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## POSITIVELY PETS

Large reminders of Washington County Humane Society's mission installed on roof



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Architect Mark Lefebvre, right, watches on as crews secure the 275-pound, six-foot-tall fiberglass cat onto the roof. It was the first of the three statues to be placed.

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TOWN OF POLK — On Monday, the Washington County Humane Society welcomed three large reminders of its mission to serve the county's animals and people with the installation of three fiberglass statues onto the newly reconstructed facility's roof.

Crew members installed statues of a 350-pound, nine-foot cat, a 275-pound, six-foot dog and a 25-pound, two-foot bird. Placed beside the entrance, the statues are visible to motorists on Highway 60. The statues' installation is one of the final steps to complete the \$7 million renovation of WCHS.

"If you've seen what it was before to what it's become, it's a major transformation," said Architect Mark Lefebvre. "Everyone working there seems happy. The animals are happy."

The new building was designed to reduce the stress of animals through increased soundproofing, natural light, separation between cats and dogs, cat enrichment rooms and common playrooms. The expansion will also help provide quality education programming to community members and additional services.

The project is expected to increase adoptions by 15 percent due to increased space to show animals. More people are also expected to stop



WCHS volunteer Sandy Balzer and Tiger stand beside the two-foot fiberglass bird statue. Tiger is one of the many animals at WCHS available for adoption.



On Monday, fiberglass statues of a dog, cat and bird were placed on the roof of the Washington County Humane Society as a reminder of the organization's mission. The statues are visible from Highway 60.

by to see the new facility.

"People say you spend all that money on animals, but really, you're helping the people who come in to get the animals too. It's not just about the animals," said Lefebvre.

The new building also includes a retail space, fenced-in courtyard and separate entrances for the general public and those dropping off animals.

As the project wraps up, there are just a few more

items left to complete, including installation of new dog kennels, flooring repairs, adoption spaces, finishing the roof and paint touch-ups.

"It's such a better and safer environment," said Conrad Accola, superintendent for Altius Building Company. He explained that the courtyard was constructed around a tree, which redefined circulation of the whole building.

Businesses who worked on the multi-million dollar project did so because they too stand behind the humane society's mission, he said.

"We really have a great team here. Everybody that worked here bought into the humane society's whole mission. That made it a lot of fun," said Accola.

On Saturday, WCHS will hold an open house from 2-4:30 p.m. with light refreshments and adoptable animals available for viewing. The event is sponsored by Altius Building Company and L&A Crystal.

WCHS is also planning to have a giving tree decorated with ornaments. Each ornament lists a different item needed by the humane society. WCHS expects to have the tree up through the end of the month, and possibly throughout the summer.

For more information about WCHS, or to view programs such as Romp With The Animals and dog training classes, visit [www.wch-spets.org](http://www.wch-spets.org).

## Bucks bring 'great buzz downtown'

Restaurant, hotel associations say team has positive economic impact on Greater Milwaukee



Photo courtesy of Mike Roemer/Milwaukee Bucks

Fans walk around outside the Fiserv Forum at the Deer District Sunday night.

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WUKESHA — With the Milwaukee Bucks winning the third game in the NBA Finals Sunday night, Bucks fans are showing support for their team and are also patronizing local restaurants, bars, hotels and stores.

According to Visit Milwaukee, the economic impact for each home finals game is expected to be over \$3 million. On Sunday, approximately 25,000 people packed into the Deer District to watch the game outside the Fiserv Forum, cheering the Bucks to victory.

Nick Johnson, local chapter president and CEO of the Wisconsin Hotel and Lodging Association, said statistics related to Sunday's game and hotel stays will likely be available next week.

However, from what he's heard, there's been a positive impact on hotels throughout the Greater Milwaukee area.

"Staffing and labor conditions have been kind of tough on hotels," he said. "I think the ones that had good staffing scenarios were able to take advantage of the demand coming into the market ... I think when those travel reports come back we're going to be pleased with the occupancy reports that we see." Johnson said the indus-

try has recently been through a lot and events such as this indicate strong recovery.

Wisconsin Restaurant Association President and CEO Kristine Hillmer told The Freeman that because it's been 47 years since the Bucks were in the finals, it's something businesses are getting to enjoy for the first time in a while, as compared to other sports — such as the Packers being in the Super Bowl.

"There is a wide variety of ways that consumers can celebrate the Bucks, whether it's at home and doing carry-out or going to a bar or restaurant or even going down to the Deer District," she said.

Sports Corner Bar and Grill owner Robin Bird said the Bucks have brought in more business at his bar, around a 20-30% uptick compared to a normal night. The sports bar and restaurant is located at 12793 W. Fond Du Lac Ave., Germantown.

Bird said while the bar is usually dead on a Sunday night, it was busy this past Sunday.

"It's good for the community, that's all I can say ... I don't do anything, they just come on in," he said. "I've seen an uptick — especially on Wednesday night ... because Wednesday night is my busiest day of the week, I sell chicken wings."

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## Hartford's Maxwell Street Day is Wednesday

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HARTFORD — On Wednesday, July 14, the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Maxwell Street Day event throughout the city from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

"Come and enjoy the city-wide Maxwell Street Day," Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Doreen Buntrock said. "Enjoy all the wonderful businesses and vendors throughout Hartford."

There will be three main hubs

including downtown Main Street, Schubert's Theatre, and Sawyer Park. Activities will be available all day at Sawyer Park, food vendors will be at Schubert's Theatre, and local stores will be open for shopping throughout Main Street in downtown.

The activities at Sawyer Park include Yoga in the Park with Heather Sharp at 10 a.m., Meet a Hot Air Balloon pilot from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and live music will be performed by The Doice Duo from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"There will also be wine served all day with Michael Lo Duca of Lo

Duca," Buntrock said. "They will educate you on their wine company."

This Wine on the Hill event will start at 10 a.m. Food vendors at Schubert's Theatre will feature BBQ Co. Grill & Catering, Perez Produce, Schwendi's Homegrown Veggies, Herther's Homegrown Produce, Critter's Produce & Pumpkins, Steger Century Farm, and Homemade Natural Products.

Maxwell Street Day is located at 33 North Main Street. For more information, visit online at <http://hartfordchamber.com/events/details/maxwell-street-day-6228>.



Submitted photo

The Hartford community participating in a previous Maxwell Street Day.

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# Blue Lotus announces live music series

TOWN OF TRENTON — Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center is providing an accompaniment to nature with a music series in August. The center will be hosting Wisconsin musicians on their scenic boardwalk, combing the talent of local artists with the relaxing atmosphere of a lazy Sunday at the pond.

“Tunes at the Lagoon” will be every Sunday in August from 10 a.m.-noon at Blue Lotus, 5501 County Road M.

Blue Lotus said it is proud to be supporting local musicians, especially after a difficult year for live performers. Well-liked Frogwater, Painted Caves, LUDuo: Jasper Kashou/Aaron Brenton, Fred Bliffert and Holly Haebig/Jeff Bray will entertain while people relax by the pond.

Coffee and bakery will be available for purchase.

Blue Lotus believes in the healing qualities of music, and how it can bring people together. The center is inviting everyone to celebrate music and nature.

Advance registration is required. There is no fee, but recommended \$10 donation per person.

To view all the details and sign up online, go to [bluelotusfarms.org/events](http://bluelotusfarms.org/events) or call at 262-675-2473.

The music lineup schedule is Frogwater on Aug. 1, Painted Caves on Aug. 8, LUDuo: Jasper Kashou/Aaron Brenton on Aug. 15, Fred Bliffert on Aug. 22, and Holly Haebig/Jeff Bray on Aug. 29.



Milwaukee-based musicians Holly Haebig and Jeff Bray have been singing together for more than 15 years, and will play at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center on Aug. 29. Their voices are accompanied by guitars, flutes and percussion.



Frogwater will play at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center on Aug. 1. John “Jack” and Susan Nicholson are renowned for their musical virtuosity and exuberant live performances.

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## H-D Museum to break ground on event space

MILWAUKEE — The Harley-Davidson Museum has reopened in Milwaukee and with it the groundbreaking for a new event space on Thursday.

Once completed, the “Garage” space will have more than 8,000 square feet of event space, floor-to-ceiling views of the Menomonee Valley, state-of-the-art audio/visual components and more. The new space is anticipated to be completed in spring 2022.

Peggy Williams-Smith, president and CEO of VISIT Milwaukee, will join Bill Davidson, vice president of the Harley-Davidson Museum, for the groundbreaking on Thursday.

The museum recently began holding Bike Nights and weekend demos again.

The Bike Night Concert Series runs on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Sept. 16. During the events there will be free live music and outdoor food and beverage.

Demo Rides available are also available at H-D Museum campus Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors with their motorcycle endorsement (and who bring their own helmet and riding gear) will be able to choose from a dozen of the latest



Submitted rendering of the interior of the Garage on the Harley-Davidson Museum is proposed to look like after completion in 2022.

Harley-Davidson mikes, including Touring, Softail and Sportster models. Plus, the all-new Pan America motorcycle will be available on a limited basis. A predetermined scenic route through the Menomonee Valley will give riders the chance to explore the museum’s surrounding neighborhoods.

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## Friends of West Bend Parks to host Regner Fest this weekend

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WEST BEND — Regner Fest will be held from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. On Friday, there will be live music from DJ Steve and Bella Cain. DJ Steve will perform from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Bella Cain will perform from 7:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. The Bail Jumpers will perform from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday. These music performances will take place at the Silver Lining Stage at Regner Park Pavilion.

There will not be a cover charge. Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the event. On Saturday, Cousins Subs will support The Ninja Kids with mini subs available for purchase at lunch.

Many events will take place including face painting, wacky hair, bounce houses, activity tents, and West Bend Little League & Girls Fast Pitch Softball Demos.

Last year, Friends of West Bend lost about \$50,000 due to events being canceled, but they hope to raise \$50,000 this year for various projects for the West Bend Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. Fundraising for the parks department will also take place at Regner Fest.

Regner Fest will be held in Regner Park, 800 N. Main St.

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