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Mayville Manufacturing Leaves Lasting Impression on Congressman

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JOURNALIST

The Mayville Jr./Sr. High School (MJSHS) has a little well-known secret, it's called Mayville Manufacturing. Mayville Manufacturing is an advanced Technical Education class. This isn't just an ordinary shop class, it is a class of students that are knowledgeable and skilled. They are learning a variety of trades and some of the inner workings of running a business.

Wisconsin's sixth district congressman, Glenn Grothman, was given an insightful tour of the facility on February 21, and took note of the program and its success at MJSHS.

Mayville Manufacturing was first started in December of 2015 as Cardinal



Trey Janzer (center) explaining a truck bed rebuild project to Congressman Glenn Grothman during the Congressman's tour of the Mayville Manufacturing program at MJSHS.

KARI KARNITZ PHOTO



HORICON

Horicon Boys Basketball

The Marshmen finished the regular season with a 16-8 (9-5) record.

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LOMIRA

Lomira to Debut Badger Books System during Spring Election

The Village of Lomira will be using the Badger Books system for their elections starting April 2.

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MAYVILLE

Mayville Cares

Nine area community members create a new non-profit foundation.

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Full Council for Mayville

ANNE TRAUTNER
JOURNALIST

The City of Mayville has a full common council after new alderpersons were appointed during a special meeting on Monday, March 4.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor John Guinn appointed Nick Stoeckel and Nicholas Lodahl to replace Kenneth Neumann and Kim Olson as alderpersons for wards five and six. According to Guinn, the city had received written verified charges from four Mayville residents seeking removal of Neumann and Olson from office.

"The charges allege removal for cause is warranted based on 'neglect of duty' and 'inefficiency of duty,'" Guinn wrote in letters he sent to Neumann and Olson.

According to Wisconsin State Statute 17.12(3), a mayor of any city may suspend from office any officer whose removal is sought and appoint an officer to discharge the duties until such charges have been disposed of.

A hearing on the charges is scheduled to be held before the Mayville Common Council on April 15 at 8 p.m. in Mayville City Hall.

Olson and Neumann have been accused of not participating in common council meetings scheduled for Feb. 12, 15 and 26.

The agenda for the Feb. 12 meeting

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Horicon Begins Planning for East Walnut and North Cedar Street Project

CLARICE CASE
EDITOR

The Horicon Common Council approved two motions relating to an East Walnut and North Cedar Street reconstruction project at the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The first was to approve a professional services agreement with MSA Professional Services Inc. for a preliminary engineering design in the amount of \$84,870. The second motion was to approve a 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and environmental review through MSA in the amount of \$14,000.

Residents in this area were surveyed, and it was found around 58% were low to moderate income and that qualifies the city for the opportunity to apply for the CDBG. You could receive one million dollars in grant money for a \$1.5 million dollar project. Representatives from MSA believe Horicon has a competitive application, especially based on past applicants' data from last year.

Council Matters:

• Mayor Josh Maas introduced the new interim police chief, Daniel Furseth, who

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Theresa Road Project Update

BEN PRIESGEN
JOURNALIST

On February 27, the Village of Theresa with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, J.E. Arthur Associates, Inc., PTS Contractors, and Theresa Department of Public Works had their pre-construction meeting for the Mayville Street road project.

This project will take place only within the limits of the Village of Theresa's portion of Highway 28/67/Mayville Street starting on Monday, March 4.

The purpose of this project is to replace aging sewer and water utilities within village limits and to avoid any possible settling of the underground road base

when the Department of Transportation highway pavement improvement project occurs next year between Mayville and Theresa.

All permits have been obtained and road closure signs have been posted as required for the scheduled start date of March 4.

The original detour route has been revised to move the full road closure to County Highway AY instead of County Highway V in Mayville since the portion of this project will be only the Village of Theresa's portion at this time.

The posted detour route will be for usage to the state highways and the traffic

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Industries. It is a program focused on metal manufacturing with an emphasis on being sustainable by selling completed projects and putting those proceeds back into the program to purchase equipment. The program has been able to purchase a 3D printer, a laser engraver and a CNC plasma table, while other equipment has been donated by area businesses.

These students put their skills to good use designing and building various projects. Some of these projects are for local organizations such as the Legion or the Mayville Rotary; students built the original kayak racking system and last year, designed, built, and installed the new kayak shed in City Park. The class has built a couple of bandstands for Main Street Mayville and the Theresa Lion's Club.

"All designed and created by our group of kids," stated Dave Seiler, Technical and Engineering Education teacher at MJSHS. The students in this class have had to meet certain class prerequisites of having taken a metals and woods class prior to signing up for the Mayville Manufacturing class.

Recently, a local farmer had a tragic barn fire and lost some equipment. Trey Janzer, an employee at the farm and one of the class leaders, saw a way the class could help.

"We had a barn fire this summer and this plastic roller, a Bunk roller, got destroyed in the fire," said Janzer. The students took measurements off the old frame and added some features. They designed, cut the metal, welded and painted the new roller mechanism. "We designed and fabricated a new one based off the size of the old one, but we changed it a little bit with something that would work a little bit better and be a bit more suitable for the farm application," explained Janzer.

The class raises funds through the sale of projects used for materials and equipment but also donates back to the community.

"We've provided over \$4,000 dollars in scholarships to people pursuing a technical college degree," said Seiler. "We've been in the works of being able to provide a donation to a family in need due to the mother having cancer and we were able to donate \$500 in gift cards to that family on February 20. Giving back is definitely one of the most important parts of Mayville Manufacturing."

Three to four years ago, Metalcraft reached out to the group because they needed help with some welding projects that they didn't have staffing to complete.

"It was a great opportunity," explained Seiler. "We would pick up the material, weld everything to their specs and specifications. They treated us just like an actual business. We were just like a regular vendor of theirs."

Many of today's kids do not have plans to go on to college. Some have plans to go right into the trades or go to a tech school to get the needed skills to run their own businesses down the road.

STREET WELLS

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infrastructure, this act was designed to increase protection and allow the utility to detect, respond to, and recover from physical or cyber threats and attacks."

She says most of the space is taken up by the iron filter, and the reason for the height of the building is to allow natural light in to make it easier to see for making repairs and easier access to the hatches at the top of the filter which meets the updated code regulations.

Steger also knows the remainder of well houses in the city

do not comply and have caused "significant access issues."

She shares that there will be a grand opening at the new well house once it is fully completed,

which she suspects will be sometime this year. It is all dependent on shipping and the availability of iron filtration and electrical components.



The front of the new well house located on Kekoskee Street.
CLARICE CASE PHOTO



Mayville Manufacturing's Mr. Seiler along with students and Congressman Glenn Grothman.

KARI KARNITZ PHOTOS



Mr. Seiler describing to Congressman Grothman the school's resin printer's project and capabilities.



Trey Janzer and Sam Fink giving Congressman Grothman a tour of MJSHS's Mayville Manufacturing shop area.

Janzer explained, "We have the exact machines in our shop as you would have in a factory set-up. They might be a little bit smaller than some of these big operations, but they are the exact same thing."

Having access to these types of machines is giving the students a jump start on what they plan to do after high school by teaching them how to operate some of the same machines they might see in the workforce.

Two of the students were put into leadership roles based on the work they have shown over the previous three years; seniors Trey Janzer and Sam Fink are planning ahead for their futures.

"We've just been learning a lot about the organization and how to actually run a business and manage projects and people," stated Fink. "We're learning to read financial statements. When we have a scheduled project, customers are expecting us to get stuff done by a certain deadline [and on budget]."

During the tour, Grothman reiterated that what makes Wisconsin great is its roots in the manufacturing sector.

Grothman stated, "This is very impressive. I will talk about this with other people."

Mayville Cares: Empowering Change in a Deserving Community

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JOURNALIST

It seems to be a common trend: small, rural communities lacking the funding to support their parks and the facilities that made them great communities for people to live. Mayville is not alone in this common trend which is the reason behind the creation of a newly formed non-profit community foundation, Mayville Cares, consisting of nine area community members.

Mayville Cares Board of Directors President, Scott Hilber, a long-time Mayville resident, along with the other board members, recognized, "Mayville is a great community, a great place to live and work, but like anything else, there's always room for improvements. We just need a group to focus on the area of facility improvements. We don't want to limit ourselves to just parks. We want to eventually be able to be open to an idea that someone brings to the board because it would be really cool for Mayville."

Initial project ideas are currently focused on Mayville parks, as that is where the need is at the moment. The group's first initial project is to start small.

Hilber notes, "We have the kayak launch here in Mayville and we want to make that ADA compliant."

Additional project ideas would be to revitalize and bring back the grandstand at Fireman's Park, replace worn out playground equipment at community parks, and make improvements to Ziegler Park. A possible future big project idea is the creation of a splash pad for the community.

Hilber recollects, "I remember as a child growing up in Mayville, the swimming pool and how important that was to families."

"I've always compared everything to Mayville. It's a pretty fantastic community and we just want to help Mayville reach its potential as a destination place for people of all ages," stated Hilber. "Mayville was a great place to grow up as a kid and now a fantastic place to work and live. I want to look at Mayville and say it's also a great place to retire."

Mayville Cares feels great communities draw people in to live and visit. They have great amenities. The plan goes further than just updating parks. They want people to come and visit, bring their business to Mayville, and want to come back to Mayville.

"There was a time when Mayville baseball would have hosted a sectional championship or a Legion baseball championship. Those things have gone by the wayside just because our current facilities have deteriorated."

"People want to go where places are nice. We can bring those people back to the City of Mayville. The foundation plans give an opportunity to increase revenue. Everyone then reaps the benefits..."

"We had a situation last year. We had the opportunity to host sectionals in softball, whether Mayville was playing or not. We had the opportunity to bring two communities into our town and we had to pass on it just because of our facilities and the conditions they were in," said Hilber.

As an example, "You can look over to Horicon last year. They just built a brand new track facility and they hosted a sectional meet where they brought in 32 teams from other communities to their town. Mayville Cares wants to create a community that leaves a good impression on those visiting our community so that they want to come back," expressed Hilber.

For the foundation to do all these things, it will require funding. Mayville Cares is hosting a fundraising banquet in the middle of March. The banquet will give the community a chance to learn more about their mission and bring a start to their fundraising efforts in order to begin their initial project.

To learn more or donate, go to Mayville Cares Facebook Page or www.mayvillecares.com. The website lists the foundation's initial and future projects and will be a place to stay up to date on fundraising efforts.