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Marshfield Chamber announces Teachers of Distinction

Four finalists will receive Crystal Apple awards

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MARSHFIELD – The Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation has announced the finalists who are now in the running to receive awards next spring, as part of the 21st annual Crystal Apple recognition program. The 2023-24 Teachers of Distinction were announced with surprise visits in their classrooms Nov. 13 and 14, and each received a gift of appreciation, sponsored by Mid-State Technical College.

The list of finalists includes Charles Treankler and Jason Karrels from Marshfield High School and James Bennett and Kris Berg from Marshfield Middle School. Other Teachers of Distinction from Marshfield include: Ruth Fleischmann from Columbus Catholic; Angela Lange of St. John's Primary/Our Lady of Peace; Lara Endries and Brittney King from Grant Elementary; Jordon Wolf of Lincoln Elementary; Kaitlyn Aumann from Madison Elementary; Samantha Andreae of Nasonville Elementary; Cari Martin of Washington Elementary.

Other area Crystal Apple award finalists include: Emma Winkelman,

Spencer Middle/High School; Janet Wolf, Spencer Elementary; Joren Anderson, Auburndale Middle/High School; Sue Fowler, Auburndale Elementary; Sally Wenzel, St. Joseph's Catholic in Stratford; Meghan Utecht, Granton Schools; Lindsay Meissner, Pittsville Middle/High School; Michelle Abel, Pittsville Elementary; Stephanie Glaser,

Greenwood Middle/High School; Rebekah Dorwaldt, Greenwood Elementary; Kendra Friemoth, Neillsville Middle/High School; JoAnn O'Leary, Neillsville Elementary.

For the first time in the program's history, educators from Colby and Abbotsford will also be recognized. Those Crystal Apple Award finalists include: Brandon Homeyer

of Colby Middle/High School; Nancy Schroetter, Colby Elementary; Krista Keach from Abbotsford Middle/High School; Johnneen Schwab, Abbotsford Elementary.

Partners in Educational Excellence and Workforce Development received a total of 1,758 nominations

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Greenwood Elementary instructor Rebekah Dorwaldt (center) accepts a Teacher of Distinction gift from Lea Merkel, MACCI Programs and Engagement Director (left), and Amanda Schlough, Title I teacher for Greenwood (right).



Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry Development Director Karen Olson (left) congratulates Meghan Utecht, Granton Schools, as she was announced last month as a 2024 Teacher of Distinction during a surprise visit to her classroom.

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DAVID G. MEYERS
David G. Meyers, age 63, of Marshfield, passed away peacefully with family at his side on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 1, 2023, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Marshfield, where a visitation will be from 9:00 am until service time. Private family committal services and burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Marshfield, and a luncheon will follow at Rembs Celebration Center, 250 S. Oak Av., Marshfield, and all are welcome. Rembs Funeral Home is assisting the family.
David was born on November 21, 1960, in Marshfield, to Victor and Greta (Gripentrog) Meyers. He attended Our Lady of Peace Parochial School, Columbus High School and was a 1979 graduate of Marshfield Senior High School. He married Donna A. Jacobson on May 26, 1989, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.
David was employed at St. Joseph's Hospital which became Marshfield Clinic Health Systems, in Buildings and Grounds for 41 years until the present time.
He enjoyed deer hunting, sporting events, 4-wheeling, trips to Florida, garage parties, bonfires, landscaping and keeping a pristine yard. He especially loved his children and grandchildren.
He is survived by his wife, Donna, and their children, Kale (Michelle) Kernz, Holly (AJ) Thomson, Jordan Meyers, Joseph (Adilene) Meyers and Jacob Meyers and by eight grandchildren, Jack, Lucy, Tessa, and Ellie Thomson, and Reese, Gabryelle, Jett, and Miley Kernz. He is also survived by his siblings, Vicki Ann Meyers, Michael (Bonnie) Meyers, Mark (Lynn) Meyers, Thomas (Susan) Meyers, and Steven (Susan) Meyers. He is further survived by Donna's siblings, Kathi (Denny) Ohm, Jeanie (Lawrie) Beaver, David (Dawn) Jacobson, Jimmy (Sue) Jacobson, Allen (Joanne) Jacobson, and Diane (Tim) Schwecke.
He was preceded in death by his parents.
The family wishes to thank the medical team at Marshfield Clinic Health Systems for the wonderful care they provided and to thank their friends and colleagues for their loving support.
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MARGARET T. BREDL
Margaret "Margie" T. Bredl, 84, Marshfield, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Abbottsford Health Care Center under the care of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at St. John's Catholic Church in Marshfield with visitation from 9:00 am until service time at the church. Rev. Dan Thelen will officiate. The service will be streamed online at www.facebook.com/rembsfuneralhomes. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Marshfield. Rembs Funeral Home is assisting the family.
Margie was born on March 24, 1939 in Marshfield to Frank and Hazel (Weigel) Weisenbeck. She graduated from Marshfield Columbus High School in 1957. She was united in marriage to Donald V. Bredl on October 26, 1963 at St. John's Catholic Church, Marshfield. He passed away on July 11, 2003.
After graduation she worked on the family farm. In 1963, she started working at the old Norwood Health Care and Saint Joseph's Hospital as a nursing assistant. In the fall of 1970, she began a 45 year career as a bus driver, driving bus for all school events, morning and evening routes, and eventually using her nursing background to drive bus for handicapped children. Besides driving, she enjoyed fishing, spending time with her grandchild Corey and dog Billy, going to the casino, and mowing lawn.
She is survived by her daughter, Lory (Scott) Kohls of Stratford, son, Gary Bredl of Marshfield, and grandchild, Corey Kohls.
She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Mary Forest, and brothers, John (Thalma) Weisenbeck and Herman Weisenbeck.
The family would like to extend a special thanks to all the staff at Abbottsford Health Care Center, all the hospice care staff who took care of mom, neighbor, Travis Kremer, and all who stopped in to say "hi."
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RICHARD W. KLOEHN
Richard W. Kloehn, age 78, of Marshfield, passed away on November 24, 2023 after a long battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's at Stoney River Memory Care with his wife and son by his side and under the care of Heartland Hospice.
A Celebration of Richard's Life will be held at 12:00 pm Sunday, December 10, 2023 at Rembs Celebration Center in Marshfield. Friends and family are welcome to gather from 10:30 am until time of service.
Richard was born on April 23, 1945, in Marshfield to Victor and Agnes (Theisen) Kloehn and was a 1963 graduate of Colby High School. He married Rita Haas on July 2, 1966 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Colby.
Richard began working at Trailblazer in Spencer and farmed with his brother Dale for 19 years on the family farm east of Unity. He also worked at Welcome Dairy. After farming, he was employed at Felker Brothers until his retirement. Richard was a hard worker and played hard as well. For 14 years, he and Rita vacationed in Florida. They've traveled all over the United States with a camper and motorcycle and with their friends. Many Sundays were spent on the Eau Pleine Flowage boating and teaching family and friends to water-ski. Richard enjoyed spending time with family and friends, having parties, playing cards and campfires. He loved to talk and gave a lot of hugs and smiles.
He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Rita, and son, Brad, both of Marshfield. He is also survived by his brother Melvin (June) Kloehn of Florida, sister Karleen (Marvin) Geiger of Weston, and grandchildren: Tony Martin of Missouri, Tyler Martin of Las Vegas, and Lindsey & James Johnson of Kentucky, along with four great-grandchildren.
He is further survived by his sisters-in-law Joanne Haas of Stevens Point, Joyce (Reggie) Morginson of Virginia, Judy (Dennis) Blazel of Marshall and Karen (Rick) Block of Medford; brothers-in-law Robert (Marion) Haas of Unity and Leonard (Mary) Haas of Colby; and many nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Laura Lee and her husband Darrell Johnson, a brother Dale (Bubbles) Kloehn, two brothers in infancy, parents-in-law Art & Izzy Haas, brother-in-law Art Haas Jr., niece Michelle Block and nephew Joshua Block.
A very special thank you to Stoney River Memory Care and Wells Nature View. Thank you to Rembs Funeral Home. Family requests no flowers or plants. Memorials may be given to a charity of your choice or Heartland Hospice.
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STACEY LYNN HAIGH
The heavens over Hume Avenue opened to receive Stacey Lynn (nee Skattebo) Haigh, age 43, of Marshfield on Thursday, November 30, 2023.
A memorial service will be held at Rembs Funeral Home at 3pm on Friday, December 8 with Reverend Mark Krueger officiating. The family will receive relatives and friends from 12:00 pm until the time of the service.
Stacey was born to Keith and Bonnie (Vollert) Skattebo in Marshfield December 20, 1979. Stacey married the love of her life and guardian angel, Cory Haigh, on September 2, 2006. Cory enhanced her life as no one could imagine. We love you Cory. Cory was a blessing not only to Stacey, but to the entire Skattebo family.
Stacey was born with an infectious smile and loved life and people. Though her life was short, Stacey lived it as best as she could, brought joy to most she met, and always left a memory. Her younger years were enjoyed up north at her parents' retirement farm near Ashland. There, she drove tractors, 4-wheelers, and snow machines. Stacey was fond of the campfires and the nearby woods. One of her greatest joys was crushing cans with a real road-grader!
She took delight in family gatherings, reunions, and birthdays. Stacey especially enjoyed the Red Clay Classic for many years until her mobility no longer allowed her to participate. She loved her nieces and nephews, and rarely missed a birthday. Her special talent was following their participation in sports, watching them closely online and reporting scores to all the family.
Stacey is dearly missed by her husband Cory; parents Keith & Bonnie Skattebo of Ashland; her beloved dog Sadie; siblings Paul (Amy) Skattebo of Shell Lake, Dawn (Todd) Schoenherr of Stratford, Ryan Skattebo of Chippewa Falls, and Travis (Tara) Skattebo of Cadott. She is further survived by her parents-in-law Richard & Rosemary Haigh, siblings-in-law Kirk (Mary) Haigh and Kristy (Jerry) Lang, as well as numerous Nieces & Nephews that she absolutely loved.
Stacey was preceded in death by her grandparents, her aunts Sharon Vincent, Connie Carolfi, and uncle Billy Vollert. Until we meet in heaven, we will love you always.



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Mid-State, Lakeland celebrate expanded Marshfield partnership

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- Mid-State Technical College and Lakeland University celebrated 31 years of continued collaboration in bringing post-secondary opportunities to central Wisconsin at a Nov. 15 event on Mid-State's Marshfield Campus.

Lakeland University will now have a staffed space at Mid-State's Marshfield Campus to provide outreach and advising to students interested in pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree.

"We've been so fortunate to have Lakeland's presence on our Wisconsin Rapids Campus, and we're now equally excited to be able to have them resume their presence on our Marshfield Campus," said Dr. Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State Technical College president. "Our mission at Mid-State is to transform lives through the power of teaching and learning. I know with this partnership we are going to transform them even more."

"We are thrilled to expand our partnership in the Marshfield region," said Dr. Beth Borgen, president of Lakeland University. "Today is about creating accessible and affordable pathways for education, especially aligned with the



Mid-State Technical College President Dr. Shelly Mondeik (left) and Lakeland University President Dr. Beth Borgen (right) at the Mid-State and Lakeland expanded collaboration event on Mid-State's Marshfield Campus Nov. 15. Submitted photo

critical talent needs of this community. This new level of access benefits students and their families, local schools and communities in this region."

Kevin Yeske, School District of Auburndale administrator, noted that opportunities like this haven't always existed. "Our relationship with Mid-State and our students is a perfect example of the many opportunities that exist outside of the traditional professional track that I experienced," Yeske said.

According to Yeske, Auburndale High School's 2023 graduating class of 51

students earned 270 Mid-State credits that saved them over \$100,000 in college tuition. Seventeen percent of Auburndale High School's class of 2024 plan to attend Mid-State upon graduation, up from fourteen percent in 2023.

"I am a former professor, so I've had the good fortune of working with academic institutions like Mid-State and Lakeland and have seen the strengths firsthand of businesses connecting and partnering together in programs in higher education," said Mathew Bartkowiak, vice president of corporate responsibility and development at

Nelson-Jameson, Inc. "Collectively, we can make a significant difference for our employees and the industries we serve and in the communities we have the privilege to call home."

Mid-State students and central Wisconsin community members interested in furthering their education at Lakeland University can learn more by contacting Trisha Steinhorst, outreach and events coordinator, at trisha.steinhorst@mstc.edu or 715-422-5484.

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FOR HUB CITY TIMES
WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- Do you live or work in Wood County? What health needs impact your community? Healthy People Wood County (HPWC) invites you to join their efforts to improve health in Wood County by taking an online survey. The survey asks people in the community about their health needs and what they think can help improve health. Then HPWC uses this information to create a plan to make things better. After you take the survey, you can enter to win one of three \$50 gift cards. Take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/

WoodCountyCHA. Healthy People Wood County (HPWC) is a group of community partners and residents working together to improve health in Wood County. The ultimate goal of their work is to create thriving communities where all people in Wood County have a fair opportunity to be as healthy as possible regardless of income, age, location, race, ethnicity, gender, or any other factor. This survey was created by the Wood County Health Department, Aspirus Riverview Hospital and Clinics, and Marshfield Clinic Health System. This survey is done every three

years to stay up to date with the most current health needs, and to create a plan to improve health in Wood County. The last survey, in addition to other data, found the most important health needs in Wood County were access to healthy foods, family health, housing, reducing incarceration, mental health, substance use, youth health, and transportation and recreation. Learn more about our current Health Improvement Plan, and Healthy People Wood County by visiting www.healthypeoplewoodcounty.org.

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for 388 different teachers, as students, colleagues, parents and community members submitted nomination forms, based on educators who they thought were making a difference. From these names, an online ballot was created for teachers to vote on their top selections. A minimum of one teacher was selected to represent each school.

As the selection process moves forward, recommendations from school principals will be provided and the Teachers of Distinction will submit a personal statement describing their educational philosophy. The written materials identify ways these teachers inspire and motivate students, their use of innovative projects or programs, as well as their involvement in the community and their pursuit of

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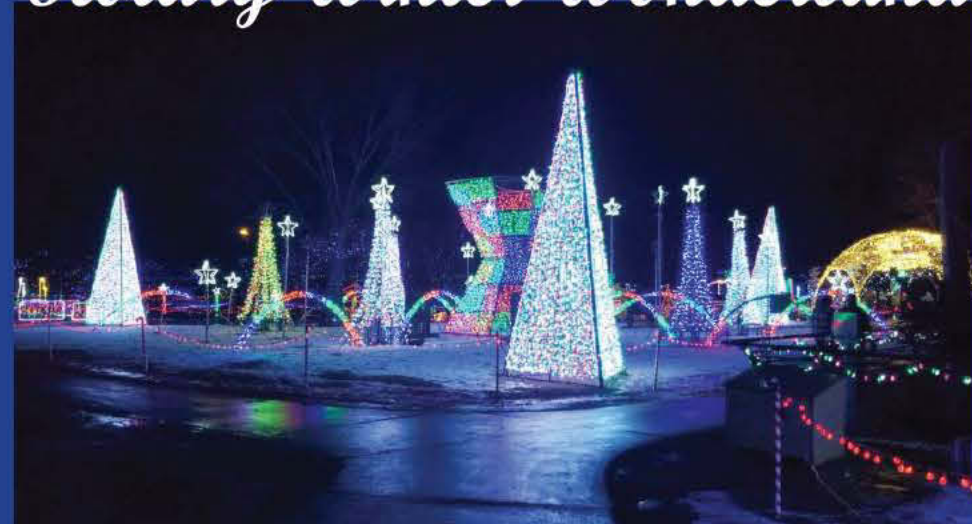
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The National Farm Medicine Center in Marshfield hosted ag safety leaders from across the country, during National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 17-23. Photo Courtesy of National Farm Medicine Center

Farm Medicine Center hosts national summit 'Auction of Champions' concludes National Farm Safety and Health Week

FOR HUB CITY TIMES
MARSHFIELD -- The National Farm Medicine Center celebrated National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 17 - 23, by hosting a three-day National Ag Centers Safety and Health Summit, culminating in the "Auction of Champions," the annual gala benefiting multiple Farm Medicine programs. Summit participants included Jennifer Lincoln, Ph.D., leader of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) agriculture, forestry, and fishing program. Joining her were representatives from 8 of the 12 NIOSH-funded agricultural safety and health centers based in California, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

"This was an excellent opportunity to leverage the expertise of these visiting ag safety leaders as we try to ensure the success of all types of agriculture, forestry and commercial fishing now and in the future," said Casper Bendixsen, Ph.D., director of Farm Medicine.

Scientists from Farm Medicine and its largest program, the NIOSH-funded National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, facilitated meetings related to children and youth, technology and engineering, injury surveillance, policy, farm workers, and interdisciplinary and cross-institutional work. The agenda included field trips to Norm-E-Lane Farms and H&S Manufacturing Co.

Scientists and staff from several Marshfield Clinic Research Institute centers engaged with the NIOSH visitors to explore possible collaboration, including discussions about occupational industry in the medical record and the relationship between agriculture, the human microbiome and immunology.

Auction of Champions raises \$266,000
The Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation has announced that the 2023 Auction of Champions, "Fire and Ice," raised \$266,000 for Farm Medicine and its initiatives. Special thanks to Miron Construction, Inc., Champion Sponsor, for its ongoing commitment to Auction of Champions.

More than 260 people attended at RiverEdge Banquet Facility. This year's Fund-A-Need raised more than \$58,000 to bolster roadway safety and injury prevention. Funds will support the dissemination of Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblems to enhance the visibility of agricultural vehicles on public roads. Stratford Area Fire Department Chief Tim Carey kicked off the Fund-A-Need by speaking about the importance of SMV emblems. H&S Manufacturing Co. was the presenting sponsor for Fund-A-Need.



Ken Heiman of Nasonville Dairy places a bid, during the annual "Auction of Champions," which serves as a fundraiser for the National Farm Medicine Center and its agricultural initiatives dedicated to keeping farmers healthy and safe. Photo Courtesy of Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation

UNPACKING History

The Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packer history with the Times to be highlighted periodically for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. If you would like to donate Green Bay Packer memorabilia to the Packer Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.



Tori Wittenbrock photo

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Imagination Hour Revisited

Dear Reader,

Every Sunday when our three girls were young, we held "Imagination Hour." We used this hour to "imagine" and come up with new and innovative things in brainstorming sessions.

Back in the day we came up with a reversible cape concept and called it "HatCapers - Great Adventures With The Flip Of A Cape." We thought of a Frog turning into a Prince, a Cinderella to a Princess and the list went on.

For the heck of it, I shopped them around and was able to get a sewing license with McCall's and then a license from Whimsicality costumes. Then the Boston Museum asked us to design two additions to the line to add to their catalog - a Knight to a Dragon, and a White Rabbit to Alice in Wonderland.

One of the best gifts parents can give to their children is the ability to imagine and dream. Knowing that anything is possible, if minds are set for it. Besides having those hours of quality time with the family, we had a lot of fun creating stuff and just making dreams come true.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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Pittsville's Brennen Peterson (No. 1) and Brady Kumm play defense against Bryant & Stratton JV, during the Marauders' 76-70 win Nov. 15 at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. Nikki Burr-Skroch photo

Marauders kick off season, TV giveaway promotion

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – The UWSP-Marshfield Marauders were off to a 2-3 start after their first five games of the season.

The Marauders opened the season on the road Nov. 11, falling to Western WI Tech 79-59. Leading the way for the Marauders, in his first collegiate game, was Marshfield's Owen Hanson, with 21 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists. Caleb Rucker, Spencer, chipped in 11 points.

The Marauders rebounded from the setback and picked up their first win of the season Nov. 15, with a 76-70 conference win over Bryant & Stratton JV, at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. Hanson recorded his first collegiate double-double, with 27 points, 14 rebounds, and 6 assists. Stratford's Jake Skroch added his own double-double, with 17 points, 13 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 blocks. Prince Nde, from Woodbury, MN, added 17 points, 5 steals, 4 assists and 4 rebounds. Pittsville's Brennen Peterson chipped in 6 points and 4 rebounds.

The momentum was not enough to carry over to another tough game versus Western WI Tech Nov. 21 in Marshfield. The Marauders came up short, 82-79.

Marshfield was able to overcome a hot start from the Cavaliers, but could not hold them off late.

"It was another great game that showed improvement, but also showed we have continued improvement needed," said Head Coach Jared Ystad.

Leading the way for the Marauders was Jake Skroch with 17 points, 14 rebounds, 6 assists, and 4 steals. Prince Nde added in 16 points and 4 rebounds. Owen Hanson finished with 11 points. Caleb Rucker and Sam Everson both chipped in 10 points of their own.

The Marauders fell Nov. 27 in conference play to UW-O-Fond du Lac, 76-60, to fall to 1-3 on the season and 1-1 in conference.

It was a cold night shooting for the Marauders and inside buckets did not come easy, with the Falcons' big 7'4" center patrolling the middle.

The first half was back and forth, with the Falcons taking a 38-36 lead into the half. In the second half the Marauders came out and battled even through the first 10 minutes. At that point the Marauders went cold from the field, scoring just 12 points in the final 8:24 of the game.

Leading the way for the Marauders was Owen Hansen (Marshfield) with 20 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists. Jake Skroch (Stratford) finished with 10 points and 5 rebounds. Prince Nde (Woodbury, MN) added 9 points and Sam Everson (Menasha) finished with 8 points.

Two nights later, the Marauders came away with a big conference win over UW-O-Fox Cities, 84-69. Leading the way for the Marauders was Owen Hanson with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Sam Everson finished with a solid 13 points. Brennen Peterson finished with a collegiate high 14 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists. Jake Skroch chipped in 9 points and 19 rebounds while Prince Nde added 8 points. Ten out of the 11 players were able to score, and Brady Kumm (Pittsville) was also able to score his first collegiate point of the season.

The Marauders have home games coming up Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. against Wausau, Jan. 3 at 6:15 versus Wausau, Jan. 4 at 6:15 p.m. against Concordia JV, Jan. 8 at 6:15 p.m. versus Baraboo, Jan. 15 at 6:15 p.m. against Gogebic Community College, Jan. 17 at 6:15 p.m. versus UW-O-Fox Cities, Jan. 22 against Bryant & Stratton JV at 6:15 and Jan. 24 at 6:15 against UW-O-Fond du Lac.

The Marauders' men's basketball team is offering a free TV giveaway this year. Every fan who attends a home game can enter their name for a chance to win a free 65-inch Samsung Crystal UHD 4K Smart TV, sponsored by Bents Chiropractic. The winning name will be pulled at the end of the season in February.

Dons claim fourth straight Cranberry Classic title

Coach K achieves milestone win



Nate Nemitz (No. 4) goes in for a basket against Grey Gerzmehle, during a Nov. 24 contest between Marshfield Columbus and Nekoosa at the 39th Annual Cranberry Classic hosted by Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids. The Dons won the game, 87-50. Nemitz had 9 points off the bench. Lucky Shot Media photo

BY MIKE WARREN
EDITOR

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Columbus Dons boys' basketball team won the 39th annual Cranberry Classic high school basketball tournament, played Nov. 24-25 at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids.

The Dons beat Nekoosa 87-50 in the first round Nov. 24.

"I thought for the first time being out there we did some things well," Head Coach Joe Konieczny said following the season-opening win over the Papermakers. "We can learn from some other things. Overall, it was a good experience for us," he added. "I think we're deep. We have some really good, talented players. Our senior class is very deep. I think there's a lot of ways we can play defensively, offensively, and overall I just think if we're unselfish and we share the ball, then good things are going to happen for us. [Against Nekoosa] we were willing to pass up good shots for great ones, did enough defensively to limit what

they could do and it was a good first game."

Blake Jakobi led Columbus with 16 points. Emmitt Konieczny added 15. A dozen Dons played in the game and eleven scored.

In the championship game the following night, Columbus upended Port Edwards, 58-34. The Dons were led by Cy Becker's 14 points. Jakobi added 10.

The win gave the Dons their fourth consecutive Cranberry Classic championship and their ninth overall.

"We like this event," Coach Konieczny told us. "It's a chance to get two pretty good non-conference games to start the season before we go into conference play, so it's been a great thing for us. Definitely enjoy it and are appreciative of the opportunity."

The win over the Blackhawks in the championship game was also the 350th career win for Konieczny as Columbus head coach.

Coach K., now in his 19th season at Columbus Catholic, has a luxury this season not many coaches ever get – a roster featuring nine seniors.

"I think if we stay healthy and we do what we're capable of from a

day-to-day standpoint, I think the sky is the limit," Konieczny said prior to the tournament. "I thought that last year too tough. We came in ranked pretty high and had four or five guys miss significant time with ankles and knees and all kinds of things, and Charlie (Moore) with the broken foot. I think that's got me a little bit gun shy to get too far ahead," Konieczny added. "Just really trying to enjoy every day we have all these players available and healthy. They're quality human beings, too. I'm really just trying to enjoy every day that I get to be their coach and we'll see how it transpires from there."

The Dons feature four-year varsity players Emmitt Konieczny and Blake Jakobi, along with fellow seniors Lucas Kreklau, Charlie Moore and Cy Becker in the starting lineup. Other seniors include Nate Nemitz, Alex Edwards, Kohle Hilgemann and Cal Birkhauser. The lone junior on this year's squad is Sam Dums. Sophomores Mac Konieczny and Kaleb Hilgemann will also see playing time.

Columbus is coming off a 19-8 season a year ago.



Greenwood native Jared Ystad is coaching the UWSP-Marshfield Marauders once again this season. He is assisted by Brent Ystad. Nikki Burr-Skroch photo



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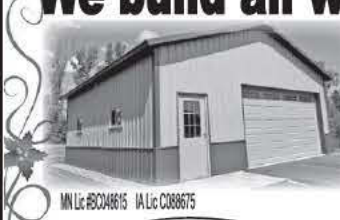
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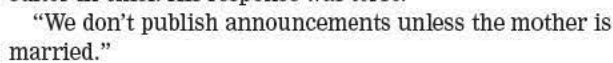
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FOR HUB CITY TIMES
CENTRAL WISCONSIN
-- Prevail Bank recently gifted \$109,250 through its semi-annual Charitable Contributions program.
Non-profits that help local low-to-moderate income households, stimulate communities financially, provide financial literacy, and/or enhance the standard of living of those less fortunate were encouraged to apply.
Twenty-seven (27) organizations received funding. Over 50 percent, or

\$56,750, was invested in non-profits that serve citizens in Marathon and Portage counties. They were, among others:
Prevail Bank donated \$2,100 in support of the Nutrition On Weekends (NOW) program managed by the Marshfield Area United Way. The program provides healthy, ready-to-eat nutritious foods for children. The program started in 2013 with 27 children and in two years it jumped to 250-300. Today, 400-450 children are benefiting weekly. They come from the school districts of Marshfield, Auburndale, Granton, Spencer, Loyal, Greenwood, Pittsville, Stratford, Grace Lutheran, Wood County's Head Start program, the YMCA, and the schools of St. John the Baptist, Our Lady of Peace, as well as virtual and homeschooled

students. The latest Youth Risk Behavior survey conducted in 2021 showed that 16 percent of high schoolers and 28 percent of middle schoolers have gone to bed hungry.
A \$500 check was cut to Elliot's Little Library to purchase books that will be given to families who have an infant at a local Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The books provide a means for families to bond with their newborns who may be sick or premature. Those NICUs with book wagons provided by Elliot's Little Library are Marshfield Children's Hospital NICU, the Anya Marie Jackson NICU at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital NICU in Stevens Point, and the Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital NICU in Appleton.
Boy Scout programming instills leadership,



Pictured (L to R) are Ashley Winch, Executive Director of the Marshfield Area United Way; and Prevail Bank professionals Tammy Schueller, Branch Manager; Ben Hertel, Commercial/Agricultural Lending Officer; and Lana Peterson, Mortgage Loan Originator NMLS #1236394.



Accepting (holding) the big check were Elliot's Little Library representatives, Elliot Victory (far left) and Ryan Victory. Presenting the donation were Troy Kempfert, Prevail Bank Branch Manager (far left); Abi Mlsna, Prevail Bank Marketing Coordinator; and Dale Sankey, Prevail Bank Commercial Loan Officer (far right).
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