



SPORTS
OHS Athletic Hall of Fame to add 10 members
 ▶ Page 1B



LOCAL
Getting in the Homecoming groove
 ▶ Page 2A



OCONOMOWOC ENTERPRISE

Lake Country's Trusted News Source Since 1888

\$2

Thursday, September 22, 2022

gmtoday.com

Trying to stay afloat



Photos by Sue Boyer/Special to the Enterprise

The crew of the Oconomowoc cheer team and their entry find the going a bit wet as they struggle from the start line. Making a bit of a splash are Tayler Bscherer, in back, and Ella Pakenham.

OCONOMOWOC — Engineers of all ages tested their ideas and creative efforts during the 2nd annual Cardboard Regatta held Sunday afternoon at City Beach in Oconomowoc. There were plenty of smiles and even more miles of duct tape for a large crowd to enjoy.



The Ewald crew struggles to stay upright as the Five O's entry paddles past them in the 2nd annual Cardboard Regatta held at City Beach on Sunday afternoon. Trying to stay afloat are Austin Devivo, left, and Trevor Zane.



Jessica Laughlin, in back, and Cami Bacik team up to paddle their Tiki Barge toward the finish line in the 2nd annual Cardboard Regatta Sunday at Oconomowoc City Beach.

>> More photos from the Cardboard Regatta on Page 6A

OCONOMOWOC COMMON COUNCIL

Council confirms Herzog as DPW director

Also approves repealing overlay districts

By Dave Fidlin
 Special to the Enterprise

OCONOMOWOC — After a lengthy search process, a new head of the Public Works Department was officially named at the culmination of a confirmation hearing Tuesday.

The Common Council appointed Jason Herzog to the position during the regular meeting. Mayor Robert Magnus presented Herzog to the council with a favorable recommendation.

"He brings to the position a wealth of experience," Magnus said. "We're thrilled that he had submitted for the job. He fits everything that we're looking for."

Herzog currently is in Brookfield's employ, working as a project manager of construction and roads in the engineering department. His resume also includes a stint working for Racine.

In presenting Herzog to the council for confirmation, Magnus said his engineering background is a strong asset. Oconomowoc currently out-sources for much of its engineering work, and officials have been seeking candidates to bring some of those duties in-house.

"We felt that Jason is the perfect person for this position," Magnus said.

Alderman Charles Schellpeper was among the council members who spoke favorably of adding Herzog to the municipal payroll.

"You found us, and we found you," Schellpeper said to Herzog. "I look forward to you being a part of the community."

Herzog, who brings two decades of experience to Oconomowoc, said he was drawn to working in the community because he, his wife and four children call the city home.

"We're excited to be here and to be a part of the community," Herzog said.

Herzog's start date with Oconomowoc is slated for Oct. 10.

See COUNCIL, PAGE 8A

INDEX

Classified.....6B Obituaries.....7A
 Commentary 4A Sports1B
 House/Home...5B TimeOut8B

WEATHER

Friday forecast:
 Mostly Cloudy
 High 62 / Low 50
 See weather statistics on Page 7A.

Fun Things To Do

and the Lake Country DockHounds.

7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 E. Forest St., Oconomowoc. www.TheOAC.net, 262-560-3172.

Gospel Music Time Concert at the Bandshell — Featuring the Siegmann Family, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sun-

day, Oconomowoc City Beach Bandshell, 324 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc.

Enjoy a free Gospel music concert on the lake. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Food and coffee trucks on site starting at 11:30 a.m.

Oktoberfest, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Frame Park, Waukesha.



8 10499 02454 4

Volume 135, No. 13

To subscribe to the Enterprise, call 262-542-2500 or go to gmtoday.com/subscribe

WAUKESHA'S LEADING BUYER OF GOLD, SILVER AND COINS FOR OVER 40 YEARS!



SHOP OUR LARGE SELECTION OF NEW AND PRE-OWNED JEWELRY

DAN'S L&L FINE JEWELRY
 262-549-5512

NICE PEOPLE, NICE PRICES, GREAT SELECTION

615 N. Barstow St., Waukesha
 Hours: Wed.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-3



Bear crosses I-94 near Hwy. 67

By Karen Pilarski
kpilarski@conley.net.com
262-513-2657

OCONOMOWOC — A bear was spotted Monday evening crossing Interstate 94 a few miles west of Highway 67. Margaret Ottenad and her husband

Video of bear

See the video of the bear by going to <http://bitly.ws/LJQc>.

quickly captured a video of the bear crossing the busy inter-

were in the car when they made the discovery. She

state.

"I was stunned for a second. He was at the edge of the freeway. I grabbed my phone as my husband was hitting the brakes. I am glad I was able to capture the moment," Ottenad said.

See **BEAR**, PAGE 8A



A bear crosses Interstate 94 a few miles west of Highway 67 on Monday evening.

Courtesy of Margaret Ottenad



OCONOMOWOC ENTERPRISE

\$2

Thursday, July 20, 2023

gmtoday.com

Council delays vote on historic preservation ordinance

State statute requires it, but council continues to have concerns

By Dave Fidlin
Special to the Enterprise

OCONOMOWOC — After several years of on-again-off-again discussions, a historic preservation ordinance could soon be added to Oconomowoc's municipal code, though no formal action was taken at a meeting Tuesday.

The Common Council was slated to act on the first reading of a historic preservation ordinance, though no formal motion was made to accommodate further refinements to a draft document.

Ald. Matt Rosek was one of the most vocal critics of the proposal during deliberations. He indicated he will submit a list of recommended changes, which could be taken up when the issue resurfaces next month.

"I have a lot of concerns, and a lot of questions," Rosek said. "I think it is a violation of people's rights, as homeowners. I think it's ironic the state bureaucrats think we should be more restrictive."

State statute stipulates, "Any city which contains property listed on the National Register of Historic Places is required to enact an ordinance to regulate any place, structure or object of specific historic, archaeological or aesthetic interest."

City Attorney Stan Riffle said the lack of an ordinance does put Oconomowoc in a vulnerable place.

"Arguably, someone could sue you and say, 'You don't have a zoning ordinance,'" Riffle said. "Obviously, you have to comply with state law."

In Oconomowoc's case, six structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, triggering the needed ordinance. The list includes City Hall, Inn at Pine Terrace, the museum and former armory, Oconomowoc Depot, Oconomowoc School Apartments and buildings at 430 N. Lake Road and 434 N. Lake Road.

See **COUNCIL**, PAGE 8A



Lainey Mieden, 3, greets Dustin Sersch on his garbage collection route.

Photos courtesy of Jessica Mieden

Girl and garbageman share special friendship

By Katherine Beck
kbeck@conley.net.com

OCONOMOWOC — It's not your typical friendship, and perhaps, that's what makes it so special. For over a year now, Lainey Mieden, 3, has been exchanging weekly snacks and artwork with her garbageman whom she affectionately calls Tony.

This friendship began after Lainey watched an episode of YouTuber Blippi who featured garbage trucks and a garbage collector named Tony on his show a little over a year ago. The show inspired Lainey to create artwork for her "Tony," which she asked her mom, Jessica, to give to him.

Jessica Mieden said she was happy to present the art to the garbageman and went outside one Wednesday to do just that. She explained how her 2-year-old daughter loved garbage trucks and made him a picture.

"He thought it was so cool. He put it in his window of his garbage truck," she said.

Mieden went on to explain that Lainey believed his name to be "Tony" thanks to "Blippi" and he rolled with it.

"I can be Tony every Wednesday," Dustin Sersch, AKA "Tony," said.

"He took it on and absorbed it," Mieden said.

Sersch, who works for John's Disposal, said he first realized something was going on when the Miedens were taking video of him on his route in the Greenland Meadows neighborhood and he got alarmed, wondering if the guy before him did something to upset the customers. But, he soon learned that they were taking video of him working to show Lainey, who was napping.

"I look forward to their particular day because of that whole relationship," he said of Wednesdays. "Girls are not usually interested in garbage trucks. It's more like princesses and things like that. I thought it was just great."

Lainey began making snacks for Sersch, such as cookies and puppy chow, or a popsicle on a hot day. He, in turn, began to stop at the gas station on the way into work on Wednesdays to pick up a snack he thought Lainey would like such as Oreos or Dunkaroos. Should the Miedens not be home to give Sersch his Wednesday snack, they might leave it out on a little table.

See **LAINEY**, PAGE 8A

"Girls are not usually interested in garbage trucks. It's more like princesses and things like that. I thought it was just great."

— Dustin Sersch, AKA "Tony"
John's Disposal garbage collector



A birthday cake by Lainey Mieden and her family for Dustin Sersch's birthday that featured a garbage truck.

INDEX

Classified.....5B Obituaries.....7A
Commentary 4A Police blotter 7A
History.....7A Sports1B
House/Home...5B TimeOut7B

WEATHER

Friday forecast:
Mostly Sunny
High 81 / Low 60

See weather statistics on Page 7A.

Fun Things To Do

Waukesha County Fair, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Waukesha County fairgrounds, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. <https://www.waukeshaountyfair.com/>

Oconomowoc Historical Society & Museum, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday, 103 W. Jefferson St., Oconomowoc. Free, donations accepted.

Night on the Farm, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today, Stone Bank Farm Market, N68-W33208 Highway K, Stone Bank. Tractor rides, yard games, live music, face painting, makers market, BBQ food truck, LeDuc's custard, wine, beer and beverages. Picnic baskets, chairs and blankets are encouraged. The Market will be open for farm snacks and shopping. \$10/adults, \$5/child (ages 2-16).

Griffin Quest Escape Room, 3:15 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday (ages 12 to 18); 7 p.m. Friday (16 and older); 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m., 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m. Saturday (family), Oconomowoc Public Library, 200 W. South St. Registration is required. <http://oconomowocpubliclibrary.org/>

Yoga on the Green, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday, Village Green, 220 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc. Free. Donations for featured local charity.



Volume 136, No. 4

To subscribe to the Enterprise, call 262-542-2500 or go to gmtoday.com/subscribe

IS YOUR CAR'S AIR CONDITIONING COOL ENOUGH? CHECK OUT OUR A/C IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE!



You'll Get:

- Improved Cooling Efficiency
- Colder Vent Temps in the Summer
- Lower Fuel Consumption
- Reduced Drain from the A/C System on Battery Life & Vehicle Range

ALL FOR: **\$109⁹⁵**



GET AN ADDITIONAL **15% OFF** Air Conditioner Repair Service.

*Max discount \$200. Plus tax and shop supplies. Must present at time of write-up. No prior sales. Cannot be combined with other offers or specials. Other restrictions may apply. See Dealer for Details. Offer expires 7/31/2023.

262-567-5555

Schedule Service Online Today!

www.ewaldauto.com

Plus tax and shop supplies. No prior sales necessary. Other restrictions may apply. Cannot be combined with other offers. See Dealer for Details. Offer Expires 7/31/2023.

HAIL DAMAGE & DENT EXPERTS**262-785-9595**Visit DoorDing911.com for STORM SITE LOCATIONS

OCONOMOWOC ENTERPRISE

Lake Country's Trusted News Source Since 1888

\$2

Thursday, February 23, 2023

gmtoday.com

The spirit of competition



Photo by Sue Boyer, Special to the Enterprise

OCONOMOWOC — Oconomowoc Mayor Robert Magnus and teammate David Evans exchange fist bumps prior to the start of a Special Olympics basketball game on Sunday afternoon. The event pitted YMCA staff and volunteers against two Special Olympics teams. >> For more, see Page 3A

Kay, Scully move on in Oconomowoc Town Board supervisor race

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC — Alexander T. Kay and V.J. Scully are advancing in the race for Town Board supervisor #4.

Kay was the top vote-getter in Tuesday's primary with 773 votes, or 39%, of the votes. He was followed by Scully, who had 523 votes, or 26.4% of the votes. Wayne Euclide had 450 votes, or 22.7%, and Robert Thelen II had 226 votes, or 11.4%. There were 10 write-ins. Results are unofficial until canvassed.

Thelen announced earlier he was no longer running for office.

Kay ran for office because he felt the community needs leadership that will stand up for residents.

"My focus will be to lower taxes, support local businesses, improve downtown Okauchee, advocate for transparency into Western Lakes Fire

Department, promote responsible farmland preservation, and demand board accountability to town residents," Kay previously told The Freeman.

He has been a lifelong resident of the Town of Oconomowoc. Kay is an attorney at Kay & Kay Law Firm, a family-owned business. He graduated cum laude from Marquette University Law School.

Kay said tax increases is a concern and he will advocate to lower taxes and require transparency from Western Lakes Fire Department and cooperation between the two governing bodies. He also mentioned how safety is also important to town residents.

See TOWN, PAGE 2A



Kay



Scully

Town of Oconomowoc Supervisor #4

✓ Alexander T. Kay	773	39%
✓ V.J. Scully	523	26.4%
Wayne Euclide	450	22.7%
Robert Thelen II	226	11.4%
Write-in	10	0.5%

OLYMPIA HILLS

Residents sound off on residential development proposal

Single-family, rental units pitched for former golf course, ski hill

By Dave Fidlin
Special to the Enterprise

OCONOMOWOC — Hundreds of acres of land deemed ripe for redevelopment came under scrutiny Tuesday as nearby residents shared concerns about the density of a multi-phased project that could bring hundreds of single-family homes and rental units to the Olympia Hills area.

While no action was taken, the Common Council held a public hearing to take comments on the proposed redevelopment of a 235.8-acre property at 965 Cannon Gate Road.

A proposed 352 single-family homes and 270 rental units could be constructed in an area that for decades hosted the Olde Highlander golf course and Olympia ski hill. Both amenities have been shuttered, and the property is dormant, with a pending sale.

For the project to move forward, several pivotal issues need to be approved by city officials, including an amendment to the city's long-range comprehensive plan and rezoning the land to an appropriate designation that reflects the widespread development.

The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the proposal when panelists reviewed the preliminary details at a meeting Feb. 8.

But Mayor Robert Magnus said action from the Common Council will take place at a later date. Tuesday's hearing, he said, was designed to bring public awareness to the large-scale project and foster dialogue between constituents and aldermen.

SOUND OFF

What do you think?

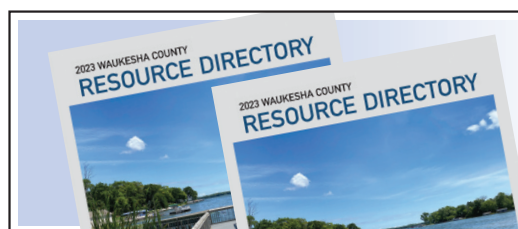
Phone: 262-513-2641

Email: soundoff@conley.net

See OLYMPIA, PAGE 2A

ENTERPRISE ONLINE:

Subscribers get free access to the full electronic edition of the newspaper at: gmtoday.com/enterprise



LOOK INSIDE FOR THIS YEAR'S WAUKESHA COUNTY RESOURCE DIRECTORY!

INDEX

Classified.....7B Obituaries 6A, 7A
Commentary 4A Police blotter 6A
History.....5B Sports.....1B
House/Home...5B TimeOut8B

WEATHER

Friday forecast:
Partly Cloudy
High 19 / Low 14

See weather statistics on Page 7A.

Fun Things To Do

"Disney The New Little Mermaid Jr.," 7 p.m. today and Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 E. Forest St. <https://tickets.theoac.net>

Blood Drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oconomowoc Public Library, 200 W. South St. For ages 16 and older. Donate and receive a \$10 Amazon gift

card. Call 800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org/donating-blood.

Bob and Rocco Gun Show, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Waukesha County Expo Center Forum Building, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. \$8 admission, free for children 14 and younger. www.bobandrocco.com

Friends of HAWS SPAY-ghetti Dinner, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, HAWS, 701 Northview Road, Waukesha. \$15 includes meat or meatless sauce, salad, roll, beverage and a sweet treat. Order online for dine-in or carry-out. <https://hawspets.org/events/>

Saturday Winter Market at Stone Bank Farm, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, N68-W33208 Highway K, Town of Oconomowoc. <https://stonebankmarket.com/>



8 10499 02454 4

Volume 135, No. 35

To subscribe to the Enterprise, call 262-542-2500 or go to gmtoday.com/subscribe

Thinking of Selling Your Vehicle?

Old or New, Running or Not.

Any Make, Any Model. Cars, Trucks or SUVs.

Ewald Will Pay You the Max Allowance.

Scan this Code to Get Your Max Offer Today!

Ewald reserves the right to verify a competitor's offer. Not valid on prior sales. Competing offer must be in writing and present at time of sale. Not valid on prior sales. Based on Kelley Blue Book Fair Value as of January 2023. Deductions will be made on any physical damage or inoperative equipment. Must be trading in 2009 or newer model and cannot have salvage or branded title with less than 100,000 miles. See Dealer for complete details. Offer expires 2/28/23.

