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## DELAFIELD

## Plan Commission recommends permit for gun club

Council to vote on it next month

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DELAFIELD — Responding to a Waukesha County Circuit Court order, the Plan Commission has unanimously recommended to the Common Council a conditional use permit for the Hartland Sportsmen's Club.

The proposed permit requires the club to make substantial safety improvements on its five firing ranges and install a fence around the 35-acre complex on Maple Avenue, south of Interstate 94. In addition, it limits shooting to an average of 28 hours a week and prohibits shooting for two weeks each month except in November, when the club may have extended shooting hours for hunters to prepare their weapons for deer season.

Gun club attorney Stacie H. Rosenzweig told the commission the proposed permit establishes "unrealistic" financial and regulatory burdens and "sets up the club to fail."

She asserted the safety improve-

ments could cost "millions of dollars" for a club that relies on members' dues for revenue.

When City Attorney James Hammes asked club president Mike Sitarz how many members were in the club, Sitarz refused to tell him.

Commissioner Jim Reiher, an attorney, asked Sitarz and Rosenzweig a series of questions that he said were intended to determine what provisions of the proposed permit the city and gun club could agree on, what provisions they disagreed about, and where they could compromise.

### Safety improvements issue

One of the biggest issues was the city's insistence that all safety improvements be completed before any of the gun club's firing ranges could resume operations.

The firing ranges were shut down in 2010 after neighbors complained of safety violations and a pregnant woman was grazed by a stray, spent bullet that escaped from the club while she was sitting at a nearby restaurant.

The Wisconsin Court of Appeals

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Joanne Laska and Katie Kanklelaska, 4, work together on a paper mache heart.

## 'Dabble Time' at Hartland library

HARTLAND — The Hartland Public Library hosted "Dabble Time" on Feb. 6. The event is focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math-rooted sensory art activities.

The event this week involved making paper mache hearts. Future events will include other art activities with other process-based materials, such as paint, slime, playdough, sand, water and more.

There will be another Dabble Time on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m.



Sloan Karas, 3, shows off her heart at the Hartland Public Library.



Luca Brown, 2, intently puts paper mache on his art project.

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# Gifts of the muse: Local artists showcase creativity

## Pewaukee Area Arts Council shares works of art with the Lake Country area

By Rebecca Seymour  
Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — For the second year, the Pewaukee Area Arts Council has partnered with a Lake Country gathering space to help provide the framework for inspiring a greater appreciation for original fine art created by local artists.

Sponsored by the non-profit organization, the Community Fine Art Placement Project helps shine a spotlight on the visual arts by offering works created by member artists for permanent display in municipal and public buildings within the greater Lake Country area.

The Delafield Public Library is now the new home for three original paintings inspired by nearby Nagawicka Lake and everything that it offers to members of the community and beyond.

“We are so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this project. Our library is truly a community hub for the area, and this amazing artwork has really enriched our space so much,” said Delafield Library Director Stephanie Ramirez.

The PAAC provided grant funds for a watercolor painting titled “Family Fun on Nagawicka Lake” by Irene Taylor, and an oil painting by Barbara Kelsey titled “Sunset on Lake Nagawicka.”

“It’s quite an honor to have my painting chosen to be featured in the Delafield Library. It’s just so neat that an organization that I’m a part of offers this opportunity for local artists. Its inspirational and it keeps me going,” said Pewaukee artist Irene Taylor during an artist reception held Jan. 21.

In addition, the library has chosen to purchase an acrylic painting by Anne Raskopf depicting a sailboat race on Nagawicka titled “Rounding the Marker” with its own funds after viewing the project submissions.

**Art for everyone**

The Hartland Public Library was the recipient for the first annual PAAC Community Fine Art Placement Project, and plans are in the works for next year’s public gathering space.

Invitations to participate are sent to libraries, city halls, police and fire departments, and public schools in the Lake Country area and also into Waukesha.

Community project partners are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. PAAC member artists are invited to submit their works of art and if chosen, will receive the purchase price of their work up to \$500, paid for by the non-profit organization.

“Our goal is to enrich the community through

art that is accessible to everyone. It’s nice for the artists because their pieces become a part of a permanent collection. We’re very grateful for the partnership with these community gathering places,” explained artist and PAAC board member Heidi Hallett of Oconomowoc.

Founded in 2004, the more than 100 members of the community-based fine arts organization are dedicated to encouraging and promoting quality art experiences, programs, events and cultural opportunities for the Lake Country area. For more information about the PAAC, visit [www.pewaukeearts.org](http://www.pewaukeearts.org).

**Art exhibit**

More than 15 members of the Pewaukee Area Arts Council are featured in an art exhibit titled “Nostalgia” in the art gallery of the Oconomowoc Arts Center through March 2.

The exhibit features 65 original works of art depicting subjects that hold a special place in the artists’ hearts and memories, including people, places, landscapes, animals and more.

The OAC’s art galleries are open to the public, free of charge, and available for viewing during regular box office hours, 90 minutes prior to show times, and while shows are in progress. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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The Pewaukee Area Arts Council has partnered with the Delafield Public Library for its second annual Community Fine Art Placement Project. The library is now home for three original works of art by local artists Irene Taylor, Barbara Kelsey, and Anne Raskopf, which were celebrated during an artist reception at the library on Jan. 21. Pictured, Irene Taylor explains the inspiration behind her watercolor titled “Family Fun on Nagawicka Lake” to, from left, PAAC board member Kristen Bulfer, Delafield Mayor Kent Attwell, and Delafield Library Director Stephanie Ramirez.



Rebecca Seymour/Special to The Freeman

Pewaukee artist Irene Taylor was one of the artists chosen to have her original watercolor painting titled “Family Fun on Nagawicka Lake” to be displayed in the Delafield Public Library for the second annual Community Fine Art Placement Project sponsored by the Pewaukee Area Arts Council.

# Local eye care specialists offer tips for detecting vision loss

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By Cheryl L. Dejowski

“Loss of vision can be less likely to notice than other impairments, such as hearing loss, which has obvious signs like needing to turn up the TV volume or having people repeat things louder. Loss of vision can go unrecognized because it seldom occurs suddenly or dramatically, and the person often adjusts without even noticing it,” says Mark Freedman, MD, of Eye Care Specialists, one of the state’s leading ophthalmology practices.

His partners agree. Brett Rhode, MD, says “Many people simply accept diminished vision as a fact of life. But, in the majority of cases, this thinking is wrong. Issues like cloudy vision and sensitivity to glare don’t have to be an inevitable consequence of growing old. In fact, problems can often be corrected with little disruption to a person’s daily routine, and the only regret is not taking care of it sooner.”

Daniel Ferguson, MD, recommends, “Make sure you and your loved ones are seeing life to the fullest by scheduling regular, comprehensive, dilated eye examinations. If there are no other concerns or conditions, such as diabetes or glaucoma, these exams should be every 2-4 years from ages 40 to 64, and every 1-2 years after age 65.”

What makes a good eye exam? Daniel Paskowitz, MD, PhD, explains, “A thorough eye exam should check: accommodation capability (ability to switch focus between near and far), pupil reflexes (ability to adjust from light to dark), muscle motility (ability to look to the sides and keep the eyes in alignment), visual acuity (ability to see objects clearly near and far), and visual field (ability to see objects off to the side). It should also examine: the external surface (for infections and inflammations), lens (for cataracts), retina (for macular degeneration, diabetes, etc.), and internal pressure and optic nerve (for glaucoma).”

“In between exams, patients and family members should watch for specific visual and non-visual indicators that may signal the need to see an eye care specialist to prevent permanent loss of vision,” notes Michael Raciti, MD.

There are other advantages to detecting and treating eye problems promptly. “Vision improvement has been shown to enhance quality of life, such as the ability to read, write, watch TV, use the telephone, and other tasks,” says David Scheidt, OD. “It also offers psychological and physical benefits by reducing worry, frustration, and depression, as well as the risk of car accidents, falls, and hip fractures.”



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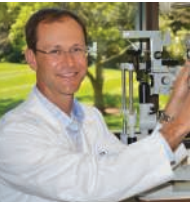
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# Froedtert & MCW plan emergency facility in Pewaukee; to expand in New Berlin

Knutson says clinic stays will be short

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PEWAUKEE — Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Health Network are planning to open a new location in Pewaukee and reconfigure health center space in New Berlin.

The developments were announced in a January press release.

In Pewaukee, the new location will be the first Froedtert & MCW facility in the community.

The Pewaukee location will be at 209 Pewaukee road and will be similar to the location currently located in New Berlin.

It will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and have physicians and registered nurses.

The Pewaukee clinic will be about 18,100 square feet and include seven emergency beds, eight inpatient beds, observation and testing, lab testing, radiology and pharmacy services.

Village President Jeff Knutson said the location is an emergency trauma center that will take emergency patients only.

“It’s not an extended stay where you’re going to be there for rehabilitation or doing operations, that type of stuff,” Knutson said. “A lot of people thought it was a hospital, it’s not a hospital, it’s a clinic.”

Knutson said as a part of the conditional use, patients can stay for a couple days and then they have to go.

Knutson said he at first questioned the need for the clinic because he feels the village doesn’t need any more hospitals, but this clinic is unique enough where he sees it benefiting the area and elderly people.

“(From) the number of calls I see every day and the fire department and the EMS, there is a need for something close by and as they say, the sooner you can get to some place, the better chance you have of surviving a heart attack or some other type of issue,” Knutson said. “So under those conditions, I thought that it wasn’t a bad idea to have something like that here.”

The Froedtert & MCW hospital in New Berlin is located at 4805 S. Moorland Road and will expand internally by reconfiguring 16,900 square feet of the Moorland Reserve Health Center.

Up to nine new inpatient beds will be included to supplement its



Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Health Network are making their first foray into Pewaukee with an emergency clinic planned for a Pewaukee Road site.

current services, which include seven emergency beds, urgent care, cardiology, orthopedics and sports medicine.

The inpatient beds would allow patients to receive overnight care.

New Berlin Mayor Dave Ament said he believes they were applying to rezone the current location so it will allow overnight stays and prevent the location from transporting everybody over to a different hospital.

“So if it’s an on-critical situation they can leave them there overnight and not have to haul them back and forth,” Ament said. “It’s more convenient for

patients.”

Ament said he thinks it’s great and small satellite hospitals will be more common in the future.

According to the press release, the smaller size of the hospitals will simplify access to care and the availability of inpatient beds will reduce the need for patients to travel.

“Creating an integrated care delivery network includes making the best use of resources to meet patients’ needs and providing care in the consumer-friendly ways they expect,” President and CEO of Froedtert Health Cathy Jacobson said. “This hospital model is part of that effort.”

# University Lake School student scores perfect 36 on ACT

HARTLAND — Matt Hanke, a junior at University Lake School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score.

Matt is the son of Dan and Sheryl Hanke of Sussex.

“We are very proud and excited for Matthew,” the Hanks were quoted as saying in a press release. “He set a goal, worked extremely hard to achieve that goal, and is now able to explore many opportunities as a result of his achievement.”

Hanke has attended the college preparatory school since he was 4 years old. “Matthew started at ULS

when he was 4. Looking back, you could just see the building blocks being established for him year to year. To see this achievement for him and his work with ULS is extremely rewarding,” they said.

In a letter to Matt, ACT Chief Executive Officer Marten Roorda stated: “Your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. While test scores are just one of multiple criteria that most colleges consider when making admission decisions, your exceptional ACT composite score should prove helpful as you pursue your education and career goals.”

ACT test scores are accepted by all major U.S.



Hanke

colleges. Exceptional scores of 36 provide colleges with evidence of student readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead, according to the press release.

## Club

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upheld the city’s revocation of the permit but also ruled the city acted improperly when it refused to issue a new permit to the club in 2013.

The city is appealing a Waukesha County Circuit Court judge’s order to issue a permit to the club as a result of the appellate court decision.

City officials want the safety improvements completed before the firing ranges are reopened because some fear that once shooting resumes at the club its operations will be regulated by state law rather than local zoning codes.

Rosenzweig urged the commission to allow each firing range to be reopened after work on that range was completed rather than keeping all ranges closed until all work was finished.

She suggested the club could increase its membership and revenues to pay for the improvements by having at least some of the firing ranges in operations while improvements were being made.

She told the commission the gun club members would honor their commitments made in a conditional use permit that was agreed to by the city and the club.

But some of the nearly dozen residents living near the firing ranges who attended the meeting urged the commission not to trust the gun club.

Those residents noted that safety and noise abatement measures included in the previous conditional use permit were never installed by the club.

City Administrator Tom Hafner said the council is likely to consider the issue at its March 2 meeting.

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## Miller is new Pewaukee chamber director

By Karen Stokes  
Special to The Freeman

PEWAUKEE — The Pewaukee Chamber of Commerce is creating a new strategic plan months after welcoming a new executive director.

Derek Miller, who joined as the executive director in October 2019, welcomes the challenge of rebuilding the chamber in 2020.

Miller 35, has a background in construction and is a business owner himself. He owns two businesses in Pewaukee, The Tile Group and Derek Scot Design.

“After all of my discussion with current members and the research I have done, we have decided to rebrand ourselves as a self-improvement chamber,” Miller said. “We’re going to focus all of our efforts on personal growth and with



Miller

The chamber is working on discovery efforts to aid the rebuilding development, which includes new initiatives created to bring value including focus groups and round tables.

“Once we create that core of people that are servant leaders, we’ll become not only business professionals but better husbands, better wives, better bosses, better parents and better communicators. That type of energy is for me, the energy that I want to be around and I’ve been getting that feedback,” Miller said.

that personal growth, the result of that is business improvement would be business improvement.”

The new executive director believes that their new direction will benefit in that the focus group can gather like-minded individuals that want to focus on building themselves personally.

“One note that people need to understand is that I’m a business owner myself with business partners and great teams that I built. This chamber is not mine; I am the executive director but this chamber is the members’ and I’m doing this on a part-time basis to help build the chamber,” said Miller. “I’m hoping that the membership and the people that are involved and any of the fundraising we do at our events, take the resources and put them back in the businesses and collaborate through interdependence through the community.”

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# Evers eases teaching requirements

## New rules allow part-time work, total hours stay the same

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WAUKESHA — Education candidates traditionally had to complete a semester-long full-time student teaching stint to fulfill their teaching license requirements. Gov. Tony Evers changed that Tuesday.

By signing Act 84, Evers enacted into law a bipartisan bill allowing flexibility in student teaching requirements. The bill was authored by state Sens. Lena Taylor, D-Milwaukee and Dale Kooyenga, R-Brookfield; and state Reps. LaKeshia Myers, D-Milwaukee and Mike Rohrkaste, R-Neenah.

“The education landscape has changed dramatically in the last thirty years; fewer individuals are entering the classroom directly from college, and starting later in life,” Myers said in a statement. “This not only will aid us in making sure we have qualified professionals in every classroom,

but ensures that we will attract a more diverse applicant pool to our profession.”

Student teachers can now work part-time while fulfilling their license requirements, but the hours student teachers are required to work for the license has not changed.

“(Act 84) allows more people who are looking to make a career change the ability to do so. Sometimes knowing that you need to student-teach full-time means giving up your regular income,” said Waukesha School District Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Sharon Thiede. “Sometimes that is not feasible. The flexibility could allow someone to continue working full or part-time. The trade-off, however, is that the potential candidate does not have the experience of working and planning for a full day.”

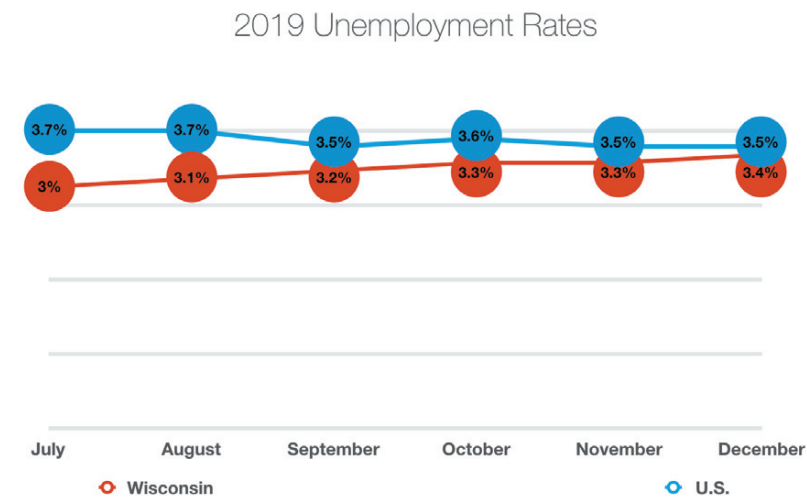
Oconomowoc Area School District Human Resources Director Kristen Taylor said since 2009, the number of certified teachers

coming out of state institutes of high learning has declined and the number of teachers leaving the profession has increased. “The decline of teachers has created a supply problem for the education system,” she said. “One way to help offset this issue is to create less restrictive yet high-quality pathways to licensure.”

State Rep. Scott Allen, R-Waukesha, said the labor supply challenge is being experienced in other industries as well. He cited health care, manufacturing and retail industries in particular as examples.

“We know that the unemployment rate is very very low, across the United States,” Allen said. “When you have that many people employed, and you have a growing economy, there’s a demand for more workers.”

The worker-employer relationship is further complicated by the looming prospect of automation throughout the economy. Allen mentioned Three Square Market, the new staffless self-service



snack kiosk at Brookfield Square, as an example.


Taylor said in addition to a less restrictive pathway to a teaching career, higher compensation may help attract more workers into Wisconsin’s schools. Allen voiced skepticism over pay raises.

“Most people that get into the profession are not pursuing it because of the pay, they’re pursuing it because of the passion,” Allen said. “And I think that’s true for most industries.”

Both Taylor and Allen agreed Act 84 will lead to more teaching applicants from more diverse backgrounds.


“We are always looking for qualified candidates to teach in our schools,” Thiede said. “Diverse backgrounds and experiences bring strength and different perspectives to the classroom.”

Allen said he anticipates more bills like Act 84 in the future. “We’re going back to the drawing board (looking at) requirements,” he said.



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# Democrats, unions renew \$15 minimum wage push

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The people who want to see the minimum wage in Wisconsin go up to \$15 an hour are claiming a victory.

Managers at Fiserv Forum last week agreed to a new contract with workers there that will guarantee at least \$15 an hour.

“The state of Wisconsin is once again falling behind business standards,” Rep. Christine Sinicki, D-Milwaukee, told a crowd at a statehouse news conference on Feb. 4.

Sinicki is one of a handful of lawmakers backing LRB 3342, which is a plan to raise the minimum wage in Wisconsin from the current \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour in six years.

“The Milwaukee Bucks have agreed to a labor contract that includes a minimum wage of \$15 an hour,” Sinicki added. “Likewise, American Family Insurance recently announced that it would be raising its minimum wage from \$15 an hour to \$20 an hour. If these businesses can make this work, then our government should be able too.”

But, as with all minimum wage increases, there is no consideration for what other businesses in the state can afford, according to Bill G. Smith, Wisconsin director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

“Small business would feel the brunt of this legislation,” Smith said. “When employers face government mandated increases in wages, they face tough choices. They must increase the cost of their products or services or reduce labor costs. The reduction in labor costs would be achieved through reduced jobs and hours, or reduced benefits. None of these changes benefit employees.”

Sinicki and other Democratic lawmakers were joined at the Capitol on Feb. 4 by labor union members and union organizers who say the \$15 an hour minimum wage is just the beginning.

“Since day one our demands have always been \$15 and a union,” Jennifer Berry, a McDonald’s worker from Milwaukee and union organizer, said. “So, we’re going to keep organizing until we win our union and have a real seat at the table.”

The NFIB’s Smith said the idea of a \$15 minimum wage isn’t just about the wage.

“Raising the minimum wage is more about the politics of the moment than about the realities of the economy,” Smith said. “A government mandate that increases the wage rate for entry level workers may score political points, but it will have a serious negative impact on the ability of our small member employers to provide meaningful job opportunities for a vital share of our workforce.”

Smith added that in other states that have raised the minimum wage, it is minimum wage workers who’ve paid the price.

“In New York City, a study by The Hospitality Alliance found 75% of the more than 300 respondents reported they will reduce employee hours as a result of the minimum wage hike to \$15 per hour, while 47% said they will eliminate jobs,” the NFIB said.

“The NFIB Research Center found that the negative impact of a \$15 minimum wage would disproportionately fall on small employers, which are less likely to have the cash reserves or profit margins to absorb the increase in labor costs than larger businesses. The same study found that the retail, food service, and administrative support industries would lose the most jobs.”

The \$15 an hour proposal would raise the minimum wage in Wisconsin to \$8.50 an hour should it become law. The minimum wage would then jump at least \$1 a year until it hits \$15 an hour.

Sinicki and other lawmakers are circulating the proposal at the statehouse in search of co-sponsors.



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# County gets high ranking for employee benefits

## Study looked at unemployment, insurance, cost of living

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WAUKESHA — A survey of employment and health data ranking each of Wisconsin’s 72 counties determined Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties to be in the state’s top 10.

Smartasset, a financial technology and advising company, created an Employee Benefits Index score based on metrics such as the unemployment rate, percentage of the local population with employer health insurance and cost of living.

Waukesha was ranked second in the state, while Ozaukee took first and Washington took fifth.

“(Waukesha) ranked first in the state in the ‘health insurance coverage’ category, and outperformed the statewide average by 1.40% in unemployment,” said Smart Asset Vice President of Financial Education AJ Smith.

Smith said Ozaukee stuck out for its top 10 status in retirement savings and health insurance contribution rates.

Nationally, Waukesha County is ranked 54th in the United States on the Employee Benefits Index. Ozaukee County is ranked 49th.

Ozaukee’s total index score was 70.81 while Waukesha’s was 70.46. They are the only two counties in the state with scores higher than 70.

Most counties scored between 40 and 60. Washington County’s score was 64.6.

Menominee County’s score was 27.9, the lowest in the state by more than eight points.

When compared with life expectancy data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and given a combined score, Ozaukee and Waukesha keep their top

spots, while Washington slides from fifth to eighth.

The life expectancies in Ozaukee, Waukesha and Washington are 81.8, 81.5 and 80.4 respectively.

If only life expectancy is taken into account, Kewaunee County takes first place with a life expectancy of 82.

“We have a dynamic business community that really is focused on attracting, developing and retaining employees,” said Suzanne Kelley, president and CEO of the Waukesha County Business Alliance. “I think that creates a great environment (at) our area companies.”

Kelley also cited competitive schools as a factor in Waukesha’s success.

According to Kaiser Family Foundation, employer health insurance coverage in Wisconsin declined from 50% to 48% from 2008 to 2009, but climbed to 56% in 2010.

It remained steady at 56% or 55% until reaching 57% in 2017 and maintaining that coverage rate in 2018.

Medicare and Medicaid accounted for 15% and 16% of health insurance coverage in 2018. An estimated 6% of Wisconsin did not have health insurance coverage that same year.

Ozaukee County Economic Development Council Executive Director Kathleen Schilling said the county’s relatively high residential income helps lift other factors in the community.

Schilling also emphasized Ozaukee County’s location along Lake Michigan and the several recreational access points along the coast, such as the one at Concordia University of Wisconsin’s campus in Mequon.

Both Schilling and Kelley said the counties’ proximity to Milwaukee, Wisconsin’s largest city, creates a mentality of an interdependent economic region.

# Answering the bell: Area stores lead Red Kettle Campaign

Submitted photos

WAUKESHA — Three Waukesha County stores made it into top three for donations collected during the 2019 Salvation Army of Waukesha County’s year-end Red Kettle campaign.

Coming in at no. 1 was Blain’s Farm & Fleet on Kossov Road in Waukesha with \$26,233 collected. At no. 2 was Albrecht’s Sentry on Golf Road in Delafield with \$23,514, and at no. 3 was, Pick ‘n Save Sunset-West in Waukesha with \$21,976.

The Salvation Army of Waukesha County announced it had reached its \$800,000 campaign goal.

Nauta and his spouse, Major Teri Nauta, both ordained ministers and experienced administrators, were assigned to and arrived at the Waukesha Corps mid-summer 2019.

“Our annual Red Kettle Christmas Appeal provides resources for over half of the local Salvation Army’s 2020 budget,” Nauta explained.



Brian Menne, store manager of the Blain’s Farm and Fleet in eastern Waukesha, holds a certificate for the business that collected the most money for the Salvation Army of Waukesha County’s year-end Red Kettle campaign.



Bill Ryerson, manager of Albrecht’s Sentry, holds a certificate for finishing in the top three of donations collected by stores for the annual Red Kettle Campaign.



Jacob Neigum of Pick n Save Sunset-West in Waukesha shows a certificate from Salvation Army of Waukesha County.

# WCTC president to retire at end of 2020

## Betzig joined college 12 years ago

PEWAUKEE — After 12 years of working in different roles at Waukesha County Technical College, the school’s president, Kaylen Betzig, announced she will retire at the end of 2020.

In total, she has spent 31 years in executive and leadership roles within the technical college system – 12 at WCTC and 19 at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville. Betzig joined WCTC as vice president of Administrative Services in 2008, was named executive vice president in 2010 and became president in 2015. Before joining WCTC, Bet-

zig served as vice president of Administrative and Student Support Services at Blackhawk, overseeing the areas of student services, information technology, marketing and recruitment, facilities, grants and research.

“It has been my privilege serving in the Wisconsin Technical College System and at the district level in numerous positions. I believe, to my core, in the work of the technical college system and have seen first-hand the impact we have on students’ lives. It has been an honor to be entrusted with their future success,” she said in a statement.

According to the announcement, during her time as WCTC president, Betzig worked to maintain a



Betzig

balanced budget every year, an achievement for which she is most proud. Additionally, the college experienced many new initiatives and opportunities under her leadership, among them the alignment of strategic planning and metrics; building construction and expansion projects, which have provided upgraded learning environments for students; and the development of alternative course delivery options, most notably the continuing work on the 8-week, year-round calendar, which will launch in fall.

“Kaylen has been a strong leader for Waukesha County

Technical College and a tremendous resource for the entire Wisconsin Technical College System. With more than three decades of experience in higher education, Kaylen has always brought extensive knowledge and experience to her roles,” said Alan Karch, chair of the WCTC District Board of Trustees, in a statement. “On behalf of the WCTC District Board of Trustees, we thank her for her contributions and wish her well in retirement.”

The WCTC District Board of Trustees has hired an educational executive search firm to conduct a national search for the next college president, with the hope of hiring a successor by October.

Betzig will retire effective Dec. 31.

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# Heirloom furniture truly gifts from past generations

**Q.:** Would you consider valuing two pieces of furniture that were passed down from our great-great-grandparents? They are a table model music box and sewing table.

— M.M., Oconomowoc



**BARBARA EASH**  
Antiques Appraised

**A.:** Since precise examination was needed, the owners allowed me to visually inspect the heirlooms.

In the 19th century, Switzerland exported a wide range of styles and qualities of interchangeable-cylinder music boxes. Each cylinder was very labor intensive with hand sharpening. A small box could be purchased with one music cylinder while some buyers invested in a matched furniture pair. People from all walks of life were enthralled with music being generated from rotating steel rollers covered with sharp teeth.

Among other selections, your example of music includes waltz music by Strauss and the Funeral March by Chopin. Any additional cylinders would be safeguarded in the specialized table drawer. The Toupie table leg style is from a previous period, meaning spinning top. The printed program retains vivid color, exquisite calligraphy and pictorial scenes. Always credit is due to the past workmanship and family caretakers. With the history of private ownership and complete working order, insurance value is \$6,000.

**Sewing table**

In the 18th and 19th centuries, specialized work tables elevated textile professionals. A flap-drop table provided more work surface than customary, lift-top tables. The upswing of these elaborately designed work stations had a utilitarian purpose, but also became a status symbol in homes and shops. No longer would the sewing table be relegated to a back room but would be displayed as a fine piece of furniture.

Features:  
■ Although there is damage on a top corner, wood surface retains the original patina.

■ Wood knobs are early replacements but rounded drawer fronts have locking mechanisms.

■ The ruched, silk bag was reluctantly nicknamed “possum belly” and hid unfinished sewing projects.

■ Fitted interior drawer compartments held thread, needles, thimbles etc.

Your hand-written document stored in a drawer records the chain of custody and charts the first entry date of “June 25, 1876.” This information is verified by the handwriting on the underside of the drawer. The sewing station should be insured for \$5,500, but the bidding could go higher at an antique textile auction.

**Sewing trivia:** Have you ever seen a thimble slightly flattened (bent out of round)? It's very likely it was pinched purposely. Young girls were required to practice using a beginner-adjusted thimble. When they were proficient enough, they earned a personalized, rounded thimble.

**Have an item for appraisal?**

If you have an item you'd like to be appraised, mail entries to Waukesha Antique Shop, 1427 E. Racine Ave., Unit E-2, Waukesha, WI 53186. Send sharp, well-lit photos of front, back and underside of your item, and measurements are important. List any known history or even hearsay, length of ownership and all markings, even partial ones. Include your name, address and phone number. No photos can be returned and no purchase of antiques will occur.

*(Barbara Eash is a member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America, specializing in appraisals of antiques and collectibles and has extensive experience writing and speaking about antiques.)*



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YMCA at Pabst Farms honors 2019 Spirit Award recipients

OCONOMOWOC — The YMCA at Pabst Farms recently recognized three recipients for this year's Spirit Award. This award is presented to youth in the area by the Christian Emphasis Committee who daily live out the five core values of the YMCA: caring, respect, responsibility, honesty, and faith. Nominations are received from teachers, administrators, pastors, or any adult who recognizes these strong leadership characteristics in our youth. Each recipient receives a one-year Household Membership to the YMCA at Pabst Farms, along with a \$200 program credit to be used during that year. Pictured from left to right are Noah Meissner, Cole Moomey and Maeve Ryan.

St. Charles proposing new church facility

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HARTLAND — St. Charles Church has been looking into developing a new church facility and turning the current church into a family center.

According to village documents, the church also plans on adding 70 new parking spaces and the new facility will have a 90-foot bell tower and 105-foot cupola.

The additions would be added onto the current building, located at 313 Circle Drive. According to village documents, the new church would seat 1,100 parishioners. A new exit road will also be added to alleviate traffic congestion as Mass ends, or at the beginning of the school day.

Village President Jeffrey Pfannerstill said the new church building is to accommodate the church's meetings and rapidly growing attendance.

"A big church is definitely at capacity to fit everyone in their church on Sunday and set up so they can watch Mass," Pfannerstill said.

Pfannerstill said the proposed church facility is following a recent addition onto



Artist's rendering

St. Charles Church is proposing major additions to its current home.

St. Charles' school.

"So plans are just being finalized to make sure everything works and everything falls in line," Pfannerstill said.

Overall, Pfannerstill said the project is great for Hartland as it continues to grow.

"I think it will be great," Pfannerstill said. "I think right now they are in a very small space. It's going to be a beautiful building based on the drawings."

Soul Fire Art Studio moves to downtown Delafield

DELAFIELD — It hasn't been a simple move from one storefront to another for Soul Fire Art Studio, which has gutted and remodeled a building on the corner of Main Street and Oneida Street.

Since 2014, the business has been located near Highway 83 in Delafield.

"I cannot wait to be part of the downtown Delafield community," said Teresa Spencer, owner, and president of Soul Fire Art Studio, "I hope that moving into this location will allow us to be part of community events and help more people nurture their creative spark!"

The move to 636 Main St. is also an expansion for the business that offers do-it-

yourself creative projects.

Soul Fire Art Studio provides all the materials and instruction, as well as help as needed. There are wine and beer options for customers, too.

Soul Fire Art Studio will reopen Saturday in downtown Delafield. Its normal hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m.

Teresa Spencer's father, Jerry Spencer, designed the space.

Projects that Soul Fire Art Studio offers is glass fusing, paint-your-own pottery, clay hand-building, glass painting, canvas painting and board art projects.

With the new space will come new offerings, including a sand garden in the front which will be equipped with rakes and stones in warmer months to be an interactive art feature where Soul Fire guests and the community can design mini naturescapes.

The studio now has an entire room dedicated to clay handbuilding. Pinch pot, slab, and coil construction projects will be available at any time. They will offer a regular introduction to clay handbuilding class so that students can learn how to use the equipment on their own.

To learn more, go to [soulfireartstudio.com](http://soulfireartstudio.com) or call 262-646-8900.

Wisconsin may change rules for teenage boat drivers

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TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC — Young people who want to drive a boat in Wisconsin may soon need a permit.

Currently, Wisconsin kids as young as 10 years old may drive a boat without a permit. But teenagers must have a permit, even if their parents are on board and say it's OK.

"Existing law inadvertently treats 16 and 17-year-olds in a more restrictive manner than younger children by prohibiting them from operating a boat without a license even in the presence of their parent or guardian while allowing it for age 10 and through 15," state Sen. Stephen Nass, R-Whitewater, said.

Nass and a handful of other lawmakers want to even out the state's boating laws.

"This legislation makes the law consistent by allowing a person 16 years of age or older to operate a boat without having a boating

safety license if they are accompanied by a parent guardian or another person who is at least 18 years of age," Nass said.

However, Town of Oconomowoc Police Officer Tim Patoka said he doesn't agree with the idea. Patoka patrols Okauchee Lake in the summer.

"I would disagree with that simply because of how easy it is to get your boater's license," Patoka said. "Most of those parents taking their 16- and 17-year-olds don't know the law any better than the 16- and 17-year-olds."

Patoka said the class is also an educational opportunity kids can take advantage of with their parents.

"I have had numerous times where I have stopped young boaters that knew the law better than their parents," Patoka said. "And that is thanks to the boating class."

A big reason for the proposed change to the law is drunken adults who sometimes let teens, or even children, drive their boat after they've had too many.

"Sometimes the only person in that boat that's under

the influence is the driver," Lieutenant Matt O'Brien with the Department of Natural Resources told lawmakers. "It's certainly disappointing because we know you know [there are] several hundred alcohol citations a year throughout this state, and approximately 100 boat accidents, with 25 percent or so every year which are fatal."

Patoka said the theory that changing the law to allow 16-17-year-old kids to drive a boat without a permit is a good way to prevent drunken boating is absurd, and can come from officers using poor discretion.

"If I did stop a 16-year-old kid who did not have a license and dad's on the boat intoxicated or is driving the whole intoxicated clan around, that might be a situation where I get the boat home and we give them a warning," Patoka said.

O'Brien and other patrolmen on Lake Geneva brought the issue of underage boaters to a public hearing before the Legislature on recently. There is no timetable for a vote on the proposed change.



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# Schill shines whether on pitch or hardwood

Pewaukee senior chose to focus on soccer as freshman

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PEWAUKEE — Lauren Schill met a crossroads early in her high school athletics career when she knew she needed to prioritize one sport over the other.

The Pewaukee senior was an honorable mention all-conference goalie in soccer and the second-leading scorer on the girls basketball team her freshman year, so she had her pick in terms of what sport to pursue in college.

Not an easy decision for a freshman to make, especially considering her roots.

But ultimately, soccer won out.

“Playing both for as long as I have, it was very difficult to make that decision coming from a big basketball family,” Schill said. “I think the more time I spent playing basketball in the summer and having to pick between playing AAU and going to those club soccer tournaments in the summer, I saw myself really gravitating toward soccer. When I missed soccer practice, I found myself kind of upset about it. That was where I finally realized my soccer passion grew. I found myself more willing to put in extra time. I think that’s where I discovered that was the route I wanted to go.”

In order to do so, she had to make another tough choice. Schill said she was drawn to soccer even more after playing for Pewaukee as a freshman, but had to decide whether to play for her club team year-round or continue playing high school soccer.

“I realized to put myself in that position of playing at the next level for soccer I needed to give myself a little more exposure to college coaches, so club soccer was the best route to take that way,” Schill said. “Honestly, my teams have been incredible and helped put me in a really good situation.”

The decision to play for North Shore United paid off in the form of a NCAA Division I scholarship to Marquette University. Schill officially put pen to paper on Dec. 18.

“I’m super excited,” Schill said. “I am very, very stoked to be going there. Now I just have to wait a couple more months.”

Oh, and just to be clear, Schill didn’t stop playing basketball.

In fact, she’ll go down as one of the best to ever play at Pewaukee.

Currently the fourth-leading scorer in program history, Schill has an outside shot at catching Abby Gerrits (1,496) as the all-time leader. She surpassed 1,000 career points — and her older sister, MacKenzie — during the playoffs last season.

“It was a very cool thing to do with my sister setting that before me,” Schill said. “It was kind of a cool experience, especially to do it in one of the regional games, to have lot of family and

Get to know ... LAUREN SCHILL

School/Sport  
Pewaukee/Basketball

Coach  
Jim Reuter

Class In School/Age  
Senior/17

**Also In My Family Are:** my mom, Jodie; my dad, Dave; my sister, MacKenzie; and my brother, Logan.

**The Athletic Accomplishment I Am Most Proud Of Is:** reaching the national semifinals for club soccer.

**My Favorite Subject In School Is:** biology.

**My Favorite Teacher Is:** Mr. Hassman.

**My Favorite Movie Is:** “The Hate You Give.”

**My Favorite TV Show Is:** “Grey’s Anatomy.”

**My Favorite Recording Artist Is:** Chris Brown.

**The Best Meal My Mother Makes Is:** spaghetti.

**A Bad Habit I Have Is:** being a little late.

**A Pet Peeve I Have Is:** people chewing loud.

**The Thing I Do Best Outside Of Athletics Is:** baking.

**The Person I’d Most Like To Meet Is:** Hope Solo.

**The Last Time I Cleaned My Room I Found:** empty water bottles.

**Nobody Ever Says I’m:** quiet.

**My Most Memorable Experience Is:** vacations with my family.

**My Most Prized Possession Is:** my two cats.

**One Thing People Might Not Know About Me Is:** I don’t really like meat.

**One Thing I Would Change About Myself Is:** my height (taller).

**One Thing At My School I Would Change Is:** the lunches.

**I See Myself In 10 Years Being:** a nurse practitioner.

**I Wish Coach Reuter Would:** not make us do push-ups in practice.

friends there. I know it’s very cliché, but I would not have been able to do that without the passing of my team to get me those looks and those points.”

Schill was first team All-Woodland West and honorable mention all-state as a junior and can continue to break down some barriers that no player in school history has before. All that is well and good, but there’s only one thing on Schill’s mind right now.

“This year I just want to win,” she said.

The Pirates have been doing a lot of that.

They matched their best season in program history last season, reaching the WIAA Division 2 sectional final, and returned nearly all of their core for the 2019-20 campaign.

“I think one of the biggest parts of our success starting the year out has been our team chemistry,” Schill said. “It’s very easy to play with girls you get along with on and off the court. You can tell we connect on a basketball level, the way we move the ball and work as a team, every game is a team effort. We’ve been a lot quicker than a lot of teams so we’ve been able to run the ball up the floor. I think that’s something we’ve got to keep pushing this year.

“I’m super excited to have almost everyone back. Last year was an awesome experience and I’m hoping to get couple games further.”

That would result in the first-ever trip to state for Pewaukee girls basketball. Second-year coach Jim Reuter couldn’t have asked for a much better leader to help the Pirates reach those heights when he took the job prior to last season.

“That was her third year with varsity,” Reuter said. “She kind of was the vocal leader for us. She set the tone for a lot of other people. She already had that senior mentality for us.

“The biggest thing to me is she’s just a competitor. She loves to play hard all the time. In tight games, she kind of has that knack of when to take over, finding a way to get to the hole, not let-

ting anything get in her way. She always has that competitive edge.”

That was evident from the start when Lauren was a freshman playing alongside MacKenzie, then a senior. The Schill sisters were the top two scorers for Pewaukee and their success carried over to the spring in soccer, when the Pirates won the Woodland title and advanced to the sectional level.

Both years ended in heart-breaking fashion — the basketball team fell in the regional final to New Berlin Eisenhower, and the soccer team lost in a penalty-kick marathon to Wauwatosa East on the doorstep to state.

Those experiences have fueled Schill over the last three years. The fruits of her labor began to sprout last season when Pewaukee defeated Eisenhower on Jan. 25. That was part of a 12-game winning streak, which culminated in the Pirates eliminating the Lions in the sectional semifinal.

“I think beating those bigger teams, we beat Pius once, beating Ike twice, and some of those nonconference wins really gave us confidence,” Schill said. “Even playing Germantown and losing back-to-back years, both of those games were close and those teams were really good teams. Knowing we’re able to play with the best, mentally we know if we’re playing at our best, we can be almost impossible to stop.”

Schill and the Pirates know that expectations are perhaps higher than they’ve ever been, but their experienced group is handling them well so far. Pewaukee, ranked third in Division 2, defeated fourth-ranked Notre Dame to open the season, went toe-to-toe with Germantown, ranked No. 3 in Division 1, and knocked off Pius on Dec. 13.

Reuter is happy to have Schill leading the charge. His familiarity with the Schill family goes all the way back to his playing days at Pewaukee when he played under his dad, Tim.

“I’ve known her dad for a long time,” Reuter said. “Dave was an assistant coach when I played here and he



Dave Radcliffe/Freeman Staff

Pewaukee’s Lauren Schill drives to the basket during a game against New Berlin Eisenhower last season. Schill, a senior, was the team’s leading scorer last year, but will play college soccer at Marquette University after her prep career ends.

worked with my dad for many, many years. Both of her parents are phenomenal athletes, so there’s no doubt where she gets that from. It was nice to step into the role I did last year having people that were already leaders, people who were already taking on that kind of role, and Lauren has been one of those people for sure.”

Lauren’s younger brother, Logan, a freshman, will keep the family name alive in the Pewaukee hallways after she graduates and moves on to play soccer at Marquette. Schill embraced the challenge of playing goalie growing up.

“Goalie is always the spot nobody wanted to play because the ball is coming at you so fast and everyone wanted to score goals,” Schill said. “Not only are you basically throwing yourself at the ground to save the ball but it’s a very mental game when being scored on or having that pressure situation, you need to power through that.”

Schill initially wanted to attend school out of state to experience something new, but eventually realized the importance of staying close to home and couldn’t pass up everything Marquette had to offer.

“Seeing my sister being close to home, it’s very nice to have family there to watch you,” Schill said. “It’s not something I’d get if I went far away all the time, especially with having multiple siblings.

“One of the other big things is obviously the academic side of Marquette is fantastic. Wanting to go into anything in the medical



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Pewaukee’s Lauren Schill makes a save during a Woodland Conference game in 2017.

field, they have a very good medical program. The environment coaches have created, it has a family feel. That’s something I had always wanted. The team chemistry and family aspect is awesome, and the coaching staff was a big part of my decision.”

And there’s a chance Lauren, who is going to school to be a nurse practitioner, and MacKenzie will go from one-time teammates to oppo-

nents. MacKenzie is slated to be a senior forward at Wisconsin-Milwaukee next year.

Before all that, there is work yet to be done at Pewaukee — and not just in basketball.

“I am playing high school soccer this year, so I’ll be finishing out my senior year with my school friends, playing for my school,” Schill said. “I’m super excited to have that opportunity again.”

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