



Hands-on learning



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Peshtigo senior Isaac Dennis and junior Colby Coble learn how to hook up an engine to an engine lift to remove it from the frame as teacher Mike Paquette explains. Paquette has been named the Wisconsin Technology Education Association Educator of the Year. See story on A2.

Takeaways from mayor's address

Stegeman says expenses are increasing in her yearly update

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MENOMINEE — Menominee Mayor Jean Stegeman updated the city council and audience on marijuana, the fire at KK Integrated Logistics and stagnant revenue on Tuesday with her yearly State of the City address. Here are a few things we learned:

MARIJUANA LAWSUIT WILL WRAP SOON

“There are some in the community, a vocal few, who think the marijuana establishments will be an instant cure for all of our problems and that the city is just dragging its feet,” Stegeman said. “I addressed this last

year, and I will address it again. The City of Menominee is not to blame for the lack of progress in this area, and it will not be a revenue windfall, regardless. Our process was sound. We await one final ruling and, based on other cases similar to ours, that too will fall in our favor.”

“The lawsuits that slowed progress were brought by those who did not score high enough to obtain a license. Period. They were, in my opinion, a nuisance aimed at getting what they wanted. We await Judge Barglind’s ruling, which should come shortly.”



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Menominee Mayor Jean Stegeman addresses the audience and city council members during her State of the City address last Tuesday.

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Paquette earns state recognition

Peshtigo teacher named top educator by technology group

PESHTIGO — The Wisconsin Technology Education Association (WTEA) is an association of teachers, agencies and industry organizations dedicated to improving technology and engineering education at all grade levels within the state of Wisconsin. This year, Mike Paquette from the Peshtigo School District has been awarded teacher of the year by the WTEA.

Paquette currently teaches seventh and eighth grade technology education, as well as high school welding classes, automotive classes, and CNC prototyping and design. Paquette is involved in other leadership positions, too. He's a NWTC certified instructor and helps lead SkillsUSA. Paquette is an advisor for the Peshtigo Robotics Team and has hosted Robot Rodeo, in addition to working on the FVTC committee for Urban Search and Rescue robotics competition.

Paquette prides himself in breaking learning down into bite size pieces, then grading students on work based skills. "My goal as a teacher of technology is to provide opportunities for students to become

well rounded workers and community members," he said.

Paquette's philosophy includes the principles that "learning takes practice and better practice makes better products."

Students like the way Paquette teaches. "Mr. Paquette runs an amazing program here. He makes it a priority in his class to prepare students for the workplace," said Jenson Schwittay.

Trandon Glover said, "I love the way he puts so much energy into his material."

While Issac Dennis said, "I very much like seeing demonstrations he gives us before we do things."

Chole Rich adds, "I really enjoy the amount of fun we have with the crazy projects we build." "In welding class, the

bend test is my favorite project so far," said Roen Inghram. "It showed us that it takes more than one try at something to succeed."

In addition, students love the skills they learn in Paquette's technology education classes. Lex Nemece said, "I like working on cars. I really like working on cars!"

Dennis added, "I'm actually going to work in the automotive field. This will help me a lot."

Schwittay said, "I am looking at making welding my career path. The basic knowledge of welding, as well as the experience I'm getting will go a long way."

Adin Reiszwitz agrees, "If I become a welder, I could make a lot of money."

This article was submitted by the Peshtigo School District.



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Peshtigo senior Joe Danielak checks the fit of the shop fabrication table he's building with teacher Mike Paquette.



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Peshtigo sophomores Camrin Wondergem and Aidin Reiszwitz show teacher Mike Paquette the camering butt joint they welded and bend tested in shop class.

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