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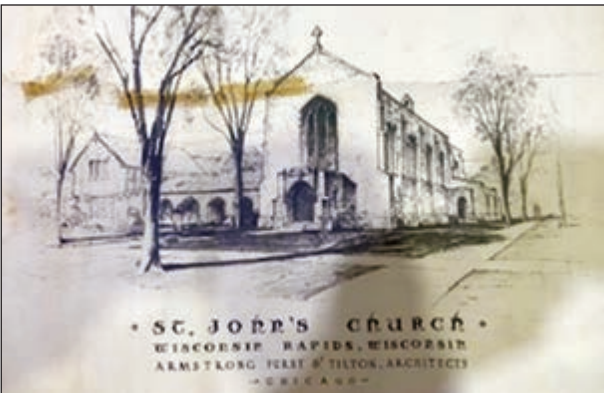
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St. Johns Episcopal Church celebrates 150 years

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – St. John's Episcopal Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2025. Many services and events are planned for throughout the year. This will be a celebration of people, faith and events that have brought the church community to the present day, but also helps to look ahead to the future.

In planning the celebration St. Johns hope to honor the people and families from the past. If you were a member of St John's at one time, or your family was, St. Johns would like to be in touch with you. St. Johns is putting together a list of



The original building where St. Johns was located at 3rd and McKinley Street on the west side of the river until 1928.

people to be invited to the special events in 2025.

Please contact with any names and addresses (if you have them). Please send them to St. Johns at:

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or
stjohnschurch@wctc.net


Time For Holiday Treats with HCE

DENISE MANCL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON HCE, FOR CITY TIMES

It's that time of year again when we all love to make some special treats for our friends and family. Last year HCE gave a lesson on no-bake treats and everyone loved it. So we are going to do it again this year! The lesson will

be held on December 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the McMillan Library multi-purpose room. We are hoping to show you all how to make Lemon White Chocolate Truffles, Puppy Chow Snack Mix, and No Bake Peanut Butter Bars. Sometimes it's nice to have treats that you can make that don't require turning on the oven.

I especially like things like this because they are fun to do with the grandchildren. HCE is a wonderful group that I would encourage you to consider joining. We have a wonderful history of helping our communities and it's a great way to make new friends. We recently hosted a craft day and everyone had a great time. This lesson will be free of charge, however you do need to pre-register so that we know how many people are coming. We want to be sure to have enough recipes printed to hand out. Please call the Wood County extension office at 715-421-8437 to register. The deadline for registration is December 1st. Thank you and hope to see you there!



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New members appointed to Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee

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WOOD COUNTY – Eric and Kadence Senkowski of Dane County, Amanda Williams of Shawano County and Jason Behrend of Wood County have been appointed to Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Committee by the organization's Board of Directors. Their three-year terms begin at the end of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau YFA Conference on Dec. 8.

“The Young Farmer and Agriculturist program empowers members to build leadership skills that actively shape our communities and organization,” said WFBF President Brad Olson. “As a farmer, I’m encouraged by the dedication of the next generation to carry our mission forward.”

Eric and Kadence Senkowski reside in Poynette with their son, Bennett, and three goats. Kadence is currently a stay-at-home mom, focusing on rais-

ing their son and deciding which livestock species to bring home next. Eric is the Supervisor of the Steel Fabrication Shop at Poynette Ironworks. Kadence has been involved in Farm Bureau for over seven years, currently serving on the Dane County Farm Bureau board of directors. Both look forward to serving YFA members and the agriculture community in their new role.

Amanda Williams and her husband, Scott, live in Shawano and have three children. She works as a dairy nutritionist helping her clients increase milk production and overall farm profitability. She is also a part-time dairy farmer and owns a small herd of Holstein show cattle. Amanda has a strong passion for the dairy industry and advocating for agriculture. She is in her third year serving on the Shawano County Farm Bureau board of directors and also serves on

several committees. When not working or farming, Amanda is a sports mom following her kids to hockey, baseball and football games. Jason Behrend was re-appointed to the committee for 2025. He is a fourth-generation farmer raising hogs and rotationally grazing cattle. He enjoys learning new soil-building farming practices and has been as active member of Farm Bureau for over a decade. Jason currently serves as the Wood County Farm Bureau YFA Chair. The WFBF YFA Committee consists of nine couples or individuals (ages 18-35) from around the state. Its goal is to get more young farmers and agriculturists acquainted with and involved in Farm Bureau. They carry out a variety of statewide initiatives, such as conferences, contests and award programs. The YFA Program is funded by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation.

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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 from Port Edwards, 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 by special appointment. For more details, visit the Alexander House 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, learning about, 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.”

Police Calls

On Nov. 13 around 1:20 in the afternoon a caller located at Washington Avenue reported individuals that were shooting at targets near the high way. Caller advised that one target was positioned near the edge of the highway and that is the individuals missed their intended target, they may end up shootign across the highway.
On Nov. 13 aroud 2:00 in the afternoon a caller from Rudolph reported vandalism in their yard. The caller stated that yard decorations had been stolen and some of their lights had the ends cut off.
On Nov. 13 around 2:00 in the afternoon a caller from Richfield advised dispatch that their neighbors horse had gotten out and ended up in the callers backyard, and in the process had knocked down the callers fence.
On Nov. 12 at 9:00 in the morning a caller from River Cities High School reported a student had a knife with them but was no longer in possession of the weapon. The student was reported to be in the office.

On Nov. 12 around 3:00 in the afternoon a caller in Hansen reported deomes-tic pigs were in the road. Two pigs were described as black and one pig described as white.
On Nov. 11 Grand Rapids Police Department received a call stating that the caller was being followed and was almost run off the road by this individual, they stated this has been happening for a while.
On Nov. 11 at 10:00 in the morning a caller from Rudolph reported a male was driving what was described as a “really nice green cadilliac” but was unable to see the plate. Caller stated the male was hiding his face but in an orange hoodie. The male got gas and then left the gas station.
On Nov. 11 at almost 11:00 in the morning Marshfield Poilce Department was advised by Med-ford Police that a suspect with a stolen vehicle was headed towards their area. The owner of the vehicle had a tracking app on the car and was able to watch its' movements. The stolen vehicle was a blue Subaru

with a yellow top.
On Nov. 10 around 5:00 in the afternoon a caller in Arpin advised dispatch that someone had laid lumber down in the road. One piece was blocking the center lane and shorter pieces of lumber were laid end to end across the rest of the road. The road was cleared and dispatch remained on the scene for extra patrol for an amount of time.
On Nov. 10 at almost 7:00 in the evening a caller reported to dispatch that a suspicious vehicle was sitting outside their residence. The vehicle had been there for 45 minutes, left, and returned to the caller's residence while honking their vehicle's horn. The vehicle was described as a silver van.
On Nov. 10 around 9:00 at night a caller near St. John's Church reported hearing 20 to 25 rounds of gunshots and screaming.
On Nov. 8 around 12:00 in the afternoon a caller from Saratoga told dispatch they were missing four horses that they could not find and had broken fences as a result.

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Mid-State, Wisconsin Technical College System select Gamber-Johnson for Futuremaker Partner Award

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board and Mid-State Technical College honored Gamber-Johnson with the 2024 Futuremaker Partner Award. The award was presented to Gamber-Johnson CEO Gautam Malik at the Nov. 12 WTCS board meeting at Mid-State’s Wayne H. Bushman Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering Technology, and Apprenticeship (AMETA™) Center in Stevens Point.

The Futuremaker Partner Award is presented four times a year by the WTCS Board to recognize the unique, long-standing connections between the state’s employers and local technical colleges.

“The Futuremaker Partner Award recognizes a company that goes above and beyond in supporting its local technical college,” said S. Mark Tyler, WTCS Board Chair. “Gamber-



Johnson was the first to step forward as a founding partner in the successful capital campaign for Mid-State’s AMETA Center. They support Mid-State by hiring graduates, providing student experiences and serving on advisory committees to ensure programs prepare students for in-

demand careers. Gamber-Johnson is a world-class partner, continually supporting the students, college and community.”

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lifts and other mobility applications.

“We are truly lucky to have an organization of Gamber-Johnson’s caliber here in central Wisconsin” said Mid-State’s president, Dr. Shelly Mondeik. “Mid-State is honored to have them as a neighbor to the AMETA Center in the Ste-

vens Point Industrial Park, but even more as our partner. Our collaboration is a two-way street, and we are confident we will continue to work together to positively impact our local economy and create a better future for all in our district.”

“I’m honored and thrilled

that Gamber-Johnson is being recognized with the Futuremaker Partner Award,” said Gamber-Johnson CEO Gautam Malik. “This is a testament to our strong commitment to fostering growth in our community through our partnership with Mid-State Technical College and reflects our dedication to developing local talent and ensuring that we have a well-prepared workforce for years to come.”

“Our partnership with Mid-State has been incredibly rewarding,” Malik added. “It is more than a collaboration; it’s a shared vision of creating opportunities and empowering the next generation of skilled workers who will help drive innovation at Gamber-Johnson. Our investment in the AMETA Center represents not just financial support but a long-term commitment to the success of future generations.”

Discover Wisconsin debuts new episode celebrating NATOW

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – Discover Wisconsin, the nation’s longest-running travel & tourism TV series, will be highlighting Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) in their latest episode “NATOW - An Agritourism Adventure” streaming on Nov. 20.

Discover Wisconsin presents an agritourism adventure, visiting eleven tribal territories that comprise

Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW), whose mission is to revitalize cherished cuisines and cultivation techniques.

“Working with the Discover Wisconsin Team has been an absolute pleasure. It is my hope that viewers see the true beauty in one of the many captivating ways that the 11 Federally Recognized Tribes of Wisconsin continue to grow

when it comes to food sustainability,” said NATOW Executive Director Kimberlee McGeshick. “They not only give back to their own communities, but to others as well with new and traditional ways in agriculture.”

Viewers first get a glimpse into a buffalo farm at Forest County Potawatomi, working to bring back purebred buffalo. At Mole Lake Sokaogon, Discover

Wisconsin uncovers the technique behind wild rice cultivation and traditional dishes. For a quick forest tour and look into milling, the Discover Wisconsin crew makes a pit stop to Menominee.

The tour continues at Stockbridge-Munsee, offering abundant educational resources and farm-friend-

ly activities. Later, Discover Wisconsin visits the apple orchards of Oneida, managed organically with chickens, and Ho-Chunk, which has more tasty delicacies—healthy recipes rooted in tradition.

From foodie favorites to fishing hotspots, Discover Wisconsin stops by Lac du Flambeau’s fish hatchery

to learn about the operation and reel in a few trout. After encountering Wisconsin’s elk at Lac Courte Oreille’s farm, they indulge in sweet maple syrup from St. Croix. The episode concludes at Bad River and Red Cliff. Both tribes discuss the importance of revitalizing native fisheries and harvesting techniques.

Recognizing and responding to hypoglycemia

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – November is Diabetes Month, a time to focus on the nearly 38 million Americans living with diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association, and the challenges they face, including hypoglycemia. This serious condition, characterized by dangerously low blood sugar levels, can pose immediate health risks if left unaddressed. Understanding the symptoms and knowing how to respond effectively is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of those at risk.

Hypoglycemia occurs when blood sugar levels drop too low, potentially leading to various health complications.

“Hypoglycemia can happen for several reasons,” explains Rebecca Thao, a pharmacy resident at Aspirus Health. “One common cause is that your body might have too much insulin, particularly if you are on insulin therapy or taking certain oral diabetes medication.” Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas that helps convert sugar into energy. Other contributing factors include



Rebecca Thao, a pharmacy resident at Aspirus Health.

excessive exercise and skipping meals.

Early recognition of hypoglycemia is vital. Common signs and symptoms include shakiness, hunger, fast heartbeat, and dizziness.

If you experience any of these symptoms, Rebecca advises taking immediate action. “The first step is to check your blood sugar with a glucose monitor if you have one,” she states. If blood sugar levels are low, follow the “Rule of 15.” Consume 15 grams of fast-acting carbohydrates, such as 4 ounces of regular soda (not diet), 4 ounces of orange juice, 3 to 4 glucose tablets, then wait 15 minutes to allow your body to absorb the sugar, finally recheck your blood

sugar. If it remains below 70 mg/dL, repeat the process.

Regular monitoring of blood glucose levels is essential for many patients, especially those living with type 1 diabetes, taking insulin, or certain oral medications. Fluctuations can occur throughout the day due to various factors, and if levels drop below the target range, immediate action is necessary.

“Always be aware of your body’s signals and have a plan in place to respond to low blood sugar episodes,” Rebecca advises. By recognizing the signs and knowing how to respond, individuals can help safeguard their health throughout Diabetes Month and beyond.

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I met with a lovely couple for the first time recently who asked me to review their current financial situation and importantly, what it would look like upon the death of the first spouse. Like many married couples, the husband is the older of the two. The concern is, if he is the first to pass away, a considerable amount of pension income will be lost. We also discussed social security: upon the passing of the

first spouse, the survivor assumes the highest benefit and the lower benefit goes away. Fortunately, when they had selected their pension option 18 years ago, they purchased life insurance on the husband. The death benefit seemed like a lot of money when the policy was taken out. When we added up the loss of income to her upon his passing, however, we found that the life insurance policy proceeds would

cover about 3 ½ years of lost pension and social security. My urgent advice to them, if they did nothing else, was to double check the guarantees on the life insurance, making sure the policy does not lapse before the death benefit pays out. Even when the life insurance pays out, will that be enough?

We had a nice conversation overviewing their lives and their assets. They have annuities, investments, cash, and a home that they had built their lives in. The annuities had been set up years ago with income riders. That means they are designed to produce income, yet the couple had not yet turned the income features on. We discussed how the income amount that they are entitled to had

built over the years. The other investments were put into place for a different purpose, to grow the principal. They had not yet decided what to do with their cash but were considering investments and asked my opinion. The home has a mortgage. We circled back to their priorities, which was to make sure that the wife would be OK if she were to outlive her husband by a considerable number of years.

The retired couple was surprised when my next recommendation was to pay off their mortgage. They could use cash and any additional income that they could produce to pay off the house. Eliminating debt does three things: 1) it is like a guaranteed rate of return in the sense that

you are guaranteed to not pay that interest to the mortgage holder anymore, 2) it is a monthly payment you no longer are obligated to make, 3) debt is a mental and emotional ball-and-chain that when carried by the income of two can be less burdensome but when carried by one, can cause weighty stress. It would be heartbreaking if that stress were tied to the home they had built their lives in.

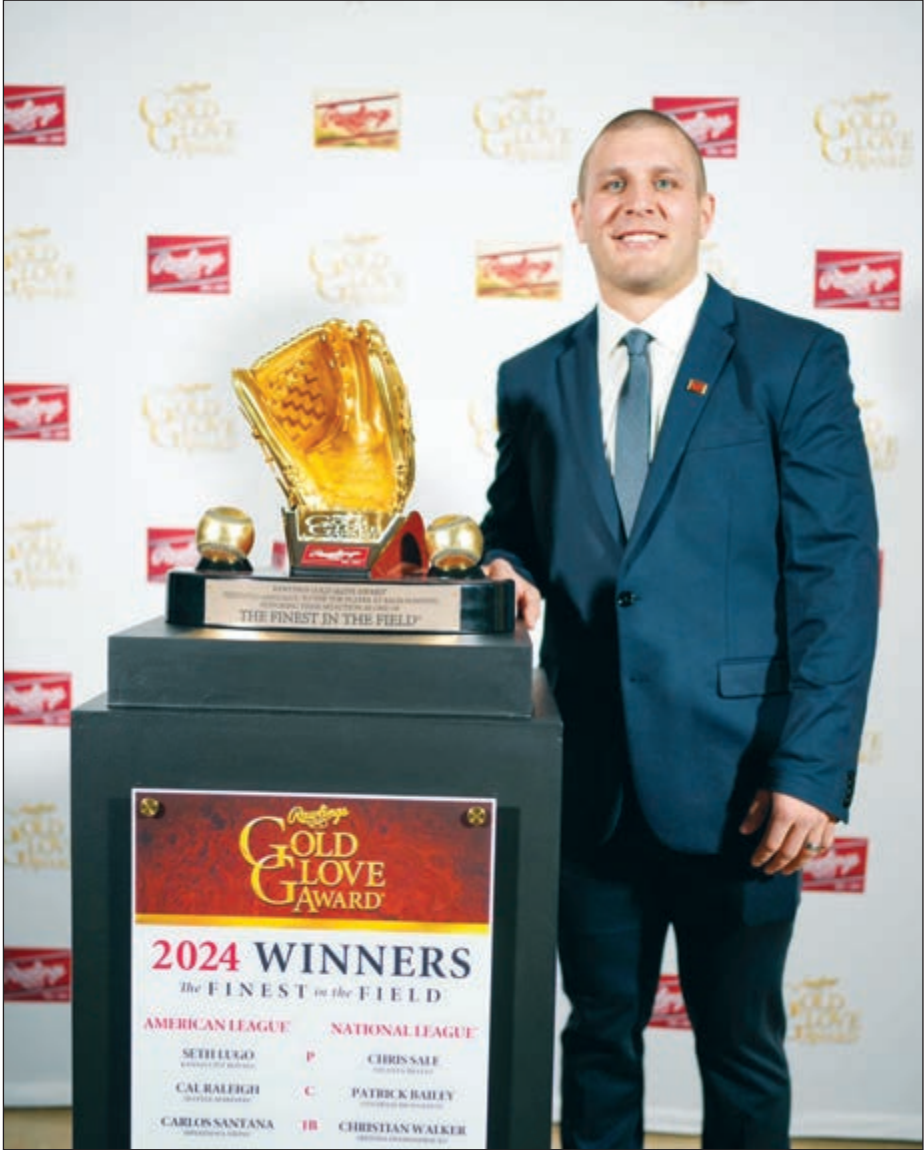
It is not ideal to withdraw principal from investments that were designed to produce income, because doing so will often spoil the future income that the annuity (or other income-oriented investment) was intended to provide. They asked about moving the annuities to new annuities. In their case, doing so would elimi-

nate the gain on the income rider which would also likely not work to their benefit. Rather, if future lump sums of money were needed, it may be better to withdraw from cash or other investments.

With a few concise steps, the confidence this couple has in their future can be improved, which goes to show that it is never too late for a second look.

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Daulton Varsho, a Marshfield graduate, of the Toronto Blue Jays receives the Gold Glove Award on Nov. 8 for best outfielder in the league. Photo by Toronto Blue Jays

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

FOR CITY TIMES

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 state-



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.

wide 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

Packers seek 27th Fan Hall of Fame honoree

FOR CITY TIMES

The annual search for the next honoree for the Packers FAN Hall of Fame has begun.

Fans are asked to nominate themselves, a relative or friend for the honor of being the 27th member of the Packers FAN Hall of Fame with an essay of 500 words or less, describing the merits of the nominee. Each nomination should be accompanied by a photo.

The nomination period will remain open until Saturday, Nov. 30.

The first professional football team to have a hall of fame, the Green Bay Packers enhanced that distinction in 1998 by establishing a Packers FAN Hall of Fame. It was founded for the purpose of annually honoring a devout and longtime Packers fan.

The 10 finalists who best represent the spirit of the Packers will be chosen in December by the Packers FAN Hall of Fame selection committee.

The final round of voting will be from Jan. 1 through Jan. 31.

During the voting process, Packers fans will be asked to vote for one of the 10 finalists, whose stories will be profiled on packers.com.

The winner will be selected by Packers fans and the Packers’ selection committee.



The nominating and voting process will take place entirely online through the Packers website at www.packers.com/FHOF.

Fans without internet access can mail their nomination essays, along with their contact information, to the Packers’ Milwaukee office address: Green Bay Packers FAN Hall of Fame, 330 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Suite 1455, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

For those mailing applications, a copy of the original photo should be submitted in case of damage or loss.

The honoree’s selection will be announced in late February.

He or she will receive four club seats to a 2025 Packers home game, along with four pre-game sideline passes; four passes to the Packers Hall of Fame; custom Packers jersey; a \$500 Packers Pro Shop gift certificate; and a one-year subscription to PackersNews.com.

The honoree also will have his or her name added to the list of FAN Hall of Fame honorees recognized in the Packers Hall of Fame.

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

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

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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.

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The True Measure Of Success

Dear Reader,

In the grand tapestry of existence, we each play a fleeting role, our lives but a brief flicker in the vast expanse of time. As we age and eventually face the inevitable end, we are often compelled to ponder the true measure of success and the meaning of our existence. What purpose does our journey serve? Why are we born to live such a brief span of life?

Traditionally, success has been quantified by wealth, status, and achievements. These tangible markers, while significant, often fail to capture the essence of a fulfilling life. True success lies not in material accumulation but in the quality of our relationships, the kindness we extend, and the impact we have on others. It is reflected in the love we give and receive, the dreams we pursue, and the resilience we exhibit in the face of adversity.

Viktor Frankl, a renowned psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, emphasized that the search for meaning is a fundamental human drive. He argued that meaning can be found in every moment of life, even in suffering. Our purpose is not a single, grand mission but a series of small, meaningful acts that contribute to a larger whole. Whether it’s through our work, our passions, or our connections with others, we create meaning daily.

Understanding that life is finite can be both daunting and liberating. It encourages us to live with intention, to cherish each moment, and to prioritize what truly matters. Our awareness of mortality can inspire us to live more fully, love more deeply, and strive to leave a positive legacy, however modest it may be. The brevity of life makes our actions more precious and our experiences more profound.

In the end, the meaning of our existence is often found in the legacy we leave behind. It’s not about monumental achievements but the simple, everyday acts of kindness and the memories we create with others. Our legacy is etched in the hearts of those we touch and the positive changes we inspire. It is in the laughter shared, the wisdom imparted, and the love that endures beyond our physical presence.



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