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Landwehr remembered for dedication to Hartland

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HARTLAND — Longtime elected Hartland official Richard Landwehr first got into politics after Francis Klink, owner of the Standard Oil Gas Station, encouraged him to run for the board over 50 years ago. That was in 1962. Landwehr's granddaughter, Danielle Vickers, said he would do it provided Klink helped him with the nomination papers.

"It wasn't like he had this drive to do it at the time but it turned into his lifelong passion," Vickers said. Landwehr, 94, died on Sept. 11.

Landwehr got his start on the board as a trustee in 1962. He served as village president from 1985 to 1987. Landwehr was also a member of the Hartland Fire Department for 20 years. He was a charter member of the Board of Commissioners for the Delafield-Hartland Water Pollution Control Council. Landwehr also helped as a planning member to establish the Hartland Public Library.

Granddaughter Erin Senger remembered seeing him in parades and working on projects for the village, whether it was a water fountain at Nixon Park or running for office. It was always a part of their childhood but they also got to see the traditional grandpa side of him, which included all the grandchildren learning how to swim in his pool in Hartland.

Landwehr was married to Janet Landwehr for 73 years. Janet said when they first met she didn't pay much attention to him. She knew who Landwehr

was and decided to go on a date as "she had nothing else to do that night." He must have grown on her because they ended up married and raised a family.

Janet said the key to a long and successful marriage was "just putting up with whatever we had to."

Landwehr served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1949-1951 aboard the USS Coral Sea.

To makes ends meet, Landwehr worked several jobs, which included Hartland Sand and Gravel for 18 years. He worked for Safeway, another local bus company, for over 30 years.

Janet said working several jobs and his work in local government kept him quite busy. He ended up missing some family things but he loved the work.

"Most people think it is boring. Over the years he built Hartland into what it is today," Janet said.

Janet said one of his biggest accomplishments was when Landwehr became village president.

In 2018, Landwehr decided to not run for re-election. In July 2019, the Village Hall was renamed after him.

Janet said after he retired from local government he missed it. He would see the meeting televised but after a while would turn it off as he didn't agree with what was being decided at times.

His wife remembered Hartland when he first took office and how the population has grown from very small to over 9,500 people.

"Landwehr is part of all of that. He was so proud of Hartland and loved Hartland," Janet said.

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Courtesy of Landwehr family

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Two Delafield subdivisions move forward

A 29-lot and a 44-lot subdivision continue through approval process

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DELAFIELD — Home to more than 7,000 residents, Delafield may be seeing a significant number of newcomers in the next few years. At

the Sept. 27 Plan Commission meeting, two subdivision developments moved forward. Behrend Property LLC requested both a final site plan and appearance approval, as well as a final plat approval, for the development of a 29-lot single-family residential subdivision. The property is off of North Lapham Peak Road and Bleeker Street and includes part of the Delafield American Legion Post No. 196 property. The designers have

arranged the lot and the road through the subdivision in a way that avoids excess removal of trees, and they will be planting more inches of trees than they remove for development. Two houses were or will be removed from the land to make better use of the space. A 24-foot-wide road and a sidewalk are included in the development plans. Houses built on the lots will be connected to city water systems.

As of the Sept. 27 Plan Commission meeting, the developers were still seeking approval of the final declaration of restrictions and civil and engineering plans. A stormwater permit, land transfers and zoning approvals needed to be confirmed as well. Finally, developers are required to pay a

letter of credit. At the meeting, the applicant, Jim Behrend, said they were ready to close on the land transfer.

“There’s a developer’s agreement that’s been drafted by the city attorney that’s just been sent to us this afternoon. I read the entire thing in details; there’s nothing in there I disagree with. It covers everything we want to do,” said Behrend. “I’m comfortable that we’re real close to having all the details necessary to commence construction.”

Both the final site plan and appearance and the final plat were approved by the Plan Commission, subject to compliance with the planner, surveyor and engineer comments, all other approval and objecting authorities prior to Common Council review. The

developer’s agreement was approved unanimously at the Oct. 2 Common Council meeting.

The other subdivision that moved forward on Sept. 27 was the subdivision known as St. John’s Estates, which is already under construction. This subdivision is a 44-lot single-family conservation design to be located on the former St. John’s Northwestern Academies’ golf course. George Erwin III is the applicant; he requested a final plat approval, which, like the last subdivision, requires he comply with all planner, surveyor and engineer comments. The Plan Commission approved the final plat. At the Oct. 2 Common Council meeting, Alderperson Tim Aicher said the council will likely see a developer’s agreement for approval soon.

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Okauchee American Legion post gets new ‘honor wall’

Community raises money for Post 399

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OKAUCHEE — The Okauchee American Legion Post 399 is receiving a new mural, along with other repairs, on its building thanks to the generosity of Okauchee community members.

Okauchee resident Peter Tourville had driven past the Post 399 building for years, always noticing that the building was somewhat run-down. Last fall, he found out that since the COVID-19 pandemic, the Post had been struggling financially, and members were taking money out of their own pockets to keep it afloat. That was when Tourville decided he needed to do something.

“One of the things I felt we could do is ... get more pride on the building, try to raise some funds to paint a mural on the wall,” Tourville said.

A friend of Tourville put him in touch with Holly Messer, a muralist from Milwaukee, who was happy to do the job. Tourville then went to the Legion and got their permission to raise funds.

Tourville got some friends together to raise money at the Okauchee Street Dance festival in August, matching tips made by bartenders; these donations raised \$27,000 for the Legion. Another community member then donated another \$23,000 to reach Tourville’s goal of \$50,000.

With these funds, in addition to the honor wall, the Legion’s exterior will also get a fresh coat of paint, for which Hallman Lindsay gave the Legion a two-for-one discount. Tourville is hoping to renovate the inside of the building as well, which would include bathrooms with more wheelchair accessibility, redoing the floors, incorporating a point of sales system for the bar and



more. Tourville said if interior renovations are approved, he is hoping the building will be finished by Memorial Day 2024 for a rededication ceremony.

Legion Post 399 Commander Brian Lewis said the Post had originally planned to paint a mural last year, but they didn’t have the funds available. It was because of Tourville and other Okauchee community members that the Legion was able to paint the honor wall this year.

“Words can’t explain exactly how much it means to us,” Lewis said.

Donations can be sent via check to the Okauchee American Legion Post 399 at N50-W34750 Wisconsin Ave., Okauchee, Wisconsin.



Holly Messer of Milwaukee paints a mural on American Legion Post #399, N50-W34750 Wisconsin Avenue, in Okauchee.

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Landwehr

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His family wants Landwehr's legacy to be what he did for Hartland for the more than 50 years he worked there.

'One heck of a leader'

Current Hartland Village President Jeffrey Pfannerstill said Landwehr is the epitome of what a great Hartland resident is.

It was Pfannerstill's idea to name the Village Hall after Landwehr. In 2019 the Hartland Village Board voted unanimously to do that.

"I never believed in waiting until after somebody passes away. The person it means the most to (who a building is named after) is that person," he said.

Pfannerstill added Landwehr gave so much and did so much.

"He always had Hartland in mind and was always giving himself to the village right up to the end of his life with any energy he had. Dick was an outstanding citizen and more than that, he was just a wonderful man. I had met him when I ran for president in 2017. I continued to go and visit him and he would tell me the history of Hartland and he would pull out newspaper articles from as far back as the 1960s. If I wanted to know about how this street got to be this way, how did this layout happen ...how did this situation happen, Dick would have those answers," Pfannerstill said.

Not only did he become a good source of information, but was also a good friend as well.

"We would sit at his kitchen table and we would talk about life and Hartland. Just a genuinely great man. He was great to his family, great to his community and a great friend. He was one heck of a leader," Pfannerstill said.

In his element

Besides his political side, Landwehr was known as the life of the party. He could talk to anyone no matter how old, his granddaughter Michelle Gaugert Taylor said.

In fact he was often the last one to leave a party due to being well known by everyone.

"Old, young, it didn't matter what generation it was. He could make any person in the room be entertained," Gaugert Taylor said.

Vickers added he also loved lying around in the heat and sun.

"Him laying by the pool, he was in his element, with a cigar and a martini. That was Grandpa," she said.

He was also known for his giving side as he was active in the community.

He was active in his church, St. Charles Catholic, as an usher and a member of other organizations. He also served in the Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, YMCA Indian Guide Program, Hartland Little League baseball, as a volunteer firefighter, and Fire Commission Board member. He was also involved with the Boy Scouts.

"If people didn't know his name, they have seen him walking to the bank or the Village Hall wearing his hat with all the pins and a cigar. Everybody just knew who he was," Vickers said.

Landwehr's life was celebrated on Sept. 19



Longtime Hartland elected official Richard Landwehr worked in local government for 54 years. He died on Sept. 11 at the age of 94.



Richard was married to wife Janet Landwehr (both pictured) for close to 73 years.



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