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Pewaukee officer plans donation drive to help needy parents, mitigate shoplifting cases

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PEWAUKEE — Police officers choose their line of work in order to protect and serve the people in their communities, but when some needy residents break the law in order to help their own families, how to best serve them becomes a lot more complicated.

Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer with the Pewaukee Police Department is trying to solve the root cause of a shoplifting problem in the Pewaukee area. He said recently he's noticed an uptick in people stealing items like formula, diapers and wipes from Pewaukee businesses.

"At the end of the day, somebody who needs something has to get that need met by whatever means necessary," Twelmeyer said.

So he decided to help. Twelmeyer decided to organize a diaper, wipe and formula drive to collect some of these in-demand items.

With the holiday season fast approaching, the number of shoplifting cases rise.

Twelmeyer said one particular moment that hit him the hardest happened last month, when he arrested a man who had stolen a bag of diapers for his child.

"I really kind of felt for the guy and I really kind of re-evaluated what I was doing as a cop," Twelmeyer said. "I've got this guy in the back of my squad car who's going to be arrested over diapers and not be able to be a dad. If I can mitigate that in any way, I want to try."

With the help of some local organizations, donations will be collected on Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pewaukee Police Department, 235 Hickory St.

The Waukesha County Food Pantry will store all of the items collected during the drive, which will then be split up and disbursed all over Waukesha County.

Elaine Kroening, executive director

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of Positively Pewaukee, is one of Twelmeyer's partners in organizing the drive.

She said to her knowledge, there hasn't been a drive quite like this one in the village.

"When he called me and asked me if I would help him with this, that's what really stuck, was that, you know, here's an officer who sees this kind of stuff all the time, people shoplifting, and really took it to heart and said 'I'd like to do something to change this,'" Kroening said.

She added that this initiative is particularly timely as there has been a lot of bad publicity when it comes to the police across the country.

"I know so many of them personally and they really just have hearts of gold and just want to help the community. This is really just a great opportunity for him to do something great," Kroening said.

She explained at the Food Pantry, there is a list of items dubbed "The Big 8", which are the items with the most demand. Those include size 5 and size 6 diapers, Pull-Ups and baby wipes. Stage 1 baby food, Gerber Good Start or Gerber formula in purple cans are also big-ticket items.

Kroening said that the drive will still accept all sizes of diapers.

"I could see this being a couple times a year if this is a success," Kroening said. "People really do believe in taking care of their own in Pewaukee. That's why I know that this drive will be successful."



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Pewaukee Police Sergeant Lucas Twelmeyer and daughter Bonnie. Twelmeyer is planning a donation drive to help parents in need in Waukesha County.

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Author, historian Libbie Nolan dies at 102

Family, art, county history at center of long life

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TOWN OF VERNON — For Elizabeth “Libbie” Nolan, family and history not only intersected, they ran parallel paths through her life for more than a century, with her work informing her descendants, her neighbors and their descendants for generations to come.

Nolan, a former editor for both The Freeman and Landmark, the magazine of the Waukesha County Historical Society, and a mainstay of local history, passed away of natural causes Oct. 20. She was 102.

Nolan, who was born in the Theodora Winton House on Prospect Hill in New Berlin, grew up on a Vernon farm named Bonnedale for its picturesque landscape during the Depression, being friends with future Gov. Julius Heil and attending a one-room school with eventual Congressman Glenn Davis. She later worked as a coal miner, and then wound motors for the war effort at Allis-Chalmers where she met her husband, Frank. She displayed a passion for history and rural art, writing hundreds of articles about local affairs and history for The Freeman, Muskego Sun and decades as editor of Landmark. She was named to the World Who's Who of Women in 1973, and served on statewide artists and writers associations through the University of Wisconsin.

“That’s part of the fun of my life, the history, so many different ways,” she said on the eve of her 100th birthday in 2017.

Nolan was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with a family history that goes at least as far back as Gideon



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Libbie Nolan, a prolific writer of county history as well as artist and poet, former Freeman employee and longtime editor of Landmark Magazine, died Oct. 20 at age 102.

King, who fought in the Revolutionary War’s Battle of Lexington. Another ancestor of hers, Rufus Cheney, founded the Free Will Baptist Church in New Berlin; her parents and grandparents attended the church and when it closed Nolan found a home at Vernon Presbyterian Church, which her great-grandfather Thomas Faulkner helped to organize.

During World War II, Nolan also recruited blood donors for the Waukesha Red Cross, offering a water color painting for each family that donated two or more pints of blood. She painted 23 pictures.

With her husband, they raised their family on Prospect Hill, making four generations of her family living there.

But Nolan also remained active with local historical causes. She helped to found four historical societies, in New Berlin, Muskego, Norway and Big Bend.

She was a former curator for the New Berlin Historical Society and the county historical society, writing articles for its Landmark Magazine for more than three decades. In 1956, Nolan suggested that the historical society place markers at significant spots around the county.

“They said, ‘good idea. You should be the chair,’” Nolan told The Freeman in a 2004 interview.

And through the years, she kept writing — if not for The Freeman or the Muskego Sun, which she retired from,

or Landmark, her thoughts found their way into numerous paintings and books she wrote for family members, telling about herself, her childhood, her parents, and more. She also authored four historical books. The Waukesha County Historical Society created the Libbie Nolan Faulkner Award that is presented to promising historians each year.

“She was feisty,” her daughter Betsey Bystol said. “She was driven. Very goal-oriented. A great sense of humor. She loved her kids, very supportive, just a total character.”

“She was so proud of the heritage of Prospect Hill and the Vernon area because it was so much a part of her,” Bystol said.

John Schoenknicht, who followed Nolan at Landmark, shared an anecdote about Nolan that exhibited her good humor as well as how seriously she took history.

“Libbie was the dean of Waukesha County history. She taught me about writing, about editing and about the art of assembling a magazine. Amazingly, she wrote a story for Landmark magazine at age 101,” he said in an email. “Libbie started every phone call with ‘Top o’ the morning’ (or evening or afternoon).”

“I was once ‘scolded’ by her when I used the word ‘Fall’ for the September issue of Landmark. ‘We use ‘Autumn,’” she chided. “It is more formal and descriptive.”

Bystol said almost right up to the end Nolan was talking about writing a new Faulkner family feline book she wanted to write — a sequel to an earlier incarnation.

Nolan credited her longevity to a daily dose of oatmeal and fresh fruit and time spent exercising.

Bystol said her mother lived life “on her own terms, especially the last several years. My dad died in ‘87. So



Brian Huber/Freeman Staff

This painting by Libbie Nolan shows Prospect Hill in New Berlin, circa 1920, looking north from near what is now the Interstate 43 off-ramp on Racine Avenue. The large white building at the top is the Free Will Baptist Church, founded by Rufus Cheney, one of Nolan’s ancestors.

except for a short time that she was with a guy she went to high school with, she’s been alone and on her own.

“The amazing thing is she did all this writing legally blind. For the last 20 years she’s had macular degeneration; she’d been legally blind. She could see out of one corner of one eye.”

And yet, Nolan stayed at home until this summer, helped by very frequent visits from friends and daily visits from family.

Bystol said she spent much time editing and rewriting material with her mother,

and whether it was family lineage or local county history, Nolan had similar reasons for doing it:

“If I don’t, who will?” she said in 2004. “It is important to save our history. The world is moving so fast, if we don’t save it, it will be lost.”

Nolan is survived by children Denny Nolan and his wife Diana, Dr. Tim Nolan, Sandra Nolan, Betsey Nolan Bystol and her husband Ron, Pat Nolan and his wife, Janet; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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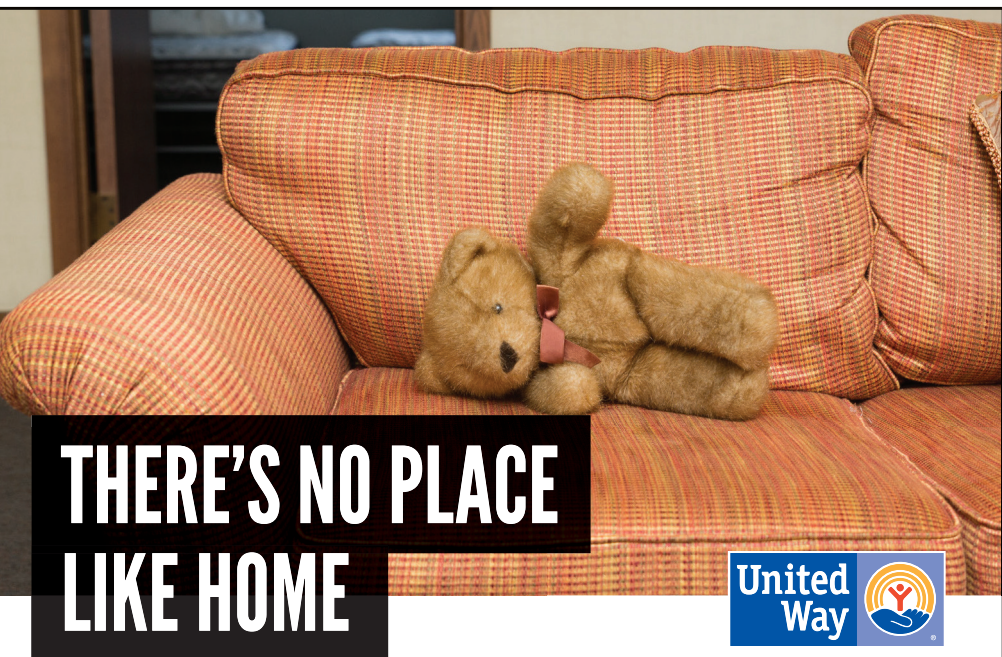
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Celebrating America’s heroes

DELAFIELD — On Nov. 8, St. John's Northwestern Military Academy honored veterans from its alumni and all over Wisconsin through its annual Salute to Veterans and Flag Pageant. The fourth-grade class from Delafield's Cushing Elementary School opened the ceremony performing a medley of American patriotic songs, as well as Scout Troop #20 from Cushing Elementary School carried in the national colors.

Each major conflict from World War I through the War on Terror was recognized with guidon bearers in war-era uniforms, the posting of colors, a 21-gun salute, taps, and videos created by cadets from the SJNMA 20th Century History Honors class.

After the ceremony, all in attendance could visit the Lincoln Art and Historic U.S. Flag Exhibition currently on display at SJNMA in Mouso Hall.



Scout Troop #20 from Cushing Elementary presents the colors of the United States as veterans and St. John's cadets salute.



A flag to represent World War II veterans is held by SJNMA Cadet Marco Elizalde.



Cadet Kylie Takahashi stands with a flag representing the Global War on Terrorism.



Cadets salute as the colors are retired at the end of St. John's Northwestern Military Academy's salute to veterans of the U.S. armed forces on Nov. 8.

Decker continues to heal after third cancer diagnosis

Cites positive attitude as key to recovery

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WAUKESHA — What would get many people down hasn't deflated the spirits of Waukesha County Chairman Paul Decker who remains energetic and optimistic as he recovers from his third bout with cancer.



Decker

He said after he had a cancerous lesion removed from his chest earlier this year, he has been visiting the dermatologist on a regular basis. In late August, the dermatologist inspected a spot on his ear and sent him to a specialist for a closer look.

He said his ear was scraped and tested in a lab right away and it was determined to be squamous cancer, which can spread quickly and go to the lymph system. So the doctor went about scraping and testing the cancerous skin cells, which took about five hours. After the upper ear was scraped out, Decker said a skin graft had to be placed on his ear.

Now, several months later, Decker is feeling well but is still focusing on the healing process. He said the cancer is gone, but the graft is still mending. He is back to doing workouts, he said, and focusing on healthy nutrition.

His spirit, however, remains strong and he's happy to share his perspective on prevention and recovery — something he knows well after overcoming cancer twice before, including the first time during which he lost a lung, and whose treatment led to a heart attack.

"I think the main point to me is it can happen to anyone," he said, explaining that the skin cancer on his ear was found in a small spot. "It's these little spots that turn out to be worse."

Decker acknowledges that people will put off medical procedures such as colonoscopies, but he advises them not to wait. For if you can find it early and get a diagnosis the treatment might be less invasive.

And he doesn't want people to underestimate the body's ability to heal itself.

"Your body can still do a lot of healing despite the age," the 67-year-old said.

To enable the healing, it's also about taking on the challenge and overcoming it.

"Rather than talking about it, I am exemplifying why a good attitude and good spirits is important. That anybody can do this," he said.

Decker's focus has been and will continue to be on getting the best out of every day. It's also about interacting with others, because he believes the more interaction a person has the more positive feedback he will receive.

"You build your own positivity," he said.

Tougher drunk driving plan dies in Wisconsin Assembly

By Benjamin Yount
The Center Square

MADISON — Wisconsin drivers who kill someone during a drunk driving wreck and those on their fifth and sixth operating while intoxicated (OWI) infraction won't see more jail time anytime soon.

Democratic lawmakers in the state Assembly objected to the plan that would impose new mandatory minimum sentences in some OWI cases.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Burlington, is surprised.

"For an awful lot of Wisconsinites who've been touched by drunk driving, having a penalty that supports the crime is something that we support," Vos said after the proposal fizzled Tuesday.

In Wisconsin, someone's

first OWI is treated as a civil matter. That means there's little difference between a drunk driving arrest and a speeding ticket. Fines start at \$300 and there is no jail time required. Jail sentences can start with a second OWI arrest, but are not more than a week. A third OWI can land someone in jail for up to a year, anything beyond a fourth OWI charge and prosecutors can file felony charges.

The proposal before the legislature would have required a mandatory minimum year-and-a-half in prison for someone's fifth or sixth OWI.

State Rep. Jim Ott, R-Mequon, said he thought that would be a common sense sentence after four reminders to not drive drunk.

"Someone who's a repeat

drunk driver, when they get that fourth offense conviction, I think it's a very strong message when the judge and their attorney says 'Do this again, and you're going to spend 18 months in prison,'" Ott said.

A second proposal would have required at least five years in prison for a deadly drunk driving crash, though there was an out for judges who found a good reason not to send someone behind bars.

The objections from Democrats ostensibly focused on the cost of sending more people to prison. The state's Department of Corrections says it would cost \$13 million a year to put fifth or sixth time drunk drivers behind bars.

The Wisconsin Senate passed the plans without objection.



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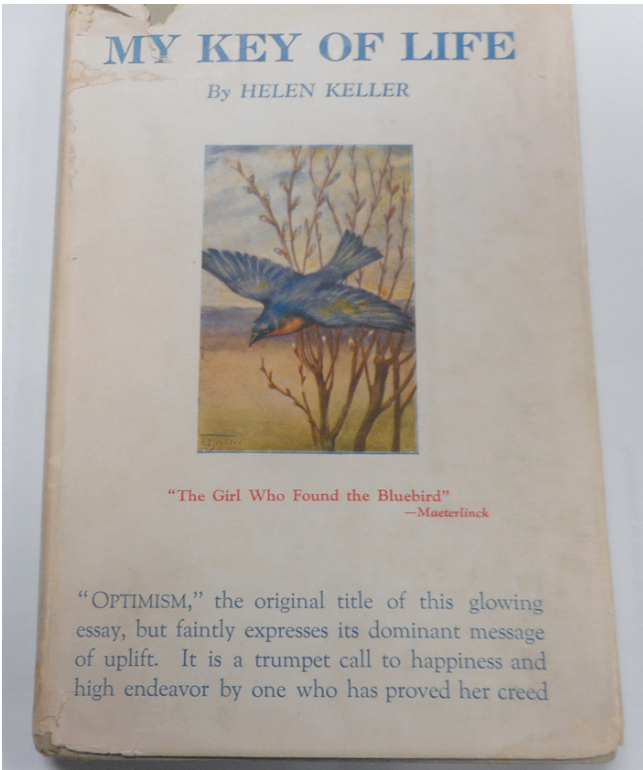
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— *Bridget, Brookfield*

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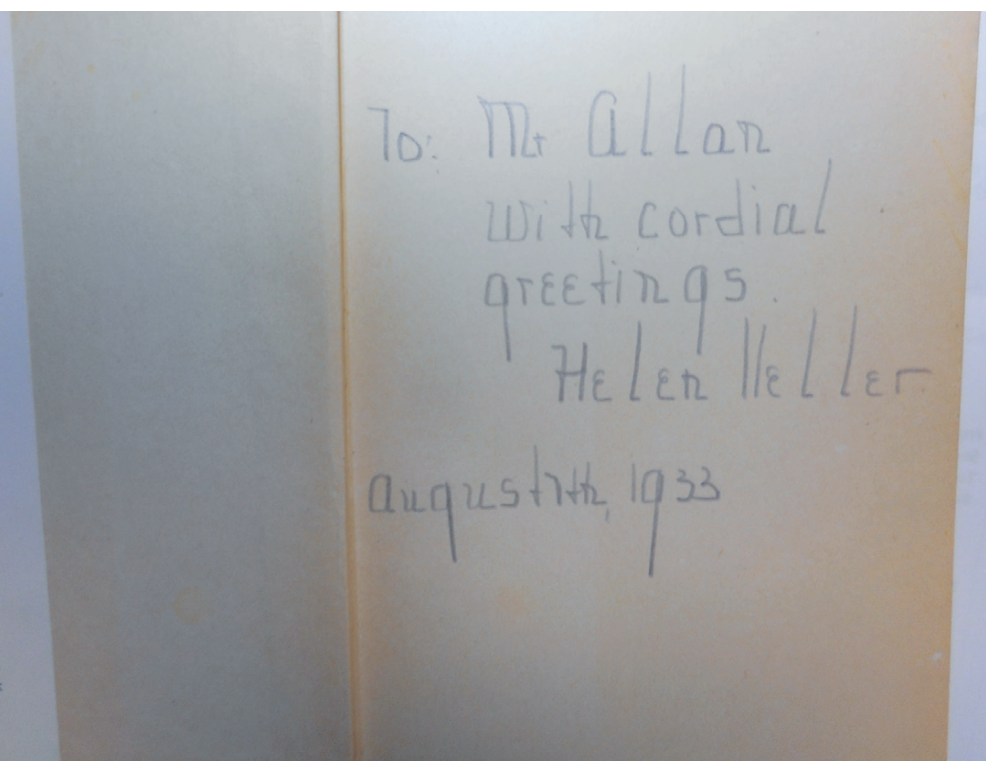
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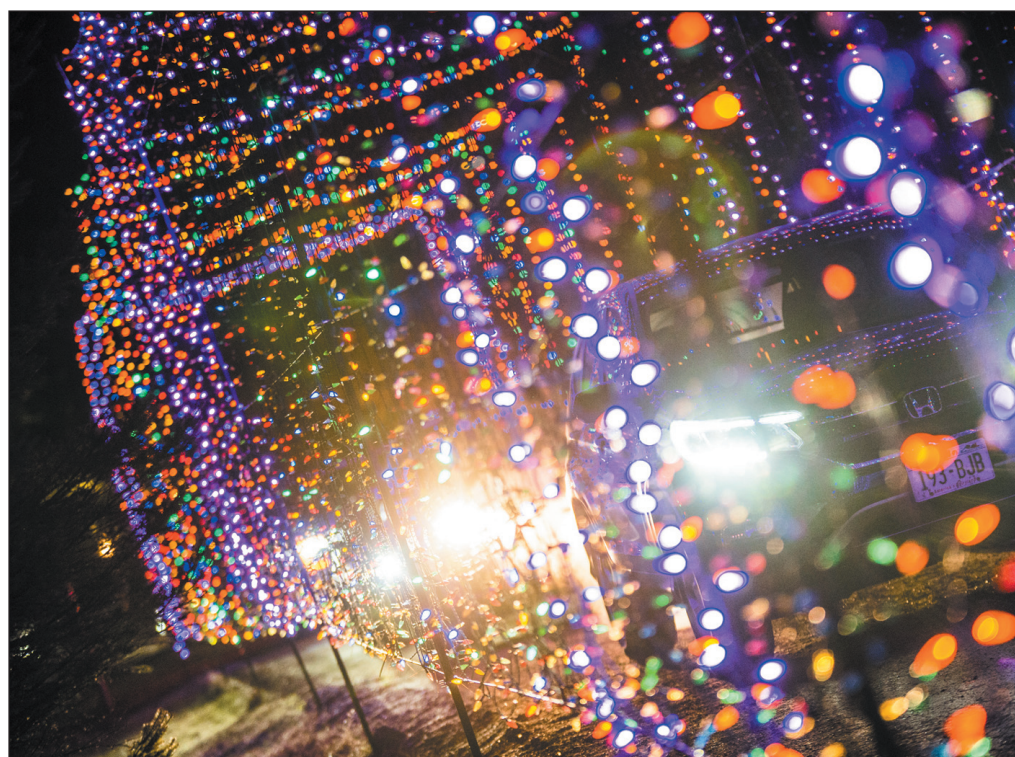
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Country Christmas walk-through to raise money for nonprofit

WAUKESHA — People who love Christmas lights and also want to support the community can do so with an early December walk-through of Country Christmas at The Ingleside Hotel.

From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 3, 4 and 5, there will be reduced admission offered for those who bring a new book donation that will benefit children in need through the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County.

Admission is \$7 per person or \$5 per person with a new book donation to the lighted holiday display at The Ingleside Hotel, 2810 Golf Road, Waukesha. The books will help stock the shelves of CCC's one-day Toy Shop on Dec. 14 for families in need. Families not sponsored through CCC's person-to-person giving program are invited to the Toy Shop to select new donated toys, books and warm gloves, mittens, hats and other items.

"We're thrilled to partner with The Ingleside Hotel for the perfect family-friendly event. Country Christmas fans will have a chance to get an up-close look at the displays, enjoy an invigorating winter walk and benefit kids who might otherwise go without at Christmas," said CCC Executive Director Sarah Hein.

"Every family who shops in our Toy Shop is allowed to pick out at least two new books for each child. Each year, we keep our fingers crossed that we have enough books to accommodate everyone. We believe in the power of books — they are a priority for us and our client families. We couldn't be more grateful for this opportunity," Hein added.

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Grandparents Day at CELA

PEWAUKEE — Christian Education Leadership Academy students celebrated Grandparents Day. Grades K-8 gave speeches about the important role grandparents play in a child's life, led the group in prayer and sang some songs. The 8th-grade students performed a skit called the "Kindness Boomerang," which demonstrated how small, random acts of kindness can positively impact many people.



K, 5K and first-grade choir students sing "Skinnamarink."

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The opening prayer during Grandparents Day at Christian Education Leadership Academy.

Pewaukee native wins award

PEWAUKEE — Scott Wildman of Pewaukee has been named the 2019 recipient of the Kathleen M. Baird Dolphin Award. Wildman was named the recipient at the annual meeting of the Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin. Wildman is the shareholder in charge of Vrakas Business Valuations, Inc. part of Vrakas CPAs and Advisors, a Brookfield accounting and services firm. He joined Vrakas in 1986. Wildman also served as chair of the council in 2009. The award is named after the late Milwaukee attorney Kathleen M. Baird. Baird served as chair of the council in 2005 and the award recognizes outstanding service to the council.

Kettle Moraine adds private music lessons for all ages

Offered at a discount through Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

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WALES — Students of all ages and experience levels can now take weekly music lessons at Kettle Moraine High School from private teachers who have played everywhere from the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra to Carnegie Hall.

The Kettle Moraine School District announced the launch of a new after-school opportunity this fall that is now open to area residents through the Community Education department.

The program is a partnership with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and will allow "world-class teachers" to work with local students of all ages, according to a news release.

"Our teachers are specialists on their instruments," said Wisconsin Conservatory of Music Director of Education Teresa Drews. "They are highly-trained musicians who had extraordinary mentors and became inspiring teachers themselves."

This May, as part of overall reductions to KM's budget that were made to address a structural deficit, music programs received less funding.

Reductions were made to elementary band and orchestra, and to middle school music classes as well.

The Conservatory of Music's goal is to inspire school-age students to reach their full potential in band, orchestra and beyond. For adults, it's a chance to maximize their creative enjoyment through music, whether as beginners, returning students or as experienced musicians.

The program will launch with piano, violin, cello, percussion, trumpet and guitar lessons with a focus on traditional, classical, Flamenco, jazz and contemporary genres.

More instruments, teachers and genres will be added based on demand. Music theory classes and chamber music opportunities are planned in the future.

All students who register for lessons also will become

part of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music community, which makes them eligible for a free ticket to each Conservatory resident ensemble concert series and free master classes with guest artists.

The Conservatory is offering Kettle Moraine residents a tuition discount through the new partnership.

For KM residents, an offer of \$35 a lesson for 26 weeks (a total of \$910) is available, which is a \$90 discount, according to the Conservatory website.

For piano lessons only, lessons are \$35 each, coming to a total of \$840 for 24 weeks.

Payment plans are available for families who desire to split up the costs.

All lessons will be held at Kettle Moraine High School, 349 N. Oak Crest Drive, outside school hours.

For more information, including the backgrounds of the teachers, visit <https://www.wcmusic.org/kettle-moraine/> or call the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music at 414-276-5760.



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WIAA DIVISION 1 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL STATE FINAL: Arrowhead 3, Oconomowoc 0

Arrowhead makes history with state title

Warhawks sweep Classic 8 foe Oconomowoc to win school’s first girls volleyball crown

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GREEN BAY — As Thanksgiving approaches, we’ll be reminded of the pilgrims’ bold and triumphant journey into a new frontier.

The members of the Arrowhead girls volleyball team can relate.

The Warhawks added to their school’s vast gallery of athletic conquests by bringing home the first state championship in their program’s history Nov. 9 at the Resch Center.

It was a clash of the titans as Arrowhead, seeded first in the WIAA Division-1 field and ranked atop the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association’s D-1 state poll, collided with second-seeded and second-ranked Oconomowoc in the title match.

The Warhawks brought their “A” game and emerged with a 25-21, 25-20, 25-21 victory. The clash of Classic 8 Conference rivals marked only the second time in the tourney’s 47-year history that two teams from the same conference played for the D-1 title. West Bend East and Watertown of the Wisconsin Little Ten Conference accomplished the feat in 2007.

Arrowhead senior Aubrey Hamilton landed 18 kills and came up with 13 digs in the championship match, which extended the Warhawks’ record to 48-3, but she preferred to bask in her team’s accomplishment afterward.

“I just think it’s amazing that we made history, and that we did it together,” the University of Notre Dame commit said. “We never gave up, and we kept fighting.”

Arrowhead coach Janelle Hobbs was thrilled to see her group make school history.

“I think it’s really neat, too, that it’s this group of girls,” Hobbs said. “They’re just tremendous people on and off the court. They just love each other so much, and I love all of them so much. It’s really a

great, special group.

“These girls have really earned the respect of their teachers, their peers, other athletes at the school and the younger girls in our feeder program, because they just work hard at every single thing they do, whether it’s on the court, in the classroom or volunteering. They’re just a really well-rounded group of people, and they’ve earned everyone’s respect that way.”

The Warhawks, who were making their first title-match appearance, noticed the difference in its magnitude, but they weren’t fazed by it.

“I thought it was a really cool experience,” said Arrowhead senior Elise Schneider, who made seven kills. “At the beginning of the game, none of us had ever experienced anything like that. We hadn’t even seen it before. I thought it was just amazing.

“I honestly think we had control before the match. We knew what we needed to do before we even stepped out on the floor and saw the court, even before we got to the gym. We knew what we had to do before we got on the bus to go to state. We knew we had this and we could do it.”

Neither team led by more than three points in the first set, which featured 10 ties. Arrowhead junior Jade Stefan closed it out with a four-point service run, and Hamilton accounted for the final two points with kills.

Two of Oconomowoc’s three regular-season losses came to Arrowhead, and the Raccoons dealt the Warhawks one of their three defeats, so the teams were quite familiar with each other. But Arrowhead played at another level Saturday.

“They were all over the place,” said Oconomowoc senior Caitlin Crawford, who had a match-best 17 digs. “They were getting a lot of good dips in the middle and kept diving for balls. I’m like, ‘How the heck did you get that ball up?’ They just kept fighting. They played really well.”

Oconomowoc senior Tahya

Pozorski was impressed, too.

“Their defense, I think, is amazing,” Pozorski said. “And they have good hitters who can put the ball anywhere. I think they they worked together so well.”

Arrowhead didn’t let up, either: The Warhawks sprang out to a 10-2 advantage and never trailed in the second set. The Raccoons sliced their deficit to three points late in the set, but the Warhawks never relinquished control and got another clinching kill from Hamilton.

“We really served tough and took them out of system a lot,” Hobbs said. “We really started to frustrate them and did a good job of staying aggressive behind the end-line.

“We had some games this season, like against Sussex (Hamilton), where we were down a lot. We were experienced in those situations and just knew that if we stayed aggressive, we’d find our flow and we’d be fine in the end.”

Oconomowoc displayed resilience in the third set, rallying from a 12-4 deficit to pull within 19-18 during a five-point service run by senior Tayler Alden. Freshman Cordelia Kearns accounted for three of those points.

“I was really excited to see that fight in the third set,” Oconomowoc coach Michelle Bruss said. “It wasn’t over: The girls are never just like, ‘All right, we’re done.’ They don’t have it in them to do that.

“The fight that these girls continue to have is something that’s always been really fun to watch and be a part of. I’m just really proud of them.”

Arrowhead weathered the storm and got its bearings back during a three-point service run by senior Addy Preston, then secured the set, the match and the state title moments later.

The grand finale was the last match in an Arrowhead volleyball uniform for seniors Hamilton, Schneider, Preston, Olivia Schaul, Josie Salzman, Emily Larson and Michala



Dave Radcliffe/Freeman Staff

The Arrowhead girls volleyball team celebrates winning the WIAA Division 1 Girls Volleyball State Championship final against Oconomowoc on Nov. 9 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

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Several of them reviewed their four-year quest to take their program where it had never gone before.

“Coming into the program, I was such a scared little freshman,” Schaul said. “I always looked up to people like Aubrey and Elyse.

“Now to be one of their teammates, know them personally and know how good of people they are, I think that really changed my respect for the game, and I think that everyone in our school can see that.”

Stefan, who had a team-high 32 assists and eight digs, will miss her senior teammates.

“I remember my freshman year, walking in,” Stefan said. “These two (Schneider and Hamilton) were sophomores on varsity, and they just welcomed me so well onto the team. They’re just so selfless. These two are my best friends, and they’re so amazing.

“I don’t know what I’ll do without them.”

Oconomowoc, which was making its second straight title match appearance in five



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Arrowhead senior libero Emily Larson passes the ball during the WIAA Division 1 Girls Volleyball State Championship final against Oconomowoc on Nov. 9 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

seasons, finished 40-4. The Raccoons got team highs of 24 assists and five aces from Alden, 17 digs from Crawford and 10 kills from Kearns.

Ocon’s four college volleyball-bound seniors — Alden (Northern Iowa), Crawford (South Carolina), Pozorski (Jacksonville State) and Ashley Sharkus (Eastern Illinois) — left quite a legacy within

the program, and they will miss competing for the Raccoons.

“These past two seasons have been the best seasons of my life,” Pozorski said. “These girls are my family, and I’ll never forget them because they keep me up.

“I love them more than anything, so thank you, guys, for the best seasons of my life.”

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