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Best wishes to the Class of 2015 of Homestead High School. See where they are going next on page 8. Photo: Highlander Publications

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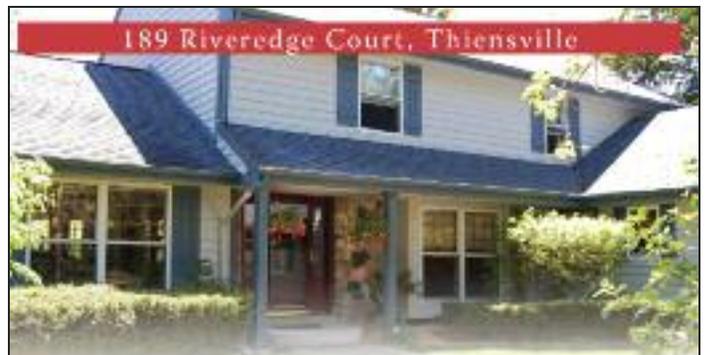
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# VOTER-APPROVED CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY AT MEQUON-THIENSVILLE SCHOOLS

April Vote Approved \$18.2  
Million in School District Renovations

Construction is well underway across the Mequon-Thiensville School District (MTSD) after voters approved an \$18.2 million referendum on April 7, 2015. The referendum will finance \$14.4 million in capital improvements, including the replacement of roofs, windows and boilers at several school buildings and renovations to the Homestead auditorium and athletic fields. The referendum also includes \$3.8 million for student-centered learning environments at the middle and high school levels.

The District began multiple capital improvement projects shortly after the passage of the referendum, with much of the work scheduled to occur during the 2015-2016 school year. All projects authorized by the voters are scheduled to be completed by the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

“We have been extremely busy this summer trying to complete as many projects as possible before the start of the school year on September 1,” says MTSD Director of Buildings and Grounds Kyle Thompson. “We will address site, safety and security projects first.”

The majority of the referendum work deals with projects where existing facilities have already provided decades of service. “Most of the items that hold our school buildings together are original to the buildings and have reached the end of their useful lives,” explains Thompson. “We’ve worked and worked and worked to keep them going as long as possible; however, we have reached a point where it makes both economic and engineering sense to replace them with new, energy-efficient alternatives.”

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*Replacement of flooring at Wilson Elementary School is part of the referendum work being completed.*



The single-pane windows at Wilson Elementary School were installed when the school was built in 1957. The boilers in most of the buildings are 40 to 50 years old. All seven schools are experiencing failing roof or ceiling elements.

At Homestead High School, MTSD will replace the outdoor track as the current track is beyond its useful life. Referendum dollars will also be used to level and irrigate the soccer field, improve tennis courts and replace deteriorating indoor locker rooms. Additionally,

MTSD will also install a multi-sport turf field funded entirely by the Homestead Booster Club’s Highlander Strong Campaign.

“As the District proceeds to the next step of this process, residents can be assured that it will continue to prudently invest taxpayer dollars in facilities while following the strategically developed long-range facilities plan, sharing information about upcoming capital maintenance projects and always seeking to make our community’s schools the optimal learning environments will allow our students to

flourish academically, socially and emotionally,” says MTSD Superintendent Demond A. Means.

MTSD is working with Plunkett Rasich Architects to design student-centered learning environments at the middle and high school levels and renovate Homestead High School’s Auditorium.

The referendum passed on April 7, 2015 with 61 percent of the vote. More information about projects, including timelines for the borrowing of funds and construction, will be posted on the District’s website at [mtsd.k12.wi.us/about/construction.cfm](http://mtsd.k12.wi.us/about/construction.cfm).



## MTSD RECEIVES \$1.1 MILLION DONATION

MTSD proudly accepted a \$1.1 million donation from the Homestead High School Booster Club's Highlander Strong Campaign. The gift completes the campaign's first phase, designed to enhance the high school's outdoor athletic facilities by installing multi-sport turf in the football stadium. The completion of Highlander Strong's phase one finalizes the Highlander Strong Campaign, however; the Homestead Booster Club will continue its fundraising efforts in order to successfully complete phase two. The Booster Club is seeking \$250,000 to build the Sommer's Automotive Athletic Pavilion, comprised of a concession area, washrooms and team rooms.



MTSD Board of Education accepting the \$1.1 million check from Homestead High School Booster Club's Highlander Strong Campaign.

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## MTSD HIRES FULL-TIME AUTISM SPECIALIST

*“Many MTSD students who have not received an official diagnosis have also benefitted from MTSD’s commitment to autism intervention and strategies.”*

**T**he Mequon-Thiensville School District (MTSD) has filled a vital need, hiring a full-time autism specialist for the 2015-2016 school year. The specialist will work closely with students from 4K through grade twelve, and provide training to teachers and workshops for families to build cohesive partnerships between home and school.

“I’m thrilled that we can do this for families,” says MTSD Student Services Director Rachel Fellenz. “They need this and they deserve this.”

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. As more students have been identified on the autism spectrum, MTSD has expanded its autism services. Today, 42 District students are identified as having autism, representing 9.2 percent of the special education population. However, many MTSD students who have not received an official diagnosis have also benefitted from MTSD’s commitment to autism interventions and strategies.

“MTSD prides itself on the high quality teaching staff at all levels; however, they are not experts in autism. An autism specialist is an expert and will be able to provide extensive benefits including support for teachers as well as individual services

and evidence-based practices for students with autism,” explains Fellenz. Additionally, it will build independence and inclusion among students on the autism spectrum.

The District previously contracted with an autism specialist through an outside vendor for 35 days of the 181-day school year.

“35 days is simply not enough to meet the needs of our students,” says Fellenz. “We set the bar high in the Mequon-Thiensville School District and decided it was in the best interests of our families to hire our own full-time specialist.”

The road to creating the position followed a unique course; most public school districts do not have the funds available to hire a full-time autism specialist. MTSD is funding the position through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA funds are special education funds distributed through three state grant programs and several discretionary grant programs.

“This is a position that most school districts can only dream of having,” says Fellenz.

No two children with autism are the same; the goal at MTSD is to focus on the individual student and determine how best to ensure social and academic success.

The autism specialist will begin work on September 1, 2015.

# MEQUON-THIENSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

## 2015-16 School Registration

There is still time to register your children for the 2015-16 school year. Please visit your child's school or the MTSD website at [mtds.k12.wi.us](http://mtds.k12.wi.us) for registration information.

## MTSD Finalizes Sale of Vacant Land

The Mequon-Thiensville School District successfully closed the sale of approximately 112 acres of vacant land to Neumann Companies, Inc. for a fixed sale price of \$2.91 million, far exceeding the appraised value of \$1.66 million to \$1.99 million. The District will retire non-referendum debt in the amount of approximately \$1.25 million with proceeds from the land sale. The MTSD Board of Education completed a decision analysis to provide administration guidance on possible investment options for the \$1.7 million remaining in land sale proceeds. See related story on pg. 16 about the future of this parcel of land.

## Homecoming 2015

Homestead's Homecoming is set! On Friday, September 25, Homestead will host a pep rally, followed by the annual parade along Main Street in Thiensville. At 7 p.m. The Highlanders will host The Port Pirates. Homestead's Homecoming dance will occur on Saturday, September 26.



## Lake Shore Middle School Student Earns Perfect ACT Score

Eighth grade student Julian Camacho earned a perfect 36 on the ACT exam. Nationally,

one-tenth of one percent of ACT test takers earned a perfect score. An ACT spokeswoman was only able to find two eighth graders who scored a perfect score this school year.

## MTEF To Grant More Than \$260,000 to MTSD Schools

Thanks to the efforts and support of so many in the Mequon-Thiensville community, MTEF is proud to announce that it will grant more than \$260,000 to MTSD in support of academic excellence.

## 5th Grader Receives Hackett Family Memorial Award



Donges Bay Elementary honored fifth-grade student Whitney Krueger with the prestigious

Hackett Family Memorial Award on the last day of school, an annual tradition that began in 2007. The award is presented to a fifth-grade student who has demonstrated extraordinary effort, compassion and service in promoting and demonstrating the inclusion of persons with differing abilities. Shown in photo from left to right: Anne Krueger, John Krueger, Whitney Krueger, Cheryl Hackett and Caitlin Hackett.

## MTEF Names New Executive Director



Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation Executive Director Susan Malmquist will retire August 31, and will be succeeded by Sue Birmingham, who has 20 years of experience

in various marketing management roles within the advertising industry.

## Stay In Touch!

MTSD provides several ways for community members to be informed and involved.

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## MTEF Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation is honored to name the following teachers as the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients, who each receive \$1,000 for their outstanding service to MTSD's students.

- Hilary James (Wilson Elementary School)
- Kurt Roeker (Lake Shore/Steffen Middle School)
- Rachel Rauch (Homestead High School).



Hilary James



Kurt Roeker



Rachel Rauch



## CLASS OF 2015: HHS GRADS READY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!

Nearly 90 percent of Homestead graduates enroll in post-secondary education annually. The map above reflects where Homestead's graduates are enrolled this fall. Homestead High School students will make their mark in 28 states as well as the District of Columbia.

The majority of 2015 graduates will be attending University of Wisconsin - Madison, followed by University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, respectively.

*Best of luck to the Class of 2015!*



### ADDITIONAL POST-GRADUATION NUMBERS

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Math Specialist Derek Pipkorn pictured (back row) with members of the Lake Shore MathCounts team which recently took honors at the math competition.

## LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S MATHCOUNTS RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Lake Shore Middle School students have had great success in MathCounts, a national, middle school competitive mathematics program.

Lake Shore won the Greater Milwaukee Regional MathCounts competition with over 20 schools and 150 students participating. Shortly after the team's big regional win, Lake Shore took five students to Madison to compete in the State MathCounts competition. The team took fourth place, while Julian Camacho took fifth place as an individual, narrowly falling short of making it to nationals in Boston. Additionally, Lake Shore competed in the Wisconsin Math Council State Math Contest, where it won first place in the Class B division. Lake Shore had the second-highest score in the state, missing first place by only one point. Students Andrew Wang, Jake Yasonik, and Michael Pokorny placed in the top five for individual scores across the state.

"Congratulations to the students who were a part of the Lake Shore MathCounts Team," says Matthew Joynt, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. "This is just another example of the great things happening in our District."

A total of 21 students participated on the 2014-15 team, more than the combined total of participants in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

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## FAMILIES MOVE TO MEQUON-THIENSVILLE FOR THE HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### SURVEY RESPONDENTS INDICATE MTSD CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ITS EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Hess family is building a new chapter in their lives; it began with the purchase of a one-acre lot in Concord Creek on Mequon's west side. In January, their new home was built and the family of four moved in, with oldest son Eric, 22, living on his own.

William, owner of Choice Landscaping and Garden Center in Cudahy, and Valarie, an occupational therapist, chose Mequon for the community and its school system. Their two youngest children, Trista and Logan, will be in grades six and five respectively. However, they were both in elementary school when they enrolled at Wilson Elementary School midway through the 2014-2015 school year.

"They were nervous," says Valarie. "It was a big change for them."

Before moving to the Mequon-Thiensville School District (MTSD), the Hess children attended Zion Lutheran in South Milwaukee. There were fewer than a dozen students in their classes and they had been going to school with their peers since age two.

"After their first day at Wilson they were super excited because they loved it," says Valarie.

Trista and Logan immediately made friends at school and in the neighborhood, while William and Valarie were warmly received at their kids' recreation basketball games.

"Everyone was very welcoming, going out of their way to introduce themselves to us," notes Valarie "I've never felt so much a part of a community before; it's amazing."

The Hess's were even more impressed by the education that Trista and Logan received in six months at Wilson Elementary School.

"The school exceeded our expectations," explains Valarie. "Everyone

at Wilson went above and beyond to help my kids succeed. I could not be happier with our choice of school. I only wish we had moved here sooner!"

Many of the families enrolled in the MTSD moved to the community for the high-quality public schools. In 2013 and 2014, MTSD ranked as the top-performing K-12 school district in Wisconsin, based on District report cards issued by the state's Department of Public Instruction. "Parents are savvy," says Maureen Baumann, a realtor with Coldwell Banker. "They are online looking at everything before choosing the right community. In Mequon and Thiensville, the number-one ranking is a huge incentive for families with school-aged children."

MTSD began administering surveys to new families who enrolled their children in the schools in the fall of 2014. Survey results reveal that 55 percent of new MTSD families who took the survey moved to Mequon or Thiensville from another community in Wisconsin or currently live in the community, but had previously enrolled their kids in private or parochial schools. More importantly, 60 percent of respondents said they enrolled in MTSD because of the District's reputation for educational excellence.

The number-one ranking reassured the Hess family that they had made the right decision in moving to Mequon. "It's exciting to know that my kids are getting a good education," says Valarie.

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is ongoing; families are welcome to join the District any time of year. New families can enroll their children by visiting their neighborhood school or the District office.



## HOMESTEAD HIGH SCHOOL ADDS BOYS AND GIRLS LACROSSE

Starting this school year, Homestead High School will offer lacrosse for boys and girls. Many students currently play in a co-operative program; however, the interest among Homestead athletes is so great that the District will now offer its own program at the high school level.

“Lacrosse has been a sport of interest to our families for many years now, and that interest grew to a boiling point this past school year,” Mequon-Thiensville School District Superintendent Demond A. Means says. “This is another opportunity for students to be engaged and active in our school community.”

Homestead is the first public high school in the North Shore area to offer its own lacrosse program for male and female athletes. The program will begin in spring 2016.

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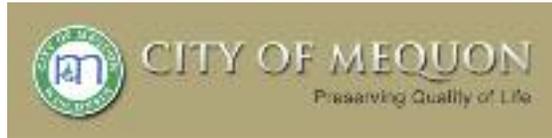


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**“The City’s efforts in providing detailed and meaningful financial reports have been recognized by outside sources such as the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.”**

**T**he City of Mequon is pleased to present its first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) to its residents. This report for the year ending December 31, 2014, provides an overview of the current financial condition of the City and a report of significant ongoing and future activities. What is especially appealing about this report is its clear, concise and more simplified format in a 16-page document – vs. the City’s 2014 Comprehensive Financial Report that is comprised of more than 115 pages of detailed financial statements, notes, schedules and reports. The new PAFR is designed to present a more easily understandable financial report and bring accurate information to all individuals who seek it.

The City’s efforts in providing detailed and meaningful financial reports have been recognized by outside sources such as the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This certification is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. Mequon has also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation award for the last six years, and was awarded the Excellence for Financial Reporting award for the first time last year.

According to Assistant City Administrator Jesse Thyges, “If I were asked to characterize the 2014 fiscal year for the City of Mequon, I believe the word would be “stability.” This was the fifth consecutive year that the City maintained a level budget and City tax rate. Even so, we were able to maintain the standard of services necessary to provide an excellent quality of life for our citizens and business community. Moreover, the City maintained a respectable balance in its undesignated reserve fund (the “fund balance”). FY2014 concluded with a balance of \$2.5 million or 16.6% of the proposed 2015 budget.”

Mequon’s 2014 PAFR provides a brief analysis of where City revenues come from and where those dollars are spent, as well as an overview of trends in the local economy. There are separate sections for Public Safety, Public Works, General Government, Community Enrichment, Conservation and Development/Public Health, and Capital Projects. The City remains diligent in managing its expenses and is continually looking for ways to improve its service delivery efficiencies. You can be assured that Mequon is in good financial shape. Having a stable fund balance lent itself to the City receiving an Aa1 credit rating from Moody’s Rating Service.

We all know that Mequon is a very desirable location to live, work, raise a family and enjoy a great quality of life. In fact, *Money Magazine* ranked Mequon 23rd on a list of the top 50 suburbs in America. What’s more, Movoto Real Estate ranked Mequon the best place to live in Wisconsin – and Mequon is ranked as one of the top 10 safest cities in Wisconsin by Safewise.com.

It is an exciting time for the City, and the future is bright. Major commercial development initiatives for 2014 included development in both of the City’s two main commercial areas (Port Washington Road and the Town Center). The City not only continued its implementation efforts for the Town Center but also expanded appropriate areas for additional single-family residential development served by public water and sewer. These development efforts are anticipated to generate a new tax base value of approximately \$168 million.

A copy of the PAFR or the CAFR can be found on the City’s website at [ci.mequon.wi.us](http://ci.mequon.wi.us) or can be requested by contacting the City’s Finance Department at 262.236.2947.

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# MEQUON PARTNERS WITH VILLAGE OF BAYSIDE ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT



**M**equon Water Utility has a proud record of serving the community with dedication and innovation. The Utility strives to ensure that customers receive the highest quality water, with professional and courteous service at the most reasonable price possible.

A recent project significantly increased the number of homes served by the Mequon Water Utility in the Village of Bayside. The Bayside Municipal Water Project, a voluntary project to sign up and extend Mequon Water Utility service has been launched. Previously, about 60% of Bayside homes were served by individual, private wells. Several residents started a grass roots effort to convert their homes to the public water supply. As a result, customers were given the option of making the Mequon Utility their preferred water source. Initially, the project was intended to serve 50 homes. But with the continued efforts of local residents and Village staff, the project ballooned to more than 550 homes, with the addition of approximately 10 miles of municipal water main. The final project will increase the number of homes served by the Mequon Water utility to 86% of Village of Bayside homes. Customers will realize a variety of benefits from this intermunicipal agreement, including improved health, enhanced fire protection and cost savings.

Water Operations Superintendent Jim Voigt explains, “The expansion of the water mains in the Village will improve both public health and expand fire protection for the community. High-quality Lake Michigan water is supplied by two water treatment plants: Milwaukee Water Works and North Shore Water

Commission both vigilantly safeguard water supplies and control the level of water contaminants. Tap water is consistently tested and continues to meet EPA and State drinking water health standards. And, with an increase of users, the cost of system improvements can be spread over more customers. This economy of scale will help moderate future cost increases.”

Assistant City Administrator Jesse Thyges says, “The City is pleased to include Bayside residents within its water coverage through the Mequon Water Utility. This partnership is a win-win for all.”

Here are more details on the benefits achieved by the expansion:

• **Reliability improvement** The public water system has two

completely redundant treated Lake Michigan water suppliers, both capable of providing water service for the entire utility. As a result, the utility does not experience water outages during power outages. This is a significant service improvement for the homes that converted from their private wells.

• **Public Safety** Customers of the Mequon Water Utility benefit from the availability of fire hydrants. This reduces the response time for the fire department and increases water availability to fight the fires. What’s more, customers are assured of a safer product because water is tested at a much greater frequency for about 120 different parameters on an ongoing basis.

• **Experienced staff** The Utility staff has six state-certified water system operators, with certifications that include distribution, ground water, surface water, VOCs and iron removal. There are two professional engineers on staff, and as a company we have a combined 70-plus years of water industry experience. Staff members

have held the positions of committee members, board members and one past president of the American Water Works Association, Wisconsin Chapter. This experience provides the Utility with the resources necessary to respond appropriately to almost any water quality or service emergency. Water management and operations is a full-time career for staff who love serving their customers.

• **Economies of scale** As part of a 4,000-plus service connection system, our customers are at a much lower risk of high assessments for issues such as: new water treatment

due to more stringent regulations, system wide improvements, etc. These costs are spread over the entire utility, and in the case of water treatment, the entire region, including Milwaukee Water Works customers.

If you are on a private well in Mequon or Thiensville, and you and your neighbors are interested in discovering how this process might extend mains in your area, please call the Water Utility at (262) 236-8150. We can discuss the opportunity and availability of water for you and your neighbors.

The Bayside Municipal Water Project is an excellent example of how citizens working together can make a difference.

“Customers will realize a variety of benefits from this intermunicipal agreement, including improved health, enhanced fire protection and cost savings.”

# RESTORATION OF BUNTROCK STATUE HONORS FORMER POLICE CHIEF

In May of this year, efforts were undertaken to initiate restoration of the sculpture outside of the City's Public Safety Building, which was erected in 1983 to honor former Police Chief Thomas Elroy Buntrock, who was killed in the line of duty in 1979. A big "hats off" to staff in the City's Facilities Division, for overseeing the process to return this important memorial to its original and rightful condition.

Mequon Police Chief Steve Graff says, "I'm pleased with the results of the restoration. It is a wonderful tribute to a man who literally gave his all for his community."

Upon his death, Chief Buntrock had been with the Department for 19 years. One of Buntrock's four sons, Daniel, is currently a Mequon Police Captain, overseeing the Operations Division of the Department.

*The statute honoring former Police Chief Thomas Buntrock, which stands outside the City of Mequon's Safety Building, has been beautifully restored to its original condition.*



*The statute before its restoration.*



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Representatives of Neumann Land Development along with City of Mequon Mayor Dan Abendroth and MTSD Superintendent Dr. Demond Means participate in the July 16 groundbreaking ceremony.

## MEQUON REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE: NEW HIGHLANDER ESTATES SUBDIVISION BREAKS GROUND/ TOWN CENTER CLOSE TO COMPLETION



### Highlander Estates Breaks Ground

On July 16, Neumann Land Development of Pewaukee held a ground-breaking ceremony for Highlander Estates, a residential subdivision comprised of 110 acres being developed for single-family homes. The land, formerly owned by the Mequon-Thiensville School District, is located between Wauwatosa Road and Swan Road, south of Mequon Road.

The project calls for the development of 36 home sites in Phase 1, with 75 more homes to be added in the next two phases. Lots range in size from approximately one-half to three-quarters of an acre. Work on Phase 1 has already begun; initial home sites will be available for construction by the end of 2015. Sites will include city water and sewer connections.

The project also will feature 40 acres of open space and several miles of walking trails. Matt Neuman, president of Neumann Land Development, explains that the company's guiding principle is to turn every new development into a thriving neighborhood where residents can live comfortably and enjoy the natural environment. "Highlander Estates will feature lots that are more in keeping with today's market demands – smaller in size and requiring less maintenance, yet surrounded by green space with walking trails and other amenities."

According to City of Mequon Mayor Dan Abendroth, "Highlander Estates is part of a new central growth zoning district that allows lots as small as one-third acre in certain cluster developments containing at least five houses. Homes will have an estimated market value of \$400,000 to \$600,000 per site. When completed, the subdivision will

have a potential total property value of \$44 to \$66 million, a great new source of tax revenue for the City of Mequon."

### Town Center Moves Closer to Completion

The new Mequon Town Center is moving closer to completion, with many of its businesses already open. Located directly adjacent to the civic campus at the corner of Mequon and Cedarburg Roads, this distinct neighborhood has approximately 36,000 ft. of retail and commercial space designed for multiple mixed-use buildings, including 28 luxury apartments. The complex features public activity spaces within a walkable environment close to shops, services, the riverfront park, the Mequon Pool, the Library, the Community Center and the Interurban Trail.

The Town Center opened its first phase this summer welcoming its first residential tenants. Several businesses have also opened: Forward Dental, Elements Massage, Health in Balance Physical Therapy and Yoga, Fisher Family Chiropractic, Supercuts, and Leo and Lou. The project is led by WiRED Properties and Shaffer Development with management by Siegel-Gallager.

A Cafe Hollander is also being added to the business mix. The restaurant is part of the Lowlands Restaurant Group chain that includes Cafe Bavaria and Cafe Centraal. The Town Center anchor restaurant will offer extensive outdoor dining in a courtyard with a fountain. Windows and doors are designed to open almost the entire restaurant during the summer months.

The Town Center is a dynamic gateway to the City and an exciting new place for residents and guests to engage in their community. The City of Mequon is pleased to welcome this vibrant district.

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## SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL TASTE OF MEQUON SEPTEMBER 12

The excitement is building as plans are finalized for this year's third annual Taste of Mequon on Saturday, September 12, from 12 -9 p.m. in front of Mequon City Hall. Admission is free.

Save the date on your calendar right away and plan to attend this year's family-friendly event. Come and taste the delicious food served by area restaurants, discover unique art by local artists, enjoy live

music ongoing all day long, and meet and greet your friends and neighbors. Taste of Mequon has something for everyone!

Participating restaurants this year include Armon's Catering, Cafe 1505, Cafe Hollander, the cheel, Fiddleheads Coffee, Harvey's Central Grille, Joey Gerard's, Leonardo's Pizza, Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club, Mequon Chancery, The Ruby Tap, Zarletti Mequon, Shully's Catering, The Burg/Burger Parlor, The Village Scoop and Yummy Bones BBQ.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Kyle Feerick (12-2:30 p.m.); In the Know (3-5:30 p.m.) and Lovin' Kind (6-9 p.m.). Children's activities, presented by glaze, will be staged in the Weyenberg Library parking lot, along with the exhibit of artwork for sale by a variety of local artists.

Visit the City of Mequon website at [ci.mequon.wi.us](http://ci.mequon.wi.us) for all the details about Taste of Mequon.



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*Assistant Manager Amy Lohmiller and Store Manager Ted Knueppel of the Mequon Outpost location.*

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## MEQUON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: OUTPOST NATURAL FOODS A GOOD NEIGHBOR

If fun, learning and adventures in food are on your grocery list, you'll want to make Outpost Natural Foods your next shopping stop. The store is bursting with fresh, naturally delicious foods and hard-to-find items. Already well-known in Milwaukee, Outpost brings the same unique shopping experience to their newest store in Mequon, just opened last year.

What sets Outpost apart from the big chain stores is that it's a locally owned cooperative where diversity is celebrated and education is part of the adventure of shopping. A co-op is a voluntarily owned and controlled by the people who use it – its members. It's operated for the benefit of its members and offers owner advantages such as saving money. Just as importantly, as members shop they learn to be smart consumers making choices that impact their well-being and the environment, while supporting the local economy. Outpost's business innovation and concern for the community has earned numerous awards.

Outpost got its start back in the 1970s, when big business was pushing out the family farmer and harmful agricultural chemicals were destroying the rural landscape and poisoning what we ate. The term, "organic," was just a concept. Soon concerned people in the Milwaukee area were looking for a way to purchase wholesome and natural foods. These folks believed that more can be achieved by working together, so they pooled their interest and their money into a cooperative business venture. Shares in the co-op originally sold for \$2.50 a share and the store was "staffed" completely by volunteers.

The new co-op survived and thrived and today Outpost has more than 21,000 owners and employs nearly 500 workers.

Outpost is committed to selling its customers food grown the way it used to be:

**Organic:** Outpost believes that supporting organically grown foods helps protect the integrity of food grown without the use of synthetic chemical pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.

**Local:** Buying local keeps more dollars in the community. Shopping your locally owned co-op keeps other local businesses thriving. Outpost Natural Foods purchases locally grown and produced food items whenever feasible.

**Fair Trade:** Outpost offers a selection of Fair Trade-certified products which come from farmers and producers worldwide who receive fairly traded compensation for their products such as those available in the store – chocolate, coffee, bananas, nuts and various gift items.

**GMO-Free:** Outpost firmly believes that foods grown containing genetically modified organisms (GMO) compromise the health and safety of the food supply. When you see "certified organic" on the label, it's a good bet that these products are free of GMOs.

Another part of Outpost's commitment to the community is giving back. For more than 40 years, Outpost has helped with community sponsorships, food donations and grass-root partnerships. "We're proud to be more than just a grocery store," says store manager Tom Knueppel, "and we look forward to supporting the many wonderful Mequon organizations that share our vision and hope for the world we live in."

Stop at Outpost soon to check out the amazing selection of quality food, drink, health and beauty items – and lots of other fun stuff. Outpost's friendly staff will be happy to explain all the benefits, advantages and savings of membership.

Visit [outpost.coop](http://outpost.coop) for more information and how to join as a member.

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*Left: School of Technology and Applied Sciences Dean Dorothy Walker, Mequon Campus Vice President Dr. Wilma L. Bonaparte and Mequon Campus Librarian Kathleen Blume participated in the Mequon-Thiensville Family Fun Before the Fourth parade.*

*Below: Electricity instructor James Simpson drove an MATC vehicle in the Mequon-Thiensville Family Fun Before the Fourth parade.*



## MATC'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNIZED

**M**ATC received 2015 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The college is the first technical college to earn this prestigious honor.

“Receiving the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation is a significant accomplishment for Milwaukee Area Technical College,” says MATC President Dr. Vicki J. Martin. “The classification recognizes the college’s mission to engage with our community partners to advance the quality of life for our students and members of the Greater Milwaukee community. Incorporating service learning into our academic curriculum enriches the overall experience for MATC students and prepares them to have an impact in the communities in which they live and work. Our faculty, staff, students and community partners should be especially proud that MATC is the first two-year college in Wisconsin to receive this prestigious designation.”

**“This classification recognizes the college’s mission to engage with our community partners to advance the quality of life for our students and members of the greater Milwaukee community.”**

In a letter informing the college of the classification, Carnegie Foundation staff lauded MATC, “Your application documented excellent alignment among campus mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy

community engagement, and it responded to the classification framework with both descriptions and examples of exemplary institutionalized practices of community engagement.”

Two examples of meaningful community engagement occur in Ozaukee County and involve the college’s landscape horticulture students. Arboriculture and landscape horticulture instructor Mike Wendt coordinates a project that involves students pruning trees in Thiensville’s Village Park (see photos).

“The project gives the students practical experience that is essential to the successful completion of our Arboriculture certificate program,” explains Wendt. “The college’s partnership with the Village of Thiensville affords our students an opportunity to develop their tree climbing, pruning and removal skills that will benefit them throughout their careers.”

Under the direction of now-retired instructor Carol Bangs, students in a Landscapes Project class created a landscape plan for the Johnathan Clark House Museum, located at the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg roads in Mequon. Students created a plan that details how the museum’s grounds would have appeared in the 1840s when the home was constructed. Aspects of the plan included historic landscape assessment and design, woodland stewardship assessment and site assessment.

### **MATC First Technical College in Wisconsin To Offer Aesthetics Technical Diploma**

This fall, MATC will launch an aesthetician technical diploma program at the Mequon Campus. This will be the first technical diploma of its kind offered in Wisconsin.

The projected job growth rate for aestheticians is 32% over the next decade. Graduates of this program will be eligible to take the



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state board aesthetician licensing examination, and work in upscale spas or alongside medical professionals.

A new, state-of-the-art laboratory will serve as the classroom for the program's students. A salon that offers services to community members will open this fall. (Call 262.238.2200 for hours.)

The aesthetician program is just one of MATC's comprehensive offerings in this career cluster through the School of Business. Other programs include barber, cosmetology, barber/cosmetology instructor, barber/cosmetology manager and nail technician.

### **Opportunities for Homestead High School Students at MATC**

MATC and Mequon-Thiensville School District officials are exploring partnership opportunities that will benefit Homestead students and help provide a strong foundation for future educational and career opportunities. Currently Homestead students can receive high school and MATC credits by successfully completing an accounting class that is taught by a Homestead teacher who is certified by the Wisconsin Technical College System. These credits may be transferred to a four-year college/university if the student earns an associate degree or technical diploma from MATC. Additionally, juniors or seniors who wish to begin college while still in high school can take courses and receive both high school and college credit. More information is available from MATC's Youth Options staff (414-297-6288).

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**Dr. Wilma L. Bonaparte, Vice President**

Fall semester classes begin Monday, August 24. Stop by the campus to meet with staff and learn about our academic offerings!



*Students from MATC's Arboriculture program gained hands-on experience at Village Park in Thiensville. A collaborative partnership between the Village of Thiensville and MATC benefits the Village and students.*



*Above: Instructor Carol Bangs reviews landscape design plans for the Jonathan Clark House Museum in Mequon.*



*MATC students replicated an 1840s landscape design at Mequon's Jonathan Clark House Museum (right).*





## AUTUMN 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. All the information is also listed on the Library's website and calendar – visit [flwlib.org](http://flwlib.org).

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Family Storytimes

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays  
11 a.m.

Weekly storytimes include stories, fingerplays and songs. A responsible adult should be present and participation in storytime is highly encouraged. No registration is required and all are welcome!

**Please note:** Tuesday storytimes are held at the Village Farmers Market in Thiensville's Village Park until October 27.

### LEGO Club

Meets the last Monday of the month at 4 p.m. August 31, September 28, October 26, November 30

Build your creativity and Lego skills at the Library! Share ideas, work together and make new friends as we focus on a new

theme each month. Children ages 5 and up are welcome to attend. No registration required.

### TEEN EVENTS

Banned Book Poetry  
August 24-September 26

In honor of Banned Books Week 2015 (September 27-October 3), the Library invites young adults in 6th-12th grades to create poetry from the pages of used books. Creators use a black writing utensil to black-out words, phrases and whole sentences to reveal only their chosen words.

Starting August 24, young adults can pick up a page in the Young Adult area or at the reference desk. Final poems need to be turned in by Saturday, September 26 and will be displayed in the Young Adult area. Curious? Ask a librarian for more details.

### ADULT EVENTS

Laura Ingalls Wilder:  
A Theatre Performance  
Tuesday, September 1

Hear the real history of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and discover the times, places and people who inspired her wonderful books. This program is recommended for adults and student audiences 3rd grade and older. This event is open to the public and no registration is required.

Dave Ehlert: A Nostalgic Tribute  
Concert of Music Legends  
Thursday, September 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Dave Ehlert returns to the Library for a musical performance featuring the music of Hank Williams, Roy Orbison, and Elvis Presley. Regular Library services will be suspended at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September

24 for this special event. No registration is required for this free program, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Frank L. Weyenberg Library at 262.242.2593, the Library's Facebook page or by email at [news@flwlib.org](mailto:news@flwlib.org).

### The Retirement Classroom

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- Tuesday, Sept. 29 • 4 p.m. Getting to Know Medicare
- Tuesday, Sept. 29 • 6 p.m. Strategies for Social Security and Retirement Income
- Monday, Oct. 5 • 4 p.m. Planning for Nursing Care and Final Expenses
- Monday, Oct. 5 • 6 p.m. Getting to Know Medicare

### The Bizarre History of Wisconsin

Monday, October 20 • 6 p.m.

Chad Lewis will showcase more than 100 bizarre newspaper stories from Wisconsin that have not been seen in more than 100 years. These unbelievable stories were not lost, they were simply hidden. The presentation provides a time portal back to the early days of the state. Filled with strange deaths, ghosts, sea serpents, peculiar people, medical anomalies, oddities, psychic phenomena and UFOs, this presentation will certainly change the way you view the good ol' days of Wisconsin.

### Yid Vicious: A Lively Klezmer Music Concert

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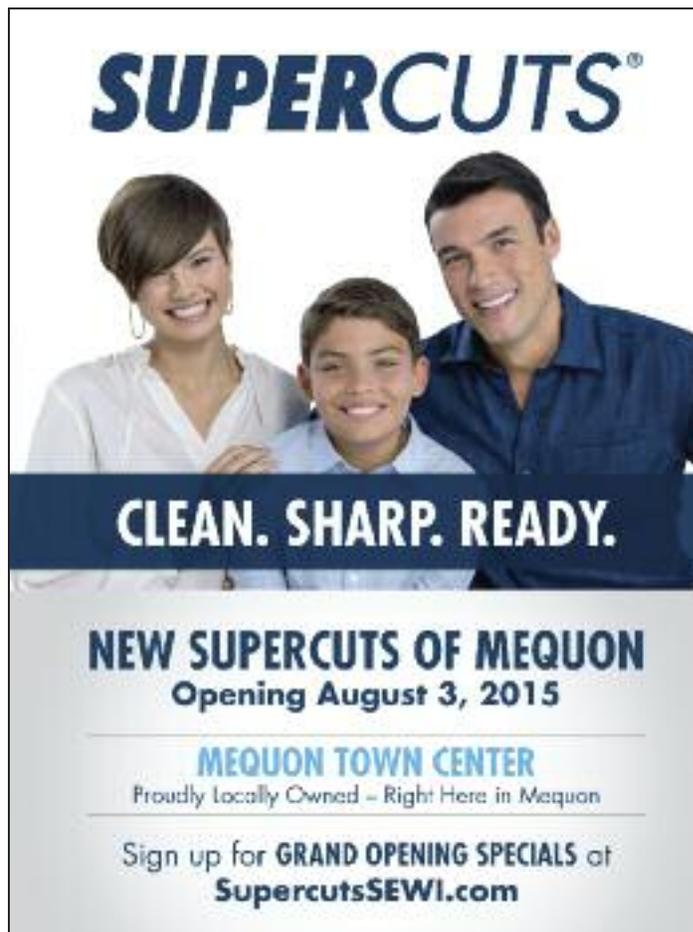
Join us in welcoming back Yid Vicious for another lively klezmer concert. Klezmer is music for dancing and celebrating, and Yid Vicious has been spreading its infectious, original blend of fun throughout the Midwest and beyond for more than a decade. The band's seven members blend their individual professional backgrounds in classical, jazz and world music genres to create a klezmer experience that will electrify audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Regular Library services will be suspended at 6 p.m. for this special event. No registration is required for this free program and all are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Frank L. Weyenberg Library at 262.242.2593, the Library's Facebook page or by email at [news@flwlib.org](mailto:news@flwlib.org).

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A group of summer school students playing Frisbee in the courtyard, cheering baseball fans at Kapco Park, and hundreds of boys and girls participating in basketball and soccer camps – a typical summer day at Concordia University Wisconsin. CUW prides itself on being a community partner since moving from downtown Milwaukee to Mequon in 1983. Situated on a 200-acre campus that hugs Lake Michigan’s shoreline, Concordia offers a Christian-based education during the academic year to more than 8,000 undergraduate, graduate, accelerated adult education and online students.

A tremendous campus transformation has taken place over that time, including the introduction of a myriad of graduate, adult degree and online programs, a change to university status, and a number of new buildings. Three new residence halls were built, along with Kapco Park, summer home to the Lakeshore Chinooks.

Another new facility is Concordia’s Center for Environmental Services, situated along the bluff and a site for a number of community and business functions. Since a major

renovation in 2007, the bluff has proven to be an extremely popular spot for neighborhood walkers and breathless hikers climbing back up a winding walkway.

A major milestone for the University occurred in May 2014 when CUW graduated its first class of 67 pharmacists after recognizing an impending shortage of pharmacists in northern Wisconsin. The School of Pharmacy, one of six schools at Concordia, currently enrolls 357 students and is only the second pharmacy school in the state.

“Our School of Pharmacy enables us to highlight the important role they play as vital health care providers in many rural areas of Wisconsin,” notes Dr. Patrick T. Ferry, President of CUW.

Concordia has the largest M.B.A. Program in Wisconsin according to a recent study conducted by *The Business Journal*, with 13 areas of concentration, including Human Resource Management, International Business, Marketing, and Sport and Entertainment Business.

Lifelong learning is at the core of an innovative Concordia Partnerships program that provides educational opportunities

reaching beyond traditional degrees. Time is taken to learn about challenges facing a particular workforce and crafting solutions to empower an organization. Online or in-person offerings are available, along with the ability to bring classes to an office.

This past April, CUW became the first university in Wisconsin and one of only 10 in the nation to form an American Legion Post on campus. A group of approximately 100 veterans, including a number from area American Legion Posts in Mequon, Cedarburg and Grafton, were on hand for the installation service of officers for Post 1881.

“When we enter the military, we thank God for what we’ve been able to do to protect our country,” says Eduardo Garza, the newly appointed Director of Veteran Services for Concordia and a Bronze Star recipient who spent six years on active duty in the U.S. Navy. Two recent outings – Take A Vet Hunting and Take a Vet Fishing – connected the University and others in the community with veterans. Another endeavor in late June, called Operation Falcon Support, brought together area veterans to make care packages for troops overseas.



All Concordia students are challenged in the classroom by professors who emphasize integrity and ethics, traits that are highly valued by prospective employers. Many Concordia graduates remain in Wisconsin to work. An April study compiled by The Metropolitan Association of Commerce further shows that the University as a whole has a tremendous impact on Ozaukee County and the metro-Milwaukee economy. The gross dollar impact to the region exceeds \$205 million, with more than 1,100 jobs supported.

“We remain dedicated to helping Mequon and Thiensville continue to grow and flourish,” states Gretchen Jameson, Senior Vice President for Strategy & University Affairs. “We are proud to contribute not only economically, but also through service, volunteering and leadership as neighbors.”

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**Fast Facts About the CUW Campus:**

- Total Enrollment: 8,161 students
- 2,619 Traditional Undergraduate Students; 3,247 Graduate Students
- More than 70 undergraduate majors, master's and doctoral programs
- Accelerated and online learning options
- Founded in 1881 in downtown Milwaukee
- Campus moved to Mequon in 1983
- Largest M.B.A. program in Wisconsin
- 24 NCAA Division III sports
- 10 Adult Accelerated Learning Centers
- Affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the largest University in the Concordia University System

*Left: Eduardo Garza, Jr., Director of Veteran Services at Concordia University Wisconsin and the recently elected Commander of American Legion Post 1881, addresses the crowd during an installation service in early April. CUW is the first Wisconsin university and one of only 10 in the nation to form an American Legion Post on its campus. Below: An aerial view of Concordia's impressive 200-acre campus.*



*“The colorful Trail is alive and fun in every season.”*



“See you on the Interurban.” You hear that a lot in Thiensville these days as the Ozaukee County Interurban Trail continues to grow as a recreation and transportation option. Officially opened in 2002, the 30-mile, paved, mostly off-road trail crosses the County from north to south – passing through eight Ozaukee County communities that partnered in the venture. According to Trail counter records, the segment in Thiensville at Freistadt Road is the most frequently used.

The colorful Trail is alive and fun in every season for non-motor vehicle recreational activities such as hiking, walking, running, biking, rollerblading, wildlife viewing and skiing. It has become a favorite of health-conscious folks aiming to keep fit. The Trail blends beautifully into the surrounding countryside and invites and encourages the up-close exploration of unique natural habitats and the discovery of cultural, historical and natural resources.

The Trail also serves our communities in very practical and important way by connecting Ozaukee County’s commuters to places of employment, business, industry, historic places and commerce. In fact, it is a key element in Ozaukee County’s overall transportation plan.

### **The Long Journey of the Interurban**

The origins of the Ozaukee County Interurban Trail, its name and even its logo are throwbacks to an earlier day in transportation. Started in 1905, the Interurban, an electric railway system linking Milwaukee and many surrounding communities, expanded and grew to become one of the best ways to get around in these parts. In 1922, the right-of-way was acquired by The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company (TMER & L) for development of an improved rapid transit service from Milwaukee to Sheboygan. Called the Northern Route, it eventually had stops in what is now Brown Deer, Thiensville, Cedarburg, Grafton, Port Washington, Belgium, Cedar Grove, Oostburg and Sheboygan.

The Interurban became one of the best ways to go for commuting to jobs, shopping, visiting, short trips and family outings. Then along came America’s love for cars, speed, World War II and the freeways. Gradually ridership declined leading to the closing of various lines. By 1951, the Interurban gave its last ride and was no more.

Fortunately, the right-of-way survived to become the Ozaukee County Interurban Trail. Read more about the Trail’s fascinating history on: [interurbantrail.us](http://interurbantrail.us) or Google TMER&L.

### **Today’s Trail: A Vital Connection**

The Ozaukee Interurban Trail is a historic treasure. It adds to the quality of life of residents and is a tremendous resource for families and visitors. As a tourism destination, the Trail is within close proximity of Milwaukee, Chicago, Madison and Green Bay, making a positive economic impact on these areas.

Ozaukee County has established an Interurban Trail Advisory Council, comprised of about 35 members, to assist in planning and implementation. Members represent appropriate segments of the community including chamber of commerce representatives, business owners, elected officials, governmental staff, bike club representatives, concerned citizens, sheriff’s department representatives, park commission members, University of Extension representatives, bird club members and landowners. The Advisory Council’s mission is to promote the safe public use of the Trail for transportation, recreation, health, education, economic development and enjoyment of the County’s unique cultural, historical and natural resources.

There is no fee for using the Trail; however, donations are gladly accepted to help defray costs of printing and mailing trail maps, maintaining the Trail and enhancing the Trail through new projects. Donation of an easement by the Prime Minister Restaurant in Thiensville for a new connection on North Main Street will improve trail accessibility, and provide access to businesses on North Main by trail users. Construction will take place this fall.

According to longstanding Thiensville resident and Village Board member John Treffert of the Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Commission, “We are appreciative of forward-thinking businesses and their support of opportunities to make the Mequon-Thiensville communities more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. We are very fortunate to be located along the Interurban Trail, which is such a regional asset that continues to grow in popularity, bringing more visitors to the area,” he says.

## OZAUKEE INTERURBAN TRAIL CONNECTS PAST TO PRESENT IN THIENSVILLE



# THIENSVILLE BUSINESS FORUM UPDATE: GROWING A COMMUNITY



Growing a business community in today's environment is more challenging than ever. This past May, the Thiensville Business Renaissance Commission held its second annual Business Forum at Village Hall to discuss ways to meet this challenge. A motivated group of local business owners who all

share an interest in helping Thiensville businesses thrive attended this interactive meeting. Guest speakers included current business owners Barkha Daily (the cheel restaurant), Jesse Daily (Core Engineering) and Kristina Eckhart (glaze), who spoke about their experiences of working and building a business in Thiensville. A common thread was the "esprit de corps" exhibited among Thiensville businesses. They all spoke about the willingness of their neighbors to help support them, if needed, which is rare in today's business climate.

**The main goal of the Business Forum focused on three important questions: 1. How can the Village help your business? 2. How can Thiensville attract new businesses? 3. How should we brand Thiensville?** Exciting new ideas were generated by the group, all focusing on finding ways to convince the 14,000 drivers per day that move up and down Main Street to stop and visit Thiensville's local shops. Ideas included connecting the Interurban Trail to businesses with rest areas, seating and kiosks; painting the backs of buildings that face the trail with fun murals, low-interest loans and grants for building upgrades and façade improvements; listing Thiensville employment opportunities on the Village website; improving signage; and creating more destinations within the community.

Most agreed that Thiensville is a charming, walkable community that harkens back to simpler times. We believe our unique culture will help convince young families to consider purchasing a home in Thiensville which boasts the #1 school system in the state. Branding the community will take time to develop, but we believe there are many exciting aspects to Thiensville that will help us build our brand and our community in the coming years. Stay tuned to Thiensville: The Village To Watch.



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*Thiensville business owners connected at the Business Forum in May.*

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## SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEQUON-THIENSVILLE: LOVE OF COMMUNITY DRIVES LOCAL WOMEN TO GIVE BACK



The Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville is an energetic and enthusiastic group of women who really know how to get things done! The Club found its niche in supporting our communities with philanthropic, leadership and social opportunities. And along the way, they've discovered it feels good to do good.

Evidence of their good work can be seen everywhere in the

Mequon-Thiensville area. From the electronic community signboard at the northeast corner of Mequon Road and Cedarburg Road (see photo) to renovations at Thiensville Village Hall to updated entryway markers for the Village.

According to Tina Berkhahn, Club treasurer, "I lived in Mequon for four years before I joined Juniors, and it was a shame that I waited so long. I honestly joined just to meet some ladies, but now it is so much more than that. I have really enjoyed becoming part of the community and being able to give back to it. We are a small group with big impact – it's a wonderful feeling."

The "Juniors" are probably best known for their annual Turkey Trot, an annual 5K race on Thanksgiving morning, now in its 11th year.

The race starts and ends at Thiensville's Village Park and as the Club's biggest fundraiser, it has become a popular community tradition. What started out as a small, fun run has evolved into a major event with more than 1,300 participants – and is growing every year as young and old walk and run to benefit a variety of charitable causes.

This year's Turkey Trot will be held on Thursday, November 26, and includes a Gobble Gallop for kids. Berkhahn says the race would not be possible without the help of many others in the community, including Village staff and volunteers from Homestead High School. "The husbands are also indispensable and pitch in from planning, organizing and, most importantly, dressing up as the official "Turkey!" she says.

Fundraising efforts by the Juniors also will benefit the renovation of entryway markers into the Village of Thiensville, creating a welcoming sense of entry and place (see article on pg. 32). These original markers, first constructed in 1985 as part of the Main Street Reconstruction project, will be carefully upgraded with complementary landscaping by Kerry Mattingly and Treetops Landscape Design, Inc.

Over the years, Club fundraising has benefitted a variety of projects and organizations in the area, including:

- Village Hall renovations
- Family Fun Before the 4th
- Mequon Police K-9 unit
- Mequon Nature Preserve
- Interfaith programs
- Portal, Inc. (advancing opportunities for people with developmental disabilities)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County

Photo: Shoot the Moon Photography



Even gifts made decades ago live on because of the Junior's generosity. For example, in 1978, Concerned Ozaukee Parents Exchange (COPE) was initiated by the Juniors with a vision of providing support for parents. Today, COPE is a United Way agency phone

helpline answering 22,000 calls a year.

Juniors' President Colleen Krueger says the Club aims to raise awareness of groups that may otherwise go unnoticed. "We seek to provide charitable giving in those areas of our community we consider to be underfunded core services or community-enhancing amenities," she explains. "Our love of this community and our recognition of those less fortunate are the common threads that tie our group together."

The Junior Woman's Club is open to any woman 21 years and older who is interested in enriching herself and the community through volunteer projects. Membership is diverse, from stay-at-home moms to full-time career women – there is something for everyone! For more information, visit the Junior Woman's Club website at [juniorwomansclubmt.org](http://juniorwomansclubmt.org).



*Junior Woman's Club President Colleen Krueger announces the winners of last year's race as a Homestead volunteer (left) and Club board member Rachael Amundsen (right) look on.*

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*New comfort station being constructed in Village Park.*



*Construction of the new comfort station should be completed this fall.*

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# INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MOVE FORWARD

From border to border, it's an exciting time in Thiensville. What's old is becoming new again with many much-needed upgrades in the works to improve Village infrastructure and amenities. Here's what's happening to make our Village more attractive, welcoming and convenient for residents and visitors.

## IMPROVED ENTRY MARKERS

The original monuments at the north and south entries on Main Street that were installed 30 years ago are ready for a face-lift. The existing markers are being rehabilitated and enhanced with new brickwork and landscape lighting to accentuate their timeless look (see rendering). Matching design and materials are being carried through in the Creekside Park/parking lot, located north of the historic firehouse. These two the entry markers are the first steps in rehabilitating the Main Street corridor. Funding for the project was made possible in part by a monetary donation from the Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville. Plus, an in-kind donation of landscape architecture services was made by Treetops Landscape Design, Inc.

"It's been gratifying and enjoyable working with Village administration in their dedication to make the community a better place to live and visit," says Kerry Mattingly, owner of Treetops Landscape Design. "Their goal of respecting and maintaining the craftsmanship of the past is reflected in the architectural upgrade of the entry monuments. We've tried to follow their objectives with a variety of plantings that create an impression that says welcome to our community."

## NEW COMFORT STATION

The comfort station in the Village Park has reliably served the public for more than 50 years. But change is definably in order and a new building is currently under construction. The facility will now be ADA compliant with features that will include restrooms, a family restroom with junior toilet, diaper-changing station, a drinking fountain, water bottle-filling station, a community bulletin board, and vending machines. The building will be heated to extend the park's use into the fall with the ability to add winter activities, such as an ice rink. The structure (see rendering above) was designed by architects from Groth Design Group of Cedarburg with assistance from Village staff, and is being constructed by Magill Construction of Elkhorn, with a scheduled fall completion.

The Park upgrades are welcome change for the entire community including Thiensville's popular Family Fun Before the 4th event. Executive Director Ann Bolles explains, "Residents and visitors will benefit from this effort for years to come and we are pleased to show our appreciation with the donation of our profits from beer and corn sales. We're also grateful for the amazing support of the Village and their personnel including administrative staff, the Department of Public Works, the Police Department and the Fire Department. Our event couldn't succeed without their help."

Many other donations from community groups made the new comfort station possible, including funds generated from the Thiensville Mequon Lions Club. The Village is forming a committee to make recommendations for future Park improvements, including a new playground.

Village President Van Mobley agrees that these improvements will make a significant difference in resident enjoyment. "It was time to refurbish the restroom facilities in the park – and the new ones can now be used in the winter. They will make the park an even greater amenity for people in the Thiensville-Mequon community. We thank all of donors, including the Thiensville-Mequon Lion's Club, and the Family Fun Before the 4th event, as well as an anonymous donor for their generous contributions. Without their help we could not get the job done," says Mobley.



*Current Thiensville entryway markers on Main Street (left) are being updated with a more welcoming look (below).*



# OZAUKEE COUNTY ARTISTS OPEN THEIR STUDIOS FOR OCTOBER TOUR: COVERED BRIDGE ART STUDIO TOUR FEATURES MEQUON AND THIENSVILLE ARTISTS

More than 45 local artists with studios from Mequon to Newberg will open their spaces up to the public on the weekend of October 9-11, for the self-guided Ozaukee County Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour, coordinated by the Cedarburg Artists Guild. This unique event is an opportunity for people to get an up close and personal look at some of Southeastern Wisconsin's finest artists and the spaces that inspire their work. Artists will be working during the event and are always happy to stop what they're doing to greet visitors, demonstrate their talents, talk with guests and sell their artwork to interested buyers. The Tour encompasses almost every artistic style and medium that is popular today, from paintings and drawings, to photography, sculptures, fiber arts, ceramics, jewelry, printmaking, even metal, glass and leatherworks. The tour features two Thiensville artists and seven Mequon artists.\*

The tour is free to attendees, and begins Friday, October 9, with studios open from 4-8 pm. Saturday hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The public is also welcome to attend a Saturday night party from 6-9 p.m. at the Cedarburg Cultural Center – a night of art, food, music, fun and the opportunity to win a Fun Jet vacation for 2 or other items in an auction. Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour maps can be downloaded from the website, or picked up at the Destination Station located within the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Participants can start their self-guided tours at any studio.

"I look forward to the Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour every year," says Mequon artist Pamela Ruschman. "Artists rarely get a chance to interact with their audiences, to hear them oooh and aaah over a piece that catches their attention – a piece we've spent hours, days, sometimes weeks or months perfecting. It's so fun and rewarding to have visitors drawn into our studios to see our visions come to life!"

A list of participating artists and more event information can be found at [cedarburgartweekend.com](http://cedarburgartweekend.com).

## PARTICIPATING THIENSVILLE AND MEQUON STUDIO ARTISTS

### THIENSVILLE

- William Davis-painting
- Carol Gengler-fiber, paint & art therapy

### MEQUON

- Lynn Rix-painting
- Leila Hentzen Smith-painting
- Richard Smith-painting
- Pamela Ruschman-painting
- Bridget Deloge-glass
- Sue Frenzel-jewelry
- Alicia Struck-painting



Paintings by Mequon artist Pamela Ruschman

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# THIENSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT CORPORATION A UNIQUE VILLAGE PARTNER

**T**he Thiensville Fire Department has a rich, colorful history, dating back more than 150 years to the founding of the Village. While procedures, equipment and technology have changed dramatically over the decades, the Department and its dedicated fire fighters and staff continue to be united in providing outstanding service to the community. Following today's best practices in fire service, the Thiensville Fire Department serves with the same sense of responsibility, civic duty and community commitment entrusted to them by their firefighter ancestors.

Modern day community fire departments provide a wealth of services never imagined or expected in earlier days. Residents and business owners can now take advantage of fire safety and community educational programs, CPR training and certification, home safety programs, emergency medical service (EMS) programs and more. But all this comes with a cost and with the many demands on

municipal budgets, funding new equipment and programs can be challenging.

To the rescue along came the Thiensville Fire Department (TFD) Corporation, formed in 1961 as the fundraising

entity for the Thiensville Fire Department. The TFD Corporation's role is to promote the Fire Department to the public and authorize expenditures for equipment. Contrary to public perception, expenditures such as a new ambulance or rescue suits for the dive team are NOT paid for by Thiensville tax dollars. They are funded by donations or money raised through the TFD Corporation. Impressively, more than 70% of Thiensville's fire equipment has been funded through the Corporation.

"Thiensville's situation is unique," explains Fire Chief Brian Reiels. "We are a volunteer, paid-on-call Department known for our exemplary service. We could not continue to provide the unparalleled service our residents have come to expect without the support of the TFD Corporation. The generous donation of time and the commitment of this volunteer 501(c)3 organization facilitates the promotion of the Fire Department to the community, helps raise much needed funds and acts as a receiver of private donations.

TFD Board of Directors President and Thiensville resident, Andy Match, explains the who and what of the TFD Corporation. "We are grateful to this diverse body of men and women – more than 40 members – who come from all walks of life, bringing a dedication to fire safety and the fire-fighting profession."

Members attend four meetings a year, volunteer for a variety of special events that promote the Department, and help spread the word about the Department's many services. They play an important part in events like Safety Day and the annual Pancake Breakfast. The popular "Snack Shack" at Goerke Park (behind Thiensville Village Hall/Police/Fire Department) is managed solely by TFD Corporation volunteers and is the major fundraising arm for the Fire Department. TFD Corporation members keep the "Snack Shack" running throughout the summer months, serving up a variety of tasty treats for families and kids from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on Monday-Thursday (plus some weekend hours dependent on softball game schedules in the Park). Menu choices include hot dogs, brats, beer, soda, water, ice cream, nachos and a huge variety of snack items.

The Fall Pancake Breakfast, another fundraiser for the Fire Department, will be held at the Thiensville Fire Station on Sunday, September 20 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Families and friends are invited to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with all the trimmings for only \$7 per person (\$5 for children under 10 years). They'll also have a chance to meet and greet Thiensville fire fighters and staff and Sparky the Fire Dog. Food for this fundraiser is generously donated by the Prime Minister Restaurant in Thiensville (see related story on pg. 36).



*The Snack Shack is a popular stop in summer months and generates income for the TFD Corporation.*

“We appreciate the support of the Thiensville Village Board as we work together to ensure our Fire Department has the necessary resources,” adds Match. “We are extremely proud of the vital programming and services that have benefitted from our efforts: paramedic educational programming, new dive truck and equipment, EMS equipment, new ambulances, and an impressive remodel of the fire station. These are just a few of our many initiatives – and all of this without using additional tax-payer dollars,” Match boasts.



*Board members discuss strategies at a recent TFD Corporation meeting.*

The TFD Corporation is always looking for additional volunteers. If you have an interest in the fire-fighting field, and would like to give back to the community, visit the Village of Thiensville website ([village.thiensville.wi.us](http://village.thiensville.wi.us)) for more details and an online application. Donations are also gladly accepted. Join a welcoming group of volunteers who are eager to share their enthusiasm in helping support the Village of Thiensville Fire Department. TFD Corporation President Andy Match can also be reached at [matchandy@gmail.com](mailto:matchandy@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING TFD CORPORATION SPECIAL EVENTS TO BENEFIT THE THIENSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Sat., Aug. 8: Summer Slam

9 a.m.-11 p.m. • Thiensville Village Park  
Softball 9 a.m.-8 p.m. • Music from 1-10 p.m. featuring Mojo Perry, Maple Road, Katz Sass and Sunny T & the MPs

#### Sat., Sept. 19: Public Safety Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Walgreens' Parking Lot  
Display of local resources from Fire, Police and DPW Departments, plus demonstrations and food for sale

#### Sun., Sept. 20: Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse

8 a.m.-12 noon • All-you-can-eat family friendly breakfast only \$7 per person.

Sun., Oct. 25: “Beggars’ Night/Trick or Treat So People Can Eat” 4-7 p.m. • Collection of non-perishable food donations to benefit local charities

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*Prime Minister owners Tim and Bessie Triantafillou with daughters Eleni and Nikoleta.*

## THIENSVILLE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PRIME MINISTER RESTAURANT OFFERS DELICIOUS FOOD IN COMFORTABLE, FAMILY SETTING

For more than 20 years, The Prime Minister Family Restaurant & Catering on North Main Street in Thiensville has been a northshore favorite. Owned and operated by the Triantafillou family, the delicious food and welcoming ambience have made the restaurant a “must stop” dining spot.

Efthimios “Tim,” his wife Bessie, and daughters Eleni and Nikoleta (who grew up in the business) take great pride in their restaurant and the community. “We love this village and its small-town feel – where everyone knows their neighbors,” says Bessie. “We try to create a warm, cozy setting that is just like home, and our customers are like family,” says Bessie.

The Prime Minister is more than just another restaurant. Special, personal touches keep customers coming back many times each week, sometimes daily. “We build close relationships with our customers and they in turn find new friends here. We have many long-time employees who have gotten to know our customers and greet them by first name. “If we don’t see our ‘regulars’ in the restaurant for awhile, we call to check to make sure they are all right. We’re like a caring family,” explains Bessie.

The Prime Minister is famous for its delicious home-cooked food featuring American, Greek and Mexican cuisine. Customer favorites include the homemade spinach pie (spanakopita), beef tenderloin pepper steak, shrimp dijon with garlic butter sauce, pork schnitzel with spaetzel, meatloaf, liver and onions, beef stroganoff, broasted chicken, and even south-of-the border specials like tacos, fajitas and enchiladas. There are also daily specials, a Friday fish fry, a kids’ menu, and breakfast is served any time all day long.

“The organizers of German Fest say we serve the best sauerbraten in town,” Tim boasts, while sharing a few culinary secrets for success. “We use recipes handed down from my mother-in-law and even

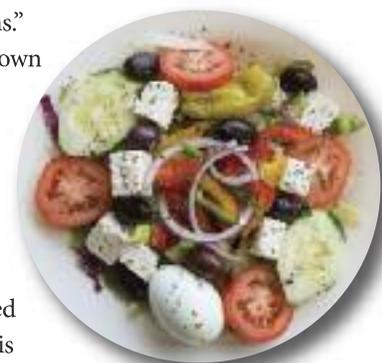
friends and neighbors. Our customers love that we are always adding new menu items.”

The Prime Minister is also well known for its catering services, tailored to any event: weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, showers, family reunions, corporate functions and more. From casual sandwich platters to complete full-course meals, and even specialty items carved and served by an experienced chef. “Our motto is there’s no event we can’t handle,” Tim says confidently. “When you get rave reviews, we get rave reviews.”

Being a community partner is very important to the Triantafillou family. “We appreciate the success that has come from the continued loyalty and patronage of our customers, so whenever we can we try to pay that forward,” says Bessie. Typical of their generosity, the Prime Minister is donating food for the Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Thiensville Fire Department on September 20 (see pg. 34). As another gift to the community, land owned by the family adjacent to the restaurant will be used for a new connection to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, which will improve trail accessibility and access to Main Street businesses by trail users. Construction will begin this fall.

Many thanks to Tim, Bessie, Eleni and Nikoleta Triantafillou for being an important part of the Thiensville business district and such generous community partners! The Prime Minister is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner Mon.-Sat. from 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sun. 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. (closed Christmas Day and New Year’s Day).

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# ~ OUT AND ABOUT ~



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We welcome the change of seasons with bright fall days and cool, crisp nights! Check out the calendar of events on pg. 39 and take advantage of all of the exciting events and activities happening in Mequon and Thiensville. We are pleased to bring you the latest news from our two great communities – happy reading!



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**1.** Plein Air painters were out and about throughout the Village of Thiensville in July during the Plein Air Cedarburg Painting Event, produced by the Cedarburg Artists Guild. **2.** Homestead High School graduates celebrated at graduation on June 14. Best of luck to the Class of 2015. See pg. 8 about where these graduates will be attending post-secondary schools. **3.** LionFest, presented by the Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club in Thiensville's Village Park, is a popular event that kicks off the summer season. **4.** The Village Market is southeastern Wisconsin's biggest outdoor market. Held every Tuesday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. now through October 27, you will find an abundance of fresh produce, meats, cheeses, coffee, seafood, honey and freshly baked goods, along with delicious prepared items and a craft area featuring local artisans. **5.** The Mequon pool is a great place to cool off during the summer and also upgrade swimming skills with lessons. **6.** Family Fun Before the 4th is always celebrated the Saturday before the 4th of July holiday and brings together our communities in celebration of our nation's birthday.



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# Community Calendar

*The season is alive with exciting events and special opportunities to enjoy all that our two communities have to offer. Welcome to a new season in the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville – so much to discover and enjoy!*

## AUGUST

- **Thur., Aug. 6: Shully's River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Featuring the Eddie Butts Band at Shully's, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission. Visit [shullyscuisine.com](http://shullyscuisine.com).
- **Sat., Aug. 8: Summer Slam, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.** at Thiensville's Village Park to benefit the Thiensville Fire Department. See pg. 35.
- **Sat., Aug. 8: Lake Moon Festival, 4-10 p.m.** Second annual, FREE family celebration along Concordia University Wisconsin's half-mile bluff featuring live music, art, great food, family activities and a challenging 5K run. Visit [lakemoonfestival.com](http://lakemoonfestival.com) for more details.
- **Sat., Aug. 15: Village-Wide Rummage Sale** Shop the Village of Thiensville for many great offerings!
- **Mon., Aug. 17: MTSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line School conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon
- **Sat., Aug. 22: Skippyfest** Annual celebration at Skippy's Sports Pub & Grub, 113 N. Green Bay Rd., Thiensville
- **Sat., Aug. 22: Screen on the Green, 6 p.m.** Free outdoor movie night at Thiensville Village Park sponsored by the Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee (TBRC).



## SEPTEMBER

- **Tue., Sept. 1: First day of school for MTSD**
- **Thur.-Mon., Sept. 3-7: Harley-Davidson Rally, Suburban Motors** 139 N. Main St., Thiensville
- **Sat., Sept. 12: Third annual Taste of Mequon, 12-9 p.m.** Free, family-friendly event featuring live music, fine art and food for sale from local businesses. See pg. 18.
- **Sat., Sept. 19: Thiensville Public Safety Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Walgreens' parking lot, 278 N. Main St., Thiensville
- **Sun., Sept. 20: Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m.-12 noon** Thiensville Fire Department, 250 Elm St. See pg. 35.
- **Mon., Sept. 21: MTSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line School conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon
- **Fri., Sept. 25: Homestead High School Homecoming Football Game, 7 p.m.** Homestead High School
- **Fri., Sept. 25: Sampler Concert, 7:30 pm.** Concordia University

Wisconsin's Chapel of Christ Triumphant. Hear music from several of Concordia's student musical ensembles. Visit [cuw.edu](http://cuw.edu) for details.

## OCTOBER

- **Thur., Oct. 8: Thiensville Ladies' Night Out, starting at 4 p.m.** Shopping, drinks, music and more throughout the Village.
- **Fri.-Sat., Oct. 9-10: Concordia University Wisconsin Homecoming** Visit [cuw.edu](http://cuw.edu) for details.
- **Fri.-Sun., Oct. 9-11: Ozaukee County Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour** See pg. 33.
- **Thur., Oct. 15: Fall Into Comedy Night, 6 p.m.** Presented by the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club at the River Club of Mequon. Visit [tmrotary.org](http://tmrotary.org) for details.
- **Sun., Oct. 25: Thiensville's "Beggar's Night," 4-7 p.m.** Door-to-Door Trick or Treating
- **Mon., Oct. 26: MTSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line School conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon
- **Sat., Oct. 31: City of Mequon Trick or Treat, 4-7 p.m.**

## NOVEMBER

- **Mon., Nov. 16: MTSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line School conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon
- **Sun., Nov. 22: "Christ the King" Celebration, 3:30 p.m.** Concordia University Wisconsin's Chapel of the Christ Triumphant. This annual event features the 65-voice, Kammerchor choir. Visit [cuw.edu](http://cuw.edu) for more information.
- **Thur., Nov. 26: Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk in Thiensville** Presented by the Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville. See pg. 30.

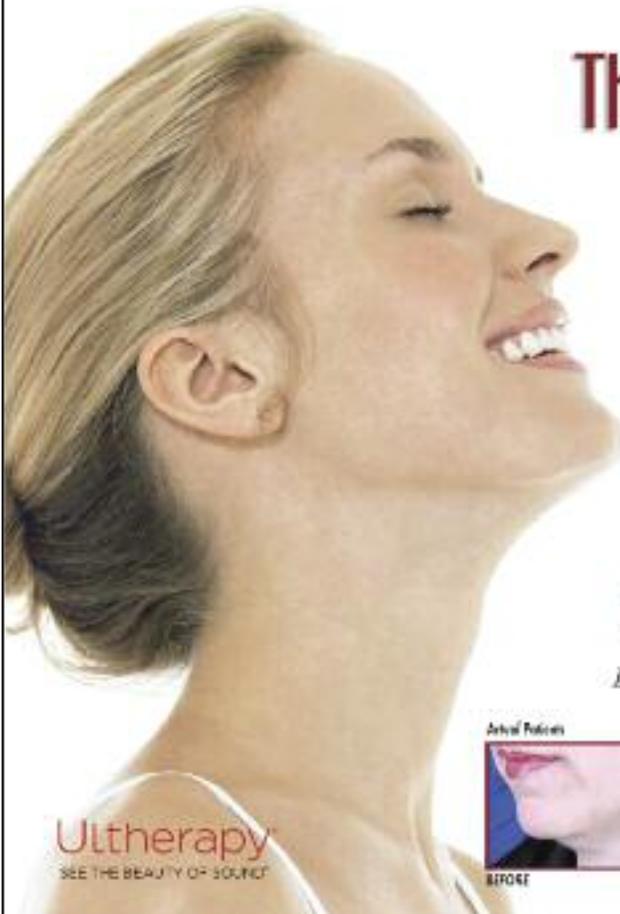
## DECEMBER

- **Fri., Dec. 4: Thiensville Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, 7 p.m.** Walgreens' parking lot, 278 N. Main St., Thiensville
- **Sun., Dec. 6: Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 8 a.m.-12 noon** Mequon-American Legion Hall, 6050 W. Mequon Rd.
- **Sun., Dec. 6: Winter Wonderland of Mequon** Planning underway, visit [ci.mequon.wi.us](http://ci.mequon.wi.us) for more information.



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