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### Jambretz ‘couldn’t be happier’ in new role

Hartland new fire chief  
a 26-year veteran

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HARTLAND — Dave Jambretz has been with the Hartland Fire Department for 26 years.

During that time he’s seen a lot of changes, but after accepting a role as fire chief, he’s eager to help the department stay responsive and attract new firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs.

Jambretz, 58, was appointed Oct. 13 after serving as the department’s interim fire chief for roughly six months following the sudden retirement of former Fire Chief Dave Dean.

Prior to being named interim chief, Jambretz was the division chief for EMS. In his new role he will oversee the entire department, which currently employs three full-time firefighter paramedics, one full-time administrative assistant, and 47-50 paid-on-call, paid-on-premise, firefighters and EMTs.

Addressing staffing

One of his biggest focuses he’ll have in his new job is staffing, he said.

“We are looking at different alternatives to address the staffing needs,” Jambretz said. “Obviously being able to hire more full-time employees would be great, but is it possible and feasible at this time? No. So we have to be flexible and figure out different ways to keep people around and get the equipment out the door.”

Despite the staffing challenges facing many departments in the region, Jambretz said the department will continue to adhere to its response time goals.

“We want our ambulances out the door in two minutes, and our fire trucks on the road in about three minutes,” he said.

“It sounds cliché, but it really comes down to wanting to help people out and being able to give back to the community,” he said.

Giving back

Although he spent the first 26 years of his career as a mechanic and foreman for the Hartland Public Works Department, Jambretz said he always wanted to be a firefighter. He spent several years volunteering for the Hartland Fire Department, before being hired on as a full-time time employee in 1994.

“It all started out when I turned 18 and graduated from high school. I took the written test you need to pass to become a firefighter and got put on the lists,” he recalls. “It always enthused me. I had a job right out of high school, and kind of did the firefighting thing on the side.”

Asked why he has stayed in the field, Jambretz said he simply loves helping people.

“It sounds cliché, but it really comes down to wanting to help people out and being able to give back to the community,” he said.

Jambretz is truly humbled by the opportunity to lead the Hartland Fire Department, he said.

“It’s a great group of people. I couldn’t be happier with our personnel. They are dedicated and very hardworking,” he said. “I look forward to putting this department back in the lane that we want to be in the future.”



Photo courtesy of Hartland Fire Department

Newly appointed Hartland Fire Chief Dave Jambretz poses outside one of the department’s fire engines. Jambretz, who has been with the department for 26 years, was named chief last month.

Get to know ... Hartland Fire Chief Dave Jambretz

HARTLAND — To help readers get to know Chief Dave Jambretz, The Freeman asked him a few questions about his hobbies and life in general. Here are his responses:

- My greatest achievement is:** Being appointed chief of the Hartland Fire Department.
- My favorite book is:** Any war novel
- My favorite TV show is:** “Emergency!” (1972-1979)
- My favorite movie is:** “Band of Brothers”
- My favorite childhood memory is:** Weekends at the campground

- The person I most admire is:** My father and his work ethic
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- My favorite hobbies are:** Golf, hunting and fishing
- My goals for the year are:** Move the fire department forward while planning for the future
- My favorite musician/band is:** AC/DC
- My pet is:** 12-year old

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- The favorite vehicle I ever had was:** 1969 Chevelle SS 396
- My favorite podcast is:** n/a
- My face mask looks like:** A guy smoking a cigar
- My favorite actor is:** Tom Hanks
- My favorite actress is:** Sandra Bullock
- On my desk is:** Note pads ... lots of note pads
- My favorite childhood toy was:** A Texaco fire chief’s helmet with mic and speaker

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# Kettle Moraine students get real-world design, marketing experience

Profit always a consideration with products

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WALES — It's not uncommon to hear parents express a desire to see their children's schools emphasize teaching career skills. At Kettle Moraine High School, there's a program that offers about as much real-world career experience as possible. Students there are working with real clients in the community to design and produce marketing materials and merchandise. Peter Kopperud, a senior, has done recent work with the firm Momentum Realty Group. He worked with them to design several logo concepts and make their

theme work from both an aesthetic and practicality standpoint. "There's a lot of subtleties in designing graphics," he said. "As you're working you kind of evolve your design." Kopperud has learned to take into account what kind of products a logo might be imposed on, and to make adjustments accordingly. Cost-effectiveness can vary widely when it comes to color, size and complexity. That knowledge is set to help him as he moves on to college. "You get a little taste of the real-world experience and it kind of helped me realize this is what I want to do," he said. He plans to attend a University of Wisconsin school and further pursue marketing and graphics. Marketing Business teacher Erika Dugger said she makes sure students learn not just how to design and produce something, but to do it profitably. Students

even have a competition to create products with the highest profit. Dugger has been co-teaching the retail, merchandising and product development course and advanced retail merchandising course with Tech Education teacher Patrick Stinnett since 2018. Enrollment in the program has increased since then. They began with 20 students and have since more than doubled that. "We do a lot of stuff for the community," Stinnett said. "It keeps the dollars in the district." Money earned through the program is reinvested and also helps offset costs. "That's stuff the kids learn about," Stinnett said. "Our paint costs money, our emulsion costs money, our vinyl costs money." Everything from logo design to printing, working with vinyl and even laser etching can be done from the on-campus workshop.

The school itself benefits from having such capabilities nearby, too. Products are produced and sold at the school store and promotional materials are put together in smaller, more cost-effective batches than wouldn't otherwise be possible at the same price if the district had to use a third-party service. Students are getting sales experience too, reaching out to local businesses and letting them know about the services they can offer. One local business, Always Beautiful Lawns, made use of the program and was impressed. Scott Hettwer got a firsthand account not only through his business, but also because his son Zac is a senior in the program. Hettwer said the program has been helpful for Zac, who wasn't able to take part in an internship at a local sports apparel business due to COVID-19, but is still getting that experience at

school. "I'm proud of that whole situation, that's all he talks about now when he comes home," he said. "The quality of the stuff that I'm getting out of Kettle Moraine is just as good as (some) other companies where that's all they do... The quality is there (and) the price is beyond reasonable." Other local customers include an organic farmer who had her beehives laser-engraved and a fitness apparel company. Students also help run an online store where the products they make are available for purchase, laser-locker.com. Dugger said, eventually, she'd like to be able to add a third class to the program and allow students to take the experience one step further. "Word must be getting out there now, that they're doing this," Hettwer said. "Parents are starting to hear about it."



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## HELPING KIDS SUCCEED THROUGH THE POWER OF PLAY

Recess may seem like a simple time for students to play, but conflict at recess can translate into problems in the classroom.

"While some kids have friends to play with, others have a harder time," said Mr. Massis, a second-grade teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School in Waukesha.

"As teachers, we take time to solve the problem, to talk to students in conflict, leaving us less time for instruction," said Mr. Massis.

Enter Playworks, a program that helps kids to stay active and build valuable social and emotional skills through the power of play. United Way supports Playworks in Waukesha County schools through United Way's Helping Kids Succeed initiative.

Playworks staff lead students in games like soccer, kickball, and four square. Students are encouraged to use positive language and support each other.

With the support of Playworks, teachers like Mr. Massis have noticed a big difference in the classroom.

"We've seen the behavior change in the way they interact with other students," said Mr. Massis. "Now they use nice words like 'hey good job, well done' as opposed to seeing everything like a competition. It's more like working together as a community."

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Kettle Moraine High School senior Zac Hettwer works on a screen template for T-shirt logo production.

## Limited bow hunt allowed for Nashotah Park once again

NASHOTAH — In effort to continue reducing the deer population in Nashotah Park, Waukesha County is opening a limited archery hunt within the park.

Hunters that are licensed and have deer harvest authorization — formerly known as deer tags — will be allowed to hunt from Nov. 27 through Dec. 17 in Nashotah Park, W330-N5113 Highway C, a county press release states.

This is the fourth special archery hunt opportunity from the county in Nashotah Park.

"The goal of the hunt is to assist in controlling the deer herd to improve regeneration of native hardwoods in the forest which will allow for an adequate food source to sustain their population and also increase habitat for other wildlife in parks," the release states.

The release states the park will remain open for all nonrecreational activities during the hunt. The hunters will not be allowed to hunt near picnic shelters, maintenance buildings or dog exercise areas.



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# Hope Church building facility on Dousman Road

Looking to be completed early next fall

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OCONOMOWOC — Hope Church, which is currently operating out of Silver Lake Intermediate School, has raised enough funds to purchase property and build a place to call home.

In total, the new facility will cost about \$7 million — with money being generated from donations as well as loans. The church will be located on Dousman Road between the Village Hall and White Stone Community Church.

Hope Church is a church for people who gave up on church, who got bumped out of church or who had a bad church experience, who couldn't relate to many of the traditional churches, Lead Pastor Jason Ewart said.

However, when people have asked him over the years when Hope Church would get its own space, Ewart would tell them that is the wrong question to be asking.

"The question was always, how do we build a church for unchurched people?" Ewart said. "Historically Hope Church has always been doing that by staying portable, by being in the middle school. It's a neutral space and much cheaper than building and we can invest more in our communi-



Submitted rendering

A rendering of what Hope Church's new facility on Dousman Road will look like.

ty, local charities and people that way."

But over the last couple of years, Ewart said, Hope Church and its members have begun to metaphorically hit their heads on the ceiling at SLI.

Prior to the pandemic, Ewart said the church had 600 people attending services every weekend.

"We just needed to get into a space where we had more space and space we could control seven days a week," he said.

Despite raising money for their own facility, over the last two years, Ewart said Hope Church has also donated \$200,000 to local charities to support its core values.

"That's still one of our values is practicing generosity, that's just who we are as a

church," Ewart said.

Ewart said the 28,000-square-foot facility will have a 700-seat auditorium, along with a kids' wing for a children's ministry.

"One great thing is that we're going to have spaces and environments that are designed for what they are supposed to be used for," Ewart said. "The quality goes up, the opportunities we have go up."

Ewart said most importantly to the church is that the new facility will be something guests can enjoy and appreciate.

"It's always been about how do we connect, serve and invest in the person who is not here yet or the guest that is here," he said.

Ewart said the project will be finished early fall of 2021.

## Happy Moment of the Day



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### They're off to see the wizard

OCONOMOWOC — Every year the Albright family has a themed family costume and this year's choice is the "Wizard of Oz" because there is no place like home.

"During the whole covid pandemic we are realizing more than ever 'there is no place like home,'" said Katie Albright. "We have tried to embrace every bit of the extra family time that we have been given. 2020 has been a huge blessing to us. We adopted our sweet little girls this October so we have so much to be thankful for!"

Pictured from left to right are: Katie as the Scarecrow, Madalynn as Dorothy, Marissa as Wicked Witch, Mahaylah as Glenda the Good Witch, Mak as the Cowardly Lion and Josh as the Tin Man.

To share your "Moments of Happiness" for possible publication in The Freeman, email Katherine Beck at kbeck@conley.net.

## Delafield Skatepark repairs are done

TOWN OF DELAFIELD — The Delafield Skatepark is officially open for skaters.

Repair and refurbishment of the park's once battered ramps was wrapped up recently.

Employees with American Ramp Company (ARC) began work on the skatepark, which sits off Maple Drive near Town Hall, on Oct. 12.

Town supervisors voted 4-1 on Sept. 1 to award the repair contract to the company in an amount not to exceed \$64,870.

The board originally voted in July to hire ARC for the work but had to backtrack because they needed to pub-



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Repairs have been completed at the Delafield Skatepark, and it is now officially open again.

lically seek bids for the project.

ARC was the only qualified bidder to submit a quote, and its bid ended up being \$2,726 less than the first contract the town approved with the firm.

Debate over the fate of the skatepark began this June. More than 250 individuals contributed to the effort to save the park, raising \$20,000 to help fund the repairs on the project.

## COVID-driven uncertainty spawns new interest

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PEWAUKEE — With uncertainty looming over school instruction formats, some families are turning to tutoring services as a means of offering some stability and traditional learning for their children.

"The longer we go into the pandemic and the longer kids are in virtual learning, families are coming to learn there are certain gaps," said Kumon Math and Reading Center of Waukesha owner and tutor Ruchee Saxena. "There has been a spike in the interest."

Kumon offers programming from preschool all the way up to college-level courses. "The scope of our program is huge," Saxena said. "And we're able to individualize it."

The program is also gradeless and ageless, with progress tailored to each child's individual growth as a student.

For parents who may worry about their child's academic performance slipping or being unsuited to the uncertainty of a changing format — with classes going virtual at times due to COVID-19 — Saxena said tutoring can offer a constant, predictable learning experience with motivation to



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From left, Kumon students Anay Bansal, Anna Ranasaria, Siddhant Shah and Guarav Saluja hold medals and trophies recognizing their academic performances.

work hard.

Anita Gupta, also an owner and tutor at Kumon, said despite meeting with students online, Kumon places an emphasis on pencil-to-paper learning. "It's very organic and parents are just loving that approach, their children are still doing that old-fashioned learning," she said.

One such parent is Anand Krish, who has a 9-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter participating in Kumon. "(It's) very effective for us, for both of the kids and for the family," he said.

Krish said with both of his children learning in fully virtual formats at their schools, he sees Kumon learning as "a break from their screen time." He said he would recommend the tutoring service to others, and knows parents who have

begun utilizing tutors recently.

Saxena emphasized curriculum is tailored to each child's needs. "They move at their pace, (but) they're still getting challenged," she said.

The goal is to build strong study habits and homework skills, with a focus on math and reading. "The basic premise is we want to bring out the best in every student (and) guide them to success," Saxena said.

Kumon Math and Reading Center of Waukesha is celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

Saxena and Gupta said they will offer a free consultation and assessment to any prospective families. Those who are interested can learn more about Kumon at <https://www.kumon.com/waukesha>.

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Arrowhead freshman Jessica Guiser watches her tee shot during the WIAA State Girls Golf Tournament on Oct. 13 at Blackwolf Run — Meadow Valleys in Kohler.

# Phenomenal finish by the Arrowhead freshman

Guiser comes from behind to win state title on playoff hole

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KOHLER — Anyone familiar with Jessica Guiser knows she plays beyond her years. This past summer as a 14-year old, she was the WPGA Junior Golf Player of the Year. Then she tore through her first season at Arrowhead and was the MVP of the Classic 8 Conference. The unflappable freshman put those nerves of steel on full display Oct. 13 during the WIAA Division 1 State Girls Golf Tournament at Blackwolf Run. After facing a five-shot deficit following a rain-shortened first round Monday, Guiser righted the ship in Round 2 and eventually forced a playoff with Cedarburg senior Elise Hoven. Replaying the par-4 18th hole, Guiser two-putted for par and Hoven couldn't convert her par attempt from about 8 feet out to give Guiser the individual championship. "I'm really happy I won," Guiser said. "The playoff with Elise, I'm really good friends with her as well, so even if she did win I still would have been very happy for her, so I'm glad it was a playoff between me and her." Hoven was in the clubhouse at 11-over par — two strokes behind Guiser, who still had a few holes to play. The frosh bogeyed 16 and then 17, a treacherous par-3 despite being just 92 yards in length, then missed a birdie putt that would have given her the win in regulation. But she still finished the job. "It was a little nerve-racking but I have played in experiences before where there was a lot of pressure riding

either on the last hole, the last couple of shots, so that really helped," Guiser said. Guiser also credited her coaching staff and teammates, including sophomore Kaitlyn Amtmann, who only played Monday before giving way to senior Jada Chang. That duo combined to shoot 135 and tie for 23rd, while senior Kylie Lanza (T-17th, 132) and junior Lauren Peterson (T-30th, 142) were also instrumental in helping the Warhawks tie for second as a team with Waunakee (526). "My team was so amazing," Guiser said. "I love all of them. They're very supportive. Going to state, we're all really close coming here together." The conditions were nothing short of brutal. The first round shifted from 18 to nine holes due to rain, and then the wind wreaked havoc on the Meadows Valley course. But for Guiser, the move from University Ridge to Blackwolf Run may have been her saving grace. "I have played here before in tournaments over the summer, so I think that was helpful because I'm familiar with this course where with U Ridge, I've never played there before," Guiser said. "So I think playing here multiple times in the past did give me somewhat of an advantage going into today, knowing where to hit it, where not to hit it, so I'm glad that it was here." Guiser could have panicked after an uncharacteristic performance Monday, but she knew if she stayed focused and recalibrated her club choices correctly for the wind, she would give herself a chance. As far as winning a state championship as a freshman, that wasn't an expectation Guiser wanted to place on herself. "I didn't want to put too much pressure on myself so I told myself to have fun, get really good bonds with the sophomores and juniors who I'll be with next year and even the seniors I'm really close with, so I'm glad my

team is who they are," Guiser said. While Guiser had to chase on Tuesday, it was Catholic Memorial senior Ashley Stanislawski who had the task of staving off the rest of the field in the WIAA Division 2 State Girls Tournament after finding herself with a one-stroke lead at 4-over par through Round 1. "Obviously I was doing so well so I definitely wanted to keep playing, but the rain stopped that," Stanislawski said. "I remember I was sitting in my hotel room and I found out it was only going to be nine holes, I was like, oh my God, I have a huge advantage. So many girls had to go back and play. When I found out I was in first, I was like, I don't know how I did that, it was so crazy to me that I was in first with the conditions. That day I was very dialed in." Day 2 wasn't as kind to Stanislawski, nor was it to anyone other than Xavier's Lauren Haen, who limited the damage to shoot a 6-over round of 78 and a winning total of 125. Stanislawski may not have been thrilled with her plus-16 showing, but as it turns out, only five scores bettered that amongst D2 competitors. "I had a rough day today and I've had rough days before, but that's golf for you," Stanislawski said. "Unfortunately it came for me today but in the end everyone didn't look like they did too hot, either." The result was still a podium finish for the CMH senior, who tied for third with a 128. "The conditions weren't the greatest but the first day I was very satisfied with my score," Stanislawski said. "Today not so much, but it worked out in the end. It really comes down to strokes and holding your head high and just keep fighting. "I know personally I could have done better. But my family was all there to see everything and it was overall a good end to my high school career."

# Cady, Long doubly happy with runner-up finish

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LAKE GENEVA — Making it so far only to fall just short is arguably the most gut-wrenching feeling there is in sports. But 2020 has put things in perspective for Arrowhead senior Anna Long and sophomore Hannah Cady. Sure, the patchwork doubles team may have fallen in the Division 1 doubles championship during the WIAA Girls Tennis State Individual Tournament on Oct. 17 at Lake Geneva Tennis. But in the end, the most important thing was that they made it to the end. "I'm just glad we were able to have a season and I think we were both really shocked... well not shocked ... I'm just happy with what we did," Long said. "And Hannah's got two more years." Cady's also now in possession of two medals after taking fourth with her older sister, Grace, in last year's state tournament. But doubles wasn't originally in the works for Cady until injuries forced a reshuffling of Arrowhead's lineup early in the season. "I used to be a singles player before high school and doubles, I just like it so much more," Cady said. "It was weird to switch back and forth but I'm glad I got to be at doubles. I like my game better when I'm at doubles and I love playing with Anna. It was so much fun." They had fun coasting through the competition during the first two days of state tournament play, which were held outdoors at Badger High School while the singles tourney took place at Lake Geneva Tennis. Saturday's action exclusively took place at the latter location — something Long and Cady weren't too upset about considering the weather conditions. "We were walking outside and we were like, oh, good thing we're inside," Long said. "It's like 40



Arrowhead senior Anna Long returns a shot in the doubles championship match during the WIAA Division 1 Girls Tennis State Individual Tournament on Oct. 17 at Lake Geneva Tennis.


degrees out." "We both said we liked indoor so much better," Cady added. The No. 3 seeded pairing adjusted well to the venue change, defeating Abby Osterman and Jean Marie Lorentz of Kimberly 6-1, 6-3 in the semifinals. "We didn't think we'd be seeded this high," Cady said. Suddenly, Arrowhead's No. 1 doubles team found itself in position to take the opening set against eventual state champions Halle Rosentreter and Gwen Hammond, leading 5-4. But the Wilmot Union duo rallied to take the first set, 7-5, before winning the second set, 6-1. Disappointing? Yes. But a journey both will always cherish. "Just to play together because I started off as singles and moving over to play doubles, it was amazing," Cady said. "It was so much fun. We're just lucky that we got to have this." Cady and Long may have been pleasantly surprised to reach the championship round, but for Oconomowoc seniors Aubrey Berther and Sarah Kopfer, being seeded second meant hopes of playing for a state title. That dream was dashed when they couldn't get past

Osterman and Lorentz in the quarterfinals. But they bounced back to reach the fifth-place match with a 6-3, 6-0 win against Nicolet's Kephely Igoni and Emma Kappel the next morning. "Obviously yesterday was a tough loss but we're just such good friends that it's just easy to get back in the groove together," Kopfer said. That meant at the very least, the Raccoon pairing would bring home a medal for the first time. "Obviously we wanted to do better but I'm proud of what we did and we did better than we did last year," Kopfer said. A familiar foe awaited in the fifth-place match, with top-seeded Kate Wade and Ellie Sprinkmann from Homestead moving past Muskego senior Megan Lambrecht-Scasny and junior Lauren Sobieski in the other fifth-place semifinal. "We anticipated playing Homestead at some point in the tournament," Berther said. "But we definitely didn't think it would be for fifth place, which is OK. We're still happy we got to play them." Berther and Kopfer had to settle for sixth place, as Wade and Sprinkmann emerged with a 6-2, 6-4 victory.




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