

## Virginia H. Erler, 86

Virginia H. Erler (nee Hassmer), 86, passed away Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at her residence. She was born Aug. 20, 1932, to Louis and Paulina (nee Schultz) Hassmer in the town of Polk and was a lifelong resident. Virginia graduated from West Bend High School and later married Kenneth Erler on June 6, 1953, in West Bend. She was retired from Amity Leather Products. She enjoyed listening to polka music, but was especially focused on her family. Virginia is survived by her

children, Tim and Cindy (Max) Brown, and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; son, Kevin; and sister, Ruth.

Private family services were held.

If you would like to, Memorials to the American Heart Association in her name are appreciated.

The Phillip Funeral Home of West Bend is assisting the family; 262-338-2050 or [www.phillipfuneralhome.com](http://www.phillipfuneralhome.com).

## James P. Finnane, 87

James Philip Finnane, 87, of Cedarburg, formerly of West Bend, returned to his heavenly home Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, at Lasata Senior Campus, Cedarburg. He was born in Janesville on May 26, 1931, son of the late Daniel and Susan (nee Crahan) Finnane.



Cedarburg and Sean Finnane of Dallas; grandchildren, Caitlin, Brennan, Ben, Charlie and Jackie; brothers, Daniel (Carol) Finnane of Indian Wells, California, Patrick (Jeanette) Finnane of Evansville, and Michael (Mary Ellen) Finnane of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. Paul Catholic Church (39 Garfield Ave., Evansville) with the Rev. Kevin Dooley officiating. Interment will follow at Calvary-Croak Settlement Cemetery. Relatives and friends may meet with the family prior to the Mass at church 10:30-11:30 a.m. Jim liked sponsoring children in need. In lieu of flowers, donations to Compassion International have been suggested.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the caring workers at Lasata Senior Campus.

The Allen-Meredith Funeral Home of Evansville is assisting the family; 608-882-5050. Please send condolences to [www.meredithfuneralhome.com](http://www.meredithfuneralhome.com).

Jim graduated from Evansville High School Class of 1949. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and then served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 stationed in Korea. He worked as a priest for three years, and a middle school teacher and coach for more than 30 years. He retired from Kennedy Middle School in Germantown in 1992. Jim resided in West Bend for 20 years and was an active member of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. He loved spending time with his family and building relationships with many friends. He enjoyed volunteering, watching Wisconsin sports teams, dancing, playing tennis and sharing encouraging words with everyone he met.

Surviving are his children, Megan (Greg) Claypool of

## William E. Dow, 90

William "Bill" E. Dow, 90, of West Bend, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018.

Born in Milwaukee on Jan. 11, 1928, he was the son of the late Birnam Dow and Anita (nee Giese) Keiding and her late husband Andrew.

On Nov. 24, 1949, he was united in marriage to Shirley Heicher. Bill worked for Wisconsin Bell for more than 33 years until retirement. He was a member of the Shriners, the Masons, and Immanuel United Church of Christ Church. Bill and Shirley enjoyed traveling together, reading and spending time with friends. The most important thing to him was his family and enjoying spending time with them.

Those Bill leaves behind to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Shirley Dow; his two sons, David (Amy) Dow of Lake Villa, Illinois, and Peter (Holly) Dow of Holtsville, New York; two grandchildren, Anna-Louise (Jason) Parrish and Peter (Jessica) Salvadori; three



great-grandchildren, Porter Parrish, Bryce Salvadori, and Adyson Salvadori; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Dolores (Reginald) Keiding, and brother, John (Eileen) Dow. A graveside service in remembrance of Bill will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at Wisconsin Memorial Park, 13235 W. Capital Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005.

Memorials in Bill's name to the Salvation Army, Milwaukee Rescue Mission, or Immanuel United Church of Christ would be appreciated by the family.

Condolence cards can be mailed to 36576 N. Helen Drive, Lake Villa, IL, 60046.

The Myrhum Patten Miller & Kietzer Funeral Homes have been entrusted with Bill's arrangements. Additional information and guestbook may be found at [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com).

## Theodore A. Ray, 80

Theodore Amundson "Ted" Ray, 80, of Jackson, was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at Froedtert Hospital. He died peacefully in the knowledge of the deep love and care of his family and his Lord Jesus Christ.



Carole; two children, Meredith (Rob) Jorgensen and Doug (Isabella) Ray; three grandchildren, Jessica and Evan Jorgensen and Christopher Ray; a sister, Marion "Pee Wee" and the late Timothy Harrington; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard (Lynn) Jaeck, James (Jean) Jaeck, and Denise (Larry) Koch; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

A memorial service in remembrance of Ted will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home (1315 W. Washington St., West Bend, WI 53095). The Rev. Ryan LaTour will officiate the service. The family will greet relatives and friends at the funeral home Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Burial of Ted's cremated remains will be in Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorials to the Salvation Army would be greatly appreciated by the family.

The Myrhum Patten Miller and Kietzer Funeral Homes have been entrusted with Ted's arrangements. Online guestbook and condolences may be found at [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com).

Ted was born Nov. 25, 1937, in Milwaukee to the late Charles and Viola (nee Amundson) Ray. Following his high school graduation, Ted enlisted in the Naval Reserve, in which he served from 1955 until 1964. During that time, he also earned a BA in business from Milton College. On June 12, 1971, Ted was united in marriage to the love of his life, Carole Jaeck, at Christ Episcopal Church in Whitefish Bay.

Ted enjoyed a long career as an insurance adjuster for Crawford & Co. before his retirement in 1999. Following retirement, he worked as a crossing guard in West Bend. His servant heart also led him to ring a bell for the Salvation Army for many years. Ted was an avid golfer and even shot a hole in one. He loved spending summers with family and friends at his lake cottage in Eagle River.

Those Ted leaves behind to cherish his memory include his wife,

# MOWA hosts 'On the Table' for Greater Milwaukee, West Bend foundations

About 180 people attend, double last year's numbers

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WEST BEND — Several thousand people in four counties have participated in meal-time conversations over the last several days through the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's On the Table initiative.

On Tuesday morning, the Museum of Wisconsin Art was one of the locations where the community-minded, "On the Table," conversations were held.

Area nonprofits were invited to participate in and lead table conversations. Kristin Brandner, Executive Director of United Way of Washington County said for this year's session the groups did not have a predetermined subject to talk about.

"We have a group at each table that are to talk from their perspective as far as what they see are needs in the community and what suggestions they may have on how we can improve in the future," Brandner said. "The purpose of the 'On the Table' is to have community members come together and put their ideas on the table, have discussion and see if we can reach some common ground and take some action."

Organizers of the event said about 180 people were attending this year which is about double the attendance of last year's meeting. They also doubled the number of tables for the people to sit at.

From the United Way, Brandner said, some of the needs they see from a human services side in the community has to center around drugs and alcohol, mental illness, homelessness and the need for employability skills.

Jeremy Podolski, GMF's manager of marketing and communications, said there were hundreds of gatherings taking place throughout the day in the four county area.

Peter Ziegler, president of the board of the West Bend Community Foundation, said there would be plenty of discussion and ideas talked about at each of the tables.

"The West Bend Community



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Museum of Wisconsin Art Executive Director Laurie Winters, standing, gives a kick-off speech Tuesday morning to those who gathered at the museum, which was one of the many locations where the community-minded conversations called "On the Table" were held. It's part of efforts by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the West Bend Community Foundation to hold meal-time conversations with community leaders to discuss ideas to improve the community.

Foundation was to challenge each of the tables to come up with an actionable idea that hopefully our board will agree to fund for between \$500 and \$2,500 grants ideas that will grow into something much bigger and receive money in additional years," Ziegler said. "I'm going to be a listener today."

Marcus White, vice president of civic engagement who leads 'On the Table' for the GMF, said those involved with the event are pleased with the attendance and the possible ideas being discussed.

"There have been several significant gatherings today and we're hopeful that people are seizing this opportunity to sit down with one another, kind of to pause from their hectic lives and talk with their neighbors and some good ideas will come with it."

White said the GMF is excited about its "Ideas to Action" funding program where organizations or individuals can apply for funding up to about \$2,500 for an idea to better the community.

"Our hope is that people will use that support to take some clear next steps," White said. "We hope that people craft ideas, something they can do together as a next step to bring

others and organizations in to work together and connect with them."

MOWA Executive Director Laurie Winters said having all of the many community leaders in one room she could not imagine something good not coming out of the event.

"This is a very exciting moment for the community with everything that is going on here," Winters said. "We always hope to be a platform for conversation and how people take that and work with that is really up to them. Part of the vision for this museum was that there will be a kind of community center and I feel the museum is doing that."

According to the GMF website, the annual gathering was introduced in 2017 as a forum for diverse discussions, a birthplace for creative collaborations and a catalyst for taking action to improve the community. In its first year, more than 5,400 people were involved in hundreds of independently organized gatherings across 73 Zip codes on a single autumn day to advance the community through civic participation.

Editor's Note: The Daily News' Nicholas Dettmann was one of the table leads.

# County officials consider raising fees for some building permits

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WEST BEND — Residents in the area who want to purchase a permit required for specific construction projects may soon pay more to help offset the cost of labor needed to offer them.

Staff introduced the possibility for increasing the fees to members of the Land Use and Planning Committee, claiming the prices that residents pay do not match the expenses related for staff to full the requirement.

"Basically, what we did is we looked at a comparable analysis of our surrounding counties, and we basically, in the short term, matched Waukesha's fees," Central Services Director Jamie Ludovic said.

"There's are going up again. We did that because we believe that we are undercharging our fees based on some preliminary analysis on the time we are spending, but we haven't finished that yet, so it was a step toward increasing those fees."

According to the price list that as attached to the agenda packet, there was one permit fee highlighted that would increase. The component manual design mound would increase from \$750 to \$900.

The initiative was discussed at the committee during the August meeting as part of conversations related to the budget for the following year. At that time, supervisors voted to forward the proposed budget to administrative staff, but with a caveat that permitted them to adjust the rates they charged

for permits to account for the time that staff needed to fill that requirement.

"You can see with the example we had today, the conditional use permit fee of \$475, I can tell you though there was a lot more time spent on that permit than we are recouping in that fee, which means levy dollars, property taxes, are supporting Cedar Community's conditional use permit," Ludovic said then.

Officials continue to track the time that staff spend for specific aspects of their duties to ensure they are accurately capturing the value of the time they spend performing certain aspects of their job.

They plan to complete that tracking in February, and afterward adjust the fees to ensure they align with the cost of performing the service.

### Real Life



### West Bend Medical groundbreaking is Monday

WEST BEND — West Bend officials and West Bend Medical announced Tuesday a groundbreaking ceremony will be at 6:15 p.m. Monday at 140 E. Water St., the site of the future medical clinic.

According to a news release from the city, Clinic Administrator Brett Cameron signed the closing documents to take control of the property Sept. 21.

"It is with this signing we move on to the next stages of building a home for our returning doctors," Mayor Kraig Sadownikow said in the release. "It says a lot about our



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community when a group such as West Bend Medical holds onto that West Bend name and quickly returns investing in our downtown."

Dr. Chad Tamez from West Bend Medical said in the release, "I'm excited one again to be working in the community where I live and bring our brand of hometown medicine to the heart of West Bend."

### Wisconsin man gets 22 years for trying to induce miscarriage

APPLETON (AP) — A Wisconsin man has been sentenced to 22 years in prison after he was convicted of spiking his pregnant girlfriend's drink with an abortion-inducing drug.

Forty-five-year-old Manishkumar Patel was convicted in August of attempted first-degree intentional homicide of an unborn child. His girlfriend never drank the spiked beverage, but miscarried weeks later.

He was sentenced Tuesday in Outagamie County. The former Kaukauna man had been on the run since he was charged in 2007 and forfeited a \$750,000 bond. He was finally arrested in New York in January 2017.

In court, Patel said he didn't want another child because he was afraid the child would have the same medical problems as his son. But he said he realized that even if the child had medical issues, he still would have had a life.