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Coaches to open tennis center in Ashwaubenon

\$2 million project will feature 6 courts

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ASHWAUBENON — Tennis coaches Karen Neuman and Kim Wedge are tired of sitting out the winter months, so they're building a year-round indoor facility.



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Groundbreaking ceremonies were Tuesday for the Green Bay Tennis Center, a 45,000-square-foot building with six indoor, asphalt courts set to open in September at Packerland and Fernando drives.

Neuman and Wedge are former University of Wisconsin-Green Bay coaches and now teach at Green Bay Country Club in Bellevue.

"We only get to run our program three or four months a year. We decided to do something about it," Neuman said.

In addition to air-conditioned courts, the building will include a pro shop, office, lounge, mezzanine viewing area and locker rooms. The project is valued at more than \$2 million. Calumet County Bank is financing the project, and Ganther Construction Architecture Inc. of Oshkosh is construction manager.

Neuman said marketing studies determined there is demand enough in the area for 20 indoor courts.

Green Bay Tennis Center will have six courts. Western Racquet & Fitness in Ashwaubenon has six courts, and Four Seasons Tennis Club in Allouez has four.

Neuman and Wedge are members of the United States Professional Tennis Association, as will be their instructors. They expect to have six to eight part-time instructors and four to six employees to run the center.

Wedge said the new facility will focus on becoming a junior tennis development center.

For information, call Wedge at (920) 621-4051.

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