

Dons strike silver at state volleyball tournament

BY MIKE WARREN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MARSHFIELD – Twenty matches into the 2024 season, the Columbus Catholic volleyball team was 10-10 and twice lost four straight. But an 11-5 run – including a nine-match win streak - propelled the red-hot Dons into the postseason.

With a top seed going into the playoffs, the Dons defeated eighth-seeded Augusta and No. 4 Athens in straight sets in

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the Regionals, before fighting off second-seeded Gilman in four sets in a Sectional semifinal Oct. 31 at Columbus High School.

The Dons then beat Royall in straight sets in the Almond-Bancroft sectional final Nov. 2 to continue their road to the Resch Center.

In their inaugural trip to the WIAA state tournament, Columbus Catholic earned a spot in the Div. 5 finals, eventually falling to top-seeded Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran. For their efforts, the Dons captured the silver state runner-up trophy.

Columbus had been issued the No. 2 seed in the state tournament.

In the state semifinal, the Dons beat third-seeded Newman Catholic, last year's Div. 4 runner-up.

After dropping the first set 19-25, the Dons beat the Cardinals 30-28, 25-23, 25-20 in the state semifinals on Nov. 7 to advance to the title match Nov. 9 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. In the final set, Columbus - trailing 17-13 scored eleven straight points.

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New exhibit opens at The Alexander House

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MARSHFIELD--"Evolving Dimensions: A Multifaceted Journey Through Art," a solo exhibition featuring the two- and three-dimensional works of William Karberg Port Edwards, from Wisconsin opens at The Alexander House on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The artist will be present, and refreshments will be provided. The exhibition will remain on display until Jan. 7, 2025.

The Alexander House, located at 1131 Wisconsin River Drive in Port Edwards, is open to the public on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., or special appointment. bv For more details, visit Alexander House the Center for Art and History Facebook page or website at alexanderhouseonline. org.

Artist Statement:

"The Art Director at the Alexander House told me I have to write an introduction about myself, but if the truth be known, there are a lot of things I would rather be doing than writing, such as almost any outdoor activity, spending time with family an friends, working in my shop or studio, planning/preparing a gourmet dinner, curling, playing cards...Well, I would rather be doing almost anything, except maybe watching football or having a root canal.

So, now you know I am not a wordsmith, but I am not going to waste time





apologizing or attempting to become one. After all, what was the quotation about art, something about a picture being worth more than words? Yes, I know I could look it up on the internet and quote it accurately, but I don't spend a lot of time on the computer either. I

would rather be doing any outdoor activity, working in my shop or studio, spending time with family and friends, etc., etc., etc.,

With that said, here's an idea of who I am. I was raised on a farm in Port Edwards, Wisconsin where I developed a strong



appreciation of nature which has influenced my art. Farm life also gave me plenty of opportunities to learn how things work and to tinker with them to make them work differently. Actually, maybe that wasn't so much because of farm life, but because of my imaginative sense of humor. Even my practical jokes are works of art, you know, like building tunnels and secret compartments under stacked hay bales or rigging up a curling broom with flashing red and green lights!!!

Okay, after the childhood on the farm came college and a career as an art teacher, a job that gave me an opportunity to expand and share my skills as an artist. During those years I designed and directed construction of the corten steel sculptures that stand in front of Lincoln High School and the First English Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Since retiring I have done artist residencies at elementary schools, and you can see my kinetic sculptures outside of Vesper and Grant schools, also in the Rapids district.

You know, when I sit down and think about it (if I have to sit down and think about it), I realize my life is art. Well, not in so many words! My life is art sounds a little too poetic, and I am solidly grounded in the real world! What I mean is that I approach everything I do with imagination, innovation and an eye for both design and function. I am not just an artist when I walk through my studio door. My art takes on many forms, and I love the challenge of discovering, about, learning and being able to work with a variety of materials and techniques. My artwork includes sculpture, kinetic sculpture, jewelry (which I think of as small sculpture), mixed media and also watercolor."

Gift shop reopens at Marshfield Medical Center

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your gifting needs.

To accommodate all needs, flowers and plants will also be sold after hours from the flower cooler in the MMC-Marshfield main hospital lobby.

"The Gift Shop offers so many wonderful items that can bring a smile, a moment of peace, or simply take the edge off for our patients and

guests," said Gidget Tobin, Gift Shop manager.

The Gift Shop is now under the operation of Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation and is staffed in part by volunteers. The previous gift shop closed after its ownership group dissolved. Proceeds from The Gift Shop at MMC-Marshfield

will benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Marshfield Children's Hospital.





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OBITUARIES

ARDELL FISCHER

Ardell Fischer, 66, of Marshfield, passed away on Nov. 6, 2024. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center is assisting the family.

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75th anniversary, marking an important milestone for us." Harthoorn joins the 16-member governing board of the Association, headquartered in St. Louis, which serves as a voice and advocate for companies across the U.S. and Canada. The Association supports the entire shortline supply chain, from resource providers to manufacturers and marketers.

Harthoorn and his wife, Karlyn, split their time between Marshfield, WI, and Pella, IA, and have three adult children and eight grandchildren.

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Marshfield Rotary receives Rotary **District 6250** grant to establish pollinator garden



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MARSHFIELD--Marshfield Rotary Club announced that it has been awarded a Rotary District 6250 Grant to create a new Pollinator Garden aimed at supporting local biodiversity and promoting environmental education within the community.

The Pollinator Garden was planted in the Marshfield Outdoor Learning Sanctuary (MOLS). It will provide a vibrant habitat for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators that are vital to our ecosystem. This project aligns with the Rotary mission to enhance community well-being and foster environmental stewardship.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous \$3,500 grant from District 6250 that was matched by our Marshfield Rotary Club," said Ben Bauer, Marshfield Rotary Club.

"The Pollinator Gardens will not only beautify MOLS but also serve as an educational resource, teaching students and community members about the importance of pollinators and sustainable gardening practices," said Jane Wagner, MOLS Team Leader.

The garden will feature over 300 native plants that were planted in Sept. by Marshfield High School Agriculture students enrolled in Plant Science class, Rotary members, and MOLS volunteers. In addition to its ecological benefits, the Pollinator Garden will serve as a hands-on learning opportunity for schools and community groups, highlighting the crucial role pollinations play in our food systems.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in creating and maintaining this vital educational green space in the City of Marshfield.

Chorale Presents Sacred Music Through the Ages

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Central Chamber Chorale, a Central Wisconsin group of singers in its 53rd Season. is presenting a wide range of choral literature tracing from the Renaissance period through the present day. The program begins in the Renaissance period with William Byrd's Ave Verum Corpus through the Baroque period with

the 20th century of as expressed by some of the most popular choral composers. The program with concludes three powerful spirituals.

The Chorale will perform Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 400 N. 2 nd Ave., Abbotsford and Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Marshfield. The concerts are open to the public without charge. The Chorale is under the direction of Elizabeth Dahlby, who chose the wonderful selection of music. and Priscilla Schindler is the Chorale's talented accompanist. The program may be live-streamed on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3:00 p.m. on YouTube For more information, visit www. centralchamberchorale. com or the Central Chamber Chorale Facebook page. The concerts are sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment the Arts, and by for generous support the members and the of community.



passed away at home on Monday, November 4, 2024, after a short illness. The rosary will be recited at 4:30 pm on Thursday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on Friday, November 15th, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Marshfield, with Rev. Dan Thelen officiating. Visitation will take place from 4:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, Nov.

ROMAN J SCHAEFER JR

Roman J. Schaefer Jr., 89,

at Rembs Funeral 14th Home, Marshfield, and from 10:00-11:00 am on Friday at the church. Burial will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Russell, Dean, Ryan and Joseph Schaefer; Garland and Richard Dahlke.

Roman was born on August 9, 1935, in Marshfield to Roman and Margaret (Lang) Schaefer. He was baptized, received First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. John's. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1953. In 1955 he graduated from UW-Madison's Ag short course. Growing up he spent many hours showing Guernsey cattle through 4-H. Aunt Rose gave him books for his birthday and he developed a love of reading. In his home, he was surrounded by grandparents and extended family. He loved his Aunts, Uncles and many cousins, often saying he was lucky to be raised in the family he was.

On June 14, 1958, he married Janet LaSee. That union brought forth five children: Christine, David (a "blue baby" who lived only a few hours), Carla, Russell and Dean. They were married 20 years.

Roman served on the boards of Marshfield Co-op/CWC and Stetsonville Co-op, as well as over 30 years with McMillan-Warner Insurance Company.

Back in the 70's, Dad taught us girls to water-ski at Aunt Rose's cottage and to downhill ski at Rib Mountain. He indulged his daughters with shopping trips to Milwaukee. We snowmobiled on the farm with his Scorpion Stinger. He bought us boys a motorbike and allowed us to build our first race car in the farm shed. Dad liked to discuss religion and current events and in general liked to preach about the way things "should be." He had a lifelong love of draft horses and used them for many years to make wood. He was able to drive tractor and make wood until this past year.

Much of our time with Dad was spent sitting around the kitchen table or on the farm working to the rhythm of the seasons. Dad farmed on the family farm his entire life, first with his father, then with his sons. He loved the land, his woods and farm. He never desired a bigger barn or more acres. He was fulfilled with his little piece of heaven on earth.

Roman is survived by his children, Christine Schaefer, Carla (Marvin) Mannigel, Russell (Brenda) Schaefer and Dean Schaefer, all of Marshfield. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Brittney Rae Schaefer, Ryan Schaefer, Sarah (Tanner) Tyrolt and Joseph Schaefer, plus three great-grandchildren: Brynleigh, Scarlett and Roman. He is further survived by a sister, Colette Dahlke (Jim Rosenthal) of Wisconsin Rapids, and a brother, Duane Schaefer of Cottonwood, AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clemence

We want to especially thank Diane for her assistance these past weeks.

Though Dad's loss is painful, we are thankful that he is at peace and reunited with God and his beloved family who have gone before him.

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"Giving back to the communities we serve is at the heart of everything we do," said Nathan Quinnell, President & CEO of Prevail Bank. "This campaign is an incredible opportunity for people to double their impact. Together, we can help those in need and spread hope this holiday season."

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• Eau Claire: Eau Claire County Children's Giving Tree – Supporting local families in need.

• Phillips: Loggers United Booster Club (Phillips) –



Supporting youth athletics and fostering community spirit.

• Owen: Owen-Withee Food Pantry – Helping neighbors facing food insecurity. Note: The Owen- Withee Lions Club will also match up to \$1,000 of donations collected, doubling the impact!

• Medford: Taylor County Supportive Housing -Assisting and providing safe, supportive housing for individuals and families in need.

• Marshfield: Ronald McDonald House Meals (through the Marshfield Rotary) – Providing comforting meals to families with hospitalized children.

• Stevens Point: Portage County Holiday Basket Project – Providing gifts & nourishment to families in need.

• Wausau: Children's Wisconsin-Child Advocacy Center (Wausau) – Supporting and protecting children affected by abuse and neglect.

• Wisconsin Rapids: Wisconsin Rapids Family Center – Empowering families and individuals affected by domestic violence and abuse.

Each dollar donated stays in the community where it was given. Whether it's feeding families, supporting children in need, or creating brighter holidays for those facing hardship, every contribution matters.

Visit any Prevail Bank branch from Nov. 12 to Dec. 6 to make a donation. Prevail Bank's match will turn your \$10 to \$20! You do not need to be a customer of Prevail Bank to participate.

Tammy Baldwin wins in US Senate Race

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUTY – Tammy Baldwin, democratic senator having held her seat since 2013, released the following statement on her 2024 election win.

"It is clear that the voters have spoken and our campaign has won," said Tammy Baldwin. "The people of Wisconsin have chosen someone who always puts Wisconsin first, someone who shows up, listens, and works with everyone to get the job done. And they rejected the billionaires and the special interests who want to come to our state, spread hate and division, and buy their way into power. I am proud to head back to the Senate as we embrace our state motto, Forward, and keep fighting for the workers, farmers, and families that



make our state great. From the bottom of my heart, it is an honor to serve the people of Wisconsin."



Paper Excellence Group rebrands as Domtar

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WOOD COUNTY – Paper Excellence Group today announced the operational integration of the recently acquired Domtar Corporation (and other legal entities) and Resolute Forest Products with the legacy Paper Excellence business, forming a leading, unified forest products company in North America. This integration represents a strategic alignment of the companies' strengths, resources and expertise, creating a stronger organization. Together, the companies will now be doing business as Domtar.

Domtar's new brand identity symbolizes the combined legacy, shared values and forward- looking vision of the three organizations. The new logo reflects the spirit of collaboration, sustainability and commitment to excellence that will define Domtar's future. The inclusion of a seedling in the logo represents the company's commitment to nurturing potential and fostering growth, symbolizing the start of something new and the continuous journey toward flourishing success. It also signifies an important evolution, capturing the essence of the gradual development of our legacy companies and the natural progression from a small, humble beginning to a thriving, mature global organization.

"Today marks a new and important chapter in Domtar's journey, representing the bright future ahead of us," said John D. Williams, non-executive chairman of the Management

Board of Domtar (and its sister organizations). "As a fully integrated company, we are better positioned to deliver for our customers, strengthen relationships with our key stakeholders and drive innovation across our industry. As a result of the integration, we now have a company that boasts the best of our three legacy companies and is poised to pursue and achieve future growth and success. Our new brand is a reflection of our shared mission to lead with purpose and impact."

Domtar will continue to serve pulp, paper, packaging, tissue and wood products markets, leveraging its expanded capabilities to offer enhanced products and services to clients worldwide. Products will be marketed under their legacy names, and commercial information will be updated on the Domtar website in the coming weeks; until then, information will be available on the legacy platforms. Domtar will maintain its corporate

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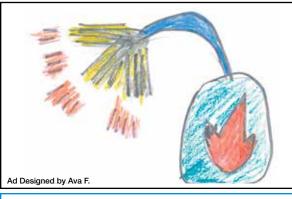
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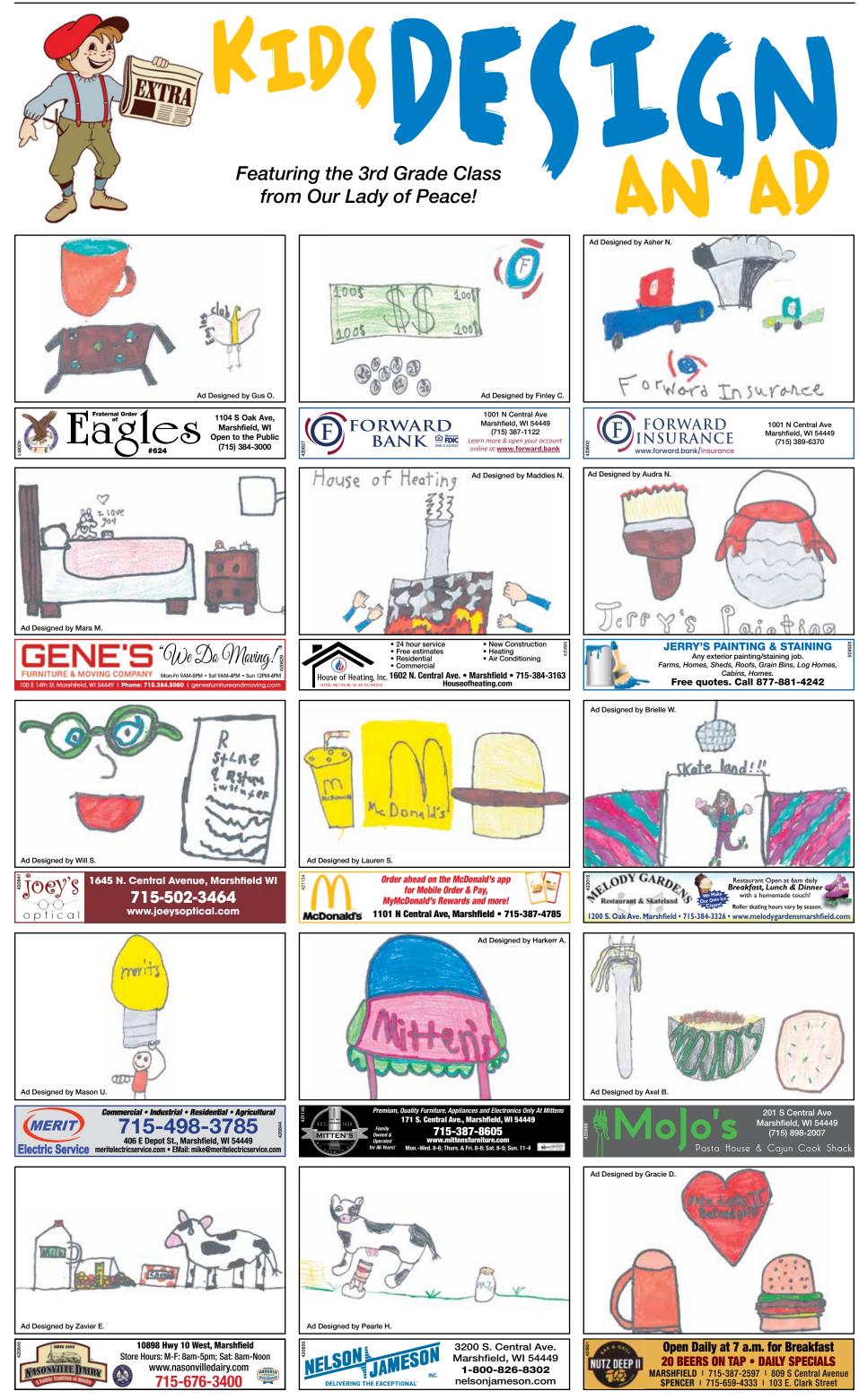
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WI DNR encourages public to report any black bear den locations across state

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WOOD COUNTY--The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey will generate new estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each bear management zone, and these estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used in each zone. Additionally, researchers are investigating a connection between consumption of human food sources and bear reproduction since diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

The study will be entering its fourth year of surveying occupied dens in the Wisconsin bear range. The research team will take den reports statewide but is looking for more dens to survey in bear management zones C, D and E, which cover central and western Wisconsin.

"It is important for the study that we get collars out in each of the bear management zones," said Dr. Jennifer Price Tack, DNR large carnivore and elk research scientist. "This will allow us to better inform bear population estimates for each zone, which in turn support management decision making.'

The public is encouraged to report as much information as possible about occupied black bear dens without approaching or disturbing them.

Public reporting is essential to this project. Bear dens aren't frequently found, so it is important that people report them to the DNR when they do. Reporting dens helps the DNR meet the sample size requirements for our study and increases the accuracy of the black bear population estimate.

Helpful information to report to the bear research team includes:

GPS coordinates

• Photo of the den, ideally showing it in relation to its surroundings, from a safe distance (approximately 30 yards)

 Description of the site and surrounding area

• Any information on the bear(s) and bear activity near the site



Cubs cannot yet regulate their temperature and have delicate immune systems, so researchers wear protective gear and keep them warm while staff members fit a GPS collar on the mother bear during den surveys. Photo by Wisconsin DNR.

Price Tack and her team will work with den reporters and landowners to visit the den before deciding to survey it, determining if it is safe, accessible and in use. Den reporters, landowners and/ or land managers are typically invited to help if there is a planned survey for the reported den. The team may not be able to visit every reported den location this season. Dens that are known to be currently occupied will be prioritized.

DNR staff will collect biological data from these dens, including sex, age, weight and body measurements. Mother bears, or sows, will be outfitted with a GPS collar, one of the most important pieces for collecting data. Collars help staff learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the following years. Revisiting the sows will help staff determine the reproductive success of each sow, such as her litter frequency, litter size and the survival rates of the cubs.

While surveying, bear health and safety are a top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow's breathing and heart rate while the rest of the team quickly gathers the needed samples and

measurements. Any cubs present at the den are carefully weighed and sexed. Cubs are tucked into staff's coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature. Once researchers finish collecting samples and fitting the GPS collar, the sow and cubs are put back into their den. This process can be seen in a recent episode of PBS Wisconsin's "Wisconsin Life" series.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey team will continue to survey dens for the next four to five years. Over that time, the team hopes to get 100 collars out across the bear management zones, with approximately 20 collars per zone.

To report a known black bear den, visit the DNR's black bear den submission form.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER Reflecting on Our Blessings This Thanksgiving

Dear Reader,

Thanksgiving Day As approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy as individuals and as a nation. This is a special time of year when we gather with family and friends, sharing a meal and reflecting on all for which we have to be thankful.

When you think about it, our

country is the greatest in the world, built on the foundations laid by our forefathers and strengthened by each generation, including our own. We have much to celebrate and even more to protect and cherish.

Take a moment to think about the family you have and the family from whence you came. The love and support that surround us during this season are invaluable. Our families are our anchors, providing us with strength and comfort through the highs and lows of life.

Consider, too, the opportunities we have in our work and careers. With unemployment at a low rate, many of us are fortunate to have jobs, and for those seeking employment, opportunities are still out there. It's a time to appreciate



the security and stability that employment brings, enabling us to provide for ourselves and our loved ones.

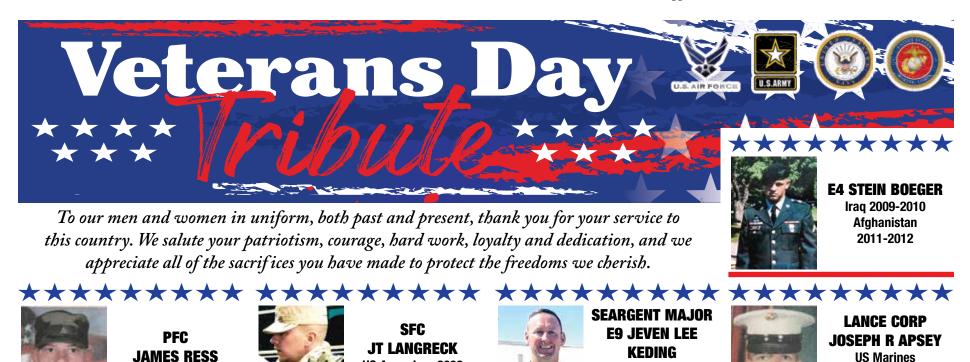
This generation has contributed to our nation's ongoing greatness, each of us playing a part in shaping our community and our country. As we

look to the next generation, we see incredible potential-a future filled with hope, innovation, and progress. It is our responsibility to nurture this potential, ensuring that the blessings we enjoy today will be passed on to those who follow.

So, as you gather with your loved ones this Thanksgiving, take a moment to reflect on the abundance in your life. Share your blessings with those around you and offer a prayer of thanks for the goodness we experience daily. In a world that often moves too fast, let this day be a time to slow down, appreciate the present, and give thanks for all that we have been given.

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Voters approve Marshfield School District's referendum

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD - Voters of the Marshfield School District approved the district's referendum question on the Nov. 5 ballot. The approval will allow the district to invest up to \$71,575,000 to address facility improvement needs for Safety and Security, Building Infrastructure, and Student Spaces at Grant Elementary and Marshfield High School.

The successful referendum follows years of facility planning, which culminated in a facility study that was completed over the past year and received input from 238 staff members, over 40 students, and close to 850 district residents.

The Marshfield School District staff and School Board

would like to express their sincere appreciation with the community for their support. The district notes that this referendum will significantly impact its ability to maintain quality educational programs, safety, and opportunities for students - and the community - for years to come.

Regarding the referendum outcome, Marshfield School District Superintendent Dr. Ryan Christianson said, "This is truly a historic moment for the Marshfield School District, one that we are very proud to celebrate with the Marshfield community. While the planning and preparations leading up to the Nov. 5 facility referendum have been long in the making, the most important work with the referendum now lies ahead. We look forward to

sharing more as design and other planning takes shape and the actual work on the referendum projects begins to unfold."

Design of the approved referendum projects will begin immediately. The preliminary construction schedule is anticipated to start in the summer of 2025.

The district will continue to engage and inform the community throughout the next steps in the process.

Community members are encouraged to continue to visit the district's website at https://www.marshfieldschools. org for progress updates. Questions can be emailed to referendum@marshfieldschools.org or directed to the district office at 715-387-1101.

Sen. Testin to continue to represent the 24th District

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - Once again, the people of the 24th Senate District have chosen Senator Testin to be their voice in Madison.

"I'm grateful to the people of the 24th District for their votes of confidence, and I'm honored that they've elected to trust me to continue representing them," said Senator Testin. "This victory is a triumph of record over rhetoric, and I'm thrilled to be able to continue getting real results for the people of Central and Western Wisconsin."

Testin's first victory in 2016 marked the first time a Republican had won the seat in more than four decades, then in 2020 was re-elected.

"I have dedicated the last eight years to representing the people of the 24th Senate District, and I am committed to continuing to represent the people of Central and Western Wisconsin for four more years".

In addition to thanking his constituents, Senator Testin thanked his opponent, Collin McNamara, for a spirited race. "We're all Americans. We're all Wisconsinites. The things we have in common far outnumber our differences. I'm honored to have the opportunity to continue equally serving Collin and all of his supporters-and my neighborsto find solutions that move Wisconsin forward."

Wood County ranked among best counties for Social Security to go the furthest

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Wood County has been ranked 10th in a study measuring where social security lasts the longest. When observing where the average Social Security funds greatest exceeded living expenses, Wood County was ranked tenth with cost of living costing \$29,256 and annual social security being \$22,294. SmartAsset, the company who conducted this survey found their results with the following methodology: to find the places where Social Security goes furthest, SmartAsset first looked at the average Social Security income for residents in

each county. They then calculated the taxes a typical retiree would pay on that income based on state-specific Social Security tax rules. They subtracted the taxes from that average Social Security income to determine the net income from Social Security.

Next, they calculated how far that net income would go in every county to cover the basic necessities, like food, housing and transportation. SmartAsset subtracted the county-level cost of typical living expenses from each county's net Social Security income.

DOMTAR

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offices in Fort Mill, South Carolina, Richmond, British Columbia, and Montreal, Quebec. There will be no changes to the company's physical location or production footprint as a result of this announcement. commitment The company's to

sustainability and community investment will continue to be a core focus as it moves forward under the new brand.

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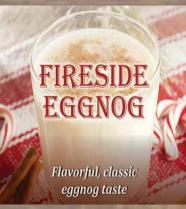


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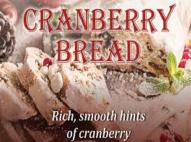
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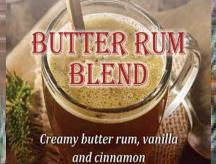
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DNR reminds hunters to test deer for CWD

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

HUB CITY TIMES - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters to test their deer for CWD this fall. Testing is available statewide, but the DNR is particularly interested in samples from priority areas near recent CWD detection locations. CWD is a contagious, fatal neurological disease that affects the nervous system of deer, elk, moose and caribou. It belongs to the family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies or prion diseases. Prions are misshaped proteins that can spread the disease through direct animal-to-animal contact or in the environment through bodily substances or the carcass of infected deer. Prions are extremely resilient and capable of remaining in the soil for years, potentially infecting several deer from a single source. Common signs of infected deer in the later stages of the disease are drastic weight loss. drooped head and ears, loss of coordination, excessive salivation and reduced fear of humans. For the 2024 -2025 deer seasons, the DNR is especially interested in receiving more samples from the 2024 Fall Priority Areas. Additional samples in these areas will help the DNR better understand disease levels and distribution. In addition to the desire for additional testing within the priority areas, testing is again available statewide this hunting season.

How To Test Your Deer

The DNR offers free and accessible options to test deer for CWD. Hunters can find the nearest location using the DNR's CWD Sample and Disposal Locations map.

Any hunter in the state may choose from the following testing options:

Self-service kiosks, open 24/7: Kiosks contain supplies for hunters to drop off a deer head with 5 inches of neck attached

In-person with cooperating partners: Meat processors and other businesses can collect the deer head for sampling or remove the lymph nodes at the time of dropoff. This is a convenient option for hunters who intend to mount their deer. If a taxidermist is not a cooperator, ask for the caped-out head back to submit at a kiosk.

At-home lymph node extraction: Hunters may pick up a kit ahead of time, extract the retropharyngeal lymph nodes using the provided instructions and return the lymph nodes to the DNR or a kiosk for testing.

By appointment with local DNR staff: Hunters can contact their local wildlife management staff to schedule an in-person appointment.

Replacement Harvest Authorizations

If a hunter receives a CWD-positive test result, a replacement authorization will be issued to their Go Wild account within two to four days. A positive result from an antlered harvest authorization will result in a replacement antlered harvest authorization for the hunter



The DNR offers convenient testing options statewide for hunters to test their deer for CWD Stock Photo

(valid statewide). If the positive result was received for an antlerless harvest registration, an either-sex replacement harvest authorization will be issued for the same DMU and land type. The replacement authorizations aren't weapon-specific and are valid for the remainder of the current hunting season and next year's hunting seasons (starting in September 2025).

Carcass Disposal Reminders

Proper disposal of deer carcasses can reduce the chance of CWD being introduced to a new area. Several disposal resources are available for hunters, including deer carcass disposal dumpsters, landfills or transfer stations. These options can be found on the DNR's CWD Sample and Disposal Locations map, and we encourage hunters to check throughout the season, as more dumpsters will be added closer to the nine-day gun hunting season.

Baiting And Feeding

Hunters should check the DNR's Baiting and Feeding webpage for the current feeding bans. There are several counties with new bans since last year's hunting seasons, including Ozaukee, Pierce and St. Croix. The DNR's Chronic Wasting Disease webpage provides more information about baiting and feeding bans, testing options and disposal options.

Consuming Venison

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization all recommend against consuming meat from deer that test positive for CWD. Infected deer typically appear healthy for many months after contracting the disease, so DHS encourages testing for the disease regardless of the physical condition of the harvested deer, especially in areas prevalent with CWD. To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans.

DNR To host four open houses on proposed changes to WI's deer management units

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host four open houses in mid-Nov. to share information about proposed changes to the state's deer management units (DMUs). Three of these open houses will be in-person, with a fourth being entirely virtual.

The DNR reviews deer management unit boundaries every few years. This year's review is focused on the management units in the Northern Forest Zone, the Metropolitan subunits and the boundary lines between the Central Forest and Farmland Zones. The Farmland Zone units are not being reviewed at this time.

DNR staff members will be present to talk with the public about the DMU review process and the specific proposals being considered. Come learn more about the history of the DMUs in Wisconsin, the key metrics that go into the decision-making process and the proposed boundary changes being considered.

These open houses are a great opportunity to learn more about the DMU review process and talk directly with staff. You can find additional details about these upcoming open houses on the DNR's Meetings and Hearings calendar.

What: DMU Open House (Woodruff, WI) When: Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, 5-7 p.m. Where: Woodruff Town Hall 1418 1st Avenue Woodruff, WI 54568

What: DMU Open House (Virtual) When: Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, 5-7 p.m. Where: Virtual; register for this meeting via Zoom

What: DMU Open House (Cable, WI) When: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, 5-7 p.m. Where: Norvado Building 43705 US Hwy 63 Cable, WI 54821

What: DMU Open House (Adams, WI) When: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, 5-7 p.m. Where: Adams County Community Center 569 N Cedar Street Adams, WI 53910

WiSys 'Forward Agriculture' project moves to next round in NSF award process

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - A coalition led by the WiSys Foundation Technology Inc. which serves Wisconsin's comprehensive universities in ways that include technology transfer. intellectual protection property startup business and been incubation, has

With nearly 40 private and public partners, the Wisconsin Technology Council included, the WiSys "engine" project also focuses on the circular bioeconomy and biorenewables.

"Members of Forward Agriculture are pleased that this unique initiative has moved to the next stage

by the NSF to submit a full proposal by Feb. 2025 and the only one in Wisconsin. According to the NSF's web site, only five of the 71 projects directly involve some aspect of agriculture, with the others being based in Maryland, Arkansas,

California and Georgia. The NSF engines program was authorized technology focus areas.

If selected later in the process, each NSF engine can receive up to \$160 million spread over 10 years to support the development diverse of regional coalitions of researchers, institutions, companies convert and others to

research into solutions with economic and social impact. The WiSys project had previously received a \$1 million planning grant.

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invited to take part in the next stage of the National Foundation's Science "Regional Innovation Engines" process.

"Wisconsin Forward Agriculture" is a project focused on climateresilient agriculture in all forms, from farm and herd practices to food processing. While centered in Wisconsin, the project could have implications for aspects of the larger U.S. agriculture industry.

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State superintendent statement on school referendum results

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY — State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly released the following statement regarding school referendums on the ballot across Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin families value public education and understand our schools need sustainable funding to keep the lights on and provide a high-quality education to our kids. At the same time, they understand this responsibility should not disproportionately fall on local taxpayers. Our state legislature has severely underfunded public schools for well over a decade, and it has led to a record number of districts going to referendum to try and fix severe financial constraints on their own. Too many communities were forced to vote whether to increase property taxes just so their local schools can pay staff, heat and cool their buildings, and provide a quality education. There's a better path. We must reinvest in our public schools and the future of our kids. The upcoming biennial budget provides yet another opportunity for the legislature to uphold its responsibility to appropriately fund public schools, and to stop forcing Wisconsin communities to make impossible choices."



State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly

Political advertising saw an all time high in 2024 election

BY KATIE SCHIMKE

WOOD COUNTY--The 2024 election season has drawn to a close and with it the end of political advertisments on TV, text messages, and phone calls. This election season saw an all time high budget spent on advertising, eclipsing that of 2020, according to AdImpact and NPR. With all parties combined, over \$10.5 billion dollars were spent in the months leading up to the Nov. 5 election on commercials, social media posts, text messages, phone calls, and more, up over \$1 billion dollars from the 2020 election. In 2024, democrats spent a total of \$5 billion on political advertising and republicans spent \$4.1 billion. 23

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In the Div. 5 championship match, the Lancers overwhelmed the Dons, scoring the first eight points and cruising to a 10-25 win.

In the second set, Columbus used eight straight points to jump out to a 10-3 lead, before the Lancers used a 14-7 run to tie the set at 17. But three straight points gave the Dons a lead they would not surrender, winning the set, 25-23.

Columbus took an early lead in the third set, but four straight points gave the Lancers a lead they would not let go, and they won the set 19-25.

A hard-fought fourth set, which featured nine lead changes, also went to Eau Claire.

Five straight points gave Columbus a 17-14 lead, but the Lancers used a 7-2 run to grab the lead.

Two points by the Dons tied the match at 21, but Eau Claire scored four straight to capture the win and the state title.

During the title match, Shelby Spata set a new state tournament record – in all divisions – with ten service aces, which also eclipsed the record for a four-set match, held previously by four other players with eight.

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Ho-Chunk Nation wins Emmy in parntership with Discover Wisconsin

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY -- Discover Wisconsin, the nation's longest-running travel & tourism TV series, and longstanding partner Ho-Chunk Nation have won an Emmy Award at the 66th Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards for the second consecutive year, under the category for Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs Program Short Form. The partners were awarded for their digital short, "The Impact of the Indian Child Welfare Act."

In this video, Discover Wisconsin shines a light on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) with the storytelling of a tribal member, who shares her personal experience of being separated from her family. Her story, pivotal to this video, highlights the role of advocating for ICWA.

Outside of the interviewee, the video shows select b-roll footage that conveys the story's gravity. The ICWA, enacted to protect Native children and families, still faces challenges today. Discover Wisconsin aimed to provide a balanced view, including interviews with an attorney and a social worker, who handle current ICWA cases.

Now in their fifth year of partnership, Ho-Chunk Nation



and Discover Wisconsin have been working together to share stories and reach viewers through TV advertising, blogs, and short and long-form videos. This collaboration continues to produce success, including the most recent digital short, "The Impact of the Indian Child Welfare Act."

"I am sincerely grateful to all those who participated in making this video a reality. To say Discover Wisconsin was out of their comfort zone is an understatement," said Robert Reider, Chief Operations Officer of Ho-Chunk Nation. "They pulled together an uncomfortable topic and presented it in a way that will spark conversation for those who watch it. I am looking forward to continuing our relationship and am excited for many more great vignettes to come."

The collaboration began when members of the Ho-Chunk Nation sought to share the stories of their people and protect their cultural heritage. For five years, Discover Wisconsin has been committed to telling these important narratives, showcasing the history and traditions of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and making a significant impact across the state of Wisconsin.

Veterans find support and hope at Goodwill NCW

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - On Nov. 11, Americans honored the men and women who have served our country. According to Pew research, in 2023, more than 18 million men and women in the United States are veterans. As military veterans return to civilian life, the need for coordinated job services for this population is critical to support their re-integration.

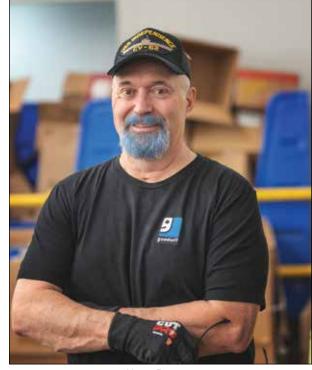
"We owe our veterans a huge debt", Kayla Countney, Mission Relations Manager at Goodwill NCW said. "Helping them build skills and improve financial stability is a priority for Goodwill NCW."

In 2023, Goodwill NCW served more than 100 people who shared that they are veterans and active service members through programs focused on eliminating the barriers to employment that those who serve often face. One such veteran is Norm Parrotte.

After serving in the Navy, Norm worked a variety of jobs and moved around to find steady, good paying work. He settled into a position at a warehouse. When Norm's hair color got in the way of keeping his job at that warehouse, he applied at Goodwill NCW's Outlet store in Appleton. There, he was accepted and appreciated for his caring demeanor, work ethic and colorful hair. Through the years, Goodwill NCW supported Norm as he and his family faced various challenges. When Norm was asked, what Goodwill NCW has meant to him, he answered, "Everything." Norm's journey has been so monumental that he was named Goodwill NCW 2024 Edgar J. Helms Veteran of the Year.

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states in particular saw over \$100 million on political advertising spent directly on their state. with Wisconsin being one of them. In 2020, there was a combined \$209 million spent on politlcal ads with \$127 million spent by the democratic party and \$76 million spent by the republican party. However, Wisconsin saw a drastic jump in political advertising costs in the last four years. \$637 million was spent on Wisconsin voters through politican advertising in 2024, \$361 million spent from the democrats and \$263 million spent from the republicans. The increase in the budget could be attributed to Wisconsin's power as a swing state, as seen in prior elections regularly switching from blue to red. But do political ads sway a voter to change their mind? Most voters sav no. According to a study from CBS News, a majority of voters decisions are not influenced by political ads in any form.



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A weekly feature highlighting school news from around the area!

COLBY AREA SCHOOLS School News



Starting in the year 2019, the Colby School, by the initiative of Mrs. Jessica Bohl, the school's EL Director, started a Spanish Poetry contest called Juegos Florales - Colby. This is the main event that closes the celebrations for Hispanic Heritage Month that take place at the school. The event is open to all students, in grades K - 12, and helps display the abilities and strengths of many students who due to language barriers tend to avoid participating in extracurricular activities. It is also a great opportunity for non Spanish speaking students to experience the challenges that come with trying to learn a new language as all students competing are expected to dramatically deliver a poem in Spanish. At the same time, this helps build tolerance and empathy between students, and gives teachers an opportunity to witness the talent that many of their students have but rarely get to share with them.

Over the years this event has grown

with the help of local businesses, who graciously donate items to give away to students, and people in the audience, and of whom we are extremely grateful.

We can proudly say that we have been able to increase student and parental involvement, which is proven by the presence of 131 people at our latest event, and 22 contestants, our biggest crowd yet. Other activities include Friday Trivias held in the middle and high school, allowing all students to participate and learn interesting facts about the Hispanic culture; and at the Elementary level kids enjoy listening to hispanic music in the halls from mid September to mid October.

We will continue in our efforts to grow this event and build a strong school community where all students feel welcomed, appreciate each other's differences, and are supportive of one another.





Teen's Category Contestants and winners.

EL Department teachers (left to right): Mrs. Aracelis Gonzalez (Elementary), Mrs. Jessica Bohl (High School), and Ms. Maria Garcia (Middle School).



Children's Category Contestants and winners



Junior's Category Contestants and winners



Gov. Evers Proclaims Wisconsin Saves Day

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) announced Gov. Tony Evers proclaimed Nov. 7, 2024, as Wisconsin Saves Day in Wisconsin. The proclamation is part of a statewide effort promoting automatic saving through the workplace with the Wisconsin Saves program to improve financial well-being. The Wisconsin Saves program is an employeefocused savings initiative, which started as a pilot program in 2020. The program provides Wisconsin employers with resources to encourage their employees to save for emergencies and the future with their paychecks by using the automated saving strategy of split deposit.

"By working with our Wisconsin employers to help workers save automatically through their paychecks, the Wisconsin Saves program helps folks build toward a more secure financial future while preparing for unexpected or emergency expenses," said Gov. Evers. "I encourage Wisconsin employers to get involved in the Wisconsin Saves program by signing up today so we can work together to build a stronger, more resilient Wisconsin for everyone."

Participating employers receive free resources and a digital toolkit to educate their employees on the importance of building emergency savings, as well as the ease and benefits of saving automatically through split deposit. The research-based program uses the principles of behavioral economics and social marketing to change behavior. More than 100 employers in Wisconsin, representing approximately 15,000 employees, are already signed up for the Wisconsin Saves program.

"Wisconsin Saves is a timely program aimed at helping Wisconsin employers recruit and retain the best talent particularly during this ultra-competitive job market," said DFI Secretary Cheryll Olson-Collins. "Employers can distinguish themselves from other businesses by offering this easy-to-use financial wellness benefit that helps their employees save in the easiest and most effective manner by saving automatically through split deposit. Through this program, we are helping Wisconsinites save money, reduce debt, and build wealth through automating their savings."

Employers can sign up for the Wisconsin Saves program on the Wisconsin Saves website, or on the DFI's Wisconsin Saves webpage, to receive a suite of resources to help them promote split deposit as a way they support their employees in reaching their personal savings goals. All Wisconsin employers are eligible. For more information on the Wisconsin Saves program, contact DFI Office of Financial Literacy Director David Mancl at David. Mancl@dfi.wisconsin.gov.

How to help Wisconsin's endangered bats



Half of Wisconsin's eight bat species are threatened, including big brown bats like this one. Michael Kienitz

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages Wisconsinites to take action to help bats.

Bats are some of the most gentle, valuable and mysterious animals in our neighborhoods. They are vital to many ecosystems and have significant positive environmental, economic and public health benefits. Insectivorous bats consume large numbers of agricultural pests, saving farmers and foresters billions yearly. A bat helps control bugs in your backyard by eating up to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects per hour and up to the equivalent of its body weight every night.

Of the eight bats found in Wisconsin, four are state-threatened species – the big brown bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat (also federally endangered) and tricolored bat – and one, the silverhaired bat, is of special concern, meaning the population is declining and in need of conservation action.

The decline of bats in Wisconsin is primarily due to white-nose syndrome (WNS), caused by a fungus that attacks the bare skin of bats during hibernation. The disease exhausts their energy stores and leaves them vulnerable to starvation before their insect diet becomes available in the spring. In 2014, WNS was first detected in the state at a large hibernation site that was home to 1,000 little brown bats. By 2018, the population there had dwindled to only nine individuals. While recent Wisconsin Bat Program survey counts show rebounding numbers at some significant hibernation sites across the state, there's still a long way to go.

we were surprised at how rapidly numbers were rising for three winters in a row," said Jennifer Redell, DNR conservation biologist and bat program cave and mine specialist. "Moments like these have been few in North American bat conservation since WNS entered the continent."

Despite recent glimmers of population recovery in little brown bats, hibernating bats are still stressed by WNS each winter. Help take care of these valuable mammals in your area by taking a few simple steps.

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"Our program concluded hibernation surveys at our largest sites in early 2024, and food they eat.

In outbuildings and basements frequented by bats, keep buckets overturned or on their sides to avoid trapping bats and other small mammals.

Volunteer And Support Opportunities

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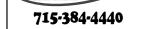
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Attorney General and Bipartisan Coalition of 30 states announce settlement with Kroger over opioid crisis

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Attorney General Josh Kaul alongside a bipartisan coalition of thirty state attorneys general, announced a \$1.37 billion settlement agreement with Kroger, addressing the grocery chain's role in the opioid crisis. Wisconsin would receive up to \$21.8 million for opioid abatement, with payments anticipated to begin early next year. This would make Wisconsin due to receive more than \$780 million total in national prescription opiate settlements with distributors, manufacturers, pharmacies, and consultants.

"We've made major progress in getting accountability

from companies that contributed to the opioid epidemic," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "With more resources available, more can be done to combat this epidemic."

In addition, Kroger has agreed to injunctive relief that requires its pharmacies to monitor, report, and share data about suspicious activity related to opioid prescriptions.

Kroger operates more than 100 grocery stores across Wisconsin under its own name and its subsidiaries, which include Harris Teeter, Dillons, Fred Meyer, Smith's Food and Drug, Ralphs, King Soopers, Fry's, QFC, City Market, Jay C, Pay Less, Baker's, Gerbes, Pick 'n Save, Metro Market, and Mariano's.

Be on the lookout for more deer on the roads during the fall rut

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUTY--The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminds drivers to be alert for deer on and along roadways to avoid potentially dangerous crashes.

Deer crash numbers typically increase in Oct. and Nov. in Wisconsin as more deer move around during peak mating season.

"This is a busy time of year on the roads for both deer and motorists," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "It can be hard to spot deer along the road and their movements are unpredictable, so it's important that drivers are vigilant and avoid distractions while driving."

Deer are most active

during the early morning and evening hours. Be sure to use your headlights as daylight transitions to dusk and deer become more difficult to see, especially as daylight saving time ends in November.

In 2023, there were more than 16,000 crashes involving deer in Wisconsin, killing 14 people and injuring 585 people. Staying alert is an important step to be safe this time of year.

Deer are unpredictable and may freeze or change directions. Drive at a safe speed, eliminate distractions and make sure everyone is buckled up. Crash injuries are less severe or can be avoided when everyone wears a seat belt.

Scan the road ahead

carefully. If one deer crosses, watch for more. If you see a deer, honk your horn to urge them to move away from the road.

If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your vehicle, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving, which can result in a loss of control and a more serious crash. Motorcyclists are at a greater risk of injury in a crash involving a deer. Of the approximately 16,000 deer crashes last year, 196 were motorcycle crashes, resulting in 11 fatalities and 53 serious injuries. This means there is about a 33% chance that a motorcycle deer crash will result in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer

crashes. If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your motorcycle and there is enough space to swerve around it without leaving your lane, brake and adjust course as needed.

If you do end up hitting a deer, get your vehicle safely off the road, if possible. If someone is hurt or the deer is in the active portion of the road, call 911.

If no one is hurt and your vehicle and deer are off the road, contact local law enforcement. Stay buckled up inside your vehicle and wait for help. Getting out of your vehicle and walking along a road is always dangerous. Never attempt to move an injured deer.

AG Kaul announces updates in litigation against generic drug manufacturers

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Attorney General Josh Kaul announced two significant cooperation agreements and settlements with Heritage Pharmaceuticals and Apotex totaling \$49.1 million to resolve allegations that both companies artificially inflated and manipulated prices, reduced competition, and unreasonably restrained trade with regard to numerous generic prescription drugs. As part of the settlement agreements, both companies have agreed to cooperate in the ongoing multistate litigations against 30 corporate defendants and 25 individual executives. Both companies have further agreed to a series of internal reforms to ensure fair competition and compliance with antitrust laws.

A motion for preliminary approval of the \$10 million settlement with Heritage will be filed today in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut in Hartford. A settlement with Apotex for \$39.1 million is contingent upon obtaining signatures from all necessary states and territories and will be finalized and filed in the U.S. District Court in the near future.

"Wisconsinites shouldn't have to pay more for their prescriptions because prices were improperly inflated," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "The Wisconsin Department of Justice will continue working to protect

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Tigers pull plug on Falcons' season



BY GREG SEUBERT FOR THE HUB CITY TIMES

Moving up a division in the WIAA state football playoffs is not a problem for the Stratford Tigers.

At least not in the first two rounds.

Stratford, the defending Division 6 state champion, is two wins away from playing for a Division 5 championship after handing Amherst a 28-7 loss in a Level 2 matchup of Central Wisconsin Conference-Large teams Nov. 1 in Marshfield.

The Tigers improved to 11-0 on the season and will host Lake Country Lutheran in a Level 3 game Friday, Nov. 8. Amherst, Greg Seubert Photos

which fell to the Tigers 48-20 during the regular season, ended its season at 8-3.

After Stratford turned the ball over on the downs on the game's opening drive, Amherst drove 72 yards and scored on Ayden Nerdahl's 25-yard run. The Falcons never found the end zone again.

Stratford tied the game on the final play of the first quarter, as Jack Tubbs scored on a 59-yard quarterback keeper that tied the game at 7-7.

Both teams were in the red zone in the second quarter, but came up empty. Stratford had a first-and-goal on the Amherst 10-yard line, but turned the ball



over on downs. Amherst had the ball at the Stratford 9-yard line in the final minute of the first half, but Jett Schoenherr picked off Michael Glodowski's pass and the Tigers ran out the clock.

Stratford took the lead for good early in the third quarter after recovering an Amherst fumble at the Amherst 29-yard line.

Brooks Vanderhoff's 17-yard run gave Stratford a 14-7 lead.

The Falcons had another opportunity later in the third quarter after Jake Victor recovered a muffed punt return that set Amherst up at the Stratford 35-yard line. However, the Falcons turned the ball over on downs

Facing a fourth-and-3 at its own 30-yard

line in the fourth quarter, Amherst tried a fake punt to keep the ball, but came up a yard short. The Tigers took over at the Amherst 32-yard line and eventually took a two-score lead on Tubbs' 11-yard run.

Stratford added its final score on the Tigers' next drive, as Caleb Wrensch scored on a 2-yard run.

Amherst finished with more than 150 yards of offense in the first half, but ended up with 236 for the game.

The Tigers outgained the Falcons 243-139 on the ground and 101-98 through the air.

Glodowski completed 11 of 20 passes for 98 yards, but had only 37 rushing yards. Nerdahl ran for 100 yards, while Tubbs led all rushers with 139 yards.

Daulton Varsho of Toronto Blue Jays wins Gold Glove Award

BY KATIE SCHIMKE

MARSHFIELD--Daulton Varsho. of Marshfield, has been recognized with the Gold Glove Award for his work playing in center field. Varsho has been a Blue Jay since Jan. of 2023, previously playing for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Visalia Rawhide, and the Jackson Generals. Prior to his professional career, Varsho got his start in Marshfield where he played a handful of sports besides baseball. Then moved to the collegiate level at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he played for the Milwaukee Panthers and was recognized for his talents as Horizon Player of the Year his sophomore year. In July of 2020 Varsho made his Major League Baseball debut, and since then has racked up 77 home runs and a batting average of .227.

Varsho is the sixth Blue Jays player to win a Gold Glove Award in the outfield, joining Kiermaier (2023), Vernon Wells (2004-06), Shawn Green (1999), Devon White (1991-95) and Jesse Barfield (1986-87).







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These settlements arise from the multistate filing three antitrust complaints, starting first in 2016. The first Complaint included Heritage and 17 other corporate Defendants, two individual Defendants, and 15 generic drugs. Two former executives from Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Jefferv Glazer and Jason Malek, have since entered into settlement agreements and are cooperating. The second Complaint was filed in 2019 against Teva Pharmaceuticals and 19 of the nation's largest generic drug manufacturers. The Complaint names 16 individual senior executive Defendants. The third complaint, to be tried first, focuses on 80 topical generic drugs that account for billions of dollars of sales in the United States and names 26 corporate defendants and 10 individual defendants. Six additional pharmaceutical executives have entered into settlement agreements with the States and have been cooperating to support the States' claims in all three cases.

Columbus defeats Wausau Newman in state semifinal



The Columbus Dons lining up and ready to face Wausau's Newman Catholic in the semi-final match in Green Bay on Nov 7, where they then advanced to the championship match against Eau Claire. **Mike Warren**

BY MIKE WARREN

MARSHFIELD--Columbus defeated Wausau Newman, 3-1, in a Div. 5 state semifinal on Thursday, Nov. 7, advancing to the championship match against Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

After losing the first set 19-25, the Dons won three straight sets to take the match.

In the final set, Columbus - trailing 17-13 - scored eleven straight points and won the deciding set, 25-20, after defeating Newman in the second and third sets, 30-28 and 25-23, respectively.

Shelby Spata tallied 28 digs, while Delia Trader added 24. Spata also had 18 kills, and Aubrey Waldhauser added 10.

Waldhauser also recorded six service aces.



Shelby Sparta set a new state tournament record with ten service aces in the championship match. Kris Leonhardt



Gracie Wilczek and Shelby Sparta of Columbus Volleyball. Kris Leonhardt



The 2024 WIAA girls volleyball state tournament began Thursday in Ashwaubenon. Marshfield Columbus Catholic was one of the teams to kick off the tournament at 9 a.m. at the Resch Center in Green Bay, where they were presented with a check from Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach. The tournament runs Nov. 7-9 Kris Leonhardt



Coach Kat Egle on the sidelines helping guide the Dons to a semi-final victory.

Kris Leonhardt

Climate change creates uphill battles at downhill ski areas in Wisconsin

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Wisconsin ski hills face multiple challenges due to changing snow conditions from climate disruption, plus changes in skier behavior. However, Wisconsin researchers found that the state's ski operators are adapting to meet these challenges. Their study was published in "Environmental Research Communications."

During the summer of 2023, Austin Holland, an assistant professor with a joint appointment in the College of Natural Resources and the Center for Land Use Education at UW–Stevens Point and the Division of Extension Natural Resources Institute at UW–Madison, conducted confidential interviews with 25% of the state's ski hill operators.

From these interviews, Holland discovered that the changing climate, which includes warmer and wetter winters, has shifted the skiing season to later in the year and shortened it. Instead of opening in Nov. and closing in April, hills are now operating from Dec. to March or April. The inconsistency and volatility of weather also makes managing ski hills more challenging. Many interviewees described instances where they made artificial snow only to have temperatures rise quickly to above freezing, followed by rain, which melted the snow or degraded the quality of the ski runs. These weather patterns also required more employee labor to maintain runs.

Natalie Chin, Wisconsin Sea Grant climate and tourism outreach specialist and study co-author, said that two adaptations by ski hill operators include snowmaking and subscribing to meteorological data services. "Snowmaking is a necessity now if you're operating a ski hill in the Midwest. Even though folks started investing in it a while ago, it's now become something standard," Chin said. However, increased snowmaking often requires additional equipment. Other adaptations include adding more revenue-generating opportunities in the offseason, like event rentals for weddings and mountain biking.

Natural snowfall and winter conditions are the main

things that drive skiers to the hills. If the weather doesn't feel like winter, they are less likely to participate in winter activities. This is called the "backyard effect." In other words, if skiers don't see snow in their backyards, they lose interest in skiing and assume that ski hills aren't open. Holland said skiers need to understand that, due to investments in snowmaking, "it could be a little warmer than you might expect to go skiing, but you can still go skiing." Methods to combat the backyard effect involve social media and marketing strategies. Others include livestreams and posting ski condition reports.

Despite concerns about climate change, most study participants felt positive about the future of downhill skiing. "Folks in the ski industry are strongly connected," said Chin. "So, while they're not directly cooperating, they can talk to each other about the challenges that they're facing and try to navigate those together, which is

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working together as a unit,

rather than trying to make

big plays from an individual

"I think it's just trying

to do too much. We were

talking about how you can't

make big plays, you've just

got to do your job. I think

that's what happened today

— we were just trying to do

relax a little bit and know

that we're good enough

to take on whoever and

Following the loss, the

Packers will take on the

Chicago Bears on Sunday,

Nov. 17, at Soldier Field.

"I think we've just got to

too much," said Rhyan.

standpoint.

execute."

Accountability over excuses

BY TORI WITTENBROCK SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – A tough 24-14 loss for the Green Bay Packers (6-3) against the Detroit Lions (7-1) proved to be avoidable but the players came to a consensus that they will take accountability for their pre snap penalties and ball drops.

Tight end Tucker Kraft said that the reason they lost the game can be attributed to their own mistakes and lack of focus behind the ball.

"In the past you've seen us shoot ourselves in the foot in critical games and what happens? The Lions are too good of a team for us to make the mistakes that we made," said Kraft.

According to Kraft, dialing in before each play is necessary to be able to avoid penalties and move the ball the way they want.

"It really just comes down to everybody trying to do their job one play at a time. When we don't even get to get the play started because of pre snap errors or things along those lines, we can't push the ball down the field. We have to rely on our pass game when we have extremely good run blocking, o-line, tight end room and we're all good at that. We've got a great running back," said Kraft.

'We like to stay ahead of the sticks with Josh's legs, but we can't do that when we get put in 2nd and long and we've got to throw the ball. We just have to come to a point where we have to



Jordan Love handing off the ball to running back Josh Jacobs during a rainy game at Lambeau Field.

look ourselves in the mirror and decide how consistent we want the offensive unit to be moving forward. We can't keep putting the defense in a position like that."

Kraft also said that finding the end zone has been a key point of focus for them and he is not satisfied with their performance in the red zone.

'We need to finish in the red zone. That's going to be our main point moving forward, because the presnap penalties just come from maybe not being locked in - I don't know, but those have got to stop," said Kraft.

Although the loss will prove detrimental to the Packers for the remainder of the season. Kraft said that the team is motivated to use this opportunity to grow and change their mindset moving forward.

"We are a really hungry team. We are frustrated because we lost a game we definitely shouldn't have lost. Coming out of the bye,

guys need to get rested up. I think we've got to change our demeanor," said Kraft.

Despite taking accountability for the poor mistakes, Kraft said that the constant downpour during the came was definitely a factor in their poor ball handling.

"The footing wasn't too terribly bad, but it obviously got worse as the game went on, but yeah I mean that all went into it," said Kraft. "I would attribute drops to the ball being wet."

Kraft also added that the bve week is coming at a good time for the Packers because they can take some time to reset mentally and physically.

"We definitely need to get some guvs healthy. I've been in a red jersey the whole first half of the season, playing through a lot. We're going to get this time off and come back and we're going to be a better football team," said Kraft.

Packers Wide Receiver

Christian Watson said that he was also disappointed in his team's ability to find the endzone and make the most of their opportunities.

"I mean, it was definitely tough, but it was tough for both teams. I think I can speak for everyone when I say we left some stuff out there," said Watson.

"I mean in terms of our team and what we have, we know what we are capable of and all of our goals are still right in front of us, we've just got to find a way to lock in on the fundamentals and the details of the pre snap stuff. I really just think we are shooting ourselves in the foot, but we can clean that up and really be where we want to be."

However, like Kraft, Watson said that the game provided them with some good learning opportunities and they will definitely lock in to make sure that they limit making those same mistakes going forward.

"I just think we were a couple opportunities away from being in it. We'll learn from those things and we'll be better for it," said Watson.

"I can always hold myself accountable and we want to be a team that holds each other accountable. We've got the right leaders in this locker room to go out there, but we've got to do it everyday of the week and leading up to the game. We're not going to do it in the game if we can't do it during the week. "

Guard Sean Rhyan said that the team did not meet

the standards it set for itself today and that seeing a loss against the Lions at Lambeau Field will be a big hit for them this season.

"We didn't really play up to our standard today. This was a North opponent and this was a huge game for us, for them too, but it's one of those games where you wish you could have it back but it's one of those games where you just have to look at it and be really critical about it. You've got to look at yourself and what you could have done better and what your unit could have done better as a whole," said Rhvan.

According to Rhyan, the team needs to focus on

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beneficial for everybody."

A report from Headwaters Economics showed that snow activities accounted for nearly \$84 million in gross domestic product in Wisconsin in 2022. "Winter recreation in Wisconsin is really embedded in what people do here," Holland said. "Everyone has something they do, whether it's fat tire biking, or ice fishing, hunting, hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing. It's part of how people live their life here and has a bunch of different health, mental health and physical benefits, along with tourism revenue."

Hannah Higgins, a student researcher, contributed to the ski hill study, and input was provided by the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change group. The study was collaboratively funded between Wisconsin Sea Grant and the Center for Land Use Education.

Holland and Chin are discussing looking more broadly at winter recreation, what climate impacts are being felt and what winter industries need to do to adapt and prepare. For example, Chin and Holland recently worked with Dylan Cariveau, a UW-Stevens Point Conservation and Community Planning student, to create an interactive story map that outlines regional climate impacts on tourism in Wisconsin.







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