.

The app is available on Google Play and the Apple App Store. There is no charge for download. The app is also available in Spanish. "It's been pretty good," Meyers said. "People

really seem to like that opportunity. We have some families that started on paper and they wanted to turn to the app, and that's totally possible."

Through late summer Meyers said the app had been downloaded 9,000 times between Android and Apple. More than 1.1 million books have been recorded, and 4,850 children have been added to the app

Ten of Wisconsin's 16 library systems are using the app. Meyers said two more recently expressed interest in using the app, and said she has also talked to libraries from out of state that want to institute a similar program.

Some of the more popular books, according to data pulled from the app, are "Let's Go To The Firehouse," "Click Clack Moo – Cows That Type," "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom," "Brown Bear Brown Bear, What Do You See," and "Green Eggs and Ham."

More information about the app is available at the Bridges Library System website, https://bridgeslibrarysystem.org.

named Hartland's next police chief

By Brandon Anderegg banderegg@conleynet.con 262-513-2657

HARTLAND Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Deputy Inspector Torin Misko has been selected to become the village's new police chief.

Former Police Chief Mike Bagin served Hartland for 31 years until



he retired in March of 2018. Deputy Chief Ross Collura will continue to serve as interim chief until Misko



begins on Sept. 24. Misko has worked for the Sheriff's Department since 2004 in several

capacities including as corrections officer, a detective in the Metro Drug Unit, captain for Sussex's contracted police services through the Sheriff's Department and ultimately deputy inspector.

He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in leadership from Marian University in Fond du Lac. Misko comes from a law enforcement family, with his father having served in the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office for 30 years.

"It was one of those scenarios where I think (the Police & Fire Commission) felt the transition would be seamless," Village Administrator Dave Cox said. "I think commission members certainly connected with him and thought he would be a good fit."

Misko said he looks forward to meeting and working for the people of Hartland. He said he will analyze crime trends to keep people safe and maintain the level of service community members expect and deserve.

"It's definitely a great opportunity for me to leverage local law enforcement experience as a chief of police," Misko said. "It was really a no-brainer to apply for this position and continue the great work the police department has been doing over the years."

Collura said he's excited to have Misko in Hartland. "I'm looking forward to having the time and ability to do the best job that I can as his deputy chief," Collura said.

History is in the bag with Civil War cartridge box

Q.: This Civil War relic has been passed down through our family. Other than our relative's name on a note inside, we have no other information. Can you tell us about it and where to donate such an item? – Peter, Whitefish Bay

A.: Your 1860s U.S. Cavalry steerhide, cartridge box is often called an ammunition case/pouch. The attached riveted loops would thread unto a soldier's belt and usually would have been positioned on the frontal, right hip. This example is the most issued style and its authentic condition represents it was field-worn, which collectors like to see. The wear pattern shows leather flaking and crazing at the fold and interior pocket edges. The oval, brass, U.S. box plate attached on the front flap is in excellent condition.

Personal inherited antiques like this would be loved and appreciated by a growing number of collectors. Possible donation options could include: First, contact the local historical society or regional military museum where your ancestor lived. You will find dedicated peo-



ple who can research records and often help you track additional family history. Many museums might accept similar, donated items or possibly can arrange for on-loan pieces. Fair market value is \$475.

* * *

Q.: I read your column and would love to know about this vase that is over 100 years old. It belonged to my great-grandmother, who came from Sweden. As a child I was always entranced by it.

Julie, Brookfield

A.: With the letter "S" on the bottom, your vase is attributed to the Schlaggenwald Ceramics Work-Czech Republic. This 11-inch-tall, bisque vase remains white and is

size that also was made and both were imported throughout Europe and America. Visually stimulating was enough reason for owners to like them and these vases still hold intrigue. Very few have survived in good condition.

The descriptive name given to this vase type was "Bird Nest Stump Vases." This example has a free-form shaped mouth, scattered realistic plant life, stone pebble base, bird nests with eggs and hand-molded blossoms. Examples are found with or without added color detail.

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ARROWHEAD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Free of charge Volunteers construct new building for soccer teams; no cost to taxpayers

By Chuck Delsman Special to The Freeman

TOWN OF MERTON -The Arrowhead community will give the players a place has done it again.

stepped up and built the There will be plenty of and contractors who have Mullett Ice Center for hock- room for equipment stor- donated their time and ey and Taraska Stadium for football years ago, a large group of volunteers, headed indoors at halftime and ber it started almost a year by Spancrete of Waukesha, talk strategy. has built the Daniel A. Nagy Team Room for the boys and come forward and support cial. I can't thank all of girls soccer teams. It's locat- this project is really some- those people enough for ed on the east sideline thing," said Arrowhead stepping up and making between the two dugouts.

1,200-square-foot building is 19th year this fall as the who runs Spancrete, said that it did not cost the team's head coach. "This is he's proud that his compa-Arrowhead taxpayers a sin- nice for the kids and the ny could be involved in such gle penny. Every part of the school. Over the years our a wonderful project. project, ground on July 9 after years of being in the planning stages, was donated at no store things like nets, balls brother Dan had a passion charge to the school district.

Arrowhead district made this project happen at absoa single taxpayer dollar has dium got built many years been used to get this done."

The finished project will our soccer programs." have a final donated value of about \$250,000.

after the late Daniel A. Steve McGuire of Merton, Waukesha, LeFever Roofing Nagy, who was a first-team president of McGuire Con- of Hartland, Builders Hardall-state soccer defender tractors, donated his time ware of Menomonee Falls, for the Warhawks in 1993. and knowledge as the man- Klein-Dickert of Pewaukee, He died at the age of 30 in ager and coordinator of the Droegkamp Furnace of a plane accident on August project. He started his work Pewaukee, Pieper Electric 14, 2006. He left behind wife on it 18 months ago. of M Colleen and children "When I found out about gies.

McKenna and Andrew. He the project I decided to

The 20-by-60-foot building McGuire said.

boys soccer coach Jeff this happen. And the best part of the Staus, who will begin his which broke kids would change in the parking lot or in the school. ing back to the community," Plus now we have a place to John Nagy added. "My Plus now we have a place to John Nagy added. and other stuff. Right now for soccer and skiing, so we cram all of our stuff in putting the building togeth-"A lot of members of the the press box or the ticket er for the Arrowhead soccer booths.

lutely no cost to the taxpay- this project is to see so the group that put the lights ers," said second-year AHS many people pulling togeth- on the field years ago. This Athletic Director Ryan er to get this done. People is something our entire Mangan. "So many people like the Steinbauers, Gehls family has been part of for stepped up and donated and Nagys, who were on the a long time and we plan on time, labor and product. Not ground floor when our sta- staying involved.' ago, are still contributing to time, services and products

ing about \$150,000 worth of crete and Brick Specialists The building is named concrete for the building, of Hartland, Spancrete of

was the grandson of Span- donate my time and help crete founder Henry Nagy. out as much as I could,'

"It's been an absolute to change into their uni- great experience working After district families forms and store their gear. with all the subcontractors age, as well as giving the products to get this done. To Warhawks a place to go see all the planning, rememand one-half ago, turn into "To have so many people reality is something spe-

John Nagy, Dan's brother

"For us it's all about givprogram just makes a lot of "The real neat thing about sense. My dad was part of

Contractors who donated for this project are Century Besides Spancrete donat- Fence of Pewaukee, Conof Milwaukee and We Ener-



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Blues in the park

DELAFIELD - Kelli Gonzalez, lead vocalist of The Hungry Williams, jams out as she performs during the 2018 Waukesha Rotary BluesFest at Naga-Waukee Park in Delafield on Aug. 10.



All work, then play for Kiwanis volunteers

Kiwanis Village Park volunteers have some fun on the playground equipment they installed. Pictured from left to right are: Kent Seflow, Jim Hagen, Cliff Muehlenberg, Pat Gallagher, Paul Brown, Dennis Meyer, Logan of Pewaukee Park & Rec, Linda Wittmann, Jaynee Andree and Ken Coshun.

Pewaukee School Board picks successor to longtime member Frea

Dankert has been active in district ing the April election to once as a parent who has support. Most recently, Dankert was when Frea's term would have originally anded At

By Ashley Haynes ahaynes@conleynet.com 262-513-2681

Education chose

Dankert to fill a vacancy dur- board. He had over a decade ing regularly attending tion annual meeting, during that time, two other posiing a special meeting Aug. of experience on the board board meetings and sessions which annual goals and a tions will open on the board 29. Dankert was selected as a member, vice president on the district's strategic preliminary budget were as well. In order to qualify from a group of 12 applicants and the board president. PEWAUKEE — The Pewau- to replace Ron Frea, who Steve reasons in July.

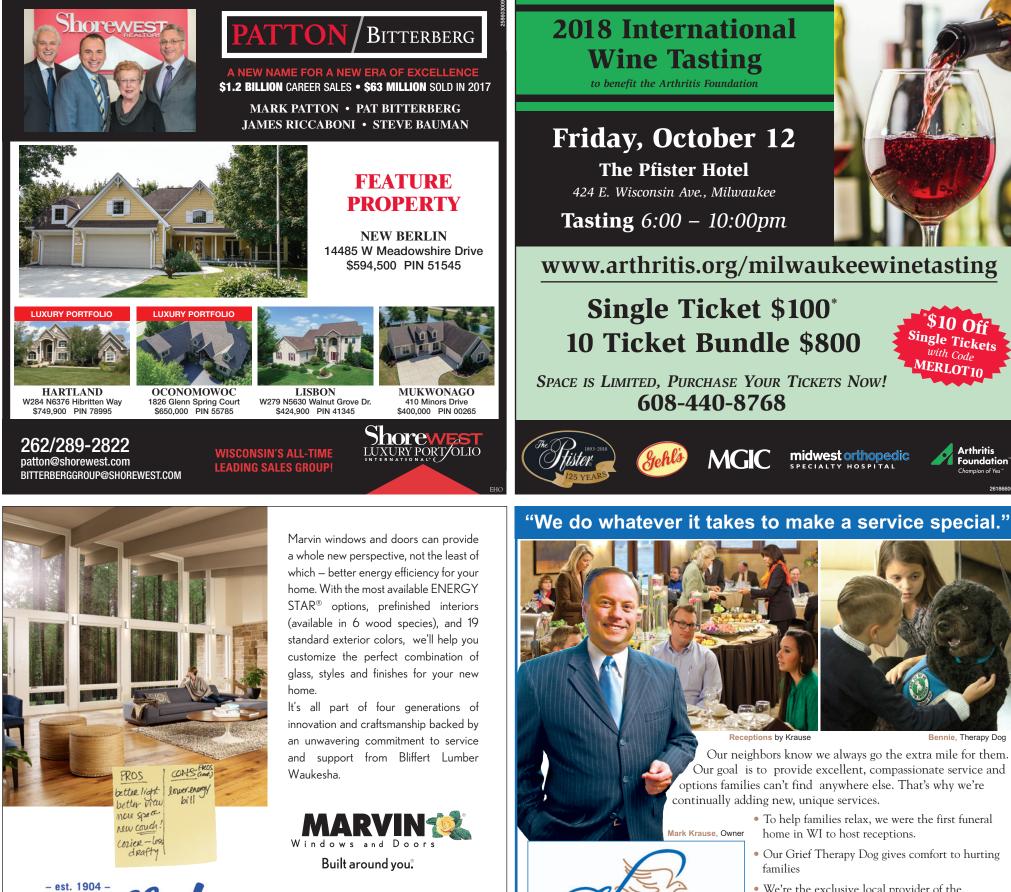
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for a seat on the board, appli-According to a press Dankert has also been a He was to be formally cants must be a resident of





kee School District Board of stepped down for personal release, newcomer Dankert regular participant in the sworn in at the board's Sept. the school district and at has been actively involved in recent facilities master plan- 10 meeting, and his term will least 18 years old.

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Tie-dying at Hartland library

HARTLAND - Six-year-old Antonio Cora manages the dripping dye on his purple-and-reddyed T-shirt at the Hartland Public Library's tie-dye event Aug. 10.

Maples named to vacant Delafield aldermanic seat

By Kelly Smith Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — A retired machinist who often spends five mornings a week talking about government and politics has been appointed to the Common Council to replace the late Alderman Al Zietlow. Kevin Maples took the oath

of office as Sixth District Alderman immediately after he was unanimously appointed by the Common Council on Aug. 20.

The only applicant for the job, he will serve until April 2019, when he is expected to seek election to the remaining year of the two-year term.

Zietlow died of cancer on May 1, less than a month after being re-elected.

The Sixth District is on the south by St. John's Bay.

Nagawicka Lake shore from uary of 2016. St. John's Bay north to Bay View Street.

The western boundary is wanted to give up being on and government. generally Genesee Street, the council I would be interexcept for neighborhoods located west of Genesee Street between Oakwood Drive and Copper Field Drive.



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Delafield Mayor Kent Attwell, center, watches as City Clerk Michelle Luedtke administers the oath of office to newly appointed Sixth District Alderman Kevin Maples.

Maples later told The Freebounded on the north by the man that he decided to was referring to is a group of Nashotah village limits and become active in the commu- about a half-dozen men, nity after he retired from including former mayors Walter, a cutting tool manu- Robert Savrnoch and Ed The eastern boundary is facturer in Pewaukee, in Jan-McAleer, who meet every

> he got sick, that if he ever Lake Country and politics ested in running," he said.

'political friends" convinced Maples said.

The "political friends" he morning during the week at "I told Al, last year before Hardee's to talk about life in

Maples said he was introduced to the group by his After Zietlow's death, some golfing buddy Jim Vyvyan, who attended the council him to apply for the position, meeting when Maples was sworn into office.

Lang starts new calendar company

'Heartland' calendars now on sale

By Kelly Smith Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — Robert Allen "Bob" Lang, the entrepreneur-developer Colonial-style whose architecture has become the signature of the downtown Delafield business district, has started a new calendar company.

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

There are 23 calendar styles, each with a different "Folk Heart" theme of scenic views, nature, lifestyle activities, animals, and athletes, depicted by the original works of 18 artists, Lang said.

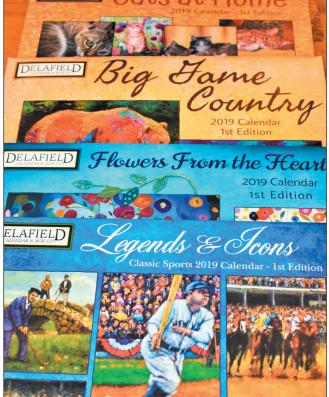
Lang told The Freeman he decided to start another calendar company because of his previous success, and he enjoys the could make a calendar for many of them with Colocreative and marketing \$10," he added. challenges.

success," he said.

after his wife, Susanne, across America. complained she could not liked.

explained.

ness, but I thought we in downtown Delafield, onship.



Kelly Smith/Special to The Free

These are samples of the 23 different themes of calendars being sold by the Delafield Calendar and Box Co. The calendar company is owned by developer Bob Lang, who helped create the original folk art Lang Calendars.

"It is something that I do Illinois artist Linda Nel- est in the Lang Company well, and I have had some son Stocks at a Milwaukee to a private equity firm in art gallery and they Connecticut. In 1983, Lang was a home teamed up to create calenbuilder when he started a dars with original folk art investing — and losing – graphic design company depicting rural lifestyles much of the profits from

Within about five years, company find a wall calendar she more than 100,000 of the money into the continued "Interest rates were 17 annually in bookstores town Delafield and build-

percent. Houses were cost- and gift shops across the ing Erin Hills, the golf ing \$200,000," Lang country. course in the Town of Lang country. "I did not know anything decades, Lang built or ren-ty that was the site of about the graphics busi- ovated nearly 20 buildings 2017 USGA Open Champi-

nial-style architecture.

Later that year, he met In 2003, he sold his inter-

He has acknowledged selling the \$65 million by pouring calendars were being sold redevelopment of down-During the next two Erin in Washington Coun-



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Wilcox, Wedig commit to Wisconsin

KM's kicker, lineman will play football for Badgers

By Chuck Delsman Freeman Correspondent

WALES — When the first day of football practice opened up at Kettle Moraine in early August of 2017, junior Blake Wilcox was not even on the roster and sophomore Trey Wedig was an unknown talent that spent the year before on the junior varsity team.

What a difference a year can make.

With the current season now four weeks old, Wilcox and Wedig are no longer just blips on the radar screen. They've quickly become two of the best players in the state at their respective positions and both have made verbal commitments to take their skills to the next level and play NCAA football at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Wilcox committed to the Badgers this past offseason as a placekicker and punter. He'll open his career at Wisconsin next fall as a preferred walk-on, basically meaning after his first year with the team, he'll receive a full-ride scholarship.

Wedig, an offensive tackle, announced his commitment Sept. 8 prior to the start of Wisconsin's home game against New Mexico. Being just a junior this year, the 6foot-7, 302-pounder still has to finish his high school career with the Lasers in the fall of 2019.

be Wisconsin teammates, their journeys to Madison couldn't be more different.

For both the Lasers and Wilcox, it was a twist of fate that he even joined the team last year. The 6-foot-4 junior was just starting his third year with the KM soccer team and never once considered playing football. After all, the two seasons run simultaneously.

first conversation The about Wilcox playing football came from two of his friends, happening.'



Kenny Yoo/Special to The Freeman

Kettle Moraine kicker Blake Wilcox kicks an extra point during a game this season. Wilcox and teammate Trey Wedig have both verbally committed to play football at Wisconsin.

Hunter Denor and Elijah Weis, both football players. The three were at the same summer retreat in late July.

"At that retreat both Hunter and Eli tried their best to convince me to play after they talked to me about it, I didn't give it much thought. I had never played the sport. I was a soccer player and loved playing soccer still do. But had it not been for those two guys constantly trying to recruit me, all of this would have never happened."

But when football practice opened in 2017, Wilcox was nowhere to be found. Then, one day, while lying in bed, he and an honorable mention said he knew football practice was starting that day. That's when things began changing for Wilcox.

"For about the first four or While down the road they'll five days of practice the thought of playing football kept coming into my mind," Wilcox said. "Then, after missing about seven or eight days of practice, I went out for the team. Everything else just kind of fell into place. I guess you could call me a late bloomer when it comes to my football career. I don't think many guys end up playing major college football after starting the sport as a junior in high school. It's a little

And since that first practice more than a year ago, Wilcox's football career has taken off in a big way. He quickly became one of the best placekickers in the state last fall, booting eight field football," Wilcox said. "Even goals. And he really got the attention of many college recruiters when he blasted a 59-yard field goal against Waukesha South in the eighth game of the season. He also hit three other field goals of 44 yards or longer.

"There's no doubt that the 59-yarder got a lot of people's attention," said Wilcox, who earned first-team all-conference status in the Classic 8 listing on the WFCA All-State team last year. "But my kicking at a national camp this summer really turned things around for me.'

At that camp, he not only earned rave reviews as a placekicker but also started punting for the first time ever. Several days after that camp, Wilcox was named to play in prestigious the Under National High Armour School All-Star game in Florida in January.

"I had never really punted before, but for some reason it clicked right away for me at the national camp," Wilcox said. "I didn't punt as a junior crazy to even think about that at all. I guess all the stars were

story is an inspiration for a lot of kids that it's never too late to give something a try." Wilcox also wanted to thank

former KM player Luke Radke for helping him hone his kicking skills. "I can't thank Luke enough

for all the help he's given to me with my football career," Wilcox said. "He's played a major role in all of this.

pletely different than Wilcox's rise to fame, has at least one similar twist.

While a football player since fifth grade, Wedig never gave the sport too much thought about how good he could be. He just liked playing football.

'Up until last year, I never thought about playing at Wisconsin or any other big school like that," Wedig said. "But things started coming together last year. I got in better shape and my brother Nick was a senior on our team. He's the guy I owe this success to because he made sure I kept working hard every day."

Wedig said two years ago his brother's work ethic rubbed off on him and Nick wouldn't let him miss a day of workouts. Nick now plays football at Winona State in Minnesota.

'We live only about five or six minutes from the high aligned for me. I guess my school and he'd get me up The running back from



Russ Pulvermacher/Special to The Freeman

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Kettle Moraine junior Trey Wedig looks to make a block during a game against Waukesha North this season.

Wedig's story, while com- every morning at 5:30 a.m. for Menomonee Falls, Julius our workouts," Trey added. "He definitely was the guy who turned things around for me. He'd get mad if we weren't out of the house by 5:45 a.m. to start lifting by 6 a.m. He'd get pretty mad at me if I dragged behind. It wasn't a fun day for me when I made him mad either. I owe so much to Nick for giving me my work ethic."

Wedig started getting recruited this summer despite still having another year of high school football to be played.

"I think I received letters from about 20 big schools," Wedig said. "Michigan State and LSU both contacted me, but I was sold on Wisconsin right away.

"I knew Wisconsin's history for having great offensive linemen and great running backs, so that made it easy. Every lineman wants to block for great running backs.

Davis, also is going to Wisconsin. I'm happy I committed to Wisconsin. Now I can just concentrate on my final two seasons here at Kettle Moraine."

Kettle Moraine coach Justin Gumm, in his third year with the Lasers, knows the Badgers are getting not only two good football players but quality kids as well.

"Both Blake and Trey are two kids that every guy dreams about coaching," Gumm said. "They're not great football players, but also great kids. They perform on the field and academically and socially as well. Plus they care about all of the other guys on the team. It's good to see the rewards the two have gotten for all of the hard work they've put in.

Quite the journey for the two Lasers. From Wales to Madison. And eventually to historic Camp Randall Stadium.

Meixelsperger wins national trapshooting title



Submitted photo

Jack Meixelsperger, middle, poses with his parents after winning the National Championships of the Scholastic Clay Trap Program in Marengo, Ohio in July.

KM graduate claims 4-man playoff

By Chuck Delsman Freeman Correspondent

DOUSMAN — He came out of nowhere. In a matter of two days, Jack Meixelsperger went from total unknown to national champion.

It was a pair of days he'll never forget.

After graduating from Kettle Moraine High School the first week of June, Meixelsperger took a few days off and then did what he likes to do best, go trapshooting. He not only shot trap as a hobby but also was a member of the Kettle Moraine High School sporting clays and trap team. He had been to the state tournament all four years and while his team won the state championship his sophomore year in 2016, he never had much luck individually.

21. And that's when the 18-year-

old Meixelsperger made a could." tremendous leap forward in his trapshooting career.

Competing in the 2018 National Championships of the Scholastic Clay Trap Program in Marengo, Ohio, Meixelsperger did the best shooting of his career in the field of 2,692 competitors from 26 states from around the country. In dramatic fashion, he had two perfect rounds of 100 targets each and found himself in a four-man playoff for the national crown.

Not bad for a youth shooter who just weeks before had recorded his first perfect round of 100 off back to the 22-yard line. out of 100. That came in the final high school trap event of the season at Beaver Dam. Prior to that, he had shot two rounds of 99 as his career best.

"I had hit my first 100 score at Beaver Dam during the high school season and had been shooting well prior to going to the nationals," Meixelsperger said. 'So I was confident that I could go there and shoot well. But I never really expected to win the national championship. I knew the com- had won," the future University And then came July 20 and July petition was going to be very of Wisconsin-Stevens Point good. I just wanted to do the best I shooter said. "I really never had of 197/200.

In the first round of competition in the men's senior varsity trapshooting division, Meixelsperger hit all 100 of his targets to tie for the lead with three other shooters going into the second day of action. Those same four guys were perfect again, giving them all perfect scores of 200 out of 200.

Later that day a shoot-off for the championship took place. Shooting a round of 25 from the 16-yard trap line, three of the four hit all 25 targets, moving the play-

"I really wasn't that nervous the first two days," Meixelsperger said. "I was just concentrating as hard as I could on what I was doing. But once the playoff began, I got a little nervous.³

From the 22-yard line, Meixelsperger captured the championship. He converted 24 of 25 targets and walked off with the crown. The other two finalists had scores of 23 and 22 targets.

"I barely could believe it after I

that much success prior to the nationals. I had done OK but I never had finished near the top in any of the high school matches. This was my third national event so I knew what to expect. But I really wasn't planning on winning.

Actually, Meixelsperger had his back to the wall on the second day of the event just to make it to the playoff. Two other shooters were already finished with scores of 200 out of 200. He knew that a single miss would knock him out.

"I knew that two guys had scores of 200 on the board before I shot," he said. "I just stayed as calm as I could. I was confident the entire time. I knew this was my last time competing in the high school division so I wanted to do my best. It feels great to be a national champion.'

The men's senior varsity division is the largest at the national event. A total of 651 trapshooters were in that class. Meixelsperger's title marked the first time a Wisconsin participant won that division crown. He came into the nationals with an average score

