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Blacksmith Tony Clark works in his studio on the "Giving Tree." This 10-ft., public art sculpture will be permanently installed in Thiensville's Village Park to honor those who have donated to the Village Park Reimagined project. Read more on page 4. *Photo by Barb Caprile*

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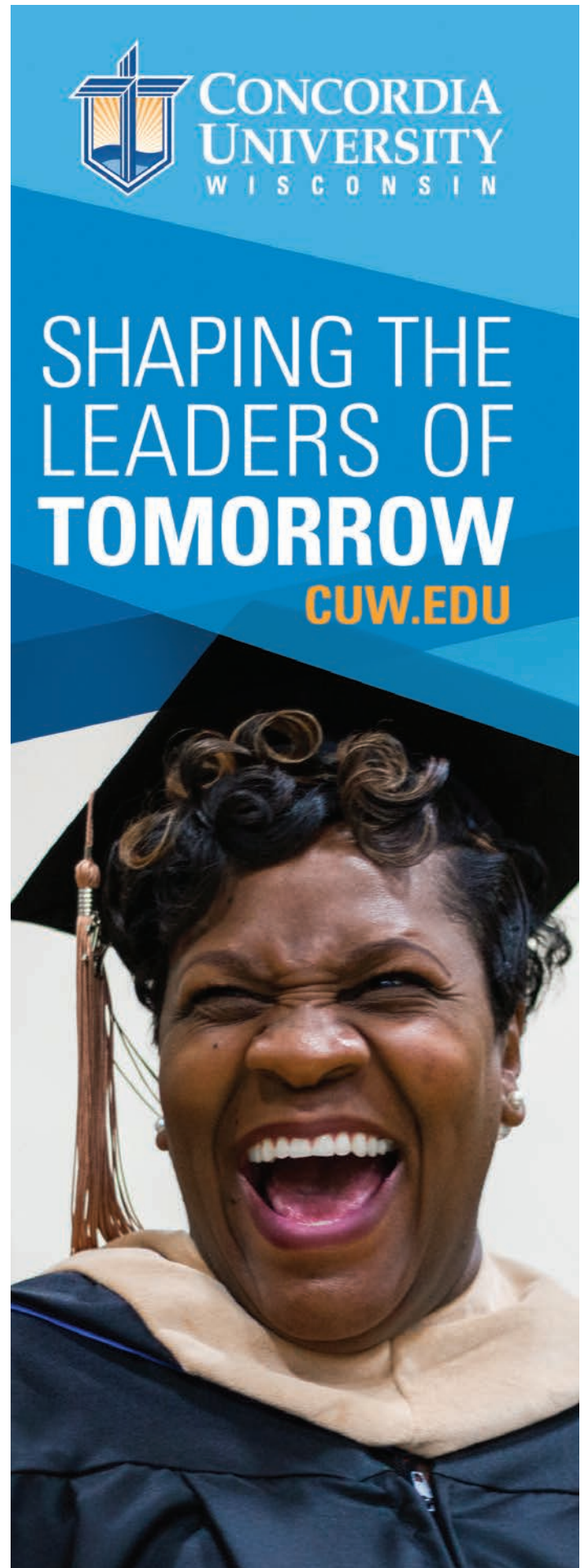
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Blacksmith Tony Clark works on the Giving Tree in his studio.



GIVING TREE TAKES ROOT AS VILLAGE PARK GROWS ITS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Those familiar with The Village Park Reimagined Project will be pleased to know that it continues to grow and take shape! Thanks to a dedicated committee of residents, business professionals and Village leaders, significant progress has been made in raising funds for the project and in moving it forward and closer to completion.

The Village is pleased to announce that Phase III is already underway. This important phase includes the construction of the River Stage – anticipated as the perfect setting for community concerts and special events. Additionally, a central fountain is planned to enhance the park and to provide a central gathering place for meeting friends, reading, or simply enjoying the sights and sounds of the handsome park.

In order to raise new funding for Phase III of Village Park Reimagined, two exciting donor opportunities are being launched. The first is “Night Under the Stars,” a semi-formal gala/dinner scheduled for Saturday, June 2, in Village Park. With catering by Shully’s, live music and dancing, and silent and voice auctions, this event is being called the highlight of the season. A big thank you goes to the Gala’s Supernova sponsor, Port Washington State Bank. Although publishing deadlines for this issue of the *Mequon-Thiensville Today* magazine prevent us from including photographs of the event (taking place around the same time this issue is arriving in your mailbox), we will be sure to include highlights of the gala in our next issue.

The second donor opportunity is a truly unique way to support the Reimagined Project and to honor friends or loved ones at the same

time. A Milwaukee blacksmith has been commissioned to create a “giving tree” that will become a permanent feature of the park. Part public art and part donor recognition, this giving tree is being custom-created by artist Tony Clark. When completed the tree will stand 10 feet tall and will have space for up to 500 engraved copper donor leaves (see the artist rendering and photo on the opposite page). Leaves are available for a \$250 donation to the park. And larger donations will be recognized by a permanent carving at the base of the tree, in limestone boulders. The stone base for the tree is being built by Treetops Landscape Design Inc., owned by Thiensville resident Kerry Mattingly.

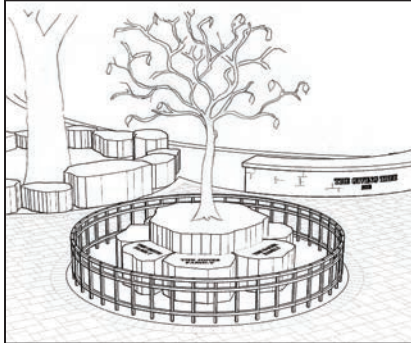
Clark, a blacksmith specializing in ornamental work, was chosen by the Village Park Reimagined Committee from a field of applicants. He impressed the committee by first constructing a sample piece of what he intended to produce. “That was one of the smartest things I’ve done,” says Clark. “The committee could then really envision what the final product would look like – and I believe it got me the job!” Clark shares with a smile.

“While my background is in commercial carpentry, I started blacksmithing full-time more than four years ago,” explains Clark. “I’ve always liked to draw and sculpt, to see what I can do – and I’m still pushing myself to see what more I can do.” He adds that this project is the biggest piece of art that he has tackled thus far.

Since finding out he was chosen for this impressive project in February, Clark has been working on the giving tree every day, with



Engraved leaves that will be permanently installed on the Giving Tree can be purchased for \$250 each.



The 10-ft. Giving Tree will be installed by June 1, in time for the fundraising Gala.

little time to spare. As of this writing, he predicts that he will continue with 12-hour days right up until the deadline of Memorial Day, after which the tree will be installed in the park, in time for the June 2 Gala.

"I am constructing this tree solo," says Clark. "Every bit of the ironwork is finessed with my own hands. It is extremely important to me that the work is really my own," he proudly explains. "I am honored that this tree will be used as a donor appreciation – acknowledging those who are generously funding the improvements to the park. I am also extremely grateful for this opportunity and to all who have made it possible," Clark adds.

We invite you to purchase an engraved leaf to help fund Phase III of the Village Reimagined Project. What a great way to honor a loved one, teacher, athlete or special friend! Visit the Village of Thiensville website: village.thiensville.wi.us or villageparkreimagined.com for more information.

Everyone involved with the Reimagined Project is grateful to the many businesses, community groups and residents that have stepped forward to provide financial support thus far, and also to those who join in now or will in the weeks ahead. Thank you for helping to make our beloved park the very best it can be for generations to come!



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Karl Hertz and his wife Carol.*

PILLAR OF COMMUNITY AWARD RECOGNIZES LONGSTANDING THIENSVILLE RESIDENT KARL HERTZ

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A lifetime of civic service sets Karl Hertz apart from others in the community. This longtime Thiensville resident has served in numerous key positions, most recently as the Ozaukee County supervisor for the last decade, from 2008 to 2018. Long before then, however, Hertz wore a variety of other important hats. He was the Mequon-Thiensville school superintendent (1984-1996), a Village trustee (1998-2006) and the Village president (2006-2012).

Looking back, Hertz recalls all these leadership roles with fondness. “I have cherished memories while working with our award-winning School District,” he explains. “I can’t say enough about the wonderful staff, great students and supportive parents to this day that are still an integral part of the School District’s success story.”

When reflecting on his time as a Thiensville trustee and Village president, he has praise and admiration for his colleagues there as well. “Working with great leadership in the Village was very motivating,” he shares. “I was honored to do important infrastructure work and enjoyed helping to plan the Village’s 100th birthday celebration.”

And as he reflects on his most recent service as county supervisor, while serving as a member of the Human Services Committee that advocated for some of our most vulnerable citizens – children, seniors, the disabled, the ill and veterans – more great memories come to mind. “We really worked together as a team – there was always great cooperation between the various and very diverse departments,” he recalls. “The citizens of Ozaukee County are blessed to have outstanding staff working on their behalf,” he adds.

It’s not surprising that on June 5, Hertz will be honored by the Mequon Community Foundation (MCF) as its 2018 Pillar of the Community Award recipient because there is no one more deserving. The Award Luncheon will be held at Concordia University Milwaukee from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hertz has made service to others his life’s work, although he remains humble in recognition of his many accomplishments. “I want to express my appreciation to the people

of Thiensville for allowing me to serve as their county supervisor on the Ozaukee County Board. Personally, I have learned so much, and will be ever grateful for this experience,” he says.

Even with this long record of outstanding achievements to his name, retirement is probably not yet in the cards for this energetic gentleman. “My wife Carol and I may have one more big service gig on the horizon. We’ll see,” Hertz shares. “We plan to stay involved with Lumen Christi Parish for sure. And Carol has been involved with Advocates of Ozaukee County, League of Women Voters and the Ozaukee County NAACP since retiring as the director of curriculum for the Cedarburg schools. We’ll manage to stay busy as long as people keep writing books – we both love to read,” he chuckles. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last December.

Karl and Carol’s three grown children are spread around the country, and they speak proudly of them all. Daughter Karen splits time between the Fox Valley and Door County, son Michael is in New York, and daughter Sarah is in Boulder, Col. Between them, there are five beautiful grandchildren.

Hertz wants to point out that, “The thing I love most about the Village of Thiensville is ‘it’s a village.’ What a warm, friendly place to walk or ride a bike, while recognizing many faces you know. There are businesses that care about you as a customer, and of course, we can’t forget our award-winning School District.”

Many thanks to Karl Hertz for his decades of service to the community he loves. We look forward to seeing what his next venture might be!

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Farmers Market

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The 2018 Village Market is right around the corner! Can you smell summer in the air? Sunshine and fabulous weather will be setting the stage for the area's biggest and best farmers market, right here in Thiensville Village Park.

This year the market will include many new vendors, like Happy Dough Lucky, where you'll get freshly made donuts, or Board and Brush Creative Studio, where you can paint and create onsite. There will also be new food vendors and handmade, creative products as well, along with your favorite vendors from previous years.

Live music each Tuesday from 11a.m.-2 p.m. will set the tone for outdoor shopping and eating, with a talented line-up of musicians such as Soulfoot Mombits, Jonny T-Bird and the MPs, Luke Cerny, Tangled Lines, Julie Thompson and more.

Other market attractions include the Ascension Mammogram Van that will be offering free mammograms on August 14 and October 9. Plus, the Blood Center of Wisconsin will be staging a blood drive on August 21. Remember that the Frank Weyenberg's Library in the Park will continue every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mark your calendars now – the market's grand opening is only a few weeks away! Grab your friends and business colleagues and join us every Tuesday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Thiensville Village Park, starting June 12 through October 16. Pick up your fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, meats, seafood, cheeses, florals, homemade bakery goods, handmade crafts and more. Stay for lunch and enjoy the park's beautiful landscape overlooking the river. The Village Market has something for everyone – see you there!



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Did you know that every time it rains, any water that falls onto the sidewalk, lawn or street and doesn't get absorbed ends up in storm sewers that flow directly into Pigeon Creek, the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan – the sources of the water we all drink and use every day? Amazingly, this water is not as clean and fresh as we would like. This runoff can be contaminated by our actions before it empties into our rivers and lakes. But with a concentrated effort, we can easily put some actions to work to improve this water pollution using some simple steps.

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Rain is a necessity for our lawns and gardens, but the extra water that isn't absorbed by the ground can cause problems for Lake Michigan, our rivers and small inland lakes.

Many people don't realize that rain water that runs off of driveways and parking lots and flows down streets and into storm sewers becomes contaminated. The moving water picks up litter, yard waste, lawn and auto chemicals, and other debris. That flow of polluted water travels through underground pipes that lead directly to our rivers, streams and Lake Michigan. Unlike sewage, this water isn't normally treated.

The polluted mix dumps into our waterways along with the dog poop, lawn fertilizer, car oil, cigarette butts, plastic water bottles and anything else the water picks up along the way.

This mixture of rain water and pollution is called stormwater runoff. If you visit Lake Michigan or a river after it's rained, you can see stormwater spreading out into the surrounding clean water. It's noticeable because it's a muddy color and often carries litter with it.

Contaminated stormwater can lead to beach closings, fish die-offs and detrimental ecological changes. The most effective

way to reduce stormwater pollution is to stop it from entering the system in the first place.

The Village of Thiensville is partnering with Respect Our Waters to help spread the word about some easy things that homeowners can do to improve



water quality in our watershed. The ultimate goal is to protect our drinking water supply and provide fishable, swimmable water for future generations. The following simple actions can have an enormous cumulative impact on our waterways.

- **Don't be a drip** Inspect your car regularly to stop oil and fluid leaks.
- **Give your rake a break** Leave grass clippings on your lawn or compost them.
- **Wash carefully** Take your car to a carwash or wash it on your lawn.
- **Disconnect** Direct downspouts into rain barrels, yard, or garden instead of the sewer or driveway.
- **Capture rainwater** Plant a rain garden and trees.
- **Scoop the poop** Clean up after your pets.
- **Take a test** Test your soil before you fertilize.

Each of us can have a positive impact on the health of our rivers and Lake Michigan. Maybe you're thinking that you're just one person – and that's right – but if we each do our part, all our individual actions will add up, and will really make a difference in our water quality. In reality, every little bit helps.

Visit respectourwaters.org for more helpful tips!



Safety Town

OFFERS SAFETY INSTRUCTION FOR KINDERGARTENERS

It's never too early to learn about safety, as experienced by our 5-year-olds (entering kindergarten in the fall) taking full advantage of the Safety Town program. This unique educational experience has been focusing on safety tips for our young ones for almost 40 years. Safety Town helps children learn a variety of safety measures that may prove to be invaluable tools not only now, but throughout their lives. Safety Town is sponsored by the Mequon/Thiensville Optimist Club, a service organization that supports the youth of our community, in conjunction with the Mequon and Thiensville Police Departments.

Thiensville and Mequon police officers teach the course assisted by volunteer student instructors. Important lessons are learned through music, videos, activities and guest speakers. The course covers stranger awareness, pool safety, animal awareness, poison safety, good touch/bad touch, and safe ways to cross a street, ride a bike and ride in a car. There is classroom learning as well as field trips to the Police and Fire Departments, and a bus ride that demonstrates what to do in an emergency. There are also fun games like learning songs that re-enforce the lesson plans.

One topic getting particularly more emphasis in recent years is Internet safety. With easy availability of computers, Ipads and smartphones that can connect to the Internet, children are much more vulnerable to online risks.

Thiensville Police Chief Scott Nicholson, who previously taught the program for about 18 years, believes Safety Town is the best way to prepare children for the real world. "Besides learning the safety aspects, the positive interaction of the children with the officers is most important," says Nicholson. "These relationships build trust and respect that could come into play down the line when help or advice is needed from the Police Department."

The 2018 Safety Town program will be held July 23-August 3 at Wilson Elementary School, 11001 N. Buntrock Ave. When not in the classroom, you'll see children riding "big wheels" down the streets of the school playground's small town. They learn to obey traffic signals, use hand signals, be aware of pedestrian safety and get in the habit of fastening their seat belts. The program encourages interaction and ends with a final evaluation and graduation ceremony.

According to Mike Franks, president of the Optimists Club, "We are extremely proud of our association with Safety Town. The M-T Optimists care deeply about the kids in our community and this program offers important information to keep them safe. The Optimists also give two annual scholarships to graduating seniors each year, so we are involved with children at their very first and then their last MTSD experience."

The best testament to the program's success is Safety Town parents who bring their children back to be part of the program. "At one graduation we had four generations represented at the ceremony," Nicholson says proudly.

Safety Town meets Monday-Friday in two separate sessions. The early morning session is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the late morning session is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class size is held to 42 children per session, and attendance is required for both weeks.

Registration for Safety Town starts Fri., June 1 from 4-7 p.m. at the Thiensville Police Department (fee \$35), and the registration deadline is Friday, July 6. Visit the Police Department section of the Village of Thiensville website (village.thiensville.wi.us) to download the registration form.

For more information, please call the Thiensville Police Department (262-242-2100) weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Early registration is suggested as the program fills very quickly.

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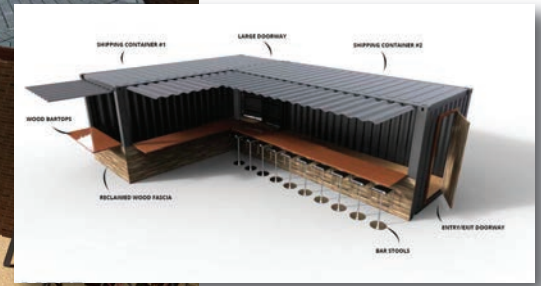
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RELAX AND UNWIND THIS SUMMER AT THE BAAREE

A NEW COMMUNITY BEER GARDEN OPENS IN THIENSVILLE

Be sure to watch for a thoroughly unique new family-friendly, community gathering spot (essentially a beer and food garden) opening soon in Thiensville. It promises to be a great place to relax, unwind, listen to beautiful music and enjoy unusual and traditional food “bites.” This exciting new space, to be called “the baaree,” will combine features of a traditional German beer garden with elements of a community garden. The baaree is being brought to you by the husband-and-wife team of Barkha and Jesse Daily who own “the cheel restaurant.” Interestingly, baaree is a Nepalese word that means “garden.”

Enjoy a combination of popular beer garden foods including meats, sausages, snacks and hand-crafted libations with a little flare of flavors for which the cheel is renowned. Beverage offerings will include a selection of 12-16 local and international tap beers and cocktails, unique bottled beers, classic cocktails and ice-cream drinks such as The Love Shake, Brandy Alexander, Brownie Mudslide, Fruit Dreamcicle to name a few.

The baaree will be located behind the 1915 Arts and Crafts Foursquare architecture building adjacent to the cheel (at 105 S. Main St.). Food and drink will be served out of an L-shaped shipping container

configuration with reclaimed wood cladding. Seating will consist of a combination of a family-style area as well as seat walls and traditional patio-style seating.

Landscape designer Katie Fedorski is credited with helping design the outdoor space. The center of the courtyard will include a metal sculpture created by The Milwaukee Blacksmith.

“Our vision is to create a true community space,” notes Barkha Daily. “We want it to be a place where people can come to relax and really escape their everyday lives.” Barkha further explains, “We’ve designed the space using the elements of earth, air, fire and wood. We’ll also be incorporating a variety of sustainable elements, including rain barrels and a composting system that will feed into the care and keeping of the gardens.”

Landscaping will incorporate water fountains and edible plants, including heirloom varieties of amaranth, chard, impatiens, nasturtium, kale and blueberries. “Live music will also play a large role in the baaree, that will feature a stage on its northern edge to accommodate a variety of live performances on Tuesday and Friday nights,” says Jesse Daily. “We are especially delighted to have Chef Gunner Stenzel on board whose lifetime of culinary experience

includes the restaurants and kitchens of Café 1505 and the cheel. We know his culinary chops will elevate our customers’ experience of our rustic and distinctive dishes while keeping a casual feel,” says Jesse.

Rounding out the team as the operations manager is Drew Kassner who has more than 10 years of experience at various establishments in Wisconsin and Florida. “Drew has vast knowledge and experience in the hospitality industry. We have been working with him at the cheel, and he has done a fantastic job of elevating our customer experience and staffing our front of the house with the industry’s best,” says Jesse Daily.

Refer to the architectural renderings on this page for a sneak preview of the new, soon-to-open baaree. Then come on over and “cheel out” at the baaree this summer!



THIENSVILLE ADDS "NEW" FIRE TRUCK AT SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS

As you might guess, a fire engine that is 34 years old can create reliability issues and be a cause for concern. Such was the situation with the Thiensville Fire Department's oldest piece of equipment. Due to its age, the fire engine had an open cab (meaning rear passengers were not completely protected by a metal enclosure), and was only equipped with old-fashioned, lap-style seat belts. It was deemed necessary to replace the aging engine.

However, the budget realities of a small Village could not absorb the cost of a brand-new vehicle (in excess of \$600,000!). A truck-replacement committee was charged with looking for a replacement and decided to look for a high-quality, pre-owned fire engine to save some money. The committee worked diligently to ensure that a pre-owned vehicle would be in great condition and meet the needs of the department.

During the search process, a 2000 Pierce Rescue Pumper engine was located, and identified for sale from the Slinger Fire Department. Slinger had recently purchased its own new engine (at an approximate cost of \$680,000). Thiensville was then able to purchase Slinger's used rescue pumper. The used vehicle needed a few upgrades, including a new exhaust along with corrections for some minor corrosion, decal replacements, wiring, lighting and seating.

Even with these repairs, the cost of the vehicle was only \$240,893 – reaping an amazing savings of just under \$440,000! And this amount doesn't even include the approximate \$10,000 the Village received for the sale of the old engine.

"I would like to thank the Village Board for their continued support of our efforts to provide the highest-quality emergency services possible," says Thiensville Fire Chief Brian Reiels. "I would also like to thank and recognize our fire truck committee, composed primarily of Village residents, who understood our financial constraints and embraced out-of-the-box thinking to provide a cost-effective solution." Hundreds of hours were donated by committee members searching for the right engine, taking the old engine out of service, and getting the new engine in service upon its return from being refurbished. "We are pleased with the results of enhanced firefighter safety and still providing a high-quality engine that should serve Village constituents for years to come!" exclaims Chief Reiels.

The Thiensville Fire Department continually needs paid, on-call firefighters/EMTs to serve the Village. If interested, please visit the Thiensville website (village.thiensville.wi.us), choose "Fire Department" under the "Department" tab, and apply today.

Deputy Fire Chief Joel Deutsch shows off Thiensville's "new" fire truck.



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Beth Kubly (left) and Janice Pennington own Round Two Tack Shop in Thiensville.



THIENSVILLE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: ROUND TWO HORSE AND RIDER CONSIGNMENT TACK SHOP A ONE-STOP SOURCE FOR HORSE LOVERS

The Village of Thiensville is home to a variety of fascinating and unique businesses. One such business is Round Two Tack Shop, a full-service equestrian supply store at 229 N. Main St. If you are a horse lover or a rider, you may already be familiar with Round Two. This niche business, that just celebrated its 5th anniversary in May, specializes in English riding supplies. English riding features a flat saddle and includes Dressage, Hunter-Jumper and Eventing (all forms of English competition).



English riding is one discipline seen in the various events at the Olympics, and is typically promoted in organizations for youth. But whether you are a novice rider, or a lifelong equestrian, Round Two is your one-stop source to equip both horse and rider with the latest apparel, accessories and horse care products.

Round Two owners Janice Pennington and Beth Kubly met by chance more than 10 years ago when both of their daughters were riding at the same barn. They both enjoyed supporting their daughters' passion for riding and competing. While traveling to many equestrian events in other areas of the country, their conversations grew into discussions about a real need for a tack shop in the northshore area. Prior to founding Round Two, they had to travel to Illinois to find a shop specializing in English riding tack and apparel. And thus, Round Two Tack was born!

Fortunately for local horse lovers, a variety of tack essentials are available at Round Two Tack. The store carries new apparel from

popular brands, plus grooming products, horse care products and rider accessories. Round Two also offers unique services like shadbelly rentals (a type of formal riding coat) and free saddle trials. Plus, the business is especially known for its year-round selection of equestrian gifts that set them apart from your average tack store. Some of the popular brands they carry include Tailored Sportsman and Kerrits breeches, Ariat sportswear and paddock boots, Effax leather care, Edgewood and Walsh tack, and Wilkers saddle pads.

According to Pennington, another service that sets them apart from other tack stores is their consignment service. "In fact, we believe we are the only tack shop to offer consigned riding items in southeastern Wisconsin," she says. There are many reasons to consign riding gear that is no longer needed (e.g., new horse, no longer fits, new discipline), and Round Two will help find a new home for your items with another horse lover. "The combination of consignment and new items allows us to satisfy customer's needs in all price ranges," Pennington adds. When Round Two first opened, consignment made up around 75% of their inventory. Currently, their inventory is more than 70% new; however, their consignment business remains consistent and strong with nearly 800 consignors!

Personal customer service always stands at the forefront of their business. "We like to think our customer service stands out among other tack shops," says Kubly. "All of our staff is knowledgeable in all disciplines of English riding, so we are really the "go-to" source for all things horse-related," she continues.

Because they are a niche market, Round Two attracts customers not only from the northshore area, but from the lake country down to northern Illinois and up to Green Bay. Many of their customers



know of them through word of mouth from people in their barns to those on the show circuit. Round Two also relies on social media to communicate with its customers, and support shows and fundraisers that are equestrian-focused.

Pennington and Kubly have found their Thiensville location ideal. "We are easy to find, have ample parking and are pleased with the growth and quality of businesses in Thiensville," says Pennington. "Our mall tends to include businesses that are involved with athletes – riding, biking, dancing and martial arts are all represented, which lends to increased traffic and cross selling between stores and customers." Both owners also live close by, just outside the Village in Mequon.

So if you are a horse enthusiast who has often considered taking up riding, stop in Round Two and talk with Janice Pennington and Beth Kubly. Their enthusiasm for the sport and their diverse product line are infectious. You will come away with some fascinating information, and most likely, a desire to try out riding so you can shop at their unique tack shop!

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SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE FRANK L. WEYENBERG LIBRARY

The Frank L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Thiensville offers a variety of fun and free programs for all ages throughout the year. Check out the events below that are happening this season at the Library. For more information, visit flwlib.org.

ADULT EVENTS

Weyenberg Movie Matinees

June 1 & 15, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17

Whether it's an old favorite or that film you missed in theaters, you'll find something to love at the Library's Movie Matinees. Screenings take place on the first and third Friday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Tolzman Community Room. For the Library's movie line-up, please stop at the Reference Desk or check the Library's website calendar.

An Afternoon with Author Kathleen Rooney

June 26 from 2-6 p.m.

Kathleen Rooney, author of *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*, paints a portrait of a remarkable woman across the canvas of a changing America: from the Jazz Age to the onset of the AIDS epidemic – the Great Depression to the birth of hip-hop.

Genealogy Interest Group

June 28, June 30, July 26, August 30

When you're up to your eyeballs in census records, birth certificates and obituaries, genealogy can feel like a very lonely pastime. But it doesn't have to be. Join your fellow genealogists for an hour of sharing stories, celebrating successes, brainstorming solutions and dismantling roadblocks. Open to beginning and experienced researchers alike. Meets on the fourth Thursday of Month at 2 p.m. and select Saturdays throughout the year.

Gardening with Native Wisconsin Plants

July 10 at 6 p.m.

Native plants of Wisconsin sometimes get little notice in favor of more recognizable varieties, but many of Wisconsin's plants and flowers make an elegant addition to any garden. Find out more about these hidden gems with Zannah Crowe, a representative of Johnson's Gardens in Cedarburg.

TEEN EVENTS

TGIF Book and Movie Club

June 8, July 13, August 1

A monthly book and movie club for grades 6-8 includes snacks, watching a movie and movie and book discussion. Meets on the second Friday of the month at 3 p.m. All books are available to check out or request through the Monarch Library System. Ask a librarian if you have questions.

Game Night – BreakoutEDU!

June 21 at 6 p.m.

Do you love to follow clues and solve puzzles? Have you ever wanted to try an escape room? Then you'll love BreakoutEDU! Grab a friend and work as a team to beat the clock and open the box before it's too late. This program is open to grades 6-12 and registration is required as space is limited. Visit the Reference Desk with questions or to register!

Sunprint Art

June 26 at 2 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of crafting using natural sunlight and Sunprint paper. Teens will have the opportunity to create up to four different designs using found materials, Sunprint paper and water. This program is open to teens in grades 6-12 and registration is required as materials are limited.

Battle of the Books: Summer Edition

July 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Take summer reading one step further and grab a couple friends to compete in the Library's Battle of the Books: Summer Edition. Each team of 3-6 participants is responsible for reading the required booklist and participating in the end-of-summer battle on Saturday, July 28. This program is for those entering grades 5-8 in the 2018-2019 school year. Registration is required and open until June 16. Please contact the Reference Desk at 262.242.2593, ext. 320 for details.

Harry Potter Birthday Bash

July 31 at 6 p.m.

Grab your brooms and join us at the Library to help celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! Attendees will be sorted into their appropriate houses and then the games shall commence. Costumes are encouraged. Registration is required for this event and is open for those entering grades 6-12.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Village Market Storytime and Family Storytimes

Village Market Storytimes return the week of June 12 and take place every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Market in Thiensville Village Park (until October 23). Family storytimes take place every Wednesday, and Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Library. Storytimes include stories, finger plays and songs. A responsible adult should be present. No registration is required, and all are welcome.

Unlock-the-Box

June 4, July 2, August 6

Do you love to follow clues and solve puzzles? Unlock-the-Box is an opportunity for children entering grades 2-5 (2018-2019 school year) to work as a team to beat the clock and open the box before it's too late! Meets the first Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. This program uses BreakoutEDU to provide a fun, educational experience for all involved. Registration is required as space is limited.

S.T.E.A.M. Storytime

June 14, July 12, August 9

Come and explore stories with hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities. For children ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver. Meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. Registration is required as space is limited. To register, or for more information, stop at the Reference Desk or call 262.242.2593, ext. 320.

Playdate @ the Library

June 14, June 18, July 12, July 16

Come play at the Library with toys, books and friends. This drop-in program is an informal gathering for families with children from birth to 24 months old. Meets the second Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. and the third Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

Parachute Play

June 29, July 27, August 31

Join us for an interactive and play-filled program featuring songs, rhymes and activities with the Library's parachute! For children ages 2-4 with a parent/caregiver. Meets the last Friday of every month at 11 a.m. Registration is required as space is limited. To register or for more information, stop at the Reference Desk or call 262.242.2593, ext. 320.

Discovery Lab

June 23, July 28, August 25

Participate in a variety of station activities that promote science, tech, engineering, art and math skills. Discovery Lab is intended for children in grades K-5 and parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Drop in anytime on the fourth Saturday of the month between 1:30-2:30 p.m. Registration is not required.

Fun, family-friendly special events and activities are offered at the Frank L. Weyenberg Library throughout the year. Visit flwlib.org.

Messy Monday

July 2 at 11 a.m.

Join us at the Library for a morning of sensory art exploration and creation. This process-oriented art program is intended as an open-ended exploration of the various 4th of July-themed art materials provided. For children ages 2 and older.

A Royal Tea Party

June 15 at 11 a.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Library's Royal Tea Party in the Tolzman Community Room. All princesses and princes are encouraged to dress their royal best. Join us for special royal-themed activities, stories and treats! Registration begins June 1 for our special Summer Reading program events.

Randy's Rocking Reading Show

June 22 at 11 a.m.

Join us for a summer show that will ROCK! With a variety of musical styles, performances on guitar, banjo and mandolin, Randy's show will be like a musical pep rally for reading. Children will leave feeling like reading rock stars! Registration begins June 1 for our special Summer Reading program events.

Jedi Training Camp

July 13 at 11 a.m.

Put your ship into hyperdrive and come to Library for Jedi Training Camp. Come prepared in Star Wars' gear, learn to use the Force and listen to Jedi tales of glory. Registration begins June 1 for our special Summer Reading program events.

Animal Quest

July 20 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The animal world is far more expansive than can be expressed in words – and even knowing as much as we do about them, there's still more to know yet, with species undiscovered and mysteries unsolved. Join us as Animal Quest showcases the wonders and wows of the animal kingdom with its live animals, knowledge, enthusiasm and laughter. Registration begins June 1 for our special Summer Reading program events.



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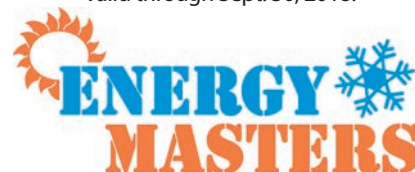


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A Milwaukee-area high school student arrives at Concordia University Wisconsin for last summer's African American Male Initiative Summer Institute.

MINDING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

UNIFYING SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Sixteen-year-old Zoe McDowell has a bright future ahead of him. The Milwaukee-area native maintains a respectable GPA, is a standout track and football athlete at Shorewood High School, and plays an active role in mentoring young black students, like himself, through a club he helped start at his school.

Now in his junior year, McDowell has his sights set on some of the top, post-secondary mechanical engineering programs in the nation. He also has aspirations to play football at the collegiate level. Either way, he's college-bound. There's never been a doubt in his mind about it.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said for most teenagers in McDowell's demographic. For decades, reports have surfaced about the abysmal achievement gap that exists between black and white students in Wisconsin schools. Today, multiple news sources will confirm that Wisconsin ranks worst in the nation when it comes to the difference between how well black and white students perform on national benchmark tests, and the difference between black and white student graduation rates.

"It's definitely an issue, and it's one that's not easy to fix," says Dr. Elliott Moeser, associate professor of education at Concordia. "It's going to require continual cooperation among school districts, parents, legislators, and the like, and it's going to require us to potentially fail. But if we don't begin to take an honest look at the concern, we're going to be doomed to continue to live with it."

For the past several years, Moeser has played an integral role in fostering collaboration among Wisconsin schools in an effort to bring about change. He serves as executive director of the Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium (CAGC), which aims to embrace and change school practices, instruction, and methodologies that perpetuate achievement gaps.

Dr. Demond Means, former superintendent of Mequon-Thiensville schools, along with Glendale-River Hills School District Superintendent Larry Smalley, Brown Deer School District Superintendent Dr. Deb Kerr, and Wauwatosa School District Superintendent Dr. Phil Ertl, founded the consortium in 2012. The Mequon-Thiensville School District continues to play an integral role, with Superintendent Matthew Joynt leading multiple of the consortium's larger annual efforts.

Today, the consortium has expanded to 27 public, private, parochial, voucher and choice schools and school systems throughout Wisconsin. Concordia is the CAGC's only higher education partner. The group works to address Wisconsin's achievement gap issue in a number of ways. One of the more notable efforts is the CAGC's African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Summer Institute, a summertime initiative that encourages young African American men to succeed with the intent of pursuing higher education. During the four-day event, students stay overnight in CUW dorms, network with dozens of other black teens and young adult mentors, hear addresses from prominent and successful black men in the community, and participate in a variety of goal-setting and personal development exercises.

In its inaugural year three summers ago, AAMI drew a modest 37 students, including Zoe McDowell. Last year, more than 150 youth attended.

"I actually met some of my long-term friends at that camp," McDowell says. "To be successful, you have to have a good circle, and you have to have people who are going to empower you, and that's what I feel I gained through the AAMI."

This summer, CAGC will host its first African American Female

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

The Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium has grown from four member schools to 26 in the past seven years. Partner schools now include:

- Brown Deer School District
- CESA #1
- Cudahy School District
- Fox Point-Bayside School District
- Glendale-River Hills School District
- Greater Holy Temple Christian Academy
- Greendale School District
- Greenfield School District
- HOPE Christian Schools
- Kenosha Unified School District
- LUMIN Schools
- Maple Dale-Indian Hill School District
- Menomonee Falls School District
- Mequon-Thiensville School District
- Messmer Catholic Schools
- Nicolet School District
- Racine Unified School District
- St. Augustine Preparatory Academy
- Seton Catholic Schools
- Shorewood School District
- Siena Catholic Schools
- South Milwaukee School District
- Wauwatosa School District
- West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
- West Bend School District
- Whitefish Bay School District
- Whitnall School District

Initiative. The event is made possible by a gift from the Waukesha County Community Foundation, who learned of the success of AAMI last summer and wanted to replicate it with young women. While there is more work to be done on the achievement gap front, Moeser says he's thrilled with the progress that's being made, and he's taking advantage of opportunities to champion the group's efforts. Recently, he was invited to present at the 2018 American Association of School Administrators in Nashville, Tennessee, which drew approximately 5,000 educators.

"We determined that we could do more work together than apart as far as closing the achievement gap," Moeser says. "We are a group of action. This is an example of doing something that is positive, something that will change the lives of students."

THE CAGC IN ACTION

The Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium, or CAGC, aims to embrace and change, with all deliberate speed, school practices, instructional methodology, and school structures that perpetuate achievement and/or opportunity gaps in Wisconsin schools. Consortium leaders do this in a number of ways:

African American Male Initiative

The AAMI is a year-round mentorship program for young African American men. One of the main efforts of the program is the annual Summer Institute, where schools nominate young men of color to attend a four-day, overnight learning and personal growth event on Concordia's campus. At the summer institutes, attendees learn to set goals for themselves, meet with successful African American executives in the area, and connect with peers and mentors who will help them achieve success.

African American Female Initiative

New in 2018, the African American Female Initiative mimics the AAMI model, but invites young African American females from member CAGC schools to participate. The inaugural AAFI Summer Institute will be held June 26-29.

Teacher Recruitment Fair

Representatives from more than a dozen area school systems annually attend this CAGC-sponsored recruitment fair to attract and retain qualified candidates for a wide range of school positions.

New Teacher Orientation

Participants gain a greater understanding of the instructional and classroom climate moves that support culturally relevant instruction, equality and inclusion.

Equity Institutes

The CAGC has partnered with Integrated Comprehensive Systems 4 Equity to offer its partner schools summertime training that will allow them to begin to tackle the achievement gap within their schools. Last summer, the interactive, intensive, three-day institutes had hundreds of area teachers poring over school data and wrestling with tough questions in order to put research-driven strategies into practice.



Dr. Elliott Moeser (right) attends a 2017 Equity Institute at Homestead High School with Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown, the chair of the new AAFI committee.

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ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



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Our strategic plan unifies the efforts of our organization around our shared mission and vision. It establishes priorities for the use of resources, strengthens operations, enhances organizational coherence, and provides clarity and focus on our desired future.

We began the process of developing a new strategic plan beginning in the fall of 2017. A hallmark of this process was the involvement of stakeholders from all corners of our community – individuals who care about, and are impacted by, the strength of our School District. The process was comprehensive, collaborative and conclusive, and we thank all of the students, parents, employees, community members, business and organization leaders, and government officials who helped us chart our path.

We are now pleased to invite members of our community to review the Mequon-Thiensville School District's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan at [mtsd.k12.wi.us/Strategic Plan](http://mtsd.k12.wi.us/StrategicPlan).

Today's students are tomorrow's citizens, and with the support of the community, through education, we will create a better future for all.

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Matthew Joynt, Superintendent of Schools
Kathryn Houpt, Board of Education President



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Partnerships FORGE A PATH FOR STUDENTS



“I believe it is never too early to begin learning skills that will help you succeed in your future profession.”

– Amanda Hooks



The young woman dressed in blue scrubs helped the patient slowly roll over and rise to a seated position, shifting the patient until she sat comfortably on the edge of the hospital bed. She gently began to assist the patient with personal care, her voice warm as she described each action she was about to make. There is an art and a science to meeting the care needs of others, and both were evident in the young woman's deliberate actions and reassuring voice.

This scene did not take place in a hospital, but rather at the Milwaukee Area Technical College Mequon campus. The young woman was one of several Homestead High School student participants in a partnership between the Mequon-Thiensville School District and MATC.

Through this partnership, which began in the 2017-18 school year, Homestead High School students can participate in certified nursing assistant, or CNA, coursework. Each trimester, a new cohort of students travels to the MATC Mequon campus for hands-on training and education as part of their school day. The program also includes clinical work that occurs outside of school hours. For example, each cohort takes part in clinicals at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

“I thought the hands-on portion of this course was extremely beneficial,” says Amanda Hooks, one of the program's participants. “I really liked how we would read, watch videos and learn about each of the skills, and then actually practice on each other or on the mannequins. The clinicals were my favorite part of the class because it was 100% hands-on.

I believe it is never too early to begin learning skills that will help you succeed in your future profession.”

Student interest in the program was high, with 26 participating in its inaugural year, a number that exceeds initial program expectations. The District is pleased with the partnership and the opportunities provided for students.

Trinity Pate sees a different future for herself. She began working at the Kohler Credit Union branch located at Homestead High School as a Homestead senior. The Homestead branch opened this January, employing three students alongside a Kohler Credit Union team member.

Pate graduated early this winter. As part of her employment, she also works at the Kohler Credit Union Mequon branch.

“I'm planning for a career in forensic accounting, which is a really fast-growing field that looks at tax and business records to identify fraud,” says Pate. “Working for Kohler Credit Union at the Homestead branch and the Mequon branch has given me the chance to experience and be a part of a financial environment while learning how I should present myself professionally.”

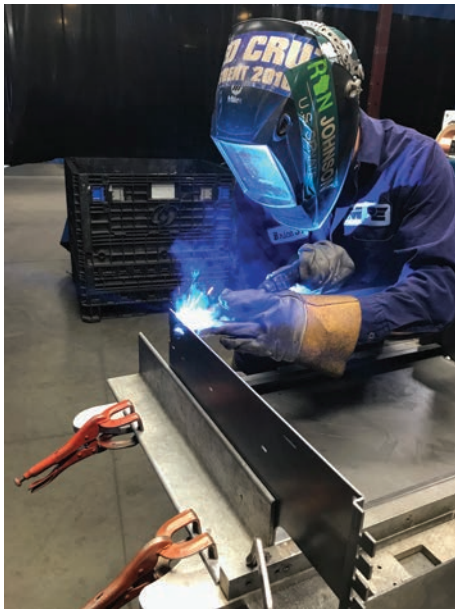
Homestead sophomore Esme Bains also works in the credit union branch at Homestead. She doesn't see herself working in the financial sector in the future, but highlights the benefit of the work experience from a different perspective.

“I have been able to do some job shadowing,” says Bains. “I am interested in a career in IT, and I've been able to see and experience what that would be like through job shadowing. It's been really great.”

“I believe the youth apprenticeship will give me an advantage in school and in the workforce.”

– Brice Sholtus

Another opportunity that benefits students is the School District’s partnership with Ozaukee Youth Apprenticeship. Through industry recognized apprenticeships, Homestead students have the opportunity to explore trades in career clusters, such as agriculture, architecture and construction, finance, health science, hospitality and tourism, manufacturing and distribution and logistics. Several Homestead students are currently participating in an apprenticeship program. Through Ozaukee Youth Apprenticeship, Brice Sholtus has learned welding skills.



“My apprenticeship was in welding but I learned everything from forming press and assembly to the laser cutters,” says Sholtus. “I learned to do many different things in the metal fabrication shop. I was required to get tasks done on time, and needed to develop time management skills. I learned how to take instruction and had to work independently. After high school, I am leaving for the Marine Corps. When I become a Marine, one of my jobs will be a combat engineer and they are required to weld and fabricate for many different needs.

After the Marines, I plan on going through tech school and getting certified in welding. I believe the youth apprenticeship will give me an advantage in school and in the workforce.”

Preparing Each Child

Schools have a short time to do the critically important work of preparing each child to take on the world. The M-T School District prioritizes providing all students with opportunities to investigate their individual interests and strengths and learn more about career and postsecondary options that dovetail with their passions and abilities.

Matt Wolf, academic and career planning coordinator for the District, plays a critical role helping students make those connections among skills, interests and opportunities. Academic and career planning in the District is intended to equip students and their families with the tools necessary to make more informed choices about postsecondary education and training.

One focus of academic and career planning is to develop and implement career-based curriculum for students beginning at the middle school level and extending through high school. The objective is to ensure that each student experiences a structured approach to investigating pathways for their future so that they can make informed decisions about middle or high school level courses or activities that might benefit them moving forward.

“The experience of creating such a meaningful program for all students, has been fantastic,” says Wolf. “Being a part of a cultural shift in the District’s focus has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career.”



Wolf works closely with educators and student support professionals, including school counselors. The work of supporting students through their career and postsecondary investigations requires a team of committed educators who strive to build relationships with students as individuals.

“It’s important to begin cultivating ideas and planting seeds early on,” explains Tres Mansfield, school counselor at Lake Shore Middle School. “By talking with students about careers and by providing them with self-awareness resources, we’re working to ignite that spark and that connection between the importance of education and their futures.”

Community Partnerships

The role of an academic and career planning coordinator extends beyond working with students and colleagues. Wolf also spends time building relationships in the community, whether it’s through networking at Mequon Thiensville Chamber of Commerce events, working directly with volunteer mentors or businesses or reaching out to local businesses to develop opportunities that benefit both parties.

“We know just how valuable relationships with the community can be,” says Wolf. “We have found that our community has embraced opportunities to support students through a variety of ways. We see the benefit for our students and we also believe our community is stronger because of our relationships.”

If you would like to learn about opportunities to become involved in shaping students’ futures, please visit mtsd.k12.wi.us/partnerships.



State School Superintendent Tony Evers (far left) and Assistant State Superintendent Dawn Crim (second from left) visited the M-T School District with members of the Equity Council this March.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT AND EQUITY COUNCIL HONORS MEQUON-THIENSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH VISIT

COUNCIL AND SUPERINTENDENT FOCUS ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The Mequon-Thiensville School District welcomed State Superintendent Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Equity Council on Wednesday, March 28. The focus of the Council's visit to the Mequon-Thiensville School District was to observe the innovative work the District has implemented related to student social-emotional learning.

At the event, Superintendent Evers spoke about the intersection of social-emotional learning and the council's focus on equity. Evers also discussed the importance of social-emotional wellness to a topic on the minds of many: school safety.

"Our stakeholders throughout the community have made it evident that social-emotional well-being is a shared priority," says Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Joynt. "We are approaching building students' personal skills in innovative ways in our School District. Social-emotional well-being is a focus area in our next three-year strategic plan because we know it provides a foundation for healthy development. Our community must work together to ensure our students develop the skills to engage with others, manage their emotions, show empathy, handle stress, and make responsible decisions to succeed in life and their future careers."



The Mequon-Thiensville School District provides full-time social-emotional coaches to support students' learning and growth in each of its six schools. Social-emotional coaches work to intervene, identify and eliminate barriers to students' academic achievement and social-emotional development.

"Our social-emotional coaches are integral in our endeavors to support and enhance the social-emotional well-being of students and efforts to positively engage with families to improve our approach to supporting student learning," explains Joynt. "Supporting our



students' social-emotional growth ensures that they develop personal skills to persist through challenges, effectively seek help when they need it, and are thoughtful about their actions."

As part of the visit, the Wisconsin DPI Equity Council members toured Donges Bay Elementary School, where they observed classroom activities designed to encourage self-awareness, self-management, attention, social-awareness and relationship skills. A number of educators at Donges Bay have selected social-emotional learning as a professional practice goal area.

"The educators and staff members of Donges Bay have embraced the importance of social-emotional learning and its impact on student wellness and academic growth," says Donges Bay Principal Chris Gray. "As a result of the leadership and professional development implemented by our social-emotional coach, Emily McDevitt, we are seeing students authentically practicing the strategies we are teaching and modeling for them because they see the value of these tools."

The council had the opportunity to debrief following the site visit to Donges Bay, at which time the work observed at the school and throughout the District was described as "outstanding."

The purpose of the DPI Equity Council is to examine educational issues through an equity lens and provide expertise with an eye toward equity. More info about the Equity Council can be found at dpi.wi.gov/statesupt/equity-council.



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The 5K run begins at Homestead High School and ends at Taste of Mequon. Shuttles will run from Taste to Homestead all evening.

Want to participate but not walk or run? Join the MTEF Color Run Volunteer Crew (high school students can earn merit hours). Unique sponsorship opportunities are available, too!

Grab your family, friends and business colleagues and sign up for this exciting event to benefit the Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation. Registration, volunteer and sponsorship details can be found at mtef.org



COLOR RUN DETAILS

- Saturday, Sept. 8
- Start time 4 p.m.
- Swag Bag, T-Shirt, Color Packet and More!
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The Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce staff includes (from left to right): Laura Behnken, Tina Schwantes and Gina Sotelo.



MEQUON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MEQUON-THIENSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BUSINESS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

In today's competitive world, successful businesses need to arm themselves with as many resources as possible to stay in touch and keep ahead. That's why the area's M-T businesses are lucky to have the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce as one of their vital resources. From networking opportunities, special events, educational workshops, ribbon-cuttings, member promotions and more, our businesses can count on the M-T Chamber to support them in so many ways. We are honored to share their story with you: In Business for YOUR Business.

The M-T Chamber was formed in 1980 to advance the commercial, industrial, agricultural, educational and civic interests of the community. The organization started with only 30 members and Bill Reinhardt was named the executive vice president. The Chamber's office was located in his home until he retired in 1993. After that, the office moved between several other locations on Port Washington Road in Mequon and Main Street in Thiensville until it settled in its current home in the Spectrum Investment Advisors' building at 6331 W. Mequon Road.

The role of a chamber can often be confusing to people – in fact, so much so that the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executives organization created an acronym to help describe the Chamber's role. The acronym is PACE, standing for “promote, advocate, connect and educate.” And that is precisely what our M-T Chamber does throughout the year on behalf of our businesses. Our Chamber is a self-funded, non-profit association that relies on membership dues and fundraisers to operate. The Chamber does not receive any funding from tax dollars, nor is it an extension of the Village or City (as many seem to think is the case). The Chamber is a completely separate entity unto itself, self governed by a board of directors.

According to Executive Director Tina Schwantes, “We try to be as

helpful as possible when we get calls about trash removal, where to vote and the best places to fish,” says Schwantes with a laugh.

Schwantes also notes, “We work closely with the City and Village, and enjoy a positive relationship with both municipalities. They show their support by participating in our Chamber monthly local government relations meetings, and by attending ribbon-cuttings that welcome new businesses to our communities.” Mequon's mayor and the Village of Thiensville president, along with the M-T School District superintendent, also graciously present at the annual state of the community luncheon.

In order to collaborate and keep lines of communication open with the City, the Village, the School District and the Thiensville Business Association (TBA), representatives from each of these entities serve as an Ex-Officio liaison member on the M-T Chamber Board of Directors. The Chamber also interfaces and collaborates closely with the educational institutions in our area.

Schwantes began as the executive director in May 2009, and is just completing her 9th year with the organization. Her background in the hospitality industry and as former membership director for the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce (in Wauwatosa) prepared her for her current diverse role. Schwantes is joined by Gina Sotelo, a part-time administrative assistant who also serves as a program/marketing manager. Rounding out their team is another part-time staffer, Laura Behnken, who recently joined the organization in January to assist with programs, marketing and special projects.

Schwantes is quick to point out the many benefits of joining the M-T Chamber of Commerce. “It's a great way for business owners and other professionals to make connections and feel a real sense of community with other businesses and organizations in the area. This is especially meaningful in Mequon and Thiensville where business

districts are so spread out geographically,” she explains. The Chamber offers an abundance of networking opportunities and the option of having individual businesses promoted on the Chamber website. “When a business joins, it not only benefits from marketing opportunities, but can also feel proud of its contribution to help support the ongoing initiatives and services offered by the Chamber,” Schwantes adds. “Helping to keep our business community strong is what it’s all about!”

So what are some of the specific programs for which the M-T Chamber is so well known?

Promotion and Advertising Opportunities

- A business page on the Chamber website.
- Event postings on the Chamber website calendar and ads on the site.
- Option to advertise in *Chamber Matters*, the Chamber’s electronic newsletter.
- Listing in the *Mequon-Thiensville Community Profile* book.
- Community Gift Certificate Shop Local program
- Event sponsorships at special events.

Networking Opportunities

- Attendance at Chamber luncheons.
- Attendance at Face2Face networking breakfasts in a small, round-table format.
- Attendance at ONCE (Ozaukee Networking Chamber Exchange) luncheons.
- Attendance at monthly government relations meetings.
- Participation in the Chamber Golf Classic.
- Annual Celebrate Your Community Awards Banquet honoring businesses and citizens that have made outstanding contributions.
- Annual Chinooks game and deck party.
- Annual holiday gathering.
- Various seminars and training sessions.
- Young Professional Events
- Annual Sporting Clays Event
- Women’s Business Owner meetings

In addition, the Chamber advocates for more business-friendly ordinances and procedures, and serves as their voice. And it holds meetings with officials and staff to pass along feedback the businesses provide.

The M-T Chamber also serves as a welcome center for visitors and individuals that are relocating. Residents and companies frequently stop in the Chamber office to pick up resources for their visitors, such as the *Mequon-Thiensville Profile* book, the M-T

area street map, the *Ozaukee County Guide* and information about area attractions. And the Chamber is always happy to answer general questions from the community at large.

When talking with Schwantes, it’s obvious this is a woman who loves her job! “The Chamber position has given me the opportunity to meet and work with so many extraordinary people – and learn so much about our special communities. I am truly inspired by the dedication, energy and giving nature of our board of directors, chamber members, community members and civic leaders, as well as my colleagues in Ozaukee County,” she shares. “It’s a privilege for me to get to know so many caring, dynamic professionals. It’s also rewarding to hear from members about how much they appreciate experiencing new friendships, clients, resources and opportunities through the Chamber,” she adds.

Schwantes has seen tremendous growth for the Chamber during her tenure. “Over the last decade, we’ve been fortunate to experience a consistent increase in membership (now totaling 462 members), member engagement, program attendance, and the number and type of programs offered each year,” reports Schwantes. “The success of the Chamber is truly a team effort, and the level of ‘ownership,’ involvement and support given by our board and membership has been amazing. An active membership is what keeps our Chamber thriving!”

Members and potential members are encouraged to visit the Chamber website (mtchamber.org) to learn more about events happening in the area, along with information about the Chamber’s history, a membership directory, community calendar, and complete membership details.

Thanks to the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce, its dedicated board and talented staff. We consider them the best chamber in the area and are proud to have them represent our thriving business community!

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Note: The Chamber will temporarily be relocating next door into the Spectrum Investment Advisors’ offices from June through September during construction on the Spectrum building.



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GATEWAY COMMITTEE CHOOSES CONCEPT DESIGN

The ongoing intergovernmental cooperation between the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville is contributing to the progress and success of the Mequon-Thiensville Town Center. Many of these jointly sponsored projects have taken the efforts of several community organizations and countless volunteers contributing their time and expertise to make the vision come to life.

Projects such as the Rotary Riverwalk, the community event sign, reconstruction of Cedarburg Road, and the improvements to the historic structures of the Thiensville Fire Station museum and the Isham Day House prove that working together results in long-term value, pride in the uniqueness of our community and substantial public benefit. Past projects reflect the communities' character and enhance the functionality and aesthetics of public spaces.

Attracting and welcoming users to the civic and business activities within the central neighborhood of our two communities is a key goal dating back to the co-sponsored Mequon-Thiensville Town Center Plan of 2002. A specific infrastructure project in the

plan includes a formal gateway feature at the intersection of Mequon and Cedarburg Roads.

This gateway feature has several public objectives:

- Signify the central district of both Mequon and Thiensville.
- Create a destination.
- Activate the riverfront.
- Improve the pedestrian experience.

The City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville, as advised by Mayor Abendroth's Ad Hoc Town Center Gateway Committee, has hired Groth Design Group, Inc. of Cedarburg and ZEBRADO of Madison to develop gateway concept designs. After thorough review of multiple concepts and feedback from both the Mequon City Council and the Village of Thiensville Board, one concept was refined and is being priced for construction, to begin this year. Various views of the selected design are shown on this page.

For more information, contact the M-T Town Center Gateway Committee in care of the Mequon Community Development Department at edb@ci.mequon.wi.us.





NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE, RAPID NOTIFICATION

The Mequon Police Department's 911 Dispatch Center will use the "Hyper-Reach" emergency telephone notification system. "Hyper-Reach" allows the 911 Center to quickly send a recorded message to telephones in specific areas and alert residents to any emergency situations that may require immediate action. The system is designed to deliver more than 5,000 calls per hour and has been successfully used on a number of occasions for incidents such as hazardous chemical releases, missing persons and severe weather alerts. The "Hyper-Reach" message delivers critical information to residents and provides guidance on what precautions need to be taken by residents during and after the incident.

This new emergency alert system will provide rapid notification of hazardous and urgent situations using a mix of telephone calls, text and email messages, and even TTY/TDD service for the hearing impaired. The system sends thousands of these messages to geographically targeted households in seconds, and can simultaneously deliver them to an even

broader audience via social media, as well as sending broadcast messages to most current mobile telephones (made since 2011) in an affected area by providing access to FEMA's Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system.

The City plans to use the service primarily for alerts about weather and environmental hazards, criminal activity and missing persons. Landline phones are automatically enrolled, but mobile phones and email addresses are only included when people enroll.

Residents and others who work in Mequon are encouraged to enroll now, either by calling 262-292-5060, or visiting the website: hyper-reach.com/wicityofmequonsignup.html, or by downloading the Hyper-Reach Anywhere app on their smartphone. Hyper-Reach Anywhere is a free smartphone app that allows individual citizens to manage and monitor the alerts they receive, both for their home and office addresses, and for other addresses they care about such as those of elderly relatives or friends.



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MEQUON PARKS BEAUTIFUL ALL YEAR-ROUND

The summer is the perfect time to take advantage of the City of Mequon's 27 parks! Mequon's 1,182 acres of green space offer a multitude of opportunities for family and friends alike to enjoy the outdoors. Whether you like hiking, biking, fishing or just taking in a summer baseball game, Mequon's parks have something for everyone.

See below for some of the upcoming events to look for in Mequon's handsome parks.

- **June 18:** Mequon Preservation Partners Field Tours at Highland Woods
- **June 19:** Mequon Preservation Partners Field Tours at Virmond Park
- **June 30:** Fun Before the Fourth at Thiensville's Village Park
- **July 7-8:** Highlander Battle Baseball Tournament at Lemke and Rennie Fields
- **July 13-15:** Gathering on the Green at Rotary Park

On top of attending one of the many events, the City of Mequon invites community members and visitors to celebrate their next corporate, family or social gathering at one of the parks. To learn how to rent a pavilion, visit the Parks Division's website at ci.mequon.wi.us/parks or send your inquiry by email to parks@ci.mequon.wi.us.

CITY OF MEQUON 2018 PAVILION RENTAL FEES

Rental Pavilions	Full Day Fees	Refundable Deposits
River Barn Pavilion (Sommer)	\$475.20	\$200
South Rotary Pavilion	\$237.60	\$50
North Reuter Pavilion	\$475.20	\$200
Lemke Park	\$158.40	\$50

PROMOTIONS WITHIN THE PARKS DIVISION

In the last quarter of 2017, the City of Mequon bid farewell to its longtime Director of Parks and Operations. As a result, the City's Parks Division welcomed newly promoted staff to fill the gap and navigate the City's parks into the future.

Mike Gies: Parks and Forestry Superintendent

Mike Gies was promoted from City Forester to Parks and Forestry Superintendent. In his new position, Gies is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the City parks, the City nursery, maintaining Mequon's urban forest, reviewing proposed street tree plans in the road right-of-way, and coordinating Parks Division employees and rentals. Gies provides community education and guidance for the community on all components of parks, arboriculture and landscape. Additionally, Gies is the staff liaison for the River Advisory Committee, Tree Board, and Parks and Open Space Board. Gies holds an associate degrees in arboriculture and landscape design, as well as being a certified arborist in the State of Wisconsin since 2006.

Casey Deuster: Park and Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant

Casey Deuster was promoted to an expanded role in which she serves as the administrative assistant for the Parks Division and Department of Public Works. Deuster's responsibilities include answering phones, billing of invoices, creating spreadsheets, updating files, assisting residents with questions or concerns, and managing rental inquiries, and sports group rentals. Casey also prepares meeting packets and



Gathering on the Green is held each summer during July in Rotary Park.

minutes for the Public Works Committee, Sewer Utility District Commission, Water Utility Commission, Tree Board, and Parks and Open Space Board. She holds an associate degree in administrative assistant with a customer service certificate.



The Riverpark Barn can be rented out for special events.

TASTE OF MEQUON RETURNS SEPTEMBER 8

Held since 2013, the “TASTE” is Mequon’s flagship event with restaurants, an entertainment stage and beverage stands drawing more than 6,000 to the City Square during this one-day event. Participants can enjoy the taste of scrumptious food prepared by local restaurants, sit back and listen to sounds of local entertainers, visit with family, friends and neighbors, stroll from booth to booth to appreciate the artwork crafted by local artists. There are also activities geared just for children. There is no charge for admission or entertainment so come on down on September 8 from 12-9 p.m. and enjoy some family fun.

Visit mequonfestivals.org to learn more about the City’s flagship event – and be sure to save the date on your calendar!



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FREE APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENTS

Do you have large or bulky appliances and electronics you’d like to dispose of? Then mark your calendar for **July 28 and October 20 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** to attend the City of Mequon’s annual collection events at the Public Works building located on 10800 N. Industrial Dr. Residents and businesses will have the opportunity to safely discard unwanted items in a convenient and primarily free manner. (There is a \$25 fee per TV and a \$10 fee per monitor that is recycled.)

For more details, please contact the City’s Parks Division by email at parks@ci.mequon.wi.us or visit the City’s website at ci.mequon.wi.us for additional information.



STEP BACK IN TIME AT JONATHAN CLARK HOUSE

FUN, FAMILY ACTIVITIES PLANNED THIS SEASON

The Jonathan Clark House is a historic house located right here in Mequon on 13615 N. Cedarburg Rd. The fieldstone and limestone home was built in 1848 for Jonathan Clark who migrated to the area in 1839. Over the long life of the Jonathan Clark House, it has been used as a home, a dentist's office, and now is a museum that tells the story of early settlers' lifestyle.

The Jonathan Clark House Museum will host two free events this season where participants can step back in time and learn more about early settler life in Mequon. This year the Museum is partnering with Lindenwood and Knellsville 4-H Clubs for exciting new educational experiences. Children will be able to interact with animals such as calves and chickens right on the grounds of the Jonathan Clark House.



dairy snack courtesy of the Ozaukee County Dairy Promotions Board and Lindenwood 4-H.

Dairy Farming Fun **Saturday, June 9 • 12-3 p.m.**

June is Dairy Month! Join the Museum in exploring the importance of dairying in Wisconsin. Children can take a turn churning butter and enjoy the sweet reward on a slice of bread. A 4-H dairy member will let you pet a calf and try your hand at milking a cow. End your afternoon with a free

Chores of the Early Settler Children **Saturday, August 18 12-3 p.m.**

The grounds surrounding the home will be filled with items used for chores typical of those in the 1850s. Participants will learn to wash and dry clothes the old-fashioned way. Visitors will view a display of old farm tools and learn the basics of rope making. A young volunteer will demonstrate the Schnitzelbank that was used as a woodworking tool in various trades from farmers to wheelwrights.



Both of these events at this historic home will include costumed docents telling intriguing stories about early settlers such as Jonathan and Mary Clark, and Mary's father Peter Turck and their neighbors, the Bonniwell Family. Yard games and refreshments are all included in these free events. Children are encouraged to come in costume. Financial support for this series is provided by Richmond Investment Services of Mequon.

For more information about these fun, family events, please contact Friends of Jonathan Clark House Executive Director Nina Look by phone at 262-618-2051, email jchmuseum@gmail.com, or visit jonathanclarkhouse.com.

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LISTENING SESSION SCHEDULED TO GAIN INPUT ABOUT POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT

The City of Mequon Police and Fire Commission (PFC) will be holding a community listening session on June 14 at 6 p.m. at City Hall as part of the Chief of Police recruitment process. This session will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input to the PFC about the recruitment of Mequon's next Chief of Police.

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~ OUT AND ABOUT ~



We've been waiting patiently for summer and it is FINALLY HERE! The new season shows promise of offering more events and more fun than ever before in our Mequon and Thiensville communities. Check out the calendar on page 38 for a listing of an amazing selection of special activities to keep you engaged all summer long!

1. Blacksmith Tony Clark works on his "Giving Tree," part public art and part donor recognition for the Thiensville Village Park Reimagined Project. See pg. 4. **2.** Gathering on the Green sponsored a night of music and conversation on the topic of teen stress and anxiety at Homestead High School's James Barr Performing Arts Center. Katrina Cravy (center) moderated the discussion featuring vocalist Hannah Mrozak and Sue McKenzie, director of Rogers InHealth. **3.** The headliner band SEMPLE will be one of the highlights of the Family Fun Before the Fourth event on Saturday, June 30. The day starts with a parade at 10:30 a.m. and ends with a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. **4.** The popular Taste of Mequon event returns on Saturday, September 8, when residents and guests can purchase a variety of tasty foods from local restaurants, enjoy art and craftwork for sale by local artisans, and relax to the sounds of live music. See pg. 33. **5.** Concordia University Milwaukee is one of the many schools that are part of the "Closing the Achievement Gap Consortium" that was formed to address the disparities in academic achievement. See pg. 18. **6.** Mequon Nature Preserve is beautiful to behold in any season. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org and find out more about all of their special programs and events taking place this summer.



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Community Calendar

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM EVENT DETAILS.

JUNE 2018

- **Sat., June 2: Bike Safety Day, 9 a.m.-12 noon** in Thiensville Village Park. Educate children about bike safety. Presented by the Thiensville Police Department. Bring your bike – free.
- **Sat., June 2: Village Park Reimagined Fundraiser, “Gala in the Park: A Night Under the Stars”** Thiensville Village Park. See pg. 4.
- **Thur., June 7: Mequon-Thiensville School District Last Day of School**
- **Thur., June 7-Sun., June 10: 54th Lionfest** in Thiensville Village Park. Presented by the Mequon-Thiensville Lions Club. Live music, carnival rides, bingo, chicken dinners, softball tournament, raffles and more! See pg. 7.
- **Thur., June 7: Shully’s River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Live music from the Five Card Studs at Shully’s, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission, bring two nonperishable food items for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County’s Pantry. Food/beverages available for purchase. Rain or shine – visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Fri., June 8: “Support Mequon Nature Preserve” Brat Fry, 4-6 p.m.** Skip the hot stove and cruise on over to Metro Market in Mequon. Your purchase supports MNP – plus, don’t miss the Johnsonville Big Taste Grill!
- **Sun., June 10: Homestead High School Graduation, 2 p.m.** in the Homestead Fieldhouse.
- **Tue., June 12: Opening Day Thiensville Village Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** in Thiensville Village Park every Tuesday through October 16. See pg. 7.
- **Sun., June 17: Early Bird Registration Deadline for MTEF Color Run** See pg. 26 and visit mtef.org.
- **Mon., June 18-Thur., June 28: Session 1 of Summer Academy** M-T Recreation Department. Visit the Recreation Department at mtsd.k12.wi.us.
- **Fri., June 22: Summer Solstice: An Evening of Celebration** Gather at the Mequon Nature Preserve amphitheater for live music and song, readings and more for the whole family! Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org.
- **Sat., June 23: Thiensville Villagewide Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Sponsored by the Thiensville Business Association. Maps with addresses will be available at Village Hall, 250 Elm St., beginning June 20. \$10 fee to be listed on the map – information must be submitted by June 15. Contact Rob Kos at robertjkos1@gmail.com.
- **Fri., June 29: Screen on the Green** Outdoor movie night at Thiensville Village Park presented by the Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee.
- **Fri., June 29: Frogfest at glaze** 149 Green Bay Rd., Thiensville. Visit glazepottery.com.
- **Sat., June 30: Family Fun Before the Fourth 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.** Day-long community celebration, starting with a parade through town, and ending with live entertainment, food for sale and fireworks at dusk in Thiensville Village Park. Free admission. Visit familyfunbeforethefourth.com.

JULY 2018

- **Thur., July 12: Shully’s River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Live music from the Alex Wilson Band at Shully’s, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. See June 7 listing for details.
- **Fri.-Sat., July 13-14: Battle of the Bands, 5:30-7:15 p.m. both days** Top bands compete at Gathering on the Green, Rotary Park. Visit gatheringonthegreen.org.
- **Sat., July 14: Gathering on the Green** Festival of the performing arts at Rotary Park in Mequon to benefit music, arts and technology education programs for children with Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx, plus Lou Gramm, the original voice of Foreigner. Visit gatheringonthegreen.org.
- **Tue., July 17: Mequon Nature Preserve Bee Club, 6:30 p.m.** Monthly

meetings for beginners to experts, all are welcome. mequonnaturepreserve.org

- **Thur., July 19: Music in Village Park, 6 p.m.** Presented by the Thiensville Business Association (TBA). Bring your family, meet your friends and enjoy live music.

- **Sat., July 21: “Cheel-abration” at the cheel** Fourth annual celebration in the cheel’s parking lot/garden, 105 S. Main St. Visit thecheel.com.
- **Sat., July 21: Screen on the Green** Outdoor movie night at Thiensville Village Park presented by the Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee.
- **Mon., July 23-Fri., Aug. 3: Safety Town** Sponsored by the Thiensville and Mequon Police Departments and the Mequon-Thiensville Optimist Club. Classes held at Wilson Elementary School. Fee is \$35. See pg. 9.
- **Thur., July 26: Music in Village Park, 6 p.m.** Presented by the Thiensville Business Association (TBA). Bring your family, meet your friends and enjoy live music.
- **Sat., July 28: Mequon Recycling Event, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the Public Works building, 10800 N. Industrial Rd. See pg. 33.

AUGUST 2018

- **Thur., Aug. 2: Shully’s River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Live music from the Eddie Butts Band at Shully’s, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free. See June 7 listing for details.
- **Mon., Aug. 6-Thur., Aug. 16: Session 2 of Summer Academy** M-T Recreation Department. Visit the Recreation Department at mtsd.k12.wi.us.
- **Thur., Aug. 9: M-T School District Registration Day** for all schools
- **Thur., Aug. 9: Music in Village Park, 6 p.m.** Presented by the Thiensville Business Association (TBA). Bring your family, meet your friends and enjoy live music.
- **Thur., Aug. 16: Music in Village Park, 6 p.m.** Presented by the Thiensville Business Association (TBA).
- **Tue., Aug. 21: Mequon Nature Preserve Bee Club, 6:30 p.m.** Monthly meetings for beginners to experts, all are welcome. Learn from discussion, presenters and hands-on work at the hive. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org.
- **Thur., Aug. 23: Music in Village Park, 6 p.m.** Presented by the Thiensville Business Association (TBA).
- **Sat., Aug. 25: Skippyfest** at Skippy’s Sports Pub & Grub, 113 N. Green Bay Rd., Thiensville.

SEPTEMBER 2018

- **Mon., Sept. 3: Labor Day City, Village and School District Offices Closed**
- **Tue., Sept. 4: First Day of School** for MTSD students K through grade 12.
- **Thur., Sept. 6: First Day of School** for MTSD students in 4K.
- **Sat., Sept. 8: 6th Annual Taste of Mequon, 12-9 p.m.** in front of Mequon City Hall. Family-friendly community event featuring live music, food from local restaurants, art and crafts fair, and more. See pg. 33.
- **Sat., Sept. 8: Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation 5K Color Run/Walk** Beginning at Homestead High School and ending at Taste of Mequon. See pg. 26 and visit mtef.org.
- **Sat., Sept. 8: Monarch Tagging, 1-3 p.m.** at Mequon Nature Preserve. Help tag Monarchs for conservation research. Nets and tags provided.
- **Sat., Sept. 15: Public Safety Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,** Walgreens’ parking lot, 278 N. Main St., Thiensville.
- **Sun., Sept. 16: Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-12 noon** Thiensville Fire Department, 250 Elm St., sponsored by the Thiensville Fire Department.
- **Tue., Sept. 18: Mequon Nature Preserve Bee Club, 6:30 p.m.** Monthly meetings for beginners to experts, all are welcome. Learn from discussion, presenters and hands-on work at the hive. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org.

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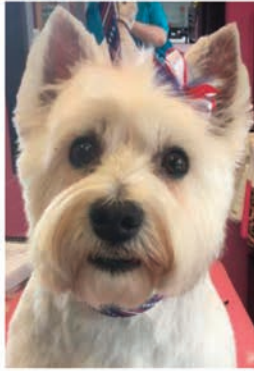


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