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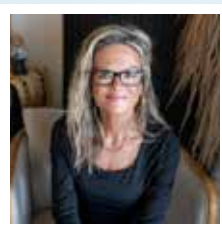
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## Cops & bobbers



Village of East Troy Police Department members welcomed children 7-13 years old to Mill Pond in June for the cops and bobbers event. Each participant is given a t-shirt as well as a gift bag at the annual event, which is funded through numerous sponsors.

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**on the cover:** The East Troy Electric Railroad is a local gem in the community. The organization is run by volunteers and has historic interurban railroad cars and trolleys that travel on a 14-mile round trip out of the village. Read more about the railroad on page 18.

EAST TROY RAILROAD MUSEUM PHOTO *East Troy Our Town*



# East Troy

## boasts a rich history

**T**he area of East Troy was first settled in 1836, when a man named H. Roberts began construction of a sawmill on the shores of Honey Creek.

The area grew rapidly, and the next four years saw the establishment of a hotel, general store, blacksmith, chapel, school, post office, doctor, lawyer, and justice of the peace.

East Troy was originally known as Troy after a place called Troy, New York, from where many of the settlers originated. It was decided, during 1843, that Troy was too large of an area for one township, and the territory of Troy was split by the state legislature. The western part was renamed Meacham, after an early settler and the eastern part remained Troy.

This arrangement was deemed unsuitable to the western portion, including Jesse Meacham, for which the area was named. Meacham set out for the capital to reclaim the name of Troy.

There is a legend that Jacob Burgit, an early settler and representative of the

eastern territory, heard of Meacham's trip, and set out for the capital to argue his own case for keeping the name of Troy for the east. However, Burgit arrived too late, and the name of Troy was given to the west. The east was then renamed East Troy, as it remains today.

The Village of East Troy was officially platted in 1847. All the land south of main street belonged to Burgit, who purchased the claim in 1837, built the sawmill, and later built a grist mill, which helped to develop flourishing business in the area. Austin McCracken owned all the land north of the Main Street. McCracken came to East Troy in 1836 and built the first public inn in Walworth County. This public inn was built of log and was in the same site where the East Troy House now stands.

In an effort to stimulate growth in the community, Burgit and McCracken offered a free lot to anyone who would build there. They set aside land for churches, a public square, and parks.

The village square is now a centerpiece for the community for a variety of events from festivals and fundraisers to concerts and holiday gatherings.

The first postal service in East Troy was established in 1838, in the home of Henry Powers, who lived not far from Potter's Lake. John F. Powers was the village's first postmaster, as well as the

first attorney. Mail was at first transported by horseback and delivered to East Troy once a week.

In 1841, the post office was moved to the village and by that time the Government Road from Milwaukee to Janesville was established, facilitating mail services. Many historical buildings around the Village Square housed the post office through the years. On June 12, 1966, ceremonies were held for the new post office on Mill Street, which is still its home today.

On Dec. 13, 1907, the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company opened a line into the village creating much needed business, ease of travel from Milwaukee and other stops along the railway and freight of mail, farm produce, newspapers, and most importantly a new service that residents had never seen before, electricity.

Now, the rail line that runs between East Troy and The Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago is the last remnant of the Milwaukee Electric Railway system.

*History compiled from the Walworth County Genealogical Society, East Troy Electric Railroad and the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance.*



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# A path to possibility

## EAST TROY OFFICIALS HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR MULTI-USE TRAIL

By **Dave Fidlín**

CORRESPONDENT

**W**hile there are still a number of questions, a potential 7-mile multi-use trail for pedestrians and bicyclists has East Troy officials optimistic about the bevy of possible opportunities on the horizon.

The East Troy Electric Railroad is a focal point of the proposal. The trail would connect the Village of East Troy with the Village of Mukwonago — and run through portions of the Town of East Troy as well — as the municipalities would be connected together.

Most of the path, as proposed, would run along the railroad corridor. Several adjacent low-volume roads also would serve as connectors in some areas.

Eileen Suhm, the village's administrator, treasurer and Community Development Authority executive director, said there have been on-again, off-again talks of having a multi-use trail that would run

through — and beyond — East Troy's borders.

In the early years, private organizations and grassroots groups advocated for pedestrian-friendly enhancements in the community. A bicyclist's death as the result of an accident was one of several occurrences that drove the discussion.

From the village's standpoint, the realization of the extensive trail project would fit hand-in-glove into an overarching goal of promoting walkable accommodations, wherever possible.

"One of (the Village Board's) goals had been installing sidewalks throughout the village and having connectivity, making it a walkable community," Suhm said. "The path makes it walkable, but it also gives us that ability to ride bikes. I just think it would be a real win, not only for residents, but for people visiting the community."

The connectivity piece beyond the village's municipal boundaries also has been viewed as a synergistic opportunity,

where East Troy can draw off the strengths of its neighbors, and vice versa.

"Mukwonago has some neat events going on, and East Troy has neat events as well. People could be riding their bikes, back-and-forth, between the communities," Suhm said. "It makes the community more appealing for people who want to move here, when we have these kinds of amenities."

Within the village itself, the potential multi-use trail also could feed into another project elsewhere within the municipality that already is underway. A path installation is taking place along Highway 120, providing safe, off-road access to the Village Square, Mill Pond Park and nearly 450 households and businesses along Honey Creek Road.

The village recently applied for — and received — a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant award from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to plan the logistics associated with such a project. Officials from the Village of Mukwonago and Town of East Troy also are participating in the first-stage review.

According to DOT documents, the agency plans to contribute \$76,000 toward a planning study that will evaluate the project's feasibility through its current 2024-28 funding cycle.

This is the second time the village and its partnering municipalities sought a TAP grant for the project. Suhm said the first attempt was instructive as next steps were contemplated.

"The feedback we got back (from the DOT) was it was such a large project," Suhm said. "They wanted us to break it into segments, so that's why, in this application cycle, we broke it into planning as the first phase."

The goal, Suhm said, is to have the planning phase completed by early fall with the possibility of another TAP grant application rounding the bend late this year, depending on the outcome of the review that is underway.

"There is another TAP grant application cycle," Suhm said. "Those will be due in October this year. We are hoping to have the planning portion done by that time and be able to align with another application."

Speaking to the application process, Suhm said, "We haven't decided if that's going to be an application for design or design and construction. My guess is it will be broken down into design, and construction may even be broken into phases if this project becomes feasible."

## Woman's Club leaders



The Woman's Club of East Troy installed new officers for 2025-26 at its June meeting, above from the left: Ellen Weber (Director), Joan Zachow (President), Donna Jaros (Vice-President), Kristine Browne (Secretary), Margie Morocco (Treasurer), and Nancy Dignan (Director). All ladies are welcome to join the club. For more information, call Donna Jaros at 262-203-5527.

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# 'We live where we work'

## JAMES R. TAYLOR AND SONS A THIRD GENERATION, FAMILY-RUN BUSINESS

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**

STAFF WRITER

**A**s summer slogs on and temperatures rise along with the humidity, there's also another sure sign of the season – roofing work being done.

As Jim Taylor of James R. Taylor and Sons, Inc., in East Troy explains, that's only natural – both because of more predictable weather and because of what can be seen after a long winter.

"Weather is more reliable," explained Jim, who owns the business with his wife, Stevie, and runs it with family members. "Dry, warm days let us work consistently.

"Homeowners also spot damage after winter and spring storms and tend to schedule work before fall hits," he added. "Asphalt shingles have tar underneath the shingles as a way to properly seal and bind the roof, and that sets in hot weather before we get the severe stuff come wintertime.

"Roofs can typically be installed March through December if the weather holds out," he said.

According to Taylor, roofing work is cyclical with the seasons.

"People tend to contact us in the fall for right away spring installations, or coming out of winter for summer installations," he said.

Family owned and operated for three generations, James R. Taylor and Sons prides itself as offering quality and expert work. Operating out of East Troy since the 1940s, the remodeling company is licensed, bonded and insured, and is BBB accredited.

The company also offers 5-year, 10-year and lifetime guarantees on its work. It has an A+ rating by the BBB, and just one complaint over the last three years.

In addition, James R. Taylor takes nominations and will provide a new roof for a veteran each year as part of its "Military on Top!" program.

"It is the least we can do for veterans who have given so much for our freedom," Jim said, adding that the program started after he and his wife saw a Facebook story about a homeless veteran.

"Why is this something that is happening



Jim and Stevie Taylor own James R. Taylor and Son, Inc., East Troy – a business that's been serving the area since the 1940s with a variety of projects. **right:** This is first floor remodel done by the company featured custom railings, a fireplace and a kitchen design complete with classy finishes throughout.

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to our veterans?" he said they asked, and from there, the new program was born.

Besides being a known friend to veterans and a well-respected company, James R. Taylor and Sons offers something else – local contacts and service.

"We're local, family owned and established," said Jim. "We don't cut corners. We offer consistent quality, honest communication and stand behind our work.

"We aren't like typical storm chasers that only show up when there's been a storm in the area," he added. "We are proud of servicing our community and have been for the last few decades."

Local, he added, is a huge benefit in the business.

"Local companies are easier to reach, faster to respond and more accountable," Jim said.

"We live where we work – reputation matters more than making a quick sale. When it comes to choosing local companies, you're choosing to establish a relationship with whom you work with that will turn into repeat customers and friendships along the way," he added.

Jim also pointed out that at least half of the company's business comes from

referrals.

"People are more comfortable working with companies that their friends and family have worked with, especially when it comes to their homes, which for a lot of people is one of their biggest investments," he said.

Some of the signs that a new roof might be needed include missing or curling shingles, granules in gutters, if the roof is more than 15 or 20 years old.

Jim explained that proper installs have clean lines, solid flashing (the material used to keep water from leaking through areas like seams, joints and roof protrusions) and no leftover mess.

While most roofing companies are well booked this time of year, he did say that seasons do bring different threats.

"In summer, wind and hail are common risks," Taylor explained. "In winter, it's snow load and ice dams. Proper materials, ventilation and flashing are key to year-round protection."

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Anya Pluess, East Troy, played in the WBCA Division 3 All-Star game at Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells on the Division 3 South team. Pluess was in the top 10 in fundraising with \$2,400 in donations. She said the game "was an incredible experience. Playing alongside such skilled and fun teammates made it even better. We had great chemistry, shared a lot of laughs, and made some awesome memories together. What was even better was having the opportunity to raise money to help fight childhood cancer and make an impact in young children's lives. Being able to make a difference through this experience is the biggest thing I will take away from it all." Pluess is the fifth ETHS girl to play, joining Brianna Gaspervich and Rachel Atchison (2013), Katrina Santos (2015) and Mackenzie Lindow (2019.)

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East Troy finished 7-0 and won the Rock Valley Conference tournament to win their fifth consecutive conference championship. Members include from the left: (front row) Preston Bottoni, Bryce Bayley, Jake Hydusek, Adam Schrieber, Emerson Barrett, Drew Chapman; (back row) manager Megan Meeks, Chance Sprain, Coach Quinn Fitch, Sebastian Scurek, Coach Dave Lindow, Michael Busateri, Nathan Maternowski and Teddy Busateri.

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# TENNIS TEAM WINS 5th straight championship

The East Troy boys tennis team scored 32 points to win the Rock Valley Conference tournament and secure their 5th straight championship. The Trojans went 7-0 during the conference dual season, running their winning streak to 33 matches in a row dating back to 2021. Monroe finished second with 24 points.

"We played a great tournament again," head coach Dave Lindow said. "We came to win this tournament and our kids played with confidence."

The Trojans have won the last five conference tournaments.

East Troy dominated the singles action going 40-0 on the season winning all 4 flights. Freshman Teddy Busateri cruised through his three matches taking the championship in the top flight.

"Teddy is a poised player for a freshman," said Lindow. "He's going to be tough to beat." Busateri is now 19-1 on the season and the #1 seed at sectionals.

Older brother Michael Busateri, won the #2 singles bracket defeating Whitewater, Big Foot, and Monroe only dropping 3 games. He stands at 19-2 on the season.

At #3 singles, Junior Adam Schrieber took home the gold. He defeated Whitewater, Jefferson, before handling Monroe in the finals 6-2, 6-1. Schrieber moved to 20-2 on the year.

Rounding out the singles sweep was senior Jake Hydusek. He blanked Jefferson and Big Foot before beating Monroe, 6-2, 6-1 in the finals.

The surprise of the day came from Lindow's #2 doubles team of Sebastian Scurek and Bryce Bayley. They were seeded third to start the tournament. After an opening round 6-2, 6-1 win over Watertown Luther Prep, the duo avenged an earlier loss a week ago and defeated Monroe 3-6, 6-3, 10-7. They beat Delavan in the finals 6-3, 6-1 and are 16-5 on the season.

"They turned on the confidence switch during the second set and never looked back," said Lindow. "The stayed up on every point and really competed for this title."

The other pair of doubles teams took the same path to 6th place finishes.

Nate Maternowski and Drew Chapman, #1 doubles, lost to Monroe in the first round, beat Jefferson in the second round, and were defeated by Big Foot in the fifth place match.

The #3 doubles team Emerson Barrett and Preston Bottoni lost to Big Foot, defeated Jefferson, then lost to Luther Prep.

The Trojans continued to dominate the Rock Valley Conference, which it has for seven out of the last eight years.

"This one was hard work and well

earned," said Lindow. "We had a lot of guys put in extra time and it paid off. I'm really proud of them."

Lindow's teams have remained on the top of the conference for a while now. This was the boys fifth consecutive conference championship. The girls have won six straight. Between both programs, they have won the last 11 conference championships.

"We have great leadership and kids that care," said Lindow. "I hope more kids come out and can experience our program."

The team went on to finish second at the sectional competition.

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# Saluting first responders

Part of the three-day Independence Day celebration for the East Troy Music Festival included a parade July 6 through the village themed "Salute to First Responders." Among the many participants were local veterans groups, MP systems, Culver's (including mascot Scoopie), and East Troy Moxie Softball – which helped keep the onlookers cool with sprays of water. Other events throughout the weekend included tournaments, a carnival, food and drinks, and live music.

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# Lions present scholarships

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At the East Troy High School Awards and Scholarships Banquet in May, the East Troy Lions presented \$2,000 scholarships to each of the following 2025 graduates: Aubrey Benz, Amber Greenlees, Alyssa Henningfeld, Cadence Olson and Jady Pershing. Lion Sheila Mondloch presented the scholarships.



Fourth grade students at Prairie View Elementary participate in a bookmark design competition sponsored by the East Troy Lions Public Library each spring. Students are given that year's Summer Reading Program theme and instruction from their art teacher Stephanie Doroba. This year's winners are Kennedy Sikraji, Waverly Campbell, and Logan Tess. Copies of their bookmarks are available at the library this summer.

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## East Troy

### Bible Church

2660 North St.  
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### Worship service:

Sunday at 9 a.m.

## First Congregational Church of East Troy, UCC

N8030 Townline Rd.  
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262-258-8376

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### Worship service:

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1936 Emery St.  
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Saturday at 5 p.m. and  
Sunday at 9 a.m.

## Mukwonago Baptist Church

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## Orchard Hill, Assembly of God

9590 Highway ES  
Mukwonago, WI 53149  
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orchardhillchurch.life

### Worship service:

Sunday  
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Prayer Gathering at 6:30 p.m.

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2945 Main St.  
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### Worship service:

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Saturday, 9 to 9:30 a.m.

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## Troy Center United Methodist Community Church

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# On their way

The East Troy High School Class of 2025 was celebrated with commencement June 1 at the high school. Clockwise from below: Class President Isabel Halbesma gives a speech; Connor O'Brien walks down the center aisle; Stacey Kuehn presents Espin Furmanek his diploma.

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# 2025 Events

Here are some of the East Troy Electric Railroad events slated for the rest of this year.

## RAILFAN DAY • AUG. 23

On Railfan Day, railroad volunteers take all the equipment out of the barn and put it on display. Guests can ride a different rail car on each trip of the day.

Once again, there will be a variety of fun family activities like scavenger hunt, miniature train rides, and operating model railroads.

## BEER TASTING TRAIN • AUG. 30

Join a fun and educational beer tasting train! Enjoy five different beers while traveling the route of the East Troy Electric Railroad.

The train is a joint event with Black Point Estate. A historian and beer aficionado from Black Point serves as the host, and Toothpicks, the railroad's caterer, provides the hors d'oeuvres.

This 2-1/2-hour event starts and finishes at the East Troy Depot. Book your seats online under the Dinner Train heading at: [easttroyrr.org](http://easttroyrr.org).

## HARVEST FEST TRAINS SEPT. 7 THROUGH OCT. 26

The regular season ends on Sept. 7 this year and the railroad will then offer round-trip rides to the Elegant Farmer, where you can enjoy apple picking, a corn maze, and hayrides.

It's suggested that you visit our website to see the schedule and purchase your tickets online in advance. Trains will not travel to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago during this time. You may still buy tickets on a walk-up basis, subject to availability.

## SUNDAY BRUNCH TRAIN • SEPT. 28

On the railroad's Sunday Brunch Train, the three-course meal starts with a breakfast charcuterie board, followed by a crustless cheese and spinach quiche, finishing with a braided maple and pecan Danish. Coffee and juice are included.

Enjoy a two-hour round trip on the dining cars with views of the Kettle Moraine countryside outside your picture windows.

Please visit the East Troy Railroad Museum website for more information and to book your reservations. The dress code is casual, and restrooms are on board.

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# Make memories that last a lifetime

## East Troy Electric Railroad offers variety of rides, special events

Visit the East Troy Electric Railroad to experience what these trolleys and trains were like in a simpler time. The railroad's historic interurban railroad cars and trolleys take a scenic 14-mile round trip through southeastern Wisconsin.

Wander through the museum in the depot, where kids can be trolley motormen, discover the joy of model railroads, and learn about electricity. The gift shop features a unique selection of railroad souvenirs for all ages.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on the website and walk-up tickets are usually available. Advanced purchase is recommended for special event trains (see related sidebar) and if specific departure times are sought for regular train rides.

Boarding is at the Depot in East Troy or at the Depot behind The Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago. Train schedules, ticket prices, and equipment are subject to change without notice.

### The amenities

- Parking is free at the museum.
- Smoke-free trains run rain or shine.
- Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.
- Public washrooms are available in the Depot.

### Railroad Museum 2025 schedule

#### Fridays Through Aug. 29

Eastbound, departs East Troy Depot  
10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.

Westbound, departs Elegant Farmer Depot  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. (not a round-trip)

#### Saturdays Through Oct. 25

Eastbound, departs East Troy Depot  
10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon,  
1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

Westbound, departs Elegant Farmer Depot  
11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m.,  
(3 p.m. and 4 p.m. departures  
are not round trips)

#### Sundays Through Oct. 26

Eastbound, departs East Troy Depot  
Noon, 2 p.m.

Westbound, departs Elegant Farmer Depot  
1 p.m., 3 p.m. (not a round-trip)

Car 26 is the oldest car in the East Troy Electric Railroad fleet, a 1908 Sheboygan Interurban car.

EAST TROY RAILROAD MUSEUM PHOTO *East Troy Our Town*





All trains go to Indianhead Park through Aug. 26.

#### Fares

Adults \$17

Seniors (65+) \$14.50

Children (3-14 years of age) \$11 (all fares are plus tax). Children 2 and younger ride for free.

Train schedules and reservations can be done online at [easttroyrr.org](http://easttroyrr.org).

#### Become a volunteer

For people who volunteer at the East Troy Railroad Museum, it feels like you become part of a second family... only this family runs a railroad.

"We need every member of the family to do his or her part to make it a smooth-running operation. It is challenging, it is fun, it is educational, and you know your work is appreciated," representatives said.

Some volunteers can only give a couple of days a month and others may put in 100 days a year. Some want to work in areas where they bring experience and are comfortable with the tasks. Others want to be challenged by learning new skills and look forward to doing something completely different than what they do in their "day jobs."

The variety of tasks needed to operate a railroad and museum give people plenty of options. A few of the ways to contribute include selling merchandise in the gift shop, being a

motorman (or woman) on the trains, maintaining the historic equipment and helping put together the railroad's annual newspaper.

"What we all have in common, though, is the desire to see things happen and to preserve this historic railroad. Together we deliver the Museum's Mission: To engage visitors in the heritage of electric interurban railways and trolley systems through restoration, preservation and operation of historic equipment," representatives said.

"We invite you to stop by to talk with one of the volunteers about what it's like to volunteer here. Interesting, involving, and rewarding tasks await you," they said.

For more information visit [easttroyrr.org/volunteer-with-us](http://easttroyrr.org/volunteer-with-us) or call 262-642-3263.

#### Become a member

More than 300 people support the East Troy Electric Railroad through annual memberships.

Membership provides unique benefits including free rides. By being a member, you also help preserve this last remaining portion of Wisconsin's once vast interurban system and support work on historic electric railroad cars that ran on interurban systems in Wisconsin, Illinois or Minnesota.

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The railroad relies on a crew of volunteers who help in many ways, from maintenance and working in the gift shop to operating the trains. Volunteers Matt Wrzeszcz, Rich Burger and Kevin Jensen are ready to depart from the railroad museum.

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## Dinner Trains

Menus for dinner trains on the remainder of the railroad's 2025 schedule include:

#### WINE & CHEESE • AUG. 9

A four-course wine and cheese tasting including: a Sparkling Ruffino Organic Prosecco, The Dreaming Tree Chardonnay, The Dreaming Tree Pinot Noir, and the Unshackled Cabernet Sauvignon. Each served with select cheeses.

#### SOUTHERN DELIGHT • AUG. 16

Southern shrimp dip with Alabama crackers, slaw salad, baby back pork ribs with bourbon BBQ sauce, creamy buttermilk mashed potatoes, summer kernelled confetti corn, jalapeno corn bread, peach cobbler cheesecake.

#### BEER TASTING • AUG. 30

Heavy hors d'oeuvres while tasting a variety of beers brewed today, including Weissbier, lagers, ales, and steam beers. The tasting will be led by an expert from Black Point Estate.

#### FALL HARVEST • SEPT. 13

Wisconsin cheese board, chopped kale salad, beef bourguignon, roasted garlic and chipotle smashed potatoes, roasted farm-fresh vegetables, dinner rolls and apple spice cake.

#### AUTUMN GLOW • SEPT. 20

Wisconsin cheese board, mixed green salad, whiskey glazed brisket, cheddar mashed potatoes, sauteed fall vegetable mélange, dinner rolls and apple cider crumb cake.

#### FALL LUNCH • SEPT. 25

House salad, roasted beef tips with mushroom gravy, garlic smashers, seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and chocolate cake with fresh fruit garnish.

#### OKTOBERFEST • OCT. 4

German beer cheese spread and pretzels, cucumber and radicchio salad, sauerbraten, German dill mashed potatoes, carrots & leeks, German chocolate cake.

#### EPICUREAN EXPRESS • OCT. 11

Chef's charcuterie board, crispy prosciutto and grilled pear salad, classic shrimp Newburg brochette, filet mignon, dauphinoise potatoes, asparagus mélange, herb bundle garnish, triple chocolate brownie trifle.

#### HARVEST COLORS • OCT. 15

House salad, homemade meatloaf, garlic smashers, seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and lemon bars.

#### SWEETEST DAY • OCT. 18

Wisconsin cheese board, autumn walnut salad, filet mignon with bourbon glaze, red skin mashers, roasted seasonal vegetables, soft rolls, and flourless chocolate cake.

#### ADULT HALLOWEEN • OCT. 25

Caudron dip, spooky salad, cider marinated short ribs, smoked cheddar mashed potatoes, seasonal fall vegetables, sesame squash rolls, pumpkin spice latte cake.

## RAILROAD • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19

There are several membership levels available including:

- Individual at \$50/year
- Couples at \$75/year
- Family of four at \$120/year
- Conductor's Club at \$250/year
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All memberships include free rides for the member or member family for the year, plus reduced fares and presale access for special events.

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For more information or to join, ask for a membership form in the East Troy Depot or visit the website at [easttroyrr.org/membership](http://easttroyrr.org/membership).

Other ways to support the railroad include donations, matching gifts, sponsorship, endowment and legacy giving. For details send an email to [fundcomm@easttroyrr.org](mailto:fundcomm@easttroyrr.org) or call 262-642-3263.



Passengers are shown riding on Car #846, the historic Milwaukee Streetcar that's among the numerous trains run by the railroad.

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## EVENTS • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

### TRICK OR TREAT TRAINS OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24

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### Dinner Trains

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# Middle school's top 'vocabularians' revealed

Students at East Troy Middle School competed in classroom "Vocabulary Jams" in the spring where they had to study 100-plus ACT-level vocabulary words and then compete to find the top "Vocabularians" in each grade level.

Each top team would then proceed to the schoolwide Vocabulary Bowl – held game show style at the end of May at East Troy Middle School. There, the teams competed against each other to see who would become the 2025 ETMS Vocab Champs.

In this, the fifth annual Vocabulary Bowl, the competition was the highest scoring competition of all time, according to school staff.

"Our 7th and 8th grade teams were neck-and-neck but the older students pulled off the win! Eighth grade prevailed over the 7th grade team, leading them by six points in the end," they said.

This was quite a feat, too, because this year's 7th grade team was the bowl's championship team last year, as 6th graders.

"This year's 6th grade team worked hard, coming in third place, and we hope they will try again next year," school staff said.

"Staff and parents are so proud of these students for their hard work and dedication," they said. "Their peers cheered them on from the stands and got to participate in some of the fun, too."

Those interested in watching this year's event can view it through the East Troy Community School District's YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dza3iirRpk0>

The teams were comprised of the following students:

**6th grade team:** Caitlynn Carlson, Amadi Pacheco, Georgia Moat, Siena Bresler and Grace Peroceschi.

**7th grade team:** Reese VanBuren, Kaylynn Thomas, Claire Banks, Samantha Rash, Kendal Janusz (alternate) and Will Janusz.

**8th grade team:** Rosemary Markham, Isabella Zavaleta, Ximena Scheibmeir, Aria Kmiecik and Hayley Rongstad.

Each top grade-level team competing in the schoolwide Vocabulary Bowl received:

- A medal of either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place;
- A gift bag with "game day merch" (gum and Bubbler);
- A booklight.

All participants will also have their name entered on a plaque for being the "Grade-Level Champions!"

"Additionally, our 1st place schoolwide champions were gifted a Gus's gift card from a local family, and they will get to choose a book which we will purchase from our local business, Ink Link Books," staff said.

East Troy Middle School held its 5th Annual Vocabulary Bowl in May with the 8th grade team taking the championship. From the top (left to right): 6th grade team – Caitlynn Carlson, Amadi Pacheco, Georgia Moat, Siena Bresler, Grace Peroceschi; 7th grade team – Reese VanBuren, Kaylynn Thomas, Claire Banks, Samantha Rash, Kendal Janusz (alternate) and Will Janusz; 8th grade team – Rosemary Markham, Isabella Zavaleta, Ximena Scheibmeir, Aria Kmiecik and Hayley Rongstad.

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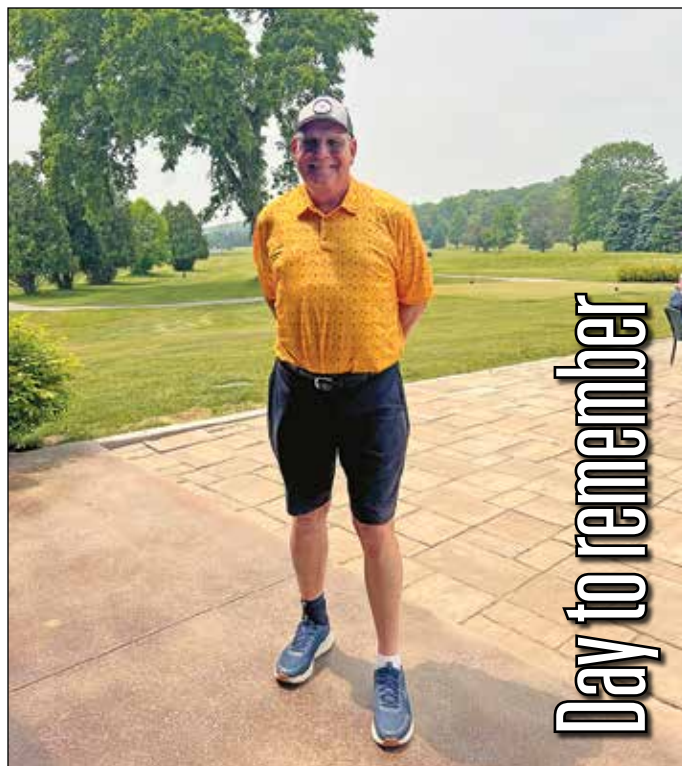
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Ron Smars recorded his first ever hole-in-one in June at Alpine Valley Golf Course, East Troy. Smars, of Franklin, made the shot 125 yards from the gold tees on Hole #14 of the Meadows course. According to the PGA, the odds of an average golfer making a hole-in-one, also called an ace, are 12,500 to 1.

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- 9:45 a.m. -- Children's Education Hour
- 10 a.m. – Worship w/Holy Communion

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