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## AK Strong: Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki, set to do the famous "Do or Die Shot"

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NORWICH - After a two-month recovery period, Sidney student-athlete Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki, who goes by "AK" will be making a special appearance in the 2023 Norwich Gus Macker as a special guest and as a player.



Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki, "AK", will be making a special appearance at the 2023 Gus Macker Tournament. AK has made a steady recovery after a seven week hospital stay after being struck by a drunk driver in mid-February. Pictured is AK before officially leaving the hospital in April. (Submitted Photo)

In mid-February, AK, 14, was walking home from school when she was struck by a drunk driver. She spent seven weeks in the hospital, fighting for her life while her father, Rich Lomnicki, updated everyone each day on her progress through social media. A Facebook group called 'AK Strong' was created as well, where many offered their thoughts and prayers.

"I've been really happy to be home and felt like I'm getting back to my life. I've had some frustrating moments, but I'm getting better and stronger every day. I thank my friends and family, everyone that prayed for me, and my doctors for all the support," AK said.

Since her hospital stay and her return home from the hospital in early April, AK was able to return to school and slowly get back into playing basketball. She is also thankful for everyone's support.

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## Gus Macker celebrates 26 years in Norwich

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NORWICH - The 3 on 3 Gus Macker Tournament is set to return for its 26th year in Norwich on July 8 and 9. The event also returns to the Norwich High School for its second year after a pre-planned two-year construction work project affecting the downtown area.

After a lot of changes made last year, including location, the tournament continues to be the same beloved event of the summer, bringing the community together since the start in 1996.

Norwich is currently the largest and longest running tournament in New York State. It is also expected to be the longest running tournament in the nation next year after one host city in Belding, Michigan is ending after 30 years.

### The Start of Gus Macker

The official Gus Macker organization started in Lowell,



In 2022 Norwich named was Macker City of the Year. The 2022 Gus Macker Tournament took place at Norwich High School. During opening ceremonies on Saturday, Scott "Gus Macker" McNeal and his staff announced that Norwich was Gus Macker's city of the year. Pictured: Bill, Jamey Mullen, Steve Benenati (Frank's son), Tom Revoir, and Scott McNeal (sitting). Norwich's 25th anniversary was dedicated in memory of Frank Benenati and Hazel Muserilli. (Photo by Morgan Golliver.)

Michigan 49 years ago as Scott McNeal, aka "Gus" himself, started a small tournament in his parents' driveway that only grew in size and is nationally recognized to this day. Some would even say Gus captivated and popularized the game of 3 on 3 basketball, where in 2020, it became an official summer olympic

sport. The sport will return for the second time in 2024, when the Summer Olympic Games will be held in Paris, France.

With Gus Macker approaching 50 years, Norwich will celebrate 26 years. The tournament filled East Main Street in the summer of 1996 as a way to attract tourism to the small town. The first

year of Macker in Norwich brought out 200 teams with 1800 players, playing during a hurricane.

With the rise of COVID in previous years, Norwich lost two years of its annually appreciated event, but was finally able to return in 2022. The aftermath of COVID

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The Gus Macker Tournament is returning for its 26th year in Norwich on July 8 and 9 at the Norwich High School. (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

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varsity teams honored AK, including her own Sidney Warriors. Special pins with her picture and words "Pray for AK" were distributed around several local gymnasiums, including at Oxford High School. Several players wore these pins in support of AK for the remainder of the season.

Donations were also collected to support AK and her family during the difficult time. At the 2023 MAC basketball championship, held at Unadilla Valley, the event raised \$1,371. Aside from this event, many other local businesses sold items to proceed AK as well.

AK's basketball career started in school, where she didn't know until later

that it would become an interest that she would continue.

During this time, she also realized she was good at playing, so her parents signed up for an overnight basketball camp. The overnight basketball camp at Houghton College only made AK a better player, leading to her getting an invite to try out for AAU basketball and was accepted.

The rest is history, AK said, as she has been on the Sidney girls' basketball team since before her incident, and hopes to rejoin this upcoming winter season.

Since her recovery, she's been at some AAU practices and has been practicing at home. She has also been medically cleared to play in this year's Gus Macker Tournament, where she is captain of



Pins, featuring this graphic, were distributed among local high school, including Oxford in support of AK. Many varsity basketball players wore these pins throughout the remainder of the 2022-2023 season, including AK's Sidney basketball team. (Submitted Photo)

the WCDO/AK team against other girls ranging between the ages of 15 and 16. Her team is expected to play on Court M.

WCDO, a radio station

out of Sidney is sponsoring nine Macker teams over the weekend.

This will be AK's third year playing in Gus Macker and she

also hopes to attend the remaining New York tournaments, such as the one in Ithaca in August.

Aside from playing, AK will have a huge part in the 2023 Norwich Gus Macker's opening ceremonies. She will be the special guest and the participant of the famous "Do or Die Shot."

Norwich's Mayor Brian Doliver was nominated in 2022.

AK was excited about having a special part in the opening ceremonies, even though she didn't quite know what the shot was.

"I had to have it explained to me, but I was so excited," AK said. "I was thrilled and in shock when they asked me."

The "Do or Die Shot" takes place during the opening ceremonies after the Gus Macker

and Norwich staff is introduced. It is a silly game where the special guest, who Tom Revoir calls a "celebrity in the town," shoots a shot or many shots. If they make the shot, the tournament goes on. If not, the tournament is over and everyone packs up and leaves.

But, that never happens as they're allowed as many shots as it takes to make it in. Revoir also says that it is a great and fun way to kick-off the tournament that even gets people pumped up.

With AK making this special appearance, it only shows how much she means to everyone who prayed and followed her journey.

Good luck AK.

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Norwich Gus Macker holds a tradition of opening the basketball tournament's ceremonies with a famous, "Do or Die Shot," by a well-known local community member. Last year it was Norwich Mayor Brian Doliver. (Photo by Morgan Golliver.)

## Best of luck to all players from the news team at The Evening Sun



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## Sportsmanship Counts



**SPORTSMAN:** A person who can take loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, & who treats his opponents with fairness, generosity, courtesy, etc.

### GOOD SPORTS

**DO**....keep their teammates under control.

**DO**....keep their Coaches & Parents under control.

**DO**....help out the game official by telling him/her they did a nice job.

(remember, they are volunteers)

**DO**....play hard, have fun and enjoy the weekend.

### GOOD SPORTS

**DO NOT**....use inappropriate language towards game officials or anyone on or around the court. (remember, your brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, Mom and Dad are sitting around the court watching and listening to you).

**DO NOT**....try to hurt an opponent, fan or Game Official by physical roughness or trash talking or intentional fouling.

*We all have something to do on Monday, whether it's going to work, or school, enjoying vacation or the numerous other activities that occupy our busy summer schedules. **NO ONE NEEDS TO BE INJURED.** So be a **GOOD SPORT**, keep it clean and have fun.*

## Registration Procedures

### FORMAT

Registration will be by Court Assignment.  
Captains, please inform your teammates.

### IDENTIFICATION

Identification is required at registration.

Sources that can be used are:

- Birth Certificate (4-15 yrs. old)
- Drivers License (16 & above)
- School ID with birthdate, etc.

*Your identification **MUST** be with you at **ALL TIMES***

### MEASURING

All players will be measured at registration to verify information provided on the original application.

### WAIVER

Every player must sign a liability waiver. Those 17 and under **MUST** have a parent/guardian sign with them. A copy is provided online or at registration.

### BRACELET

Each player is required to wear an identification bracelet on their wrist at all times. This bracelet will be put on by a volunteer at registration after ID is checked and a waiver is signed. The bracelet must be worn the entire weekend;  
it is not removable.

## Weather Policy · Teams are responsible to hear announcement

**Adverse weather conditions & unplayable situations may result in the following (in order of decision-making process):**

1. Delay of games for a period of time until the clouds break and conditions improve. (May also require moving games from scheduled courts to overflow courts or others not in use, and/or eliminate certain aspects such as Toilet Bowl, etc.).
2. Reduce the number of points required to win a game.
3. Play games on a consecutive basis by game number rather than by the pre-established game times.
4. Change the format of the tournament from double to single elimination.
5. Move the tournament to indoor site within a reasonable distance of the original site if available.
6. Re-schedule the tournament for a later date at the same site.
7. Cancel the tournament.



### Did You Know...

Gus Macker is still the one-and-only original event of its kind focused on family values, charity fundraising and good recreational fun for all ages.

In the unlikely event of cancellation of the tournament due to adverse weather conditions, each team shall receive their four (4) players t-shirts and team registration package (i.e. programs, Gusettes, etc.) Every effort will also be made to present trophies and awards in an equitable manner. Under no circumstances will a team receive a full cash refund of the team entry fee. The exact amount of the refund is at the sole discretion of the tournament organizers, considering the number of games played, out of pocket costs, etc. The maximum cash refund, if any, will be \$20.00 per team.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Teams must be at their court at the scheduled time, even if games are "running behind". If games are "running behind" for any reason (inclement weather, slow play, etc.) the final point of reference for scheduling or re-scheduling procedures shall be the Bracket Tent; not any verbal information provided by a Game Official. The players are ultimately responsible for obtaining accurate scheduling information and being at their court to play when their game is to begin. Game time is forfeit time.



**The Norwich Family YMCA is excited to be hosting the 26th Norwich Gus Macker three on three basketball tournament on July 8-9, 2023.**

We are proud of our long history with Gus Macker and using basketball as a tool to bring people together. Although an event to support the Norwich YMCA, this event is ultimately opportunity to support our community through tourism, overnight stays, fundraising, and an opportunity to bring youth and families together.

Who would have thought that twenty-eight years after initiating a Gus Macker in Norwich, that we would still be here, playing three on three basketball. During those twenty-eight years, we soon became the longest tenured Gus Macker tournaments in New York State, while growing to be the one of the largest Gus Macker's in New York State. We were informed that Ludington, Michigan will no longer host a Gus Macker after 2023, therefore making Norwich, New York the longest running Gus Macker in the United States.

Hosting a tournament of this size, for so many years, does not come easy. We pride ourselves on offering a quality tournament for all that participate and visit the Norwich tournament. Our entire community literally assists in hosting and welcoming countless visitors throughout upstate New York and many former residents as they return home to Norwich.

An event of this size is not possible without the support of a whole community. The City of Norwich has been instrumental from day one: Police and Fire support, logistical support with the Department of Public Works, Emergency Management support with our Mass Gather permit with New York State and more. Countless community volunteers work together across multiple work disciples to assure we are prepared and ready to host an estimated 1000 basketball players between the ages of 5 and 55 this year.

We are thankful to our friends at the Norwich City School District for allowing us to utilize their School Campus again as we wait for the City streets to be repaved in downtown Norwich. Your support has allowed us to keep this summer tradition alive in Norwich. Our volunteers are second to none. The Macker event takes the whole community to support this massive undertaking and we are proud of our diverse group of volunteers who strive to offer a quality event for all.

As you look through the "Gusette" print edition, look at the amazing sponsors who continually support the YMCA in bringing "Macker" to Norwich. Your dedication allows us to offer basketball to over 1000 players, over 300 volunteers and thousands of families and spectators cheering, applauding and supporting their players. We are blessed to have this amazing tradition.

Macker teams, thank you for returning to Norwich. We realize you have the option to play or watch and you chose to play, even with everything else going on in our communities and the rising gas prices too.

The one thing that has been constant with the Norwich Gus Macker is that the event is centered around our youth players, focuses on charity, promotes Norwich, and showcasing the amazing volunteers who organize and implement this amazing community event, while highlighting the "good" that Norwich has to offer, while putting us on the basketball map.

# 2023 Gus Macker Schedule of Events

## Friday, July 7, 2023

Team Registration -  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Norwich High School Gymnasium

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Concession Stands Open.....5:00 pm

## Saturday, July 8, 2022

Team Registration -  
7:00 am - 11:00 am  
Norwich High School Gymnasium

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Opening Ceremonies.....8:00 am

Prayer: Pastor Zach Thorpe of City Church Norwich

National Anthem

Do or Die Shot: Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki - AK

### GAMES BEGIN.....8:30 AM

DREAM COURT  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

KIDS PLAY AREA  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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## Sunday, July 9, 2023 GAMES BEGIN. 8:00 AM

DREAM COURT  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

KIDS PLAY AREA  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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### Don't Forget Your Waiver Form and Identification

Captains receiving their Gusette in the mail will receive a waiver form. There will also be waiver forms at the registration. All participants must turn in a signed waiver form and players under 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Identification such as birth certificates (under 15 yrs. old), driver's license (16 & above), or school ID with birthdate is needed.

## Registered Officials on all Courts Program

possession of the ball will go to the other team. If the ball is not "taken back" and then advanced, any other violation, common foul, offensive foul, intentional, flagrant or technical foul called by the official will be honored. Exception: If a player is fouled in the act of shooting and makes the basket prior to properly "taking it back" the foul will be honored; however, no points will be awarded.

9. **NEW! 10-Second Rule.** When taking the ball out-of-bounds, a player shall have ten (10) seconds to put the ball into play. A player shall also have ten (10) seconds to initiate any free throw attempt. In either case, the Official is responsible for determining when a violation occurs, which will result in loss of possession of the ball.
10. Any infraction of these regulations will result in loss of possession of the ball.

### FOULS AND FREE THROWS

1. **NEW! All** Shooting fouls will be handled in the following manner:
  - **A.** When the basket is made – count the basket and whether the ensuing free throw is made or missed, possession goes to the defensive team.
  - **B.** When the basket is missed – if the free throw is made, possession goes to the defensive team. If the free throw is missed, the offensive team retains possession.

**NOTE:** *One (1) free-throw will be awarded to the fouled player, even if fouled in the act of attempting a shot from behind the 2-point line.*
2. Non-shooting fouls – on and after the 7th team foul – will be handled in the following manner:
  - **A.** If the free throw is made, possession goes to the defensive team.
  - **B.** If the free throw is missed, the offensive team retains possession.
  - **C.** If a foul is committed as time runs out, a free throw will be awarded to the fouled player.
3. All free throws are dead balls.
4. **FREE THROW OPTION:** in **any** free throw situations, (including technical fouls), the designated shooter may at his or her option choose to shoot from the free-throw line for one (1) point, **OR** from behind the 2 point line for 2 points. **In either case, the player shooting must have both feet completely behind the line when initiating and completing the attempt.** If the 2 point shot is chosen, the non-shooting team will be awarded the ball regardless of whether the shot is successful or not (Exception: Technical Fouls).
5. All technical fouls will be counted as a team foul.

### TECHNICAL FOULS – PLAYER MISCONDUCT, FLAGRANT AND INTENTIONAL FOULS

1. **DEFINITION:** The Official may assess a **Technical Foul** for any misconduct, flagrant, or intentional fouls committed by a player(s). This may include:
  - A Contact Foul intended to hurt an opponent, fan or Official
  - Vulgar or verbally abusive behavior
  - Other misconduct deemed inappropriate by the Official (e.g. intentionally kicking the ball, etc. . . .) or a contact foul

designed to neutralize an opponent's obvious advantageous position.

2. **PENALTY:** A choice between two (2) Free Throws from the Free Throw Line (15-ft.) for one (1) point each, **OR** two (2) shots from behind the 2 point line for 2 points each will be awarded to the offended team. In either case, the player shooting must have both feet completely behind the line when initiating and completing the attempt.
  - The Team Captain may designate the player to shoot.
  - The Offended Team will retain possession of the ball whether the shots are made or missed.

Any player committing two (2) Technical Fouls in a game is automatically ejected from that game and his/her teams' next game.
3. Fighting and/or 'Throwing a Punch' automatically results in a Technical Foul assessed against the player(s) involved. Free Throws will be awarded as described above and will result in immediate dismissal of the player(s) from the tournament.
4. A Technical Foul will be counted as a Team Foul.
5. Continuous misconduct, intentional and or flagrant fouling by a team or player may result in dismissal from the game or tournament at the discretion of the Official or other Tournament Official.
6. Any player ejected from a Gus Macker Tournament for misconduct, intentional and/or flagrant fouling, fighting or throwing a punch, will be automatically banned from participation in future Gus Macker Tournaments for a period of one (1) year.
7. **NEW! Misconduct by a player and/or team while playing in their final game of the tournament or after already being eliminated from competition in the tournament, and/or while acting as a 'spectator' at another game(s), may jeopardize that player and/or team from further participation in that tournament and/or future Macker Tournaments, at the discretion of tournament officials.**

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. All women's divisions and 10 and under age divisions will use the intermediate size basketball.
2. No alcoholic beverage will be allowed for player consumption on-site.
3. HIV/AIDS – The Game Official, SuperBuster, HeadBuster, Gus Macker Officials, or Medical Personnel shall order any player who is bleeding or has blood on his/her skin, shirts, shorts or uniform to leave the game for appropriate treatment. The player may not return until the bleeding has been stopped, the injury covered with medical dressing and the player's clothing is rid of any bloodstains. Re-entry into the game will be at the discretion of the Official. Return to the game must take place on a deadball situation.
4. The Team Captain is always the team spokesperson, not a coach, parent, spectator, or one of the other players. We ask that all coaches and parents play "the role of a spectator only".
5. **NEW! Jewelry (earrings, rings, watches, etc...), hats, bandanas, and/or casts are not allowed to be worn by players during tournament games. Any player that refuses to remove any such item prior to play, is not eligible to participate in that game.**



# Tournament Guidelines



## ATTENTION PARENTS & COACHES

This event is designed for all ages. Gus Macker and your local organizers want all participating youth and adults to have a positive, fun experience. In order for this to happen we ask that all coaches and parents play a spectator's role only.

Please note that inappropriate language and/or behavior directed at players or officials will not be tolerated. Only one warning will be given. If the incident reoccurs, the adult involved will be asked to leave. Please help make this a positive event. Thank you in advance for your cooperation; we look forward to seeing you.

## PLAYER INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY

1. Each team must have four (4) players on their roster and be registered as a team by the predetermined entry deadline. Additions and/or changes on rosters will not be permitted under any circumstance after the entry deadline.
2. Players may appear on only one (1) team roster for each tournament. Any player appearing on more than one (1) team roster may be disqualified from participation in that tournament.
3. As a general rule, teams are split into male and female divisions by computer analysis considering the average age, experience, and height of the players. Co-ed teams will automatically be scheduled in a male division using this same criteria.
4. Identification for each player (e.g. birth certificate, drivers license, other photo ID, etc...) is required at on-site registration to verify information provided on the original team application (i.e. age, height, experience). ID bracelets will be issued at that time. The ID bracelet must be worn at all times to participate in a Macker contest. Players must be prepared to show identification throughout the tournament weekend.
5. If any of a player's personal information listed on the team application is inaccurate (e.g. age, height, experience), the player will be eliminated from participation in the tournament. Discovery at any time after registration of the player in question may also result in elimination of the whole team from further competition.
6. Eligibility problems will be enforced from point of discovery. No replay of games or adjustments will be allowed for previous contests and standing involving the team in question.
7. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON!!!**

## PLAYER SUBSTITUTION POLICY

### ON or BEFORE THE ORIGINAL ENTRY DEADLINES:

1. Player substitutions can be made as long as they are mailed and/or submitted online by the original postmark/online deadlines for that tournament. A form can be mailed to: Player Substitutions, 107 E. Main St., Belding, MI 48809

**NOTE:** Teams that signed up originally through the online registration process can make roster changes before the entry deadline at no extra cost using their password provided when they registered.

\*Some tournaments may limit the number of teams that participate in a particular event. In that case, if the tournament has reached its limit prior to the original entry deadlines, the earlier date will be the 'cut-off' for this player substitution policy.

## AFTER THE ORIGINAL ENTRY DEADLINE

Teams are allowed to make two (2) player substitutions not (1) after the entry deadline under the following guidelines:

1. The substitution must be received in the Macker office in Belding no later than 5:00 pm (EST) on the Wednesday prior to the tournament weekend.
2. A substitution form (available by calling the Macker office at 616-794-1445 or online at [www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com)) must be faxed to 616-794-1472 or submitted online by Wednesday as stated above in number 1 (we will not accept forms sent by regular mail after the original entry deadline).
3. The 'new' player added to the roster must be the same age, same height or shorter, and have the same or less playing experience as the replaced player. Gus Macker reserves the right to deny any substitution

that does not meet these requirements.

4. A processing fee of \$25.00 is to be paid only by credit card when submitting the substitution form (no other form of payment will be accepted). Note: If the credit card payment is declined for any reason, the substitution will not be allowed.
5. Macker Headquarters will email you a formal confirmation that your substitution has been approved.

## Division Breakdown

### JUNIOR DIVISIONS (18 years of age and below)

As a general rule, teams are placed into male and female divisions according to pre-established age categories, as follows:

#### 10 & Under 11-12 13-14 15-16 17-18

Any co-ed teams registered to play will automatically be schedule in a male division based on criteria listed above.

- The age of the players is determined as of Saturday of the event weekend.
- To ensure proper placement of team, all four (4) players must fit within the established age category. If a player does not meet the age requirement, your team will be placed into the category of the oldest player.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Every effort will be made to place teams into these age categories. Gus Macker will change or combine age categories only when not enough teams have entered to complete an age division. In a few instances, Gus Macker may have to create co-ed within these age categories.

### ADULT DIVISIONS (Ages 19 & Over)

As a general rule, Adult teams are computer-matched into divisions according to average age, height and playing experience of all four (4) players. Most divisions will have between 16-20 teams.

### 30 AND OVER DIVISIONS

Teams will be placed into pre-established age brackets as follows:

#### 30-34 35-39 40 & Over

- The age of the players is determined as of Saturday of the event weekend.
- To ensure proper placement of your team, please make sure that all four (4) players fit the established age category.
- If a player does not meet the age requirement, your team will be placed into the category of your youngest player.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Every effort will be made to place teams into these age categories. Gus Macker will change or combine age categories only when not enough teams have entered to complete an age division.

### TOP DIVISIONS (Most experienced level of play)

#### Eligibility of Amateur Athletes:

1. Gus Macker is not responsible for players violating state high school or NCAA rules.
2. Prep Athletes (Jr. High & High School)  
As a general rule, interscholastic basketball players are eligible to participate in Gus Macker tournaments. Players should, however, check with their Coach/Athletic Director to ensure compliance with your state's rules and regulations.

#### College:

Current intercollegiate basketball players are permitted to participate in Gus Macker Tournaments held between June 15 and August 31. A letter from the athlete's college or university's athletic department must be sent to Gus Macker granting permission to participate in a Macker event. In addition, no more than one player from any one college team can appear on a Macker roster.

**NOTE:** There are no restrictions on the participation of Division III student-athletes in outside basketball competition during the summer. Also, the player limitation from any one college team does NOT apply to Division II or Division III student-athletes.





# Neighborhood Rules & Regulations



## Registered Officials on all Courts Program

### PRE-GAME

- All games may start and be completed with any number of players (3,2,1).
- Both teams will warm-up at the same time prior to the start of the game.
- Only those teams scheduled to play are allowed to occupy the court at the scheduled time.
- Teams must be at their court at the scheduled game time, even if games are "running behind" for any reason (inclement weather, slow play, etc. . .). The final point of reference for scheduling procedures shall be the Bracket Area, not verbal information provided by a Game Official or SuperBuster. The players are ultimately responsible for obtaining accurate scheduling information and being at their court to play when their game is to begin. Game time is forfeit time. Information given by the Game Official or SuperBuster is not final.
- SPECIAL NOTE:** *Gus suggests that you be at your court 15 minutes before the scheduled game time and stay there until your game is played.*
- No dunking allowed – warm ups or games. Any participant registered to play in the Gus Macker tournament observed dunking on any basket at any time may be dismissed from the tournament. Entry fee will not be refunded. (Exception – Slam Dunk Contest)
- Note:** *Dunking is allowed on the Top Men's and Top Women's divisions during games only. **NOT** during warm-ups.*

### REGISTERED OFFICIALS DUTIES

- The Official will call all fouls and violations.
- One (1) Official assigned per court.
- The Official has absolute authority to control play on his or her court, including the right to 'sit' a player for a period of time, eject a player(s) from a game or games, and/or eject a player(s) from the tournament. Higher authority cannot change the judgment decisions of the Official. Only questions concerning rule interpretation are appealable.
- NOTE:** *Even though it is not required, Gus suggests that the Official check with the HeadBuster or a Macker Staff member regarding ejection of a player from a tournament.*
- Once play resumes after a disagreement or appeal, the decision is considered to be final. No further appeals will be allowed on that incident.

### OFFICIAL GAME TIME

- Game Time is Forfeit Time.
- "One Hour Rule" – Any game(s) that begins more than one hour after the original scheduled time, the game winning scores will be reduced by five (5) points, until a time where games begin within one hour of the scheduled start time. The rule will be applied on a court by court basis. The HeadBuster or Gus Macker Staff will have the authority to implement its use. (This rule will be utilized under certain circumstances, due to slow play).**

### TIME LIMIT/SCORING

- A field goal is worth 1 point.
- A successful goal from behind a designated line (approximately 16'9") is worth 2 points. The player shooting must have both feet completely behind the line when initiating the attempt.
- The following scoring rules apply for the Neighborhood:
  - A. Winner Bracket Games** -15 points win by 2, up to a maximum of 20 points. (example: 15-13, 18-16, 20-19).
  - B. Loser Bracket Games** -15 points win by 2, up to a maximum of 20 points. (example: 15-13, 18-16, 20-19).
  - C. Toilet Bowl Games** - 15 points straight-out.
- All games (Adult & Junior) will have a 25-minute time limit. The official starting time will be recorded by the Official on the score sheet. The official time will be under the jurisdiction of the Official. **(The "clock" will be stopped only during timeouts – regular and/or injury.)**
- The team leading at the end of 25 minutes will be declared the winner.
- If the game is tied after 25 minutes of play and no team has reached the required number of points to win the game, the Official will flip a coin to determine team possession. The first team to score will win the game
- If a team wins their 1st game by forfeit and loses their next 2 games they are eligible to advance to the Toilet Bowl.

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also hurt participation numbers in the recent Macker years and across the nation.

### Participation

In the tournament's return to Norwich in 2022, The YMCA and Gus Macker committee welcomed 210 teams, reflecting the first year numbers, and 22 courts were placed among the Norwich High School campus.

The tournament once saw over 500 teams by the fifth year in 2001, but have since capped the numbers at a stable 400. The YMCA admits that the numbers in recent years have been at a decrease since the start, but appreciates more the quality of the event over quantity.

The registration fee also increased this year from \$160 to \$180 to reflect an increase in costs for the YMCA to

receive the baskets and other Macker related expenses to make sure the tournament is set to go on.

While the costs went up, this did not hurt participation numbers. In fact, numbers improved greatly from 2022 to now.

This year, teams piled up right by June 21, the first deadline, which then closed the registration link with no need to extend. Tom Revoir, the YMCA's Sports Coordinator and one of Norwich's Macker directors, said a lot of teams are typically late on signing up with a majority coming on the day of registration.

The day before the deadline, there were 157 teams signed up. Revoir and Jamey Mullen, the YMCA's Executive Director and other Norwich Macker director, kept track of the number of teams through the admin-



The longest running Gus Macker tournament in New York State is held in Norwich every year for the last 26 years. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

istrative macker.com page and checked all throughout the day leading up to the closing. Both were content with Macker numbers slowly approaching the 212 participants from last year.

At the end of day on June 21, there ended up being 256 teams signed up, where there was no need to extend the deadline. It came as a shock to increase

by 40 or more teams in a day, but this effect shows that the tournament continues to be well respected and fun for many.

Mullen and Revoir said that these numbers reflect the outcome of advertising of the tournament through word of mouth, flyers, local news and television, and even from ads in the Evening Sun and

Pennysaver.

Mullen himself even traveled to Olean, NY, where the tournament was played in early June and is about three hours away from Norwich. Mullen handed out flyers promoting Norwich and received positive feedback. Aside from Norwich and Olean, Gus Macker also takes place in Ithaca and Jamestown in August.

Mullen also made a televised appearance on WBNG's Around the Tiers, promoting Norwich's tournament as well.

With a new set of participants this year, the Gus Macker committee computed the team results following registration. Gender, age, height, and level of experience was taken into factor.

The Macker organization promotes that everyone can play, but demographics show the game is essentially a youth and family oriented event. 65 percent of participants range from 14 years of age and under while gender aspects reflect around 63 percent of males over 37 females compete in the event.

Based on these results, there are roughly five to a maximum of 17 teams on

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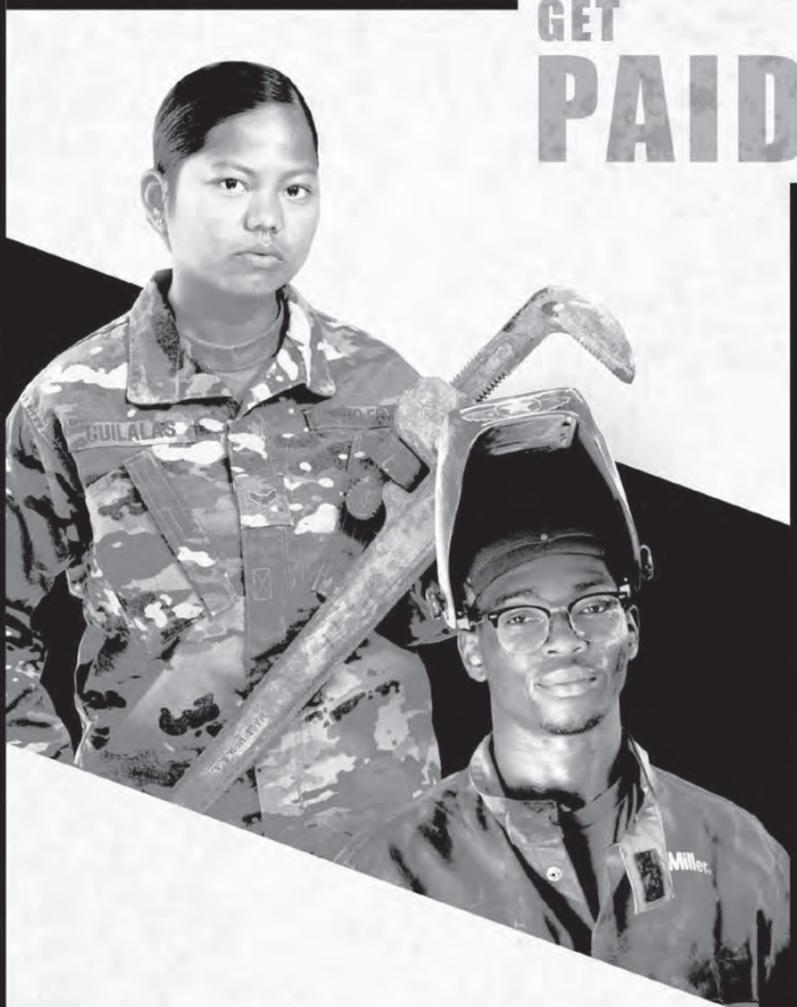

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each court. Court O will feature females aged 17-18 where Court U features males 40 plus. Both courts have five teams on them and will play round-robin style, where everyone will play each other once throughout Saturday with playoff rounds on Sunday.

Court F features 17 teams, which includes females ages 11 and 12. Due to the larger number of teams, the championship will be the latest, taking place on Sunday at 5 p.m. where some courts end around 2 p.m. or at 4:30 p.m.

While Revoir and Mullen would like to see the number of female participants increase in the future, Revoir is excited about having a top women's court again this year. The top women's court will feature 12 teams while the men have 13 teams.

With 23 courts set up this year, the tournament continues to bring joy to the youth and their families.

### Last Year's Recap

2022's Gus Macker was the first year back after COVID canceled the last two summer events.

"We were thankful to be back and thankful to still be going," said Jamey Mullen.

While many volunteers and participants were used to having

the tournament in downtown Norwich, the tournament still went on, but at the Norwich High School. Norwich celebrated 25 years and was named Macker's city of the year.

Norwich also dedicated the 2022 tournament to volunteers Frank Benenati and Hazel Muserilli, who passed away since the last Macker in 2019. They were well-respected community members who dedicated their valuable time at Macker even if they weren't in their prime to play in the tournament itself.

Mullen and Revoir also honored the Norwich Gus Macker sponsors who supported the tournament in all 25 years and are now returning for the 26th year. These sponsors were NBT Bank, Rentals to Go, The Evening Sun and Pennysaver, the three branches of the city including the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, and the Police, and Red Roof Inn. Each sponsor received a trophy and much due respect for their long-term commitment.

"We can't do this event without sponsors. They all help out in their own way whether through cash donations or in-kind advertising for us," Revoir said.

Mullen and Revoir



The Four Amigos win the Championship on Court I. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

also stated the "trial run" last year was better than anticipated and were thankful to have everything close. Even though Macker saw a smaller number of teams than its usual 300-400, it was a joy to see kids who never played before, especially welcoming the new division of kids eight and under to the tournament for the first time.

There was also a change as medals were replaced with trophies for first, second, third place, and the toilet bowl. This was an overall change made by the Gus Macker organization due to the lack of appreciation for the medals.

The sportsmanship award was also missing from the 2022 tournament, due to the increase in the cost of trophies. However, the award returns for the 26th Macker with Burrell's Excavating &

KMC Sand & Gravel sponsoring, allowing this award to be given out at each court. The YMCA is thankful to be bringing back and highlighting the importance of sportsmanship on and off the court. It doesn't matter how well you play the game, it's the show of respect for the game, your teammates, opposing play-

ers, and following and respecting the rules that characterizes good sportsmanship.

Slight changes to this year's tournament Most aspects of this year's tournament will remain the same with some slight changes that bring on a bit of a challenge in spacing, requiring some last minute decisions. However, the tour-

namment will not lose its purpose of being a family, fun event.

### Parking

Last year, there was a large number of parking locations available near the Norwich middle and high school close to the action while other local companies surrounding the area opened up their parking lots as well. Revoir said that there was more parking accessible than imagined last year, where some spots like the Fairgrounds were barely touched. The parking will remain the same this year with changes made in organization.

Parking will be available at Golden Artist Colors nearby as well as at the Norwich Little League field off Hale Street, the NHS baseball field,

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the Achieve parking lot on Midland and East Main Street, as well as the Chenango County Fairgrounds by the football field. Construction also just finished adding another new parking lot near the varsity baseball field.

While parking wasn't much of an issue last year, Revoir would like to have volunteers to help out the organization and flow of the parking to maintain proper spacing between cars for easy access in and out of the event. At a recent Macker meeting, Revoir confirmed that the Lions Club of NY will be organizing the parking. The club has helped out at other big events before and are trying to reestablish themselves by making their presence



With Gus Macker marking a 49 year anniversary, the Norwich YMCA and the City of Norwich are celebrating the last 26 years as host to the tournament, beginning in 1996. (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

known at Macker.

### Sponsors

Aside from the long-term sponsors, there are new sponsors joining in on the fun this year.

The US Air Force, Stewart's Shops, Build Block CNY are some of the newest sponsors with Stewart's acting as a vendor. Media Sponsors, including the Evening Sun, Pennysaver, WCDO radio out of Sidney, WBNG, and

TownSquare Media return while other sponsors look to make a bigger statement than in the past.

Center Court will be sponsored by Build Block CNY while Preferred Mutual is proud to represent the Dream Court. All the kids playing on Dream court will receive a special shirt from their kind sponsor.

Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be sponsoring the regis-

tration center, located in the Norwich High School gymnasium.

Another notable sponsor is Live Event NY, who returns after making their presence known at other local events throughout the Norwich area. They'll continue to sponsor the play zone as well as the sound stage, which will be bigger this year.

Other sponsors include, but aren't limited to; The RC Smith

Foundation, RTG Rentals to Go, NBT Bank, Nina's, NYCM, the US Army, Storage Center, Commerce Chenango Tourism and the host hotel of Red Roof Inn. The US Army will be bringing a big tractor trailer or what they called a "show trailer" full of interactive activities for the kids that will be placed near the youth courts and near the kids zone.

While these spon-

sors will bring a stronger presence to Macker this year, Norwich is also thankful for its court sponsors. Smaller businesses with a tighter budget spend around \$300-\$500 to have their name bannered above two courts back-to-back in one unit.

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him and the local area. He has been doing this for about five years. One year, he promoted Suicide Prevention and featured the toll free hotline number above the courts. This year, ALS is the issue that will be expressed on the banner as it's also a disease that hits close to home.

The Norwich Family YMCA is appreciative of all sponsors who help fund and support Gus Macker today and for the past 26 years.

### Challenges

There are also challenges to overcome in any type of large event like Macker, but these are always resolved, even at the last minute, to help make the event successful. The challenge that Norwich always faces is getting volunteers and referees each year. The Norwich Macker committee saw a new

challenge this year as 15 vendors signed up compared to eight last year. This change led to moving around courts even with only one additional court needed this year.

### Volunteers

As stated last year and in years prior, volunteers are what makes events like Macker happen. Everyone comes together to help set up baskets and other necessary objects, help at registration, distribute water and gatorade to the refs and scorekeepers, and help clean up and tear down courts on Sunday. These jobs require several hands on deck.

With the change of location and the aftermath of COVID, it can be understandable to lose out on people and their interest in helping out after a possibility of finding other hobbies.

"Quality, volunteers,



Soup participates in their very first Gus Macker Tournament. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

and organization is what brings events together," Mullen said. "Our efficiency and organization here in Norwich is what makes us one of the better tournaments."

Sign ups for volunteers, referees, and scorekeepers have been ongoing at the Norwich YMCA for

over the past month ahead of schedule.

Revoir said that "Gus Busters", another name for referees, are offered a \$250 compensation for hours put in over the weekend, but these refs need to be skilled and know the game, and need to know how and when to blow a

whistle. Even Jamey Mullen helps ref as well.

About 40 or more Busters are needed every year with at least two on each court. Something that Gus himself appreciates as the game of basketball can get messy, so it's good to have rules and someone keeping

the game clean as best they can.

Revoir also publicly advertised and spread the message on social media and through the Norwich Family YMCA Facebook page as a call to action to bring attention to needing Busters. Through many followers liking and sharing the post as well as by word of mouth, the YMCA hopes more people will sign up, dedicate a day or the whole weekend, and have fun in the process.

While finding enough referees and volunteers is always a big challenge year after year, rest assured, Macker will go on with everyone playing a part or with some people playing multiple roles to have a great turnout.

### Vendors

A major challenge brought on this year

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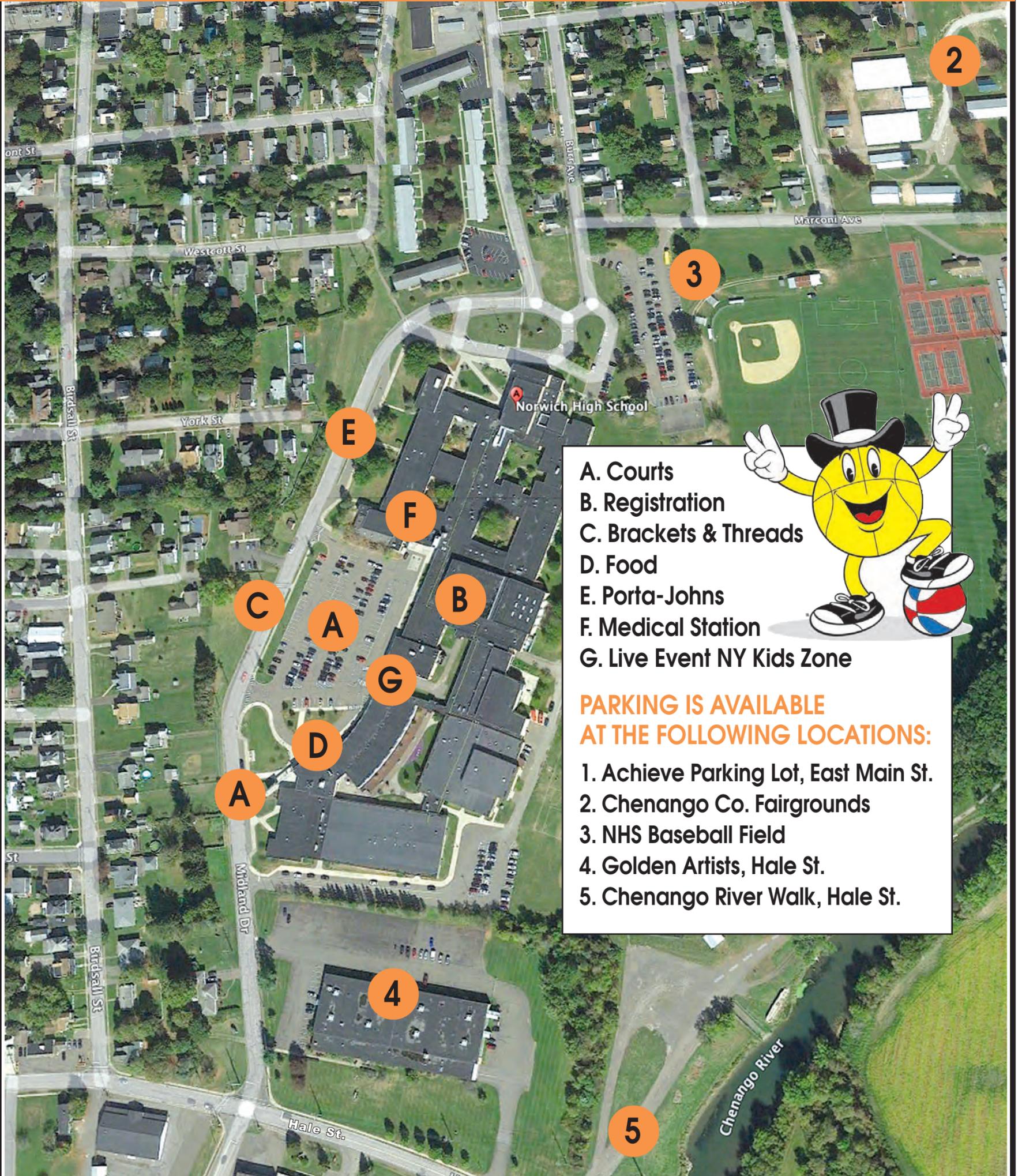
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Some action shots from last year's Gus Macker. (Photos by Morgan Golliver)

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was the significant increase in vendors. As eight food trucks and stands filled the Norwich middle and high school bus circle in a rather tight space, there will now be 15 vendors filling the streets. A highlight of each vendor and their menu can be found in a separate piece.

This "Culinary Explosion" as Revoir calls it also moved other booths from the street to fill its previous location. The US Army will have their long trailer, covering a large part of the bus circle, while it seems as if the Gus Macker brackets tent will follow among the middle school district office entrance and Threads by Gus, or the apparel tent will be placed next

to that. There could be last minute decisions on their locations if the committee thinks of a better spot.

Also, at the recent Macker meeting, Revoir and other committee members decided that there should be two additional units placed in the streets as well.

Last year, the adult courts were out towards the back of the middle school while the brackets and Threads by Gus were closest to the sound stage in the middle of the street. This year, the plan is to have courts A and B, which features youth 10 and under, on the street, almost in line with the dream court, and also close to the NY Central shooting court. These baskets are smaller than the older kids.



Jerry's Wings take on The Depot on Court H at last year's tournament (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

The plan could also change in the last minute set up process the week of Macker, but overall, everyone is excited for this year's event.

### Special Appearance

After a big cele-

bration of 25 years in 2022, Norwich will feature another special moment for 2023. Anielle McEwan-Lomnicki, "AK" will be doing the famous "Do or Die Shot." AK, a Sidney student-athlete who overcame a dev-

astating injury, as well as the Norwich Macker committee is thrilled to have her make a special appearance after she's gone through so much and has made such a remarkable recovery.

"She's fought so hard to get back, especially

getting back into playing basketball," Revoir said. "She is the living proof that miracles do happen."

More about her experience and about the explanation on the shot itself can be found in a separate piece.

While this is a special moment for Macker, AK, and her family, there is no telling what else Revoir and Mullen could be working on to make this 26th year as memorable as the past.

Come out and join the action at the Norwich High School on July 8 and 9, with registration starting at 7 a.m., opening ceremonies kicking off at 8am, and games immediately following at 9 a.m.

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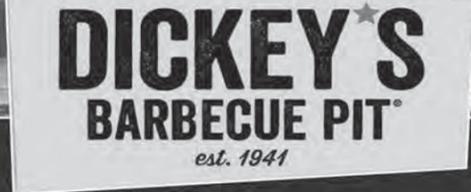
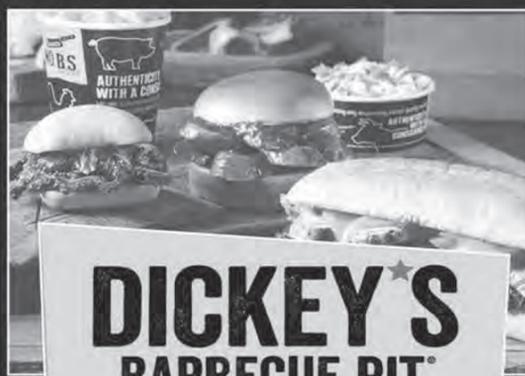
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Prior to his death at age 84, Robert established the Robert C. Smith Foundation. During his working career he had made many fortunate investment decisions which allowed him to create this foundation. The foundation's purpose is to assist in the maintenance of charitable and religious organizations to benefit the people of Chenango County.

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# Culinary Explosion: A variety of vendors headlining 2023 Macker

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NORWICH - After all eight vendors signed up for Gus Macker in 2022, Mindy Chawgo received 15 vendor forms this year. She collaborated with Tom Revoir, YMCA's Sports Coordinator and Macker Director, on where the vendors would be placed.

In 2022, the vendors were tightly placed in the Norwich High School bus circle in which Chawgo imagined a "food truck rodeo". This time around, Chawgo and Revoir both agreed that with 15 vendors, bringing about a "culinary explosion", they'd be better placed in the streets with a little more space between if it's possible.

Everything has been a visual observation for the Norwich Macker

committee with measurements for each aspect of the tournament and it should be easier to plan and/or make any last minute decisions when food trucks, tables, and canopies are in place and ready to set up and serve.

This year's vendors bring their own varieties of food to the tournament, with some vendors representing local downtown businesses that were popular establishments during pre-COVID and pre-construction Macker years. There are also vendors, such as the VFW, Knights of Columbus, and Norwich High School itself, who are in need of fundraising for their respective organizations.

Due to change in location from downtown to the Norwich High School, it was



The Mac Factor and Busy Bee Mobile Cafe are two of 15 vendors scheduled to be at the 2023 Gus Macker Tournament. Since the number of vendors increased from eight to 15, they will be placed in the street this year instead of in the bus circle. (Photo from 2022 by Morgan Golliver)

understood that the downtown businesses would take a fall during this time in the past two years. However, setting up at Macker gives them a chance to still promote their businesses.

Also, with the change in location, participants that were so used to the downtown setup may have lost interest in coming to the tournament. Revoir and Mullen have addressed that

there is so much to do besides watching basketball, such as trying out the food.

"It doesn't matter if you're a part of the event. Come get some food and support local businesses," Revoir

said.

This year's vendors include Kandi's Kitchen, who returns for the second straight year, Mac Factor, Joe's Food Shack,

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Chick Magnet, Uncle Stevies Corn, R & T Enterprises, All the Perks, Cowboy BBQ, Busy Bee Mobile Cafe, S & S, Stewart's, and Tropical Snow. Blitz Football Boosters, who support the Sherburne-Earlville football team, along with the NHS Football Boosters, and the VFW will be providing lesser, but popular food items in support of their organizations.

Below are the list of vendors and their featured food items.

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**Vendors and their Menu:**

**Mac Factor:**  
Traditional Mac/  
Italiano  
Caprese/Mariner  
Chilli Con Carne/  
Southern Charm



Kandi's Kitchen was a new vendor at Macker in 2022. Pictured is the owner Kandi beside the sponsored team, featuring her nephew Gaven (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

**Buffalo Mac/Mini Mac**  
**Adirondack Fare**

**Chick Magnet:**  
Poutine Fries  
Southern Hospitality  
Fries  
Nacho Ordinary Fries  
Chicken Tenders

**Uncle Stevies**  
**Corn:**

Corn on the Cob  
Chips  
Mexican Corn  
Water/Soda  
**R & T Enterprises:**  
Fresh Squeezed

Lemonade  
Fried Dough  
Fried Dough Sundaes  
Strawberry Shortcake  
Sundaes  
Floats  
Fried Dough Caramel  
Apple turnovers

**Joels Food Shack:**

Pulled Pork  
Pulled Chicken Spiedies  
Three Little Pigs  
Street Tacos (pork or  
chicken)  
Potato/mac salad

**Kandi's Kitchen:**

Burgers/Hot Dogs  
Spiedies  
Sausage, peppers, and  
onions  
Shaved Steak  
Pulled Pork  
Salt potatoes  
Rice and mushrooms  
Potato and Mac salad  
Soda/Water

**All the Perks:**

Coffee  
Energy Drinks  
Lattes  
Smoothies

**Cowboy BBQ:**

Chicken/Brisket  
Pork/Sausage  
Mac and cheese  
Salt potatoes  
Coleslaw

**Blitz Football**

**Boosters:**  
Cheese pizza slices  
Candy

Gatorade  
Water/Tea/Body  
Armor

**NHS Football:**

Snow Cones  
**Busy Bee Mobile**

**Cafe:**

Cotton Candy  
Walking Tacos  
Pretzels  
Nachos  
Slushies  
Soft Pretzels  
Soda/Water

**S & S:**

Waffle on a Stick  
Hot Dogs  
Loaded Nachos  
Cheeseburgers  
Tater Twists

**VFW:**

Burgers/Hot Dogs  
Water/Soda

**Tropical Snow:**

Shaved Ice  
Fresh Lemonade  
Chicken Tenders  
Mozzarella Sticks  
Deep Fried Oreos  
Raspberry Iced Tea  
Unsweetened Iced Tea

**Stewart's:**

Ice Cream

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I hereby apply to participate in the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (the "Tournament"), **Norwich, NY on July 8-9, 2023.**

I understand that participating in the Tournament will expose me to above normal risks of injury or harm. These risks include uneven or hazardous playing surfaces, physical contact or collisions with other players, spectators or inanimate objects on or about the court. I understand that the sport of basketball is in itself hazardous and may result in serious injury and/or death to me or other players. I acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks to me of exposure to directly or indirectly arising out of, contributed to, by, or resulting from an outbreak of any and all communicable disease, including but not limited to, the virus "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus2 (SARS-CoV-2)", which is responsible for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof.

I represent that I have no health or physical problems that will interfere with my participation in the Tournament.

I agree that I am responsible for my own safety.

I hereby assume all risks associated with my attendance and participation in the Tournament. I understand that I am solely responsible for any injuries or illnesses which may occur to me as a result of my participation in the Tournament and I specifically waive my right to bring litigation against the sponsors and specifically release any right to the fullest extent permitted by law which I have to assert a negligence claim against the Tournament, the Tournament sponsors, their agents or representatives.

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I agree that this agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to the law of the State of Michigan.

I understand and agree that this Release and Waiver shall be binding upon my heirs, assigns and any personal entity acting upon my behalf, including a parent, guardian or next friend.

I understand and agree that by signing this document, if I am exposed or infected by SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 and/or any mutation or variation thereof during my participation in this activity, then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 Court: \_\_\_\_\_

I am at least 18 years old. (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ is less than 18 years old.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

I sign this release on his/her behalf (Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

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In consideration of participation in the program, I agree that my likeness may be photographed or videotaped and that such image may be published in an outlet used to promote or publicize the program.

Participant (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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