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During a recent storm, a tree that the Hulk stands next to broke, but the big green guy managed to avoid any injury.

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Giant statue a landmark for kids and adults

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TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC — It's a tree, it's a monster, no it's the Hulk. At 9- to 10-feet tall and weighing about 300 pounds, the Hulk statue is hard to miss. Recently, it even appeared as if he took down a large tree branch with his epic strength, when in fact, a storm did the damage and the statue was spared.

Owned by Cameron Krahn and Kyle Driscoll, the Hulk sculpture can normally be found in the yard by an old farmhouse in the W300-N6200 block of Brown Street.

But, sometimes the Hulk can be found stomping around in others' yards for kids' birthday parties.

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Kyle Driscoll, left, and Cameron Krahn stand next to the Hulk statue they display along Highway P in the Town of Oconomowoc.

Hulk

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For the Geier family, the Hulk is a reason to stop, or at least, slow down to wave hello. Katie Geier said her sons, Everett, 7, and Jackson, 3, will ask where they are going based on whether when they leave

their home in Stone Bank they will need to drive by Hulk or not.
Driving past the giant statue means slowing down and waving if no one is following them, she said.
“It is like a marker out here,” Geier said. So much so that when the farmhouse was for sale with the Hulk statue, she was worried that it would disappear. But that’s when

Krahn stepped in. He and a friend bought the house and rent it out. The statue remained.
“We love seeing it. The kids have been excited about it since day 1,” Geier said.
When Krahn is asked to bring the Hulk to someone else’s house for a special event, it is usually a three-person job to transport it.
“It is all about making the kids happy,” he said.

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John and Lavinia Rockwell Park officially opened on June 30 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Welcome to John and Lavinia Rockwell Park

OCONOMOWOC — John and Lavinia Rockwell Park officially opened on June 30 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Friends of Oconomowoc Parks and Trails (FOPT) held a fundraiser in the Isthmus District at the park located at 517 N. Lake Road on July 1 for the fireworks. The money raised will go toward FOPT's mission including phase two completion of the park which is planned to begin soon.

City Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Craig Hoepfner sees the ribbon cutting as a way to say thanks to supporters. The city is currently in the design process for phase two of the park build which they hope to begin building later this year.

"(The) design is expected to be completed in late summer," Hoepfner said. "We have applied for an additional DNR grant and should learn if it is successful in late summer as well. Construction will likely happen in late 2023 and early 2024."

Phase two features are planned to include a front porch, accessible walkways, restrooms, a plaza area, drop-off zone/handicap parking and other park amenities.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony Oconomowoc Mayor Bob Magnus was on hand. His speech was about the community working together to create a legacy park for this generation and the next. Magnus said the city is grateful for where they are with the park and looking forward to future improvements in phase two.

Donations for phase two can be made at the Friends of Oconomowoc Parks and Trails website, oconparksandtrails.org, with donations designated for Rockwell Park.



Mayor Bob Magnus stands with the Dowd children, Alan, Clara and Noland, at the grand opening on June 30. The Dowd children donated \$5.17 each from their piggy banks in January 2021.



City Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Craig Hoepfner said the ribbon cutting at John and Lavinia Rockwell Park is a way to say thanks to supporters.

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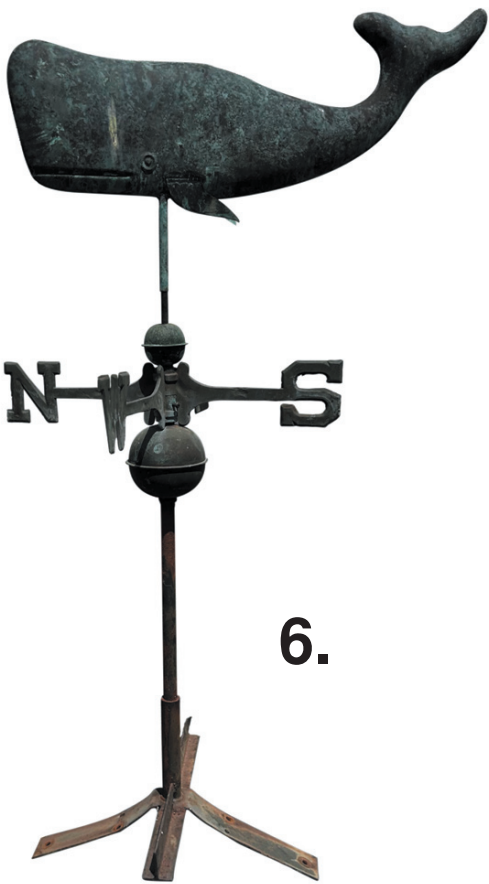
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Gathering Antiques

LOOKING BACK

Early 20th-century barns were a symbol of prosperity in America and became part of the emerging agriculture industry. The critical needs of livestock became essential for the farmers' success. Most barns were built much larger than the owner's house!

LOOKING CLOSER

1 — The Gathering Place, W35-N5930 Brown St., Oconomowoc, is an antique barn and silo converted to retail space. This shop sells antique and vintage lighting, work tables, jewelry, religious items, cabinets and more! A few notable examples are highlighted here.

2 — Well-used wooden crate, ink-stamped "Miller-Milwaukee"



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Antiques

3 — Bedroom vanity with five drawers and an oversized mirror

4 — A variety of jugs and crocks from assorted makers

5 — Replacement hinges, door pulls, and plumbing tools

6 — Predates the TV weatherman, item history unknown

LOOKING FORWARD

Dine in or take-out? Today, fewer families use formal dining rooms. This greatly impacts the resale value on most retired dining room furniture, dinnerware, silver-plate, linens and holiday decorations. The current trend in new homes is to repurpose the dining room into an office or media space!

To schedule an appraisal appointment at the Waukesha Antique Mall (or at your location), email Barbara J. Eash: beappraisals@gmail.com (fees vary).

Wondering about your treasure? It could be selected for a future column. Email beappraisals@gmail.com (up to four clear, well-lit photos)



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Johnson is new Hartland-Lakeside School District superintendent

HARTLAND — After a six-month search, the Hartland-Lakeside Board of Education hired Tina Johnson last month as the district's new superintendent.

Her start date will be July 17, according to a letter from Tiffany Hawley, Hartland-Lakeside School District school board president, to HLSD staff and parents.

Johnson received her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at St. Xavier University and her Bachelor of Music Education and Vocal Performance at Wartburg College, according to the letter.

She has been the director of Benefits Administration and Wellness for the last five years in the Janesville School District and has been advising, reviewing and contributing to all district-level decisions as a senior cabinet member.

Johnson's past experience includes working as the music education K-12 coordinator in Janesville, principal of

Rock University High School in Janesville, the assistant director of administrative and human services in Janesville, RTI coordinator/academic interventionist at the Woods School in Lake Geneva, pre K-8 music education, fine arts teacher at the Woods School in Lake Geneva, K-8 music education teacher in Green Oaks, Libertyville, Illinois, and music coordinator, choral, assistant band director in McHenry High School in McHenry, Illinois, according to the letter.

Last month, the HLSD board held a special meeting to approve the terms of employment of Johnson as the new superintendent. Prior to that, the board had named as finalists: David Muñoz, superintendent of the Mosinee School District, and Jerry Sardina, superintendent of Iron Mountain Public Schools.

Both candidates dropped out of consideration and now are finalists for the Menomonee Falls School District superintendent position.



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