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MARSHFIELD--Two local high school soccer players look to represent central Wisconsin on U.S. Soccer's regional stage at the end of Jan. Kaito Lor, a Sophomore at Wausau West, and Keegan Fredrick, a Senior at Marshfield High School, were named to the sport's Olympic Development Program (ODP) Midwest Regional rosters in Aug., following a series of tryouts over the past year. Players throughout the United States have been narrowed

teams participating in a Subregional Event to regional identification camps, and finally to regional teams for the Interregional Event to take place in Orlando, Florida, Jan. 30 - Feb. 3. From the Interregional Event, the pool will be narrowed down even further to a single 18-player National Roster per age group.

Local students to represent Central Wisconsin in U.S. Soccer

Olympic Development Program Interregional Event

While Lor and Fredrick will be teammates this Spring as part of the Marathon County United Elite - a U.S. Youth Soccer U19 State League team, they will represent two different teams at the ODP Interregional Event. Lor joins three other Wisconsin players on the 2008 Midwest Boys team, while Fredrick is one of four Wisconsinites filling out the 2007 squad. Both represented their respective Wisconsin State ODP teams in Ohio in June, and went on to be invited to the Midwest ID Camp in Rockford, IL, in July. The pair are coming off of successful Fall high school seasons, each landing in the top five of the Wisconsin Valley Conference's Individual Scoring Leaderboard and earning

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An uncertain future for the 1897 Clark County Jail Building

SUBMITTED BY NATALIE K. ERPENBACH CHAIR, CITY OF NEILLSVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TREASURER, 1897 CLARK COUNTY JAIL MUSEUM, INC.

The future of the 1897 Clark County Jail building, at 215 E 5th Street in Neillsville, is uncertain once again. In the late 1970s, the building's physical condition had deteriorated to the point where significant and costly repairs were necessary for it to be useable. Today, the building is 45 years older and in worse condition. Clark County owns the building and has leased the property to the Clark County Historical Society (CCHS), and later the 1897 Clark County Jail Museum Inc. (Jail Museum). Initially, the CCHS spent months bringing the building up to code for it to open as a Museum. The Jail Museum has spent thousands and thousands of dollars trying to keep the roof situation under control, tuckpointing, not to mention repairs, insurance, and utility costs for the last 20 years. There is a limit to how much money a nonprofit can spend on a building it does

The Jail Museum is in the process of moving its collection to a new space at 442 Hewett Street in Neillsville called "the History Room". The photos, paper archives, books and many other collection items were in danger of being ruined by the building's current condition and high moisture levels. Discussions have taken place with the Clark Couty Public Property, Executive and Finance Committees, and the Jail Museum has told the County that they plan on being out of the building by June of 2025.

So what happens to the building now? Fixing the roof and making the space usable again will likely require a complete remodel to bring it up to current building codes. Then, like everything else, deciding factors on any remodel would include time, money, and best use of the property. Our County Supervisors have been great to work with and no one wants to make that final call to demolish the building without exploring all the options. The building is also listed on the National, State and Local Registry of Historic Places and so there are responsibilities that the County needs to address and walk through - and they are

If anyone has any viable options for the building's future, now is the time to come forward. We all know it is a wonderful and irreplaceable structure. Money for bricks and mortar projects are few and far between. Believe me, I have been looking for options that we can work with and have been communicating with the State of Wisconsin Historic Preservation staff and investigating National Park

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Service grant funding. This building is iconic and quite Please contact me at nkerpenbach@gmail.com or 715-271-4328, or the Clark County Public Property Committee with viable options for the future of this building.



The Clark County Jail building, close to the time of its' establishment.

City of Marshfield's Ordinance Enforcement and DNR advise public to minimize contact with wildlife due to possible avian influenza

MARSHFIELD--In Dec., several dead wild geese were found on the ice at Wildwood Park's upper and lower ponds in Marshfield. These geese were not zoo animals. The investigation involved agencies such as Marshfield's Ordinance Enforcement, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Raptor Education Group, Inc., REGI, and the Wood County Health Department. The DNR conducted necropsies and confirmed that the cause of death was avian influenza (Bird Flu). Once ice conditions were safe, the remaining deceased geese were removed. Soon after, a barn owl and a crow were also found dead, and the DNR suspects avian influenza, though test results are pending.

Avian influenza is widespread in wild birds worldwide, causing outbreaks in poultry and U.S. dairy cows. While the current public health risk is low, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is monitoring the situation carefully and working with states to monitor people with animal exposure. The DNR advises the public to minimize disease spread by avoiding contact with wildlife, refraining from feeding them, practicing good hygiene, and reporting sick or dead birds to the DNR at 1-800-936-7463 or by emailing DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov.

The animals at Wildwood Zoo are cared for daily by professionally trained staff who monitor them for healthrelated issues. They are also fed a special diet made by zoo staff. Currently, all the animals in the zoo are free from

The City's Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator staff encourages residents who keep backyard chickens to be vigilant and in accordance with City Municipal Code 9.52. If your birds look sick or dving, contact the Wisconsin DNR at the number above. Remaining vigilant also includes avoiding touching sick birds and practicing good hand washing if contact is unavoidable.





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City of Marshfield will begin ash tree removals in Braem Park starting this month

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MARSHFIELD--The City of Marshfield will begin ash tree removals in Braem Park starting this month. This is the fourth year of removals following a fivevear plan to remove a majority of the ash tree population within the park. This is a proactive approach to remove ash trees before they become hazardous from being infected with Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This year's tree removal area is roughly four acres in size and is located in the northeast portion of the park. The park will remain open, but we require park users to stay at least 300' away from equipment and personnel

when operations are present. For more information, please contact our Parks and Recreation Department at 715-384-4642.

Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive wood-boring insect originating from Asia. The insect was discovered in Southeast Wisconsin in 2008 and has since popped up in pockets throughout much of the state. In Jan. 2021, EAB was detected in the City of Marshfield. The insect kills the trees by feeding underneath the bark and disrupting the transportation of water and nutrients. Widespread mortality can be expected for any ash trees that are not treated.

Help prevent blood shortages in 2025 by giving blood or platelets

WOOD COUNTY--The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give lifesaving blood or platelets in the new year to help keep the blood supply strong this winter. Type O

negative blood donors and those giving platelets are especially urged to give now to keep critical blood products on the shelves for patients in need.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products as the threat of severe winter weather builds and can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. Additionally, an active cold and flu season may prevent people from keeping donation appointments as they rest and recover from illness. During National Blood Donor Month, the Red Cross celebrates those who generously roll up a sleeve to help save lives and urges those who are feeling well to make and keep donation appointments to help the blood supply stay on track throughout the winter.

Don't sit on the sidelines - kick off 2025 with a blood or platelet donation. To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood. org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. For the

sixth year, the Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering in Jan. for National Blood Donor Month to invite football fans and blood donors to join the lifesaving team and score big for patients in need. As a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-26, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LIX giveaway. The trip includes access to dayof in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10, 2025), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/ SuperBowl.

Wood County Donation Opportunities

2/3/2025: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 750 S Central Ave

Wisconsin Rapids

1/21/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., ODC Inc, 1191 **Huntington Avenue**

1/29/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., South Wood County YMCA, 601 West Grand Ave

University of Minnesota Rochester announces Fall 2024 Dean's List

recognizes students who have achieved high academic achievement through the Chancellor's List. To be listed, a student must have earned a 3.666 GPA or higher and completed a minimum of 12 credits graded A-F.

'It is an honor to recognize the students who have earned a spot on the Chancellor's List," said UMR Chancellor Lori J. Carrell,

"their commitment to excellence serves as WOOD COUNTY--Each semester, UMR an inspiration to all on our campus who are driven to transform knowledge into discovery in the ever-changing world of nealth care.

> From Marshfield, Trynatee Erickson and Maria Laura Garcia-Moya were placed on the Dean's List. From Wisconsin Rapids, Anthony James Arias was placed on the Dean's List.

Gabriel Kosmalski graduates from Marquette University

WOOD COUNTY - This past fall, Gabriel Kosmalski of Rudolph, WI, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin. Kosmalski earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in Dentistry.



Jake Brunette joins Forward Bank as VP/General Counsel

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Jake Brunette has joined Forward Bank as a Vice President/ General Counsel. In this leadership role, Jake will oversee the bank's legal strategies, ensure regulatory compliance, and provide expert guidance on corporate governance, contract negotiation, and risk management.

"I've watched Forward purposefully grow in smaller communities in Central Wisconsin and have strong connections to employees," commented Jake Brunette, VP/ General Counsel at Forward Bank. "Hearing Forward's story from the perspective of the employees made me what to learn even more. Once I saw the alignment between my values and those of the company, it was a clear choice to join this team.'

Brunette joins Forward with a legal career spanning over 12 years, specializing in corporate governance, employment law, business law, contracts, civil litigation, dispute resolution, risk management, and real property.

He is involved on his church council, a former school board member, and vouth athletics. Brunette is a proud husband and father of five children and Berna doodle named Hazel and enjoys golf,



cooking, and being outdoors.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jake to Forward," commented Sheri Dick, Chief Operating Officer at Forward Bank. "As the banking industry continues to evolve, having a dedicated and highly skilled General Counsel ensures we are well-positioned to meet the legal and regulatory demands of today and the future. Jake's wealth of experience and strategic approach will be invaluable as we continue to serve our customers with the highest levels of integrity and

Staab Construction Corporation hosts annual Construction **Career Day Event**

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD - Staab Construction Corporation, a builder of municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment systems in the Midwest, announced its Annual Construction Career Day on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The event will take place at Staab's headquarters located at 1800 Laemle Avenue in Marshfield. High school students from local schools will be invited to participate in this full-day event, designed to introduce them to a variety of career opportunities in the construction industry.

The Career Day will feature interactive demonstrations from local businesses and professionals, including electricians, construction workers, roofing specialists,

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window and floor experts, and more. Students will gain firsthand knowledge about the skills and experience required to excel in these careers, hear from industry professionals about the aspects they enjoy most about their work, and learn what a typical day in their respective fields entails.

Central Wisconsin is home to many outstanding companies that contribute to keeping jobs local and strengthening the regional economy. Staab Construction is honored to support this initiative by showcasing the wide range of fulfilling career paths in construction and encouraging students to consider these opportunities as they begin to plan their futures.

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| OBITUARIES |



JANET FLORENCE

Janet Florence (Gotz) Larsen

Howard Larsen, on April 30, 1960.

Most of her nursing career was focused on industrial nurs ing where she worked at the paper mill in Wisconsin Rapids Northern Pacific Railroad, S&C Electric in Chicago and a construction company of high-rise office buildings in down town Chicago Loop. After moving from Chicago in 1972 to Dallas, Texas and in 1975 to Orlando Florida she continued to work for businesses and corporations in including Lake land Orange Growers and Marriott hotels. Her nursing caree concluded with processing workmen's compensation claims. Janet is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Howard Larsen; brother, Clarence Gotz; sisters, Heler Ivanoff and Mary Handrick; sisters-in-law, Theresa Gotz and Helen Gotz. She is survived by her daughter, Nicole Larsen

A remembrance service will be held at a later time. Cremation occurred at the A Community Funeral Home & Sunset

passed away on Jan. 3, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral

Jan. 6, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Crema tion Center is assisting the family.

Leon Janssen, age 71, of Marshfield, passed away on Jan. 6 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home is assisting the



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age 88, of Orlando, Florida passed away on Sunday, De cember 1, 2024. She was born in Auburndale, WI on January 9, 1936 to parents William and Álma (Kroh) Gotz. She moved with her family to Marshfield WI when her parents pur-chased a dairy farm there Janet graduated from Marsh field High School in 1955 and graduated from St. Joseph's

Hospital School of Nursing in May, 1958. She went on to marry the love of her life

of Orlando, FL; Sheela Schermetzler (James) of Spearfish SD; brother, Ronald Gotz of Marshfield, WI; brother-in-law Glenn Larsen (Mary Lou) of Seattle WA and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremations in Orlando, Florida.

JERINE ROSE (Schreiner) DUDLEY

Jerine Rose (Schreiner) Dudley, age 90, of Marshfield Home & Cremation Center is assisting the family.

KENNETH KOHLBECK

Kenneth Kohlbeck, age 82, of Marshfield, passed away on

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NELLIE SCHWANTES

Nellie "Nell" Mae Schwantes 86, entered her heavenly home on Sunday, January 5, 2025 a Marshfield Medical Center. Nell was born on March 30

1938 to Raymond and Frances (Montgomery) Parrett. graduated from Stratford High School in 1956 and attended nursing school in Chicago, Illi-nois. Nell was united in marriage to Dale Schwantes on March 2, 1959 in Decorah, Iowa.

The couple lived in Sheboy-gan, Marshfield, Cornell and Black River Falls, Wisconsin as well as Marshall, Minnesota. Upon Dale's passing in 2015. Nell returned to Marshfield.

Nell and Dale shared over 56 years of marriage and were blessed with 5 children: Rick, Scott, Clark, Mary and Terry. Nell worked in accounts payable for Schwan's Sales Enterprises in Marshall, Minnesota for 30 years until her retirement. She loved her family and cherished time spent with them. She was a devout Minnesota Vikings fan. In her retirement years Nell thoroughly enjoyed her bus trips and outings with her dear friends. She was so thankful for all the traveling she did with her family to see different areas of the United States she dreamed of visiting. Nell was a great conversationalist. She will always be remembered by friends

and family for being a "prim and proper lady" and for her Electrolux vacuuming and cleaning skills.

Nell is survived by her children: Rick (and Kathy) Schwantes of Willmar, Minnesota (grandchildren Cory and Amanda); daughter-in-law Sharon Schwantes of Hutchinson, Minnesota (grandchildren Tyler and Traci); Clark Schwanter of Hutchinson, Minnesota (grandchildren Amy and Mallory) Mary (and Robert) Claeys of La Quinta, California (grand children Jordan, Afton and Lane); and Terry Schwantes of Waite Park, Minnesota as well as nine great grandchildren.

Nell was preceded in death by her husband Dale; mother Frances Parrett; son Scott Schwantes; and five siblings: Ray mond Parrett, Shirley Spindler, James Parrett, Susie Farquar and Mary Parrett.

Nell will be dearly missed. Her passing leaves a hole in the hearts of her family and many dear friends. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, May 17, 2025 in Marshfield Wisconsin.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

We Are One

Dear Reader,

I am not just one; I am a unit of many—my ancestors

who paved the way, the stages of my life shaped by community and friends, and the family of God's creation to which we all

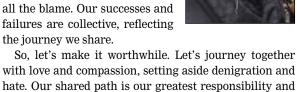
Whatever I do is not just me; it is many. We are all in this together. No one deserves all the credit, and no one should bear all the blame. Our successes and failures are collective, reflecting

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Sen. Testin responds to passage of voter **ID** resolution

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - Sen. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) released following statement after the Wisconsin State Senate passed a resolution that aims to amend the state constitution to require that voters show a valid form of identification when casting a ballot in any election:

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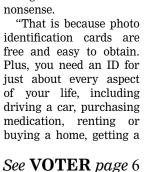
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have voter ID laws in the books, this resolution enshrines the popular voting requirement in our state constitution, which ensures that the security measure can be enforced well into the future. Wisconsinites have a right to clean, fair elections and to know that their votes

"There really is no logical reason to oppose this legislation. Nearly 80 percent of Americans support voter ID, and since our state's voter ID laws were enacted several years ago, turnout at the polls has actually increased. The statewide raw number of voters in the 2024 presidential election was the largest in Wisconsin's history. In that same election, Milwaukee recorded the highest voter turnout percentage of the 50 largest cities in the country. To claim that voter ID requirements suppress votes disingenuous and utter









Tree clearing to close shoulders, lanes on highways in nine counties

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Motorists might encounter shoulder closures and lane closures controlled by flagging as roadway tree clearing is completed in advance of upcoming construction projects in nine counties.

Clearing began Monday, Jan. 13 along highways in the following counties:

Forest County, where work is planned on US 8 from WIS 55 South in Crandon to WIS 32 South in Laona.

Green Lake County, where work is

planned on WIS 44 from the Grand River Bridge in Markesan and the Fond du Lac County line.

Lincoln County, where work is planned on US 8 between North McCord Road at the north county line and County L southeast of Lake Nokomis.

Marathon County, where work is planned on WIS 29 from Purple Martin Lane west of Marathon City east to the Little Rib River in Wausau.

Menominee County, where work is planned on two segments of WIS 47 between

the Langlade County line and WIS 55 and on WIS 55 between WIS 47 and the Langlade County line.

Shawano County, where work is planned on WIS 29 from Shawano exit 227 to Rose Brook Road west of Shawano and on WIS 156 from WIS 47 south of Bonduel east to WIS 55

Shawano and Waupaca counties, where work is planned on US 45 from Gollnow Road in Marion to County C in Clintonville.

Vilas County, where work is planned on WIS 17 between US 45 north of Eagle River

and the Wisconsin-Michigan border.

Waupaca County, where work is planned on WIS 54 from the Portage County line east to Foxfire Drive in Waupaca.

Wood County, where work is planned on WIS 173 from WIS 80 North in Babcock to the Cranberry Bridge west of Nekoosa.

Tree clearing operations must be completed by March 15, and removal of downed trees and site restoration work must be completed by April 15.

Mid-State announces fall 2024 Dean's List

Andrew Klumb, Accounting; Michaela Kohnen, Medical

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – Mid-State Technical College has announced its Dean's List for the 2024 fall semester. This recognition is reserved for Mid-State students who have enrolled in six or more credits and have earned a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 during the semester.

Arpin: Konrad Blaschka, Medical Coder; Kylie Frischman, Early Childhood Education; Robert Strenn, Meat Cutting and Butchery; Anna Taylor, Early Childhood Education; Reid Tilberg, Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technician; Simon Trierweiler, Accounting; Jordyn Wyant, University Transfer-Associate of Arts.

Auburndale: Madelyn Becker, Project Management; Kathleen Gebelein, Office Support Specialist; Lynn Helmer, Stainless Steel Welding.

Chili: Holly Fischer, Accounting.

Colby: Halle Bender, Nursing; Skylar Leffel, Business Management; Charolette Smith, Business Management.

Granton: Samantha Martin, University Transfer-Associate of Arts; Olivia Piskow, Automotive Technician. Loyal: Cortney Schneider, Entrepreneur.

Marshfield: Dana Anderson, Arborist Technician; Lillian Andres, Nursing; Kaylan Avila, Accounting; Tanya Barth, Leadership Development; Emilie Becerra, University Transfer-Associate of Arts; Ansen Bell. IT Cybersecurity Specialist; Brenda Bentti, Medical Coder; Jessica Bornbach, University Transfer-Associate of Science; Hannah Bray, University Transfer-Associate of Arts; Darby Cox, Accounting; Saffron Dering, Business Management; Madelyn Edhlund, Early Childhood Education; Christopher Edmundson, Accounting; David Florida, Accounting; Tanner Genett, Business Management; Alek Glenzer, Agribusiness Science & Technology; Reese Gribble, Business Management; Allyson Guden, Surgical Technology; Haley Guido, Medical Assistant; Thomas Hardinger, Meat Cutting and Butchery; Katarina Harrison, Human Resources; Andrew Herman, IT Network Specialist; Amber Hollatz, Digital Marketing; Ryan Johnson, Stainless Steel Welding; Amanda Kolbeck, Meat Cutting and Butchery; Adam Lease, Business Management; Michelle Lucek, Business Management; Aunna Martin, Surgical Technologist; Cassandra Mehlberg, Health Information Management; Jenna Paasch, Business Management; Laura Pozega, Accounting; Rick Purdy, Automotive Maintenance Technician; Zayden Schoolman, University Transfer-Associate of Science; Amy Taylor, Health Information Management; Josh Van Whye, Criminal Justice-Studies; Amy Varsho, Digital Marketing; Lindsay Whiting, Cosmetology.

Neillsville: Quentin Fausett, Criminal Justice-Studies; Chiaki Friemoth, Nursing; Elizabeth Springer, Medical Assistant.

Nekoosa: Ryan Arnett, Respiratory Therapy; Orion Bredda, IT Network Specialist; Hailey Carney, Cosmetology; Casey Collins, Medical Coder; Zander Dahl, Criminal Justice-Studies; Brandyn Drollinger, Human Resources Assistant; Alyssa Goodenough, Cosmetology; Jacquelyn Hoffman, Leadership Development; Christopher Hovorka, Arborist Technician; Evelyn Johnson, Nursing; Assistant; Tierney Lindstrom, Nursing; Tia Machon, Business Management; Shantel Masonick, Nursing; Brent McChesney, Automation & Instrumentation Technology; David Naud, Automotive Technician; Ellen-Lou Russell, Health Information Management; Stephanie Schmid, Adobe Suite; Zachary Scholl, Leadership Development; Zoe Sorenson, Respiratory Therapy; Bethany Spaw, University Transfer-Associate of Arts; Nicholas Stillman, Automotive Maintenance Technician; Hailee Straight, Phlebotomy Technician; Jordan Tellekson, IT Software Developer; Talya Wenger, Nursing.

Pittsville: Marissa Becker, Criminal Justice-Corrections & Community Advocacy; Mason Peckham, IT Cybersecurity Specialist; Haylee Zawislan, Criminal Justice-Studies.

Spencer: Emberley Hill, Dental Assistant; Marissa Lueth, Medical Assistant; Ma'niyah Prescott, Welding; Sierra Shinkle, Human Resources Assistant

Stratford: Michael Bell, Accounting; Kacie Hohl, Accounting Assistant; Taylor Wussow, Human Resources. Unity: Olesia Hnatiuk, Nursing; Krysara Mueller, Accounting.

Vesper: Kevin Abel, IT Cybersecurity Specialist; Bradley Becker, LEAD Institute; Pamela Brooks, Accounting; Cyanne Kube-Smith, Culinary Arts; Trinnan Kube-Smith, IT User Support Technician.

Wausau: Jonathan Keller, Criminal Justice-Studies; Riley Wolslegel, Paramedic Technician.

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Tiffany Schara named Business Development Specialist at MMCCU

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MARSHFIELD - MMCCU announced that Tiffany Schara is stepping into a newly created role: Business Development Specialist. This move marks a new chapter for Schara and for MMCCU, as she takes on a position designed to enhance public relations, spearhead marketing strategies, and forge impactful partnerships to strengthen MMCCU's reputation and community presence.

Schara's career with MMCCU began as a Consumer Loan Officer, where her member-first approach and problem-solving skills quickly earned her recognition. A Marshfield native, Tiffany returned to Wisconsin with a wealth of experience—17 years in the finance industry and 5 years in real estate. Although she studied computer sciences at Mid-State Technical College (MSTC), her passion for empowering others through financial guidance led her to excel in the finance sector.

"I'm excited for this new opportunity to help strengthen MMCCU's community connections," Schara shared. "Being part of an organization that supports its members in achieving their goals is truly



rewarding. My goal is always to make a positive impact and leave things better than I found them."

This newly created role aligns with Tiffany's strengths. Her ability to foster relationships, develop innovative solutions, and deeply understand MMCCU's products and services makes her a natural fit for this position. As Business Development Specialist, Tiffany will be instrumental in driving the credit union's growth and ensuring it remains a trusted resource for members.





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UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield presents the musical "Godspell"



FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield presents "Godspell" on Jan 31, Feb. 1, and Feb. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Helen Connor Laird Theatre.

Under direction of Donna Thompson, this updated version of "Godspell" is a retelling of the original sensation, injected with contemporary references and new arrangements. In the show, a small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and a hefty dose of comic timing. A blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage.

Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy

and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden); and it took the world by storm.

The production features a talented cast, including Brian Clark as Jesus, Nat Bremer as John the Baptist/Judas and followers of Jesus: Joe Anderson, Joelle Clark, Alanna Feddick, Lisa Frey, Kris Hughes, Kristina Kaiser, Abby Peterson, Andy Peterson, Courtney Posteluk, Steve Schmidt, Amy Schultz, Lexi Schultz, Montana Smith-Frome and Andy Wuethrich. Don't miss this opportunity to experience "Godspell"—a vibrant and heartfelt production that will inspire and uplift audiences of all ages.

This production is sponsored by the Laird Fund for the Arts. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at tickets.uwsp.edu

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hunting or fishing license, opening a bank account and adopting a pet from the Humane Society. In fact, some grocery stores even require an ID to buy non-alcoholic mixers. Does it really make sense to have more safeguards for cocktail syrup than we do for ballots?"

The resolution is now headed to the state Assembly for approval. If passed by that chamber, the question will go before voters in a statewide referendum where they will have the final say.



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USDA and Wisconsin award \$23.2 Million to projects that strengthen food supply chain infrastructure

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced it has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to award \$23.2 million for 30 projects through the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI).

"These Infrastructure Projects being funded through the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program will build strength and resilience in Wisconsin's food system, diversify agricultural markets, create new revenue streams for small and midsized producers, and provide economic opportunities for local communities," said USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt. "USDA is grateful for Wisconsin's support strengthening local and regional agricultural supply chains."

"Wisconsin's farmers, producers, and our agricultural industries are a critical part of our state's economic success and help make sure we're getting food to tables, grocery stores, restaurants across our country and the world over," said Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers. "I'm incredibly grateful these investments will help strengthen our supply chains and bolster economic opportunity and resilience across our state."

Examples of funded Infrastructure Grant projects:

Doudlah Farms Organics, a farmerowned processing enterprise in Evansville, Wis., will increase Wisconsin's capacity to warehouse, clean, package, and distribute organic ingredients such as specialty grains, corn, and beans. Their RFSIfunded 20,000-foot processing facility will

benefit an estimated 550 local and regional agricultural producers by reducing barriers to market entry; improving aggregation and distribution capacity for organic, value-added products through new sales channels; and increasing consumer choices for Wisconsin-sourced products.

Nasonville Dairy operates a cheese plant in Marshfield, Wis., that currently processes 510 million pounds of milk per year from 171 central Wisconsin farms. Their new cold milk separator system funded by the RFSI Infrastructure grant will allow them to process an estimated 25 million more pounds of milk each year into five new value-added products including sweet cream.

Red Door Family Farm in Athens, Wis., will construct a packing shed and cold storage facility to package and store their organically grown vegetables as well as those of 20 other farms. The purchase of a refrigerated truck will allow Red Door to transport produce from partner farms and distribute it to local and regional wholesalers, retailers, and food access organizations such as Feeding America and Marathon County Hunger Coalition.

Seasonal Harvest in De Pere, Wis., will strength its food aggregation hub by upgrading inventory management software, purchasing their first two delivery vehicles, and constructing a shared wash/pack facility. These upgrades will alleviate some of the logistical challenges of aggregating product from an increasing number of very small farms, some of which have no access to potable water or clean packing space. As a result of this grant, Seasonal Harvest will be able to procure from additional underserved farms to serve their growing community of customers.

including the Green Bay Packers.

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community in Bowler, Wis., will construct a facility to process and store food such as Lenape beans, Mohican corn, and Indigenous squash grown on their Tribal farm as part of their strategic plan to protect and promote local food and community selfgovernance. This project is part of a set of proposals coordinated by the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Coalition (GLIFC) designed to form a statewide network of mid-supplychain infrastructure-supporting economic opportunities for underserved producers across the state.

Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative in Waupaca, Wis., will build out its existing warehouse and trucking fleet, optimizing distribution routes to collaborate with and link together sub-hub, or smaller on-farm, and Tribal aggregation initiatives across the state. This improvement will benefit an estimated 250 local and regional producers. The improved aggregation infrastructure will be used to focus distribution efforts to distressed communities, schools, and early childhood education programs, and smaller-scale grocery and food service buyers.



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Wolf ecology clinic held in Necedah

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Friends of Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and the Timber Wolf Education Network (TWIN) invite anyone interested in wolf ecology to attend a one day clinic on Feb. 1. The clinic is in two parts and begins at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, N11365 Headquarters Road, Necedah. The morning session, from 9-11:30, information includes Wolf Management Wisconsin. Conflict Management, and Natural History of Wolves. This portion is limited

to the first 50 people to **Participants** register. must be over the age of 12. Anyone between ages 13 and 16 in attendance must be accompanied by an adult.

The afternoon session, limited to twenty people, takes participants onto the refuge. While in the field, TWIN volunteers hope to show and interpret wolf See CLINIC page 8





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Rep. Spiros takes oath of office

Spiros (R-Marshfield) was officially sworn in to his 7th term representing the 86th Assembly District.

"I am excited to be a member of the 107th Wisconsin State Legislature and especially proud to continue to represent the residents of the 86th. I look forward to continuing to work on the district's priorities," stated Rep. Spiros.

Rep. Spiros is part of the 54 member MARSHFIELD-Representative John Assembly Republican majority this session. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Transportation. He also serves on the Committees on State Affairs; Science, Technology and AI; Veterans and Military Affairs; and on the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules.



Driver's safety speaker to speak at Parkinson's Support Group

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Steven Selz, Driver Education Academy, will speak on Driver's Safety at Parkinson's Support Group on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 AM. Driver Education Academy has provided comprehensive driving education programs in the Marshfield area since 1988

and is licensed by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation.

Parkinson's Support Group meets at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 211 S. Maple Avenue, Marshfield. This presentation is free and open to the public.



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sign, discuss census survey techniques, and discuss winter ecology of other creature signs opportunistically encountered. Attendance in the morning session is required to take part in the afternoon fieldwork, from 1-3. Anyone staying for the entire day should bring their own lunch as well as dress for the weather, including waterproof boots. People with ambulatory issues need to evaluate their ability to participate as the outdoor component is strenuous.

Register at refugeregistrations765@gmail.com

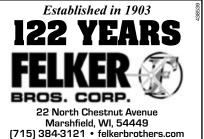
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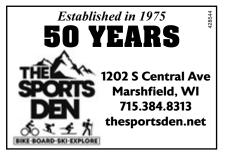
















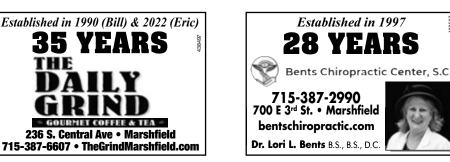
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conference honors. Lor, a forward for the Warriors, earned a spot as the sole Sophomore on the WVC's All-Conference 2nd Team after leading the conference in assists and scoring 10 goals in West's second place conference finish on the season. Meanwhile, Fredrick, a central midfielder and recent UW - Stevens Point commit, was a unanimous 1st Team pick for the second year, was selected as the Wisconsin Valley Conference Player of the Year, and was named to the 2024 All-State Team after helping lead the Tigers to a Regional Championship. The duo looks to carry over these successes from their Fall seasons to the experience in Florida, If selected to continue onto the National ODP level, they would join the company of fellow area athlete, Jenna Baumann, who also navigated the ODP soccer pathway and achieved that accomplishment in recent years. Baumann was a 2024 D.C. Everest graduate and is now a member of the Wisconsin Badgers Women's Soccer program.

Photo 1: Kaito Lor of Wausau West High School.

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Photo 2: Keegan Fredrick of Marshfield High School.

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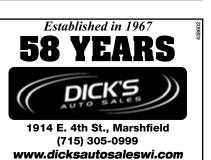




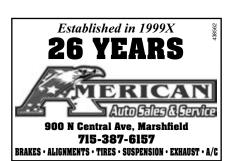
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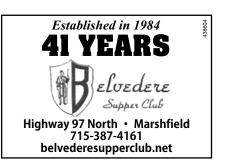




















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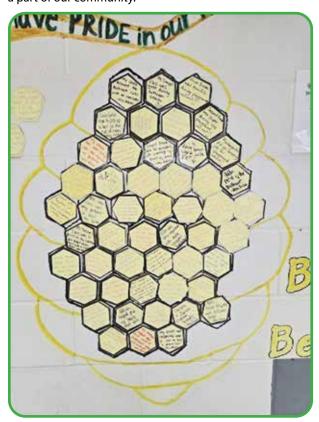
A weekly feature highlighting school news from around the area!

COLBY AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



Greetings Everyone-

My name is Matt Cihlar, and I am the new elementary principal in Colby, WI. I am excited to take this opportunity to share with you some of the great things happening in our school. Our motto at Colby Elementary is "Pride in the Hive." Many of our systems revolve around this motto. Along with pride in the hive, we stress to our students the importance of the 3 B's: be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. Not only do we want our students to grow academically, but we also want to create independent, productive citizens to be a part of our community.



It has been a busy start to the school year. One of our biggest initiatives this year has been the adoption of our new English Language Art curriculum, CKLA. One of the main purposes of switching to this curriculum is to better align to Act 20 requirements. Act 20 is a new Wisconsin state law that focuses on early literacy for all students. Our staff has been working diligently to learn this new curriculum, and have spent many hours in professional development to master the "in's and out's" of it. As I walk the halls of our school, I am constantly in awe of how our teachers have embraced this curriculum, and how the conversations around doing what is best for our students occur.

Along with this new curriculum and Act 20, we have continued to refine our behavior program, PBIS. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, which is a research-based framework that helps schools create a safe and positive environment for all students. One of our goals in this program is to "fill the hive" for an all school reward. The hive gets filled when a staff member sees a student going above and beyond what is expected when students are out and about. When staff members see this, they fill out a hive piece and place it in the hive. It is always exciting to see the reaction of our students when the hive gets close to being filled! Rewards have been an extra recess, popcorn and a movie, and hot chocolate.

Another program that we do to recognize our students that go above and beyond is our monthly Super Stinger assemblies. Each month, we focus on a character trait and recognize our students that have excelled in this area. During these assemblies, a group of teachers organizes a short slideshow talking about the characteristics that we are focusing on, and gives examples of what that looks like. Students then practice what that character trait is during the assembly, and then go and take action on their own. Students who are our Super Stingers receive a certificate and a prize for winning! We are so proud of our students for displaying these characteristics that make a great citizen!

This fall, we had a visit from our local fire department (Central Fire and EMS) to talk to our students about fire safety. Central Fire and EMS volunteers came in and gave



a short presentation to our students about fire safety, and then had the opportunity to go into the smokehouse. The smokehouse is a small trailer (that looks like a house) that students go into, along with our first responders, and fills up with smoke. Students then need to use the skills that they learned during the presentation to get themselves out of the house and to a safe area. Our volunteers then debrief with students on how they did. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up time in their day to come and educate our students about fire safety.

Also this fall, we have some of our high school students that are involved in the Educators Rising program come into our building and work with our students and staff. Educators Rising is a program for students aspiring to be teachers to come into a teacher's classroom and get handson experience working with students. This program is different from a student coming into a classroom and just helping a teacher. These students learn from some of our veteran teachers the skills it takes to run a classroom on a daily basis. Students then work with our staff to plan lessons and team teach with our staff. We are so grateful to our teachers who are willing to go above and beyond to help our high school students to see if teaching is something they want to pursue one day!

Over the holidays, we had a surprise guest stop by the elementary school, the grinch and Santa Clause! Santa stopped by each classroom and delivered a book to each

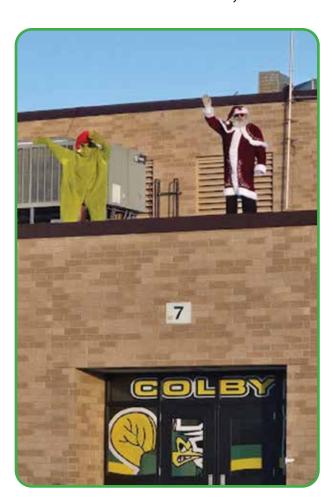


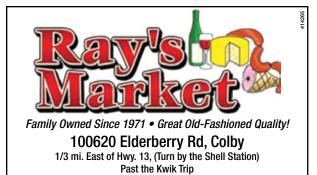
student in grades K-5 (thank you Santa), and had a short time listening to what students wanted for Christmas. And the grinch, well he was up to his usual shenanigans! The grinch made stops in classrooms, in the lunch room, the health room, and even ended up on the roof with Santa to say good-bye to students before they left for winter break. We ended the school day on the last day before break with an all school sing and dance party! Needless to say, it was a very enjoyable day for students!

There is not enough room to tell you about all of the great things happening in Colby. In my short time here, I already know that Colby is a special place to be. I am so proud of how our school and community work together to support each other to help create productive citizens who will be the future of our community. We know that it takes a village to raise a child, and the Colby community does an outstanding job working together to accomplish this. We are proud to call Colby home! Go Hornets!

Matt Cihlar **Elementary Principal** Colby Public Schools







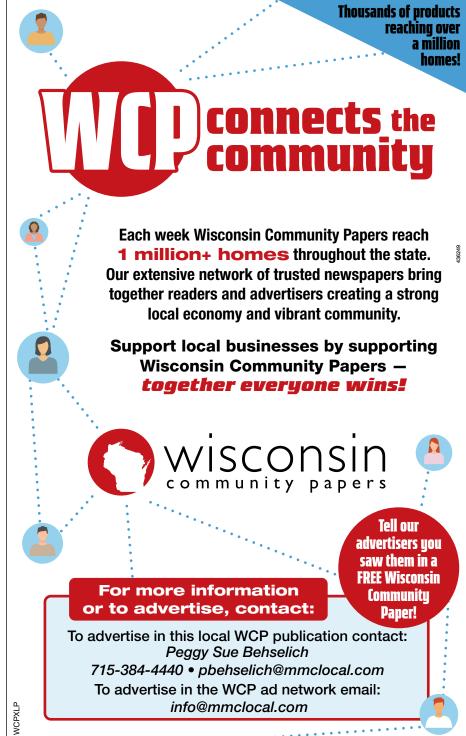
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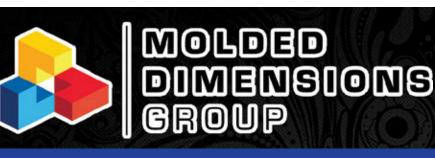
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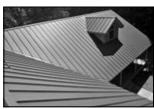


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Sen. Testin to chair **Agriculture and Revenue Committee**

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - Senate leadership has announced committee assignments for the upcoming legislative session, and Sen. Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) has been selected to be the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Revenue.

"The agriculture industry, which is a ignificant driver of our state's economy, employs nearly 12 percent of our workers and generates an annual economic impact of more than \$100 billion," Sen. Testin said. "I am eager to advance bills that help our farmers strengthen the agriculture sector while also protecting our natural resources and the health of our residents. As for the revenue aspect of the committee, I expect to move forward legislation that cuts taxes for all Wisconsinites and makes our state more competitive for future opportunities.'

During the 2025-26 legislative session, Sen. Testin will also serve as vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Health. In addition, Sen. Testin will be the co-chair of the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions and a member of the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and



Sporting Heritage and the Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology.

Earlier this month, Sen. Testin was also named the Senate vice-chair of the budgetwriting Joint Finance Committee.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. This regulates cortisol production (abbr.) 5. People of northern

Vietnam

8. Employee stock ownership plan

12. Regions

14. The center of a city

15. Hindu serpentine deity

16. Roared

18. Sun up in New York 19. "Sir" in Malaysian

20. Shrimp dish

21. Muckraker Tarbell

22. Apex

23. Harmonic effects 26. One of Babe Ruth's nicknames

30. Groups in organic chemistry

31. More pleasant-tasting

32. Spring forward

33. Noted writer

34. Building occupied by monks

39. "The world's most famous arena"

42. Colorless liquid hvdrocarbon

44. Long or fast speech 46. Things you can eat

47. Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned

49. Actor Idris

50. I (German)

51. Taxes 56. Indonesian island

57. Nuisance (slang)

58. Shawl 59. Digits

60. Moved on foot quickly

61. "For goodness __

62. Facial body part

63. Russian river

64. Urinates

CLUES DOWN

1. Partner to "oohs"

2. Scaly water dweller 3. Pueblo people of New Mexico

4. Music producer Teo 5. Greek mythological

6. Got together to discuss 7. Acquires

8. Involve

goddess

9. Some are tomato-based

10. Old Irish alphabets

11. A sheet of glass in a window or door

13. Blood poisoning

17. A moon of Saturn

24. Neither

25. Sums

26. They follow "A"

27. Satisfaction 28. People of southeastern

Burma 29. Small amount

35. Guy (slang)36. Sound unit

37. Midway between northeast and east

38. Affirmative 40. Almost at the top

41. Extremely slow

42. Pearl Jam's debut album

43. Influential mid-century playwright

44. Martens

45. Approval

47. Dallas-adjacent Texas city

48. African nation

49. Dark brown or black 52. A place to get caught

53. Large-headed, elongated fish

54. Type of sword 55. Scottish tax or levy

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Clark County Community Foundation Inc. announces 2024 grant cycle recipients

WOOD COUNTY--The Clark County Community Foundation announced the 2024 Grant Cycle Award Recipients. With the help of donors, the Foundation is able to award the following

organizations, needed funds to help accomplish their missions, move forward with projects and benefit Clark County

Congratulations to these 13 area nonprofit organizations who will receive a total of \$9,400 this year through the Foundation's Clark County Community

Zion Lutheran Church - Colby -Early Childhood Program - Playground Equipment

United Church of Christ - Neillsville -Monthly Food Meals Program

Clark County Victim Witness Services -Translating devices

Clark County Homemakers HCE -Bookworm Project



City of Greenwood Main Street Committee - new City signage

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Inc, - materials for new beds project

City of Neillsville - Beautification

Committee – Prock Park Project Clark County Health Department Hydroponic Gardens in area School

Districts Central Clark County Community Childcare Center - needed equipment

Neillsville Improvement Corporation -Rails to Trails Project

Willard Historical Society - Settler's Park maintenance

American Red Cross of Wisconsin welcomes new regional Chief **Development Officer**

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The American Red Cross of Wisconsin announced that Melinda Lanham has been named Regional Chief Development Officer. In this role, Melinda will work with external partners - including local businesses and business leaders, individual donors, board members, and volunteers - to advance the Red Cross mission by raising funds to support the organization's work.

"We are delighted to welcome Melinda to the American Red Cross of Wisconsin," said Mark Thomas, Regional Executive and CEO of the Red Cross of Wisconsin. "Melinda brings a wealth of fundraising experience to the Red Cross mission, having served in leadership and volunteer roles for over 20 years which will undoubtedly strengthen our ability to deliver aid, support communities, and fulfill our mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering."

Prior to joining the American Red Cross, Melinda served as Sales Manager at Proctor & Gamble, as a recruiter for Pinstripe Talent Inc., and as the Director of Development at Versiti Blood Research Institute Foundation. Most recently, Melinda was the Senior Director of Development, Major Gifts, at Vivent Health, formerly known as the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

Committed to supporting community, Melinda has been a long-time member of the Board of Directors for St. Anthony on the Lake. Past volunteer and



board commitments also include Junior Achievement Women's Association Board of Directors and Kathy's House Board of Directors.

A native of Indiana, Melinda holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

"I am honored to join the American Red Cross, an organization with such a noble history of delivering comfort, compassion, and hope in the face of disasters," said Melinda. "I look forward to leveraging my fundraising experience and working sideby-side with the extraordinary volunteers,

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Applications for wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp funding due Feb. 14



Apply for funding for projects through the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Fund by Feb. 14, 2025. **Photo by Bob Hasse**

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is now accepting applications for Wild Turkey. Pheasant, and Waterfowl Stamp funding. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 14, 2025.

Stamp funds are available to nonprofit conservation organizations, academic institutions and government units focused on habitat management for wild turkeys, pheasants and waterfowl. For turkey and pheasant stamps, funds are also available for outreach, education and research. The funding for successful applicants will be available during the DNR's 2026 and 2027 fiscal years.

For the 2026/2027 competitive grant cycle, \$500,000 is anticipated to be available for turkey projects, \$300,000 for pheasant projects and \$650,000 for waterfowl projects. Funds are generated from the sale of state wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamps and a portion of conservation patron license sales. While

stamps are required to hunt these species, collectors and nature enthusiasts can also purchase the stamps to help support wildlife habitat across the state.

By state law, 60% of pheasant stamp funds are reserved for game farm pheasant production, while 33% of waterfowl stamp funds are reserved for habitat projects in Canada, where a significant proportion of Wisconsin's fall ducks are reared.

'Wisconsin's wildlife stamp programs have been a cornerstone for conservation funding and delivery in Wisconsin for over 40 years," said Eric Lobner, DNR Wildlife Management Program director. "The DNR encourages conservation partners to apply and compete for funding through these grant programs to deliver quality habitat for populations of game birds and other wildlife species."

For eligibility information and criteria, application guidance, funding priorities and further information, visit the Stamp Grant Opportunities and Application webpage.

Nelson Jameson and NEXT Logistics win Two Safety **Recognition Awards**



FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Nelson-Jameson, distributor in the food processing industry, has been recognized for outstanding worker safety at its Marshfield, Wisconsin and Turlock, California facilities and its trucking operation with the 2024 International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) Dairy Industry Safety Recognition Award.

For over two decades, IDFA has celebrated workplace safety achievements within the U.S. dairy industry through its annual recognition program. Now in its 21st year, the initiative highlights companies committed to fostering safe work environments.

To qualify for the award, participants provided comprehensive applications, including occupational injury and illness performance rates and a detailed narrative outlining safety training initiatives and proactive measures. These applications were evaluated based on equal consideration of OSHA-reported injury statistics and the narratives provided

"At Nelson-Jameson, we are deeply committed to the belief that every accident and injury can be prevented. Safety is at the heart of our daily operations across all of our strategic distribution centers nationwide," says Mike Rindy, President of Nelson-Jameson. "Receiving this recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our employees, who continuously strive to create a safer workplace and protect the well-being of our team."

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DNR now accepting entries for 2026 State Park and Forest 12-month vehicle admission pass



Entries can be submitted through April 30.

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FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is now accepting artwork entries from high school students for the 2026 12-month Wisconsin state park and forest vehicle admission pass.

The annual DNR-sponsored design contest is open to all high school-age students in Wisconsin who attend public, private and parochial schools or are homeschooled. Artwork entries should focus on outdoor recreation, animals or plants in Wisconsin.

"With the transition to a 12-month admission pass format, we're excited to see what inspiration and creativity is generated by high schoolers across the state. This is a great opportunity for students to blend their artistic passion and interest in our natural resources," said

Steve Schmelzer, Parks and Recreation Management Bureau director. "We are grateful for all of the students who submit artwork. It's always a pleasure to see the entries, and it's never an easy choice to pick just one design."

The vehicle admission passes provide access to more than 60 state park, forest and recreation area properties across Wisconsin. All motor vehicles entering state parks and recreation areas must have a vehicle admission pass. Some state forest and trail parking areas also require a pass.

Materials for the 2026 sticker design contest are now available, and students can submit entries through April 30, 2025.

Rules, submission guidelines, tips for a winning design and past sticker design winners are available on the DNR's State Park Pass Design Contest webpage.

RED CROSS

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donors, and staff to advance the Red Cross mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in times of crisis."

The American Red Cross of Wisconsin works from five state chapters and serves

68 counties in Wisconsin and eight counties in the U.P., delivering disaster care, veteran support, blood services, and health/safety classes to 5.8 million people. In fiscal year 2023, Red Cross volunteers provided care, food, hope, and shelter to more than 3,874 people following local disasters. Volunteers helped install nearly 3,153 smoke alarms throughout the Wisconsin Region.

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NEXT Logistics, part of the Nelson-Jameson Family of Companies, also won the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) Fleet Safety Award. The 2024 TCA Fleet Safety Award, which recognizes the safest truckload fleets in North America, divides honorees into six categories based on fleet size, with the top division reserved for carriers exceeding 100 million miles annually. In its first year participating,

NEXT Logistics qualified for Division 1, which includes carriers with less than 5 million miles. With 1.5 million accident-free miles logged during fiscal year 2024, the company secured third place in its division.

Earlier this year, NEXT Logistics was also recognized for the third consecutive year with a Wisconsin Motor Carrier Association's (WMCA) Fleet Safety Award, honoring fleets operating safely within Wisconsin. The fleet logged 545,507 accident-free miles driven in the state.

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Advancing healthcare education through innovation

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD-and Central Technical College working together bring immersive reality technology into healthcare education. partnership giving students a chance to experience clinical scenarios like never before, helping them feel more prepared for real-world challenges.

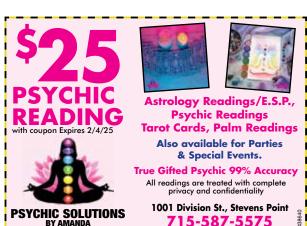
NTC's new Simulation Center features immersive room funded by the Health 4.0 grant. "With immersive reality, we can create scenarios students might not encounter during traditional training," said Reed Champagne, NTC's Manager of Education Technology. "We change the room's background, add sounds, and even smells to mimic real clinical settings. It gives students a much deeper understanding than they

in a classroom."

Aspirus employees, like nursing student Aspen Gunnlaugsson, are already seeing the benefits. "The realistic structure is so like clinical settings. It's helped me feel more confident in my skills and ready for patient care," Aspen shared. She also noted that the immersive technology made it easier to refresh her knowledge after taking time off, which prepared her for clinical rotations.

The immersive room

also allows students to tackle complex scenarios that they might not experience during their training. "We can't guarantee students will see every type of case in real life, but this technology helps fill those gaps," Champagne explained. He added that by integrating sounds, visuals, and even smells, students are better prepared to respond effectively to various situations when they enter the workforce.





WITTENBERG

A family man runs the 2024-2025 Midwest Division Champions

BY DANIELLE SNEDEKER

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--It is not a surprise that the River Kings are tied for first place during the 2024-2025 hockey season with the Hudson Havocs holding the rival slot.

Coach Paul Pechmann, leads his team with 19-16-2. Pechmann is accustomed to bringing the team to victory. Last year saw a season of 37-7, with diverse players from Italy, Hungary, the Czech Republic, England and Canada, and finishing off with a National Championship win.

Their regular season runs for 44 days and loyal fans can come support them at River Kings Hockey Club. Fans can cheer and travel all over Wisconsin for their belevolved team win. But, these players have achieved more than wins on the hockey rink.

What drives the teams' success is not the accumulation of titles or accolades gained. It is how Pechmann is an empathetic, influential, and a parental leader. Pechmann has had players come back as mentors, Pechmann has supported former players at graduations, and even guides them to UHL, USHL, and NCAA.

Keeping Pechmann around for ten years was an easy choice for him, the River Kings had quite the prestigious line of coaches to follow. However, Pechmann has stayed in the Rapids forefront and continues to show up for his players and community.

When asked if he had any Joe Pavelski candidates standing out this season—Pechmann said, "We are a team effort here," Although, "Lucas Whitehead,"-number 25 defense-"He's a lighthearted kid. Whitehead leads by example. Bleeds Green and Black." Pechmann shines though with his leadership qualities—transparently transferring them over to his players. Pechmann continued, "I have everything they got, because I wanted to go where they want to go. For example, a one hour loss in the rink we want to know who we are and what the problem was. My team holds itself accountable."

Hockey, being one of the most expensive sports in the nation—the fiscal responsibility isn't a Davy Croket story. But that doesn't deter Coach Pechmann or the team from reaching out for financial aid when necessary. Especially this time



of year. Upon the coming season, Coach Pechmann wants recruits or players to try to feel welcomed, not burdened, but at home. Pechmann's number one goal is to make a difference in his players' life. To lead them on to bigger and better things. A shot for Nationals this coming year is second. He greatly understands the goals and achievements this team has to offer are meant for every social class in the community

"To seek education opportunities for the student athlete and to aid them in those opportunities. To build interest through fostering community spirit and involvement." Pechmann holds the great qualities of candor, enthusiasm, and empathy the players need. Finally, when asked who he would have dinner with dead or alive and why? Coach Pechmann responded, "My sister." And there was no reason to ask why. Coach Paul Pechmann is a family man



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