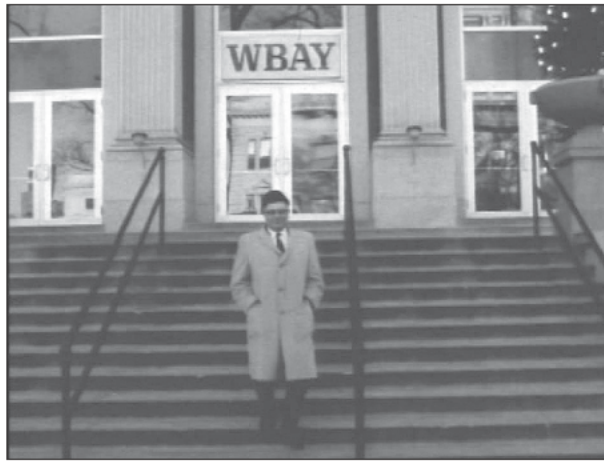




Russ Widoe played Colonel Caboose, dressed in bib overalls, a train engineer's cap and a bandana, for about a decade, accompanied by his dodo bird. **WBAY photos**



Vince Lombardi poses in front of WBAY. The Vince Lombardi Show ran on WBAY for nine years.



The town of Glenmore and the village of Allouez were awarded the Project VOTE of Brown County, WI Voter Challenge trophies on April 14. **Project VOTE photo**

WBAY 70: Expanding programming

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
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Part VI in our series on WBAY's history

The Golden Age of television introduced a broader reach for both information and entertainment, as the television set became the center of the home.

The 1960s brought about the rise of TV politics and journalism and the advent of the variety show as well as increasing sports coverage.

"By October of 1953, we were carrying the World Series. We were carrying Packers games and other NFL games," said station historian Ted Miller.

"There's even the story where the Packers were playing in Florida, and they had to get the film up to Green Bay right away. And among the couriers was like

a Mississippi chain gang or an Alabama (chain gang), but somehow it played into it; really, just bizarre stories from back then.

"We started a Packers show with the coach; we'd have the coach, we'd have a player. And we'd have a contest and whoever asked the best question — mailed in the best question — about the last game would be answered by a player, or the coach, and that person would win an autographed Packers football for having the best question.

"Then, of course, we got the *Vince Lombardi Show* ... that lasted for nine years with Vince Lombardi. Of course, it was just another coach's show. But now, it's Vince Lombardi. We put a clip on YouTube.

"Most of the television programs didn't start until about 4-4:30 p.m. in the af-

ternoon. "One of the early people we got was Hal O'Halloran. He was Captain Hal, and he had a children's show," Miller explained.

"It was actually a show that carried over from radio."

Captain Hal was a looming 6'2" character, who was a former Fond du Lac firefighter turned radio host. The show only ran for a couple of years before he moved onto Chicago.

"Then we got Colonel Caboose. Colonel Caboose was a long-running children's show on WBAY. I can't remember the Colonel's name offhand," Miller added.

"He had a dodo puppet named Zelda; your typical children's show. They had the peanut gallery, with kids watching."

Russ Widoe played Colonel Caboose, often dressed

in bib overalls, a train engineer's cap and a bandana, for about a decade.

"We had a farm unit with three employees in the 60s and 70s. (They) won a lot of awards for covering issues important to agriculture here. That's really gone by the wayside," Miller said.

The 1960s also brought about color television at WBAY.

"WBAY started producing programs in color in 1966. We actually had color capability around 1960," Miller stated.

"We believe that a national broadcast of Cinderella was our first program in color."

The clip from the Dec. 27, 1967, *Vince Lombardi show* can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vEijW0V_-4.

Next week: A commitment to the community

Allouez, Glenmore are Project VOTE Voter Challenge winners

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY — The town of Glenmore and the village of Allouez were awarded the Project VOTE of Brown County Voter Challenge trophies on April 14.

The two municipalities had the highest voter turnout percentages in their respective categories for the April 4, 2023, election.

Glenmore's turnout of 62.3% of registered voters was the best among the municipalities in the Green Division, made up of municipalities with populations below 10,000.

The voter turnout in Allouez was 56.7%, the highest percentage among the larger municipalities that make up the Gold Division.

It's the second Voter Challenge victory for Glenmore and the sixth for Allouez.

"Congratulations to Allouez and Glenmore for their Voter Challenge wins," said Glen Tilot, Project VOTE chair. "The State Supreme Court race and several key local races pushed turnout this time around. It's vitally important for people to take the time and effort to be informed and participate in the election process."

Project VOTE of Brown County issues the voter challenge each election as a way of encouraging informed voter turnout in the county.

Founded in 2002, Project VOTE of Brown County is a volunteer organization dedicated to increasing informed voter turnout in Brown County.

For more information, visit www.project-vote.org.

Area students to participate in state SkillsUSA conference

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY/KEWAUNEE — Multiple area students will compete in the 50th annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference April 25-26.

The competition will take place at the Alliant Energy Center and Madison Area Technical College in Madison, with more than 1,800 middle, high school and college students, over 200 teachers and more than 300 industry volunteers working in more than 80 competitions.

Local participants

Bay Port High School
Caitlin Dreves — Architectural Drafting, Emelia Erdmann — Broadcast News, Ethan Hazen — Electronics, Mason Koprowski — Technical Drafting, Tyler Krause — Electronics, Braden Kroening — Job Skill Demonstration A, Phoenix McElroy — Broadcast News, Derek Metzner — Broadcast News, Mason Neuenschwander — Electronics, Chirac Patel — Electronics, Maia Virile — Broadcast News, Zach Vissers — Photography and Jason Yeas — Screen Printing Technology



Area students will participate in the 50th annual SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference in Madison, April 25-26. **Janelle Fisher photo**

Aaron Rettler is the SkillsUSA advisor.

Green Bay East High School

Three students from East are competing in the Team Engineering challenge.

Each student is attending the SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Conference for the first time.

Marc Fry is the school's SkillsUSA advisor.

Green Bay Southwest High School

Sending seven female students to participate in Welding Sculpture, Facilitation, and Team Engineer-

ing Challenge.

Pat VanLieshout is the SkillsUSA advisor.

Green Bay Preble High School

Beau Bradison — Teamworks, Ashton Borley — Teamworks, Flavio Guzman — Automotive Light Maintenance Repair, Alejandra Rodriguez Guzman — Television (Video) Production, Jin Rodriguez Guzman — Television (Video) Production, Ella Kanzelberger — Teamworks, Mason Kanzelberger — Team Engineering Challenge, Aspen Kentv — Cabinetry, Trey Lindahl

— Team Engineering Challenge, Gavin Paye — Welding, Micah Schultz — Automotive Light Maintenance Repair, Dean Truckey — Team Engineering Challenge and Forest VandenLangenberg — Teamworks.

The team's SkillsUSA advisors are Wes Berndt and Jason Konwinski.

Kewaunee High School

Team Engineering — Team 1: Ezra Ducat, Christian Hall and Mitchell VanGoethem; Team Engineering — Team 2: Logan Kilgore, Mitchell Swagel and Matt Wery; Luke Kleiman — Welding Sculpture; Issac Schleis — Welding, Welding Fabrication — Coy Kleiman, Nathan Wesley and Frank Zuege; Technical Drafting — Paul Rosinsky; Related Technical Math — Paul Rosinsky; Wood Working Display — Logan Kilgore and Ezra Ducat; CO2 Dragsters — Matthew Boeder, Will Froelich and Frank Zuege; and Culinary Arts — Matt Wery.

The SkillsUSA advisor is Randy Charles.

Founded in 1973, SkillsUSA Wisconsin, with more than 2,500 members in over

180 chapters, is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working to grow a skilled work force.

The diverse talent pipeline covers 130 trades, technical, and skilled service occupations, the majority science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) related.

More than 200 corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA Wisconsin.

Programs are integrated into career and technical education through a framework of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.

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