

KIDS' NEWSLETTER

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De Pere-America's #1 Small Town

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To all and any that were skeptical, pessimistic or just couldn't believe it, people here proved Tuesday that these were not just mere words but the real thing as 4,192 men and woman out of a possible 4,204 marked their ballots to achieve a historical vote record of 99.7%. To accomplish this truly American feat, not only did many adults work at the polls, at telephones, as chauffeurs and in almost every imaginable capacity, but De Pere's youth were out babysitting, doing messenger work and all else they could as the entire city united in a single drive to show the nation and the world this could be done. From hospital beds, from distant cities, from far away war camps and from just around the corner these votes came and came. As long as they were legal, it mattered not how, when or by whom those votes were cast. They came. It was De Pere's day. Everyone thought, talked and then acted. All meant business that day. Now a record which is history has

been set. Naturally, all in the city were pleased at this beautiful turnout De Pere had made. When asked for a statement, John Yeunger, who had introduced the 100% idea last January and was general chairman of the program as the drive hit a fever point during the last few months said "I think that 99.7% is a vey American total. No coercion was used at any point in the campaign and all had both the privilege of not voting as well as voting. We could not use any pressure to achieve our ends or we would be no better that the totalitarian powers we're trying to defeat. And" Yuenger emphasized, "no single individual or small group of people can be signaled out for compliment in our 100% program. De Pere had 4,192 players on it's All American voting team". (voter turnout for the November 5, 2024 election in Wisconsin was 76.1%, highest in the nation)

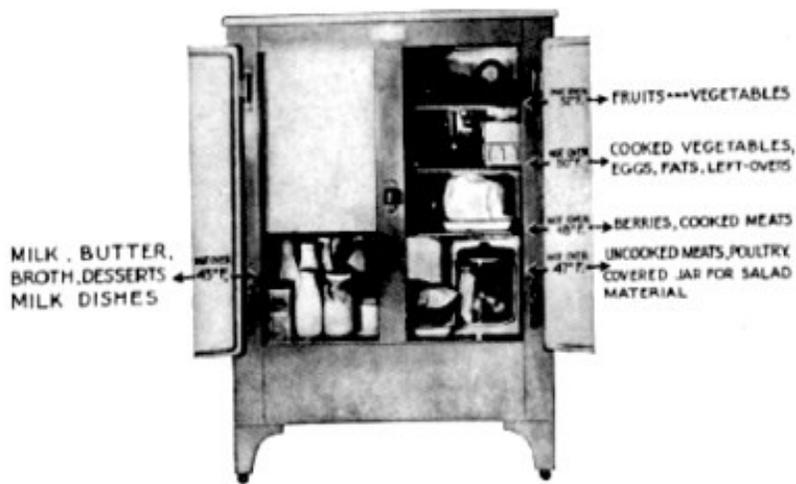


1952 Presidential Election

In November of 1952 Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President of the United States and Richard M. Nixon Vice-President. Eisenhower received almost 29 million votes, a record at the time. Compare that to the 2024 election when Donald Trump got almost 75 million votes, another record. In Wisconsin, Eisenhower got just under 1 million votes in 1952. Donald Trump got almost 1.7 million votes in Wisconsin in 2024.



Iceboxes and the Icemen



During the warm days of summer, the iceman was one of the most eagerly awaited and welcomed visitors to a home. The iceman delivered ice to homes for their ice boxes. An icebox (also called a cold closet) is a compact non-mechanical refrigerator which was a common kitchen appliance before the development of safe powered refrigeration devices. Iceboxes had hollow walls that were lined with tin or zinc and packed with various insulating materials such as cork, sawdust, straw or seaweed. A large block of ice was held in a tray or compartment near the top of the box. Cold air circulated down and around storage compartments in the lower section. Some finer models had spigots for draining ice water from a catch pan or holding tank. In cheaper models a drip

pan was placed under the box and had to be emptied at least daily. The user had to replenish the melted ice, normally by obtaining new ice from an [iceman](#). The iceman spent winters harvesting ice from the bays and rivers, and then storing it until local residents and businesses needed it. In the scene below, men and boys stack the huge blocks of ice. The blocks of ice would be covered in saw dust and stored in ice houses until needed in warmer weather. During the summer icemen with horse drawn wagons made regular door-to-door deliveries of block ice. Children would go on the ice wagon and take chips of fallen ice as treats during the summer.



Harvesting Ice from the Fox River

Santa & Mrs. Claus at White Pillars



Santa & Mrs. Clause will make their annual visit to White Pillars Museum on:

Thursday, December 5 **4-7 PM**

Friday, December 6 **4-7 PM**

Saturday, December 7 **2-5 PM**

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