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Doc’s Dry Dock offers pizza with pier access; supporting community important to Goodman

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CITY OF PEWAUKEE — Josh Goodman bleeds Pewaukee through and through.

It’s where he was born. It’s where he became a standout athlete at the high school. And it’s now where he runs one of the most popular spots in town — Doc’s Dry Dock.

May 1 was the six-year anniversary of his purchase of the restaurant off Pewaukee Lake, N38-W27091 Parkside Road, when he bought Doc’s from Dennis Steckmann in 2014. Known for its pizza and signature crust, it got its name from its first owner, Gerald “Doc” McKeown.

“I had been looking at buying a bar or restaurant for at least a decade,” Goodman said. “My first bar job was at Boomers under Chuck O’Conner. He was a mentor. In college I was a bartender. I went to White-water, so I bartended my way through college. My parents used to work in the kitchen which is now Kranky’s. I have a lot of friends in the industry, so I’ve just always been interested.”

Goodman also highlighted Dan “Pokey” Pokwinski from Club 400 in Waukesha

and Caven Boggess from Nettie Irish Pub in Pewaukee as mentors back when he was learning the ins and outs of the industry.

Doc’s is unique for its location right on the northern shore of Pewaukee Lake and having its own pier. The inside of the restaurant features netting, oars and other lake-related decorations.

“When I used to come here as a customer it felt like up north,” Goodman said. “I didn’t change things aesthetically inside, either. I tried not to change anything. People like it. They feel comfortable here. With all the boaters it’s definitely a lot busier in the summer.”

While it’s a smaller venue, there are up to eight spots for boats to dock. Of course, neither indoor nor outdoor seating is available right now due to the Safer at Home order stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Goodman said they’ve still been plenty busy, offering curbside service Thursday through Sunday.

“It’s been weird trying to change our operation overnight,” Goodman said. “But we treat people right and if you do the right things those people will take care of you.”

On the food side of things, pizza makes up almost the entirety of sales. Popular

choices include the Super Special, which comes with loads of sausage, pepperoni, green peppers, onions and mushrooms, as well as the Mega Watt, named after Pewaukee native and Houston Texas defensive end J.J. Watt.

Proceeds from each Mega Watt goes to the J.J. Watt Foundation, just one of several ways Goodman gives back to the community. He’s also president of the Pewaukee Muskies Land o’ Lakes baseball team and a board member for the Kent Girmscheid Memorial Scholarship Foundation, which has donated over \$50,000 in scholarship money to Pewaukee student-athletes.

That stems from his success competing as a three-sport athlete for the Pirates. The 1996 Pewaukee graduate earned 11 varsity letters, was a three-time all-conference wrestler and also a member of the leadership club.

From there, he obtained his bachelor’s of science in communications, advertising and marketing, all while bartending to pay his way through college.

For the past 14-plus years, Goodman has also worked as an executive account manager at Direct Supply in Milwaukee, which sells durable medical equipment



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Doc’s Dry Dock is located on the north side of Pewaukee Lake at N38-W27091 Parkside Road in the City of Pewaukee.



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Pizza at Doc’s Dry Dock is loaded with toppings.



Goodman

man said he doesn’t know what to expect.

“It’s been a very weird scenario for me,” Goodman said. “Honestly I don’t know what to expect at all when we’re able to open

up. Going from 25 percent, then 50 ... I purchased a lot of material to make it safe, but honestly I have no idea what to expect.”

Once the Safer at Home order is lifted and the proposed Badger Bounce Back Plan goes into effect, Goodman

said he doesn’t know what to expect.

“I found an opportunity in Pewaukee where I was born and raised,” Goodman said. “I had to take it and I’m certainly glad I did.”

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Gardening stores make changes due to pandemic

Rogers Behavioral: Gardening helps mental health

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WAUKESHA — Many people are finding hobbies with their newly available free time during the coronavirus pandemic, and many, in the coming weeks, may also pick up a spade for the first time.

Area greenhouses and gardening stores have been preparing for the season as they plan for new business guidelines under the Safer at Home order.

Yerke Frog Alley Greenhouses, S79-W28995 Frog Alley Road, Town of Mukwonago, announced they will be reopening after a two-year break. The business, which has been in operation since 1954, is now run by Christopher Yerke and his wife Abby Yerke.

The farm offers various spring crops, including over 50 varieties of vegetable plants and more than 20 herbs, all grown with natural growing practices. Mixed herb hanging gardens and tomato patio planters are also available.

Due to COVID-19, the business owners have had to change some of their practices. The plants will be available through “Barn Side” pickup on weekends, beginning mid-May.

Because of social distancing, customers are not allowed in the greenhouse. Gail Yerke said they plan to have a pop-up market at the farm instead, with plans available outside with a tent set up.

They will also be selling their crops at the Mukwonago Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Yerke said she thinks the pandemic has gotten people interested in gardening. “I think it’s going to be another situation where they have victory gardens like during World War II, where people planted vegetable gardens to feed their families,” Yerke said. “(Since) the food

chain is kind of in flux, I think people ... want to know where their food comes from and there’s just a renewed interest.”

At Garden Gate Nursery and Landscaping, N48-W30756 Hill Street in Hartland, owner Kim Schlise said they still offer their landscaping and retail services with social distancing measures in place.

“We are only allowing five customers in the store at a time and all of the employees are wearing masks and we suggest customers wear masks,” Schlise said.

Customers are also able to place orders for pickup if they call ahead. Schlise said annuals and vegetable plants should be available in the coming week.

“Gardening is a great stress reliever,” Schlise said. “Not only do you have the satisfaction of getting your hands dirty and seeing something and seeing it to the end product, but you know where it’s coming from.”

Gardening advice

Yerke said there are a few things customers should consider when planting a garden. People can plant container gardens on a patio or have a full garden if they have the yard space.

“Gardens start from the ground up,” she said. “So you want to make sure the bed or the planter you’re using is a good mixture of media.”

Yerke said adding things like compost to soil is a good idea, and people should not just use top soil because it won’t drain water well.

“Once you’ve got your bed done, make sure it’s in a sunny place, or at least the hot afternoon sun, nothing with the shade in the afternoon,” she said.

Yerke said people should plan on growing plants that their family likes.

“One thing that’s popular with kids are the little cherry tomatoes,” she said.



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Christopher Yerke and Leo Yerke work in the Yerke Frog Alley Greenhouses, S79-W28995 Frog Alley Road in the Town of Mukwonago, to prepare for sales of their herbs and vegetables.

“Those are fun to grow for kids. Or vine crops, like pumpkins, or the little pickling cucumbers.”

Schlise said many plants shouldn’t be planted until after Mother’s Day weekend. She advises people make sure they know when their plants are safe to plant.

For more information on the Yerke Frog Alley Farm, visit www.yerkefamilyfarm.com. For more information on Garden Gate Nursery and Landscaping, visit gardengatenursery.com.

Health benefits

Brad Smith, medical director for Rogers Behavioral Health at the Oconomowoc campus, 34700 Valley Road, said they offer horticultural therapy as part of some patient care.

“We involve folks in the process of growing, planting and then maintaining various plants, flowers ... herbs or vegetables,” he said.

Smith said they started offering horticulture therapy about four years ago as Melanie Hammer, a trained horticulture therapist, became involved with Rogers Behavioral Health

and Smith became involved in administration at the Oconomowoc campus.

“There’s been a number of attempts to study this, it’s a very difficult thing to study because, of course, this is always complementing other therapy modalities going on ... there are some suggestions in the literature that it does improve overall depression and anxiety by having experiences with horticulture therapy throughout a treatment experience,” Smith said.

Smith said gardening has helped those with obsessive compulsive disorder by getting dirty; those with depression and anxiety by giving them a meaningful activity and those with eating disorders by growing their own food.

Smith said getting outside has a positive effect on mental health as well, which he first noticed through horticultural therapy when he was working at another hospital.

“We were finding that people that traditionally needed help with seasonal affective disorder were no longer needing that extra help because they were out

in the greenhouse getting the additional sunlight,” he said.

Smith highly recommends individuals take up gardening as a hobby and feels it would be beneficial for many during the pandemic.

“I think all of our anecdotal experience, in terms of treatment professionals, is that (the pandemic) is creating higher levels of depression and anxiety symptoms, if not disorders,” he said.

Martha Jackson Oppeneer, owner of Martha J. Oppeneer, LLC, at Clinical Psychology Associates, W156-N8327 Pilgrim Road in Menomonee Falls, also said hobbies are important to have during the pandemic.

“Rather than becoming inert and simply waiting for this to pass, it is imperative that we figure out how to go on living,” she said. “This includes departures from the heaviness of life and journeys that intrigue or energize us.”

Oppeneer referenced Viktor Frankl, a Holocaust survivor and psychiatrist.

“(He) identified the search for meaning as the quest that can keep us going during hardship and tragedy,” she said.

State, Town of Merton looking to fix flooding on Highway 83

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TOWN OF MERTON

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is looking into possible fixes for a flooding problem on Highway 83.

The flooding wreaked havoc on the roadway in February 2018 and March 2019, causing water to run across the highway about a half mile south of County Line Road.

Both times, the standing water forced WisDOT to temporarily close the roadway. The DOT had blamed the flooding on local landscaper Jim Harmann, who owns a six-acre parcel off Highway 83, but a spokesman said the DOT is still investigating the situation.

In a letter sent last month to Harmann, Town Chairman Tim Klink and adjacent property owners, WisDOT stated that the Harmanns’

property “had changes made to it that has changed the surface flow of water.” Those changes, the town claimed in 2018, were the result of fill that Harmann added there.

But Harmann denies ever dumping fill on the property, which includes pole building that was constructed in 2017. He instead blames the flooding, which did not occur this spring, squarely on WisDOT for failing to ditch the property north of him.

Nevertheless, Harmann said he is willing to “work with the state” by lowering his driveway by seven inches.

Klink has said the town is working with WisDOT to fix the problem.

Town officials walked the property recently with WisDOT representatives, Klink said, and planned to do so again.

“The DOT is going to come out and take some photos and make a decision on what

they are going to do,” Klink said. “We are just going to work with them, and we will see what makes sense. If we have to work with one of the landowners, we will. But this is just the first stage.”

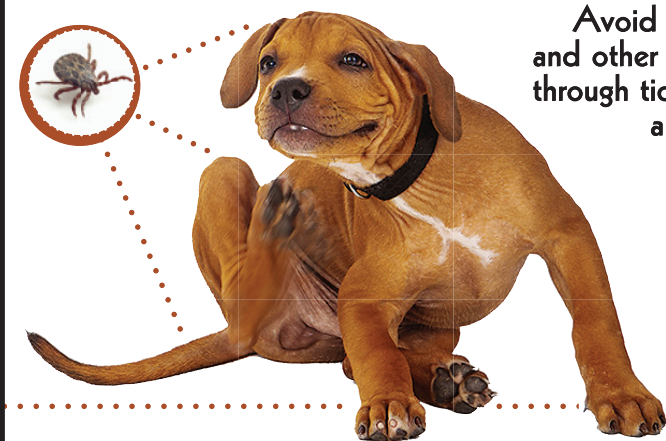
Michael Pyritz, a spokesman for WisDOT, echoed those remarks.

“We’re still working with the property owner and the town and trying to see what is going on, and who would be responsible for any remedies that would address the situation,” Pyritz said. “There are couple of solutions that are being looked at. There is not one plan that has been agreed to by all parties.”

Mark Harmann — Jim Harmann’s brother and neighbor — hopes the solution also ends flooding on his hobby farm, which lies directly south of his brother’s land.

“It floods our barnyard so bad,” he said.

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County health care students learn in unusual time

Virtual classrooms and field experience prove valuable

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WAUKESHA — For health care students pursuing degrees during the coronavirus pandemic, theory has quickly become reality. McKayla Nelson wanted to go into nursing out of a desire to follow in the footsteps of her aunt, a nurse for more than 40 years. “I just have a passion for helping others, and so does she,” Nelson said.

As a Waukesha County Technical College student on her last semester, she’s finishing up finals in the next few weeks virtually while she works at Froedtert Hospital in Menomonee Falls as an EMT. She’d previously worked in ambulances for a year and a half.

“School closing down and having this online has been the hardest part,” Nelson said. “I never thought I would be graduating from nursing school with it being online at the end.”

Nelson works at Froedtert from 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. These days, everyone there wears masks and goggles at all times. “We’re pretty much decked out, you can’t see anything but the skin on our face and our eyes,” she said.

Nelson is eager to finish her schooling and jump into her career, and she knows she’s not alone. “I just wanted to jump in and do what I can to help out, as a nurse,” she said.

For Megan Rentmaster, a New Berlin High School alumna and Concordia University Wisconsin sophomore, working as a nursing assistant while pursuing her degree has been a rewarding experience. She usually works a 12-hour shift at Froedtert, then does school work before trying to get some sleep.

As the world she’s studying and the one she’s stepping into collide, Rentmaster said she’s “loving every minute of it” and enjoying the feeling that she’s making a difference in her

patients’ lives. “I didn’t know what the hospital was going to be like, I didn’t know what nursing school was going to be like, and now I can’t wait to be a nurse,” she said.

Rentmaster’s mother, Jennifer Rentmaster, is also a nurse and CUW graduate. She said her daughter’s current experience will prove a valuable one. “As a mother, obviously I worry about her being in that environment during this pandemic, but I do think that it’s still an awesome experience for her to go through, both in growth as a nurse and as a person,” she said. “She still loves what she does... I think it’s been an invaluable experience for her, and she’ll take it with her.”

WCTC paramedic student Jefferson Hankins is seeing the impact of the pandemic on his job at the Hales Corners Fire Department, where he works in emergency medical support. “It seems to change pretty much weekly,” he said.

Potential COVID-19 cases are handled by typically having just one department official make contact with the patient. Transportation usually involves using a designated COVID-19 ambulance, and exposure is taken seriously. “We had a guy who potentially got exposed and (others then) got quarantined,” Hankins said. “Now we’re a lot more cognizant of going to the extreme with wearing PPE.”

The material he’s learned at WCTC as he pursues the next step in his EMS career and the everyday responsibilities he meets at the fire department present a unique dual perspective during the pandemic.

“It’s actually kind of cool to see what we (would) be known as basic respiratory calls (and realize) there could be other deeper issues going on,” Hankins said. “It gives you more of a critical thinking” experience.

Ruling differentials out is part of the mental process now. “Now I’m kind of hav-



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WCTC nursing student McKayla Nelson wears a mask and goggles. She is balancing working at Froedtert Hospital in Menomonee Falls while finishing her studies online.



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Megan Rentmaster said she wasn’t sure what nursing school or the hospital would be like, but now she can’t wait to be a nurse.



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Megan Rentmaster and her mother Jennifer Rentmaster at the sophomore nursing student dedication at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon.



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WCTC paramedic student and Hales Corners Fire Department employee Jefferson Hankins stands before a fire truck at the station.

ing the mindset of what I would do as a paramedic, even though I can’t act on it,” Hankins said.

Hankins said he’s actually enjoyed some aspects of remote learning and realized there are “a lot of

positives” to the format. Lab scenarios, typically shared verbally in person, are now done through online video

for students to form impressions of what they see. Hankins likes that approach better.

Delafield mayor in support of Back to Business Plan

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DELAFIELD — Delafield Mayor Kent Attwell and the Delafield Chamber of Commerce released a joint statement April 28 encouraging businesses to consider utilizing the recently published Back to Business Plan created by the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.

“Our small businesses are struggling and going to go out of business if we can’t figure out a plan to help them reopen and the plan the governor has is falling way short, it’s unacceptable,” Attwell said.

The press release released April 28 incorrectly encourages the public to utilize an online tool that would provide guidance to businesses to safely reopen; however, the tool is not yet provided to the public.

The tool, as envisioned by the WMC, would be made

available on the Department of Health Service’s website if the Back to Business Plan was approved by Gov. Tony Evers.

Scott Manley, executive vice president of Government Relations for the WMC, said the Back to Business Plan will have a hearing at the Wisconsin state Assembly today.

Manley hopes this will be the first step to passing the plan in the state Legislature and hopefully later signed into law by Evers.

Manley said he believes the plan is better than Evers’ Safer at Home order.

“It recognizes that different parts of Wisconsin are having very different experiences with this virus from an infection and transmission standpoint,” he said. “Our plan recognizes those differences and assigns a risk score to businesses based on what’s happening in their community, what the infection rates are in their com-

munity, what COVID-19 hospitalization looks like in their community, as well as the type of business they are, because every business is different and different businesses present different risk profiles in terms of the potential spread of a virus.”

The plan takes these factors into account and through the online tool, would assign a low, medium or high risk score for businesses and provide guidelines businesses can follow in order to reopen and mitigate the risk of exposure.

Businesses would be advised to share their risk scores with the public through signage so customers are aware of the risks associated with the business.

Attwell said he is in support of the Back to Business Plan as well as the online tool under the plan if it were to pass. He said he felt the plan was well-written and gave a safer and better direction than the Safer at Home order.

Proposal would dock Pewaukee trustees’ pay for missing meetings

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PEWAUKEE — Trustees who miss four or more Village Board meetings would receive a pay cut for every meeting they miss under a proposal recently backed by board members.

The proposal, which still must receive approval as an official resolution, was pitched by Trustee Ed Hill as a way of encouraging trustees to attend meetings even if they have decided they will not be running for re-election.

“It is pretty simple. I’ve been on the board for over three years now. During that period of time, I’ve noticed that when trustees choose to not run again they stop attending meetings,” Hill said. “I thought it wasn’t fair for taxpayers. We are paid to do a job and you can’t do your job if you’re not there.”

According to the village,

trustees are paid a monthly stipend of \$330 per month, while the village president is paid \$420 per month. Trustees and the president attend roughly 24 regularly scheduled Village Board meetings a year.

Under the proposal, trustees would not be docked pay if they miss three board meetings in a year, but if they miss a fourth, they would see their pay cut by \$165. Any missed meeting after that would also result in a deduction of \$165, and so on. The village president would see his or her pay reduced by \$210.

The rule would not apply to special board meetings or any of the other board or committee meetings the trustees or president are required to attend as part of their responsibilities, explained Village President Jeff Knutson.

Knutson said that despite voting to support the measure, he was “not overly

thrilled” about the change.

“The trustees do more than just attend two meetings a month. They all have a third meeting a month that they attend. They also attend special meetings and do work to prepare for the meetings,” Knutson said. “We put a lot of time in each month ... Many of the members of the board more than earn every penny that they get, and they volunteer for different events. There are a lot of things that they do that the public doesn’t see or realize ... Nobody is getting rich on this.”

The changes would be phased in for each trustee, depending on when they are next elected. For Knutson and trustees Hill and Bob Rohde, the changes would go into effect following the April 2021 election. For trustees Heather Gergen, Kevin Yonke and Craig Roberts, who were all re-elected in this April’s election, the changes would not go into effect until April 2022.

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Relief agencies see county residents band together

Team effort needed to combat COVID-19

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WAUKESHA — The adversity and hardships created by COVID-19 have given Waukesha County residents an opportunity. They have seized it, demonstrating yet again that they are among Wisconsin's most generous benefactors. "The response to our COVID-19 Urgent Needs Fund is the perfect example of a community coming together," United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County President and CEO Amy Lindner said. "During the early days of the coronavirus, many individuals and companies from Waukesha quickly reached out to United Way and asked how they could help. "So many have given generously to the fund, knowing their contributions are making a difference today."

Waukesha County Community Foundation President Shelli Marquardt has also been impressed at the way the county's citizens have banded together to make a difference where and when it's needed most. "Not only do Waukesha County residents see the needs in our community and take personal action, they also rally their friends and colleagues to respond as well," Marquardt said. "I am consistently amazed at the sense of community and kindness in Waukesha County. "I am able to see every day how the area non-profits agencies work together to support one another and complement each other's efforts. Additionally, I am fortunate to work with our fund holders as they help create a vibrant, thriving community through generosity, commitment and love for those living in Waukesha

County." Lindner said her organization is never surprised, but always amazed at the commitment it sees from donors and volunteers, especially in Waukesha County. "This is a community that is connected in so many ways," Lindner said. "We build relationships in our neighborhoods, in our schools, in our churches and the places we work." The Waukesha County Community Foundation serves as a hub for generous individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations to turn their assets into action through gifts to the community. Marquardt enjoys seeing the teamwork in action. "I believe one of the most impactful collaborations in Waukesha County is the Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County," she said. "This collaboration helps provide housing and basic needs services to Waukesha County's most vulnerable." An example of community members working together is Blessings in a Backpack

Waukesha County. "This group was started by a small group of friends who saw the need: Waukesha County children who were lacking access to enough food over the weekends," Marquardt said. "They provide food on Fridays to schools throughout Waukesha, Oconomowoc, Hartland and Sussex. They continue to do this in partnership with the school districts even during the COVID 19 school closures to make sure the need is met." Another group that has made an impact during the pandemic is Wisconsin Hero Outdoors. "This group, started by a few friends' connects veterans, first responders and their families to outdoor activities," Marquardt said. "They use the camaraderie of outdoor activities to address both the physical and mental health challenges brought on by the stresses of service. "Just recently, the group delivered 2,100 medical grade masks to surrounding southeastern Wisconsin law



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enforcement agencies." Lindner has seen individuals and groups representing a wide variety of walks of life respond to calls for assistance. "At United Way, we are very fortunate to meet and work with a variety of people from Waukesha County — from CEOs of companies and organizations to retired volunteers that are looking for ways to give back to their community," she said. "All have one common thread: care for each other and our community."

‘Sheep dogs’ helping guide residents through pandemic

Volunteers ready to deliver for those in need

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WAUKESHA — The United Way and the Waukesha County Community Foundation are two of the most visible agencies that respond when crises strike in local communities. But there are plenty of others who make a difference, though they operate largely

under the radar. One such organization is Sheep Dog Impact Assistance, a nonprofit founded and headquartered in Rogers, Arkansas. SDIA exists to engage, assist and empower our nation's "Sheep Dogs" — military, law enforcement, fire and rescue, and EMS/paramedic personnel — to reengage in living an active, meaningful and

productive life through its disaster response mission and outdoor adventures programs. "We are currently searching for individuals in need of assistance in our communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Carmen Roche, a full-time law enforcement officer who is the SDIA Wisconsin team leader. "We have volunteer drivers ready to help in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties." SDIA is responding to COVID-19 as a disaster response mission. It has volunteer drivers available to

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contact the individual to confirm information and make arrangements to safely pick up and deliver the items. "At this time, we are only delivering groceries and medications that have been pre-ordered through local food banks or pre-ordered and prepaid online," Roche said. "We will provide further information as we move forward. "Our team is looking forward to helping all residents in need, veterans, first responders and families of front-line workers. We are in this together."

Pretty in Pink during pandemic

Virtual pageant set for June

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WAUKESHA — While the coronavirus has led to the cancellation of many summer events, the Pretty in Pink Pageant's officials plans to still hold their event virtually June 20 through 21 to continue a tradition of pageantry in the community. Executive Director Heather Garcia said they decided to hold the event virtually in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. "I said to my daughter ... 'Let's try doing a virtual pageant,'" Garcia said. "People won't have to travel, they won't have to incur that expense, it could be held in the comfort of their living rooms ... so I thought that would be kind of innovative." The pageant is open to all women who wish to participate and is divided into a series of age groups; four to six, seven to nine, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18, 19-21, 30-39, 40-49 and 50-59. Contestants can be single, married, divorced or widowed. Ten winners, one from each age group, are crowned queen and begin their year of reign. During that year, the winner gets involved in opportunities and events in the community.



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Mayor Shawn Reilly and Pretty in Pink Queen Jamie Watkins pose together at a parade.

"One of our queens was in the Christmas parade and she rode with the mayor of Waukesha, which was really cool," Garcia said. Some categories include Personal Interview, Evening Gown and Hobby Wear. There are also optional categories; including Photogenic, Brains and Beauty, Prettiest Eyes, Prettiest Smile and Prettiest Hair and People's Choice. Prizes will be sent to winners, including a crown, sash and trophy. Garcia said they started the pageant about two years ago

and have won two nationwide awards. The goal of the pageant is to be all-inclusive. "I started competing in pageants when I was 48 ... my daughter on the other hand started competing when she was 12 because she was so painfully shy," Garcia said. Garcia said she is planning another virtual pageant for girls with disabilities, which she also hopes to have this summer.

Pink Lady's Journal

A unique feature of the Pretty in Pink Pageant is the

Pink Lady's Journal. "The journal is given to each queen that wins," Garcia said. "Then, during their year of reign, they can include their trinkets or pictures and write down their experiences, and then at their end of their year of reign, they're going to write down their advice for the next queen, and then they present their journal for the next queen." She said there are many benefits to participating in the pageant world. "My daughter made lifelong friends in the pageant industry," she said. "Also, positive self-image ... there's a lot of things you can learn in pageantry that you could use for the rest of your life. The interview skills, everyone's eventually going to go for jobs. It kind of prepares them for the future." Garcia said beauty isn't the exclusive theme of their pageant. "Beauty isn't number one, it's how you present yourself, with poise and grace and style," she said. The virtual pageant will be held on Zoom. Judges will have private interviews with each contestant. The pageant will be made available to watch live by contestants. Participants should sign up by June 6. Candidates can visit the website pipageants.wixsite.com/mysite or www.facebook.com/prettyinpink pageants for updates.

Delafield council OKs new roundabout assessment formula

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DELAFIELD — The Common Council has chosen a new formula for assessing property owners at Nagawaukee Center for the cost of the new Golf Road roundabout, but at least one of the affected business owners is still shaking her head about the process. The new method assesses property owners based on a 50/50 split between the number of trips a business generates and its parking space requirements. Aldermen had consultants come up with an alternative formula for how businesses in the Nagawaukee Center would share the cost of a roundabout at Golf Road and Golf Court. The request came after they balked at a formula where assessments were based solely on estimated traffic. Half of the \$1.3 million roundabout is being paid for by the developers of the Chick-fil-A that recently opened at the end of the Golf Court cul-de-sac, but the city is assessing the other businesses for the remaining \$650,000.

Disappointed

While Albrecht's Sentry

Delafield Market will be assessed less under the formula, Kerry Jeanpierre, vice president and co-owner of the grocery store, said she remains disappointed by the process. Under the previous model the store would have been charged \$160,000 for its share of the roundabout cost, but under the new method it will still be paying for more than 17% of the cost of the project — roughly \$114,754. Pointing to errors in the first model consultants presented, Jeanpierre said she remains skeptical that the new assessments are truly accurate. "We are a family owned business with one location, and this assessment will have a negative impact on our bottom line. We do our best to protect our employees and customers, but this makes it challenging to absorb this amount," she said. Only two properties in the development will be assessed more than Albrecht's under the new formula: The retail strip at 2900 Golf Road that houses a Starbucks, FedEx, Supercuts, and Bentley's Pet Stuff; and the Kohl's and attached shopping strip located directly to the east of the grocery store on Golf Road.

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