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VanderMeer Names Tyson Koput as Hometown Hero

Madison – During a January 22nd Assembly floor session, Rep. VanderMeer recognized Tyson Koput as a Hometown Hero for his exceptional commitment to supporting music education, youth athletics, and creating opportunities that build confidence, teamwork, and valuable life skills for our students in Tomah.

In 2023, Tyson and Julia Koput founded the Big Band Bash, a fundraiser supporting the Tomah Middle and High School Jazz Bands. What began as a way to support an unfunded extracurricular program has grown into a sold-out annual event, raising over \$33,000 to benefit more than 100 student musicians through new music, equipment, and professional jazz instruction.

“Tyson’s dedication to our students and our community is truly inspiring,” said Rep. VanderMeer. “His leadership has helped ensure that young musicians in Tomah have the resources and support they need to grow, succeed, and pursue their passions.”

Beyond music education, Tyson and Julia Koput continue to make a lasting impact through their support of youth athletics and community programs. Their efforts include sponsoring team meals and events, hosting additional fundraisers, and creating opportunities that foster confidence, teamwork, and essential life skills among local students.

Hometown Hero recognition by the Wisconsin State Assembly is reserved for those who go above and beyond to serve their community. Tyson Koput’s ongoing commitment, generosity, and leadership continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Tomah’s students and families.

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