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Wards 1-2, 9-14 polling location in Howard on primary day, Feb. 15. Josh Staloch Photo

Local incumbents advance in primary election

BY KEVIN BONESKE STAFF WRITER

BROWN COUNTY - Unofficial election results indicate all incumbents on the ballot in local primaries Tuesday, Feb. 15, advanced to the April 5 general election.

Green Bay City Council

Three of the 12 Green Bay City Council seats up for grabs this spring had

primaries - with two seats being vacated by the incumbent and the current alderperson in the other race advancing.

In the four-way primary in District 2, where Veronica Corpus-Dax did not seek another two-year term, a former alderperson, Andy Nicholson, received the most votes at 378. He will face Jim Hutchison (364) in the general election. Cassidy

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A look to the skies: Nearly a century of flight in Brown County



North Central Airlines was the main commercial air service at Austin Straubel International Airport for many years. Photo courtesy of the Neville Public Museum

Green Bay airport evolves to remain competitive

BY RICK COHLER CORRESPONDENT

BROWN COUNTY - As the fourth-busiest commercial service airport in the state, in terms of passengers served, the Green Bay-Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB) has

come a long way in the last seven-plus decades.

Opening in December 1948, the 12-gate, two-runway airport sits on more than 2,000 acres of land in Brown County and on the Oneida Nation reservation - approximately seven nautical miles from Green

Bay's downtown.

The airport's namesake - Lieutenant Colonel Austin Straubel - was the first aviator from Brown County to die in World War II, after serving for 13 years in the U.S. Army.

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Green Bay schools moving to optional masks Feb. 28

BY HEATHER GRAVES EDITOR

GREEN BAY - For the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Green Bay School District will have a districtwide optional masking policy beginning Monday, Feb. 28.

After a lengthy discussion, the school board voted unanimously at its Monday, Feb. 14, meeting to transition to optional masking at the end of the month.

Green Bay is the last school district in Brown County to have a universal masking mandate, with many surrounding districts shedding masks after the holiday break

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Janel Johnson, left, and Nemard Wilson, owners of Lil Jamaica on Broadway. Josh Staloch Photo

BY JOSH STALOCH STAFF WRITER

BROWN COUNTY - Black History Month is a

time when the country celebrates the achievements of African Americans, and recognizes their contributions to society and culture

- both personally and professionally.

Brown County is home to several Black-owned businesses thriving as they

each carve out their own niche in the Greater Green Bay economic ecosystem.

Black History Month is an opportune time to highlight the countless contributions these businesses offer the community we all call home.

Lil Jamaica

Nemard Wilson said life bought him a ticket to Green Bay.

Born and raised in Jamaica, his journey to owning a business began as a 27-year-old when he left his

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De Pere senior accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy

BY HEATHER GRAVES EDITOR

DE PERE - From an early age, De Pere High School senior Emma Hujet said she knew she wanted to be in some branch of the military.

"I had always had a little bit of an interest in the military, ever since I was little," Hujet said. "When I was in elementary school,

we used to take these sort of aptitude tests that would tell you top careers that would fit with your personality. And I remember in like third grade, I got a military officer, and my whole family laughed, because I thought it was such a joke, because I was one of the little kids that was always wearing pink

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Like all incoming freshmen, or plebes, as they're referred to, De Pere High School senior Emma Hujet will enter the U.S. Naval Academy as a midshipman this fall. Submitted Photo

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