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Bulldogs top Hawks

A 10-0 scoring run gives the Cedarburg boys basketball team an edge against Grafton.

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Coming Friday

Tickets are still available for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra as it brings much holiday season cheer to Cedarburg.

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Move saves Cedarburg schools more than \$700,000

District refinancing long-term debt

By Lisa Curtis
News Graphic Staff

Cedarburg — The Cedarburg School District will save nearly three-quarters of \$1 million after refinancing its long-term debt late last month.

Thanks to a low interest rate, a high bond rating and a consideration to look at a different type of bond, the district will save \$713,883 over the next nine years.

The \$13.86 million debt includes the \$11,685,000 still owed on the \$22 million referendum voters approved in 2000 to renovate, remodel and improve Cedarburg High School, including replacing the pool and equipping an auxiliary gymnasium. Also included were renovations to Webster Transitional School.

Another \$2,175,000 will go toward the revenue limit debt, which was for the school district's share of the unfunded pension liability to the Wisconsin Retirement System, said Karen Dvornik, director of business services for the school district.

"This was to secure a lower interest rate than the state was assessing the district," she said.

School Board President Kevin Kennedy said the district's Moody's rating of A1 helped to lock in the rate, which is approximately 1.84 percent. Prior to the refinancing, the district was paying about 4 percent on the

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More photos

For more color photos from this week's Ozaukee County events, check out our Web site, www.gmtdaily.com/slide_shows.asp



All I want for Christmas is ...



Photos by Mark Justesen



Santa's Workshop in downtown Cedarburg was the next best thing to the North Pole Saturday as the jolly old elf shared some time with children. **Above:** Madilynn Baker of Grafton gives Santa what may have been the cutest wink that he has seen in a long time. **Top:** Bentley Nowakowski of Grafton seems amazed by the sight of Santa as his mom, Caitlyn, looks on. **Left:** Three-week-old Simon Clegg of Cedarburg is all dressed up for the occasion. His mother is Suzanne Clegg. **Right:** Marissa Jacoby of Cedarburg gives Santa a great big hug. For an online schedule of Santa's visits to the workshop, see www.cedarburgchristmas.com.



Tempers flare over treasurer pay hike

Some in town of Grafton question \$35,000 raise

By Steve Schuster
News Graphic Staff

Grafton — The town of Grafton held nearly a three-hour meeting last Wednesday, slated as a budget hearing, but because the town failed to advertise the meeting in accordance with state statutes, the actual budget hearing will not be held until Dec. 13, delaying the release of property tax bills.

"They will go out late," Town Chairman Lester Bartel told the News Graphic Monday. State law provides a Dec. 20 deadline and Bartel said the town will comply, despite the delay.

A large portion of the meeting included a heated exchange between some town residents and Bartel over a \$35,000 salary raise for his wife, Bonnie Bartel, who serves as town treasurer.

Former Town Clerk Darrel Mazzari is among the critics of the raise.

At one point Bartel responded sharply to the criticism when he said, "Darrel, you're implying something very dirty that you can't prove. You should be very, very, careful."

After a firing squad of criticism, Bartel's patience became thin after Mazzari interrupted.

"Darrel, can you just put a cork in it for a second and listen?" Bartel asked.

The premise of Mazzari's argument — the raise was too much.

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Thiensville enhances its Web presence

Newly renovated Web site designed to be more useful for village residents

By Gary Achterberg
News Graphic Staff

Thiensville — After nearly a year of work, the village of Thiensville launched a new Web site Thursday afternoon that includes a wealth of useful features.

"We think it's first class and we're very proud of it," said Andy La Fond, the director of public works, who also handles the village's technology projects.

The village board voted early last winter to contract with Civic Plus, a Kansas company that specializes in producing municipal Web sites. They came highly recommended by other nearby clients, including Grafton, Bayside, Richfield and Waunakee, he said.

Visitors to the new site will be greeted by art work that features

several Thiensville scenes, including the historic fire station on Main Street and ducks taking flight from the Milwaukee River near the Thiensville dam. A slide show in the center alternates between photographs of Thiensville scenes, including the farmer's market, the fish passage, Rotary Riverwalk and the recently remodeled village hall.

While there's no question the new Web site is spiffier and prettier, the real changes lie in the content.

Four prominent buttons toward the top of the page direct visitors to main areas: maps, online payments, notify me and let us know.

Village news items and other links also are prominently displayed. For instance, current village news includes the fire department's upcoming Breakfast with Santa.

Users also can get e-mail or text message notifications for a variety of areas that they can select, including emergency notifications and announcements of upcoming meetings. A calendar of events provides detailed information for activities by clicking on a day.

While Civic Plus provided much



To check out the village of Thiensville's renovated Web site, simply go to: www.village.thiensville.wi.us.

of the initial structure for the Web site, allowing the village to pick and choose from different offerings, village officials have put months of work into providing content and also creating pages beyond the initial 50 provided as part of the contract. La Fond said he and others have developed another 100 or so pages already.

As part of the roll-out of the new Web site, the village for the first time is able to accept online payments for

property tax and sewer bills as well as traffic and parking fines. It also features a "How Do I?" section that allows residents to find out how they can access a variety of village services, including disposing of yard waste, getting a building permit or licensing a pet.

The Web site also includes more extensive information on the

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ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS AND GENERATIONS



Fenzel-Pfiffner

Elizabeth Fenzel and Simon Pfiffner were married Dec. 30, 2011, at Lumen Christi Catholic Church in Mequon. A reception was held at The Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee.

The bride is the daughter of Judy and Joseph Fenzel of Mequon. She is a 2002 graduate of Homestead High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is a certified public accountant and is employed as a financial reporting analyst at Brunswick Corporation in Lake Forest, Ill.

The groom is the son of Laurie and Tom Pfiffner of Lodi. He is a 2002 graduate of Lodi High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He also earned a Master's of Systems Engineering degree from Pennsylvania State University in 2012. He is employed as a senior engineer at Bombardier Recreational Products in Sturtevant, where he designs Evinrude outboard motors.

Lauren Fenzel, twin sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. Bridesmaids were Alexandra Fenzel and Gabrielle Fenzel, sisters of the bride, and UW-Madison friends Emily Stark and Amy Gerson. Zachary Pfiffner, the groom's twin brother, was the best man. The groomsmen were Ben Bilkey, Adam Schlicht, Elie Engler and Geoff Lorenz, all fellow graduates of UW-Madison.

Elizabeth and Simon honeymooned in Maui and reside in Libertyville, Ill.



Zinna-Friesch

Andy and Ann Friesch of Cedarburg announce the engagement of their son, Michael Friesch to Kelly Zinna, the daughter of Anita Soleres of St. Louis.

The bride to be is a 2003 graduate of Parkway South and a 2007 graduate of Indiana University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Cedarburg High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance. He is employed as a commercial banking relationship manager at Wells Fargo in Austin, Texas.

An April 27, 2013, wedding is being planned.



Five generations

Marion Wuenne of Milwaukee, front row right, is pictured with her great-great grandson, Jake Sarauer, town of Trenton, and back row, her grandson, Steve Sarauer of the town of Farmington, her daughter, Beverly Sarauer of Milwaukee and her grandson, Steve Sarauer of Illinois. Her son, Merle Wuenne, not pictured, is a resident of the town of Grafton. Marion, 99, is planning her 100th birthday party celebration to be held next September.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples by the Ozaukee County Clerk:
Jonathan Edward Berg of Cedarburg and **Stacy Ann Victor** of Cedarburg
James Edward Wick of Grafton and **Jayne Marie Wick** of Grafton
Paul Jay Charney of Grafton and **Michele Lee Genteman** of Grafton
Harry Allen Youngbauer of Thiensville and **Glorie Beth DeMoe** of Milton
Jason Ryan Graham of Butler and **Jessica Danielle Bechtel** of Grafton

Refinance: Good bond rating aids school district

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borrowing and debt service.

"This is quite a bit more savings than we were estimating just a few months ago," Kennedy said.

According to a Moody's report, the district has healthy reserve levels, ongoing stable financial operations and above-average residential income indices.

"This high bond rating is an indicator of a school district's strong financial stability and enables the district to borrow at lower rates," Dvornik said. "Currently there are only nine other districts with a comparable credit rating and six with a higher rating of Aaa."

It listed the district's challenges as moderate declines in the district's tax-base value and recent reductions in state aid.

Jeff Brey, the chairman of the school board's personnel and finance committee, credits member Chris Reimer with suggesting that the district's adviser at Robert W. Baird look at a taxable bond rather than the traditional tax-free bonds, which generally offer better rates, but for a limited time.

Dvornik said refinancing will result in a reduced tax levy beginning in 2014 and through 2012.

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Budget: Public budget hearing slated for Dec. 13

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"Last year was a perfect storm for elections. We had recalls, we had primaries, we had Senate, we had presidential. That's not going to happen again in three years ... What I would suggest is keeping the treasurer the same (at a \$14,665 salary, not \$50,000), let her bill her extra hours that are necessary and monitor it for a year and see what it will be in a normal year," Mazzari said.

Throughout the night, Lester Bartel defended Bonnie Bartel and the raise that he said he abstained from voting on in the first place. He noted that lowering salaries now would only decrease morale.

"How often do you want to call your employees and tell them we're paying you different today?" Lester Bartel asked.

Lester Bartel also noted that his wife would have made nearly \$45,000 in 2012, due to the extra hours bills.

"So she didn't get a \$35,000 increase," he said.

But those comments did not stop sparks from flying.

Also critical of current staffing, resident Chester Ceille said to Lester Bartel, "You have to challenge yourself to do things more efficiently."

But Bartel contends efficiency is already a top priority.

"We are extremely efficient, we are doing the work with 2 1/2 people that we did with four people before, and doing it better," Lester Bartel said.

But Ceille asked for more transparency, suggesting that town employees keep better track of their hours and itemize how that time is actually spent.

"It's commonly done in business and it would answer a lot of these questions," Ceille said.

Plan Commissioner Bob Wolf replied, "If a lot of people in this audience would attend the supervisors meeting, the plan commission meetings and the open space meetings, they would have a first-hand knowledge of what our town staff does to prepare and the information that is necessary."

But former Town Chairman Neil Rosenberg, who was also in attendance, sided with critics.

"We don't need more than one administrative assistant, and now you

have two of them in the office," Rosenberg said.

"It's ridiculous; they created a position for her (Bonnie Bartel) that is really the responsibility of the town clerk," Rosenberg said in a follow up interview.

Town resident Joan Grunwald, who was also critical of the town's salaries, did a bit of her own homework and actually cited salary comparisons of neighboring municipalities during the meeting.

But throughout the night, town officials defended staffing issues and town Supervisor Karron Stockwell's comments were no exception.

"I've been here for 13 years on the plan commission or as a supervisor and this is the best group of employees we've ever had," Stockwell said.

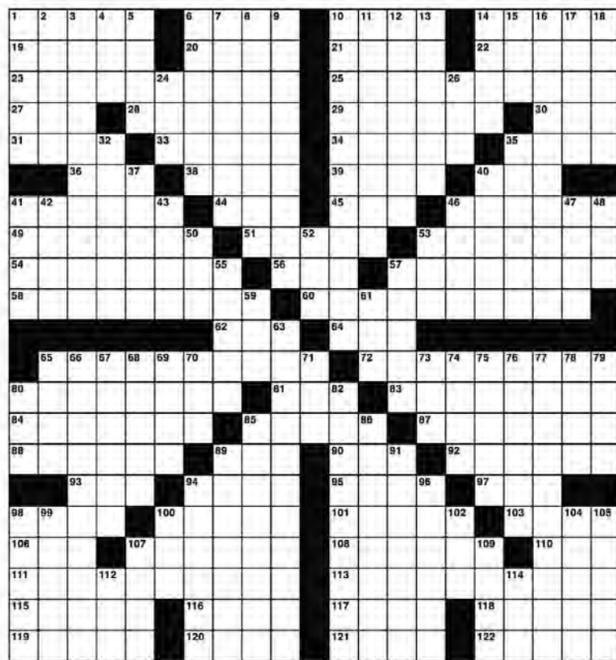
The town of Grafton will host its budget public hearing, special town meeting of the electors, and special board meeting regarding the proposed 2013 budget at the town hall on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

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A LITTLE EXTRA By Jeff Chen / Edited by Will Shortz

Note: Fourteen symmetrically placed answers in this puzzle are each missing a part ... which can be found elsewhere in the grid.

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| Across | 45 Carrier letters? | 93 Morgan le ... (Arthurian sorceress) | 4 Excommunicator of Martin Luther |
| 1 It might appear on a spine | 46 Je ne sais quoi | 94 "The Labors of Hercules" painter Guido | 5 German one |
| 6 In the thick of | 49 His tomb is a pilgrimage site for both Muslims and Jews | 95 Marquee name | 6 Dangerous liaisons, often |
| 10 The "C" of FDIC: Abbr. | 51 Occupy, as a booth | 97 Kaurian ring | 7 1992 Denzel Washington title role |
| 14 Muslim moguls | 53 To whom it is said "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark" | 98 Mmes. of España | 8 Spanish churches |
| 19 "The Wrestler" actress | 54 Danish, e.g. | 100 Wipe out, in surfing lingo | 9 Sorry state |
| 20 Trio on camels | 56 Grave letters | 101 Converted into bundles for a loft | 10 Script writer's study? |
| 21 The brother in "Am I my brother's keeper?" | 57 Big Red Machine hustler | 103 Thwarted of HAL | 11 Like a good butler |
| 22 Monosyllabic state | 58 Four-time role for Patrick Stewart | 106 Spank but good | 12 King's things |
| 23 Bialys | 60 Almost every man in the world has one | 107 Allure | 13 Quest of the astronomer Percival Lowell |
| 25 Fussy about rules | 62 Myra of "Cheaper by the Dozen" | 108 1970s-'80s F.B.I. sting | 14 Athos, Porthos and Aramis, e.g. |
| 27 Wrestling achievement | 64 Indeed | 110 Xanthippe, e.g. | 15 Beano competitor |
| 28 Cup holder | 65 Followers of a boom? | 111 A spy will often cross them | 16 Renches a nadir |
| 29 Rain-forest flora | 72 More precise alternative to scissors | 113 Widely used term declared "undignified" by John Paul II | 17 Ouzo herb |
| 30 Contrail source, once: Abbr. | 80 Largest moon in the solar system | 115 Liquefy | 18 Quakers and Shakers |
| 31 Jurassic suffix | 81 Bottom line, maybe | 116 Part of N.B. | 24 Snoop Lion's genre |
| 33 Novel writing, e.g. | 83 "You try!" | 117 Squared up | 26 Muscle below a delt |
| 34 Key in a chain, maybe | 84 Deerees | 118 Centuries, e.g. | 32 Smell like |
| 35 Two of them make a sawbuck | 85 Neighbor of Niger | 119 Centuries, e.g. | 35 Triple Crown jockey Eddie |
| 36 Having everything one needs | 87 One of a pair of druids | 120 Grab, with "oato" | 37 Rubbish |
| 38 Victoria's Secret purchase | 88 Lunar mission commanded by Thomas P. Stafford | 121 "What ...?" | 40 Cuts back on |
| 39 Walk, e.g. | 89 Ad ... | 122 Wield, as influence | 41 Dickens schemer |
| 40 Whiz | 90 Frat.'s counterpart | | 42 Shade of bleu |
| 41 Tormentors of a sort | 92 Cousins of honey badgers | | 43 Dates |
| 44 Goat's cry | | | 46 Pic |
| | | | 47 Seine tributary |
| | | | 48 Sushi bar topping |
| | | | 50 Part of U.N.L.V. |
| | | | 52 One of the X's in X-X-X |
| | | | 53 Hesitate in speech |
| | | | 55 Nick of "Cape Fear" |



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| 57 Hunt in the wrong place? | 68 Simon & Garfunkel's "For ... Whenever I May Find Her" | 77 Summer cooler | 98 Measures |
| 59 Révolution target | 69 City near Virginia City | 78 Clichéd prison contraband item | 99 Accumulated |
| 61 Actor Stephen | 70 YouTube video leads | 79 Verb with "vous" | 100 Print option: Abbr. |
| 63 Mustachioed cartoon character | 71 Hebrew N | 80 Indian tourist haven | 102 Part of a horse's pedigree |
| 65 Fictional writer in a John Irving best seller | 73 Bit of ink, slangily | 81 Novelty glasses | 104 Knight's attribute |
| 66 Historical transition point | 74 Sheep's genus | 82 Malformed | 105 Discharge |
| 67 South African antelopes | 75 Turkey's Atatürk | 83 Pamper, say | 106 Knight's attribute |
| | 76 Caught | 84 Willing to consider | 107 Observes |
| | | 85 Vitamin A | 109 Plant, maybe |
| | | 91 Novelty glasses | 112 Comic book mutants |
| | | 94 G's opposite | 114 Wii alternative |
| | | 96 Fresh | |

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