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Cedarburg gets a taste of autumn



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CEDARBURG — Cedarburg's original festival — created in 1973 to celebrate the bounty of the Cedar Creek Winery — the Wine & Harvest Festival celebrated its 49th annual event this past weekend. Grape stomps, a giant pumpkin contest and much more were enjoyed by thousands of visitors in downtown Cedarburg. **Top**, Steve Stievers of C. Wiesler's won Sunday's pumpkin regatta. Stievers donated his \$200 winnings to Ozaukee Family Sharing. **Above left**, a Minion scarecrow keeps watch in front of the entrance to Weeds; **above right**, Saturday's crowds packed the streets of Washington Avenue from Western Road to Bridge Road.

The debate over debates

Republican Assembly candidates not interested in LWV forum

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CEDARBURG — The Democratic candidates for the three Assembly seats in Ozaukee County are calling out their Republican opponents for not participating in a League of Women Voters Forum.

But at least one Republican candidate said no forum is needed to know the differences between candidates from two parties.

The League announced earlier this month that they will not be sponsoring candidate forums for the contested Assembly seats here. Those seats and the candidates running for them are

■ District 23: Incumbent Deb Andraca, D-Whitefish Bay, and Purnima Nath of Brown Deer

■ District 24: Incumbent Dan Knodl, R-Germantown, and Bob Tatterson of Mequon

■ District 60: Incumbent Rob Brooks, R-Germantown, and Dan Larsen of Cedarburg

The general election is Nov. 8. "LWVOZ reached out multiple times through email, text and phone to all the candidates: Brooks and Larsen; Andraca and Nath; Knodl and Tatterson. Republicans Brooks, Nath and Knodl did not respond," said Christy L. Schwan, president of the League of Women Voters of Ozaukee County.

It may have been now-U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman, R-Glenbeulah, and former Republican state Sen. Joe Liebham of Sheboygan who first called into question the League's non-partisanship and declined to participate in a League-sponsored forum.

At the time, in 2014, both were running for the 6th District U.S. Congressional seat that Grothman eventually won.



Brooks



Larsen

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Tenant revealed for new building in downtown Cedarburg

Grafton couple opening the third Brunch location

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CEDARBURG — A new brick building is being built on Mill Street between Washington and Hanover avenues and people have been wondering for a while what will go in there once it's finished. Now we know.

Katrina and Shawn Wendtland of Grafton will be opening a restaurant called Brunch, where customers can fulfill all of the breakfast and lunch cravings in downtown Cedarburg.

"We're really excited to be a part of Cedarburg and add another restaurant in the mix," Katrina Wendtland said. "We just love Cedarburg so much."

There are two other Brunch

locations owned by the couple's friend, Morgan Schnabl, at 714 N. Milwaukee St. in Milwaukee and 18895 W. Capitol Drive in Brookfield.

"We're working with her to open our own (restaurant) based on her model," Shawn Wendtland said.

The couple have grown up in the area — Katrina in Mequon and Shawn in West Bend — and they have been living in Grafton for almost a decade.

Katrina Wendtland has always wanted to own a restaurant. She mentioned her dream to Schnabl and the latter expressed how she wanted to branch out Brunch and help someone else open a restaurant of their own. Katrina



Left, Shawn and Katrina Wendtland are pictured in front of the future home of Brunch, the restaurant they will open at the corner of Washington Avenue and Mill Street; right, a peek at the design of the inside of the restaurant.



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GRAFTON

Crime analyst doing important work behind the scenes

There is no typical day in position created a year ago

By Colleen Jurkiewicz
Special to the News Graphic



Scott

GRAFTON — As a crime analyst for the Grafton Police Department, Amberly Scott certainly has some constants in her routine: check the overnight reports, network with surrounding agencies to analyze crime trends, bounce ideas off her coworkers in the investigative bureau.

But when she comes into the office each morning, she's never quite sure what the day has in store.

"There is no typical day," Scott said. "It changes daily."

Scott has worked for the GPD since 2019, but has been in the crime analyst role for the past year or so. It's a new position for the department, created when Chief Jeff Caponera took leadership in 2020, and it seems tailor-made for the talents and interests of Scott, who has a passion for helping law enforcement move the needle of justice from behind the scenes.

The job of the crime analyst, from Scott's perspective, is to bring small

details to the forefront — data, intel, even social media — to help investigators get a fuller picture of what is happening in a community in terms of crime. She is heavily involved in research, analyzing trends and identifying patterns in types and dates of offenses.

"In a broad way, I help identify hotspots in our area (for crime)," she explained. "For example, we know our retail area in Grafton is right off the

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