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Dear Eau Claire Community,

My heart is heavy as more details emerge from the senseless act of violence that resulted in the death of Alex Graff, a tragedy that sends shockwaves through our community. I extend my sincere condolences to Alex's family and friends as they grapple with his untimely death.

Many of us think of Eau Claire as a safe place; however, a homicide in our city shatters this sense of safety. I know that people are concerned and shaken. I share these feelings with you all.

Thank you to the Eau Claire Police Department, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue, 911 operators, and all others who responded to this tragic situation. Also, thank you to the patrons and staff of Do-Doge-Inn, who witnessed this terrible act and have been helpful to the officials in the aftermath. I hope we will all come together to support one another in the days and weeks to come.

Sincerely,

Emily K. Berge
City Council President
City of Eau Claire