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Juvenile sentenced in shooting

Teen accomplice will spend time in juvenile detention

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MENOMINEE — Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Mary Barglund sentenced a 15-year-old boy on Monday to 35 months in a Michigan juvenile detention center with about 310 days of time served for participating in an attempted drug transaction that resulted in a 55-year-old Menominee man getting shot in the back.

The teen's name is not being used in this story because he is a juvenile. In announcing the sentence, Barglund referenced Michigan's new "Raise the Age" law, which took effect Oct. 1, and said she intentionally sentenced the juvenile to no longer than 35 months so he won't be detained past his 18th birthday and won't be transferred to an adult correctional facility.

The new law raises to 18 from 17 the age at which a teen offender is tried as an adult and ensures teens under 18 in juvenile court receive rehabilitative services. The juvenile in this case faced adult charges in circuit court because it was originally considered a violent crime, but the

sentence will keep him out of a correctional facility.

He was given time served for the period he was held since the Dec. 28, 2020 crime occurred, said Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gerald Karafa. Barglund said the boy, who is ward of the state, will be given rehabilitation and treatment during the detention.

The juvenile apparently became acquainted with Craig Walcher, 55, of Menominee on Snapchat, Karafa said.

The juvenile was 14 when he and Logan Race, 18, participated in an attempted marijuana robbery about midnight Dec. 28, 2020 at Walcher's residence at 1315 30th Ave. The teens allegedly intended to buy "a bag of weed" from Walcher, but they dropped the bag. "They tried. They got pulled back. A shot was fired. It was dropped by the door. They took off running," Karafa said. The teens left without obtaining any drugs. Race shot Walcher in the back with a handgun and was sentenced Sept. 24 to five to 20 years in prison.

The juvenile who acted

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Cooking with culture



Peshtigo student Kyle Klaver helps chef John Shigimura cook dumplings. Shigimura spent a week in the district teaching and cooking. See story on page A3.

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New apartment complex nearly full

Some residents want more focus on market-rate housing development

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MARINETTE—The Trolley Station Terrace, a new apartment complex near downtown Marinette offering a mix of affordable and market-rate housing, has already filled a majority of its units a month before its official move-in date. Construction

of the Trolley Station Terrace began in August 2020, and the move-in date is scheduled for Dec. 1.

According to the Northeast Wisconsin Community Action Program (Newcap), the nonprofit corporation that spearheaded the project and obtained over \$10 million in funding for its development, all but 10 of the 45 units in the complex have been filled as of the most recent report from last week.

"It's definitely indicative of the demand for housing," Marinette Mayor Steve Genisot said during an interview with the EagleHerald.

Housing development has been a major concern in the city for some

time, particularly since Fincantieri Marinette Marine (FMM) began bringing in workers to the city for the construction of several Navy warships. Numerous residents who responded to the city's Community Survey Questionnaire in the City of Marinette 20-Year Comprehensive Plan Update mentioned increased housing availability and affordability as a top priority.

Need for market-rate housing

Trolley Station Terrace puts a dent in the demand for housing. But some community members say there should be more focus on developing market-rate housing considering

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Grover church celebrates organ's 100th anniversary

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GROVER—It's not every day a functioning machine turns 100 years old and remains in good working condition, but last weekend St. John Lutheran Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of the purchase of its pipe organ.

The Rev. Dan Sargent said the St. John congregation was formed

in Peshtigo in 1870. "The original church building was where Peppino's Pizza is now; when the Peshtigo Fire came through in 1871, that building was destroyed," he said.

He said the survivors acquired the land the church currently stands on in the Town of Grover for \$1, and reorganized in 1874. They built a wooden structure on the site and finished the church as it is today in 1892. Sargent said the church was built with a pipe organ

in mind, but there wasn't an organ available in the area at that time.

"They started using a reed pump organ, but they were wanting all along to have a proper pipe organ. In 1921, they were able to purchase a used pipe organ from Maryland. It was shipped here by train and installed that February."

The organ was ordered on Feb. 20, 1921, and cost \$3,000, according to the church's official records. "We found out that the organ actually goes back to about 1906,

because on the shipping crates, which are still inside the organ, it says 1906 on the original crate. We aren't 100% sure, but we do know it was purchased used," Sargent said.

Sargent said there was no electricity in the church at that time, so the organ was played with a large, manual pump. Playing the organ was a two-person job; one person would play the keys, and another

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"It's (the organ) a wonderful instrument and we're really blessed to have it."

Jim Seefeldt

St John Church organist

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Hubbard, Kathleen A.
Erickson, Mary M.
Kinney, William J. Jr.

Klatt, Greg N.
Laabs, Robert
Laforest, Joy J.
Mansfield, David C.
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Culture through cooking

Peshtigo students learn from Japanese chef

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PESHTIGO—A traveling corporate chef with the Taher food service company spent a week cooking and teaching in the Peshtigo School District recently. All students who eat school meals had a chance to eat authentic karaage-don Japanese fried chicken with rice.

In addition, many students in living skills classes were taught how to make gyoza, a Japanese style of dumpling.

As a traveling chef for Taher food company, chef John Sugimura has served his authentic food to more than 48,000 students across the country. Sugimura's grandmother, Tsui, was widowed and operated a restaurant serving authentic Japanese food to support her five children. When World War II broke out, she and her children were taken to an internment camp for Japanese Americans and her restaurant was taken away.

Sugimura said he wants to share Japanese food to expand their food world to include an appreciation for Japan.

"As a mixed race person of Japanese American descent, I cook to tell my grandmother's story and to make her proud," he said. "Every student deserves the opportunity to understand that world beyond the end of the driveway."

Chef Justin Collins of the Taher company runs the Peshtigo Schools food service program and is responsible for asking Sugimura to visit Peshtigo. "John



From left, Justin Collins, Brenda Monfils and Sandy Bertrand serve karaage-don (Japanese fried chicken and rice) to Peshtigo students recently.

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has an incredible story to tell and he tells it well, sharing his passion for his food, his ingredients, techniques, and flavors," Collins said. "He holds the highest certification you can hold as a Japanese chef born in America and you don't often get the opportunity in northeastern Wisconsin to experience the authentic cultural cuisine Chef Sugimura has

perfected."

Students were able to eat karaage-don, which is as common a food in Japan as burgers are here in America. Karaage-don is fried chicken that's juicy, crispy and bursting with flavor. It's seasoned with soy sauce, ginger, and garlic. Karaage-don is served with rice, pickles and cabbage which is served throughout

Japan.

In living skills classes, both chefs worked with students to teach them to prepare Sugimura's gyoza, which is a dumpling. He teaches children his grandmother's recipe, which is more than 100 years old, passed down through the generations. He has served over 1 million gyozas, the precise number is 1,016,297 as

of last week. Sugimura worked in living skills classes last week teaching students his gyoza recipe.

Teacher Janet Terp commented on how Sugimura taught her students "step-by-step" to prepare the dumplings and use chopsticks. "Everyone enjoyed it," she said. "Chef John also shared about career opportunities in the restaurant industry. Being a restaurant owner, he provided us with great ideas."

"I think I have a huge impact on children," the chef said. "It's a proven fact that kids can focus and concentrate more when they're not hungry."

Collins spent almost 20 years as an executive chef working for various restaurants prior to serving school children with Taher.

"I feel the stakes are higher here. You're feeding the future," he said, adding "Teaching kids to cook and learn about food is in my mind, the most important skill they can ever learn. It's pretty hard to function without fueling your body properly."

Sugimura adds, "Developing socially conscious students is critical for our future." He said he enjoys sharing a simple dish to teach the culture from another country "becomes magic to bring people together and share a moment."

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HOUSING:

that many individuals coming to work in the area earn incomes that disqualify them from renting income-based units, which make up 38 of the 45 units at the Trolley Station Terrace.

Dunlap Square Apartments Property Manager Michelle Uecke estimated that 75-80% of her renters are FMM workers who typically earn salaries above affordable housing income requirements.

While Uecke agreed that the city needs to expand housing, she was "a little confused" about what seems like a focus on the development of income-based apartments. "I have people calling me saying, 'please tell me you're not income-based,'" she said.

Uecke said that Dunlap Square Apartments formerly had income-based units before Dunlap LLC bought the complex in October 2009. She explained that at the time, the income-based apartments were required to be filled before the market-rate units could be rented out. "We sat with a lot of open apartments, we weren't filling them up," she said.

Dunlap LLC got rid of the income-based units when it took over the building, and by January, Uecke said the apartment complex no longer had any vacancies.

Others in the community agree that market-rate housing should be a priority.

Jodi Mahlik, Executive Director of the Marinette Housing Authority, a federally-funded nonprofit that offers housing for very low-income families, said she frequently gets phone calls from workers coming to the area whose incomes are too high for

the program's housing. "I definitely do think there is a need for affordable family housing, but the majority of families that come to us looking for housing don't qualify for it," she said.

Former Village on Water Property Manager Cheri Lynn Peterson said she had also been getting over a dozen phone calls a week from people who didn't qualify for the affordable housing offered at the complex.

"We get calls from JCI (Johnson Controls, Inc.) and FMM workers, nurses, doctors, engineers," she said. "There are definitely families that need affordable housing, but many people in the area earn too much money for a lot of the housing that's available here."

"The lack of market-rate housing certainly is an issue," Genisot said in response to these comments during an interview with the EagleHerald. "It's a challenge both ways because there is demand for housing all around. That's why we're saying it's not just one kind of housing that we need to develop."

The Trolley Station Terrace also seems like a good deal for the city, considering that it only contributed the land parcel for the development but did not invest any other funds into the complex. It also appears that there are not as many grants available for building regular market-rate housing compared to those that fund the development of income-based units.

Other developments
Although not as visible as the Trolley Station Terrace development, the city has been attempting to address the housing problem through multiple smaller-scale projects



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The Trolley Station Terrace is a 45-unit apartment complex located on Main Street near downtown Marinette with 38 units designated as affordable housing. While the city contributed the land parcel for the development, the cost of the project was covered by over \$10 million in investment money obtained by NEWCAP, a nonprofit corporation.

housing. Last month, the city solicited proposals from developers to build housing on five vacant lots located at 1313 and 1350 Armstrong St., 1000 Pierce Ave. 1007 Blaine St. and 324 Carney Blvd.

Marinette County agreed to hand over these lots to the city at no cost after Genisot requested the transfer of the parcels in June as part of the city's Residential Housing Redevelopment Program. The county also approved in September transferring over three additional lots, for which the city agreed to pay about \$5,570 in back

taxes and interest fees plus the cost of preparing and recording the deed. These three lots have not yet been transferred to the city.

The city is offering the first five lots at no cost for potential developers who meet the requirements stipulated in the city's Request for Proposal (RFP) document, one of which is that the parcels remain taxable. The Genisot projected in a tax reference comparison that he sent to the county that properties with a home value of \$125,000 and \$150,000 could generate an annual revenue of \$2,669 and \$3,245.57, respectively. He noted

during his interview with the EagleHerald, however, that the city would have to wait and see what the actual value of homes built on these parcels would be after their development.

He added that, although the majority of the parcels will likely be used to build single-family homes, some of the lots are large enough to potentially construct a duplex or fourplex with rentable units.

According to Genisot, several developers expressed interest in undertaking a project on one or more of the parcels. Genisot said, however, that the city will likely extend the RFP deadline, which passed Oct. 29, to have more time to answer developers' questions and possibly solicit more proposals.

There doesn't appear to be other larger-scale projects to build more market-rate housing in the city at the moment, although Marinette Community Development Specialist Jan Kust said the city is constantly looking for development opportunities.

"Larger scale projects take time, but there will definitely be more housing and development to come because of the need," she said in an email to the EagleHerald. "There is potential for more housing because of the city's positive image." She added that potential improvements to downtown and the creation of more business opportunities could help attract developers to the city.

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