

Mequon-Thiensville School District

Who We Are

The Mequon-Thiensville School District is a public 4K-12 learning institution that consistently ranks among the highest-performing school districts in the state of Wisconsin.

MTSD serves approximately 3,500 students and their families. The District will begin offering four-year-old kindergarten (4K) during the 2015-2016 school year.

MTSD offers a rigorous core curriculum, along with comprehensive educational programming that includes an extensive variety of co- and extra-curricular offerings. This combination engages students in their learning and affords them great success.



What We Accomplish

- #1 K-12 school district in the state of Wisconsin for the second consecutive year, according to the Department of Public Instruction issued district report card
- MTSD is the **only** district in the state of Wisconsin to have all of its schools receive an accountability rating of "Significantly Exceeds Expectations"
- Nearly 90% of all graduates enroll in post-secondary education annually
- Named to the College Board's 4th and 5th Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll
- In 2013, Forbes magazine named MTSD the "Best School for Your Housing Buck" in Wisconsin
- In 2014, Newsweek named Homestead the #1 public high school in Wisconsin, #10 in the Midwest and #98 in the nation
- In 2015, Lake Shore Middle School was 1 of 8 Wisconsin schools nominated for a National Blue Ribbon Award
- Lake Shore and Steffen Middle Schools rank in the top 10 of approximately 230 6th-8th grade middle schools in Wisconsin, on the Department of Public Instruction issued school report cards
- Homestead High School seniors have posted an average ACT composite score of 25.0 or higher for seven consecutive years

What We Offer

- Four-year-old kindergarten (4K)
- Comprehensive and innovative programming for students kindergarten through 12th grade, designed to meet all students' diverse needs and interests
- A double-accelerated program option for students advanced in the area of mathematics
- Project Lead The Way, a nationally recognized engineering program at the middle and high school levels
- 22 Advanced Placement courses at Homestead High School
- Band, choir and the only orchestra program in Ozaukee County
- Worldwide connections through AFS and Rotary Exchange programs
- One of the few high schools in the state to offer all Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) varsity sports

FAQs

Mequon-Thiensville School District

How does MTSD compare to other area schools?

Student performance scores ranked MTSD the #1 K-12 school district in Wisconsin in 2013 and 2014. Please see reverse side for DPI report card comparable data.

What is the average class size for elementary, middle and high school?

The Mequon-Thiensville School District provides small class sizes to maximize student success. At the elementary level, the average class size is 22 students; however, the number of students per class gradually increases with each grade level. For example, the average class size for 4K is 15 students. The average class size for 5K is 19 students. At the middle school level, the average class size is 28 students. At the high school level, the average class size is 23 students. Class sizes in core academic courses are smaller than the District's average class sizes.

MTSD also employs instructional specialists to provide an array of support services to children. These services include math, reading and instructional media specialists, as well as student services and gifted and talented services.

Does MTSD offer four-year-old kindergarten (4K)?

Yes, the District will begin offering 4K during the 2015-16 school year. Classes run Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:45 a.m. (AM session) & 1:15-4:00 p.m. (PM session) at all three elementary schools. Additionally, MTSD has partnered with Range Line Preschool & Childcare as a community partner site. This option is for families who prefer to have their child receive 4K instruction at the same facility as their childcare.

What gifted programs are offered?

The Mequon-Thiensville School District employs two full-time Gifted & Talented Coordinators to meet the needs of all students. Gifted & Talented Services are aligned to the Response to Intervention (RtI) model. Programming in the district exists at various levels:

- Our reading and writing curriculum is differentiated (K-8) and allows students to read at their own instructional level and receive coaching from the teacher on skills for which they are ready.
- At the K-8 level, an intervention and enrichment block provides a time when gifted students can engage in challenging activities in reading and/or math.
- We offer a Double Accelerated Math Program at the secondary level to students who are qualified for that level of challenge. The program culminates senior year with Multivariable Calculus, the third semester of college calculus.
- As students advance, additional grouping opportunities are offered that provide challenge and enrichment. These grouped opportunities at the middle level culminate in honors and AP courses at the high school level.

What percentage of graduates enroll in postsecondary education?

90 percent of Homestead High School graduates enroll in post-secondary education. In 2014, 85 percent of HHS graduates enrolled in a four-year college or university; 5 percent of graduates enrolled in a two-year technical college.

How many Advanced Placement courses are offered?

Homestead offers 22 Advanced Placement courses.

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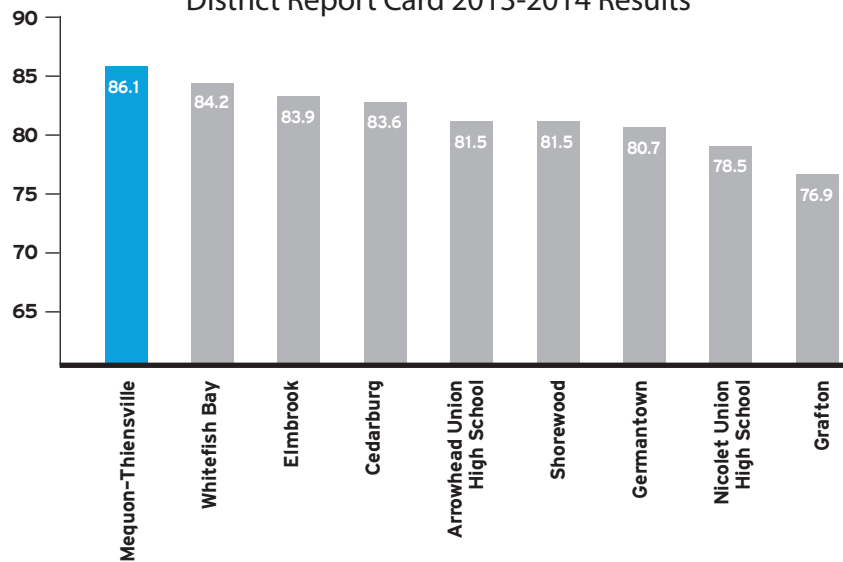
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Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) District Report Card 2013-2014 Results

SCHOOL DISTRICT	OVERALL ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE
Mequon-Thiensville	86.1
Whitefish Bay	84.2
Elmbrook	83.9
Cedarburg	83.6
Arrowhead Union High School	81.5
Shorewood	81.5
Germantown	80.7
Nicolet Union High School	78.5
Grafton	76.9

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
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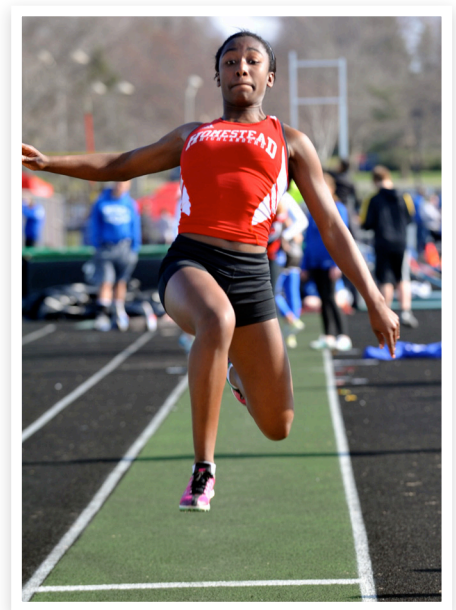
Athletics and Recreation



The Mequon-Thiensville School District Athletics and Recreation Departments provide diverse opportunities for students and residents in the community.

The recreation department programming is broken into three seasonal catalogs (fall, winter/spring and summer), which are mailed to every district resident. One of only 17 recreation departments in Wisconsin operated within a school district, the Mequon-Thiensville Recreation Department provides access to facilities and incorporates student-resident interactions. In 2014, students at Lake Shore Middle School conducted five technology seminars for senior citizens, in which the students taught the seniors how to use various high-tech tools. The recreation department offers over 250 programs for children, teens, adults, and seniors.

At Homestead High School, the athletic program is robust. We offer unlimited opportunities to ensure positive social and emotional skills of every student in a variety of sports.



Athletics

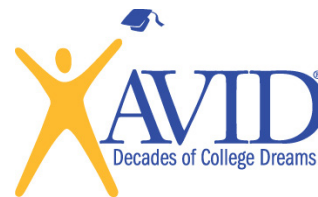
- Basketball – Boys and Girls
- Baseball
- Cross Country – Boys and Girls
- Dance Team
- Football
- Golf – Boys and Girls
- Gymnastics
- Hockey – Boys and Girls
- Skiing – Boys and Girls
- Soccer – Boys and Girls
- Softball
- Swim & Dive – Boys and Girls
- Tennis – Boys and Girls
- Track – Boys and Girls
- Volleyball – Boys and Girls
- Wrestling

Athletic Highlights

- Homestead is among a few schools in Wisconsin to offer every WIAA sanctioned sport
- 26 varsity sports stressing participation and excellence
- 15 sports that are “no cut,” providing opportunities for diverse skill sets
- Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman teams available in most sports
- 283 Conference championships
- 111 Individual State champions
- 43 Team State champions
- 8 Team State championships and 6 second place finishes in the last 5 years
- Annually finish in the top five of all large schools in Wisconsin in cumulative athletic rankings
- HHS Boys Hockey named Sectional 8 Academic Champs with a composite 3.69 GPA

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

The Mequon-Thiensville School District is one of 14 public school districts in Wisconsin to offer Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). In 2015-16, MTSD will offer AVID to students at all academic levels. AVID is a college readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities. AVID equips students with intellectual skills and behaviors for academic success in rigorous coursework. AVID empowers students with “habits of mind” to navigate the educational landscape through an explicit focus on high expectations. It targets students in the academic middle who are often overlooked in the K-12 educational system and underrepresented in higher education to provide them with intensive, structured, and research-based teaching practices. AVID’s College Readiness System is comprised of three primary components: AVID Elementary, AVID Secondary, and AVID for Higher Education.



AVID Elementary

AVID Elementary (AE) is the foundational component of the AVID College Readiness System. AE is sequential and developmentally appropriate for elementary students at all ability levels in grades K-6. AVID strategies and the philosophy of educational opportunities for all students is threaded throughout the entire school day and embedded within the curriculum across targeted grade levels. AE is intended to provide students with equal access to rigor by developing organizational skills, instilling student success strategies, inspiring an intrinsic belief in academic rigor and success and smoothing the transition to middle school.

AVID Secondary

AVID Secondary is comprised of the AVID Elective class and AVID’s Schoolwide component. Students selected and recruited for the AVID Elective class share in the desire to attend college and the willingness to work hard to achieve their goals. These students aspire to take challenging courses such as honors, dual credit or AP courses, but without AVID’s academic and emotional support they may not be prepared to reach their full potential. The AVID Elective class provides the tools, strategies, resources, and encouragement necessary to succeed in challenging courses, ultimately helping to ensure a successful transition into college.



Schoolwide AVID utilizes best instructional practices to ensure that all students experience a college readiness culture in the classroom. AVID’s research-based methodologies, known as WICOR (Writing to Learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to Learn), provide a framework for educators to use when guiding students to comprehend concepts and articulate ideas at increasingly complex levels. WICOR strategies are embedded in all courses, both general education and discipline-based. The WICOR model reflects and promotes the expertise and attitudes that will serve students well in their academic lives and careers.

AVID for Higher Education

AVID for Higher Education (AHE) is designed specifically to meet the needs of students attending a college or university. AHE resources systemically address the goals of increased learning, persistence, completion and success in and beyond college. When implemented with fidelity, AHE impacts the expectations and behaviors of post-secondary students, faculty, and administrators through research-driven and ongoing professional learning.

AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

Common Core State Standards

The Common Core was created by the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council for Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). At its most basic level, the Common Core established a common set of standards that are meant to provide (1) consistent learning expectations for all students, (2) clear standards that focus on understanding over memorization, (3) emphasis on the critical topics students need to succeed after high school and (4) provide for faster testing results with a better, more focused online assessment system.

The Common Core Standards are research and evidence based, aligned with college and work expectations, rigorous, and internationally benchmarked. The standards address what is essential for college and career readiness in a twenty-first century, globally competitive society.



Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

For over a decade, research studies of mathematics education in high-performing countries have pointed to the conclusion that the mathematics curriculum in the United States must become substantially more focused and coherent in order to improve mathematics achievement in this country. To deliver on the promise of common standards, the Math Common Core Standards address the problem of a curriculum that is “a mile wide and an inch deep.”

These math standards define what students should understand and be able to do in their study of mathematics. Mathematical understanding is the ability to justify, in a way appropriate to the student’s mathematical maturity, why a particular mathematical statement is true or where a mathematical rule comes from. The student who can explain the rule understands the mathematics, and may have a better chance to succeed at a less familiar task. Mathematical understanding and procedural skill are equally important, and both are assessable using mathematical tasks of sufficient richness.

Common Core State Standards for ELA and Literacy in All Subjects

The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts are the culmination of an extended broad-based effort to fulfill the charge issued by the states to create the next generation of K-12 standards in order to help ensure that all students are college and career ready in literacy no later than the end of high school. The standards lay out a vision of what it means to be a literate citizen in the twenty-first century in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language.

Community Partners

Mequon-Thiensville School District recognizes that a strong community creates a strong school district. MTSD is proud to have the continued support of several community partners who put children first. MTSD strongly believes that when families are engaged in their children's education they achieve higher grades, have better attendance and behavior and demonstrate a more positive attitude toward education. MTSD works with various organizations in order to increase the social, emotional and academic potential of all students.

Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation (MTEF)

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization committed to helping ensure the Mequon-Thiensville School District advances in technology, curriculum, and personnel. MTEF's mission is to develop community-wide private financial support for the Mequon-Thiensville School District, and through grants, to help support continued excellence in education.

With the support of district families, community members, and area businesses, the MTEF has awarded over \$3.1 million in grants to the MTSD's six schools since 1998. Items funded by the MTEF include iPads, Chromebooks with charging carts, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) resources, music and fine arts support, social studies textbooks, document cameras and projectors, professional development support, literacy resources, and so much more! For more information about the grants provided to date, the MTEF's community-wide fundraising events (Annual Giving Campaign, Tartan Bash, Spring Raffle, and Run/Walk), and how you can help enhance your child's educational experience visit www.mtef.org.

Positive Parent Involvement (PPI)

Positive Parent Involvement (PPI) is comprised of everyday concerned parents and caring adults focused on empowering individuals to make informed, educated and healthy lifestyle choices. PPI focuses on issues that not only affect families and schools, but the community as a whole. The non-profit organization recognizes that parents need support too, and therefore offers parents the opportunity to network and communicate with other parents in a confidential atmosphere.

VOICES

VOICES is a unique program focused on the social, emotional and academic well-being of all students. Every student struggles from time to time. VOICES provides that vital link of support and resources to assist families during challenging times. The combination of parents and MTSD staff working together in a collaborative way helps ensure student success.

Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO/PTSO)

Each elementary and middle school works closely with its Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). At Homestead High School, the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) offers a similar support system by working as a true partner in the pursuit of academic excellence for all students. MTSD's successful PTO's and PTSO support classroom teachers with classroom grants for materials, events and programs that benefit students (e.g., field trips, Chromebooks).

Homestead Booster Club

The Homestead Booster club provides outreach to the entire community through athletics. It is the only group that raises money to support all 26 varsity sports at Homestead High School. Since 2010, the Homestead Booster Club has donated more than \$300,000 into Homestead athletics by providing new uniforms, equipment, and upgrades to athletic facilities. Beyond its financial contributions, the Homestead Booster Club ties together the school district, community, parents and student athletes.

Elementary School

Grades Four-Year-Old Kindergarten through Five

The early school years are an important time for learning. Our three elementary schools build the foundation for children's pathways to lifelong success. We believe successful learning occurs in an environment that is age-appropriate, interactive, challenging, and engaging.

Starting in four-year-old kindergarten, the Mequon-Thiensville School District introduces students to a variety of academic and co-curricular programs. We give our students the opportunity to examine and enrich the gifts they bring to our schools. Our dedicated teachers have been trained to deliver high-quality whole group instruction, tailored small group instruction and one-on-one support. We ensure that every child's voice is heard and that they receive the necessary support they need to succeed.

Literacy

Our literacy programming is driven by instructional standards, focused on strategies and guided by student data. We offer students tools for selecting and comprehending literature in a manner that they learn to ask questions, make connections, and explore different genres, authors, and texts. Students work at their own level and make progress by learning to work in various formats. In addition to our dedicated teachers, each elementary school provides a full-time reading specialist to work one-on-one with students and facilitate professional development for teachers. We ensure that our students receive individualized instruction.



Numeracy

Our mathematics programming is built on challenging content and authentic problem solving that fosters perseverance and interest. Students work both individually and collaboratively to become successful math thinkers. Each elementary school provides a full-time math specialist to support our high-quality teachers and students. Teachers have been trained to provide multiple levels of support in order to ensure all students are challenged throughout our mathematics curriculum.

Instructional Enrichment

All three elementary schools include a regularly scheduled 30-minute block dedicated to providing additional academic support and enrichment to students in the areas of reading and mathematics. During this time, students receive one-on-one, small group, and focused instruction in order to strengthen their academic performance.

Beyond Academics

The Mequon-Thiensville School District focuses on the whole child. As such, we offer a variety of programs beyond the core curriculum to encourage our students to find and embrace their passion. As an example, we offer orchestra in grade four, and band in grade five. Students at all elementary school grade levels have the opportunity to participate in student council and several community service projects.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

In order to ensure the instruction of positive social and emotional skills for our students, all three elementary schools have implemented Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). It is a systemic approach to school-wide behavior that rewards students for making positive choices and contributes to a positive school community.

In the past, school-wide discipline has focused mainly on reacting to specific student misbehavior by implementing punishment-based strategies. Research has shown that the implementation of punishment, is ineffective. Teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for following them is a much more positive approach. The purpose of school-wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

High School

Grades Nine through Twelve



Homestead High School is a nationally recognized learning institution and the only high school within the Mequon-Thiensville School District. Approximately 90 percent of all graduates enroll in post-secondary education annually.

Homestead faculty is committed to ensuring that all students reach their intellectual potential.

College Readiness

A rich core curriculum, the implementation of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), and a broad range of elective opportunities prepare our students for numerous advanced coursework opportunities. Homestead High School offers 22 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as numerous courses for college credit through dual credit opportunities approved by state colleges and universities.

Our students graduate from high school ready for college. For eight consecutive years, Homestead seniors have posted an average ACT composite score of 25.0 or higher. In 2014, Homestead seniors' posted an ACT composite score of 26.0 ranking second-highest of all public high schools in Wisconsin and a school record!

Wide Array of Electives

The list of opportunities outside the core curriculum is extensive. Homestead High School offers elective courses in business, computer science, engineering, consumer sciences, fine arts, technical education, multi-media, world languages, and options within our core curriculum offerings. The opportunity to select courses based on individual interests is tremendous. For example, in world languages, students can choose French, Latin, German, Mandarin Chinese or Spanish.

Homestead's fine arts program includes courses in theatre, visual arts, band, orchestra and four vocal/choral groups. This variety of offerings is not limited to the classroom. Homestead is one of a few high schools in the state that offers every Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) sanctioned varsity sport.

Extending Learning Opportunities

Homestead High School is one of a few high schools to boast a trimester schedule. In a trimester schedule, the school year is divided into three terms or trimesters. Each trimester extends for approximately 60 days. The trimester schedule allows students to focus on fewer subjects at one time than a traditional schedule and increases minutes of contact with classroom teachers each day. In addition, the trimester approach gives high school students access to more courses than other secondary schools.

Since the transition from a semester schedule to the innovative instructional trimester schedule, students have experienced substantial gains in AP test performance. 2012 was the last year of Homestead High School's semester schedule; 2013 was the first year of the trimester schedule.

	# of Test Takers	# Test Takers Scoring 3+ on One or More Exams	% of Test Takers Scoring 3+ on One or More Exams	% of Seniors who Scored 3+ on One or More AP Exams During High School
2012	283	239	84%	40.9%
2013	362	324	90%	50.1%
2014	371	334	90%	52.5%

Milestones For College & Career Readiness

As students move through their K-12 academic careers, they strive for and reach a number of key milestones. The Mequon-Thiensville School District has determined seven milestones that benchmark our students to be college and career ready. MTSD's *Seven Milestones for College and Career Readiness* include measurable outcomes that allow us to monitor student progress in preparing for life after graduation.

College and career readiness means a high school student has the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education or job training. Each milestone is rigorous, encouraging our students to develop higher-level thinking and problem-solving skills required to meet the challenges of a changing global environment.

They include:

- 1. Reading to instructional level (K – 2nd grade)** – The instructional level is the ability at which the student can read without additional support i.e., challenging but manageable text for the reader. This milestone gives students the foundation they will need for all subsequent learning.
- 2. Reading scores (3rd – 8th grade)** – Students who score above the 50th percentile at grade level on Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) tests demonstrate reading skills that ensure college and career readiness.
- 3. Math scores (3rd – 8th grade)** – Students who score above the 50th percentile at grade level on Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) tests demonstrate math skills that ensure college and career readiness.
- 4. ACT Early High School college readiness scores (8th grade)** – The ACT Early High School Exam is part of the ACT series of assessments, designed to assess college readiness. Students who meet the ACT Benchmarks associated with this exam have a high probability for success on college credit-bearing courses.
- 5. Algebra 2 Success** – Students who complete Algebra 2 by the end of 11th grade with a “C” or higher will perform better on college entrance exams. Additionally, they are less likely to be required to take remedial math courses in college.
- 6. Advanced Placement and Dual Credit opportunities** – Students who take Advanced Placement (AP) exams and college equivalent courses perform better in college. Homestead High School offers 22 Advanced Placement courses and partners with five area colleges and universities to offer dual credit options to students.
- 7. ACT college readiness scores** – All MTSD students take the ACT Early High School tests in preparation for the ACT. ACT benchmarks are reported in English, math, reading, and science. Students who meet those benchmark scores are less likely to have to take college remedial courses.

Strengths for College

Colleges and universities consider several factors in the admission decision. The Mequon-Thiensville School District works closely with college admission counselors to ensure we are giving our students an advantage.

Some of the key factors include the following:

- Involvement in a variety of diverse activities, demonstrating commitment and initiative
- Special talents or experiences that will contribute to an interesting and well-rounded student body
- Demonstrated leadership in activities. Colleges want students who are prepared and willing to take leadership of student activities and events
- Demonstrated intellectual curiosity through high school course selection, outside activities and interest

Performing Arts

The Mequon-Thiensville School District recognizes the importance of a robust, comprehensive performing arts program as an integral part of every child's education. Opportunities in performing arts cultivate the whole child by allowing students to showcase their creative abilities, build their social-emotional intelligence and find their passion. MTSD exposes children to a variety of options starting in elementary school and extending into multiple disciplines at the middle and high school levels.

Band

Band is offered to students beginning in fifth grade. At the elementary level, students are taught their first sounds on an instrument and shaped into young musicians. As students progress through the middle school band program, they hone their crafts, showcase their talents and take pride in their musicianship. Homestead High School is widely recognized for its exemplary band program. Students are offered concert and symphonic band.

Choir

Students are introduced to vocal music classes beginning in kindergarten and continuing through fifth grade. They learn several musical elements including melody, harmony, rhythm, texture, tone color, form and expression during their 35-minute classes twice a week. In middle school, students are exposed to musical literature in a variety of forms and styles as well as instruction in musical elements. In high school, students are offered four vocal groups including Highlander Choir, Tartan Choir, Treble Choir and Camerata.



Orchestra

The Mequon-Thiensville School District offers the only orchestra program in Ozaukee County. Beginning in fourth grade, students can choose to play the violin, viola, cello or bass through MTSD's comprehensive music performance experience. More than 500 students in grades four through twelve participate in orchestra.

At the elementary level, fourth and fifth grade orchestra students attend two large ensemble rehearsals before school and receive one 30-minute small group lesson during the school day each week. At the middle school level, students expand their knowledge of music history, music theory, musical form, and to gain an appreciation for "arts" music while continuing to hone their craft leading up to high school. Homestead High School offers one of Wisconsin's largest and strongest programs, regularly performing and traveling across the United States and abroad. In 2014, HHS orchestra students performed at the legendary Carnegie Hall. International destinations have included Finland, Russia, Italy, The Czech Republic and Austria. In 2016, students will tour and perform in Spain.

Theatre

Homestead High School offers a full curriculum of exceptional theatre programming including four acting classes and one technical theatre class. The technical theatre course teaches students about carpentry, painting, lights, sound, costumes and make-up. Advanced theatre students can enroll in the one-act competition class, a statewide award-winning course. The Theatre Department produces four shows a year in the Homestead Auditorium including two plays, a musical and a one-act play. Additionally, students perform several productions throughout the year in the Black Box Theatre where students produce most of the performances.

Student Services

The Student Services Department delivers educational services to all students. We ensure that every student has the opportunity to participate fully and access relevant curricula, co-curricular options, and extra-curricular activities. Our quality staff members achieve this by recognizing and identifying the unique talents, challenges and needs of individual students.

We ensure a safe and secure environment for all of our students. At each school, a safety plan is in place and all classroom teachers and Student Services' staff members are properly trained.

The implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI) has proven successful for our students. A team of teachers, specialists, and administrators has developed an action plan that includes researched and evidenced based interventions in both literacy and mathematics to address student needs.

The charge of the Student Services Department is to provide the best customer service to all stakeholders that we serve.



Services Provided

The goals articulated above are also addressed by the Student Services Department through the provision of the following services:

- Counseling services
- Nursing services
- Psychological and Social Work services
- Teachers and paraprofessionals of students with disabilities
- Abuse and suicide prevention
- Alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention
- Homebound instruction
- Medication administration
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Referrals to appropriate resources
- IDEA and Section 504 services
- School-age parent program
- Residency
- Enrollment (Chapter 220 and Open Enrollment)
- Student enrollment (on-line and on-site)
- Child Find activities
- Early Developmental Awareness
- Homeless program services
- Health and Wellness programs and support
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing supports
- Youth options

Technology

The Mequon-Thiensville School District has integrated interactive technologies in all of our buildings. Our classrooms are equipped with a mounted projector, document camera, and SMART board.

Operating on a wireless network, MTSD has implemented a "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) program, called "MyTec." This enables our students and staff to utilize their own devices anywhere in the building. Students are encouraged to bring their technology devices into the classroom to understand the educational value of evolving technologies. We prepare our students for the challenges of a changing global environment.



MTSD is a Google Apps for Education district and all of our students have Google Apps accounts. The use of Google Apps allows our students to access their documents anywhere. An advantage of Google Apps is that when our teachers share materials with students, the students do not have to worry about losing them. When they have access to the Internet, students can login to their accounts and find all shared materials.

Instructional Technology

Each school building has a growing number of technological tools. Each school in the following groups is minimally equipped with:

High School

- 8 Computer labs (26+ per lab)
- 1 Journalism lab (19 devices)
- 1 MIDI lab (16 devices)
- 4 MacBook carts (15+ devices)
- 2 iPad carts (30 devices)
- 4 Chromebook carts (30 devices)
- 2 SMART Response (Interactive Student Response) Systems
- 740+ devices dedicated for student use
- Average age per device is 3.30 years old

Middle School

- 2 Computer labs (30 devices each)
- 4 MacBook carts (75 devices total)
- 4 Chromebook carts (30 devices each)
- 1 iPad cart (10 iPads)
- 2 SMART Response (Interactive Student Response) Systems
- 270+ devices dedicated for students use
- Average age per device is 2.07 years old

Elementary School

- 1 Computer lab (30 devices each)
- 2 MacBook carts (30 devices each)
- 3 Chromebook carts (30 devices each)
- 1 iPad cart (30 iPads)
- Average of 230+ devices dedicated for student use
- Average age of devices is 2.36 years old

Visual Arts

The Mequon-Thiensville School District provides all students a rich variety of visual arts beginning in elementary school, expanding into multiple disciplines throughout middle school and allowing high school students to hone their craft with a wide array of options. Our visual arts teachers are professional educators who specialize in their chosen artistic area.

Elementary School

Art class is a valuable experience to the growth of a child. All students at the elementary level participate in art as a way to develop fine motor skills; and nurture and engage the imagination. MTSD's art specialists use a variety of media (e.g., drawing, painting, ceramics) to teach students self-expression, creativity, and develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. In learning how to see things in the world around them, as channeled through the art projects they create, children find details and other useful information that become internalized in their intellectual and emotional growth.

Middle School

All sixth grade students participate in art as part of their related arts rotation. Students learn about art history, how to use new art materials as well as the elements and principles of design while completing three projects that involve drawing, painting and designing. Students in grades seven and eight can choose art as an elective course. The elective course utilizes a variety of media including 2-D and 3-D, and focuses on creative problem solving.

High School

Course choices abound at the high school level including art metals, ceramics, crafts, digital art, drawing, exploratory art, painting, and photography. Additionally, Homestead High School offers students the option to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art. AP Studio Art serves as a capstone course in the Homestead Visual Arts Program. Designed for the serious and motivated art student, AP Studio Art fosters individualized artistic growth and practice culminating in the creation of an AP ready portfolio. Portfolio options include Drawing, 2D Design, and 3D Design. This body of work will demonstrate breadth, quality and concentration in their chosen discipline(s).

Scholastic Art Awards

The Scholastic Art Awards is a prestigious regional art competition comprised of several thousand entries from students in grades seven through twelve. A few hundred are juried into the Milwaukee Art Museum's Calatrava addition for public display and recognition. In 2015, Homestead students earned a record 32 honors; Steffen and Lake Shore students earned 13 honors.



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Don't miss this year's Village Market every Tuesday from June 16-October 27 in Thiensville's Village Park. See page 4 for all the details!

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Welcome to a new communication tool for our City and Village – *Mequon-Thiensville Today!*

We're very proud of our communities and are pleased to showcase them in this new and exciting magazine format. *Mequon-Thiensville Today* is a celebration of everything that makes us special – our friendly neighborhoods, award-winning schools, thriving businesses, visionary leadership and a unique spirit that sets us apart as an attractive place to live and do business.

Here's what you can expect from this and future issues of *Mequon-Thiensville Today*:

- **City and Village Leadership:** Behind-the-scenes updates on how City and Village government are working efficiently to provide public amenities, services and innovative programs to maintain and build on our high quality of life.
- **School District:** An inside look at Mequon-Thiensville schools and the educational advantages, programs and high standards that inspire students to be passionate learners, creative thinkers and innovative leaders.
- **Community Life:** Fascinating stories about our tightly knit communities – the citizens, businesses and professional establishments that add to our quality of life.

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We're very excited about *Mequon-Thiensville Today* and this attractive, new way to share the stories about our award-winning communities and schools. Your opinions and suggestions are very important to us as we develop future articles and features. Please enjoy this premier issue and let us hear from you (info@M-Tmagazine.com).



THIENSVILLE VILLAGE MARKET RETURNS THIS SEASON WITH TASTY, HEALTHY OFFERINGS

Village Park Is Site for Biggest Outdoor Market in Southeastern Wisconsin

With our winter woes behind us, everyone is looking forward to Tuesdays at Thiensville's Village Market. Now in its third season at Village Park, the Market has become the place to "Shop Local, Eat Local, Support Local" and get together just for the fun of it.

The Market's main claim to fame is the healthy, fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables from local farmers. That's just the entree to a huge selection of food items including meats, cheeses, coffee, seafood, honey and freshly baked goods sold by a huge gathering of vendors. If this array of appealing fresh food makes you hungry,

you'll also find a taste-tempting variety of prepared items for purchase from vendors offering Thai, American, French, German, BBQ and other choices.

Billed as the biggest outdoor market in Southeastern

Wisconsin, the Village Market has something for everyone! When you're in the mood to shop you can visit the craft area to peruse the unique variety of handmade art and soaps created by talented local artisans. Or, watch local chefs working their culinary magic demonstrating creativity, originality and use of ingredients in a judged competition for the title of Best "Dam" Chef and Best "Dam" Jr. Chef. There are relaxing, stay healthy opportunities as well as open-air yoga classes held in the morning, with evening classes



added this season. The Columbia-St. Mary's van will stop by on several Tuesdays to provide free mammograms. A kids' area includes a place for children to express their creativity with paint. And as you wander, live music creates an appealing ambiance from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

The Village Market is a 100% volunteer-run event organized by Barkha and Jesse Daily, co-owners of The Cheel restaurant in Thiensville; Marc Mrugala-Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Thiensville, and additional support from the Village of Thiensville, Thiensville Business Association (TBA) and several local volunteers. "We are very excited that the Market will be starting its third year at Village Park this season," says Barkha. "This summer we'll have a record number of close to 100 vendors. It's an amazing success with more than 1,500 shoppers each week who come from not only the Thiensville and Mequon communities, but all over the North Shore."

Jesse Daily agrees that the Market at Village Park has become an important destination for the community. "Tuesdays are a busy day not only for our farmers and other vendors, but for Downtown retailers as well. The Market has been the catalyst for increased traffic throughout the business district, as customers go on throughout the Village to discover the best of Thiensville."

Join your friends and neighbors for this community celebration and shopping experience. Get out your calendar and "ink-in" the Thiensville Village Market at Village Park every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting June 16 through October 27. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers and corporate sponsors are still being solicited for the 2015 season. Email thiensvillefm@gmail.com with your interest.

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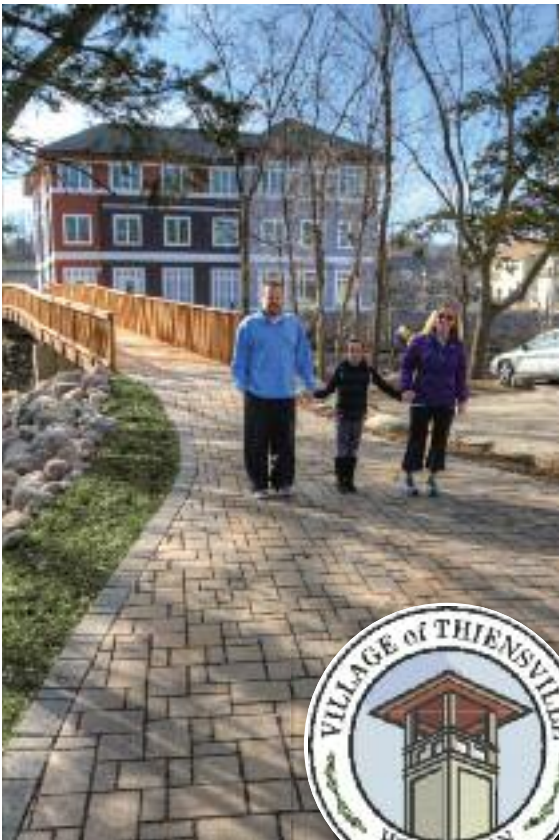
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Thiensville is on the move! The Village is experiencing an exciting commercial renaissance with interesting shops, restaurants and service businesses cropping up throughout our business districts from the North End to Mid-Town to the South Side and T-Ville.

As new and longstanding businesses receive accolades on being tops in their fields, the community has a renewed sense of pride. For example, The Cheel has been recognized as one of the Best New Restaurants by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and *onmilwaukee.com*. Glaze has been chosen as the number-one kids' activity in the Greater Milwaukee area on the WISN A-List. And Skippy's Sports Bar & Grub was voted Best Neighborhood Bar on the WISN A-List.

The Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee (TBRC) is one of the driving forces behind the Village's exhilarating momentum. Founded three years ago by Village Trustees Kim Beck and David Lange, the TBRC is comprised of 11 dedicated residents, business owners and Trustees. The committee is divided into three subgroups: Organization, Economic Restructuring and Promotions. Their mission is to support and contribute to the success of current businesses, attract new businesses and help the community thrive.

To get a clear focus on the best way to achieve those goals, the Economic Restructuring and Promotions groups conducted a survey of about 120 local businesses. The main concerns expressed were foot traffic, parking and communication with the Village. The TBRC stepped into action to address these issues and evidence of their responsiveness can be seen in many community initiatives.

Among TBRC's efforts are its cooperative ventures with the Village and the Thiensville Business Association (TBA) to support the success of the Village Market.

Movie fans can thank the TBRC for "Screen on the Green" family movie night in Village Park. The series is continuing with two Saturday movie nights planned for this summer: July 18 and August 22. And with TBRC encouragement, the just-launched *Mequon-Thiensville Today* magazine is one of the ways the Village will be improving communications with businesses and residents.

As part of its mission to engage current and prospective business owners, the TBRC will present its second annual Business Forum at Village Hall on Wednesday, May 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event will include round-table discussions as well as the presentation of a special award to a local Thiensville business. This year, Suburban Harley-Davidson will be honored for its long-term commitment to the Village. Refreshments will be served and it will be an opportunity to network with peers and have direct access to the people who make positive things happen in our community.

The TBRC is open to anyone who is interested in getting involved and helping Thiensville continue to grow and develop. For more information about the TBRC, contact Thiensville Village Trustee David Lange at dlange@village.thiensville.wi.us.

Join fellow business owners, prospective business owners, brokers/developers, Village officials and other community leaders to discuss how we can work together to support current businesses and contribute to their success, and attract new businesses to Thiensville's vibrant business community.



Thiensville Village Administrator Dianne Robertson (far left) cuts the ribbon to officially open the bridge named in her honor.

NEW THIENSVILLE BRIDGE DEDICATED TO VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Dianne's Bridge Improves Walkability for Community

Dianne's Bridge has been part of the Village for only a few months, but it's caught on quickly as the way to walk in downtown Thiensville. The pedestrian bridge was constructed over Pigeon Creek to enhance walkability, increase parking options for Main Street and Green Bay Road businesses, and improve Downtown aesthetics.

Completed in the fall of 2014, the bridge was dedicated last November in the name of Thiensville Village administrator Dianne Robertson. Robertson has worked in local government for more than 42 years and has been the Thiensville Village Administrator for 18 years. Under her leadership the Village became, and remains, one of the few municipalities in the U.S. that is debt free.

Without the donation of temporary and permanent easements, the construction of Dianne's bridge and the adjacent walking trail would not have been possible. Three local businesses contributed easements to the project: glaze, Fiddleheads and Thiensville Health Alliance.

Kristina Eckert, who co-owns glaze with husband Phil, says the new pedestrian bridge is a gorgeous improvement to Thiensville. "We have always enjoyed the view from our shop but now it's almost breathtaking to look out over Pigeon Creek and admire the connection to Main Street. We are thrilled to have been chosen as the connecting destination and we were happy to have given the Village an easement in order to make the bridge a reality."

In addition, Robertson's tenacity, hard work and negotiating skills were paramount in the completion of the complex plan to revitalize the Downtown area around the confluences of Pigeon Creek and the Milwaukee River. The project was complex and involved gaining public acceptance, intense easement negotiations, design, financing, land acquisition and construction of the Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation project.



In order to reduce the flood stage, Robertson worked with Ruekert/Mielke engineers and landscape architects. The firm created a plan that incorporated green concepts, improved and "naturalized" the low-flow channel to allow for fish passage, widened the creek and removed manmade obstructions to the flow, incorporated a site for flood storage that reduces flood flows by 5%, restored creek habitat, and prevented erosion.

Completed in 2009, the Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation Project gave Pigeon Creek a totally new look. It removed approximately 20 percent of existing business properties

from the floodplain, which has greatly aided in redevelopment efforts. The flood reduction has encouraged business owners to expand and improve their properties, creating a new tax base. In turn, it is drawing new businesses into the Downtown area – and has led to increased visitors.

The new adjacent pocket park and public parking lot are also an important part of the project and were made possible by a collaborative effort between the Village and local business, Reuter's Insurance.

The Pigeon Creek project represented more than 75% of the Village's annual budget; so creative financing was necessary to make it possible. Robertson was successful in obtaining a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to fund approximately 2/3 of the project cost. The Village Board amended the Tax Incremental Financing District to assist with the remaining funds needed to defray project costs.

Dianne's Bridge stands as an incredible example of community and business united for success. With Robertson's leadership and the cooperation and land donations from businesses, projects like Dianne's Bridge, the new pocket park, the Pigeon Creek Flood Mitigation project and the redeployment of Main Street became possible. With a continued look to the future, the Village will begin a new project to rehabilitate Main Street and add new streetscape features later this year and into 2016.



SAFETY TOWN PREPARES CHILDREN FOR REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

It's never too early to learn about safety. That's a lesson the Safety Town Program has been teaching the children of our community for more than 35 years. The popular program is centered on children entering kindergarten, helping them learn safety measures that may prove to be valuable tools throughout their lives. Safety Town is sponsored by the Mequon/Thiensville Optimist Club, a service organization that supports the youth of our community, in conjunction with the Mequon and Thiensville Police Departments.

Police officers teach the course assisted by teenage instructors. Important lessons are learned through music, videos, activities and guest speakers. The course covers Internet security, stranger awareness, pool safety, animal awareness, poison safety, good touch/bad touch, and safe ways to cross a street, ride a bike and ride in a car. There are field trips to the Police and Fire Departments and a bus ride that demonstrates what to do in an emergency. And there are fun games like learning songs that re-enforce the lesson plans. One song, "Twinkle Twinkle Traffic Light" goes through the different colors of a traffic signal and what to do when the colors change.

The Safety Town experience also includes riding "big wheels" down the streets of the school playground's small town. The kids learn to obey traffic signals, use hand signals, be aware of pedestrian safety and get in the habit of fastening their seat belts. The program encourages interaction and ends with a final evaluation and graduation ceremony. After graduating children often ask their parents when they can come back to teach the course.

Thiensville Police Chief Scott Nicholson, who previously taught the program for about 18 years, believes it is the best way to prepare children for the real world. "Besides learning the safety aspects, the positive interaction of the

children with the officers is most important," says Nicholson. "These relationships build trust and respect that could come into play down the line when help or advice is needed from the Police Department."

The best testament to the program's success is the Safety Town parents who bring their children back to be part of the program. "At one graduation we had four generations represented at the ceremony," Nicholson says proudly. He emphasizes the popularity of Safety Town and the importance of planning ahead. "Many families start asking about the program a year in advance, and even try not to schedule vacations during program weeks."

The Safety Town program is held the last full week of July and the first week of August at Wilson Elementary School, and meets in two separate sessions. The early morning session is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the late morning/early afternoon session is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class size is held to 42 children per session.

Registration for Safety Town takes place the first Monday in June at the Thiensville Police Department starting at 9 a.m. Registration deadline is July 24 (fee \$35). No early registrations are accepted.

Visit the Police Department section of the Village of Thiensville website to download the registration form. For more information, please call the Thiensville Police Department (262-242-2100) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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THIENSVILLE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: EGELHOFF LAWN MOWER SERVICE A PROUD PART OF THIENSVILLE HISTORY

Way back in the early 1900s, who could have imagined that the little machine shop on the corner of Freistadt Road and Main Street would be going strong more than 100 years later? Although there have been some changes, Egelhoff's Lawnmower Service, Inc. is not only still around, it's growing and thriving – and five generations strong.

A Thiensville treasure, the business today is owned by husband and wife Andy and Nancy Egelhoff. Andy's great grandfather started the business in the early 1900s as a gas filling station. Andy's grandfather then turned the business into making machine parts for the war efforts. His father, Jerry, turned the business back into a filling station in the '40s and it changed to Egelhoff's Lawnmower Service in the early '60s. In 1989, Andy and his wife bought the business from his dad. Their son, Alex, a recent college graduate, also works in the business. Alex hasn't decided yet whether he will make the Egelhoff business his permanent career, but Andy and Nancy are hoping he will carry on the family tradition into the fifth generation.

Andy explains that customer service is the most important reason for the company's continuing success. "It has always been the guiding principle of our business. We carry a premium line of outdoor power equipment. You can buy from a 'big-box' store but you will never get the before- and after-sale support you get at Egelhoff's."

At Egelhoff's the service begins with helping customers select the correct products for their needs. "Our premium line of outdoor power equipment is backed by decades of experience from our long-tenured, full-time staff of 10. Everyone here is so knowledgeable about the business, they can do each other's job – and we are all committed to unparalleled service and support," Andy says proudly.

While Nancy Egelhoff comes from Sheboygan, Andy was born and raised in Thiensville and has lived there his entire life. He started working in the family business during high school and appreciates the

small-town feel of the community. "Everyone knows each other and there is an overriding feeling of neighborliness," says Andy.

Both Egelhoffs have noticed lots of change over the years, most recently the influx of many new businesses. "There is a renewed energy on Main Street," says Nancy, "as new and younger business owners bring with them creative ideas to benefit the entire Downtown area. We are pleased to see the area booming with new shops and restaurants."

From lawnmowers to snow blowers, chain saws to log splitters, chippers and shredders, Egelhoff's carries a full array of new and used equipment. Premier names include Ariens, Toro, Briggs & Stratton, Stihl and Kawasaki. Egelhoff's also carries the Fromm Family pet food line (for dogs), manufactured by a fifth-generation, family-owned artisan pet food company based in Mequon.

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Set on 174 acres off Highland Road, Milwaukee Area Technical College’s Mequon Campus offers courses in 25 associate degree, 9 technical diploma and 15 certificate programs to help area residents prepare for careers that are essential to the success of southeastern Wisconsin’s economy. The scenic and convenient full-service campus also features comprehensive student services, library, an academic support center and child care center.

“We are committed to providing an experience that will prepare our students for careers in southeastern Wisconsin,” says Dr. Wilma L. Bonaparte, Mequon Campus vice president. “There are unlimited opportunities available at the Mequon Campus and we understand the importance of collaborating with so many valued business and community partners in Mequon and Thiensville.”

Key among the academic offerings available at the Mequon Campus, which opened in 1976, are programs in business, health care and information technology. The Registered Nursing, Environmental Health and Water Quality Technology, Landscape Horticulture and five Information Technology associate degree programs can be completed entirely at the Mequon Campus. An Aesthetician technical diploma program, the first in the state, will begin in August 2015.

MATC is uniquely positioned to connect area residents with careers in industries that drive the economic prosperity of southeastern Wisconsin. Through practical, hands-on education, MATC prepares graduates for “middle-skill jobs,” that require more than a high school diploma but not a four-year degree. The National Skills Coalition projects 51% of Wisconsin’s job openings from 2010-2020 will require middle skills. Middle-skill jobs are recognized as vital to a thriving regional and national economy.

Each associate degree and technical diploma program has an Advisory Committee, comprised of local industry representatives, that helps ensure MATC’s curriculum prepares graduates to successfully enter the workforce. The college also works closely with business leaders to forecast emerging industry trends, further ensuring that the college’s graduates are well educated and career ready. MATC also offers programs for incumbent workers to upgrade their skills through customized training, coordinated by the Office for Workforce and Economic Development.

In late 2014, a new welding lab opened on the Mequon Campus. The 6,000-square-foot facility will support growth in the college’s associate degree and technical diploma programs and is the result of growing demand for welders by manufacturers in the Ozaukee County area.

Through more than 400 agreements with four-year colleges and universities, students can complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree at MATC and then transfer the credits they have earned. MATC has partnerships with all University of Wisconsin System institutions, as well as a host of colleges/universities throughout the state.

The college's Pathways Project is a series of integrated programs and services designed to develop students' core academic, technical and employability skills. Relationships with area school districts, particularly those in Ozaukee County, have been strengthened – and the number of high school articulation agreements, through which high school students earn college credits, has increased.

Through its academic offerings and close relationships with business and civic partners, Milwaukee Area Technical College's Mequon Campus plays an important role in the success of the Mequon and Thiensville communities.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Registration for 2015-2016

Online registration for the 2015-2016 school year will open on August 1. All enrollment information including personalized passwords and school fees will be distributed to families via email at the end of July.

While MTSD requests that all families register online, we also encourage all families to visit their child's school building on Registration Day: Thursday, August 13, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. At Registration Day, student pictures will be taken, staff will be available to answer school-related

questions and computer kiosks will be set up for families who had not yet registered online. Additionally, MTSD's food service, transportation service and parent/community groups will be on hand to provide important information. At the high school level, schedules are obtained on this day.

New Transportation Service

The Mequon-Thiensville School District hired Riteway Bus Service to provide transportation services beginning August 2015. The contract will result in first-year savings of \$240,000. In addition, the bid

required gas prices to become the transportation contractor's responsibility, with additional savings realized by the District if fuel prices continue to remain low. Students in the District will experience significant vehicle improvements including all new vehicles, GPS units installed in all vehicles and cameras installed in large and small buses.

Donges Bay PTO Rummage Sale

The 4th Annual PTO Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, April 25, in the Donges Bay gymnasium from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



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Dr. Demond A. Means, Superintendent

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NEW 4K PROGRAM EXCEEDS ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS

Enrollment for Mequon-Thiensville School District's new four-year-old kindergarten (4K) program has exceeded district expectations. More than 120 students are signed up for the program, scheduled to begin in fall 2015.

"The numbers are reassuring that the Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education made the right decision in approving a public 4K option for Mequon and Thiensville families," says Superintendent Demond A. Means.

A 2013 census shows approximately 167 4-year-old children living in Mequon and Thiensville. The School District administered a survey to all eligible 4K families and estimated enrollment of 90 students based on responses. Approximately 120 students are currently signed up. Families can enroll through the start of school; however, a child's placement will be subject to available space. All children eligible for the program will be accepted – no child will be turned away.

"The program is a win-win for the entire community," says Means. "It will increase enrollment, generate revenue and improve the quality of education in the School District. By having all students start in the same 4K program, it creates a more consistent classroom experience for those students as they head into higher grades. Additionally, a 4K program helps identify special education needs earlier in a child's education experience."

MTSD is offering half-day classes, Monday through Friday at all three elementary schools. The morning section is scheduled from

9 to 11:45 a.m. The afternoon section is scheduled from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Additionally, MTSD has partnered with Range Line Preschool & Childcare as a community partner site to offer 4K students the same curriculum as that which is presented at District schools, taught by a DPI-certified teacher and under the supervision of administrative staff from the District. If enrollment continues to grow, the District will seek additional community partners.

Currently, 95 percent of Wisconsin public school districts offer 4K.

4K AND 5K REGISTRATION

If you would like to register your child or children for 4K and/or 5K, visit the elementary school in your attendance area. The office assistant will assist you – or call Michelle Halloran at the School District Office to schedule an appointment: 262.238.8510.

SAVE THE DATE: 4K Open Houses

If your child is enrolled or considering enrollment in MTSD's 4K program, please join us for our 4K open houses on the following dates:

MAY 5: Donges Bay Elementary School, 2401 W. Donges Bay Rd.

MAY 6: Oriole Lane Elementary School, 12850 N. Oriole Ln.

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Homestead High School is a college preparatory learning institution with 90 percent of graduates enrolling in post-secondary education annually.

Through a multi-phase process, Homestead has increased the number of Advanced Placement (AP) course options as one of many strategies utilized to prepare students for success beyond high school. In 2010, Homestead offered 14 AP courses. In 2015,

Homestead offers 22 AP courses.

“That puts us in the top tier of schools in the state for student access to AP curriculum,” says Brett Bowers, principal. “The intent is to narrow the gap from high school to college. When we can make the high school experience feel more like the collegiate experience, it makes it a step instead of a leap or a jump.”

Among the 22 AP course offerings, students can choose from traditional options

such as AP Biology and AP English Literature, plus unique options such as AP Music Theory and AP Human Geography. Additionally, Homestead offers every AP course that’s available in the areas of mathematics and science.

“In the AP Human Geography class and other AP classes, we give students the opportunity for college-level research work in the field,” explains Anna Mae Grimm,

	Number of Test Takers	Number of Test Takers Scoring 3+ on One or More Exams	% of Test Takers Scoring 3+ on One or More Exams	% of Seniors Who Scored 3+ on One or More Exams During High School
2012	283	239	84%	40.9%
2013	362	324	90%	50.1%
2014	371	334	90%	52.5%

teacher. "So many of our students come back and say "Thank you, I got out into the bigger world and I already had a slice of it through the classes I had at Homestead."

All students who plan to attend college are encouraged to enroll in an AP course during high school. Homestead teachers collaboratively develop and execute strategies to make first-time AP students feel comfortable in order to ensure student success.

"AP isn't just for the academically elite," says Bowers. "It's college prep for any student who plans to enroll in a university?"

In 2014 and 2015, Homestead High School was named to the College Board's AP District Honor Roll for increased AP test participation while simultaneously maintaining or increasing student performance on AP exams. In addition, *Newsweek* ranked Homestead as the top-performing high school in Wisconsin in 2014. The ranking was based on six indicators that included the number of college-level courses and exams.

While an increase in AP course offerings provides additional accolades, the motivation is student-focused.

"We have said over again that is not what it's about; it's about the experience of individual students – not whether we make the top of a list," says Bowers. "We look at data for the right reasons. You need to keep the student at the center – what's best for the student. If a magazine wants to validate that work, that's great, but that's not the driver."

Since the transition from a semester schedule to the innovative instructional trimester schedule, students have experienced substantial gains in AP test performance. 2012 was the last year of the Homestead's semester schedule; 2013 was the first year of the trimester schedule.



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LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction nominated Lake Shore Middle School for the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School Program, a coveted award that recognizes schools for student success.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Lake Shore was nominated for its exemplary academic excellence.

“Recognition as a Blue Ribbon School is the highest honor a school can receive from the U.S. Department of Education.”

Lake Shore is among eight Wisconsin schools nominated and the only school in the metro Milwaukee area.

“The nomination reflects the dedication of our teachers who work tirelessly in order to provide academic excellence to all of our students,” says Lake Shore Middle School Principal Kate Dunning. “I’d like to thank our parents and community members for their continued support. They play an integral part in our nomination for this prestigious award.”

National Blue Ribbon Schools shine under a national spotlight acknowledging and validating the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in striving for – and attaining – exemplary achievement.

“Attaining Blue Ribbon status is a dream among educators because it reassures us that students are receiving the educational excellence that they deserve,” says Dunning.

Lake Shore completed a rigorous application process through the U.S. Department of Education. Winners will be announced in September. Lake Shore Middle School is located at 11036 N. Range Line Rd. in Mequon.





HOMESTEAD JUNIOR EARNs PERFECT ACT SCORE

Homestead High School junior Aaron Holman scored a perfect 36 on the ACT exam. Nationally, one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earns the top score. In 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.8 million students earned a composite score of 36. Congratulations, Aaron!

MTEF 9th ANNUAL RUN/WALK

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation will host its 9th Annual Run/Walk and Kids' 100m Dash on Saturday, May 16, at Homestead High School.

MTEF's Run/Walk is one of several community-wide fundraising events held throughout the year that raises money to support the Mequon-Thiensville School District. Through the support of District families, community members and area businesses, the MTEF has awarded more than \$3.1 million in grants to MTSD's six schools since 1998.

For more information, visit mtef.org.

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SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE FRANK L. WEYENBERG LIBRARY

The Frank L. Weyenberg Library of Mequon-Thiensville offers a variety of fun and free programs for all ages throughout the year. Check out the events below that are happening this season at the Library. All the information is also listed on the Library's website and calendar – visit flwlib.org.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Family Storytimes

Tue., Wed. and Sat. • 11 a.m.

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: Starting June 16, the Tuesday storytimes will be held at the Village Farmer's Market in Thiensville's Village Park

LEGO Club

Meets last Monday of the month at 4 p.m.
April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27,
August 31

Build up 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. Bring a friend – no registration required!

Please note: The Library is closed for Memorial Day on May 25, so LEGO Club will be meeting on May 18 instead.

Superhero Training Camp

For children ages 8 and younger

Wed., July 1 • 11 a.m.

Tolzman Community Room

Attend a top secret Superhero Training

Camp! Come prepared in your best superhero gear to participate in super

activities and listen to superhero tales.

Pre-registration is required. Dressing up is encouraged. Please contact the Reference

Department at 262.242.2593, ext. 12 to reserve a spot.

A Royal Tea Party

For children ages 8 and younger

Wed., July 19 • 11 a.m.

Tolzman Community Room

All princesses and princes are encouraged to dress their royal best. Join us for special royal-themed activities, stories, and treats!

Pre-registration is required. Dressing up is encouraged! Please contact the Reference Department at 262.242.2593, ext. 12 to reserve a spot.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Scavenger Hunt

For children in 6th-12th grade

Thur., June 25 • 6 p.m.

Combine resources, creativity and teamwork to compete in the Teen Summer Reading Program's Scavenger Hunt. Go on an adventure to complete all three levels of our

hunt to see what wild and wacky things you and your competitors come up with. Pre-registration is required. Sign-up as an individual (to be placed on a team) or as a team of 2-3 individuals. Each team is responsible for supplying their own camera to participate.

Harry Potter Birthday Bash Thur., July 30 • 6 p.m.

Help celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! Attendees will be sorted into their appropriate houses and then the games shall commence! Pre-registration is required. Must be 11 years old or older to enter Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry. Costumes or wizard robes encouraged for all attendees.

Greek and Roman Mythology Trivia Bowl

For children in 6th-12th grade
Thur., Aug. 20 • 6 p.m.

How familiar are you with the wonderful worlds of Greek and Roman mythology – with their gods and goddesses, heroes and heroines, marvels and monsters? This event is perfect for those who read Rick Riordan and similar stories. Pre-registration is required. Sign up as an individual (to be placed on a team) or as a team of 3-5 individuals.

This event is for those in 6th-12th grade.

ADULT EVENTS

Twilight Book Club
Third Thursday of the month
6 p.m.

April 16, May 21, June 18*
Would you like to join a book club, but you work during the day? No worries! The Library is now offering an evening book club with selections ranging in

genre and audience. No registration is required.

* *Future dates TBD*

'Appy Hour

Second and Fourth Monday
of the month • 5:30 p.m.

April 13, April 27, May 11*

If you are looking to get the most out of your smart phone or tablet, join us for 'Appy Hour. This program will allow you to sample an assortment of apps on a variety of subjects. Each session will focus on a particular area: reading, music, health, etc. With a spotlight on a few apps that are best in their class, we will hit on a diverse selection so you can go home with new ideas and tools to make the technology in your life worth it!

* *Future dates TBD*

Shred Day!

Sat., April 25
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free shredding as a part of the 2015 Money Smart Week. Drop off your documents in the CINTAS truck in the Library's parking lot. Only papers will be shredded. Bags, boxes or totes will be returned to participants. No CDs, floppy disks, hard drives, plastic materials or 3-ring binders will be accepted.

De-Clutter Today for a Carefree Tomorrow

Thur., May 28 • 6:30 p.m.
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MEQUON WELCOMES NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Will Jones Brings 20 Years of Experience in Local Government Management

A passion for providing exceptional service to the community is the credo of William H. Jones, Jr., Mequon's new City administrator. The Mequon Common Council hired Jones in January to replace longtime administrator Lee Szymborski, who resigned last July.

Jones is well suited for his new position. In his 20 years of experience in local government management, he has held a variety of public service positions. Since 2011, he has served as assistant village manager in Glencoe, which has a population of 8,723. Prior to working in Glencoe, Jones spent 15 years in Highland Park, a Chicago suburb of nearly 30,000 people, serving as public information officer, human resources director, deputy finance director, acting finance director and assistant city manager.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Boston College, and a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University. He is a credentialed municipal manager through the International City/County Management Association. He is currently serving as the vice chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning for the Government Finance Officers Association headquartered in Chicago.

Jones finds his new job an exciting challenge and is impressed with the City staff and their excellent qualifications. "Mequon has an

incredible group of dedicated public servants, both established veterans as well as a newer group of individuals bringing fresh ideas to the community. Our team provides a wide range of services, and working together is key to ensuring that our citizens receive consistent exemplary service in all areas." He says he has no immediate plans to make changes or enhancements. "My role is to learn, assess and understand the community first."

"I am thrilled to be a part of this forward-thinking community and while honoring the rich history of the city, I look forward to being one of the leaders in its bright future."

Jones is very familiar with the Milwaukee area, as his father was raised in Wauwatosa, and his mother was raised in Whitefish Bay. He also has relatives in Fox Point and Grafton. While his wife, Kathy, and four children (Hugh, 15; Gretchen, 13; Mary Bridget, 10; and Doug, 6) remain in their Winnetka, Ill. home until the end of the school year, Jones commutes back and forth to Mequon during the week. Their Illinois home is already on the market, and the family plans to relocate to Mequon in mid-2015.

"Mequon has an exceptional reputation as one of the Milwaukee area's premier communities. I am thrilled to be a part of this forward-thinking community and while honoring the rich history of the City I look forward to being one of the leaders in its bright future."

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SUMMER SEASON KICKS OFF WITH FAMILY FUN BEFORE THE FOURTH

Folks in Mequon and Thiensville have come to think of Family Fun Before the Fourth as their very own “big gig.” With so much going on all around the area, everyone looks forward staying right here in the community for this pre-celebration of our country’s birthday.

The popular event is always held on the Saturday before the 4th of July, this year on Saturday, June 27. It’s a fun-filled day that starts with families camping out early to get a prime spot for one of the area’s best parades, which includes marching bands, clowns and other entertainers. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Cedarburg Road at the Frank L. Weyenberg Library and winds its way through both communities to Thiensville’s Village Park where all the festivities take place.

There’s something for everyone with free ice cream after the parade, then all-day entertainment and food for sale from a variety of eateries, including The Chancery, Chuck’s Place, Prime Minister, Wow Dogs, Lee’s Concessions, the World Famous Rotary Corn Stand and the Family Fun Beer and Wine Stand. Enjoy the excitement of the Badgerland Water Ski Show at 12:30 p.m. and the Bella Via Dance Studios. Plus, kids will love the challenge of the rock climbing wall and the thrills of S.E.A. Hamsters, a giant inflated ball that enables you to float, walk and jump on water. The festival comes to a spectacular finale with a dazzling fireworks display at dusk.

Family Fun Before the Fourth is operated by Community Fun Events, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of dedicated volunteers. A 15-person board oversees the event, with dozens of enthusiastic volunteers helping out with everything from selling corn and refreshments to directing the parade.

“One of the reasons why we have some of the best entertainment around is because of our great local sponsors,” explains Ann Bolles, executive director of Community Fun Events. “It’s an excellent way for them to promote their businesses and goodwill in the community.”

Family Fun Before the Fourth is paid for entirely through sponsorships from area businesses and service organizations, the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville. More sponsors are welcome and volunteers are much needed. For sponsorship and volunteer information, visit familyfunbeforethefourth.com

Mequon and Thiensville are pleased to come together to celebrate our nation’s independence with this fun, exciting event that has something for all ages! Mark Saturday, June 27 on your calendar and join your community for this year’s Family Fun Before the Fourth.

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MEQUON TOWN CENTER MOVES FORWARD

Additional Developments To Enhance Community Living, Shopping

It's all about being in the right place at the right time. And for Mequon the right time is now! All around town there are signs of new development, new shops, new services and community togetherness. The City's vision of creating a friendly, neighborhood atmosphere is moving forward with the new Mequon Town Center.

Located directly adjacent to the civic campus at the corner of Mequon and Cedarburg Roads, the Center is designed to be a distinct neighborhood with multiple mixed-use buildings for a variety of commercial uses including 28 luxury apartments, and within walking distance of other varied housing options. Planned to create neighborhood identity and value, it has public activity spaces and is a walkable environment where residents are encouraged to walk to shops, services, riverfront park, the Mequon Pool, the Library and the Community Center and bike the Interurban Trail.

Private investment in development within the Town Center is more than \$25 million.

These fine businesses will call the Mequon Town Center their neighborhood:

- American Legion Post 457
- Cafe Hollander
- Collectivo
- Elements Massage
- Forward Dental

- Health In Balance
- Iconica Memory Care Home
- Joey Gerard's Supper Club
- Outpost Natural Foods
- Ruby Tap
- Sola Salon
- Spectrum Investment Advisors
- Supercuts

And there's much more progress underway throughout Mequon:

New Developments on Port Washington Road

- Marshalls department store and DSW have just opened in the Mequon Pavilions, at 10930 North Port Washington Road. The opening of these two national retailers is already creating interest and excitement.
- Two single-family homes located at 11409-11421 North Port Washington Road have been removed to make way for a new 13,900-sq.-ft. multi-tenant building that will include both retail and service-oriented uses. This site is immediately north of two other recently redeveloped sites that include the new Starbucks coffee shop and Kohler Credit Union.



Children’s Hospital Targets Mequon for New Medical Office Site

Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin plans to construct a 42,000-sq.-ft. medical facility on Mequon Road, just west of Market Street and the new Johnson Bank and Zarletti Restaurant. The City anticipates construction to start this spring with an opening in early 2016. Children’s Hospital plans to serve north shore families and children by offering greater convenience and access to their outstanding care and services.

“... Mequon will offer a wider variety of housing options, more retail shopping, increased professional services, greater job opportunities – and a true sense of community.”

Through effective planning and leadership, the City is generating a dynamic energy to create a more vibrant, vital community that will serve all residents. With a renewed emphasis on progress, Mequon will offer a wider variety of housing options, more retail shopping, increased professional services, greater job opportunities -- and a true sense of community. Welcome to the Mequon of the future.

DON'T MISS ARBOR DAY!

Sunday, April 26 • 1-3 p.m.
Logemann Community Center
6100 W. Mequon Rd.

This free event will include educational displays and free tree distribution. In addition, International Migratory Bird Day will be held in conjunction with Arbor Day. Visit logemanncenter.org.



SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL TASTE OF MEQUON

Last September 13, the day started out chilly for the second annual Taste of Mequon, but it did not stop individuals from enjoying the crisp autumn day as they strolled down Cedarburg Road to enjoy the festivities.

Members of the Mequon Festivals Committee are in the process of planning another magical event for the community to enjoy this year on Saturday, September 12, from 12 noon-9 p.m. in front of Mequon City Hall. Admission is free.

Mark the date in your calendar right away and plan to attend this year’s event. Come and taste the delicious food served by area restaurants, discover the 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!

Past participating restaurants have already acknowledged they will be back for Taste of Mequon 2015, including Fiddleheads, Joey Gerard’s, Leonardo’s Pizza, Smokin Joe’s, The Cheel and Cafe Hollander.

Last year, David Fliss, a caricature artist, shared his experience by saying, “Participating in Taste of Mequon changed how I approach coloring a caricature and has made a profound change in the way I think of caricature altogether. The magic of Mequon ...” Be sure to join us for this free, family-friendly community event on September 12.

Updates on the event will be posted to the City of Mequon website as they become available. Visit ci.mequon.wi.us.



Wally (left) and Don Sommer, are co-owners of Sommer's Automotive.



Photos: John O'Hara

MEQUON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: SOMMER'S AUTOMOTIVE GOING STRONG AFTER 70+ YEARS

Did you know that buying a car should be easy and fun? If that doesn't sound typical of the car buying experience, Sommer's Automotive is far from typical. "But neither are our customers," boasts Wally Sommer, who co-owns and manages the dealership with brother Don.

"Today's car buyer is extremely knowledgeable and our customers do extensive research before coming in. That challenges us to do a better job of knowing our products. We have a very dedicated and professional sales staff that takes great pride in going the extra mile to help buyers choose the vehicle that's right for them. Of course, competitive pricing is always important, so the reputation we've earned for solid customer support and excellent service definitely becomes a deciding factor," adds Wally.

This philosophy has been the Sommer's way of doing business since their father Wally and their uncle John opened a small garage and service station in 1943 at the corner of Mequon and Cedarburg Roads. "Our dad instilled in us the importance of earning customer trust and providing unparalleled service," says Wally.

These values, set forth more than 70 years ago, have proven to be a winning philosophy. Sommer's has become the Top Subaru dealer in Wisconsin, one of the Top 25 Subaru dealers in the country, the number six ranking in new car sales in Milwaukee, and number nine in Wisconsin. Even more important for Wally and Don is the customer

loyalty that's been built over the years.

"Customers feel comfortable and confident returning to purchase vehicles again and again from Sommer's and referring us to others. We are deeply grateful for our long-term, multi-generational clientele," says Don Sommer.

"...we appreciate the support of the Mequon-Thiensville community in helping our business grow since 1943."

The Sommer's dealership has moved since 1943, first to Main Street in Thiensville in 1949 and then to the current location at 7211 West Mequon Road in 1978. In 2011, the building was remodeled and now just four years later, thanks to continuing growth, another expansion is underway to double the size of the showroom and service areas, adding another 16,000 square feet.

"Adding more space and 20 more people to our team will further enhance the customer experience," Don explains. "As we move forward, we appreciate the support of the Mequon-Thiensville community in helping our business grow since 1943." Sommer's Automotive was recognized in

2012 as Mequon's Business of the Year by the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce.

The Sommers family history in Mequon goes back to the 1850s when they moved to the area as farmers. Wally and Don, along with three sisters, were born and raised here and their families take great pride in their deep roots in the City. Giving back to the community they love is part of their philosophy.

Most recently, Sommer's Automotive gave a substantial donation to the Mequon-Thiensville School District to help underwrite the cost of a new pavilion at Homestead High School's outdoor athletic facilities. It will provide team rooms, restrooms, a concession stand, a spirit-wear shop and a location for ticket sales.

Sommer's Automotive also was instrumental in funding the Sommer Pavilion in River Barn Park, as well as providing support to Gathering on the Green, the Mequon Nature Preserve, Rotary Riverwalk and the Frank L. Weyenberg Library, among



The original Sommer's garage/service station opened in 1943.

other community projects. They also provide support for a variety of special community events, such as Family Fun Before the Fourth.

Besides providing financial support to various projects and non-profit groups, Wally and Don have served on a variety of charitable boards, including Rotary, the Columbia-St. Mary's Foundation and the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce.

The Sommer's legacy in Mequon proudly continues with Wally's son Grant already working in the business and Don's daughter Elizabeth considering a role after she completes graduate school. The City of Mequon is grateful and appreciative for this important and generous business and community partner.

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The pickup schedule runs from April 1 to November 1. Check for complete details on the City website at ci.mequon.wi.us where the Adopt-A-Roadway program has its own page. Follow the link on the right side of the home page to the Adopt-A-Roadway page for a map of the available roadways, how to participate and an application form. Please note that there must be one adult leader for every six volunteers and all volunteers must be at least 11 years of age.

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APRIL

- **Sat., April 25: Community Shred Day, 10 a.m.-12 noon**
Free shredding as part of the 2015 Money Smart Week. Frank L. Weyenberg Library parking lot, free. Visit flwlib.org
- **Sat., April 25: Donges Bay PTO Rummage Sale, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**
Donges Bay Elementary School gymnasium, 2401 W. Donges Bay Rd.
- **Sun., April 26: City of Mequon Arbor Day, 1-3 p.m.** Learn through educational displays; free tree distribution. Logemann Community Center, 6100 W. Mequon Rd., free admission.
- **Mon., April 27: Observing Nature's Clockwork** Enjoy this collaborative Earth Day celebration at the Mequon Nature Preserve, 8200 W. County Line Rd. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org
- **Mon., April 27: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon.
- **Thur., April 30: Mequon-Thiensville Optimist Club Breakfast Meeting, 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Hear guest speaker Kate Dunning, the principal at Lakeshore Middle School. Schmidt & Bartelt community room, 10280 N. Port Washington Rd., free.

MAY

- **Fri., May 1-Sunday, May 3: "Arabian Nights" Homestead High School Spring Play** Homestead High School Auditorium.
- **Wed., May 13: Thiensville Business Forum, 5-6:30 p.m.** Thiensville Village Hall, 250 Elm St. (see pg. 7).
- **Thur., May 14: Mequon-Thiensville Optimist Club Breakfast Meeting, 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Hear guest speaker Xavi Fabregat Pous, an American Field Service exchange student from Spain. Schmidt & Bartelt community room, 10280 N. Port Washington Rd., free.
- **Mon., May 18: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon.
- **Sun., May 31: Homestead High School 27th Annual Choral Benefit Concert, 7 p.m.** Homestead High School, 5000 W. Mequon Rd.

JUNE

- **Tue., June 2: 4th Annual Pillars of the Community Luncheon** Sponsored by the Mequon Community Foundation. Visit mcfives.org.
- **Sat., June 6: Bike Safety Day** Special bike safety day for kids at Thiensville Village Park. Safety inspections and supervised practice using obstacle courses. Presented by the Thiensville Police Department.
- **Thur., June 11: Last Day of School**
- **Thur., June 11: Shully's River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Live music from the 5 Card Studs at Shully's, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Free admission, bring two nonperishable food items for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County's Pantry. Food available for purchase or bring your own. Beer, wine or soda available for purchase (no carry-in beverages!). Rain or shine – concert will be inside the Watermark in case of inclement weather. Visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Fri., Saturday, Sunday, June 12, 13 and 14: 51st Annual Lion Fest** Thiensville Village Park. Visit (see pg. 9).
- **Sun., June 13: Mequon Nature Preserve – Run Wild!** Mequon Nature Preserve. Visit mequonnaturepreserve.org.

- **Sun., June 14: Homestead High School Graduation, 2 p.m.** Homestead High School Fieldhouse.
- **Mon., June 15: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.** Range Line conference room, 11040 Range Line Rd., Mequon.
- **Sun., June 20: Treasures of Oz Eco-Tour 2015, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.** Discover seven natural treasure sites in Ozaukee County (preserves, parks, waterfowl areas and creek restoration) at this family-friendly event. Information available after May 1 at treasuresofoz.org.
- **Tue., June 16: Thiensville Village Market** Opening of weekly market, live music and more held every Tuesday until October 27 at Thiensville Village Park (see pg. 4).
- **Fri., June 26: Frog Fest at glaze** Customer appreciation day with activities, food and fun, 149 Green Bay Rd., Thiensville.
- **Sat., June 27: Family Fun before the Fourth of July** Annual parade with festival and fireworks at Thiensville Village Park (see pg. 25).

JULY

- **Thur., July 9: Shully's River Sounds, 7-10 p.m.** Featuring Streetlife with Warren Wiegatz at Shully's, 146 Green Bay Rd. in Thiensville. Visit shullyscuisine.com.
- **Fri., July 10: Gathering on the Green** Festival of the performing arts at Rotary Park in Mequon. Visit gatheringonthegreen.org (see pg. 9).
- **Sat., July 11: Gathering on the Green Morning 5K** "Run on the Green" and children's fun run followed by pancake breakfast, family activities, evening festival of the performing arts, plus fireworks finale at Rotary Park in Mequon. Visit gatheringonthegreen.org (see pg. 9).
- **Sat., July 11: Appliance, Electronics and Textile Recycling Collection, 9 am.-1 p.m.** Drop off all major household appliances, electronics and textiles at no charge, except TVs which are \$10 each. 6300 W. Mequon Rd., sponsored by the City of Mequon.
- **Sat., July 11: Suburban Motors Block Party** Annual celebration and block party on Main Street in Thiensville.
- **Sat., July 18: "Cheel-abration" at The Cheel** First annual celebration and party in The Cheel's parking lot/garden, 105 S. Main St., food specials and live music all day. Visit thecheel.com.
- **Sat., July 18: Screen on the Green** Outdoor movie night at Thiensville Village Park sponsored by the Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee (TBRC), free.
- **Mon., July 20: Mequon-Thiensville School District Board of Education Meeting, 5 p.m.** Egelhoff Conference Room at District Offices. **Also Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. in Auditorium.**

AUGUST

- **Thur., August 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.
- **Sat., August 8: Lake Moon Festival, 4-10 p.m.** Free family celebration with a 5K run, music and food and on the bluff of Lake Michigan, presented by Concordia University (see pg. 23).
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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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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.



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.”

The 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 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.

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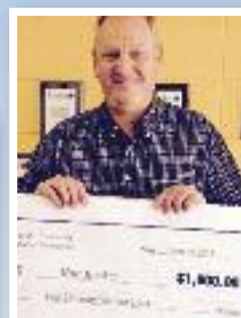
MTEF Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

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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CITY OF MEQUON PRESENTS FIRST POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (PAFR)

“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.”

The 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 or can be requested by contacting the City’s Finance Department at 262.236.2947.

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Mequon 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.

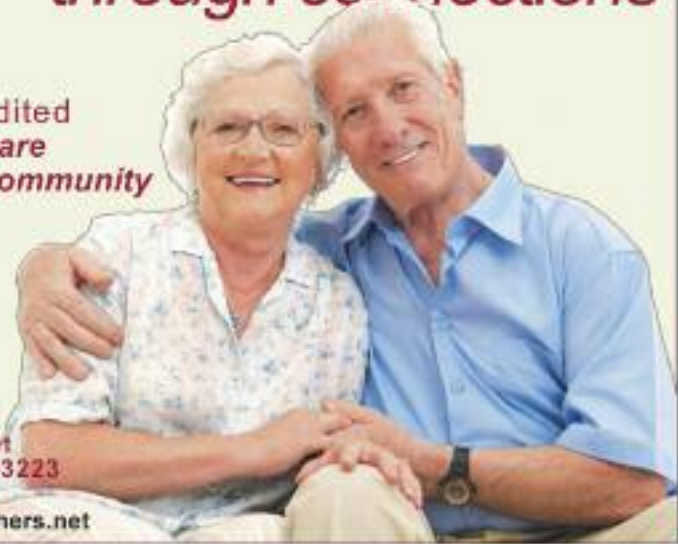
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MEQUON BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: OUTPOST NATURAL FOODS A GOOD NEIGHBOR

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.

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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

MATC 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.

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.

The Retirement Classroom

The Retirement Classroom is a leading educator of topics relevant to today's retiree. The Retirement Classroom brings top professionals in the retirement market to provide the community with non-biased education instead of a sales pitch. The Retirement Classroom commits itself to preparing today's retirees to be well-informed and confident in planning and carrying out their retirement aspirations and strategies.

- 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

Thursday, October 29 • 6:30 p.m.

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.

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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN A VITAL COMMUNITY PARTNER

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
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- 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 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.

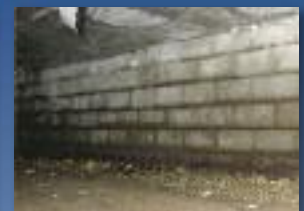
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SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEQUON-THIENSVILLE: LOVE OF COMMUNITY DRIVES LOCAL WOMEN TO GIVE BACK



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 Berkahn, 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. Berkahn 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

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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.



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.

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

The 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) 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.

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

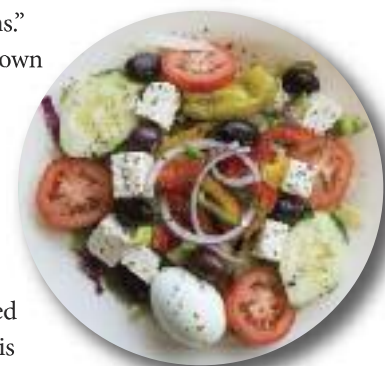
friends and neighbors. Our customers love that we are always adding new menu items.”

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 ~



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!



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.
- **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 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 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 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 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 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.

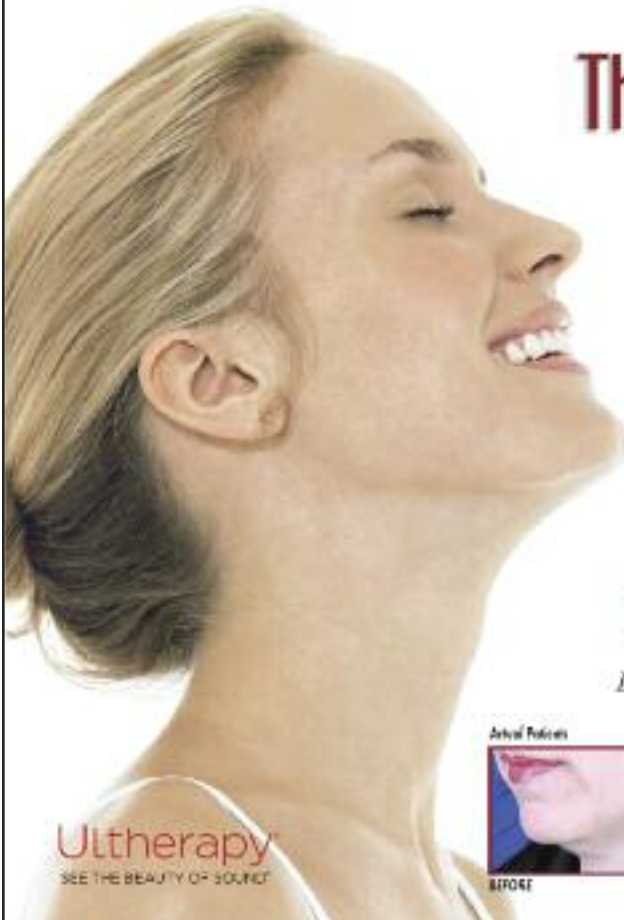
DECEMBER

- **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 for more information.



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