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Traditions include attending the Kenosha County Fair in Wilmot, checking out an Aquanuts Water Ski Show in Twin Lakes Memorial Day through Labor Day at Lance Park, and annual parades in nearly every town in the area.

The Twin Lakes Area Chamber and Business Association, Inc., which presents the annual Libertyfest parade around Independence Day, also offers regular activities for residents near and far to experience.

In addition to traditions, residents and visitors have plenty of recreational opportunities, including the Richard Bong State Recreation Area and several Kenosha County parks from Bristol to Paddock Lake.

This annual edition is packed with vital

community information, including contact details for municipalities, school districts, and places where people can explore the area.

Looking ahead, the Report will continue to make a concerted effort to highlight community events, area residents, and give well-deserved recognition to students and people who call Western Kenosha County home.

I'm always willing to listen to what community members have to say.

We look to serve residents in numerous communities in the area, from as far west as the towns of Randall and Wheatland, east to the Village of Bristol and Town of Paris near the Interstate 94 corridor, along with several others including Brighton, Twin Lakes, Salem Lakes, Trevor and Paddock Lake.

While Western Kenosha County residents have plenty of reasons to stay, visitors should spend time here and experience all that the area has to offer.

Who knows? Visitors might find a compelling reason to call Western Kenosha County home.

Please feel free to contact me at jarndt@southernlakesnewspapers.com.

- Jason Arndt COMMUNITY EDITOR

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above: Preston Jones walks his reserve grand champion steer during the Kenosha County Fair livestock auction last August. on the cover, from top: Horses from Valleycroft Farms dance along the Bristol Progress Days parade route last July. The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard walks through downtown Twin Lakes as part of the Memorial Day parade in May.

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Kenosha County welcomes new **Director of Parks**

Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kerkman appointed Wyatt Moore to serve as Kenosha County's Director of Parks last May.

Moore was promoted from his former role as the Division of Parks' **Development Coordinator and Grant** Specialist.

"After interviewing a number of highly qualified applicants, we found the best candidate to lead and further improve our parks system right here under our own roof," Kerkman said. "Wyatt's wide-ranging skills and great enthusiasm for our parks and our community make him the perfect fit for the job."

Moore succeeds former Parks Director Matthew Collins, who departed in January 2024 to serve as Public Works Director for the Village of Whitefish Bay.

Since joining Kenosha County Parks in May 2022, Moore has worked to organize 425 unique events in the parks system, with attendance totaling nearly 50,000 people. In 2023, he secured \$1.3 million in grant funding for parks projects.

His other past responsibilities have involved maintaining and securing sponsor and stakeholder relationships and overseeing marketing of the parks system, including social media engagement, videography and photography, and production of print media.

A native of Reno, Nevada, Moore earned a Bachelor of Arts in cinema production from Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

"Parks make a lasting impact on every community, and I'm honored to be a part of team that takes that mission to heart," Moore said. "As we continue moving forward, the goal will always be to improve upon our work.'

County Public Works Director Shelly Billingsley said she is pleased to add Moore to her department's leadership team.

"I'm excited to have Wyatt step into this role to enhance our parks even further," Billingsley said. "He has been an asset to our parks in his past role and in my opinion will be a great director for the division."



County honors numerous local veterans with picnic

New Army memorial shelter unveiled at event

Peter Sieber was taking in the sights of the new Army memorial shelter at the Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park last May when he came upon something he didn't expect.

It was a brick bearing his name and the years of his service to the Army Corps of Engineers, 1959-

"Did you put that there," a surprised Sieber asked his wife, Carol.

"I didn't physically put it there, but I got it put there," she said, as he cracked a smile.

Sieber was one of many veterans who came out to the park on May 31, 2024 for County Executive Samantha Kerkman's second annual Veterans Appreciation Summer Picnic.

More than 200 people were in attendance. Along with a free lunch provided by

MISSION BBO, resource tables with information about county and VA services, this year's picnic included an additional feature: A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the park's new Army memorial shelter, the first

of a series of planned structures that will honor veterans of all branches of the service.

Kerkman noted that the park, a former gravel pit and construction company yard that the county has developed into a park

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above: Army Corps of Engineers veteran Peter Sieber discovers a brick bearing his name that his wife, Carol, surprised him with during the Veterans Appreciation Summer Picnic held at Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park. top: Veteran Raymond Acerbi receives cookies from Wilmot High School football players. Shown, from the left, are: Jaxon Madsen, Jack Dzierzanowski and Reggie Brent helping out during the picnic, which was held last May and welcomed more than 200 people in attendance including many area veterans.

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in recent years, is now a place for veterans and others to come and reflect, and to enjoy nature in a serene setting.

"Now we have opened this up to the community and to people who have served," Kerkman said. "This is the Army shelter and it is beautiful, and I couldn't be more proud of that."

Kerkman thanked Snap-on Incorporated for its support of the shelter, the company having donated \$150,000 toward the project.

U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil also joined in the celebration, calling it "a spectacular day in a spectacular park in Kenosha County.'

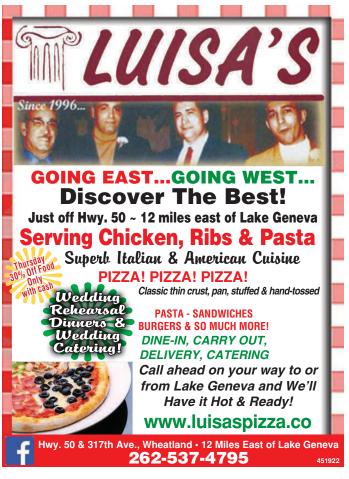
"The freedom and liberties that we enjoy are because of what you have done in service to our country," Steil said, addressing the veterans in the audience. "And so today, we say thank you for what you have done.'

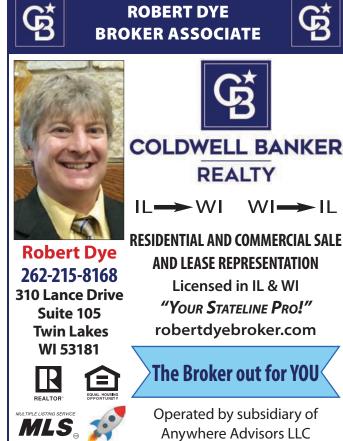
The 335-acre Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park is located west of Highway KD (352nd Avenue) and north of Highway F (Bassett Road) in the towns of Randall and Wheatland.

There are two entrances to the park; one off of Highway F that leads to the Veterans Honor Plaza and the new Army shelter, and one off of Highway KD that provides access to the 39-acre Freedom Lake, which is open to nonmotorized water activities. The park also includes more than five miles of walking trails.



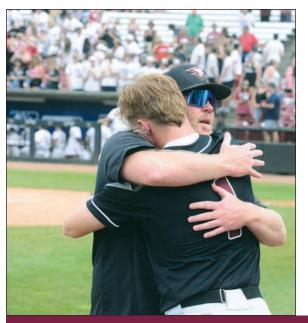
Veterans and other guests line up for a free lunch from MISSION BBQ at the Veterans Appreciation Summer Picnic held at the Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park. SUBMITTED PHOTO Our Town





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Falcons advance to State Baseball Tournament

By Jason Arndt

EDITOR

Westosha Central High School qualified for the WIAA Division 1 State Baseball Tournament last year and advanced to the semifinal at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute.

The Falcons, who captured their first Southern Lakes Conference title in 22 years in 2024, surpassed the school record in victories at 25-6 en route to their second state appearance in three years.

Despite losing 8-1 to eventual titlewinner De Pere, which ousted Sun Prairie East in the championship match, the Falcons produced a better appearance in 2024 compared to 2022.

In 2022, Westosha Central lost in the quarterfinals, but moved onto the semifinals in last year's tournament.

"Two years ago when we came here, I would say they were probably a little shell shocked by the moment. But we felt very comfortable coming back here (in 2024). Getting here two of three years is special and extremely difficult," said Westosha Central coach Jacob Morman following the June 12 loss to De Pere.

Setting the standard

Morman said the team's accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without a strong senior class.

Graduated seniors include Bryce Backus, Ian Kerkman, Jack Brenton, Quinn Conyers, Mason Mitacek, Carson Schultz, and Braeden Moeller.

"They set the bar and standards for where our program wants to be," Morman said. "I want these seniors to be able to understand what they accomplished."



clockwise from top left: Westosha Central assistant baseball coach Nick Maginn consoles senior Bryce Backus after the team lost in the WIAA Division 1 state semifinal against De Pere in June 2024; Falcons junior Max Nottingham tosses a pitch in relief of starter Joe Suokko during last summer's WIAA D1 state semifinal against De Pere; Westosha Central High School fans show support for the baseball team at Fox Cities Stadium in Grand Chute. Shown, from the left, are Brock Koeppel, Collin Meininger, Elijah Griffin and Sam Correa.

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Although the team loses key seniors, the Falcons had several players set to return this year, including juniors Brody Schulte, Joe Suokko, Carson Sieler, Charlie Dietz, Max Nottingham, and Jake Urban.

Morman hopes his returning players can carry on the tradition left by the senior class.

"For the younger guys that are coming back, the example that the seniors set, and how they go about their business, leadership, and character, those things matter in playing the game the right way," Morman said.

Mitacek, a four-year varsity player, said the seniors spent time in the offseason holding meetings and setting objectives for last year's campaign.

"You are always trying to improve, and we were thinking that we got to get back to state, and got to win one," Mitacek said.

Mitacek said the team accomplished its

"We got a banner on the wall and everyone is just happy that we made it here," he said.



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Central graduate leaps into arms of U.S. Navy father

By Jason Arndt

Jada Lynn Hockman didn't plan on seeing her father attend her graduation ceremony at Westosha Central High School last June because he had been deployed overseas serving the U.S. Navy.

But as hundreds of students received the call to receive their diplomas, her father, Daniel, sat patiently waiting until school officials announced his daughter's name.

When she finished shaking District Administrator John Gendron's hand, numerous people began pointing at a man wearing a military uniform, but Jada didn't immediately react.

However, once she realized it was her father, she couldn't help but jump into his arms, embracing him tightly as her classmates and hundreds of people in attendance stood up in applause.

Jada, who spent several seconds hugging her dad, said it took time to absorb his presence.

"At first I didn't see him," she said. "I just kept walking, and they were pointing to him and I looked and all I saw was a military uniform."

"There was no other thought in my mind than to just jump on him and give him a hug," she added.

Daniel admitted he had rattled nerves as he sat away from the crowd at the ceremony while waiting for his daughter's name to be called.

"I was super anxious. I am still shaking a little bit from it," he said.

Thousands of miles traveled

Daniel, who last saw Jada around Christmas in 2023, had been deployed in the Middle East and learned he was able to attend the ceremony.

The U.S. Navy flew him to Abu Dhabi, where he then took a personal flight to the United States, before arriving at the high school.

"I traveled about 8,000 miles in three

days to make it out here," he said.

None of his travels were known to Jada, who still believed he was aboard a U.S. Navy ship.

Shortly before the graduation ceremony, Jada attempted to FaceTime her father, but he declined because the background would have uncovered his secret.

"She FaceTimed me, I had denied the call because I was in a recognizable place," he said. "I texted her back and said the WiFi was down on the ship."

Despite the secret, Jada had some inkling suspicions about the attempted contact before she graduated.

'He had told me that he was not going to be here," she said. "When I FaceTimed him earlier in the day. I had some sort of suspicion, but I didn't think it was going to happen."

Jada, who planned on moving to Virginia to live with her father and stepmother, looked to attend college and eventually became a member of law enforcement.

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Wilmot Union High School held its annual commencement ceremony last spring at Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse. It brought hundreds of visitors as well as pomp and circumstance for the Class of 2024. clockwise from top: The Wilmot Union High School vocal ensemble belts the National Anthem during the June 9 commencement ceremony; McKenna Johnson is congratulated by Principal Rob Kreil after she received her diploma; Jasmine Delaney waits patiently for the welcome address presented by District Administrator Michael Plourde; Valedictorian Josiah Reinhold (left) and Salutatorian Ethan Weaver lead the Class of 2024 procession.

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Parr, others enjoyed children's activities.





There were also many mental health resources available on site.

Just Live President Robert Stevens said each performer strongly advocates for mental health programs.

You are not alone

The Labor of Love Music Festival, as well as Just, Live, Inc, came after the founder's daughter died by suicide and launched by five volunteers.

The music festival serves as a healing process for survivors, while showing dedication and devotion to families who have dealt with mental health issues.

Since then, the nonprofit organization has raised more than \$1 million for many organizations, including related groups in Walworth, Racine, and Kenosha counties.

Most recently, the group has shown support for the Center for Suicide Awareness Hopeline, Marquette University's Department of Biomedical Neuroscience Research, Rogers Behavioral Health, and Question, Persuade, Refer, Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training, commonly known as QPR.

Secretary Lily Karnes, of Just Live's Board of Directors, received her first exposure to the Labor of Love Music Festival while serving as Miss Kenosha in 2019.

Karnes, whose platform focused on raising awareness of mental health issues, like depression, anxiety and suicide, said she dealt with similar struggles while growing up in Kenosha.

"I didn't necessarily know what to do about it. I thought I was completely alone. I didn't want to tell anybody because I was embarrassed," she said. "Then I grew up a little bit and I realized there was an entire community of people that also struggled."

In 2019, the last time the Labor of Love Music Festival was held in New Munster, Karnes paid a visit to the community and instantly became involved with Just Live, Inc.

Five years later, she works at a behavioral hospital in Illinois, and serves as secretary for Just Live, Inc.

For several years, Karnes said she has worked diligently to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health while promoting the Labor of Love Music Festival.

She said the festival is an ideal community event, not just for music lovers, but for families looking to build bonds with others.

"The Labor of Love is like a family. It's celebrating each other and being there for each other," Karnes said. "It's a community coming together. It's honoring those we have lost."

Homecoming return

The Labor of Love Music Festival also marked the return of the annual event to its birthplace after taking place in other southeastern Wisconsin venues, including the Rock Sports Complex in Franklin, and Hart Park in Wauwatosa.

Brian Wood, founding board member,

said the return served as a reunion for the community and family members.

"I am very happy with what is going on here," he said. "We are so happy to raise money to contribute all of those resources. There are lots of people that need help."

Wood said the festival is truly a community event.

"It's very important and I think everybody in the world, if they gave back a little bit, the world would be a better place to live," Wood said.

Area resources

Kenosha County residents can contact the Behavioral Health Resource Center at 262-764-8555 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The 24/7 crisis line is accessible by calling 262-657-7188.

Other resources include 988, a suicide and crisis lifeline available through text and phone call 24 hours a day, as well as Hopeline at 741741.

Hopeline, operated by the Centers for Suicide Awareness, is a text-based service allowing people to initiate contact in other ways besides a phone call.

"Texts received reflect struggles with breakups, relationship issues, job loss, bullying, LGBTIA+ issues, parental issues, school, friends, or just having a bad day," the website states.

People using Hopeline should use the number 741741 and type the word "Hopeline" in the message.

above: Chicken Wire band members play a song at the Labor of Love Music Festival. **opposite bottom:** Just Live, Inc. board member Lily Karnes announces the release of butterflies alongside Elin Stevens, 7, and Jenna Zeihen. **opposite: top** Brian Quinn, of Big Balloon Tycoon, makes balloon animals for a line of excited kids at the 15th annual event, held last September at New Munster Ballpark.

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Kenosha County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Brantner collects a bagful of medications alongside County Executive Samantha Kerkman and Brian Bynsdorp of the county Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services, during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event held last April at the County Center in Bristol.

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OITE TOWN 2025

Billingsley to represent Kenosha County Fair

By Jason Arndt

EDITOR

Kaelie Billingsley, of Bristol, will reign over the 2025 Kenosha County Fair.

Crowned Fairest of the Fair last August on the Kenosha County Fairgrounds, the 2024 Westosha Central High School graduate succeeds Katrina Cain, whose term concluded this January.

Billingsley, daughter of Eric and Shelly, began her tenure after Cain's appearance at the Wisconsin State Fairest of the Fairs convention at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells in January.

She will reign over the 2025 Kenosha County Fair, carrying the theme "Let the good times roll" before representing the fair at the 2026 state convention.

"I am looking forward to seeing all the people in the community, the parades, and the events," Billingsley said after she received the crown last August. "I have always been so excited for the fair and it's so exciting to be the ambassador."

She was selected among three finalists, including Fair Royalty, Jayden Eisenbraun from Paddock Lake and Salem Lakes resident Alexander Hannah.

All three finalists graduated the same year from Westosha Central.

Billingsley attends the Universities of Wisconsin-Platteville and will study animal science with hopes of becoming a large animal veterinarian.

Urged to run

Billingsley exhibited several animal projects, including poultry, pigs and swine and rabbits, in her 4-H career at the Kenosha County Fair.

"The fair is always such a great memory. I always have great memories of showing my animals at the fair," she said. "It has been such a large part of my life since I was little. It feels like my home away from home. I stay here the whole week, so it is always such a great place to be."

Despite her passion for the Kenosha County Fair, she was initially hesitant to apply for the Fairest of the Fair until she received encouragement from her mother.

"My mom was very persistent that I run," Billingsley said. "She was very motivational for me to get out of my comfort zone and to run for something that I am passionate about."

During the application process, and the August coronation ceremony, Billingsley said her family and friends offered overwhelming and unconditional support.

Shelly characterizes Kaelie as outgoing however, she is only comfortable speaking in small groups and her mom believed the



The 2025 Kenosha County Fairest of the Fair Kaelie Billingsley (left) stands alongside her predecessor Katrina Cain following the coronation ceremony last August at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds.

JASON ARNDT PHOTO Our Town

Fairest of the Fair ceremony would help her gain more confidence.

"She is not very big on public speaking in front of a group of people, but she was really able to shine today and I knew she would do very well," Shelly said.

Some rattled nerves

Kaelie acknowledged the process brought some anxiety considering the field of finalists vying for Fairest of the Fair.

But, in the end, the rattled nerves simmered and she was able to capture the crown.

"It was so exciting and a little nervewracking," she said.

Shelly, like Kaelie, said she knew each competitor and was aware the selection process would be difficult for the panel of judges.

"They are all three great kiddos," she said. "It was a tough competition and we were rooting for her all week, but we knew it would be a tough decision between the three of them."

Shelly said Kaelie's new role would help her succeed in the field of animal science.

"She is going to see a lot of different people (as a veterinary), so I am trying to get her started a little early," said Shelly.

Additionally, Shelly believes her daughter developed a passion for animals while exhibiting at the Kenosha County Fair.

"She has been here for years and I think that is how she wanted to become a veterinarian because of her experiences showing all different animals," Shelly said



Zeke Tiedt holds Makayla Bazeley high in the air during a doubles routine at the Indmar D1 Nationals in Warsaw, Indiana last August. The duo performs with the Aquanuts Water Ski Show Team in the Village of Twin Lakes

DANIELLE BAZELEY PHOTO Our Town

doubles pair of Zeke Tiedt, of Burlington

and trick-skier Ethan Shulda at the March world competition held in Australia.

Shulda, advanced to the world stage after placing second in the Indmar D1 Show Ski Nationals at Hidden Lake in Warsaw,

of Wisconsin-Madison and said the accomplishment is a dream come true.

"The world competition happens every two years, so it is the equivalent of the Olympics for water skiing," said Tiedt. "This is the highest level of competition there is on the world stage."

Bazeley, 17, an incoming senior at WHS, said she could not be more thrilled about qualifying to compete among the world's best March 17-23 in Mulwala.

"I am really excited about going to Australia," she said. "I have never really been there and never really gone that far."

Strengths complement each other

Tiedt's strength as well as Bazeley's flexibility and experience on the water has been the key driver for the pair's success.

"She has done (doubles) before, so she is very experienced," Tiedt said. "She is one of the best partners you could have. She looks great on the water."

Bazeley said constant communication, including practicing together during the offseason, has been instrumental in helping her and Tiedt find chemistry.

"It takes a lot of trust. When I am up there, I can trust that he doesn't drop me, offering assurances that he has me," she said.

"We try to get to know each other...

and are not just doing doubles routines," Bazeley added.

Unexpected achievement

Tiedt admitted he didn't envision them earning second place in the national competition to qualify.

"Getting second at nationals, I was incredibly excited and a little bit shocked," he said.

They finished just 0.3 points behind the top finisher.

"I wasn't necessarily expecting to get second place, especially being that close to first place," he said.

Regardless of expectations, the duo is looking forward to heading to Australia.

Tiedt said it goes deeper than representing Wisconsin, which only had one other pair qualify for the world stage.

"I can't explain how excited I am to be

able to do this and go over to Australia and represent Wisconsin and Burlington," he said.

We are just trying to show, no matter where you come from – a small town like Burlington or a big city – you can still go and do great things and even make it on the world stage," Tiedt said.

Bazeley, who said she enjoys the camaraderie of the show ski industry, is equally thrilled.

She said the opportunity includes an expanded network of people celebrating shared interests.

"You get to meet so many people, and once you see them, you realize you have a lot in common with them," Bazeley said. "That is really cool."

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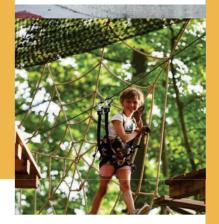
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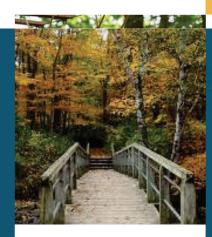
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