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Jeff Widmann of Team Rhino Outdoors films his daughter Alexis Widmann taking a muskie out of a cooler to put it in Okauchee Lake. Team Rhino Outdoors was on scene to help the Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin film a video.



Boats at the Okauchee Lake boat launch before they bring the muskies out on the lake.



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# Delafield city clerk resigns after six months

## Three people leave position in less than 4 years for new jobs

#### By Nikki Brahm nbrahm@conleynet.com 262-513-2651

DELAFIELD — Delafield city after he was offered the city. job as the Wauwatosa clerk, dream job" of his.

it's a great place to work," him," he said. "We're sad to management forced her to he said. "I got a lot of stuff see him leave but we wish make the "incredibly diffidone, updating them on him nothing but the best. cult decision" to seek a posisome things in a short six He's done a wonderful job tion elsewhere. months."

Allis clerk for about two to fill." years and prior to that was the Mukwonago clerk for possibility of hiring a new Shorewood.

about 21 years. tion letter, his last day will

be April 16. Delafield Administrator ment, the city's former Clerk Steven Braatz is leav- Tom Hafner said the news clerk, Michelle Luedtke, left ing his position with the came as a surprise to the to take a clerk position in

"After him discussing it started with the city in 2018, which is "more a less a with me, it sounds like he's said that while she has got a career opportunity always wanted to work for "I enjoyed my time here, that is highly desirable to Delafield, differences with for the city in his short time

Hafner said there is the 2017 to accept a position in

full-time clerk or an interim clerk.

"There's a possibility we'll be doing a new hiring process or potentially looking at some of the finalists from According to his resigna- the hiring process that we did when we selected Steve."

Prior to Braatz's appoint-Elm Grove. Luedtke, who

At that time, Luedtke Braatz worked as the West here. His shoes will be tough replaced Sarah Bruckman, who resigned in November

# City of Pewaukee's South Park to get new playground

#### By Cara Spoto cspoto@conleynet.com 262-513-2653

CITY OF PEWAUKEE existing playground at located on Northview Road, hood kids and their parents. Road.

The Common Council recently voted to allocate the it with a new playground in The new playground equip-

memo, there have been con- already earmarked for sistent drainage issues at replacing the existing park installed by June 1.

South Park with large equipment. amounts of water rushing through the existing play- for replacing all of the happy news for neighbor- County TT/Meadowbrook gle gym with different types

City \$39,430 to remove the exist- Department recommended spinner and other equiping playground and replace relocating the playground. ment. a different area of the park. ment is expected to be paid According to a staff for using funds the city had

The approved plan calls

Renderings included in a of slides, a climbing wall, After studying the issue, and other features. There Engineering will also be a standalone

> Nick Phalin, the city's director of parks and recreation, said he is hoping to have the new equipment

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Start-up Octane Coffee is looking to open its first stand-a-lone, automated drive-thru coffee operation in the parking lot where Veloce Indoor Speedway, Battle House Tactical Laser Tag, RiverGlen Christian Church, and Point Burger Bar are located at W229-N1400 Westwood Drive, City of Pewaukee.

# Coffee made by robots?

Automated drive-thru coffee startup looking to open near Point Burger bar

#### By Cara Spoto cspoto@conleynet.com 262-513-2653

CITY OF PEWAUKEE — Busy Waukesha-area coffee lovers could soon have a new place to grab a cup of joe - one made by robots.

Start-up Octane Coffee is seeking a conditional use permit to open a stand-a-lone, automated drivethru operation in the parking lot at W229-N1400 Westwood Drive, where Veloce Indoor Speedway, Battle House Tactical Laser Tag, RiverGlen Christian Church, and Point Burger Bar are located.

The business would be located in an 8-by-20-foot shipping container, which would be placed on a new concrete slab.

The shipping container would be "jam packed with industrial robotics" designed to make a variety of "premium coffee, tea and juice drinks," a project narrative states. Customers would order drinks ahead of time, presumably via the internet, allowing for orders to be prepared and ready for those customers before they arrive. Customers would then pick up their drinks via a contact-less pick up system.

According to the developer-penned project narrative, the automated system is capable of running unattended for 24-hours at a time. But since the City of Pewaukee operation will be the company's first location, "all hands will be on deck" during the launch phase. The company would then slowly transition to operations with no staff members on site. Longer term, an Octane employee would stop by for 30 minutes per day to stock things like cups, lids, beans and to perform daily cleaning tasks.

Hours of operation are expected to be 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days a week, for the first four-to-six months of operations but would ideally transition to 24-hours a day after that.

The Plan Commission is slated to continue its review of start-up Octane Coffee's application. The commission is expected to continue its review of the proposal April 15. The Common Council will review the proposal sometime after that.





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# Summit's 'wealth of knowledge' to retire

Village planner Elling leaving after almost 20 years

#### By Alex Nemec anemec@conleynet.com 262-513-2661

SUMMIT — Henry Elling first started working with Summit in 1998 as a consultant to help thethen town with its master plan.

In 2002, Summit hired him full time for his services as its manager and planner and he has been in the village ever since.

decade career in the village is to miss." coming to a close as he retires next month, calling it bittersweet. enjoyed meeting in a room with result in a benefit to both commu-

because it's been very good for me," Elling said. "I've got a doc- ment people can follow moving ern Lakes Fire District or a sanitorate degree education here for forward. the price of coming to work every day.'

has enjoyed assisting residents gives to heart and how committed the country where one communimetropolitan area to a village that is part of a metropolitan area.

to the very exciting and vibrant where," Elling said. lake area community is what I happen," Elling said.

Village President Jack Riley called Elling "the face of the village" and was the go-to person winter and there was 80 or 90 peowhen a resident needed help with their property.

"I wouldn't say he is a historian but he knows pretty much everything about all the properties in place I've worked I've been able to the village," Riley said. "Henry is accomplish a sledding hill, but a wealth of knowledge for every- that one is the biggest." thing in the village. He knows who property owners are by name, when they moved in, whose the surrounding municipalities to Dubuque, Iowa to become a renewhouse it was before they moved in, where that person went.

'He has a lot of that institution-However, Elling's almost two- al knowledge we are really going Oconomowoc, Delafield, Dousman

Elling said he has always "At the same time it's exciting people to brainstorm ideas and nities," Elling said. "Whether it's thereafter." form them into a written docu-

(the village has) taken the master shared police services with Dous-Over his years, Elling said he plan and the guidance that (it) man, there aren't a lot of places in ing that document and making their neighbors.

With all his achievements in the 2018. hope village residents wanted to village, Elling said the favorite sledding hill at Village Park.

"I was able to go over there this ple crawling around that park and having any problems enjoying his face and the joy he themselves," he said. "Every thing I'll never forget." accomplish a sledding hill, but Pastoring plans

pride in his ability to work with rather than stoke disagreements.

ing us and all of those agreements a shared fire district with Westsewer service from tary "I'm very impressed with how Oconomowoc or Delafield or

sure that it reflects the desires of Riley said one of his lasting 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the community The changes from rural out- the community and not just a memories of Elling will be how he room at Village Hall, 37100

ing into the new Village Hall in

"It was Christmas morning for thing he has done is install the Henry," Riley said. "He was putting up with us and our penny pinching with the old Village Hall with an office with no heat and leaky windows. When we finally did invest in it was big enough that nobody was the Village Hall, just the look on his face and the joy he had is some-

Looking ahead, Elling isn't get-In addition, Elling said he took ting out of the planning game totally. He said his plan is to go to make agreements with them al pastor for the Wartburg Theological Seminary. A renewal pastor We have agreements with comes into a congregation and assists it with what their primary and all the townships surround- focus and their goals would be going forward and coordinate that with the pastor who would come

"It's almost like a miniature plan for the church as an individual congregation," Elling said. "I think it will be a lot of fun and it's my other passion in life and maybe I can do that for 20 years."

Elling's last day will be April 16. from being a town on the edge of a they are as a group to maintain- ty has so many agreements with The village is hosting a send-off gathering for him on April 14 from



Village Planner Henry Elling stands in the Village Hall's lobby. Village President Jack Riley said seeing Elling's smile while walking through the hall when it was completed was









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# KM's Grocholski driven to be best

# Sophomore was every team's defensive focal point

#### By Dave Radcliffe dradcliffe@conleynet.com 262-513-2655

WALES — She's not even old enough to get her driver's license.

But Grace Grocholski is in the driver's seat when it comes to area talent.

The sophomore forward from Kettle Moraine established herself as one of the top Class of 2023 prospects in the state her freshman year, helping the Lasers reach the sectional final. The book was out on Grocholski this season, and yet she improved nearly every facet of her game. After being named to the Division 1 all-state team by the WBCA and voted co-conference player of the year in the Classic 8, Grocholski is the 2020-21 All-Freeman Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

"She had a good year last year, and she was the focal point of everyone's defenses this year," KM coach Todd Hansen said. "She was face guarded, she saw box-andones, she saw triangle-andtwos. She saw it all and responded incredibly.

"It's hard to win conference player of the year as a sophomore, especially when everyone's focal point is to stop her"

What made Grocholski's sophomore season all the more impressive was that she was largely forced to play out of position, tasked with guarding the opponent's biggest and strongest players. Standing at 5-foot-10, that meant giving up four to five inches on some nights. But not once was Grocholski held to under double figures, scoring at least 20 points on 12 different occasions and 30-plus in four games.

Knowing that points would be hard to come by some nights, Grocholski made crashing the glass a primary focus heading into this season.

"Probably just anything I can implement I've worked on," Grocholski said. "I took offensive pride in my rebounding stats.

well-rounded and when I'm satility in what she can do. playing on my summer team I She does what we need her to

play more so of a guard position. I think that helps me get stronger in high school, too, to play against taller girls and stronger people."

Being the Lasers' only true post presence, Hansen credited Grocholski for accepting her role and taking a big step forward in terms of her inside game.

"But she's probably a better shooter than inside player and that's not an insult by any means," Hansen said. "But we need her to play inside. She was second on our team in 3s. She really improved from this year to this year in terms of her post play, her post moves, things like that."

It resulted in Grocholski leading the county with 20.4 points per game. She also saw an uptick in rebounding, pulling down 9.8 boards on average, with nearly half of them coming on the offensive end.

While Grocholski might be a guard by trade, Waukesha West coach Mark Busalacchi has been enamored by what she can do around the basket.

"She has some of the best footwork and touch around the rim that I have ever seen," Busalacchi said. "The best in our league since (2015 Waukesha North graduate) Jessica Kelliher at scoring around the rim. As good as she is inside, she can step out and shoot it from 3 with anyone in the state. She is just an all-around great player.'

There is scoring at a high clip, and then there is doing it in an efficient manner. And with the way Grocholski is trending, it's not far-fetched to say she could threaten becoming a 50-40-90 performer meaning a 50% shooter from the field, a 40% shooter from 3, and a 90% shooter from the free-throw line.

This past season, Grocholski shot 49.7% from the field, 36.9% from distance and 84.9% from the charity stripe — a 16% jump from her freshman season.

"She's just an all-around really good player," Hansen said. "I know in college she's a "I think it's important to be 2 or a 3. It just shows her ver-



Kettle Moraine sophomore Grace Grocholski was selected as the 2020-21 All-Freeman Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

do for the team. On her AAU team she plays basically all outside because that's what they need her to do. I'm just really proud of her and the season she had."

It could have been an even better season for Grocholski if not for some health scares.

Early on she dealt with some knee issues, but nothing compared to the final few weeks of the season when a Baker's cyst burst behind her knee during the final game of the regular season against Waukesha North.

"She probably maybe shouldn't have played in our regional games at all," Hansen said. "She was playing on one leg against Mukwonago and Waukesha West. But she had two great games. It was a lot better when we played Verona, but I know there was no way she was going to sit out.

"Obviously we weren't going to jeopardize her getting hurt worse, but she was playing through a lot of pain.'

Grocholski scored a teamhigh 22 points against Verona in a WIAA Division 1 sectional semifinal loss, but made two clutch free throws with just a second on the clock to force overtime.

"I couldn't practice for that last week," Grocholski said. "I went to the doctor that Sunday and they thought maybe it was a blood clot or something way worse. But the good thing is it's not long lasting. I'm much better now and it got

better as the playoffs went in late November. She also

When the lights were brightest, Grocholski rose to the occasion.

on.'

She had 34 points against Germantown, the WIAA Divi-

went off for 26 against D2 state champ Notre Dame on Dec. 29, 2020.

sion 1 state champions, back because of Grace," Hansen

said. "You see her against (Germantown sophomore KK Arnold) and those Notre Dame girls, top kids step up in big games and she definitely did. She was right there giving it her all."

So how can she continue to get better?

"Me and my dad always talk about implementing more fakes, ball fakes, pump fakes, stuff like that, so in the high school season I'm trying to do more counter moves in the post," Grocholski said. "Anything I can do to make a better impact."

Also a standout on the volleyball court, options remain open for what she could do at the collegiate level. But Hansen is grateful to have two more years of Grocholski by his side.

"Sometimes when you have someone that's really good, their ego gets a little bit bigger," Hansen said. "That's completely not the case with Grace. She's all about the team and the girls on the team love her. She's definitely a team-first player. I love her to death and I'm really glad I've got her for two more years."

"She's stepped up in big games and we may not have won but it certainly wasn't

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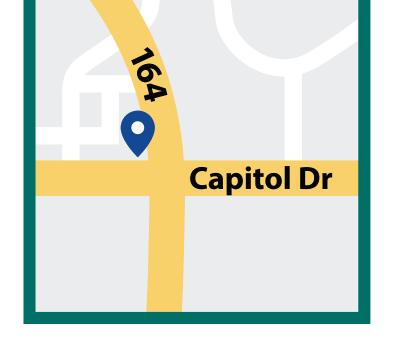
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