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Rick Riehl holds the hand of a supporter before a Nov. 7 dedication ceremony in his honor at a Concordia University football game in Mequon. Riehl was diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare degenerative brain disorder, and passed away Nov. 29.

Rick Riehl enters the West Bend Wall of Fame

An honorable man

By NICHOLAS DETTMANN
Daily News

Nearly seven months have passed since beloved coach and teacher Rick Riehl died of a rare brain disease.

His widow, Donna, admits things have been hard, but, "I've made tremendous progress."

Tonight is another chance for reflection for family and friends during the annual West Bend high schools senior student-athlete awards ceremony.

During the ceremony, he will be inducted onto the West Bend

Athletics Wall of Fame. Jennifer Sell (East, Class of 1989) will also be inducted, but will be recognized during homecoming in the fall.

Rick died Nov. 29 after a brief battle with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. He was 67.

"I think it would've meant everything to him," said Donna, his wife of 44 years. "He needed to know and wanted to know that he did make a difference in people's lives."

His daughter, Tara, will accept the honor on her late father's behalf.

"There's a lot of mixed feelings," she said. "It's something he wanted for as long as I could remember. Him not being there to receive the honor is hard. I'm proud and sad, a lot of things at once."

Another honor awaits Rick in September when he is inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

While honored their beloved husband and father is getting the recognition they've long known he deserved, their only regret is it is all happening without him to enjoy it.

Tara tried to get that done. Unfortunately, time came up short. Rick died about two months after his diagnosis.

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Riehl, 1984

Hartford's deals for downtown shaping up

Developers contacted for proposed brew pub

By JOE VANDELAARSCHOT
Daily News

Negotiations continue with property owners on the potential site of a hotel in downtown Hartford. Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Scott Henke believes a deal could be reached soon with property owners so construction of the hotel could begin later this year.

"We're talking about the parking lot behind the Mineshaft and properties near there and in front of the library. There's also the O'Meara law office," Henke said.

The chamber is one of several stakeholders involved in completing redevelopment of the city's downtown. Downtown has quickly become the center of growth interest in Hartford thanks to the work of a partnership of

private, nonprofit and government leaders. The team is co-chaired by Mayor Tim Michalak and Hartford Area Development Corp. Executive Director Tom Hostad.

Recent focus includes ongoing progress toward the hotel, the recruitment of a brew-pub tenant for the historic Millstream building, the purchase and renovation of several long-vacant or underutilized buildings by local developers, and partnerships for development of key catalytic sites.

"The PMT is actively working with a hotel developer interested in a downtown hotel site adjacent to the Mineshaft and the Jack Russell Memorial Library," Hostad said.

"Talks with the developer have been positive and the project is moving toward a targeted construction timeline. In addition to advancing the work of a partnership of

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A parking lot near the Jack Russell Memorial Library is seen Tuesday afternoon in Hartford. A proposed hotel is looking at the space across the library.

Apprentice program to prep teens for job placement

Goal of involving up to 200 students

By ALEX BELD
Daily News

A rekindled program will help West Bend high school students find work through apprenticeships by the time they graduate in an effort to create career- and college-ready graduates.

Craig Farrell, Chamber of Commerce executive director, said the plan is to roll out the program next year. It is a collaborative effort between the superintendent, the West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce and the chamber's Education Committee.

The program existed in the 1980s and '90s, but school district Superintendent Tad Netzke said it was idled

because of a healthy labor force.

"We're trying to make it bullet-proof now," Netzke said.

The school district has identified eight strategies to achieve their goals. They include a mixture of increased participation in advanced placement and career technical education courses, job shadowing, co-ops, youth apprenticeships and community service, along with the creation of interdisciplinary units to expose students to work-force skills.

"We are shooting for 150 to 200 students participating each year," Farrell said.

Sydney Danielson, a sophomore at the West Bend high schools, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to pursue nursing or

become a pediatrician. However, she said the program could still be beneficial in terms of gaining hands-on experience for resume-building.

"I think it's a great idea," Danielson said. "Not everyone graduates with scholarships."

Information gathered by the West Bend School District indicates that 65 percent of the district's graduates enroll in college immediately after high school and 43 percent complete a degree from a four-year or two-year school within six years. That leaves up to 37 percent who enter the work force immediately.

The school district also found that 58 percent of area employers indicated plans to expand in the next three years.

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West Bend West sophomore Josh Bohn works on his compression test during the introductory automotive class Tuesday afternoon in West Bend.



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TONIGHT
 Clear
 40

TOMORROW
 Sunny
 67/44

FRIDAY
 Partly sunny
 66/46

SATURDAY
 Mostly sunny
 68/48

SUNDAY
 Mostly sunny
 71/49

REGIONAL FORECAST

WISCONSIN
 Superior 66/41, Ashland 70/45, Florence 72/42, Wausau 68/46, Green Bay 71/45, Eau Claire 69/45, Beaver Dam 69/45, West Bend 67/44, La Crosse 63/48, Oshkosh 66/45, Appleton 69/43, Milwaukee 61/42, Chicago 65/46, Madison 68/46, Waukesha 67/45, Rockford 67/45

ALMANAC
 Highest Low yesterday: 57/41
 Normal High/Low: 53/43
 Last year's high for date: 76
 Last year's low for date: 47
 Precipitation, West Bend: 0.00"
 Precipitation, Milwaukee: 0.00"
 Precip. month to date: 1.53"
 Normal month to date: 1.75"
 Precip. year to date: 8.28"
 Normal year to date: 11.02"
 Precipitation is the least amount of rain, snow and sleet.

HEAT INDEX TOMORROW
 A composite of the effects of temperature and humidity on the human body.
 8 a.m.: 44
 Noon: 63
 4 p.m.: 65
 8 p.m.: 62

HEATING DEGREE
 An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.
 Yesterday, Milwaukee: 17
 Month to date: 222
 Year to date: 5959
 Normal season to date: 6701

MOONSET TOMORROW
 6:10 p.m.
MOONRISE TOMORROW
 4:30 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST Thursday, May 19, 2016

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN
 Tonight: Clear. Lows around 40. South winds up to 5 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight.
 Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds up to 10 mph.

MARINE FORECAST
Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
 Tonight: Southeast wind 5 to 10 knots veering south late in the evening.
 Lake Michigan water temperature is 48 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST
 The UV-I forecast for Thursday is **10**
 UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 75 Low: 64	CHICAGO High: 66 Low: 46	DALLAS High: 72 Low: 64
DENVER High: 69 Low: 47	LOS ANGELES High: 67 Low: 66	MIAMI High: 80 Low: 77
MINNEAPOLIS High: 70 Low: 49	NEW YORK High: 70 Low: 54	PHOENIX High: 95 Low: 72
SEATTLE High: 59 Low: 48	ST. LOUIS High: 72 Low: 54	WASHINGTON High: 70 Low: 52

FROM THE FRONT

Riehl: Led team to West Bend's only basketball title

"I would love to have seen the pleasure he would've gotten," Donna said. "He will be receiving it. He'll be looking down."

And Donna knows what kind of speech her husband would've had lined up.

"There would've been humor, but also giving credit to all the people who supported him," she said.

"I was in awe of him and appreciated him every day of our married life in that I allowed him to pursue that passion," Donna added. "It took a lot of time and energy from us and our family. I knew that was his passion. But I wanted to help him pursue it."

It's moments like these that make it harder on the Riehl family.

"It does re-open those wounds," Tara said.

Like her mom, it's been an up-and-down battle with emotions since Rick's passing.

"It'll be better for a while, then it's hard unexpectedly," Tara said. "You think you're out of the woods then you're crying for three days straight."

Rick's efforts changed girls basketball in West Bend and throughout Wisconsin. In 1984, he led East to the city's first state basketball championship.

"I was told that we would not have the success because it was West Bend and West Bend doesn't succeed in basketball," Rick told the Daily News in March 2014 — the 30th anniversary of the championship. "You remember those kinds of things. I wrote that one down."

"We had no business winning a state championship without all sorts of things falling into place."

In the state quarterfinal, the Suns played Merrill. During warm-ups, one of Merrill's top players tripped over a basketball and sprained her ankle.

In the state semifinal against Oak Creek, the Suns trailed by 13 points with six minutes to go, but scored the next 14 to win.



Coach Rick Riehl stands with his West Bend East state championship girls basketball team in this 1984 photo.

In the championship game, the Suns almost booted it away. This time, they were the ones up by double digits late against Brockfield East.

"We gave up all but one point of it away, but we hung on to win," Rick said in 2014. "I remember every minute of all three of those games because they were one-possession games."

Thirty years later, it remains the only basketball championship — boys or girls — in West Bend history.

"He was really proud," Tara said. "Riehl led the Suns to a 178-101 mark in 13 seasons as the girls basketball coach. He also coached football, baseball and softball at East. In all, he won 325 games with five conference and 10 regional championships amongst all the sports he coached."

He was also a teacher for more than 30 years.

One of his greatest contributions to Wisconsin sports was starting the Wisconsin Coaches Scouting Service

Hotel: Drink with a view

hotel, development work is moving ahead on recruiting developers/operators for the Millstream brew pub."

Honke said inquiries have been sent to several owners or developers of successful brew pubs in other communities.

"We want to let them know about the opportunity in Hartford's downtown and how it could be another key to its redevelopment," Henke said. "Maybe someone has a business owner or developer in their back pocket that's been looking for an opportunity like what's here."

Plans for the proposed brew pub call for an open seating and serving area off the back of the Millstream building to provide direct access and a view of the Rubicon River. Michalak said he's excited with the progress.

"Unanimous support of the City Council and members of the Hartford Area Development Corp. make this an extremely positive environment in which to invest and grow with a forward-looking community on the move," Michalak said.

City Administrator Joe Van Halen said at a recent meeting that the hotel will also help retail establishments.

"Local business and industry have been asking for a downtown hotel so the people who come to their businesses to train and for other reasons have a place nearby to stay," Volkert said. "Having it downtown will also give the visitors access to places to eat and shop and be entertained. The draw of people to the hotel will help other businesses in the area. It will offer the visitors 'walkability' to places of interest and businesses."

The most recent downtown redevelopment effort started last summer when a coalition of nonprofit, government, and private groups hired Vandevalle and Associates, a Wisconsin-based redevelopment and urban-planning expert, to produce a downtown redevelopment strategy. Together the team developed a plan that was adopted in February and is already translating into real development and improvements downtown.

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POLICEREPORT

Search warrant turns up 220 pot plants

A 56-year-old West Bend man was charged Monday by a Washington County District Attorney's Office for manufacturing marijuana, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect was arrested Friday as a search warrant was executed at his residence on Barton Avenue.

Two-hundred-twenty marijuana plants were seized by the drug unit in various stages of development. A large quantity of ballast, lighting equipment, timers and other marijuana-growing equipment was also seized. Judge James Poulos has ordered a \$10,000 cash bond.

The search warrant was obtained by the Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Group (Drug Unit). It was served by the West Bend Police SFT. The Drug Unit was assisted at the scene by Sheriff's Office detectives.

■ 11:57 p.m. Monday — A 32-year-old Addison man was arrested for fourth-offense felony OWI after he was stopped for driving on Highway D without headlights on and weaving onto the gravel shoulder. He was arrested after failing sobriety testing. He did not have insurance and was revoked for previous OWI convictions. Four citations were issued: OWI fourth, operating after revocation, operating without headlights and operating without insurance. A breath test gave the man a blood alcohol level of 0.19. He remains in custody at the Washington County Jail.

— Reports from the Washington County Sheriff's Office

Jobs: Already a smaller apprentice program in schools

Gerald Sorce, automotive instructor at the high schools, said there are already some students in youth apprenticeships, but that program is smaller than the proposed program.

Sorce said he likes the idea of the program. "As long as they're doing OK in school," Sorce cautioned that some students may not have the time on top of their normal studies and activities, and companies may be hesitant to participate with concerns about liabilities with students.

However, he said the initiative is a good idea and companies should consider students for their ambition and the extra effort they might be willing to put in.

Students can pursue CTE and AP courses, which are already widely available. It

is an opportunity to earn the number of student credit hours in CTE courses more than 1,000 to nearly 3,500, while the number of credit hours earned through AP courses has remained steady at 1,400 annually.

"We've come a long way," Sorce said.

Several of Sorce's students have become auto mechanics and this year, a student is interested in working on airplane. Another has expressed interest in working on MRAPs for the military while others are looking into mechanical engineering as they further their education.

According to the Washington County Census of Employment and Wages, manufacturing offers the most employment opportunity in the area with an annual average salary of almost \$33,000 as of 2014.

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The WBHS Autos logo is seen detailed into a car during the introductory automotive class Tuesday afternoon in West Bend.

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LOTTERY

Tuesday Numbers

Mega Millions: 17-24-27-45-34; Doubler: N
 75; Mega: 6; Megaplier: 3x
 Badger 5: 4-8-21-22-29
 5 Card Cash: 6-10-26-28-26
 Pick 4: 0-7-0-5
 SuperCash: 4-14-20-23-33
 Pick 3: 6-7-6