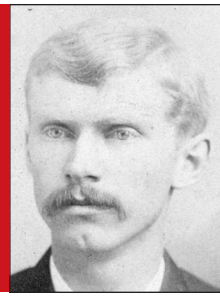


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Alec Campbell raises the trophy over his head as Milton returns to their school for a rally following their Division 1 baseball championship baseball victory against Bay Port in five innings at Neuroscience Group Field in Grand Chute on Thursday.

Milton welcomes home state champion baseball team

By Tom Miller

Special to The Gazette

MILTON — June 16 was a night of celebration in Milton, complete with a police and fire escort for the team that was the reason for it.

The Milton High baseball team rolled down West High Street at about 8:30 p.m. with a squad car and fire truck in front of their coach bus and another fire truck behind.

Just 3½ hours earlier, the team had earned the school's first WIAA Division 1 title, beating Bay Port High 11-1 in five innings at Neuroscience Group Field in Grand Chute.

As most communities do, Milton rallied around its state champions.



Anthony Wahl

Jack Campion is greeted at the school rally following their Division 1 baseball championship baseball victory against Bay Port in five innings at Neuroscience Group Field in Grand Chute on Thursday, June 16.

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City sets sights on business park expansion

Purchase would accommodate business park growth

By Ryan Spoehr

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The City of Milton is planning to buy land to accommodate expansion of the Crossroads Business Park.

The city is considering

buying up to 117 acres on the northwest corner of Vickerman Road/M-H Townline Road in the town of Milton, with the agreement costing \$5,000 a year.

City administrator Al Hulick told the Courier before Tuesday's Common Council approval of the agreement that growth is expected within the next 3-5 years and the next businesses could join the park "within the next year."

"That's the goal," Hulick said.

The parcel at Vickerman and Townline roads is within the city's urban service area, a necessary step for most development, as it allows sewer service.

In the past year, 197 acres have been secured for development in the business park. There are two sites left for development, one that is 18 acres and another that is 29 acres.

"We get inquiries about that land weekly," Hulick said. "I would anticipate one or both sites of land selling soon."

If the city executes its option, it would pay \$35,000 per acre, for a total of up to \$4.1 million. The option can be exercised up until May 31, 2023. The city may choose to buy the entire parcel or a portion of it, Hulick said.

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Rhythm & Booms headlines Fourth of July festival weekend

By Pam Beres

Special to the Courier

From the Friday, July 1, opening ceremony to the fireworks finale on Monday, July 4, Milton's Rhythm & Booms festival will offer plenty of fun.

Derek Henze, the celebration's organizer, promises a mix of traditional events and new ones.

"We have a lot going on," he said. "It's going to be fun."

The festival will take place at Schilberg Park on West High Street in Milton. A brief opening ceremony with presentation of the flag and the singing of the national anthem will kick things off at 5 p.m. on Friday. Carnival rides, food, music and a beer tent will be available all weekend.

There will be a nominal charge for preferred parking in the Schilberg parking lot beginning at 5 p.m. each day. Parking at the high school remains free.

Rhythm & Booms debut

Perhaps the biggest and most notable change will come on Monday when Milton's first Rhythm & Booms show begins at dark, coordinated with a musical soundtrack.

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Cullen is July 4 Milton parade marshal

By Pam Beres

Special to the Courier

Milton Fourth of July parade marshal Bob Cullen says he was "humbled and honored," to be chosen, "especially given all the people that had received that recognition in years past."

As Marshal, he will lead the parade down Madison Avenue, escorted by life-long friend Bob Johnson and accompanied by his wife Marci.

Cullen said he is basically a life-long Milton resident, leaving only for a few years to attend college and to begin his career. He grew up on a farm just outside Johnstown, attended Milton schools and has worked as a local banker for the past 38 years. His wife also grew up in Milton. With such deep roots, the couple moved back here and raised three daughters.

Currently vice president at the Bank of Milton and on its board of directors, Cullen has a long history of community service. He was on the Milton School Board for 18 years and president for several of those years.



Cullen

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