

DISTRICT BOARD

AI expected to bring changes

Gateway president says college looking ahead at evolving education landscape



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Microsoft's Chat GPT, Google's Bard and other artificial intelligence tools have the potential to bring sweeping changes in the years ahead — including college campuses.

At Gateway Technical College, officials said they are trying to get ahead of the emerging trend. In a big picture report, "Omniward and Upward," Ritu Raju, Gateway's newly installed president and CEO, discussed the college's ongoing adaptation and navigation of technology in its many forms with members of the decision-making District Board,

which held its monthly meeting Thursday. In her presentation, Raju shared an anecdote of an exercise she had last month involving the creation of a Valentine's Day card, using Chat GPT tools to create the message. Users had the option of customizing a message, using a variety of tones — from sincerity to snarky. "It was hilarious, but it also was a little scary," Raju said of AI tools and their implications. "Universities are having these conversations now; What happens if

students write their papers using Chat GPT?" Raju said she and other leaders within the college are working to wrap their arms around the emerging technology and learn how it can be harnessed to Gateway's benefit. "Please know there are a lot of benefits from infusing artificial intelligence into teaching and learning," Raju said. "We are working on something, but we're not ready to talk about it. I hope to be able to present it soon." "It is important for us to stay

up-to-date with the current trends," she said. "We spend a considerable amount of time reading and knowing what is happening." Raju said she recently received an invitation from Google to try its Bard IT tool and took the technology giant up on the offer. "I'm definitely going to do it because it gives me a chance to try, first-hand, this technology," Raju said. Ram Bhatia, a trustee on the Gateway District Board, said he

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Newcomers competing for seat on Raymond Village Board

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RAYMOND — Voters in the Village of Raymond will choose between two candidates April 4 in a contest to fill one seat on the Village Board.

With Trustee Tim Geszwin choosing not to seek re-election, the choices on the ballot will include Bill Wilson and William Theys.

Wilson is a retired police officer from Milwaukee County who moved to Raymond about 15 years ago. He wants to protect the village from excessive residential growth and high taxes.

"I think it's a good community," he said. "I want to see it stay that way."

Theys could not be reached for comment.

The winner of the April 4 election will have the opportunity to serve a two-year term on the Village Board at a salary of \$4,500 a year.

Wilson retired after 30 years with the Oak Creek Police Department and another 10 years as an investigator for a nonprofit group called Construction Business Group.

Since moving to Raymond, Wilson said, he has attended many Village Board meetings, and others in the community have urged him to run for election.

Wilson said he thinks village government would benefit from having the perspective of a retired police officer on the board.

"The blend of a number of professions helps," he said.

Saying he was drawn to Raymond because it was a small, rural community, Wilson said he wants to work to ensure that new development does not overtake the village — which he witnessed in some communities in Milwaukee County.

"I want to see the city grow," he said. "But I want to see it grow in the right direction."

Bill Wilson

AGE: 69

ADDRESS: 2848 108th St., Raymond

OCCUPATION: Wilson

Retired, Oak Creek Police Department, and Construction Business Group nonprofit

EXPERIENCE: None

COMMUNITY SERVICE: All Saints Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 434, Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Association, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 139

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Mount Senario College



"Peeps in Cotton Candyland" by Sophia Repa-Krolkowski of Racine.

RACINE ART MUSEUM

Get ready for RAM Peeps

Annual exhibit opens Thursday

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RACINE — The Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St., will present the 14th edition of a non-traditional exhibition showcasing art made from or inspired by colorful marshmallow Peeps.

Open March 30 through April 15, the "RAM 14th Annual International Peeps Art Exhibition" features 142 entries that demonstrate the talent of 200 artists from across the country.

Bruce W. Pepich, RAM executive director and curator of collections, and Kendra Voelz, RAM curatorial assistant, will host a virtual awards presentation via Facebook Live at 6 p.m. today. Awards are based on clever and skilled use or representation of Peeps in adult, children and group categories. A Facebook account is not required to watch the live broadcast.

Over the years, many Peeps art exhibition entrants have become experts in marshmallow candy as a material, using methods like carving, painting, hole punching, gluing and melting to manipulate Peeps into shapes.

While the seasonal candy is still the most

common material, the 14th anniversary show also includes pieces made in various other media.

In addition to the awards selected by RAM, visitors are invited to vote for their favorite creation, naming one popular artwork worthy of the coveted PEEPlies Choice Award.

With guests allowed only one per visit, they circle the works of Peeps art, taking notes about the exhibition, and then often lobbying for their eventual favorite.

The award will be announced after the closure of the exhibition.

Out-of-state enthusiasts and other would-be museum visitors are invited to view the exhibition from the comfort of home during a Live Virtual Tour of exhibition on the RAM Facebook page at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 11.

The exhibition tour and the virtual awards ceremony will also be available to watch on demand on Facebook, YouTube and the RAM website after the live broadcast has concluded.

The Racine Art Museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and senior citizens 62 and older. Go to ramart.org for more information.



"Peepalope" by Cremona Weisser of Milwaukee.

RACINE ART MUSEUM

Drop-off disposal event on tap

Tires, microwaves and more can be dumped April 8

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RACINE — Get your spring cleaning off to a good start.

The City of Racine is hosting a free drop-off disposal event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at 1800 S. Memorial Drive.

While residents are normally charged for these items, tires, microwaves, TVs, computer monitors, freon appliances and non-freon white goods such as washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, dishwashers and hot water heaters, will be free to dispose of at this event.

Proof of residency in the city is needed. Driver's licenses and property tax bills can be used as proof of residency.

Eight tires are allowed to be dumped per resident. Commercial and business drop-offs are not allowed.

For more information, call 262-636-9126. An additional drop-off event will also be held sometime in September.

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