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Junior's Boxing Club owner Javier Becerra, left, oversees a sparring match between two young boxers at his gym on University Avenue in Green Bay. PHOTOS BY SARAH KLOEPPING/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

'Like a second home'

This Green Bay club teaches youth boxing and life skills, but has fallen on hard times

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GREEN BAY - "My dream was to 'own something' - a house, a business," said 47-year-old Javier Becerra.

Like many others, he came to Green Bay to work and to build a better life. His dream was fulfilled when he bought a boxing club.

Since then, he and his son - Javier Becerra Jr. - have kept that dream alive. Although, it's proving rather difficult, they both say.

With resources only available to pay monthly bills, they haven't been able to update the equipment, buy new gear or fix some structural problems in the building.

"I'm doing this for the kids more than anything," said Becerra Sr. "Many that come here suffer from hyperactivity, and others are staying out of the streets."

The boxing gym is packed, Monday through Friday, with children and teens from different backgrounds, which makes the club one of the most diverse places in Green Bay.

New Competition got a new name, new owners in 2016

Becerra Sr. arrived from Mexico City in 1997 and immediately found work at American Foods. He worked at the Green Bay meat factory for four years

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Young boxers jump rope while training at Junior's Boxing Club in Green Bay.

"What I love about this place is that everybody treats you like family, and if you need help, you don't have to be afraid to ask."

Rayauna Ríos

This farm's little lambs sport Easter egg pastels

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PITTSFIELD - Not to make anyone feel woefully inadequate about their Easter eggs this year, but Marty and Terri Thomas are coloring their lambs.

Yes, ewe read that right - their lambs.

At their Thomas Club Lambs, they have many little lambs whose fleece is white as snow, but for Easter, a half-dozen of the darlings get a dye job.

Think one sheep, two sheep, pink sheep, purple sheep. Each sports a different color from the pastel rainbow.

What could be more adorable, you say? Well, that's exactly what Terri had been thinking for years. A former cake decorator, let's just say she has an eye for color and knows a sweet thing when she sees it.

The Thomases had run across photos online of all kinds of animals colored for Easter, bunnies and ducks mostly, but lambs not so much.

"We do everything around here big, I guess," Marty said.

In 2020, with things on lockdown

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Menominee Sturgeon Feast Pow Wow returns

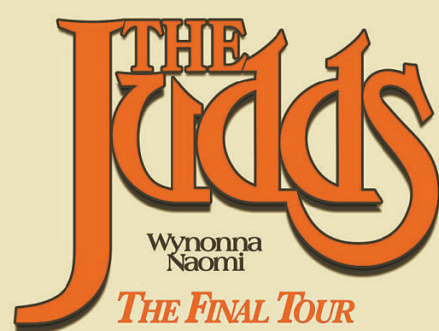
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KESHENA - The Menominee Sturgeon Feast Pow Wow returns this weekend in Keshena after a two-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event is open to the public and usually draws about 500 people to the area near Keshena Falls and will include traditional dancers and a drum ceremony. The pow wow starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with the grand entry dance at 1 p.m. at the Water Walk along the Wolf River at Keshena Falls in Keshena.

The Menominee Sturgeon Feast Pow Wow celebrates the return of the sturgeon to the Menominee Reservation.

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