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Wisconsin DOJ launches Missing Child Alert

Expanding alerts for missing children

FOR CITY TIMES

MADISON -- Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul on Aug. 14 announced the new Missing Child Alert, which broadens options for alerting the public to missing children. 2023 Wisconsin Act 272, authored by state Senator La-Tonya Johnson, state Senator Jesse James, Assemblywoman Shelia Stubbs and Assemblyman John Spiros, expands Wisconsin's alerts to include the new Missing Child Alert.

"The Missing Child Alert will provide an additional way to help locate missing children and get them home safely," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "Thank you to everyone who worked to launch this new alert."

"Putting an extra tool in law enforcement's toolkit to find missing children was a no brainer for me," said Rep. John Spiros (R-Marshfield). "The bipartisan coalition that worked to enact this legislation exemplifies the good that government can do."

The Missing Child Alert was created when Governor Evers signed 2023 Wisconsin Act 272 on April 10. Act 272, the Prince Act, named after 5-year-old Prince McCree who went missing in Milwaukee and 10-year-old Lily Peters who went missing in Chippewa Falls. The new alert expands the criteria for issuing alerts for missing persons. The legislation revised § 175.51 and expanded the definition of a "person at risk" to include children.

The Missing Child Alert will be disseminated through the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network and a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) will be sent to mobile devices up to a 5-mile radius from the last know location, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. The alert will also be disseminated on Wisconsin Lottery terminals throughout Wisconsin and on

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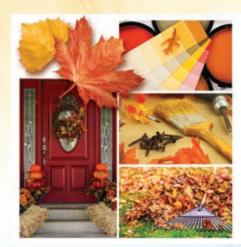
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'A Nite for Tyler'

FOR THE CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – The seventh annual fundraiser, "Honoring our Angel," will take place Saturday, Sept. 28 at Bakerville Sports Bar in Marshfield. The event honors Tyler Luke Manthe, who was killed by a drunk driver Aug. 5, 2017. All proceeds benefit the memorial scholarship fund in his name, which is awarded annually to a Marshfield High School senior wrestler.

Doors open at 4 p.m. with door prizes, basket raffles, 50/50, live wrestling and music. Admission is free; the Frontline Wrestling show begins at 6 p.m. The event is hosted by the Manthe family, Gldget, Cory, Hailey and McKenzie.





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Local graduates awarded healthcare scholarships

Minerva Ponce, MD Memorial

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Three recent Assumption High School graduates have been awarded the Minerva Ponce, MD Memorial Scholarship. This year's recipients are Payton Bremmer, Autumn Moon and Lydia Smits.

The scholarship fund was established with Aspirus Riverview Foundation in memory of Dr. Minerva "Mimi" Ponce by Mimi's husband, Dr. Mario Ponce, and family.

Mimi practiced internal medicine at the Doctor's Clinic in Wisconsin Rapids for more than 25 years. She passed away unexpectedly in 2002 and is remembered for her "compassionate service and generosity to the community," a press release from Aspirus noted.

To honor Mimi's memory and the importance of health-care professionals, a \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded to each of the three recipients to help them pursue a medical education. Dr. Ponce and family chose these students based on their promise and achievements toward becoming healthcare professionals.

Dr. Jung K. Park Legacy Payton Bremmer and Autumn Moon of Assumption

Payton Bremmer and Autumn Moon of Assumption High School and Erik Mock of John Edwards High School have been chosen as the recipients of this year's Dr. Jung K. Park Legacy for Learning Scholarship.

The scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Jung K. Park, who served the Wisconsin Rapids community as a pathologist for more than 35 years.

Dr. Park was born in Korea, near the border of China. His sophomore year of college he was offered a scholarship to continue his studies in the United States. Fulfilling his lifelong dream, Dr. Park traveled to the US with just \$50 in his pocket. Through his own hard work and the support of others, Dr. Park completed his medical training and, in 1970, moved to Wisconsin Rapids and established his clinical practice.

In honor of his extraordinary life, Dr. Park's family established this scholarship through the Aspirus Riverview Foundation. Three \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year to support local high school students pursuing a career

in any field of study, with special consideration given to students who are immigrants or first-generation Americans.

Payton, Autumn and Erik will be pursuing careers in nursing, sonography and physical education/therapy respectively. Each scholarship recipient detailed in their application what led them to choose their career path, and each shared a common purpose of helping others and giving back to their community.

"Dr. Park's great success was made possible through his dedicated work ethic, value of education, and the support of those who believed in his potential. This scholarship brings Dr. Park's story full circle and carries on his legacy," according to a press release.

Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus Memorial

Addalyn Cusack, a 2024 graduate of Assumption High School, has been awarded the Dr. Elmer and Frances Debus Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship fund was established with the Aspirus Riverview Foundation by Merrill and Mary Redman. Mary is the daughter of Elmer and Frances Debus.

Dr. Debus was a physician in Wisconsin Rapids for 33 years. He and his wife will "always be remembered for their kindness, service, and generosity to the community," an Aspirus press release stated. As a physician, Dr. Debus valued those who assisted him in caring for patients. Without the support of people like nurses, therapists, pharmacists and technicians, he believed he would not have been able to provide such exceptional care.

To honor the importance of medical support roles, one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded to a student who plans to continue their education in such a role. Even more important is that the student demonstrates outstanding performance, a commitment to community, and the determination to become a future healthcare hero.

Aspirus Riverview Foundation supports community-based efforts that align with improving the community's greatest health and wellness needs. If you wish to make a difference in the health and wellness of our local community, please contact the foundation at 715-421-7488.

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Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. has completed a comprehensive asbestos inspection and management plan for the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. This report is available for your inspection during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) at the Buildings & Grounds office located at 2510 Industrial Street. Copies are available to you by contacting Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. at W7748 County Highway V, Lake Mills, WI 53551 for a cost of \$25.00.

As a result of the inspection performed by Environmental Management Consulting, Inc., asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) were identified and their condition assessed. The areas noted as being in moderate to poor condition have been or will be repaired, encapsulated, or removed by the District. A long range plan for handling the materials has been developed.

An ongoing operations and maintenance program which includes periodic surveillance and re-inspections has been implemented by the District and will remain in effect until all ACBM has been removed from District facilities. Please direct any concerns to Ed Allison, Director of Buildings & Grounds at 715-424-6718.



VanderMeer receives Friend of Towns Award

SHAWANO Rep. VanderMeer Nancy was awarded the 2023-24 Friend of the Towns Award at the recent Monroe County Unit Meeting of the WTA, for her efforts supporting town interests.

'Representative VanderMeer has a deep understanding of the important role local leaders play in their communities and the challenges they face for their constituents daily," said Mike Koles, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association. "She is a steadfast supporter of town officials, striving to provide them with necessary resources and commonsense solutions."

Friends of town government share a core belief that the best decisions occur in a decentralized system and closest to the people. They understand that local government leadership is the fuel for inventive solutions to public sector challenges and the key to unlocking the power of democracy.

As chair of the Assembly Committee on Trans-



Rep. VanderMeer (left) with WTA Government Affairs Director Joe Ruth. Submitted photo

portation, VanderMeer shepherded and ported numerous proposals that have empowered towns to fix roads and improve local roadway safety. Beyond her leadership on transportation issues, Rep. VanderMeer also authored a pivotal law change that will create more and better collaboration among local governments, ultimately leading to improved zoning in rural areas.

"Representative derMeer is a dedicated leader and an ardent defender of towns," Koles added. "We are deeply appreciative of her efforts and excited to announce Representative Vander-Meer as true Friend of Towns."

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Saints In Our Midst

Dear Reader,

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the quiet acts

of kindness and the unwavering strength of character that some individuals exhibit. These rare souls, who we might call the "saints in our midst," embody virtues that transcend the ordinary. They remind us that sainthood is not a distant, unattainable ideal but a tangible reality that can manifest in any of us, regardless of our circumstances.

We all strive for sainthood at times, in our own ways and within the limits of our capabilities. When we choose to do the right thing, despite adversity, we are tailoring ourselves to be the best versions of who we are. It's in these moments of moral clarity and strength that we brush against the essence of what it means to be saint-like. Whether it's standing up for what is right, offering a helping hand to someone in need, or simply showing love and patience in difficult situations, these acts define our potential for greatness.

Every now and then, we encounter an extraordinary person whose strength of char-

> acter and capacity for love shine through. These individuals are rare, but their impact is profound. They inspire us not through grand gestures or ostentatious displays, but through their consistent, quiet commitment to virtue. In a world where money and power often dominate, they remind us that true integrity lies in

the purity of our actions and intentions.

In recognizing and celebrating these saints, we also acknowledge our own potential for goodness. We may not all be destined for sainthood in the traditional sense, but we can all strive to embody the virtues that define it. By doing so, we contribute to a world that is a little kinder, a little more just, and a lot more compassionate.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

ALERT

FROM PAGE 1

Department of Transportation's Dynamic Messaging Boards.

Missing Child Alert Criteria:

The person at risk has not attained the age of 18 years, and, the person is believed to be incapable of returning home without assistance due to a physical or mental condition or disability, or, the person has not attained the age of 10 years, and,

The individual(s) location is unknown, and,

It is within 72 hours of the individual's disappearance, and,

Their situation does not qualify for another alert (e.g., Amber Alert).

The individual has been entered as missing into National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

There is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the missing person.

If a child is missing: Contact local law enforcement to report the child missing.

Law enforcement will

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work with Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and other law enforcement partners to assess the next steps for finding the missing child.

DCI is the only entity that can issue a Missing Child

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Marshfield - Successfully navigating concerns about the ongoing national dairy cattle bird flu outbreak, this year's Central Wisconsin State Fair (CWSF) saw high attendance of fairgoers and livestock alike.

"I would just sum up this fair week as being fantastic," said CWSF Executive Director Dale Christiansen. The fair ran from Tuesday-Sunday, Aug. 20-25. "The biggest standout had to be the weather. Mother Nature can make or break you, and with the summer we're having, she chose to smile kindly on us this week."

Christiansen singled out two Grandstand events as being particularly well attended: country singer-songwriter Dylan Scott, who performed on Wednesday, and mid-2000s rock band Daughtry, who performed on Friday. Attendance was neck-in-neck, with Scott receiving a slightly higher showing.

Of the non-Grandstand events, Christiansen noted that comedian Kenny Ahern and glassblowing company Hot Glass Academy were popular with guests.

Also popular were the draft horse pull and the Meyer Farms 10-horse pyramid hitch.

Around the fairgrounds, Christiansen saw "a lot of smiles. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves... It was really a very smooth, calm, quiet fair, which is very good for the number of people that walked through the gates."

This year, the fair board took precautions in order to prevent the spread of bird flu among dairy cattle, requiring all attending cows to be tested "before they left home." In addition, farmers were asked to bring their own equipment so as to avoid cross-herd contamination in the case of an undetected infection.

As of Aug. 15, the bird flu has been identified in 13 states, according to the CDC. Wisconsin is not one of them, but the board agreed that the benefits of exercising caution this year outweighed any inconvenience.

"If you have a positive test, it affects your whole livelihood," explained Christiansen. "I mean, if a farmer gets it on their farm, they can't ship milk for 30 days, and I don't know of any farmer that can get by without a milk check for 30 days, so [the fair's measures were] quite extreme. Wisconsin hasn't had a case. All of our lactating dairy cattle were tested, tested negative and went through, but there were some farmers that told me, 'I'm coming with heifers. I'll leave my cows home. I can't afford any to take that risk."

As a result, dairy numbers were lower this year than usual. This didn't stop dairy cows from dominating the animal exhibits.

"Giving it a close second was our goat show on Saturday and Sunday," said Christiansen. "It's a national show, and they came in with... over 265 goats here to be judged. It was very well attended, and we had to expand our pens. We even had to borrow some pens from neighboring counties to house them all, but that was a good problem."

Other events this year included classes presented by representatives from the Wisconsin DNR and local conservation groups; a flowerbed contest; and both junior and open class exhibitions for handmade works from cultural art and photography to cooking.

"One thing that really expanded this year was our woodcarvers," said Christiansen, explaining that the woodworkers of Marshfield and Wood County teamed up to create a "real nice exhibit," resulting in higher numbers than usual.

Also available for viewing at the fair were blueprints for a new building that Christiansen hopes will one day be built on the fairgrounds, replacing the junior fair building and the Lang 4-H building, which are falling apart with age. The building would be large enough to house fair activities year-round and be built with longevity in mind.

"If we had that building, then we'd become the location point in Central Wisconsin," said Christiansen.

For now, the building is "in the dream stage." Christiansen said that its construction, if the project moves forward, will require "a lot of cooperation between the city, the county and the fair" and "people to come together and raise the funds."

Until then, no plans exist for the building's construction.



















































A profound Focus



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ing experience as he or she sees fit. That is the model of the independent advisor. Other restaurants are corporate chains, where the menu is the same from location to location, the cooks in the kitchen do not get to create, and the dining atmosphere is relatively the same. That is the model of the institution for its advisors and clients. Both restaurants may buy their food stock from the same wholesale company, but you can expect the customer experiences and results to be very different.

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ambiance of the din- ship conference is Focus. We fly across the country each year to immerse ourselves in three solid days and evenings of learning, networking and revitalization. My focus at our 2024 Focus included numerous sessions on our everchanging complex tax laws, the current economic outlook, and a Washington update, contrasting how each presidential candidate's platform would impact our clients' financial lives. I had conversations with investment maneconomists, agers, market technicians and global investment strategists. I attended sessions on anti-money laundering, compliance regulations, and cybersecurity. I visited booths in our expo center that demonstrated new technologies for financial planning, for tax planning, for client relationship management, and research. I wove in sessions on effective communication, on how to lead a productive and strong staff, as well as do's and don'ts for our own business structure.

dinner were great times to network with other top advisors from across the country, sharing winning ideas and success stories. And, so much more!

I was humbled and honored this year to have been one of just five advisors, out of the over 5,500 advisors in attendance, to be personally invited to a very special dinner with our CEO. Dan Arnold, and Chairman of the Board, Jim Putnam. Our dinner was an intimate couple of hours to get to ask the questions that were on our minds and offer feedback to the very top leadership of LPL Financial. The interest that Dan and Jim took in learning about our business and our experiences clients' was inspiring. We discussed our day-to-day processes and philosophies of how we provide deep, personalized advice and investment management for our clients. We discussed the operation's challenges that we experience and where greater efficiencies can be created. We discussed the next Breakfast, lunch and level of thinking that

LPL should be considering. At the top of the list among Dan and Jim's concerns for advisors was, how are we preparing our clients' families to inherit the wealth that their parents leave to them? What more can LPL provide and what can we, as advisors, do to prepare our next generation of clients for the day when the family legacy will be handed to them? It was moving for me to experience the care that LPL's leadership has for us, for our clients, and for the families of our clients: The people that we cherish so deeply and to whom we dedicate our very best work. What an absolutely profound Focus!

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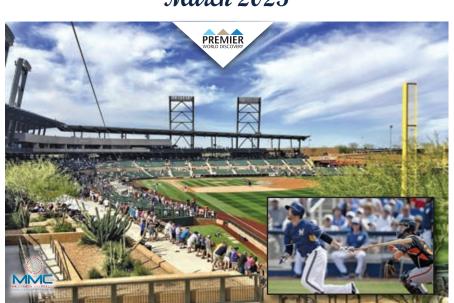
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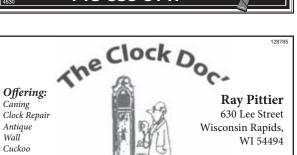
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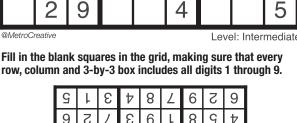
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EVENTS

Christian Women's Connection Ladies Brunch • Tues. 9/10, Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin

Rapids. Speaker is LeAnn Brechler of Stevens Point. LeAnn's presentation topic is "Family Matters-How to Find Contentment

in Disappointment". Special feature will be our Annual County Fair with Live Auction! Reservations are essential. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations by 9/5

Harvest Fair • Sat. 9/7, Historic Point Basse, Nekoosa. Enjoy tasty samples of delicious fall fare featuring harvest activities like making sauerkraut, apple pressing for cider, corn shelling & grinding. Games throughout the day. Starts at 10 am. \$3 adults, \$1 students. https://historicpointbasse.com

20th Annual Tee Off Fore the Girls

• Wed. 9/11, Lake Arrowhead Golf Course, Rome. Luncheon, raffles, silent auction, fashioned show & more. Golf spots are all filled. Starts at 8 am for check-in, 9 am for tee off & noon for lunch. \$20 entry fee for Aspirus Riverview Foundation Women's Cancer Fund. 715-315-2481 or Tee Off Fore the Girls Facebook to register

A Nite for Tyler • Sat., 9/28, Bakerville Sports Bar, Marshfield. Fundraiser to honor Tyler Luke Manthe, who was killed by a drunk driver in 2017. Door prizes, raffles, live wrestling and music. Proceeds to memorial scholarship. Doors open 4 p.m.

Lectures/Workshops

Historic Point Basse Foraging Class • Sat. 9/7, Columbia Schoolhouse, Historic Point Basse, Nekoosa. Learn about living off the land & the edible plants you have in your

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BY DENISE MANCL HCE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

'ow that we are approaching the end of summer and the kids are getting ready to go back to school, you may find you have a little more time to yourself! It's been an incredibly busy summer at our house. Our garden was a real challenge this year with all the excessive rain we had in earlier months followed by a stretch of intense heat. But we are still enjoying some fresh veggies!

Autumn always feels like a relaxing season to me. For members of Home and Community Education, we always look forward to our fall kickoff gathering. All of the members of Wood County gather together for fellowship and fun. There is usually a guest speaker and a basket raffle, and of course wonderful food. This group has been around for a very long time and has evolved over the years. But one thing has never changed. It has always been an organization that encourages its members to help their communities. We have an annual scholarship that is given. We support the Wisconsin Bookworms program to encourage young readers. The group that I belong to donates to the backpacks for kids program in Nekoosa. Our generosity isn't just local. In support of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), our members participate in the Pennies for Friendship program that provides funding for their ongoing work.

Part of our mission statement is caring to make a difference in our homes, communities and the

We also have a lot of fun! As a matter of fact, many of you have participated in our craft days at McMillan library. We will be hosting another craft day on Oct. 3 and as always, this will be open to the public. Read next month's article for details.

If you live in the Wisconsin Rapids, Rudolph, Nekoosa or Port Edwards area and think you may have an interest in joining our group, please feel free to contact me at deedeemancl@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us.

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