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### School buses transformed into fleet of art

#### Pewaukee bus driver paints buses for kids' enjoyment

By Jake Ekdahl jekdahl@conleynet.com 262-513-2657

PEWAUKEE Felicia Goines started driving a school bus for the Pewaukee School District this year. When she noticed some of the kids she was picking up seemed hesitant about climbing aboard, she got an

With a ladder, a paint brush and strategic deployment of a finger here and there, Goines transformed the windows of her bus into a series of canvases depicting hand-painted cartoon monsters.

"I just wanted to make the kids happy," she said. "I just did a little monster bus and

they loved it.' Nowadays, kids aren't hesitant to get on her bus; it's quite the opposite. The monster bus quickly picked up enough attention among Pewaukee students and Goines' fellow drivers began asking her to give their own vehicles a similar sort of makeover. Now there's a Cinderella bus, a Rugrats bus, an Alice in Wonderland

bus, and more.

"I treat them like my own kids," Goines said. "I want my kids to have fun and be excited about school." She has two children in the dis-

Although she's not looking forward to the next rainfall washing off her work, Goines has ideas already for Christmas and other holidays. She's always loved art and this experience has reignited some of that passion, she said.

Goines came on board at the same time districts across the nation are struggling to find bus drivers. She works for GO Riteway and said she'd recommend others give it a try, praising her managers and co-work-

"They're just some really great people," she said.
Pewaukee School District

Superintendent Mike Cady said the district respects and appreciates what bus drivers do every day.

'What I love about this story is here we have someone who not only embraced the responsibility of making sure kids can get access to education (but) did something really clever and creative in the process," he said. "It gives kids something else to be happy and excited about, which is awesome."

To learn more about bus openings, driver www.goriteway.com.



Pewaukee School District bus driver Felicia Goines aboard the bus she hand-painted for students to enjoy.



One of the buses painted by Felicia Goines showcases characters from the Nickelodeon children's show "Rugrats."

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### Construction on downtown Delafield development to begin next year

By Kelly Smith Special to The Freeman

DELAFIELD — The vacant about to be filled.

Commercial Hendricks of Main and Genesee streets, vacant lot. according to Jonathan Kemman, vice president of development.

some preliminary site work land in 2018 from gas station of could begin later this year owner Gary Nuernberger. depending on weather and final approvals from the city, according to Kemman.

Plans call for one building located on the west side of tions. Genesee Street, facing east, facing south.

located on the first floor and condominiums, retail shops, became the city's largest

occupying remaining three floors, according to Kemman.

delighted.

Attwell was among local

when developers demolished Nov. 1 meeting. a BP gas station at the inter-

buildings was delayed by market because of the growregulatory battles changing economic condi-

It took two years before the and a second building on the city and developers could the buildings would attract north side of Main Street, agree on the design and use clients because it would be a of the buildings that were Both buildings will be four originally proposed in 2017 in Waukesha County. stories with retail shops as a mixed use of residential

the and commercial office space.

Construction was delayed in 2020, according to compa-Mayor Kent Attwell ny president Rob Gerbitz, lot creating a large, gaping responded to the news: "I because of unanticipated empty space in the down- think everyone in the city of increases in labor and matetown business district is Delafield is going to be rial costs partially attributed to the COVID pandemic.

Kemman is optimistic that Properties of Beloit intends officials and residents often the Plan Commission will to begin construction early frustrated by the gap in the approve minor changes to next year of two commercial center of the downtown busi-building plans at a Oct. 27 buildings at the intersection ness district created by the meeting and the Common Council will approve a devel-The lot became vacant opment agreement during a

The Freeman questioned There is a possibility that section after purchasing the Kemman about the wisdom building commercial office space during an uncer-Construction of the new tain commercial real estate and ing popularity of employees working at home rather than in an office.

He expressed confidence 'One of a kind" development

The development company



A rendering of the two commercial buildings that Hendricks Commercial Properties of Beloit plans to begin constructing in downtown Delafield early next year.

landlord in 2015 when it Forbes Magazine has purchased more than a described as the wealthdozen downtown build- iest woman in Wisconings, many of them sin. originally built or reno- Hendricks and her vated by former greet- late husband, Ken,

cial Properties was country's largest wholefounded in 1974 by sale supplier of roofing Diane Hendricks, whom materials.

ing card magnate Bob founded ABC Supply in the early 1980s, which Hendricks Commer- eventually become the

#### **DELAFIELD**

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#### Council recommends zoning amendments for gun club

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

DELAFIELD — The Delafield Common Council chose to recommend the Plan Commission work on text amendments that would permit the discharge of a firearm in the B-6 zoning district and allow developer Brian Dorow's Delafield Oaks Range proposal to

The council chose the text amendment route over the conditional use permit route due to having more say in operations before approval.

Prior to the discussion by the council, there were around 15 public comments from citizens largely in support of the project and Dorow's new plan that removes all outdoor shooting.

Alderman Tim Aicher said the text amendments are needed because the only legal way to discharge a firearm in Delafield is either as a law enforcement officer doing the duties of the job or hunting fowl on Lake Nagawicka. Aicher said the the city has to create a provision to allow a legal use of firearms for recreation of a gun club, which is why the text amendment to the B-6 zoning code is needed.

Dorow's new plan for the gun club is to move all the shooting indoors and underground to provide the most sound reduction and safety practices for surrounding neighbors. Dorow said he changed his plan to accommodate neighbors' requests about sound and safety and to bring a fresh start to the property.



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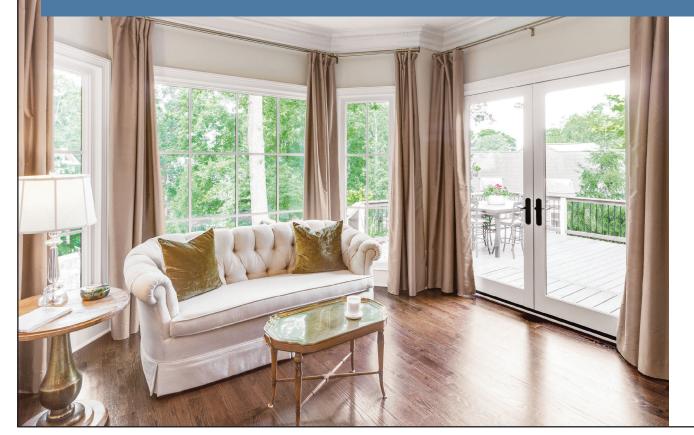
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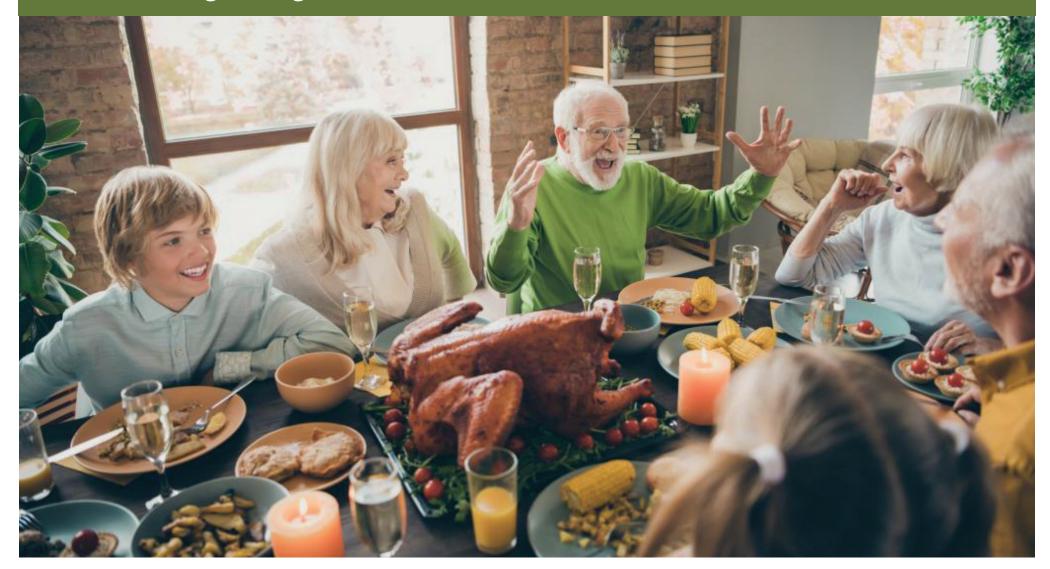
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#### Archery deer hunt scheduled again for Nashotah Park

NASHOTAH — The Waukesha County Parks has announced there will be another limited archery deer hunt with Nashotah Park this fall in an effort to reduce the deer population.

According to the release, this is the fifth annual special deer hunt in the park that is open to hunters that are licensed and have deer harvest authorization - formerly known as deer tags — through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The hunt will take place from Nov. 29 to Dec. 19 at Nashotah Park, W330-N5113 Highway C.

According to the release, 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 increase habitat for other wildlife in the parks."

During the special hunt, the park will remain open for all nonhunting recreational use. Hunting is not allowed near the picnic shelters, maintenance buildings or dog exercise areas.

If hunters are successful in their ventures to harvest a deer at Nashotah Park, Waukesha County Parks is asking them to report their successful harvest information by email at parks@waukeshacounty.gov.

Additional information about the archery hunt in Nashotah Park and other Waukesha County hunting lands can be found online at waukeshacounty.gov/ hunting.

#### Bell Tower Memorial now to be built in village of Pewaukee

Goal is to start construction in '22

PEWAUKEE — Following ing is complete. the pandemic, the Bell "As with man group announced it would Highway 164 in the City of less lage Park in the village of announcement. Pewaukee.

BTM is a nonprofit orga- memorial in Kiwanis Vilnization helping to pre- lage Park removes the origserve the United States' his- inal building but keeps the tory and promote learning memorial elements that are through various programs, important to the project: a pay tribute to special loved walkway leading to benchevents and the construction 7-flag court with a working of a memorial, according to bell housed within an artisthe release. The group was tic and symbolic bell tower, started about six years ago. plus a walkway of engraved

Representing Becky Miller said that for purchase) and beautiful Kiwanis Village Park was chosen as the new site for the memorial to move it "closer to the activities of our mission.

A definite groundbreaking date has yet to be set, but Miller said the group hopes it's in the summer or fall of 2022 once fundrais-

"As with many nonprofit Tower Memorial group organizations, 2020 was a decided it needed to pivot difficult year for fundraison its plans to construct a ing so the BTM Board veteran and community worked directly with the memorial. On Nov. 1, the village of Pewaukee to design a memorial that move the future memorial honors our local Veterans from near Interstate 94 and and the community, but at a significant Pewaukee to Kiwanis Vil- according to the Monday

The new plans for the BTM, memorial bricks (available landscaping.

The fundraising goal for Corporate the memorial is \$225,000.

the Pewaukee community al has always been about memorial, which will show- Bell Tower Memorial and to and schools. We feel it is creating a space in Pewau- case a flag court represent- watch its progress, visit more central to accomplish kee where the community ing each branch of the U.S. www.belltowermemorial. can honor all Veterans and military, a memorial brick org.

" Memorial

A rendering of the proposed Bell Tower Memorial to be located in Kiwanis Village Park in Pewaukee.

president of the BTM Board, "We are excited that special recognition."

Inc., Beloit/Delafield to to Lunch, and more. "The Bell Tower Memori- design and construct the

ones," said Doug Swanson, es and a decorative tower featuring a working bell.

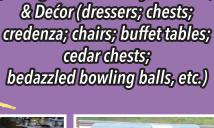
In addition to this public our current plan allows us landmark, BTM also orgato move forward with this nizes events like their annual Veterans Oral His-BTM is working with CCI, tory Project, Veterans in Contractors, the Classroom, Take a Vet

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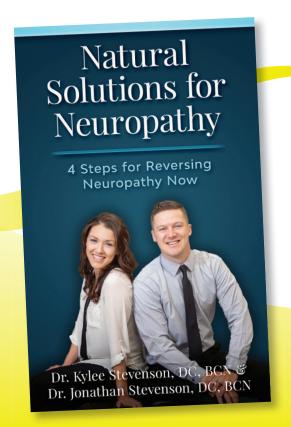
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