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# Survey: \$61.5 million school referendum would likely pass

## Potential voters show less support for proposed sports-related upgrades

BY MIKE WARREN  
 EDITOR

MARSHFIELD -- If the Marshfield School Board advances a \$61.5 million building-and-renovation referendum to the November ballot, a new survey says potential voters have at least some appetite for tax increases to pay for improvements. That's what the Board of Education was told during a special meeting held July 29 at the district office building.

Peter Leatherman of the Morris Leatherman Company – a full-service market and research firm based in Minneapolis – reported the findings of a telephone survey conducted July 16-24, when 400 randomly-selected districts residents were asked for their feedback on a package of improvements tied to two potential referendum questions and the various levels of tax increases that would be necessary to pay for them. Classroom safety, security, accessibility and comfort have more support than a handful of proposed upgrades related to high school sports and Phy. Ed.

According to the Leatherman survey, 79 percent of respondents would support a property tax increase for safety and security upgrades, while additional funding for accessibility/ADA improvements, better heating and cooling systems, and remodeled classrooms in certain areas of the high school all received over 70 percent support, while 65 percent would agree to higher taxes for improved kitchen/Commons/cafeteria spaces.

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# Wood County, Opioid Task Force announce release of funding proposal for settlement dollars

**FOR HUB CITY TIMES**  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- Wood County and the Opioid Task Force have announced the release of their funding proposal designed to allocate the settlement dollars received from opioid litigation to combat the ongoing opioid crisis. This funding aims to address the profound impact of the opioid epidemic through targeted interventions, community support, and long-term solutions.

Communication/Stigma reduction  
"We are committed to ensuring that the funds from the opioid settlement are utilized in a manner that brings meaningful and lasting change to those affected by the opioid crisis," said Sue Smith, Director and Health Officer for the Wood County Health Department.

The opioid settlement, resulting from extensive litigation against major pharmaceutical companies, has allocated significant funds to address the widespread damage caused by opioid misuse. In response, the Opioid Task Force has developed a plan with a framework for distributing these funds effectively and transparently.

"The funding will be focused on addressing the crisis from multiple angles, fostering prevention, improving treatment access, and supporting recovery efforts," said Lance Pliml, Wood County Board Chair.

Key areas of focus for the funding include: Prevention; Harm reduction; Recovery; Treatment; Law enforcement; Criminal Justice; Community grants; Evaluation/

The funding proposal is now available on the Wood County website. Community-based organizations, non-profits, governmental entities, youth-serving organizations, and other eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for funding. Applications will be accepted through Friday, Aug. 23.



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# Swift water rescue at North Wood County Park

**FOR HUB CITY TIMES**  
MARSHFIELD – On Aug. 1, at approximately 10:03 p.m., Richfield Rural Fire Department – along with eight other agencies – were dispatched to North Wood

County Park for a vehicle with one occupant who was trapped in his vehicle, which was submerged in water, and was unable to get out. Automatic aid agencies that responded with the Richfield Rural Fire Department were Arpin, Hewitt, Pittsville, Remington, Vesper, and Wood County Sheriff's

Rescue. Crews were also assisted on scene by the Wood County Sheriff's Department, Marshfield Ambulance and Nieman's Towing.

cars from crossing the Yellow River when the vehicle he was in was swept off the roadway by the fast-moving water.

Upon arrival it was discovered that a 64-year-old Parks employee was attempting to close the gates for the entrance to the campground to prevent

Once on scene Swift Water Rescue personnel rigged specialized rope lines and deployed a Rapid Deployment Craft (RDC) to reach the vehicle. Once rescuers made it to the vehicle they placed a personal floatation device on the occupant and moved him to the RDC, which was then towed to shore by rescuers on land. Once on land the occupant was evaluated by EMS and was released. All units were clear of the scene just before midnight.

This incident took several trained agencies to develop the rescue plan for this very complex swift water rescue and was executed seamlessly, resulting in a successful rescue with no injuries being reported.

The public is being reminded to stay clear of high-rising waters that we are experiencing in central Wisconsin currently. "Turn Around, Don't Drown" because more than 50 percent of flood-related deaths are due to someone driving or walking into floodwaters.

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# DMV offers information on obtaining ID for voting

### FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MADISON -- Ahead of the Wisconsin Fall Primary, Tuesday, Aug. 13, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds U.S. citizens how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

Valid identification for voting purposes, for those who will be at least 18 years of age by the next election, includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate "voter ID." A federally-compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification or qualification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check (<https://bringit.wi.gov/>).

To obtain identification to show at the polls, begin online. A list of the required documents to bring to a DMV Customer Service Center is available at [wisconsin.gov](https://wisconsin.gov). If the required documents needed for an ID are not readily available,

DMV has a process for U.S. citizens to obtain the necessary information. This process, available free of charge, may be used to quickly obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

Anyone with questions related to obtaining an ID that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at [elections.wi.gov](https://elections.wi.gov).

Start the application now at [wisconsin.gov](https://wisconsin.gov) or at a local DMV Customer Service Center. To find a DMV, check hours, services and wait times, visit [wisconsin.gov](https://wisconsin.gov).

For more information, contact: WisDOT Office of Public Affairs, 608-266-3581, [opa.exec@dot.wi.gov](mailto:opa.exec@dot.wi.gov)

Most common forms of identification to show at voting polls: Wisconsin DMV's driver license or ID



Most common forms of identification to show at voting polls are Wisconsin DMV's driver license or ID. Submitted image

# Fall gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities set

### FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MADISON -- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds eligible hunters hoping to participate in the Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters With Disabilities to contact and confirm a location with a hunt landowner sponsor before Sept. 15.

Thousands of acres of land are available for this year's hunt, which will take place Oct. 5-13. Hunters should contact sponsors directly to participate in the 2024 hunt.

Some properties can accommodate more hunters than others, so hunters are advised to contact potential sponsors as early as possible to determine availability.

"This special hunt offers hunters with disabilities the opportunity to deer hunt during a time and in a place that is more accessible for them," said Brooke VanHandel, DNR assistant deer and elk specialist. "We are so thankful for our landowner sponsors who are willing to partner with hunters and open their properties to allow more individuals to participate in Wisconsin's deer hunting tradition."

To sign up for a hunt, hunters or assistants should provide their name, contact information and DNR customer ID number. To be eligible, hunters must possess a valid Class A, C or D disabled permit or qualifying Class B permit. Eligible hunters may sign up for one sponsored property per year and must possess a gun deer license.

Wisconsin's outdoors are for everyone. The DNR is committed to providing various hunting, fishing and recreational permits and unique opportunities designed to help give people with disabilities the opportunity to partake in Wisconsin's abundant natural resources.

For more information, visit the DNR's Deer Hunting for Hunters with Disabilities webpage (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/disdeer>).



Eligible hunters should sign up for the Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters With Disabilities by Sept. 15.

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# OBITUARIES

## ANTON KELNHOFER

Anton Kelnhofer, age 101, of Marshfield, passed away on Aug. 1, 2024. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center is assisting the family.

## BARBARA BESLER

Barbara Besler, 79, of Auburndale, passed away on July 27, 2024. Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.

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# Community banks work together to urge diligence on common text-based fraud

## FOR HUB CITY TIMES

CENTRAL WISCONSIN -- In a joint effort to safeguard our communities, AbbyBank, Forward Bank, Northwestern Bank, and Prevail Bank have come together to educate community members and customers about the increasing threats of text-based fraud. As part of their commitment to your financial security, they want to highlight the common tactics used by fraudsters and provide tips on how to protect yourself.

Understanding text-based banking fraud  
Text-based fraud, often referred to as SMS phishing or smishing, involves fraudsters sending deceptive messages to trick recipients into revealing personal information or transferring money. These messages may appear to be from your bank, requesting you to verify account details, reset passwords, or alert you to suspicious activity.

### How to recognize fraudulent messages

Unexpected requests: Be cautious of texts requesting personal or financial information.

Urgent language: Messages that create a sense of urgency or fear to prompt immediate action.

Unknown links: Avoid clicking on links from unknown or suspicious numbers.

### Protective measures

Verify directly: Always contact your bank directly using the official contact number on their website.

Ignore and report: Do not respond to suspicious

messages. Report them to your bank immediately.

Keep your information Private: Never share your PIN, password, or account details via text.

“Leading into weekends and around holidays, there seems to be an increase in SMS phishing activity and tends to be geographically bounded,” commented Connie Zuleger, COO of Prevail Bank. “Thanksgiving weekend in 2023 had multiple texts going out through central Wisconsin targeting many financial service providers.”

“The teams at your local community banks respond to customer inquiries and quickly begin the process of taking down any fraudulent websites that are designed to look like legitimate websites,” stated John White, VP – IT Director at Forward Bank. “Fraudsters have become more sophisticated and will continue to bring up new fraudulent sites until customers stop entering the information they desire.”

Education of bank members is the best first step to protecting yourselves. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Follow the recommendations to verify links and reach out to your bank using phone numbers listed on all their websites so your local banker can help you.

Your security is top priority. By staying informed and vigilant, together we can prevent these fraudulent activities. For more information, visit the banks' websites or contact your local branch.

AbbyBank: [www.abbybank.com](http://www.abbybank.com); Forward Bank: [www.forward.bank](http://www.forward.bank); Northwestern Bank [www.northwesternbank.com](http://www.northwesternbank.com); Prevail Bank: [www.prevail.bank](http://www.prevail.bank).

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### The Ebb And Flow Of Love

Dear Reader,

Love is one of the most profound and transformative experiences of the human condition. It can ignite our spirits, inspire our dreams, and shape our lives in ways we never imagined. But as many of us have experienced, the passionate flames of early love can dim over the years, and relationships that once felt unbreakable can face challenges and sometimes unravel. Why is it that people fall in love, only to find themselves falling out of love as time passes?

The initial spark of love often comes from a place of curiosity and excitement. It's driven by a powerful mix of physical attraction, emotional connection, and the thrill of discovering someone new. In those early days, everything feels fresh and exhilarating. We see our partners through rose-colored glasses, focusing on their strengths and overlooking their flaws. This stage, often referred to as the honeymoon phase, is marked by high levels of dopamine and oxytocin, the hormones responsible for pleasure and bonding.

However, as time goes by, the intensity of these feelings naturally wanes. The routines of daily life set in, and the imperfections of our partners become more apparent. The very traits that once seemed endearing can start to feel irritating. This shift is a normal part of the relationship cycle, but it can lead to feelings of disillusionment if we don't recognize and adapt to it.

One reason people fall out of love is that they grow and change. Our experiences shape us, and as we evolve, so do our needs and desires. What brought us together initially may not sustain us as we develop new interests, values, and



goals. Sometimes, couples grow together, but other times they grow apart. This divergence can create a sense of distance and incompatibility that is difficult to bridge.

Additionally, as we accumulate knowledge and experiences, our tolerance for certain behaviors can diminish. The patience we once had for minor annoyances may wear thin. The optimism that sustained us through rough patches may be replaced by

a more pragmatic outlook. While this increased awareness can lead to healthier boundaries and more honest communication, it can also make us less forgiving and more critical.

Despite these challenges, falling out of love doesn't have to be the end of the story. Relationships can endure and even thrive through these transitions if both partners are willing to invest the effort. Open communication, mutual respect, and a commitment to growth are essential. It's important to continually nurture the bond, finding new ways to connect and support each other.

Falling in love is often effortless, but staying in love requires intention and resilience. As we navigate the complexities of our relationships, let us remember that love is not just a feeling but a choice. It is a journey of discovery, not only of our partners but of ourselves. Embrace the changes, cherish the memories, and strive to cultivate a love that withstands the test of time.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Author backs Spiros in Assembly primary

As the August primary for the 86th Assembly district approaches, the choice between Republican candidates may seem daunting. However, the decision is clear in my eyes. It takes experience to navigate the complexities of Madison, and only one candidate in this race possesses that expertise – John Spiros.

John has dedicated his political career to advancing conservative policies, beginning with his work helping pass Scott Walker's reform agenda. He has consistently upheld the conservative values of life, liberty, and limited government, and remains a steadfast advocate for the people of our area. In today's hyper-partisan environment, his unwavering commitment and trusted leadership are rare and invaluable.

As a former executive of a prominent grassroots organization focused on promoting freedom and opportunity for all, I know firsthand what it takes to get things done in Madison. This year is particularly crucial, as Governor Evers and his activist allies on the state Supreme Court have gerrymandered our state and created chaos and division. With significant changes on the horizon, we need proven, conservative leadership to ensure Wisconsin does not follow the path of Washington. Rep. Spiros is the only candidate who knows how to fight and win for our conservative values and has a proven track record of standing up to the radical policies of the Evers Administration.

I've known John since 2012, when I

witnessed firsthand the integrity and effectiveness of his leadership and personal character. John served his country in the Air Force and is a former law enforcement officer. Now working in the private sector, his diverse experiences culminate in a level-headed, real-world approach to governance. He embodies the founders' vision of legislators who are not career politicians, but individuals with private sector experience who dedicate a few years to public service. John is truly that guy.

While I respect the other candidates in the race, John stands out as the clear choice for conservatives. He excels in crafting legislation and building winning coalitions in Madison and locally, and he has the relationships necessary to continue being effective during these uncertain times. John's office is always responsive, he is open to discussing any issue, and he is unafraid to share his opinions on proposed legislation, even if you may not share his point of view.

Whether it's criminal justice, agriculture, Second Amendment rights, or tax cuts, John is a level-headed, hard-working advocate for his constituents. He is always there when called upon and dedicates significant time to volunteering in our community. On August 13, I will be casting my vote for John Spiros, and I urge each of you to join me and my family in supporting a proven, effective conservative who will continue to fight for us.

Luke Hilgemann  
Marshfield

# Rep. Tiffany introduces bill to create first national park in Wisconsin

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Tom Tiffany (WI-07) on July 23 introduced the Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve Act. This legislation would re-designate the Apostle Islands from a National Lakeshore to a National Park. The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands, chaired by Rep. Tiffany, on July 24 held a hearing on this legislation.

“Know as the crown jewel of Wisconsin, the Apostle Island National Lakeshore is truly an unrivaled destination that is more than worthy of being elevated to a crown jewel of the National Park system,” Congressman Tiffany testified, during the July 24 hearing. “The Apostle Islands are rich in natural, cultural and historic resources. Comprised of twenty-one islands and twelve miles of mainland shore on Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin, the Apostle Islands contain numerous scenic cliff formations and arches, sea caves and sandy beaches. From abundant forests and fisheries to dramatic cliffs and caves, there's truly no place in America like the Apostle Islands. This area also contains a collection of underwater shipwrecks, and what the National Park Service calls the largest and finest collection of lighthouses in the country.

“My legislation is very straightforward,” Tiffany continued. “It would simply re-designate the majority of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore into the Apostle Islands National Park. My bill also maintains the heritage of hunting within the Apostle Islands by designating Sand Island – a popular hunting destination – as the Sand Island National Preserve. Protecting hunting access is paramount to me as the chairman of this subcommittee, and we worked for over a year with local stakeholders to ensure that active hunting locations were not harmed by this bill.

“Further, my legislation directs the National Park Service to enhance interpretive displays within the Apostle Islands to include more information about the area's rich fur trade, logging and fishing industries. This information will also honor the Ojibwa tribes, the original inhabitants of the Apostle Islands, who have called the area home for centuries.

“While this legislation was just introduced, it reflects an effort that has been several decades in the making,” Tiffany further testified. “In 1930, nearly a century ago, Congress first authorized a study to designate the Apostle Islands as a national park. Roughly forty years later, President John F. Kennedy described the islands as part of our American heritage, and the area was designated as a national



Rep. Tiffany

lakeshore. Now, by elevating the Apostle Islands from a national lakeshore to a national park, we can ensure that thousands more are able to visit this area. It is my hope that many more will be able to experience this hidden gem once the Apostle Islands are designated as Wisconsin's first national park.”

Rep. Tiffany also submitted twenty-one letters from various communities, locally-elected leaders and local business organizations in support of his proposed bill.

“The designation of the Apostle Islands as a national park will have a positive impact on our local economy, bringing more visitors to the area who contribute to local businesses,” State Sen. Romaine Quinn (R-Cameron) testified. “Increased tourism will create new job opportunities, stimulate economic growth and support the livelihoods of many residents in the Bayfield area and beyond. A National Park Service study found that communities within sixty miles of a national park saw an average increase in tourism spending by 14 percent, with related job growth of 11 percent.”

Specifically, this legislation would elevate the current National Lakeshore – first established in 1970 – to National Park status without altering its existing boundaries. The Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve Act would also designate Sand Island as a National Preserve to maintain existing hunting access.

This would not be the first time a National Lakeshore became a National Park. In 2019, Indiana Dunes, once a National Lakeshore, was designated as a National Park. While our neighboring states of Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana all enjoy national parks, Wisconsin does not yet have one.

## OEM re-certified as Family Friendly Workplace



Members of the OEM Team presented Family Friendly Workplaces with their Corporate Sponsorship on July 9 at OEM's offices in Woodville. From left to right are Christian Gausman (Director of Strategic Initiatives, OEM), Neil Kline (Executive Director, Family Friendly Workplaces), Abby Klatt, (Director, Human Resources, OEM), and Kelly Ingli (President & CFO, OEM).

Submitted photo

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

WOODVILLE -- Family Friendly Workplaces recently announced that OEM Fabricators based in Woodville has once again earned the distinction of being certified as a gold-level Family Friendly Workplace. This re-certification demonstrates

OEM's unwavering dedication to fostering an environment where both current and prospective team members feel supported in balancing their professional and family lives.

Kelly Ingli, President and Chief Financial Officer of OEM, emphasized the

company's commitment. “At OEM, we recognize the vital role we play

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# Netherlands ag researcher visits Marshfield-area facility

BY MIKE WARREN  
EDITOR

MARSHFIELD -- The Marshfield Agricultural Research Station gets many visitors. Now, the dairy research facility just north of Marshfield can add Matthis Hierenk to that list.

Hierenk is from Dalfsen, a small farming community in the Province of Overijssel, in the northeastern part of the Netherlands, and just 13 minutes from Germany.

Hierenk is a full-time research and educational assistant at the Aeres University of Applied Sciences, where he focuses on agricultural topics such as nutrient management, forages, precision agriculture, and crop farming.

"We have three ag universities in the Netherlands, but that's the biggest one," Hierenk told us, during his July 31 visit to the University of Wisconsin Marshfield Agricultural Research Station.

"I'm working back home on the ag station of our university, but more from the educational perspective," Hierenk said. "I'm not always working with animals or field trials."

He has also developed an interest in sustainable land management and soil health sciences.

"I have seen here how students get involved, how the local farmers get involved, and how there's an open spot for everyone to visit," Hierenk said of his observations of our research facility. "I would love to take it (the concept) home."

Hierenk, who is teaching three classes per day during the school year, is also pursuing a master's degree in soil biology.

In 2019, Hierenk was an exchange student at UW-River Falls.



Nancy Esser, Superintendent of the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station, shows the farm's milking parlor to Matthis Hierenk, a research and educational assistant at the Aeres University of Applied Sciences, in the Netherlands. **Mike Warren photo**

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**Household:** Coronado chest freezer; oak dining room table w/6 chairs & 2 leaves; baker's rack; 4 swivel counter stools; coffee table; 4 end tables/ leather elec. lift chair (exc. cond.); wooden curio cabinet, bookshelf; wooden office desk; dresses; bunk beds, loveseat, recliners; Husqvarna elec. sewing machine; Hoover carpet steamer; several Terry Redlin prints; 4 director type folding chairs; poker table; lots of Christmas & holiday décor.; record albums, linens, cookware; scrapbooking items.

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in enabling our Team Members to stay engaged with their families and nurture their overall well-being. Our re-certification as a Family Friendly Workplace reflects our ongoing efforts to support not only our team members but also the broader community through family-centered initiatives."

In conjunction with their re-certification, OEM is continuing as a Corporate

Sponsor of Family Friendly Workplaces. This sponsorship provides essential financial backing to the non-profit, underscoring OEM's commitment to advancing family-friendly practices within the community.

Neil Kline, Executive Director of Family Friendly Workplaces, expressed his gratitude.

"We are pleased to re-certify OEM as a Family Friendly Workplace. Their generous sponsorship is a testament to their

leadership in promoting family-centric policies and practices. With their support, we can further our mission to encourage companies to adopt and sustain family-friendly environments."

The certification process by Family Friendly Workplaces involves a rigorous review of an employer's human resources policies and practices, awarding points for measures that support families. Achieving this certification allows OEM to display the Family Friendly Workplaces logo, enhancing their appeal in recruitment and retention efforts.

OEM Fabricators, Inc., founded in 1987, has

grown from a 2,500-square foot pole shed to a multi-location organization with over 250 Team Members and approximately 148,000 square feet of manufacturing and office space. With manufacturing locations in Woodville, Neillsville, and Phillips, OEM Fabricators specializes in building medium and heavy metal components for original equipment manufacturers, particularly in the construction, mining, and rail industries. The company's strengths lie in designing, fabricating, welding, finishing, and assembling to the highest industry standards.

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# UW-Madison announces spring graduates

**FOR HUB CITY TIMES**

MADISON -- A total of 8,586 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison May 10-11, including students from our area.

There were two live ceremonies, one for undergraduates at Camp Randall and one for all graduate degree candidates at the Kohl Center.

Keynote speaker and Badger hockey legend Meghan Duggan shared lessons learned during her ascent to Olympic gold.

"Failure is not final unless you choose not to learn from it," Duggan said. "Since some measure of failure is inevitable in each of the journeys you're about to take, I hope you react by learning what you're willing to do to find your own version of success."

Chancellor Jennifer L. Mnookin praised graduates for succeeding academically and being deeply engaged in solving problems in the world, in the proud tradition of the Wisconsin Idea.

"You and I can't know today what questions each of you will ask in your lives and careers," she said. "But I can tell you this: The questions that challenge what we are certain we already know to be true are often the ones that drive extraordinary innovation."

Student speaker Gracie Nelson, senior class president, reminded graduates that, in the past four years, they had lived through COVID dorms, eight Taylor Swift albums, and three Badger football coaches. She emphasized that "it is not our resumes or the titles we hold that define us, but the depth of our humanity."

For more information about UW-Madison, visit <http://www.wisc.edu>.

Here are the degree recipients from our area:

**Arpin:** Paul Kollross, School of Business, Bachelor of



Gracie Nelson, senior class president, speaks during UW-Madison's spring commencement ceremony at Camp Randall Stadium at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 11. The outdoor graduation was attended by more than 7,500 bachelor's, master's and law degree candidates, plus their guests.

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**Colby:** Michael Decker, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Alexander Schmitt, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

**Greenwood:** Steven Arch, School of Education, Master of Science-Kinesiology, Kinesiology

**Marshfield:** Annika Brown, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Economics, International Studies; Alison Cashmer, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Human Development and Family Studies, Human Development and Family Studies; Christina Chin, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of

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**Neillsville:** Abby Averill, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Economics

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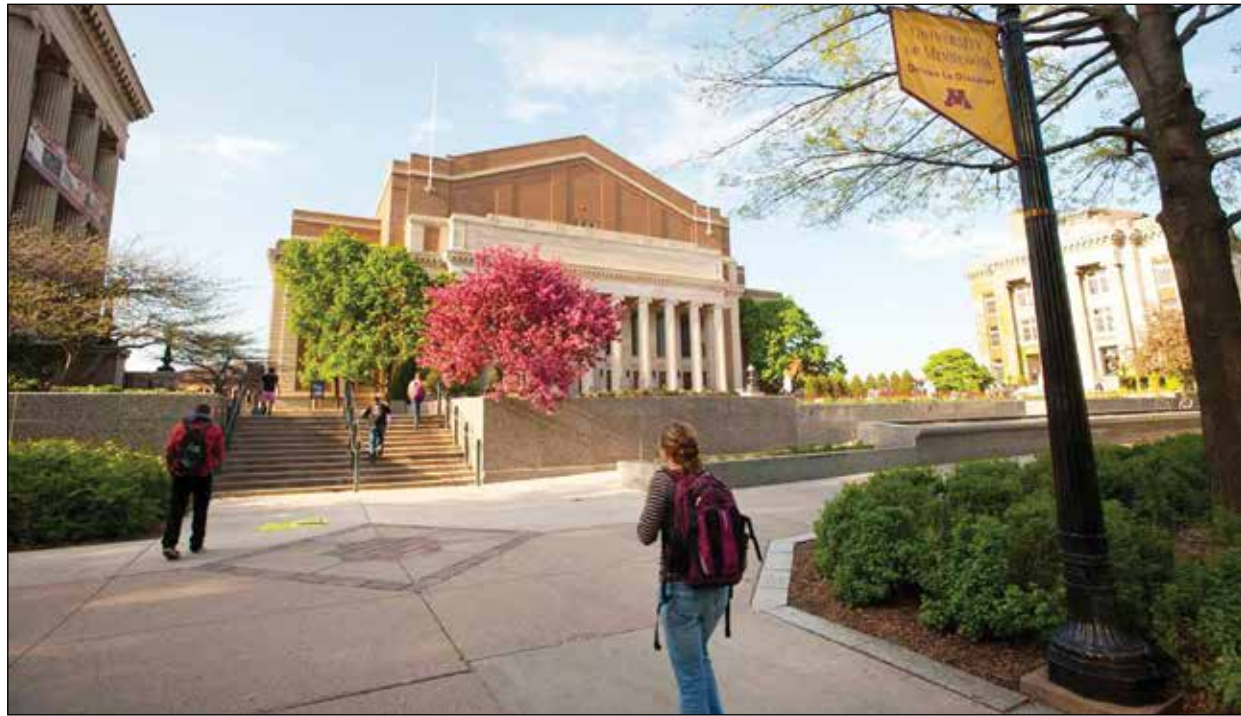
## Local students selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL, MN -- The following students have been named to the 2024 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university has announced.

**Auburndale:** Natalie Aue, Senior, College of Liberal Arts; Erika Turner, Freshman, College of Liberal Arts

**Marshfield:** Julian Clopton, Junior, College of Liberal Arts; Kaizer Eikleberry, Sophomore, College of Liberal Arts; Ariel Fernandez, Senior, Carlson School of Management; Alyson Sebold, Senior, Carlson School of Management; Anna Weis, Senior, College of Biological Sciences

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Leatherman also reported that 60 percent said \$61.5 million seemed like a fair price to pay for those improvements.

"If we look at the reasons for their support, education's important leads the list at twenty-seven percent, the reasonable cost at fifteen (percent), they have children in the district at eleven and it's needed at nine (percent)," Leatherman told board members. "The argument for the opposition, for opponents, is the cost factor - whether the overall cost of the package or the current taxes that they already pay, and not wanting a property tax increase."

When asked for their take on five items related to sports and Phy. Ed. upgrades at Marshfield High School - totaling \$21.7 million - new bleachers, a pool addition, a new fitness room and locker room renovations showed a range of support between 55 and 50 percent, while a new wrestling room addition garnered 49 percent. Overall, 55 percent said the total cost sounded like a fair price to them.

"People are willing to support have to have. The nice to have are more difficult to get passed," said Leatherman.

The tax impact of the classroom-related package would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$128 per year, while the sports-related improvements at MHS came in at \$47 a year. On a \$200,000 home, the costs for the two packages are \$256 a year and \$93 per year, respectively.

"Typically, these numbers are as good as they're going to get," said Leatherman, pertaining to the various levels of support.

As for potential turnout, Leatherman said 65 percent of the 400 respondents said they would likely be voting in the November election. Whether they would be voting on referendum questions at the bottom of the ballot - or even understanding what they're voting on - remains to be seen.

"National issues and international issues drown out local issues, and so we have forty-six percent indicate that they're at least somewhat following closely these discussions, but we only have ten percent that are following very closely, with fifty-five percent indicating not really or not at all," he said.

Leatherman also reported that in the past three presidential elections, there was a 25 percent dropoff in voting between the top of the ticket and the bottom of the ballot, where any referendum-related questions are found.

He also noted that 82 percent of those polled believed the discussions that board members, district officials and others are having would meet their needs.

"Do they believe that these facilities discussions will be responsible to taxpayers? Yes," said Leatherman. "A very strong seventy-five percent believe yes, seventeen percent say no and eight percent are unsure."

The survey also showed 53 percent have made up their minds, with no information regarding funding or what the money would be used for.

Soon after voters rejected a \$99.5 million building-and-remodeling referendum in April 2023, the district hired Madison-based Nexus Solutions to complete a comprehensive analysis of school facilities. Nexus identified district-wide needs totaling \$157.2 million. The focus eventually shifted to \$13.8 million in priorities at Grant Elementary and \$47.7 million worth of upgrades at Marshfield High School, for a total of \$61.5 million. An initial athletics/Phy. Ed. package at MHS totaling \$21.7 million was paired down to \$10 million.

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## Former MHS sports standout dies at 86

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- Former Marshfield High School sports standout Dave Buss died July 11. He was 86.

Buss was a 1956 Marshfield High School graduate who played football, basketball and baseball. He led the Tigers boys' basketball team in scoring with 364 points in 1956, and remains 24th on Marshfield's career boys' basketball scoring list with 625 points.

Buss played college baseball at Florida State, and later received college degrees from UW-Eau Claire and Winona State. He was selected by Vince Lombardi to be the first men's basketball coach at UW-Green Bay, and remains the winningest men's basketball coach in Phoenix history.

Buss led the team to almost immediate national success as head coach from 1969-1982, which included competing in NAIA, Div. II, and Div. I. His prolific teams included some of the most successful players in program history and recorded two NCAA Div. II runner-up finishes and three Div. II Final Four appearances.

"We mourn the passing of one of the foundational leaders of UW-Green Bay," said UW-Green Bay Chancellor



Former Marshfield High School sports standout Dave Buss coached the UW-Green Bay men's basketball team from 1969-82. **UW-Green Bay Archives photo**

Michael Alexander. "Although I never had the opportunity to speak to Coach Buss, I can feel his amazing legacy in countless ways. You can measure greatness through wins and losses, but Coach Buss' legacy can be felt in far more important ways. He created a belief in our University from its earliest stages, showed what is possible for the future, and made a profound difference in the lives of everyone I have spoken to who knew him. I join with our community in celebrating his life and mourning his passing."

Buss was inducted into the Phoenix Hall of Fame in 1995. School leaders say they will look for ways to honor Buss' legacy in the upcoming year.

Later, Buss assisted Jerry Tarkanian at Nevada-Las Vegas, and served as head coach at Long Beach State and at St. Olaf of Minnesota. Upon retiring, Buss and his wife Ruth settled in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

Buss was inducted into the Marshfield Tigers Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

A celebration of Buss' life will be held at Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home in Marshfield on Friday, Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### I Heart Cookies



Area residents braved stormy conditions Aug. 1 for a rare treat, as the Wichita, Kansas-based I Heart Cookies Co. brought its deep dish cookies to the Pizza Ranch parking lot. **Mike Warren photos**



Archer Eilers pets Blue the velociraptor, as his mom Brittany and sister Kennedy give him a little encouragement. The dinosaur display was part of the Aug. 1 visit to Marshfield by the I Heart Cookies Company.



### Local students among UW-Eau Claire graduates

EAU CLAIRE -- Join the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in congratulating its 1,360 May 2024 graduates from the Eau Claire and Barron County campuses.

Local students who received degrees in their fields of study were:

**Abbotsford:** Sierra Johnson, Nursing and Health Sciences, BSN,

**Arpin:** Taylor Stanton, Nursing and Health Sciences, BSN, Nursing

**Colby:** Sierra Ramker, Arts and Sciences, BA, History and Spanish

**Dorchester:** Dimas Moreno, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Exercise Science

**Granton:** Noah McConkey, Business, BBA,

Marketing; Ceasar Young, Arts and Sciences, BA, Journalism

**Loyal:** Bailey Bravener, Business, BBA, Management; Keralin Genteman, Business, BBA, Marketing

**Marshfield:** Caitlyn Christensen, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Elementary Education; Jordan Corrigan, Arts

and Sciences, BSEPH, Environmental Public Health; Alyssa Franks, Arts and Sciences, BS, Actuarial Science; Bryce Fuerlinger, Business, BBA, Accounting and Business Finance; Paige Gruenling, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Elementary Education; Ryan Jennings, Arts and Sciences, BS, Economics; Karly Nikolai, Nursing and Health Sciences, BSN, Nursing

**Neillsville:** Sophia Mertins, Education and Human Sciences, MS, Athletic Training

**Thorp:** Hailey Barth, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Rehabilitation Science; Courtney Frese, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Elementary Education

**Unity:** Alexander Peterson, Arts and Sciences, BA, English


**Vesper:** Ciara Laidick, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Communication Sciences and Disorders

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