LAST CALL

STORE SHOPPING

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MILWAUKEE-AREA GROCERY STORE AND WHY?



Jon Donahue

"I would have to go with Whole Foods as my favorite grocery store in the area. The produce is excellent, as I enjoy their various lunch and dinner options on days when I do not have time to cook. However, my favorite part about the store would be the atmosphere: I am greeted with a 'hello' or 'how are you doing today?' anytime I walk past a store employee, and I can even enjoy a beer while walking throughout the store."

JON DONAHUE, Johnson Bank, Milwaukee



Deborah Tomczyk

"Milwaukeearea consumers are benefiting from greater competition in the grocery space. The addition of so many grocery players is driving prices

down and choices up. Personally, I shop at Sendik's and Walmart. Sendik's has great meats, bread and deli offerings. I buy not just groceries at Sendik's, but prepared meals as well. Walmart offers the greatest variety of staples at the lowest prices. I load up on all the essentials (paper products, cosmetics and namebrand foodstuffs) at Walmart. "It should be interesting to see in the next few years which operators survive the onslaught of competition. But, the consumers will continue to benefit."

DEBORAH TOMCZYK, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren SC. Milwaukee



Amy Ruhig

"I don't know what I would do without the Sendik's grocery stores around Milwaukee. They are my one-stop-shop for just about everything from deli and

pre-made items for nights when I don't have time to cook, to high-quality meats and produce for when I do have time, to quick gifts when I need a host/hostess gift and a great flower department. Whether I am there to prep for a dinner party or to grab Tuesday night dinner on the fly, I always feel like I get quality ingredients and the assurance that they will have exactly what I am looking for."

AMY RUHIG, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Milwaukee

SOMETHING BREWING



GERMAN BREWPUB, BEER GARDEN TO OPEN IN GLENDALE

Brauhaus Milwaukee LLC said Sept. 18 that the former Bavarian Inn in Glendale will be transformed into Bavarian Bierhaus Brewpub & Beer Garden by spring 2016.

The new facility will include a microbrewery, a traditional beer hall, a craft beer bar and restaurant, and two beer gardens. The brewery will be located in the beer hall and will be able to produce eight different beers at one time and brew more than 200,000 liters of beer annually, according to the company.

The outdoor beer garden will have seating room for more than 2,000 guests, along with room for 500 seats inside and banquet facilities for private parties.

Bavarian Bierhaus plans to offer daily live entertainment and special events throughout the year, including Oktoberfest festivities.

Chef Scott Elsaesser will be the general manager of Bavarian Bierhaus. He moved to Milwaukee in June, and most recently served as the general manger for Hofbräuhaus Cleveland.

- Jordyn Noennig