



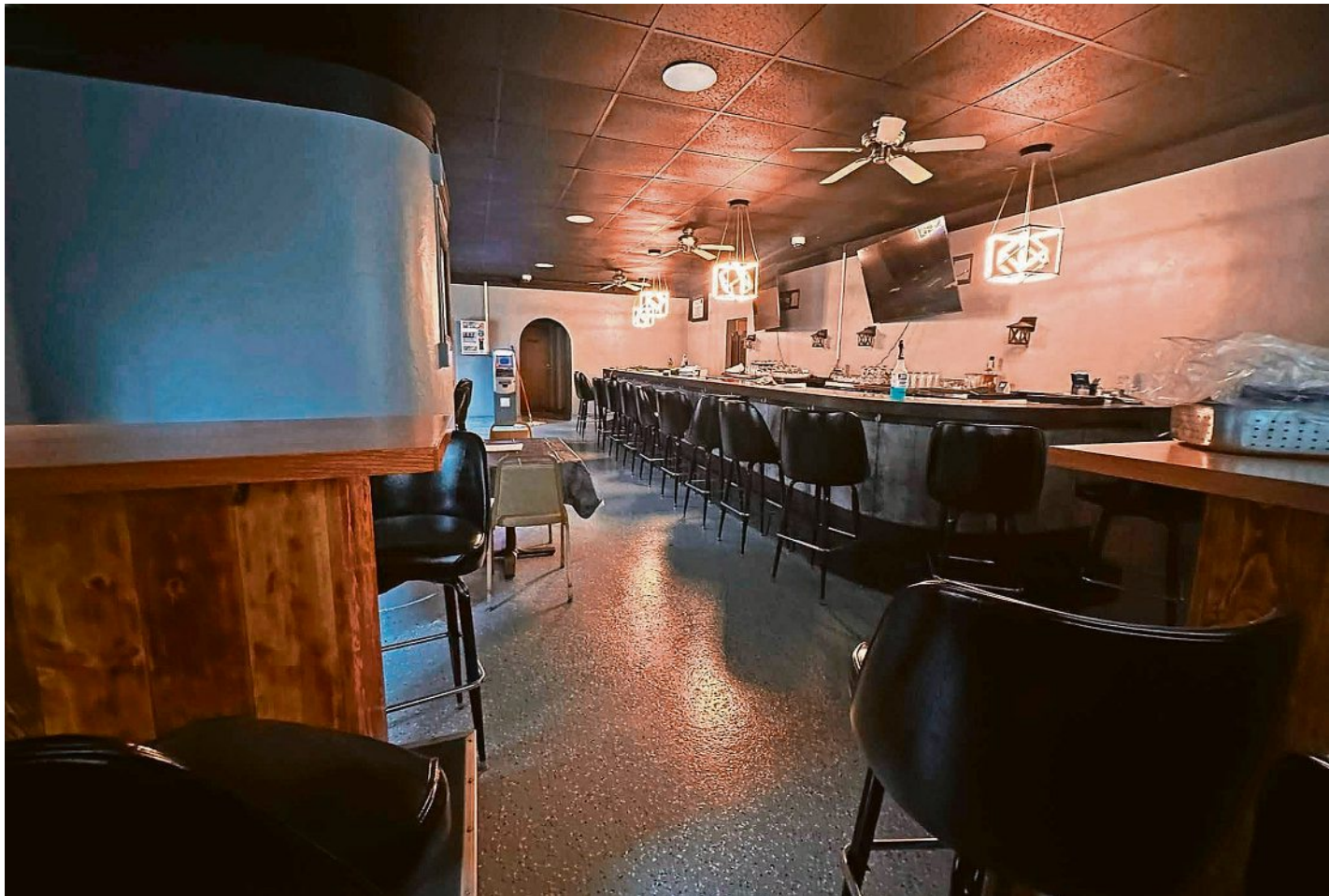
High school football: Lancers excited to make a return

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The Elbow Room, 702 Buffalo St., Manitowoc, will reopen soon under new owners. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE ELBOW ROOM

The Elbow Room is making a comeback

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MANITOWOC – Soon, folks will be able to grab an old fashioned and a good fish fry at one of the area’s longest-standing restaurants.

The Elbow Room — closed for more than a year now — will reopen soon.

Front of House Manager Anastasia Bartusch told Streetwise Manitowoc that owner Kent Meyer (and a silent partner) are finalizing city Health Department requirements and some remodeling and cleanup before announcing an opening date.

We will keep you posted as we learn more.

New owners plan to honor The Elbow Room’s Manitowoc tradition

“The Elbow Room has been a familiar gathering place for generations, with roots dating back to the early 1950s ... has remained a cornerstone of Manitowoc’s dining scene through several owners while preserving its hometown charm,” the new owners said in a social media post. “A Manitowoc tradi-



tion is beginning a new chapter.”

The owners continued: “Now under new ownership, we’re honored to carry on that legacy while bringing fresh energy to this local landmark. As The Elbow Room, our vision is to blend timeless Wisconsin supper club traditions with exceptional hospitality, hand-crafted cocktails, and quality steaks,

seafood, and classic favorites.”

The Elbow Room has been closed since March 2024

The iconic Manitowoc restaurant closed in March 2024 after then owners

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Did you miss these 5 stories in July?

They were among the Herald Times Reporter’s most read



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MANITOWOC – The USS Cobia again captured readers’ attention in July, with people reading about why the historic submarine was leaning to one side.

Here’s a look at that story and four others readers may have missed last month, from a federal trial date to a local park debate and paid parking at Neshotah Beach.

Why was the USS Cobia leaning in Manitowoc?

Wisconsin Maritime Museum staff addressed a minor repair in July after rainwater got into a ballast tank on the USS Cobia, causing the historic submarine to lean slightly in its mooring in Manitowoc Harbor.

Karen Duvalle, submarine curator and exhibits manager for the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, told the Herald Times Reporter July 2 the repair was minor and the submarine would not need to be moved for the work.

The submarine remained open for its regular tour schedule and during the annual SubFest event July 3-5.

Michael Kornely federal trial set for Sept. 21 in Green Bay

Michael J. Kornely, 76, of Francis Creek, is scheduled to go to trial Sept. 21 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in Green Bay on two charges of transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity and one charge of using a computer to attempt to persuade, induce or entice a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity.

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Judge delays decision on testimony in Vang trial

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MANITOWOC – A Manitowoc County judge has delayed ruling on whether an FBI forensic geologist will be allowed to testify at Jesse Vang’s trial in the 2024 death of 3-year-old Elijah Vue.

The geologist, Jodi Webb, a forensic examiner in the FBI Laboratory’s Trace Evidence Unit, appeared in court for a

July 31 motion hearing. Webb testified about her professional experience and the report she wrote after examining gravel found near Vue’s body.

According to court records, Vang’s attorneys argue that Webb is “testifying to ordinary observations that do not come to any certain conclusion.”

Prosecutor Jill Vendetti said Webb’s testimony is valuable evidence.

Manitowoc County Circuit Court Judge Anthony Lambrecht said he

needed more time to review the arguments and state statutes before deciding whether jurors will hear Webb’s testimony.

An oral ruling is scheduled for Sept. 18 at the Manitowoc County Courthouse.

The decision could shape what evidence prosecutors are allowed to present when Vang’s two-and-a-half-week trial is expected to begin on April 14, 2027.

Jesse Vang is accused in Elijah Vue’s death and in hiding his body

Vang is charged in Elijah Vue’s 2024 death and accused of hiding the 3-year-old’s body on wooded private property near Two Rivers for several months before civilians found it.

Vang faces charges of felony child abuse causing death, hiding a corpse,

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