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Germantown's Shon Pratcher, pictured during a meet earlier in the season, finished third in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump at the WIAA state track and field in LaCrosse June 2-3. See story on page 6.

Village Board approves park-related requests

The Germantown Village Board approved two park-related requests June 5.

The board approved a contract with MN/WI Playground for the design and installation of playground equipment at Haupt Strasse Park, which is located at N116 W16952 Main St. at a cost not to exceed \$63,499. The motion includes a provision that village staff will be allowed to purchase surfacing materials at a cost not to exceed \$6,501.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Mark Schroeder said the request continues the village's process of replacing playground equipment, with funds in the village Capital Improvement Program budget to replace the equipment at Haupt Strasse. Request for proposals were sent out and six firms submitted 10 design proposals. The village Park and Recreation Commission narrowed the list to five designs for consideration. Schroeder said the village placed the five proposals on the village Facebook page for resident input.

"For the second year in a row the

residents choice matched the choice of the Park and Recreation Commission, validating their choice," Schroeder said.

Schroeder said the old equipment will be removed at the southwest corner of the park and new equipment will be installed at the southeast corner of the park. Schroeder noted some of swing sets being removed date back to the 1970s while modular equipment dates back to 23 years ago.

"Everything is coming out," Schroeder said of the old equipment.

The board also approved a con-tract with Frank Armstrong Enterprises for surfacing and lining to the Kinderberg Park basketball court at a cost not to exceed \$5,797.

Schroeder said the construction of stone base and asphalt was included in the village paving program. Schroeder said there were two bids for the surfacing project. He said the court will be located on the south center portion of the park, which is located at N104 W14942 Donges Bay Road.

-By Thomas J. McKillen, Managing Editor



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Could you benefit? Local Eye MDs offer latest advances

by Cheryl L. Dejewski

"As baby boomers age and people live longer, more Americans are hitting the age bracket where risk levels for debilitating eye conditions increase," says Mark Freedman, MD, senior partner at Eye Care Specialists, a nationally recognized ophthalmology practice.

How can you protect your vision? Brett Rhode, MD, Head of Ophthalmology at Aurora Sinai Medical Center and partner at Eye Care Specialists, advises, "Your best protection is to schedule regular, comprehensive eye exams. Our practice strives to offer the latest technology to detect, track and treat nearly every cause of vision loss. But the most advanced equipment and services in the state are of no use if people don't utilize them."

The following are just a few of the cutting-edge devices and procedures the Eye Care Specialists team has available.



Cataract surgery with lens implantation restores vision and reduces the risk of falls, car accidents, and depression.

Customized Lens Implants

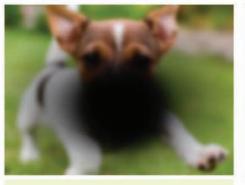
Cataract surgery requires making an opening in the eye to remove the cloudy lens (cataract) and replace it with an artificial lens (to once again focus light rays onto the retina and restore vision). Standard lens implants (IOLs) are "monofocal" or single-focus. They are like miniature internal contact lenses set for a single prescription power-usually to provide clear vision in the distance (for driving, watching TV, etc.). Most patients still need to wear reading glasses or bifocals after surgery. "When appropriate, however, we offer the option of 'advanced technology' IOLs, which are multi-focal or extended-range-of vision (provide multiple focusing zones for near and far) or toric (provide correction for astigmatism)," explains Daniel Paskowitz, MD, PhD, an eye surgeon with credentials from Harvard and Johns Hopkins. "At least 70% of advanced technology IOL patients can see to read, drive, do computer work, or perform most activities-with never or only occasionally needing glasses. At Eye Care Specialists, we customize each implant to fit each patient's prescription, health, lifestyle, expectations, budget, and other concerns."



Because good vision in one eye can mask problems in the other and certain diseases lack early symptoms, people with diabetes (illustrated above), AMD, glaucoma, and other conditions often don't notice a concern until it is too late. Diagnostic OCT laser scans help to catch diseases early enough to protect vision.

Diagnostic Laser Scans

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Injections can help stop loss of central vision to macular degeneration (AMD) (illustrated above) as well as to diabetes.

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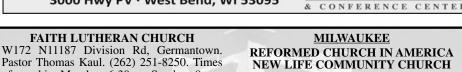
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TRACK Hamilton girls second at state track meet

The Sussex Hamilton girls track team finished second in Division I competition at the WIAA state track and field meet held at UW-LaCrosse June 2-3.

Milwaukee King won the Division I girls title with 58 points. Hamilton followed with 34 points.

Hamilton was led by the 4x400 meter relay team of Morgan Price, Rachel Passow, Megan Janet and Bianca Stubler, which won the event with a time of 3:51.66.

Stabler also finished third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.94 and second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 54.58. Hamilton's 4x800 meter relay team of Jordyn Jeffers, Carolyn Troutman. Passow and Taylor

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Fuersentberg finished eighth in the event with a time of 9:38.56.

Rachel Seraphine finished second in the pole vault by crossing the bar at 12 feet 6 inches. Seraphine tied the mark set by winning Daily Albino of New Berlin West but needed more attempts to cross the bar.

For the Germantown girls who qualified for the meet, the 4x800 meter relay team of Molly Baus, Sami Stieve, Jennifer Lindgren and Alyssa Goesch finished seventh with a time of 9:38.20. Erin Willard finished seventh in the long jump by covering 18-2. In the 400 meter dash, Kenzie Schmitz finished 15th in preliminaries with a time of 59.13. Germantown tied for 47th with four points

For Menomonee Falls girls who qualified for the meet, the 4x100 meter relay team of Jada Jones, Alexis Hunter, Sam Kruk and Anaya Hunter finished fourth with a time of 48.94. Eileen Tocco finished 24th in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:29.78. Menomonee Falls tied for 39th with five points.

In boys competition, Germantown's Shon Pratcher finished third in the long jump with a distance of 23-4.25. Pratcher, who was the defending Division I champion in the long jump, also finished seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 45-5. Also for Germantown, Cal Knapp finished 10th in the shot put with a toss of 53-4.25. Germantown finished tied for 23rd with 10 points.

For Menomonee Falls, Cameron Jemison finished third in the pole vault by crossing the bar at 15 feet. Other points came from the 4x200 meter relay team of Patrick Doyle, Dominick Kollmann, Michael Young and Matthew Nienow, who finished seventh in the event with a time of 1:28.81. Menomonee Falls finished tied 32nd with eight points.

Also for Menomonee Falls, the 4x100 meter relay team of Jarod Ernst, Jacob Kaus, Young and Kollmann finished 23rd in the preliminaries with a time of 44.19.

For Hamilton, Ty Olejnik finished ninth in the long jump with a distance of 22-5.75.

Germantown, Falls lose at state quarterfinals

The Germantown and Menomonee Falls girls softball teams both lost in Division I quarterfinal games at the WIAA state tournament in Madison June 8.

Germantown lost to Wilmot, 4-0. Wilmot got on the board in the first inning, as Taylor Danielson hit a home run with a teammate on base. Wilmot added two runs in the second inning as Heidi Richards hit a solo home run. Wilmot added their final run when Madi Zerr singled to center field, advanced to second when the next batter was hit by a pitch and scored on an error.

The game remained scoreless the rest of the way. Germantown had three hits and got on base twice from walks. Wilmot pitcher Sarah Hutchinson recorded nine strikeouts. Germantown's Carly Szada recorded five strikeouts and allowed six hits.

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10 record and finished second in the North Shore Conference.

Menomonee Falls lost to Oak Creek in the next game, 6-1. Oak Creek opened the game with four runs in the first inning on four hits and one error.

Menomonee Falls got on the board in the bottom of the third inning when Kenzie Poetzel opened the inning with a walk, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Cierra Jones and scored on an error.

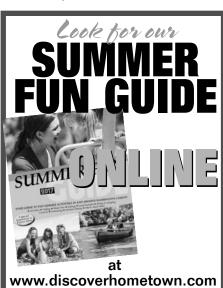
Oak Creek added two runs in the fifth inning as Tori Golden doubled to center field and scored, advanced to third on a ground out and scored on an error. Pinch runner Emma Ray replaced Becca Oleniczak at second base after she reached base on an error. Ray then scored on a single by Katie Mitchell.

Oleniczak recorded four strikeouts while allowing three hits for Oak Creek. Jones recorded two strikeouts while allowing eight hits.

Menomonee Falls ends the season with a 22-6 record, which includes a Greater Metro Conference title.



PHOTOS BY MEGAN SHERIDAN/SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MENOMONEE FALLS Above, Menomonee Fall's Lou Sciortino makes it to first base safe as Oak Creek's Payton Strong just misses the catch during the WIAA State Softball Tournament Thursday afternoon in Madison. Right, Abbey Frambs makes a right field catch for an out early in the game against Oak Creek during the WIAA state tournament on Thursday.







Germantown Police Blotter

The following report was taken from records at the West Bend Police Department.

Burglary

• A burglary attempt was made to The Parlor, N96 W17035 Division Road, May 21 when an unknown male actor used a rock to smash the front glass door of the business.

• An unknown actor(s) threw a rock through a window at Four Star Professional Salon, N96 W18058 County Line Road, during the overnight hours of May 21-22.

Disorderly conduct

• Two juvenile male subjects were warned and advised for disorderly conduct at 7:32 p.m. May 22 at Alt Bauer Park, W165 N10749 Wagon Trail, after investigation determined the two were involved in an argument about to turn into a physical altercation.

• A female subject was warned and advised for disorderly conduct at 11:23 a.m. May 22 following an incident with another female at Germantown Mobil, N96 W17500 County Line Road.

Drug possession

• A male subject was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia at 3:45 p.m. May 21 following a traffic stop at Highway 41 and Friestadt Road.

• A male subject was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance-second offense at 5:47 p.m. May 21 after he was stopped for operating without a license at Highway 41 and Holy Hill Road.

Operating while intoxicated

• A female subject was arrested for operating while intoxicated-third offense at 11:12 p.m. May 21 after she was stopped for lane deviation at Pilgrim and Donges Bay roads.

Vandalism

• A male subject from the W15000 block of Starlite Drive reported that an unknown actor(s) had caused damage to his vehicle during the overnight hours of May 20-21.

Warrant

• A male subject was transported from the Milwaukee County Jail to the Washington County Jail on a Germantown warrant at 10:07 p.m. May 21.





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The 'ultimate test' in golf comes to Wisconsin

With the US Open coming to Erin Hills, a tournament which began in 1895 will be played on a course which first opened in 2006.

The US Open has been described as "the ultimate test in golf," and many who played the event over the years have spoken of the challenge the event provides to those who compete in it.

"The U.S. Open is my favorite week of the year. To a lot of people, it is the worst week of the year. To me, you should be punished if you miss the fairway. You should be punished if you miss the green," Colin Montgomerie once said of the US Open.

The US Open was first played on the nine-hole Newport Country Club in Rhode Island, with Horace Rawlins winning the inaugural event. Willie Anderson, Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan and Jack Nicklaus won the US Open four times, while Hale Irwin and Tiger Woods are among three-time winners.

"The U.S. Open is the premier championship in golf. It's the ultimate test of a player's skill, mental capability and physical resolve. We are delighted to present that challenge here to the players for the 2017 U.S. Open," said Stu Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman, during a media preview at Erin Hills last month.

This is the first time the US Open is being played in Wisconsin and the first time the event is being staged in the midwest since it was played at Olympia Fields in Illinois in 2003.

Erin Hills Golf Course opened in 2006 and prepared for this event by hosting, the 2008 U.S. Women's



The clubhouse at Erin Hills Golf Course (right building) is pictured last month.

Amateur Public Links Championship, the 2011 U.S. Amateur Championship and the 2015 Wisconsin State Amateur Championship. It has been closed since the fall of 2016 to prepare for the US Open. Golf Digest ranked Erin Hills at 42nd among America's 100 Greatest Courses, and eighth among the nation's Greatest Public Courses.

There have been two owners of the course during its brief history: Bob Lang from 1999 to 2009 and Andy Ziegler from 2009 to the present. While the course itself is less than two decades old, it takes advantage of a natural history that reshaped the terrain to what it is today.

"Over 20,000 years ago, Erin Hills was formed by colliding glaciers that left dramatic ridges, contours and vistas. The minimalist and sustainable approach to design and maintenance respects the course's place in Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine region. When architects Michael Hurdzan, Dana Fry and Ron Whitten set out to *See* **(ULTIMATE TEST'** *PAGE 9*





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Erin Hills called the 'ultimate test'

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draft course,

needed to move only a few shovels of dirt to reveal the rare landscape that can test the game's best in a major championship," Erin Hills states in the official history of the course.

The terrain plays a prominent storyline for the course.

"We're certain that Erin Hills and the beautiful Kettle Moraine region of Wisconsin will provide a grand stage for the U.S. Open and the ultimate test for the 156 players," said Diana Murphy, USGA president, during the preview. On the website for the US Open, a video answers the question,"What exactly is a Kettle Moraine?

While the description of the land may be taken for granted in Wisconsin — there are two high schools in southeast Wisconsin that have "kettle moraine" as part of the name — it may be new to a person from outside the area.

"It's always interesting to see things you see on a daily basis through the eyes of someone who has seen it for the first time," said John Morrissett, competitions director for Erin Hills. Morrissett said the course architects "moved the barest minimum of earth" to design the course." He said a few trees were removed, which lets attendees see the natural topography.

Before the land became a golf course, it served as a grazing farm for cattle, which Morrissett described "as perfect previous life for a golf course. That way, the land was not disturbed by man. All the natural con-

tours remain intact for thousands of years."

Tees and greens are covered by bentgrass while fine fescue covers the fairways. The fairways cover 39 acres while the entire course covers 652 acres. Erin Hills is a walking-only course and the staff notes it is "played in a traditional atmosphere with few artificial distractions."

To get ready for the US Open, Erin Hills has been closed since the fall. Morrissett said all 22 greens were protected with tarps to protect them during the winter. In addition, sensitive area in the fairways were also covered. Construction on tents for the US

Open started in mid-March. During a preview day last month, Francis noted that there have been approximately a thousand workers at the course since march to prepare the site for the event. The work includes installing more than 300 tents. He added that there will be 225 staff from the USGA at the course until the championship and 5,200 volunteers for the event, of which 77 percent are from Wisconsin.

"It's fitting that this championship is annually conducted on what many would consider the grand cathedrals of our game, whether it's Pebble Beach with its windswept landscape, small, hard-to-hit putting



greens; Oakmont's bold architecture, large undulating and fast greens; Winged Foot's tree-line fairways; or the minimalist design of Pinehurst's Course No. 2, each venue is a masterpiece with its own very unique qualities to serve as the backdrop for the game's ultimate test," said Jeff Hall, USGA managing director of Rules and Open Championships, during a preview last month. "Erin Hills is a new addition to that. It's the game's newest grand stage, and we look forward to helping make that introduction to the golf world next month. It will be where the best players in the world put their full range of extensive physical, mental and strategic skills on display."







MAJOR ECONOMICS

US Open will have \$120 million impact on region

The economic impact to the US Open being held at Erin HIlls will go beyond the days the tournament is held at the course.

"The economic impact that happens is not just the week of the championship or the week before or the week after, you'll start to see this community just change. The golf community changes, the real estate changes, people that are coming to this that are coming this are exposed to this area, this change starts to happen," said Janeen Driscoll, director of public relations for the US Golf Association (USGA), during an interview

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in early May.

The US Open will be held at Erin Hills from June 12-18, with competition play from June 15-18. Eric Steimer, championship manager for the US Open, said the US Golf Association (USGA) estimates the total economic impact for US Open host communities and the nearby region to range between \$120 to \$135 million in direct, indirect and induced spending.

"We expect the championship's impact to be felt predominantly in Wisconsin's southeast region, although it would not surprise us to see quests of the championship take advantage of their time in Wisconsin and explore other parts of the state, such as Madison or Door County," Steimer said.

Steimer said the majority of the spending will be in tourism industry operations such motels, restaurants and car rental businesses.

When you start to think bigger picture above and beyond the seven days of the championship, a good amount of local businesses will see an impact based on the infrastructure and construction required for the championship. Whether it is building materials, labor, fuel, etc., there is a significant impact felt for local

businesses leading up to and even after the championship as we are tearing down," he stated.

Visit Washington County Executive Director Elaine Motl also indicated that the economic benefit will go beyond the traditional businesses that benefit from increased tourism.

'Gas stations, hotels and restaurants will be the big winners but the trickle down effect is just as important. Like the waitress who may get a larger tips to take home to her family or a small auto shop that gets business from break downs from the influx of cars driven to the area," she said.

Steimer estimated that 65 to 70 percent of attendees at the event will be from Wisconsin while 77 percent of the event volunteers are from the state. In addition, 49 states are represented and 15 international countries with over 100 international volunteers will be assisting in a volunteer capacity during the championship.

An additional economic impact stems from the fact that Erin Hills is a public access course, and has seen additional business prior to the tournament which will likely continue after the event. Steimer noted that Erin Hills is the sixth

public access course to host a US Open.

"This being the case, anyone in the world can call Erin Hills and make a tee time. Erin Hills began seeing the impact in 2010 when we [USGA] agreed to bring the U.S. Open Championship to Wisconsin for the very first time. Fast forward seven years and even looking ahead to this summer, Erin Hills has seen tremendous interest from golfers around the world that want to play the course," Steimer said. "Just last year, I had a chance to play and two foursomes were in front of me, one group was in from Japan while another was in from Australia. Above and beyond the seven days of the championship, the idea that a golfer is able to play a U.S. Open course will be attracting avid golfers to Wisconsin and to Erin Hills long after this championship concludes - an impact that will be felt for guite some time."

Driscoll noted some of the work that occurred at the course in the months leading up to the event.

"Remember, we don't have a fixed arena. We build the arena from scratch." Driscoll said during an interview in early May. "So as we speak right now, as See 'ECONOMICS' PAGE 11

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Economic impact expected to be great

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you're starting to see the Trophy Club and the 1895 Club and you're starting to see the grandstands come up. It's literally this incredible sports arena that's being built around the 18th green and throughout the campus.'

The months leading up to the US Open have been busy for the Visit Washington County. Motl said the organization has seen an increase in contacts in the months leading up to the event. That has included answering questions and sending out Visitor's Guides.

"The event will have attendees from all over the world. The television show will showcase Washington County to millions of viewers. Our hope is they will return to check us out when they can spend time around the county and possibly golf at one of our great courses," she said.

She said the biggest change in the months leading up to the US Open has

been increased exposure for Washington introducing a larger audience to the County.

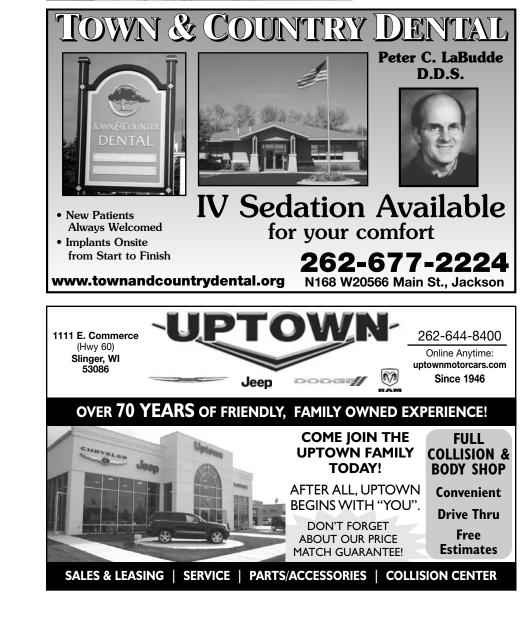
"We have so many things to offer here and so many unique places to visit. They range from Historical Attractions like the Dheinsville Settlement in Germantown to the ultra modern Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend,' Motl said.

Long term, Motl sees the potential of

county's attractions.

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ULS OPEN COLLEGO WISCONSIN

'All hands on deck'

USGA, governments agencies work in coordinating plans for US Open

A major sporting event such as the US Open at Erin Hills involves the highest levels of planning and coordination in public safety and other governmental operations.

The US Open will be held at Erin Hills in the town of Erin from June 12-18, with competition play from June 15-18. Eric Steimer, championship manager for the US Open, said the US Golf Association (USGA) started forming relationships with government officials in June 2010 when it was announced the tournament would be coming to Erin Hills.

"Planning for the championship really begins in earnest roughly two years out when we start engaging local officials on a much more routine basis to formulate a plan that is both conducive to the championship itself, but also, and just as importantly, to the local residents that will be impacted the most by the seven day event," he said. For Washington County, their role has included

For Washington County, their role has included security and traffic through coordination by the Sheriff's Department. County Administrator Joshua Schoemann noted that the Highway Department is doing a fair amount of work in terms of setting up signs and keep routes clear. In addition, a US Open local qualifying event was held at the Washington County Golf Course in May.

"There are dozens (of county employees) involved

in planning and hundred in execution. It is definitely an all hands on deck event. For example, if you can think of a federal government acronym (FBI, CIA, USPS, etc.) they are involved in the tournament," Schoemann said.

Steimer noted that the comprehensive public safety plan for the US Open "inclusive of security, parking and transportation, medical services, etc. is one that we lean heavily on local, regional, state and federal officials and experts to assist us with. The scope and magnitude of this championship requires a great deal of resources and manpower to ensure a safe and secure environment for all championship guests. Being in Washington County, we have received tremendous support from the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) who will be the acting lead law enforcement agency for the championship. Above and beyond the day-to-day protection services they provide to residents of the County, the WCSO has received fantastic mutual aid support from neighboring law enforcement departments, the State and federal partners such as the FBI, FAA, DHS, etc.. The public safety plan for the championship is one that truly takes the collective support of many agencies and we are confident we have assembled a great team to be able to execute the plan."

In addition to Washington County, the USGA has also worked with the town of Erin and provided updates to residents regarding limited access to some roads during the tournament.

Qualifying for the US Open

Perhaps the only thing more challenging than playing in the US Open is qualifying for it.

There were 114 local qualifiers which occurred in 44 states and Canada from May 2-18. Those who advanced out of local qualifiers advanced to sectional competitions that will be held at 10 US sites on June 2, along with sectional qualifying that began May 22 in Japan and continued May 29 in England. To be eligible for qualifying, a player must have a handicap not exceeding 1.4, or be a professional.

"The journey is so important and it's what makes the US Open so unique to any other event in golf. Just having people come from all around the world and especially Wisconsin," said Janeen Driscoll, public relations director for the US Golf Association (USGA).

The USGA accepted 9,485 entries for the US Open, including 150 entries from Wisconsin golfers. The list of entries will be scaled down through local and sectional tournaments. Following the qualifiers from those events and automatic exemptions the field will be narrowed down to 156 players who will play at the US Open in Erin Hills from June 15-18.

"The openness of this championship is what truly sets it apart from all others. It provides great inspiration to golfers around the world, said Jeff Hall, USGA managing director of Rules and Open Championships, during a May 17 media day. "It's a championship for many that starts with a dream. Who here at one point in their golf career See 'QUALIFYING' PAGE 13



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Many try, few make it through qualifying rounds

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early on practiced as a teenager waiting for mom and dad to pick you up, hit that 5-foot putt as darkness is coming down, the dwindling daylight, stating quietly, not so everybody could hear but just so you could hear, 'This is for the U.S. Open." Guilty. Didn't quite work out. However, that inspiration is what the U.S. Open is all about. For others, it might be perhaps interacting with that U.S. Open Trophy, the Trophy Tour, where that trophy moves around the country, and folks have an opportunity to take photos with it and maybe it's the inspiration that reenergized them to get back into the game. We hope so."

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Driscoll, during an interview in early May, described the event for the local and sectional qualifiers as "people just living their dream to play at a championship."

Orville Moody won the US Open in 1969 after qualifying through local and sectional events. Ken Venturi won the US Open in 1964 after qualifying through a sectional event.

Automatic exemptions for qualifying are granted to the winners of the past 10 US Opens, the winner and runner-up

of last year's US Amateur Championship (as long as they remain amateurs), the winners of the last five Masters, British Opens and PGA Championships; winners of the last three Players Championships; the winner of last year's US Senior Open, the top 15 finishes from last year's US Open, the top 30 finishers on the PGA Tour money list, all player's who qualified for the Tour Championship, the top 15 finishes on last season's European Tour money list; the top 10 players on this year's PGA Tour money list; any golfer who won two or more PGA Tour events during the calendar year, the top five players on the current season European Tour money list, the top two finishes on the previous year's Japan Tour money list; the top two finishers on the PGA of Australia previous year money list and the top 50 players on the current year Official World Golf Ranking.

List of players who are fully exempt into the 2017 US Open (as of May 22):

Byeong Hun An, Marc Leishman, Daniel Berger, Shane Lowry, Wesley Bryan, Hideki Matsuyama, Angel Cabrera, Graeme McDowell, Rafael Cabrera Bello, William McGirt, Paul Casey, Rory McIlroy, Roberto Castro,

Maverick McNealy, Kevin Chappell, Phil Mickelson (withdrawn), Brad Dalke, Francesco Molinari, Jason Day, Ryan Moore, Jason Dufner, Kevin Na, Ernie Els, Alex Noren, Ross Fisher, Sean O'Hair, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Louis Oosthuizen, Tommy Fleetwood, Pat Perez, Rickie Fowler, Scott Piercy, Jim Furyk, Thomas Pieters, Sergio Garcia, Jon Rahm, Lucas Glover, Patrick Reed, Branden Grace, Justin Rose, Scott Gregory, Gene Sauers, Emiliano Grillo, Charl Schwartzel, Bill Haas, Adam Scott, Adam Hadwin, Webb Simpson, Brian Harman, Brandt Snedeker, Tyrrell Hatton, Jordan Spieth, Russell Henley, Brendan Steele, Charley Hoffman, Henrik Stenson, J.B. Holmes, Daniel Summerhays, Billy Horschel, Hideto Tanihara, Yuta Ikeda, Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, Jhonattan Vegas, Zach Johnson, Jimmy Walker, Martin Kaymer, Jeunghun Wang, Si Woo Kim, Bubba Watson, Kevin Kisner, Lee Westwood, Russell Knox, Bernd Wiesberger, Brooks Koepka Danny Willett, Matt Kuchar, Gary Woodland.

The 156 players in the US Open at Erin Hills will be competing for this trophy.











CREATING THE COURSE: Architects fit course to natural topography

While millions of people will see Erin HIlls during the US Open when it takes place at the course from June 12-18, US Golf Association (USGA) Executive Director and CEO Mike Davis saw the land before it was even a golf course.

During the US Open media day in May, Davis mentioned the work of architects Ron Whitten, Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry in transforming what had been a field previously used for grazing into a golf course.

"I had the pleasure of coming here August of 2004 and seeing this raw land before anything was done. You had mown out the corridors and kind of shown where tees would be, center line fairways and greens, and I think all of us congratulate you (the three course architects) on how well you used this beautiful piece of property," Davis said. "For anybody who likes golf course architecture, you'd salivate seeing this property in its raw form. I mean, it's not up against an ocean, but it's about as good a land as you can find to build a golf course, and fellows, you did a great job, and you should be incredibly proud."

Davis mentioned the legacy of the U.S. Open as being the "ultimate test of golf."

"There is a strong belief by the USGA that this will absolutely provide this ultimate test of golf, so it's the shot-making, it's handling yourself mentally, it's course management. Obviously this is a physical test, too. When you walk 18 holes here at Erin Hills, you know it," Davis said. "But we really do believe that it starts with the great piece of property, but it's the design, the architecture, that really is going to test every skill, every shot-making ability, and we really do believe that this course is going to identify, hopefully come Sunday of U.S. Open week, a worthy champion to hold that coveted U.S. Open Trophy and the Jack Nicklaus gold medal."

With few trees on the site, Fry noted that weather conditions will play a major role in scoring for the event.

"You give a calm conditions and greens that good and they're going to make a lot of puts," Fry said. "If you go back historically, it's not calm winds here. That's the determining factor, is how much wind we get."

Fry and the two other course architects spoke near the practice green, as a strong wind served as a reminder of the challenges that could faces golfers during the tournament.

While the greens are good, the bunkers will more than serve their purpose, Whitten added.

"As great as the greens are, I think

the players will say these are the worst bunkers they've ever played, because these bunkers are real hazards. My line is: 'You're not worried about recovery, you're worried about escape," Whitten said. He noted that in some holes, recovery shots from bunkers aren't aimed at the hole or the green.

"And there will be a guy three feet away from you who have a perfect lie and a perfect shot. That was by design, we wanted to bring out the idea that bunkers are really hazards," Whitten said.

Hurdzan later added that the course was laid out to follow the land.

"Because we wanted the golf course to fit the land, it make sense for the fairways to be in the valleys and for the greens and tees to be elevated to some degrees, that's why you see a lot of the fairways are down and out of the wind," he said. As far as the spectators, then it became pretty clear that those up areas on both sides of the fairways or either side would be perfect spectator areas. You can have 20 people deep along a lot of those fairways and you'll be able to see everybody playing and not be looking at the person's head in front of you. That came along as an added benefit. The first thing was is to make the golf course fit

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the land because we thought it was a \$50 green fee golf course."

During his comments later, Davis also took time to single out original Erin Hills owner Bob Lang for making the course a reality and current owner Andy Ziegler and Erin Hills General Chairman Jim Reinhardt for continuing to bring the course forward.

"Bob has been a friend to many of us. Without his vision and his passion, we would have never been here at Erin Hills, and I know we all look forward to having Bob and his family out the week of the US Open. And then Bob did hand those keys off to Andy Ziegler and to Jim Reinhart, and fellows, we can't thank you enough because without the two of you, we truly would not be here," Davis said. "For everybody here, they're not only the owners, the custodians, the keepers of this, but they have put their heart and soul into this, and what's interesting is it's been all about what's best for Erin Hills and also what's best for the game of golf. I mean, think about closing your entire golf course this spring to play, just to present it in the right light for the U.S. Open. But they've gone so far. They host college events. They host high school events. They host the Wisconsin Amateur, and they're just giving back to golf."



Golfers walk the Erin Hills Golf Course during media day last month.









I am Your Flag

I was born on June 14, 1777. I am more than just cloth shaped into a design. I am the refuge of the worlds oppressed people. I am the silent sentinel of freedom. I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth. I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I have led your sons and daughters into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody ridges of Vietnam to the sands of the Persian Gulf. I walk in silence with each of your honored dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses, row upon row. I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all I had been respected. My red stripes...symbolize the blood spilled in the defense of this glorious nation. My white stripes...signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons and daughters. My stars...clustered together, unify the 50 states as one, for God and country. "Old Glory" is my nickname and proudly I wave on high. Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes. Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return. Keep alight the fires of patriotism and strive earnestly for the spirit of your public, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

Flag history

National flags serve to unite citizens of a given country. Flags wave proudly in front of government buildings and schools, and they also identify athletes during international sporting competitions. In many countries, flags also serve as symbols of honor for members of the military and their families.

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been a symbol of unity and pride in the United States. The red, white and blue flag has a storied history and has gone through various incarnations. The following are some of the more interesting facts pertaining to the American flag.

• Six different flag designs were flown before Betsy Ross announced that she had sewn the official American flaq. These designs included a series of alternating red and white stripes, the Liberty Tree, the Sons of Liberty, and the Forester flag designs. The Continental Army once used a flag featuring a snake with the mantra "Don't Tread on Me."

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress proposed and passed the Flag Act of 1777. This resolution was designed to facilitate the creation of an official flag for a nation that was aiming to earn its independence from Great Britain. The flag was to have thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, with thirteen white stars on a blue field. The thirteen stars signified the original members of the Union.

• The American flag remained unchanged until 1795, when the stripes and stars were increased to 15 for the addition of Kentucky and Vermont to the Union.

• After seeing the new 15-star and



striped flag flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem that would eventually become the nation's national anthem.

• A sea captain from Massachusetts named William Driver named a large, 10foot-by-17-foot flag "Old Glory" after it survived multiple defacing attempts during the American Civil War. Driver's nickname of the flag inspired the name to be used for all American flags.

• Although Flag Day was established as a formal national holiday in 1949, it was not made a federal holiday. Flag Day is only an official holiday in the state of Pennsylvania. This may be fitting because legend holds that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag in Pennsylvania.

• Today's flag features the original 13 alternating white and red stripes (in 1818, another design went into effect, permanently setting the number of stripes at 13 in honor of the original colonies) and 50 stars to represent the states of the Union. The colors of the flag signify as follows: red for hardiness and valor, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, persever-

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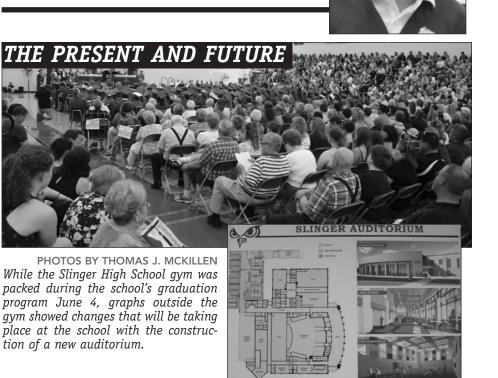


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PHOTOS BY THOMAS J. MCKILLEN Slinger High School seniors officially graduated from the school during a June 4 program. Students leave the gym at the end of the program.













SUPER SLINGER UMMER SAVINGS SALE

Summer reading program

"Build a Better World -- Books Build Better Readers" is the theme of the summer reading program at the Slinger Community Library. The program starts on June 12 and goes through July 21. Registration for programs and tickets for movie was available as of May 30.

Events are part of the summer reading program include:

June 12, 6 p.m., Slinger Library Fair: Kids games, pictures taken and face painting for the kids. The event will be held outdoors. If inclement weather, event will be held in the DPW Garage. Snow cones, nachos and cotton candy will be served thanks to the Friends of the Slinger Library. Each child is eligible to receive two free food items.

June 15, 1 p.m., Read, Rhyme, Rhythm: For ages 3-5. A book based creative movement class. Using literacy skills with Beth Mueller. Sign up required & limited to 23 children. Parents, please stay with your children. June 21, 1 p.m.: Kohl's Color Wheels: Kohl's Color Wheels is designed as a

drop-in art making program. Kohl's Color Wheels is the Milwaukee Art Museum's off-site studio program that offers activities. Note: During the Kidsplay performance at 2pm the Kohl's Color Wheels will not be open.

June 21, 1 p.m. Sweet Treats: The Friends of the Slinger Library will be hosting a bake sale before and after the Kidsplay performance at the Library.

June 21, 2 p.m., a performance by Kidsplay: Kidsplay performs a variety of hilarious and highly interactive skits during their show. Great Family entertainment. Sponsored by First National Bank of Hartford.

June 23, 1 p.m. YA Yoga; and at 2:30 p.m. YA Hoop Yoga: For ages 12 and up. Sign up is required. BlissTonic Yoga and Movement Arts will be presenting these workshops.

June 28, 1 p.m., BOOK BINGO: Open to ages 7 to 100. Lots of fun. Sign up is required.

June 29, 1 p.m.: Animal Architects with Liz Herzmann: Herzmann is the Wildlife Conservation Educator at the Horicon Marsh International Education Center. Grab your hammers and put on your hardhats; its time to get building. But instead of building regular building, we'll be helping animals build their homes. Decide the location and supplies to use and see if you're a successful Animal Architect! "This is a 30 minute family program and no sign up is required.

July 6, 1 p.m., Sens-ational Animals with Liz Herzmann: Have you ever wondered how a dog sees the same thing you do? Have you ever wondered what a snake hears? Test your skills and see how your senses compare to thse Senseational animals!

July 7, 1 p.m., Storytime Ballet with the Milwaukee Ballet: Appropriate for ages 10 and under. The Milwaukee Ballet will spice up our afternoon by bringing ballet books to life with the help of dancers to teach ballet basics addressed in the stories. " is workshop will include some interactive movement games and lots of fun. The work shop will take place at the Singer Village Hall, 300 Slinger Road.

July 12, 12:30 p.m., Tool Box Dinner: For ages 7 and up: Sign up is required and limited to 24 participants. Take a break while treating your taste buds to a delicious, delectable four course meal. Each Scrumptious course consists of three tantalizing foods from the world of tools. Sign up is required.

July 13, 1 p.m.: Summer Craft Day at the Library: Ages 6 to 12. Sign up is required & limited to 20 children.

July 19, 1 p.m. Sidewalk Art Contest on the library's sidewalk: For ages 8 and up. Sign up required.

July 20, 6:30 p.m. Hugs and Snugs: How would you like to enjoy storytime @ the library with your favorite stuffed animal who gets to spend the night at the library? We will tuck them in before you go home for the night and you you can pick them up the next day. Wear your pajamas and bring a pillow & blanket from home.

July 24, 6:30 p.m. Grand Finale with Mr. Steve. Mr. Steve "The Master Facilitator of Fun:" A family oriented musical comedy show with music, magic and ballooning. Great Family fun to end our summer together!

Information taken from Slinger Parks & Recreation Guide.



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SUMMER FUN EV 'EN

Weekly library events for Germantown, Menomonee Falls, Sussex

June 12

• Summer Performer Showcase to feature a professional performer for school-age children (ages 5-12) at Pauline Haass Public Library, 1 p.m. Attendees can pick up a free ticket and receive directions in person at Youth Services Desk beginning at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited.

• Adult Coloring Club at Menomonee Falls Public Library in youth program room, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Materials provided.

June 13

• Tween Coloring Club at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 2:30 to 4 p.m. All coloring materials will be provided and snacks will be served.

• Family Fun Night at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Attendees will explore, learn and create with drop-in STEAM activities for the whole family.

June 14

• Books Are Us book discussion group (the classics) meets at Menomonee Falls Community Center-Room 106, 1 to 2:30 p.m. For ages 18 and up. Free; registration not required. For current book selection or more information, call Mary Jo at (262) 251-8917.

• LEGO Club at Pauline Haass Public Library in Sussex, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop in to create and build with library's LEGO collection. For ages 4 and up.

June 15

• Emmy Award-winning children's musicians Jack & Kitty to perform at Germantown Community Library at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

• Bingo (ages 55 and up) at Menomonee Falls Community Center-Room 102, 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Each player receives two cards and will play 10 games. Fee is \$2 cash, paid day of event.

• Gaming Day at Germantown Community Library, 4 to 7:30 p.m. Community members invited to library for board games, card games and fun. Bring a favorite board game or play one at library. All ages welcome.

• Sensory Playtime (ages 1-6) at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

• Evening Book Group for adults (includes a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles) at Germantown Community Library, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

• Minute to Win it (grades K-5) at Menomonee Falls Public Library. Participants will compete in challenges inspired by the reality show "Minute to Win It."

June 16

• Sensory Playtime (ages 1-6) at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 9:30 to 11

• History Buff Book Group for adults (includes history non-fiction titles) at Germantown Community Library, 1 to 2 p.m.

• Friday Fun @ One to feature Zumba session for kids presented by En Fueqo Fitness at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Attendees should wear athletic clothing and bring water bottle.

"Fun and Games" at Slinger Community Library, 3 p.m. For ages 6 and up. Sign up required.

June 17

Menomonee Falls Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will join the library and Tri County YMCA as they celebrate the beginning of summer with a variety of fun family activities.

Lamm Gardens summer event calendar

The following events will take place at Lamm Gardens, 2708 Sherman Road, in Jackson, this summer. Events are free of charge unless otherwise noted.

June 10

• "Natives Naturally" seminar at 11 a.m. June 13

• Garden of Readin' kids' storytime and treats at 10 a.m.

June 17

• "Patio Designs, Outdoor Rooms and Entertainment" (landscape ideas) seminar at 11 a.m.

July 5

• "Art in the Garden" (an evening of painting with artist Vicki Gierach) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$39.

July 11

• Garden of Readin' kids' storytime and treats at 10 a.m.

July 19

• Summer garden party "Fireflys & Fairies" from 5 to 8 p.m.

July 29

• "Floral From Your Yard" program (create bouquets from garden with help of floral designers) at 11 a.m.

August 2

• "Art in the Garden" (summer painting with Vicki Gierach) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$39.

August 15

• Garden of Readin' kids' storytime and treats at 10 a.m.

August 17

"Girls Night Out" from 5 to 8 p.m. Event to include vendors and music.

For more information on any of the above programs, call (262) 677-3010 or visit www.lammscape.com.

Upcoming Summer Fun Events

June 10

 30th annual Washington County Breakfast on the Farm at Golden "E" Dairy Farm, 1140 Shalom Drive, West Bend, 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast will include all-youcan-eat pancakes, eggs with ham, applesause, sausage, beverage and \$1 sundaes or floats. Event to feature petting zoo, pedal tractor pull, antique tractor display, live music by Ralph Thull Trio and other activities. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at door, free for kids 3 and under.

• Allenton Area Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., throughout streets of Allenton. Hosted by the Allenton Area Advancement Association.

• LEGO Club at West Bend Community

Memorial Library, 10 a.m. • "Natives Naturally" seminar at Lamm Gardens, 2708 Sherman Road, Jackson, 11 a.m. For more information, call (262) 677-3010 or visit www.lammscape.com. Free.

• Biergarten open at Regner Park, 800 N. Main St., West Bend, from 4 to 10 p.m.

June 11

 Registration for children's summer • "Welcome Summer" event through the reading program begins at most local

libraries. • Full race program Plus MWS-MGK at Slinger Super Speedway, 280 Cedar Creek Road, Slinger. For more information, visit slingersuperspeedway.com.

• Biergarten open at Regner Park, 800 N. Main St., West Bend, from 1 to 7 p.m.

June 12 Butterfly •

Garden event (ages 3 and up) at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 10 a.m. Group will meet in Storyroom, learn about flowers and butterflies and go to Patrons Park. Dress for weather; bring gardening gloves if preferred.

• Baby Lapsit at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

 Comedy Sportz presentation at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 1 p.m.

• Summer Performer Showcase to feature a professional performer for school-age children (ages 5-12) at Pauline Haass Public Library, 1 p.m. Attendees can pick up a free ticket and receive directions in person at Youth Services Desk beginning at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited.

• Reading With Rover at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Children can sign up for 15-minute time period to read to a dog.

• Library Fair at Slinger Community Library, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Event will include face painting, pictures, games and food.

 Chicks Picks Book Club at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 6:30 p.m.

• Adult Coloring Club at Menomonee Falls Public Library in youth program room, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Materials provided.

June 12-18

 First time in Wisconsin, USGA Open Championship to be held at Erin Hills Golf Course, 7169 County Road O, Hartford. For details, visit www.erinhills.com or call 866-772-4769

June 12-24

• Construction Tools Scavenger Hunt at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford.

June 13

• Garden of Readin' kids' storytime and treats at Lamm Gardens, 2708 Sherman Road, Jackson, 10 a.m. For more information, call (262) 677-3010 or visit www.lammscape.com.

• Informational B.O.B. (Battle of Books) meeting for teens at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 2 p.m.

• Tween Coloring Club at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 2:30 to 4 p.m. All coloring materials will be provided and snacks will be served.

• Family Fun Night at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Attendees will explore, learn and create with drop-in STEAM activities for the whole family.

 Germantown Chamber Business After Hours at Carpetland USA-Germantown, 5 to p.m. Social networking meeting with a less formal agenda held after normal business hours at a Germantown Chamber member location. Open to members, potential members and non-members. Fee: \$10 for



\$15 for non-members. members, Refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit www.germantownchamber.org.

June 14

• Books Are Us book discussion group (the classics) meets at Menomonee Falls Community Center-Room 106, 1 to 2:30 p.m. For ages 18 and up. Free; registration not required. For current book selection or more information, call Mary Jo at (262) 251-8917.

• Craft Palooza Day for kids through 5th grade at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 2 to 6 p.m.

• "LEGO Batman" to be shown at West Bend Community Memorial Library for Wild Wednesday, 2 p.m.

• LEGO Club at Pauline Haass Public Library in Sussex, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Drop in to create and build with library's LEGO collection. For ages 4 and up.

• French History/Culture program at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

June 15

• Emmy Award-winning children's musicians Jack & Kitty to perform at Germantown Community Library at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

• Bingo (ages 55 and up) at Menomonee Falls Community Center-Room 102, 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Each player receives two cards and will play 10 games. Fee is \$2 cash, paid day of event.

• "Read Rhyme Rhythm" at Slinger Community Library, 2 p.m. For ages 3-6. Sign up required.

• Gaming Day at Germantown Community Library, 4 to 7:30 p.m. Community members invited to library for board games, card games and fun. Bring a favorite board game or play one at library. All ages welcome.

• Water Bottle Flip Competition for teens at Jack Russell Memorial Library, 4 to 5 p.m.

• Sensory Playtime (ages 1-6) at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

• FM Rodeo (country) to perform for downtown West Bend Music on Main, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs and blankets; indoor venue available in case of inclement weather. Food and beverages available for purchase from Café Soeurette.

• Smarty Pants Show (ages 3 and up) to feature magic, comedy and balloons at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 6:30 p.m.

• Readventurers Book Club at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 6:30 p.m. See 'SUMMER EVENTS' PAGE 26

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• Our House the featured act for Concerts in the Park at Village Park Gazebo in downtown Menomonee Falls, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Book Group for adults (includes a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles) at Germantown Community Library, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

• Minute to Win it (grades K-5) at Menomonee Falls Public Library. Participants will compete in challenges inspired by the reality show "Minute to Win It."

June 15-17

• Shopping Fun FORE Golf Widows event in downtown West Bend. Event to feature specials, treats and gift drawings.

June 16

• Sensory Playtime (ages 1-6) at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

• History Buff Book Group for adults (includes history non-fiction titles) at Germantown Community Library, 1 to 2 p.m.

• Friday Fun @ One to feature Zumba session for kids presented by En Fueqo Fitness at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Attendees should wear athletic clothing and bring water bottle.

• "Fun and Games" at Slinger Community Library, 3 p.m. For ages 6 and up. Sign up required.

• Lighthouse Big Band (big band jazz) at Schauer Arts Center in downtown Hartford, 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call (262) 670-0560 or visit www.Schauercenter.org.

• WIN Washington County Interactive Networking, 7:30 to 9 a.m., at West Bend location to be determined. This joint networking breakfast event is cosponsored by Germantown, Hartford and West Bend Chambers of Commerce. Each attendee has the opportunity to give a 30-second commercial on themselves, their business and/or a special promotion they are offering to the entire group. Fee is \$15 for members in advance, \$17 for members at door and \$25 for non-members. For more information, call (262) 255-1812.

June 17

• Summer Solstice Celebration, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Monches Farm, 5890 Monches Road, Colgate. Event will include visiting artists, music in the gardens and thousands of garden plants to choose from. For more information, call (262) 966-2787 or visit www.monchesfarm.com. Free admission.

• "Welcome Summer" event through the Menomonee Falls Public Library, 10 a.m. to



noon. Attendees will join the library and Tri County YMCA as they celebrate the beginning of summer with a variety of fun family activities.

• Succulent Plants Club with Master Gardener at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 10 a.m. to noon.

• Family Movie ("Zootopia") at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 10:30 a.m.

• "Patio Designs, Outdoor Rooms and Entertainment" (landscape ideas) seminar at Lamm Gardens, 2708 Sherman Road, Jackson, 11 a.m. For more information, call (262) 677-3010 visit or www.lammscape.com. Free.

• Exhibition Opening Party for "A State of Fashion" at Museum of Wisconsin Art, 205 Veterans Avenue, 2 to 5 p.m. Admission fee is \$12 per person, or free for members. For more information, call (262) 334-9638 or visit www.wisconsinart.org.

June 17-18

• Rummage-A-Rama! indoor flea market to feature hundreds of items at Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Highway PV, West Bend. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 17 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 18.

June 18

• Full race program Scout Night (all uniformed scouts get in free), plus AS & WI Sport Trucks-LM off at Slinger Super Speedway, 280 Cedar Creek Road, Slinger. For more information, visit slingersuperspeedway.com.

June 19

• Parachute Play at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. Registration required.

• Usborne Book Fair to begin at Germantown Community Library; runs through July 8.

• West Bend Bike Concourse presented by Delta Defense (Day 5 on the Tour of America's Dairyland bike race event), 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., in downtown West Bend.

• Summer Performer Showcase to feature a professional performer for school-age children (ages 5-12) at Pauline Haass Public Library, 1 p.m. Attendees can pick up a free ticket and receive directions in person at Youth Services Desk beginning at 12:30 p.m. Space is limited.

• LEGO Open Building at Slinger Community Library, 1 to 4 p.m. For ages 10 and under.

• Children's performer Randy Peterson to present show at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 1 p.m.

• Informational B.O.B. (Battle of Books) meeting for teens at Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 2 p.m.

Reading With Rover at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Children can sign up for 15-minute time

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West Bend Community Memorial Library, 7 p.m. Viewers will gather for the professional men's race segment of the West Bend Concourse Bike Race. Attendees should bring chairs/blankets and cowbells.

• "One Minute Workout" with author Dr. Raymond Wu at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 7 p.m. Dr. Wu will share the secrets about his system to improve one's health. Copies of his books will be available for sale. For information. visit MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org or call (262) 532-8920.

June 20

• LEGO Open Building at Slinger Community Library, 1 to 4 p.m. For ages 10 and under.

• Teen Game Day at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

• Teen Tuesday-Bring Your Own Book Club (ages 11-18), 4:30 p.m.

• West Bend Noon Kiwanis Steak Fry, 5 to 11 p.m. at Regner Park in West Bend.

• Pajama Storytime (ages 1-6) at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

June 20-22

 Zombie Survival Day Camp at Washington County Fair Park-Small Animal Building, 3000 Highway PV, West Bend, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants will take on challenges to see if they are prepared for a zombie apocalypse or any real life emergency. Through simulation games, zombie make-up, scavenger hunts, and other hands-on activities and will have fun and learn about emergency preparedness, teamwork, communication and leadership. To register, contact UW-Extension Washington County at (262) 335-4478. Fee is \$60. Tshirt and snacks included. Attendees should bring lunch every day.

June 21

• Juniors Program at Kettle Hills Golf Course in Richfield. Programs and tournaments for junior golfers. For more information, call (262) 628-0200 or visit www.kettlehills.com

• "Puttin' on the Ritz" dance in Menomonee Falls Community Center gym, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Group A Little Bit of Heaven will perform a mixture of polkas, waltzes, two-step, novelty songs and more. No partner necessary. Refreshments will be served. For ages 55 and up. Free; registration not required.

 Friends of the Slinger Community Library bake sale, 1 to 4 p.m.; Kohl's Color Wheel, 1 to 4 p.m.; Kidsplay, 2 p.m

• Craft or movie to be featured for Wild Wednesday at West Bend Community Memorial Library, 2 p.m. • Kohl's Wild Theater presentation at

Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

• Egg drop at the Old Courthouse Museum, 320 S. 5th Avenue, West Bend, 4 to 7 p.m. The objective is to build a secure, drop-proof eqq carton in the courtroom (or at home) for one raw eqq and to drop it 80 feet from the balcony level of the tower. Fee is \$10 per drop. Prizes will be awarded.

• Great Lakes talk with journalist and author Dan Egan at Menomonee Falls Public Library, 7 p.m. Egan's book looks at the history, economics, politics, and science of the Great Lakes, as well as the ecological probinformation, lems. For visit MenomoneeFallsLibrary.org or call (262) 532-8920.

• Hartford City Band to perform at Woodlawn Park-large shelter in Hartford, 8 to 9 p.m. Free to community.



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Foundation presents scholarships to 170 students

the Germantown Community Since 1981. Scholarship Fund (GCSF) has been awarding scholarships to Germantown area high school students pursuing higher education after graduation. On May 24, the Senior Scholarship Awards Night presented scholarships to over 170 Germantown area students.

Of those students who were recognized, almost 80 students were presented with scholarships from their universities, foundations, the military and more. An additional 96 scholarships were presented as a result of GCSF efforts, with nine scholarships coming from the Germantown Fire Company, 35 Named Scholarships from area businesses, memorials and foundations, and 52 scholarships due to GCSF fundraising; resulting in a total of \$139,300 in scholarship funding from the organization.

GCSF Board President and scholarship presenter, Glenn Schroeder, commented: "Such awesome community support comes to us in so many different ways and collectively enables the Germantown Community Scholarship Fund to continue its great works year after vear.

Ellsworth Adhesives received special recognition as this year's Premier Corporate Sponsor for supporting the organization's fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Scholarship dollars awarded each year are provided by the GCSF trust fund, which was initiated in 1981 by

a donation from the Germantown Rotary Club in the amount of \$10,000. A \$200,000 donation in 1990 from the Germantown Volunteer Fire Company greatly increased the trust fund. The remaining scholarships are funded by the success of the Annual Dinner & Auction, and other fundraising programs, including 35 businesses and individuals who have collectively donated over \$41,700 in support of the 2017 GCSF scholarships. Schroeder noted, "Nearly 100 percent of our sponsored scholarships renew their annual commitment. We are sincerely grateful for their ongoing and increasing support."

In addition to honoring student achievements, the 2016-17 GCSF Teacher Grant Award recipients were also recognized. The GCSF Teacher Grant program receives funds raised through the GCSF / U.S. Bank Mud Splash, now in its 3rd year running.

This year, a total of eight Teacher Grant Award Winners were chosen:

Tiffany Brewer, Angela Dora. Mary Van Slett, MacArthur Elementary: Purchase of one DC-21 Epson document camera ;

Nicole Leffler, Candice Miller, Rockfield Elementary: Expand "Bucket Fillers" program;

Jeffery Thielke, Kennedy Middle School: Purchase on Maker Bot Mini Compact 3D printer; Mark McClellan, Germantown High School:

Purchase wood supplies and hardware to construct a

"floating" trail at the Menomonee River ;

Gayle Groth, Amy Belle Elementary: Materials to LEGO Education MoreToMath support and LearnToLearn curriculum packs;

Becky Wittemann, Kennedy Middle School: Expand "Mindfullness" program;

Lindsay Baranowski, Germantown High School: Attendance at the WIDA National Conference in October of 2017;

Melissa Pecunia, MacArthur Elementary: Purchase stomp rockets, hand rockets, and/or Air Blasters for Science curriculum.

For more information about GCSF's fundraising efforts and a list of GCSF Scholarship Award recipients, go to: www.qcsfund.org

Join the GCSF fundraiser to benefit the GCSF Teacher Grant Awards program. Sign up for the U.S. Bank Mud Splash, which will be heldSaturday, June 17 at https://mudsplash2017.eventbrite.com

GCSF began in 1981 to help raise funds to provide scholarships for area high school students. A combination of dedicated GCSF board members, community volunteers, and area businesses have enabled the organization to award to date more than \$2.5 million in scholarships to 2,454 Germantown area students pursuing education at colleges, universities or vocational/technical schools.

Germantown administrator retiring in July

Germantown Village Administrator David Schornack indicating he would be retiring from the post. will be retiring from the post on July 7.

Schornack confirmed that he would be retiring from the Germantown position during a break at a Germantown Village Board Committee of the Whole meeting June 5.

"It's time," Schornack said. He added that he sent a letter to the Village Board approximately a month ago

The board was interviewing three firms at the Committee of the Whole meeting — Gov HR, Integrated Public Resources, and Public Administration Associates — for the purpose of discussing hiring one of the firms to conduct a search for a new administrator. The item was for discussion only. The Village Board will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. June 12 to select a firm to conduct a

search for a new administrator while also discussing and considering taking action on appointing an interim village administrator.

Schornack started work as Germantown Village Administrator on June 19,2006 and has been in the field of municipal administration for 37 years.

Add some extra appeal to your landscape with garden art

BY MELINDA MYERS

Adding excitement to your garden is easy. You can create instant, year-round color, structure, motion and fun to your landscape with a bit of garden art.

Just like shopping for plants, look for pieces that complement your gardening style. And consider all the benefits each piece of art provides. Many pieces are functional as well as beautiful, helping you get the most from your garden budget.

In centuries past, garden art included statues of gods and beautiful people as well as pieces that mimicked nature's ornamental gualities. You can still find those traditional garden statues. But these days you will also find colorful pieces made from a variety of weatherproof materials in a variety of styles.

Look for garden art that's functional as well as beautiful. You no longer need to settle for drab plant supports. Look for items like the Kaleidoscope Tomato Cage (gardeners.com) made of durable, heavy gauge steel and adorned with colorful weatherproof glass inserts. Train peas and pole beans up colorful and sturdy structures like Kaleidoscope Spiral Supports. These make creating an edible, ornamental landscape a breeze.

Bring your garden to life with garden art that moves in the wind. Metal wind spinners, mobiles and wind chimes add motion and in some cases sound to the garden.

Try creating a bottle bush using

individually mouth-blown art glass globes instead of wine bottles. Select those suited to the outdoors. Strategically place them in the garden, so you can enjoy the way the sunlight plays off the unique, colorful glass.

Add a bit of color and ornamental appeal when purchasing your next birdbath or bench. And don't forget about other winged visitors. Some garden art, like poppy sways, also capture water for hummingbirds, butterflies and other beneficial insects.

Artfully direct water from the roof using decorative rain chains into a rain barrel or mulched area. Use this century-old technique to slow the flow of water, preventing mulch and mud from splashing onto the house. Those in cold climates will appreciate the beauty of the ice-covered chains in winter.

Extend your enjoyment by lighting up the landscape with solar powered artwork. Set solar stakes donned with birds, roosters or calla lilies throughout the garden. You'll enjoy their charming style by day and colorful glow at night. Lead your quests to the front door or backyard garden with the help of solar powered Mosaic glass globes.

Include a bit of fun and whimsy in your landscape. Let your garden design and garden art reflect your personality. A flock of funky metal chickens meandering through the garden or school of steel Fish Out of Water Garden Stakes swimming through your perennials may

just be the extra character your garden needs. Take some time

this season to finish off an established qarden, create a focal point for a new garden or just add new life to an existing landscape. Whatever the reason, you're sure to enjoy the added beauty only garden art can provide.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening including books, Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the Food latest Gardening For Everyone DVD set. Myers also hosts the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. She is a columnist and con-

tributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by

Gardener's Supply Company for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.melindamyers.com.



The history of Juneteenth

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, is the name given to emancipation day by African-Americans in Texas. On that day in 1865 Union Major-General Gordon Granger read General Orders, No.3 to the people of Galveston. It stated: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation



from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to

there or elsewhere." Large celebrations on June 19 began in 1866 and continued regularly into the early 20th century. The African-Americans treated this day like the Fourth of July and the celebrations contained similar events. In the early days, the celebration included a prayer service, speakers with inspirational messages, reading of the emancipation proclamation, stories from former slaves, food, red soda water, games, rodeos and dances. The celebration of June 19 as emancipation day spread from Texas to the neighboring states of Louisiana, North Star Loans 6215 N. Teutonia Ave. 414-536-LOAN Picture ID Proof of Income Most Recent Bank Debit Card/Checks

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Arkansas and Oklahoma. It has also appeared in Alabama, Florida, and California as African-American Texans

migrated. In many parts of Texas, exslaves purchased land, or "emancipation grounds," for the Juneteenth gathering. Examples include: Emancipation Park in Houston, purchased in 1872; what is now Booker T. in Mexia; and

Washington Park Emancipation park in East Austin.

Celebration of Juneteenth declined during World War II but revived in 1950 at the Texas State Fair Grounds in Dallas. Interest and participation fell away during the late 1950's and 1960's as attention focused on expansion of freedom for African-Americans. In the

1970's Juneteenth revived in some communities. For example, in Austin the Juneteenth celebration returned in 1976 after a 25 year hiatus.

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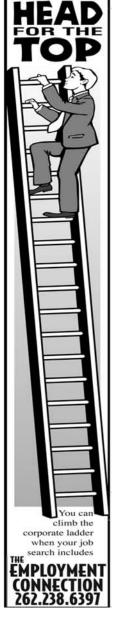
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