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Wilted Rose to celebrate growth during two-year anniversary

Resale gift shop added another level and more vendors



Pictured is Wilted Rose, a resale gift shop at 201 S. Rochester St. in Mukwonago. The store is located inside of a building that is known as the "Old Horns Hardware Store," from 1876.



Photos courtesy of Tonia Manka

"She Shed Designs" sells repurposed household items at Wilted Rose.

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MUKWONAGO — Wilted Rose, a resale gift shop in downtown Mukwonago, will celebrate its two-year anniversary on April 2. Over the past two years, the business has grown bigger and better.

The store is located at 201 S. Rochester St. The building, known as the "Old Horns Hardware Store," dates back to 1876.

"You get the customers who come in who remember what the original building was, so they tell you the history behind it," said Wilted Rose owner Tonia Manka.

Manka said the floor still squeaks

and customers know where the old nuts and bolts and bicycles were kept in the original store. Manka has learned about the building's history from her customers, and she's been made aware of books about Mukwonago that include the building in them.

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Olympia Fields project gets additional push from city council

Project will move forward pending purchase of land by developer; Rockwell Project to get a redesign

By Chris Barlow
Special to The Freeman

OCONOMOWOC — The Common Council voted unanimously Tuesday to move forward with the potential development of 236 acres of land formerly known as Olympia Fields.

Neumann Developments of Pewaukee unveiled its plan to create 624 housing units, add commercial destinations targeting active families on the property and potentially revive the ski hill.

The property has seen some development by Wangard Partners Inc., a real estate investment company located in Wauwatosa.

"We really consider this an extension of what (Wangard) started," Neumann Developments President Steve DeCleene said. "It's at the doorstep of Oconomowoc. ... It's really kind of a first impression piece, so it's really important that we do this one right."

The Council unanimously approved several zoning changes that are intended to bring the property into a developable state that meets what Neumann has planned.

At the meeting, the Council also voted to give Director of Economic Development Bob Duffy the go-ahead to move forward with the process to amend Tax Incremental District #7 to include infrastructure for this development.

TID 7 has previously been in place for this project but the city believes expansion is needed to give the development a boost. Most notably, the TID would be utilized to develop infrastructure for this development.

The proposed development by Neumann is planned to include apartments, townhome-style duplex condominiums and ranch-style duplex condominiums, and two different sizes of single-family lots. The project would be developed in phases over the next seven to 10 years.

At the location of the former ski hill, Neumann is seeking commercial users that could revitalize the hill, DeCleene said. "Things like tubing and skiing, we're looking for people that want to bring that back," he said.

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School District of Waukesha encourages parents to enroll children in dual language program

Program director comments on importance of bilingualism

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WAUKESHA — In an increasingly connected global society, learning a language beyond English is more important than ever.

Director of Multilingual & Global Education Deirdre Garcia has been with the School District of Waukesha for 11 years. During her time with the

district, Garcia has helped refine the Dual Language Bilingual Immersion Program and bring it to the community. Garcia advocates for the program, noting that "students are capable of doing this" and "the human brain was designed for communication and learning languages."

The dual language program is a bilingual education program that uses English and Spanish instruction to ensure that graduates of the pro-

gram are bilingual, biliterate, demonstrate academic proficiency in both languages, and are socio-culturally competent. The program is open to students of all linguistic backgrounds.

"All of our kindergartens feature a combination of students who only speak English at home, only speak another language other than English

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Man dies in Delafield shooting

DELAFIELD — A man died Wednesday after a shooting in the city of Delafield.

A caller reported an accidental shooting on Wednesday evening in the area of Oakwood Road and Highway 83 in the city of Delafield, according to Lt. Landon Nyren, acting chief for the Delafield Police Department. Officers arrived along with Lake County Fire and Rescue on the scene to attempt life-saving measures but they were unsuccessful.

Police said everyone involved in the incident is cooperating with police. There is no danger to the community and no additional information is available.

The investigation is ongoing, according to Nyren. Assistance was provided by the Hartland Police Department, the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, Lake County Fire and Rescue, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

Spring Book Tasting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today, Waukesha Public Library, 321 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha. Join one of the WPL's librarians to get the scoop on titles that will be released in the spring.

"The Cemetery Club," 7:30 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sunset Playhouse, 700 Wall St., Elm Grove. <https://sunsetplayhouse.com>, 262-782-4430

"Rent," 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Waukesha Civic Theatre, 264 W. Main St., Waukesha. 262-547-0708, www.waukesha-civictheatre.org

WSQG Quilt Show "Quilts Tell Stories," 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. \$5 per person. www.wsqg.net

Rock N Roll Tribute From Elvis to the Beatles Featuring the Nevery Brothers, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 E. Forest St., Oconomowoc. 262-560-3172, www.oasd.k12.wi.us/artscenter/

MESMERICA 360 WAUKESHA, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium, S14-W28167 Madison St., Town of Genesee. <https://tickets.mesmerica.com/waukeshac/>

Brew City Beer Advertising and Rec Room

Decor Show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Waukesha County Expo Center Forum Building East Hall, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. \$10 adults, children 12 and younger are free. www.uniqueeventsshows.com

WINC annual Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dousman Lions Club, 235 Main St., Dousman. 12 and up \$10, ages 3 to 11 \$5 and free for 2 and younger. Educational ambassadors, gift shop, more.

Four Leaf Corners Celebration, noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, The Corners of Brookfield, 20111 W. Bluemound Road, Town of Brookfield. Performances by Trinity Irish Dancers at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Market Square.

WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Cloudy
High 33
Low 22

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TONIGHT
Snow Showers Likely
29

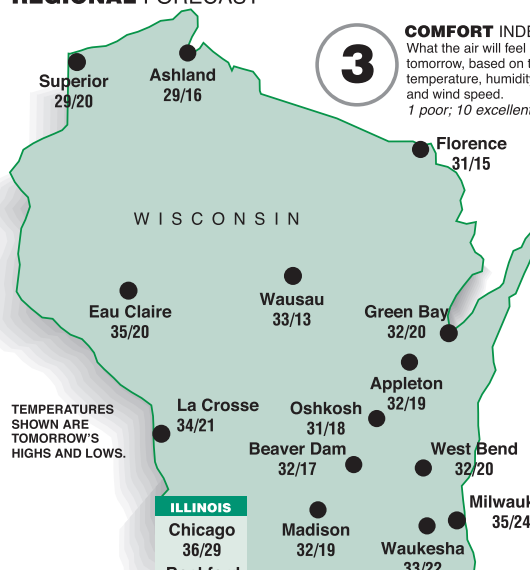
TOMORROW
Cloudy
33/22

SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
32/27

SUNDAY
Few Snow Showers
34/25

MONDAY
Few Snow Showers
33/18

REGIONAL FORECAST



COMFORT INDEX
3
What the air will feel like tomorrow, based on the temperature, humidity and wind speed.
1 poor; 10 excellent.

ALMANAC
Statistics for Yesterday
High/Low, Waukesha 43/25
High/Low 43/31
Normal High/Low 42/26
Last year's high for date 40
Last year's low for date 22
Precipitation, Waukesha 0.00"
Precip. month to date 0.54"
Precip. year to date 6.87"
Snowfall Yesterday 0.0"
Snow season to date 28.5"
* Precipitation source, Gen. Mitchell International, Milwaukee. Precipitation is the liquid equivalent of snow, ice and rain.

WIND CHILL TOMORROW
A composite of the effects of temperature and wind on the human body
8 a.m. 22
Noon 22
4 p.m. 22
8 p.m. 18

HEATING DEGREE
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.
Yesterday 28
Month to date 212
Season to date 4361
Normal season to date 4914

Waukesha
High/Low: 35/20
Chicago: 36/29
Rockford: 35/20

ILLINOIS
Chicago: 36/29
Rockford: 35/20

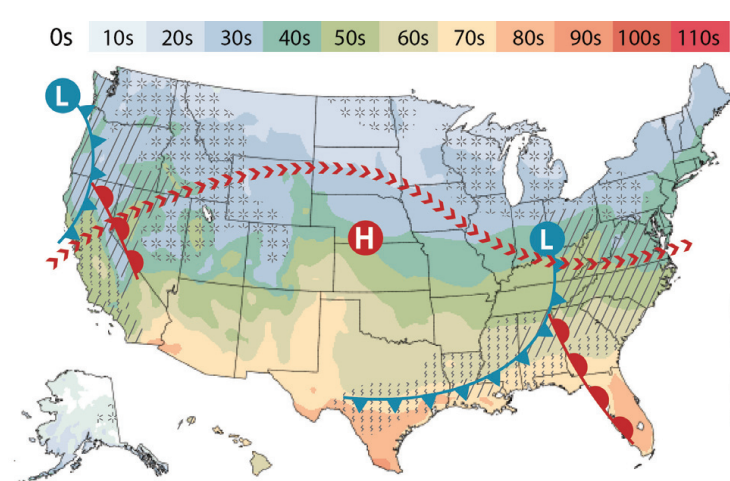
WISCONSIN
Superior: 29/20
Ashland: 29/16
Florence: 31/15
Eau Claire: 35/20
Wausau: 33/13
Green Bay: 32/20
Appleton: 32/19
West Bend: 32/20
Milwaukee: 35/24
La Crosse: 34/21
Oshkosh: 31/18
Beaver Dam: 32/17
Waukesha: 33/22

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Mar. 14 Last
Mar. 21 New
Mar. 28 First
Apr. 5 Full

Sunset today 5:51 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:13 a.m.

Moonrise tomorrow 9:23 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow 7:39 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST Friday, Mar. 10, 2023



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN
Tonight: Snow showers. Patchy blowing snow in the late evening and early morning. Snow may be heavy at times through around midnight. Snow accumulation of 5 to 7 inches. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of snow near 100 percent.

MARINE FORECAST
Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
Tonight: E wind 20 to 25 kt. Snow showers. The snow could be heavy at times. Waves 4 ft building to 7 ft. Friday: N wind 20 to 25 kt. Snow showers, mainly before 9am. Waves 6 to 8 ft.
Lake Michigan water temperature is 37 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST
The UVi forecast for Friday is **3**
UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 66 Low: 39	CHICAGO High: 36 Low: 29	DALLAS High: 68 Low: 55
DENVER High: 62 Low: 39	LOS ANGELES High: 58 Low: 54	MIAMI High: 79 Low: 70
MINNEAPOLIS High: 35 Low: 24	NEW YORK High: 44 Low: 37	PHOENIX High: 82 Low: 61
SEATTLE High: 45 Low: 38	ST. LOUIS High: 45 Low: 32	WASHINGTON High: 44 Low: 36

Report: 6-year-old won't be charged after shooting teacher

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Authorities in the Virginia city where a 6-year-old shot and wounded his teacher will not seek criminal charges against the child, the local prosecutor told NBC News Wednesday, in a decision that was anticipated by legal experts.

But Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney Howard Gwynn said his office has yet to decide if any adults will be held criminally accountable. Newport News police have said that the boy used his mother's 9mm handgun in the Jan. 6 shooting at Richneck Elementary School. A lawyer for the child's mother has previously stated that the weapon, which was legally purchased, was secured on a high closet shelf and had a lock on it.

Gwynn did not immediately respond to two phone messages and two emails from The Associated Press seeking comment.

He told NBC that the "prospect that a 6-year-old can stand trial is problematic" because he wouldn't have the competency to understand the legal system and what a charge means.

Gwynn told the news outlet that his office is still focusing on others besides the child.

"Once we analyze all the facts, we will charge any person or persons that we believe we can prove beyond a reasonable doubt committed a crime," he said.

The decision did not come as a surprise. Even though it is possible under Virginia law to criminally charge a 6-year-old child, legal experts said it would be highly unlikely that a prosecutor would even try.

Veterans testify on impact of Afghan collapse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Active-service members and veterans provided firsthand testimony Wednesday about the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, describing in harrowing detail the carnage and death they witnessed on the ground while imploring Congress to help the allies left behind.

Former Marine Sgt. Tyler Vargas-Andrews testified to Congress about the stench of human flesh under a large plume of smoke as the screams of children, women and men filled the space around Kabul's airport after two suicide bombers attacked crowds of Afghans.

"I see the faces of all of those we could not save, those we left behind," said Vargas-Andrews, who wore a prosthetic arm and scars of his own grave wounds from the bombing. "The withdrawal was a catastrophe in my opinion. And there was an inexcusable lack of accountability."

The initial hearing of a long-promised investigation by House Republicans displayed the open wounds from the end of America's longest war in August 2021, with witnesses recalling how they saw mothers carrying dead babies and the Taliban shooting and brutally beating people.

It was the first of what is expected to be a series of Republican-led hearings examining the Biden administration's handling of the withdrawal. Taliban forces seized the Afghan capital, Kabul, far more rapidly than U.S. intelligence had foreseen as American forces pulled out. Kabul's fall turned the West's withdrawal into a rout, with Kabul's airport the center of a desperate air evacuation guarded by U.S. forces temporarily deployed for the task.

The majority of witnesses argued to Congress that the fall of Kabul was an American failure with blame touching every presidential

administration from George W. Bush to Joe Biden. Testimony focused not on the decision to withdraw, but on what witnesses depicted as a desperate attempt to rescue American citizens and Afghan allies with little U.S. planning and inadequate U.S. support.

"America is building a nasty reputation for multi-generational systemic abandonment of our allies where we leave a smoldering human refuse from the Montagnards of Vietnam to the Kurds in Syria," retired Lt. Col. Scott Mann testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

He added, "Our veterans know something else that this committee might do well to consider: We might be done with Afghanistan, but it's not done with us."

Vargas-Andrews sobbed as he told lawmakers of being thwarted in an attempt to stop the single deadliest moment in the U.S. evacuation — a suicide bombing that

killed 170 Afghans and 13 U.S. servicemen and women.

Vargas-Andrews said Marines and others aiding in the evacuation operation were given descriptions of men believed to be plotting an attack before it occurred. He said he and others spotted two men matching the descriptions and behaving suspiciously, and eventually had them in their rifle scopes, but never received a response about whether to take action.

U.S. Central Command's investigation concluded in October 2021 that given the worsening security situation at Abbey Gate as Afghans became increasingly desperate to flee, "the attack was not preventable at the tactical level without degrading the mission to maximize the number of evacuees." However, that investigation did not look into whether the bomber could have been stopped or whether Marines on the ground had the appropriate authorities to engage.

Language

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or Spanish at home, students who only speak Spanish at home, and students who are bilingual at home," Garcia said.

Native English speakers can enroll in pre-K, kindergarten, or first grade. Other students can enroll at any age. "For young children in particular, we can capitalize on the neuroplasticity of their brains when they are very young, prior to the age of 10," Garcia said. "Their brain picks up on sounds, vocabulary, and the structure of language in a very natural way."

During pre-K, students are completely immersed in the Spanish language. In kindergarten and first grade, instruction is 90% in Spanish and 10% in English. During second and third grade, instruction is 70% in Spanish and 30% in English. At this point, students learn to read and write in Spanish first.

"By second grade, all of our students are completely literate in Spanish," Garcia said. "They transfer all of those skills to begin learning the foundations of reading in English."

Fourth through eighth grades feature instruction that is 50% in Spanish and 50% in English. As high schoolers, students in the program are offered daily language arts classes in Spanish and take one or two other courses in Spanish. Garcia said that the district will "typically favor content

in the STEM area, so science and math."

The Dual Language Bilingual Immersion Program is offered at four elementary schools (Banting, Bethesda, Hawthorne, Heyer), three middle schools (Butler, Horning, Les Paul), and the three public high schools in Waukesha. More than 2,000 students throughout the district are enrolled in the program.

Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy

Bilingual education has existed in the School District of Waukesha since the 1970s, when local parents championed comprehensive education in connection with the decision made in the Lau v. Nichols Supreme Court case mandating bilingual instruction for non-native English-speaking students to improve their command of the English language. The major restructuring of the dual language program at the School District of Waukesha occurred during the 2011 school year.

"We audited the program and brought it up to alignment with research-based standards and processes for dual language instruction," Garcia said. "We also began to enroll students who only spoke English at home."

Students who are not enrolled in the Dual Language Bilingual Immersion Program still have the opportunity to become bilingual. Beginning in sixth grade, the district offers world language courses, and

those courses are growing rapidly.

"This year we have record enrollment in our Spanish world language classes," Garcia said. "We're adding staff at all of our high schools this year because of the increase in demand."

Additionally, students can earn the Wisconsin Seal of Biliteracy. Since 2017, the district has graduated more than 300 students with this achievement. Students are tested on language competencies and, upon passing, are awarded the seal. The seal is transferable to 48 other states and certifies that a student is both bilingual and biliterate.

The School District of Waukesha hopes to expand their bilingual dual enrollment options. Dual enrollment at the School District of Waukesha allows students to take college-level courses while still in high school.

"We have a partnership with UW-Whitewater, where they teach students Latin American history through cinema," Garcia said. Students can also take a medical translation course at Carroll University. There are also three advanced placement courses — AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature, and AP Spanish Seminar — available to high school students in the district.

Garcia strongly recommends that any parent interested in the program consider enrolling his or her child. The benefits of learning a second language extend

beyond an academic setting.

"The importance of being bilingual to some extent in Spanish is a game-changer for students in terms of their ability to interact with everyone in our culture and society," she said. "We are a global community and we are inextricably and historically linked in ways that make this the right thing to do."

Despite the fact that having knowledge of only one language is the norm in the United States, monolingualism is not the norm internationally.

"We live on a continent that is multilingual. The majority of our continent speaks a language other than English as their first language. We certainly see the influence of Spanish here in the United States," Garcia said.

For members of the Latinx community, the dual language program allows students to reclaim part of their culture.

"We have a very large population of second-, third-, and fourth-generation Latino people who because of whatever dynamic here in our community have lost their language and their children don't have their language," Garcia said. "This is a way to recapture your family's heritage language."

Garcia is a strong proponent of learning another language, especially because this is the norm in other cultures.

"When we don't speak everybody else's language,

with the proposed plan."

The previous plan for the Rockwell Project was to break ground this spring for the site located at 125-131 N. Main St.

"We are going to maintain the historic architecture, the public bathrooms and boardwalk extension as well as the public parking and village green improvements," Scrima said.

Olympia

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The developer expects to break ground on the new development in the spring. The ski hill and golf club closed about a decade ago and the Oconomowoc Plaza and some townhouses and duplexes have previously been developed on the site.

Rockwell project

The downtown development project known as the Rockwell Building will be delayed as the developer undergoes a redesign of the plans.

The new plans are needed because Rockwell Partners has told the city that the cost of providing underground parking has risen due to

inflation and rising interest rates. No firm plans were discussed regarding when this redesign would take place.

"Concrete and steel prices are still high and interest rates are rising and may continue to rise," Jeff Scrima of Rockwell Partners, LLC, said. "A combination of those factors make it impossible to move forward

we are at a disadvantage. They know more about us than we know about them," she said. "There is no reason why learning a second language would be a bad thing." Parents interested in enrolling their child in the

Dual Language Bilingualism Program at the School District of Waukesha should email Enrollment & Communication Specialist Leticia Campos at lcampos@waukesha.k12.wi.us.



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