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# Local couple to open restaurant on the UWSP at Marshfield campus

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD—A new restaurant opened this week at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Marshfield campus, offering breakfast and lunch to students, faculty, staff and community members.

The Hungry Hub held their grand opening on Monday, Jan. 27, at the UWSP at Marshfield Commons. Operated by Sherri and Bruce Winer of Marshfield, the restaurant will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays, with expanded

hours for evening events at the university such as concerts and theatre performances.

"The restaurant gives us the opportunity to bring the community to the UWSP Marshfield campus," said Sherri Winer. "We are looking forward to offering a variety of foods and getting to know the students here."

The couple began their food service journey with The Daily Special food truck, which is operated with their

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Sherri and Bruce Winer, pictured with their son, Adam, are opening a new restaurant at UWSP at Marshfield. Adam operates The Daily Special food truck in Marshfield.

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# JustServe collects over 400 pounds of bedding in donation drive

**FOR CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY--In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Day of Service, JustServe organized a Bedding Drive to benefit the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) in Wausau. This initiative, inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s words, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve," brought several local communities together to address a vital need for refugee families resettling in Central Wisconsin.

ECDC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping refugees from around the world rebuild safe, sustainable lives. Recently, ECDC - Wausau received a donation of 150 beds from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but urgently needed bedding to accompany the beds. JustServe recognized this opportunity to serve and launched the bedding drive to help meet the need.

Thanks to the generosity of several Central Wisconsin communities, the drive collected over 400 pounds of bedding. Contributions came from a diverse group of donors and organizations, including: Faith Lutheran Church Piece Corps Ministry and Round Barn Quilters in Marshfield, Trinity Lutheran Church Quilters and Roche-a-Cri Lions Club in Arkdale, Pine Tree Quilters Guild in Wausau, Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wausau, Marshfield, Gresham, and Adams-Friendship, HCE Dedicated Divas of Marathon County, and community members across Central Wisconsin.

"Our goal was not only to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service but to make a meaningful difference for refugees who are rebuilding their lives," said Cassie Ashby, JustServe Specialist for Central Wisconsin. "King's message reminds us

that service is a powerful way to uplift others and strengthen our communities.

The collective response to this drive has been truly inspiring."



# Vehicle fire leaves one deceased

**FOR CITY TIMES**

MARSHFIELD--On Jan. 21, at approximately 1:52 in the morning, Wood County Dispatch Center received the report of a vehicle on fire with an individual inside of it on Heritage Drive near County Road A, in the Township of Cameron. The Wood County Sheriff's Department, Marshfield Police Department, and Marshfield Fire Department responded to the scene. Life

saving measures were attempted with the operator of the vehicle, Robin R. Skorie (64) of Bryant. These attempts were unsuccessful and Skorie was pronounced deceased at the scene. Initial on scene investigation indicates the vehicle was traveling east bound on Heritage Drive, crossed the center line, and crashed into a utility pole located in the ditch line. This incident remains under investigation by the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

# American Airlines enhances service at Central Wisconsin Airport: larger aircraft and third daily flight

**FOR CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY--Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) announced significant enhancements to its flight offerings, providing travelers with more convenience, comfort, and connectivity.

Beginning March 6, American Airlines, operated by Envoy Air, will introduce state-of-the-art Embraer 170 (E170) aircraft to its CWA service. This dual-class, 65-seat aircraft will elevate the travel experience, offering passengers the convenience of first-class and main cabin options.

Currently, American Airlines serves CWA using 50-seat aircraft. As part of a transition plan of increasing flights and introducing premium cabins, American will consistently offer three daily flights to its Chicago O'Hare hub (ORD) starting April 4.

The most exciting development arrives on June 5, when all three daily flights will be upgraded to the dual-class, 65-seat E170 aircraft. This upgrade underscores American Airlines' commitment to providing premium service at CWA.

"This marks a significant milestone for Central Wisconsin Airport and our community," said Chris Dickinson, Airport

Board Chair at CWA. "The addition of the E170 aircraft not only elevates the flying experience with dual-class seating but also reflects the confidence American Airlines has in the growth of our region. We're excited to offer our passengers enhanced comfort, convenience, and connectivity."

"American looks forward to adding more flights and dual-class service between Central Wisconsin Airport and our Chicago O'Hare hub," said Jordan Pack, American's Director of Domestic Network Planning. "We are pleased to offer travelers more ways to customize their experience as they travel with American to ORD and beyond."

American Airlines' commitment to Central Wisconsin will make traveling for business and leisure more accessible and enjoyable. With seamless connections through Chicago O'Hare and premium service offerings, American Airlines is helping position Central Wisconsin Airport as a top-tier regional travel hub.

For flight schedules, booking, and more information, visit [www.flycwa.com](http://www.flycwa.com) or [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). Tickets are available for purchase now.

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# MMCCU President David Murphy named to Small Credit Union Council

### FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--MMCCU announced President David Murphy has been appointed to the Small Credit Union Council of America's Credit Unions for a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2025. This appointment recognizes Murphy's dedication to advancing the credit union movement and his commitment to supporting small credit unions nationwide.



Branden Bodendorfer

union movement," said Murphy. Council members meet virtually on a monthly basis and will convene in person prior to the 2025 Governmental Affairs Conference to discuss key initiatives. Murphy's appointment highlights his leadership in the credit union sector and MMCCU's dedication to serving its members and the community.

The Small Credit Union Council plays a vital role in tracking public policy issues, assessing their impact on smaller credit unions, and promoting unity across institutions of all sizes. The council's mission includes defending the cooperative, not-for-profit structure of credit unions and ensuring the unique challenges of smaller credit unions—defined as those with approximately \$100 million in assets or less—are addressed.

"I'm honored to join the Small Credit Union Council and collaborate with industry leaders to advocate for policies that protect and strengthen the credit

# Aspirus announces expansion to elevate critical care across region



### FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Aspirus Wausau Hospital is embarking on an expansion designed to meet growing critical care needs and position the hospital as a destination for complex, specialized care. This multi-phase project is scheduled to begin in early 2025.

"This expansion positions Aspirus Wausau Hospital as the destination for specialized health care in Northcentral Wisconsin," said Matt Heywood, Aspirus President and CEO. "It is a direct response to the growing needs of our patients and communities. By increasing capacity and access to advanced technology, we are ensuring timely care and creating efficiencies that benefit everyone."

**Key Features of the Expansion:**  
Increased Capacity: 48 intermediate care beds and a 16-bed observation unit to address growing patient needs, with provisions for future Intensive Care Unit expansion.

**Advanced Diagnostics:** A new fixed PET/CT scanner to improve cancer services and minimize patient travel for critical imaging.

**Specialized Care Units:** Redesigned spaces to better support care teams and deliver exceptional patient outcomes.

**Expanded Surgical Facilities:** Upgraded spaces to meet rising patient demand and improve operational efficiency.

"This expansion is designed for flexibility and foresight," Heywood added. "It will enhance patient flow, improve care transitions, and strengthen collaboration



Matt Heywood

across our specialized care teams. By providing better tools and resources, we are empowering our staff to deliver the highest level of care efficiently and effectively."

Aspirus recognizes the importance of planning for future health care needs. With an aging population and increasing complexity in patient care, this \$227 million investment—the largest in Aspirus' history—reflects the organization's dedication to enhancing access, capacity, and specialized services for the communities it serves.

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### On Aging and Invisibility

Dear Reader,

As we age, we begin to relinquish the power and foundation we spent a lifetime building. The network of friends, family, and community that once anchored us starts to loosen. The lives we touched, and that touched us, continue on—but often without us in the same role. In the fourth quarter of life, we find ourselves gradually diminished, both in presence and influence.



While aging can bring invisibility, it can also bring clarity. Freed from the need to prove ourselves or chase accolades, we can rediscover what truly matters. We can focus on what is eternal—love, kindness, and wisdom—sharing it in ways that go beyond words.

Invisibility is also a kind of freedom. It gives us the space to observe, reflect, and create without the distractions of being in the spotlight. We can use this time to mentor others, pass on our stories, and nurture relationships that bring depth rather than breadth to our lives. Our wisdom, experience, and quiet presence can still be a source of strength and guidance for those who choose to notice.

The fourth quarter of life does not have to be about fading into the background; instead, it can offer new ways to shine. It can be a time to embrace the joy of being, rather than doing, and to show the world—and ourselves—that the gifts we offer do not have to diminish with age.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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

Retirement marks a turning point. Once the initial transition settles, the mutual accord of separation sets in—we are no longer integral to the rhythm of daily work. We search for ways to fill our days, to occupy time, and to maintain purpose.

Yet as life plods on, our involvement begins to wane. At family gatherings, meals, or community events, our voices may not carry the same weight. Fewer people ask for our thoughts or lean in to listen. The slow fade of relevance takes hold. And then one day, it happens. You walk into a room—crowded or quiet—and feel unseen. You have become invisible.

But this need not be the end of the story.

# Mid-State Technical College to host Dr. Temple Grandin, autism and animal behavior expert

### FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS - Mid-State Technical College will host prominent author and speaker on autism and animal behavior Dr. Temple Grandin on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The event will be held at the Sentry Theater in Stevens Point from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

All community members are invited to attend the free event. Advanced registration is recommended to secure your spot. On-site registration will be available if space allows.

At the event, Dr. Grandin will share her insights and research on autism and animal science. She will explore the diverse ways of thinking, address the stigmas surrounding autism and offer strategies for educators and peers to support students with autism.

Those wishing to learn more about Dr. Grandin before the event can attend a free movie screening of Temple Grandin, an inspiring Emmy Award winning film about her life. Movie screenings and discussions will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 12 to



Dr. Temple Grandin

2 p.m. at Mid-State's Marshfield, Stevens Point Downtown and Wisconsin Rapids campuses. The movie showcases Dr. Grandin's journey, including the challenges she faced and her innovative contributions

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This week St. John the Baptist Primary School is holding a Penny War to benefit the Neal Family Pediatric Diabetes Angel Fund. Columbus Catholic Schools have students with Type 1 Diabetes in all three Columbus buildings. Pennies and dollars are "good points" (students put these in their grade's jar) while silver coins "subtract points" (students put these in another grade's jar). The grand prize of extra recess will go to the lucky winners.

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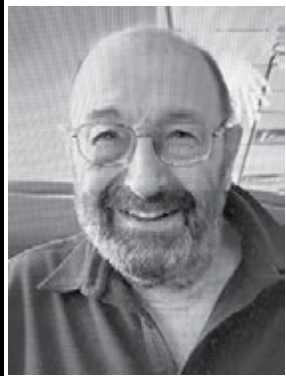


# OBITUARIES

## VIOLET A. LEONARD

Violet A. Leonard, 94, Marshfield, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at Serenity Living, Marshfield. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 Rembs Funeral Home, Marshfield with visitation from 9:00 am until the time of service. Rev. Chris Schwantes will officiate. The service will be streamed online at [www.facebook.com/rembsfuneralhomes](http://www.facebook.com/rembsfuneralhomes). Burial will take place at Brooklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Town of Richfield, Wood County on June 13, 2025 followed by a celebration of life at Rembs Celebration Center on June 14, 2025.

To send condolences and read Violet's full obituary, please visit [www.rembsfh.com](http://www.rembsfh.com)



## BARRY EDELSTEIN

Barry Bernard Edelstein M.D. PH.D., passed away Jan 14, 2025 at his home in Marshfield. Barry was born January 25, 1939 in Brooklyn N.Y. to Sam and Eva Edelstein. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School and New York University where he received the Regents Scholarships for medicine from the state of New York May 1956 and December 1958. He was a New York University Honors Scholar in the College of Science class of June 1959.

Barry earned his Doctor of Medicine at State University of New York Down State College of Medicine June 1963. He then completed his internship in medicine at University of Chicago Hospital June 25, 1964.

But Barry was a scientist at heart and loved physics and mathematics. He went on to earn a PH.D. in theoretical biology at University of Chicago. His research at Chicago and the University of Brussels, Belgium included studies published in the Journals of Theoretical Biology 1969 and 1970. He did research with Ilya Prigogine, Noble Prize winner in chemistry 1977. Research funding became scarce, so Barry returned to medicine and graduated from the University of Chicago earning a degree in radiology from the American college of radiology June 1975. He practiced diagnostic radiology at the University of Chicago, Christ Hospital and Medical Center Chicago, and from 1985 to 2012 at the Marshfield Clinic until his retirement.

Aside from his brilliant intellectual side, Barry loved and valued all people. He was a world traveler, competitive squash player, avid reader, jogged when able, and most of all fished the lakes on his northern Wisconsin cabin. A lover of classical and jazz music and wine he was known for a fine palate with trophies from wine tastings. Barry had a wonderful sense of humor not taking life too seriously, always ready with a good joke.

He is survived by his wife Maria, his son Scott of Rockville, Maryland, two grandchildren, Adam and Cayla Edelstein, and his brother Stuart, of Pearl River, New York. Also survived by former spouse Celina Berkowitz, Chicago, stepson Brian Mancl (Kim) Eau Claire Wi., step-grandchildren Chris, Trevor, and Zoie, and great grandchildren Aubrey and Jaxon, sisters-in-law Sharee Sifferath, AZ and Denise Kann, WI, and nephews Brian and Jason Edelstein.

Barry was predeceased by his parents, and spouse Rachael Edelstein, and stepson Matthew Mancl.

Family is grateful to Compassus Home Hospice, Marshfield respite care, special Friends and Home Health Aides, and Dr. Jerry Goldberg who provided him with wonderful care. A memorial service will be private by family as he requested. Condolences may be sent online at [www.rembsfh.com](http://www.rembsfh.com)



## WILLIAM J. STAUBER

William J. Stauber, 66, Marshfield, Wisconsin, unexpectedly and peacefully passed away on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, January 24, 2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Marshfield, with visitation from 9:00 am until the time of service with Reverend Dan Thelen officiating, assisted by Deacon Kevin Breit. The service will be streamed

online at [www.facebook.com/rembsfuneralhomes](http://www.facebook.com/rembsfuneralhomes). A Knights of Columbus rosary service will be held at 9:00 am. Burial to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Marshfield. Rembs Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Bill was born on March 24, 1958 in Marshfield to Roman and Virginia (Kraus) Stauber Sr. He attended St. John's Elementary School and graduated from Marshfield High School.

Bill worked 40+ years at Weyerhaeuser where he became a well-respected and highly skilled wood stain technician. He was an artisan in his craft and mentored new employees in his field.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Father John Eisen Council, Whitetails Unlimited, and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC).

Bill was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast with a special love for Harley Davidsons, proudly building a prized 1965 Harley Davidson Sportster. As a kid, he enjoyed motocross and carried that adventurous spirit throughout his life. Known for his sharp sense of humor and captivating storytelling, Bill embraced life with boundless enthusiasm. He found joy in hunting, downhill skiing, ice fishing, musky fishing, and spending time outdoors. He was an ardent reader of Vietnam War History so to better appreciate those who served and sacrificed so much. He had a passion for music, and cherished going to concerts with friends and family. He also enjoyed taking Amtrak rides out west to ski and soak in the beauty. Uncle Bill was dearly admired by his nieces and nephews. He faithfully took care of his mother after the death of his father. His energy, humor, and zest for life left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

He is survived by siblings, Charles (Sandy) Stauber, Donald (Diane) Stauber, Paul Stauber, Bruce Stauber, and Susan (Deacon Kevin) Breit, Russell (Patricia) Stauber, Roman Stauber Jr., Cathryn (Jeffrey) Bauer. He will be greatly missed by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roman and Virginia, infant brother Matthew Donald, and sisters in law Margaret Stauber and Darcie Stauber.

"He will never lose his way, the law of God is his guide." Deuteronomy 31:6

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## RESTAURANT

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son, Adam, in Marshfield. It offers different foods every week, from breakfast items to twists on ordinary food, like bacon cheeseburger egg rolls, rice bowls, soups and comfort foods. The Hungry Hub will also offer a variety of breakfast, lunch and snack options, along with catering.

Adam Winer and Tony Andrews, the UWSP at Marshfield campus executive, met through connections at a local chiropractic office and discussed having The Daily Special truck stop at the campus for student meals. Bruce Winer then reached out to Andrews to discuss options for a more permanent restaurant solution right on campus, leading to The Hungry Hub.

Bruce and Sherri Winer have lived in Marshfield for more than 30 years. Sherri is a registered nurse and Bruce has had his own lawn care and snow removal business.

"Our campus is thrilled to have The Hungry Hub to provide fellowship and food options for our local community," said Andrews. "I'm excited for the possibilities the restaurant offers for daily meals and special evening events."

# BIRTHS

Jade Chambers and LaTwain Thomas welcomed their son, LaDravidian LaCarter Thomas, on Jan. 17 at 9:56pm, weighing 7lbs and 11oz and measuring 20 1/4".

## Local student Logan Zschernitz graduates from Northern Illinois University

Over 1,150 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in Dec. Included among the graduates was Logan Zschernitz of Spencer, WI, who earned a Master of Science in Sport Management.

## MARSHFIELD AREA PET SHELTER PET OF THE WEEK

# Ralph



Hi, I'm a sweet boy named Ralph and I'm still looking for a forever home! I've been at the shelter for over three months now and I'm fully recovered from my accident. I may be a 3 legged pup, but my 'disability' doesn't slow me down one bit! I love to run and play, and I'm very good with other dogs. I do need a home without cats as they are too tempting to chase, but I would love another dog to play with and keep me company. I'm only about 10 months old so my ideal home would have lots of activities and things for me to do. I've been the bestest boy throughout my whole ordeal and I would really like to get out of the

shelter and into a loving home! If you would like to learn more about me, then apply to schedule a visit! Every dog, cat and child will react differently to a new pet, so proper and safe introductions are always important for a smooth and successful transition. My adoption fee is \$225.

Marshfield Area Pet Shelter does not have open hours for public viewing of adoptable animals, rather are by appointment only. Marshfield Area Pet Shelter can be reached by call or text at (715) 486-5140 to make an appointment. If interested in adopting, please complete the adoption application. Once your application is approved, an appointment will be scheduled to visit with your desired pet. Online application can be found at: [www.marshfieldpetshelter.org/adoption-application](http://www.marshfieldpetshelter.org/adoption-application) All animals are vet examined, spayed/neutered, blood tested and microchipped. If old enough, they receive routine vaccinations.

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On Jan. 16 at 1:46 in the afternoon a caller from Nekoosa described a black SUV sitting at a stop sign, however the car was unoccupied.

On Jan. 17 at 8:47 in the morning a Pittsville caller described a semi-truck tipped over sideways in a ditch.

On Jan. 17 at 3:40 in the afternoon a caller from Marshfield reported tracks on their property belonging to individuals hunting on their property for coyotes. The caller stated they did not give permission for these individuals to hunt.

On Jan. 18 at 8:47 in the morning in Cranmoor a caller reported a vehicle that was flipped over in the water.

On Jan. 18 at 1:32 in the afternoon a caller from Lincoln reported ice cream theft. An individual was caught on camera purchasing other items, but seen on video with ice cream in their pocket, not paid for.

On Jan. 19 at 7:39 in the evening a caller from Pittsville reported a cell phone theft. The caller reported that their husband had his phone stolen at a bar and was able to track the phone's location with the individual who took it.

On Jan. 20 at 11:30 in the morning a Grand Rapids caller reported feeling

threatened by their brother in law. The brother in law reportedly threatened the caller in 2022 and was acting suspicious to the caller. The caller reported the brother in law was making comments about what would happen if something harmed the caller.

On Jan. 21 at 11:47 in the morning a Pittsville caller reported they were missing tools from their tool shed. Milwaukee Tool battery powered chainsaws were missing, only the chainsaws were missing and not the batteries. No other tools or property were reported missing. The caller noted their neighbor has a key to the tool shed and permission to use the tools.

On Jan. 21 at 7:35 in the evening a caller in Rudolph described that their neighbors must have fallen asleep as the neighbor's dogs were running the halls. The caller stated they and their kids were afraid to go inside due to the dogs.

On Jan. 22 at 3:00 in the morning a Wisconsin Rapids caller reported that a father had fallen asleep and the four year old daughter had left the house. The father was outside looking for her, she was believed to have left one hour prior to the call.

# Packers' Tailgate Tour to visit fans around Wisconsin April 8-12

### FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The Green Bay Packers today announced plans for the 'Packers Tailgate Tour,' set for April 8-12, which will travel around Wisconsin to visit with fans and thank them in person for their support.

The event will feature current and alumni Packers players, with current players Josh Jacobs, Tucker Kraft and Lukas Van Ness and alumni players Ahman Green, Jermichael Finley and John Michels scheduled to board the bus, along with Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy.

The Tailgate Tour will stop in Milwaukee on April 8, Madison on April 9, La Crosse on April 10 and Wausau on April 11 before wrapping up in Green Bay on April 12, with a variety of surprise and planned visits to be held in each area.

The fan-favorite Tailgate Tour will appear at nonprofit fundraising events each day and will stop along the route at schools, hospitals, businesses, retirement homes and community centers to present donations and giveaway items and visit with fans

of all ages. To allow for further opportunities for players and alumni to interact with as many fans as possible while raising money for the nonprofits, fans should note that there will once again be no formal autograph sessions.

The tour will be stopping by the below public events, which are available for ticketed guests to attend: Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation will be hosting a fundraising event at the Baird Center in Milwaukee on April 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$75 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at gbpackertour.givesmart.com.

Dairyland Sports will be hosting a fundraising event at the Garver Feed Mill in Madison on April 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 per person, with 300 available in total. To purchase tickets, visit dairylandsports.org/packertailgate.

Hunger Task Force of La Crosse will be hosting a fundraising event at Stoney Creek Hotel in Onalaska on April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Doors will

open at 5 p.m. 325 general admission tickets are available at \$75 per person and can be purchased at lacrosseftf.org.

Patriot K9s of Wisconsin will be hosting a fundraising event at the Crystal Training Institute in Mosinee on April 11, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$75 per person. To purchase tickets, visit patriotk9s.ejoinme.org/packerstailgatetours.

Children's Wisconsin will be hosting a fundraising event at the EPIC Event Center in Ashwaubenon on April 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$75 per adult and \$25 per child, limited to the first 500 fans. Tickets can be purchased online at support.childrenswi.org/packerstailgate.

The tour will take place aboard a customized Green Bay Packers-themed motor coach. In addition to stopping in the designated locations and cities, tour celebrities will make surprise stops along the way as the schedule allows.

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Clark County Humane Society can be reached during open hours of 12-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Phone number: 715-743-4550. Email: petshelter@email.com Mailing Address: CCHS, P.O. Box 127, Neillsville, WI 54456 Located at W3926 State Hwy 73, Neillsville, WI 54456

To fill out an application for Bailey head to Clark County Humane Society's website or found at <https://www.cchs-petshelter.org/dog-adoption-application>

### GRANDIN from page 3

to the field of animal science. Registration is not required for the movie screening.

Temple Grandin is currently a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and has a successful career consulting on both livestock handling equipment design and animal welfare. She has been featured on National Public

Radio (NPR) and a BBC Special, "The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow." She has also appeared on national TV shows such as Larry King Live, 20/20, Sixty Minutes and Fox and Friends, and she has a 2010 TED talk. Articles about Grandin have appeared in Time Magazine, New York Times, Discover Magazine, Forbes and USA Today. She was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016.

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# GREENWOOD AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



## Spanish Club - Trip to Holiday Folk Fair International

On Saturday, November 23, six students from the Greenwood High School Spanish Club made the trip to West Allis, WI for the international festival. Students were exposed to live music, cultural dancing, artisan gifts, and native food from a plethora of different cultures.



Students in Mrs Jaenke's Infant and Toddler class are working toward earning their state certification through DPI by observing and working with children at 7c's Daycare and Learn-A-Lot Preschool in Greenwood. These students will also earn college credit when successfully completing this class.



Greenwood Senior Tysen Lindner surpassed 1,000 career rebounds on Tuesday, January 14th against Loyal. Congratulations to Tysen on this incredible achievement in her high school basketball career!

The Eighth grade science class at GHS is currently studying earthquakes; causes and effects. Pictured here are students building a model to show how buildings can be engineered to withstand earthquakes and sustain less damage. They are utilizing cross-brace reinforced walls to increase torsional flexibility and base isolators with large springs to allow buildings to withstand shaking by permitting some movement.



## BRINGING DOWN the HOUSE



Mark your calendars and join us for Greenwood and Loyal drama department performing Bringing Down the House! Performances will be Friday, April 4 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 6 at 1:30 pm in the Greenwood Cafetorium at Greenwood High School.

The cast is working hard on their read-throughs for this spring's hilarious production. Get ready for a comedy-packed show you won't want to miss.



The 4K class is having snow much fun this week! With indoor recess they brought snow into the classroom; learning about mixing colors using spray bottles and about animals that live in the arctic. They learned about how polar bears can swim in icy water by experimenting with the blubber glove. With the glove on their hand stayed warm when they left it in the snow!

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# LOYAL AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



It's that time of year! 5th graders are celebrating their completion of their fraction units by making cookie dough. They measured, mixed, and enjoyed it. They also practiced their fractions by taking the recipe and completing a worksheet. They enlarged or reduced the recipe, divided up the cookie dough between friends, and added or subtracted ingredients. No "dough" about it, it was a great day!



5th graders were "Over the Moon" with learning about the moon phases. They created the different phases using Oreo cookies. Who knew the moon could be so delicious?

## Spanish

High school Spanish students learned about Antoni Gaudí, a Spanish architect. Gaudí used nature as inspiration for much of his work. He created the famous Parque Güell that can be found in Barcelona. One of the characteristics of Parque Güell that really stands out is his use of mosaics to create beautiful designs. Spanish students replicated and put their own spin on these mosaics by using colorful paper with designs related to Christmas.



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# Mike Dowling in concert Feb. 22

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Mike Dowling grew up near Stevens Point and early in his self-taught career he caught the ears of jazz violinist Joe Venuti, mandolinist Jethro Burns, and fiddle great Vassar Clements. Mike was the guitarist in Vassar's first touring band and can be heard on Clements' Grammy-nominated Nashville Jam. Clements called him, "One of the finest guitarists there is, anywhere."

In 1995, after years in various ensembles and a successful stint as a Nashville songwriter he launched a solo performance career; he opened Wind River Guitar, a unique residency school for private master instruction in Wyoming.

Mike shares a Grammy for his contribution to Pink Guitar, a collaborative compilation of Henry Mancini tunes arranged and performed by twelve of the country's top acoustic guitarists. Pink Guitar, produced by Solid Air Records, was voted Pop Instrumental Album of the Year in 2005.

And now, Mike Dowling returns to his Wisconsin roots, back home to perform for the first time in ages. Don't miss this virtuoso guitarist: one show only, and only at Pittsville, the exact center of the state.

Showtime is Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:00pm at the Pittsville School Auditorium.



General admission tickets available at the door or in advance at the downtown Pittsville office of Wisconsin Farm Business/Ortner Accounting: \$20, special senior rate \$15, youth/students \$3. Online EVENTBRITE.

# Kathy Mancl premieres "Looking Back" music video, a tribute to her central Wisconsin roots

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Kathy Mancl, the talented performer who emerged from the heart of Wisconsin Rapids, debuts the music video for her second single, Looking Back, from her first album, RED HOT LOVER.

Kathy's musical journey began at the young age of 10, when she joined her first band. Influenced by the sounds of Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt, her passion for country and rock has led her to stages across the Midwest, from intimate clubs to theater productions and festivals.

Most recently, Kathy has been captivating audiences with the renowned band Vic Ferrari and their celebrated production of Symphony on the Rocks. Blending powerful rock melodies with the richness of a symphony, these performances have highlighted Kathy's range and her ability to connect with her audience.

Now, Kathy steps into the spotlight with RED HOT LOVER, a debut album that encapsulates her evolution as an artist. Each track reflects her deep roots in contemporary country and rock while



offering listeners an intimate look at her journey.

The music video for Looking Back brings this narrative to life, showcasing Kathy's heartfelt performance and the stories that have shaped her artistry. Fans can stream the video and the full RED HOT LOVER album on all major platforms.

"Looking Back is a deeply personal song for me, one that reflects my journey through music and life," Kathy shares. "I'm thrilled to share it with my fans and hope it resonates with them as much as it does with me."

# UW-Stevens Point to offer speaker series blending arts and culture with conservation

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Discover the relationship between art and wetland habitats with the Wisconsin Center for Wildlife at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "The Art of Waterbird and Wetland Management" speaker series will begin Thursday, Jan. 30, featuring talks from seven land management and creative naturalist professionals.

The series will be held weekly on Thursday nights from 5-6 p.m. in Room 170 of the UW-Stevens Point Trainer Natural Resources Building, and via livestream on the College of Natural Resources (CNR) YouTube channel. All seminars are free and open to the public.

The series will focus on the Federal Duck Stamp and state-level stamp art contests, with speakers addressing

how funds raised from the sale of the stamps are used for conservation of waterbirds and their habitats. Participants will also learn the history and art of decoy carving and how decoys are used to advance scientific research and management objectives. Additional details and livestream links may be found at [www.uwsp.edu/wcw](http://www.uwsp.edu/wcw).

The series is sponsored by the Wisconsin Center for

Wildlife and CNR and was co-organized with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Events include:

Jan. 30 - "Ding's Darling: The Federal Duck Stamp and an American Conservation Hero," Tim Eisele, freelance outdoor writer and photographer

Feb. 6 - "Bird Decoys from the View of a Biologist," Chris Nicolai, waterfowl scientist, Delta Waterfowl

Feb. 13 - "The Artform of Functional Hunting Decoys," Pat Gregory, waterfowler and decoy maker

Feb. 20 - "Managing Wetlands for Waterbirds on Horicon National Wildlife Refuge," Sadie O'Dell, wildlife biologist, Horicon National Wildlife Complex, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Feb. 27 - "Secrets of Secretive Marshbirds," Auriel Fournier, director and associate research scientist, Forbes Biological Station, Illinois Natural History Survey

March 6 - "Wisconsin Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Strategy in Action," Taylor Finger, game bird specialist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

March 13 - "Creativity and Conservation: My Experience with the Federal Duck Stamp Competition," Rebekah Knight, wildlife artist and 2nd place runner-up in the 2024 Federal Duck Stamp Competition



Outdoor writer and photographer, Tim Eisele, and second place runner-up in the 2024 Federal Duck Stamp competition, Rebekah Knight, are among the speakers in the Wisconsin Center for Wildlife Spring 2025 seminar series.

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# Red Cross in need of blood and platelets with weather impacting country

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood or platelets now to help protect the blood supply from the ongoing impact of severe winter weather and wildfires.

Donors of all blood types – particularly type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets – are needed to help save lives this month.

As dangerous snow and ice continue to sweep across the country, and wildfires in Southern California continue to burn and impact air quality, Red Cross blood drive cancellations have grown into the hundreds. Collectively, this has resulted in more than 12,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations in Jan. More winter storms are forecast for this week – including in areas of the U.S. that do not typically experience significant snowfall – which could further strain the blood supply. Additionally, hazardous weather conditions have the potential to make it tougher to move vital blood products across the Red Cross network, possibly affecting deliveries to hospitals in some locations. As National Blood Donor Month continues, the time to give is now.

Where it is safe to do so, donors are asked to book a time to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give Jan. 27-Feb. 28, 2025, will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Flurry for details.

## Donation Opportunities in Wood County

### Marshfield

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

2/19/2025: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Marshfield Clinic Health System YMCA, 410 West McMillan St

### Wisconsin Rapids

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

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# Aspirus Health expands wound care access in Stanley and Merrill

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD - Often when people get a cut or a scrape, they don't think too much about it. Proper care can ensure most wounds, such as minor cuts and scrapes, heal within a few days and can be handled at home. However, more serious wounds may require a trip to your primary care physician who will refer you to a wound care program.

Aspirus Health recently welcomed Lindsey Graff, APNP, who is providing expanded wound care services at Aspirus Stanley Hospital and Aspirus Merrill Hospital, providing direct local access to appropriate wound care and treatment which are important to avoid serious complications.

Wounds are injuries that break the skin or other body tissue and often happen because of an accident such as a burn and skin injuries from falls or the result of surgery, and stitches. Wounds/skin breakdown can also occur due to the body's inability to return blood and fluid from the lower legs.

Graff is experienced in advanced treatments like skin substitutes and the use of vacuum assisted closure devices which are more aggressive treatment options. A wound can turn into serious infections such as cellulitis or sepsis without proper care.

Graff completed her nursing degree at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and a Master of Science in Nursing, Marian University, Fond Du Lac.

She utilizes her knowledge and skills from previous roles in trauma, critical care, surgical care, and orthopedics. Graff manages care in multiple settings including directing care in nursing facilities and in home care with the help of family and home health professionals.

"I work to partner with my patients to develop a comprehensive plan of care to support and maintain healing of acute and chronic wounds," said Graff. "I am excited to explore new and innovative ways to increase access to specialized health care in Stanley and Merrill."

Graff is a native of northern Wisconsin and enjoys many of the activities that are part of the local culture. Outside of work, she and her husband enjoy participating and introducing the many activities the Northwoods has to offer to their children

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# It runs in the family: cousins graduate from Mid-State's Nursing program

**FOR CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY-Brooke Myher and Kayla Schladweiler have a lot in common. They both graduated from Mid-State's Nursing program in Dec., they're both hired before graduation, they commuted to Mid-State together, and they both share a passion for helping others. They're also cousins.

Their nursing journey started at a different technical college where they took general classes and hoped to get into the nursing program. It was Kayla who first suggested they transfer and enroll in Mid-State's Nursing program.

"I heard about Mid-State through some coworkers who highly recommended going to Mid-State," says Kayla. "I told Brooke that we should make the transfer and go through the nursing program together."

Their compassion for those in need led them both to a career in nursing. "I chose nursing because I love how big of an impact you can make in someone's life in this profession," says Brooke. "It is stressful,



but it is so rewarding. I love healthcare as a whole, and I really enjoy learning about what makes a person who they are and how I can be there to help them in times of

need." Kayla's calling for healthcare came early in life. "When I was 12 I lost my little sister to chronic medical issues," says Kayla.

"When she was sick, I wanted to help in any way I could. That's when I knew I wanted to become a nurse—so I could help care for others the way I did for my little sister."

Through tough times, Kayla and Brooke are there for each other. And going through the Nursing program together was another way they could support each other. "It had a positive impact on my learning experience, as we were able to study together, talk over concepts to help each other better understand, and just be a shoulder to lean on when things got stressful," says Kayla.

Brooke and Kayla both walked across the stage at graduation in Dec. 2024 and were honored at the College's nursing pinning ceremony, the celebratory endcap to a nursing student's academic journey and a bridge between nursing school and a nursing career.

Brooke has accepted a job at Tomah Health in acute care and Kayla has been accepted to the RN Transition to Practice Residency Program at the Tomah VA Medical Center.

## Wisconsin Rapids' "coolest" annual event returns

**FOR CITY TIMES**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – Special Olympics Wisconsin supporters from across central Wisconsin will Go Polar in Wisconsin Rapids Saturday, Feb. 1 for the 2025 Polar Plunge® for Special Olympics Wisconsin, presented by Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa.

The Wisconsin Rapids Polar Plunge® kicks off at Anchor Bay Bar & Grill (1259 Anchor Landing Dr.) with an Opening Ceremony at noon followed by nonstop plunging into the icy Wisconsin River. The day will include live music, photo moments with Chilly Bear, food and beverage options, souvenirs, and plenty of fun memories while raising funds for Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes.

This year's Polar Plunge® features two ways to get involved:

**Polar Plunger:** The traditional way to plunge—jump into

icy waters and bask in your generous glory! Those opting out of an in-person event can make their own adventure via Alternative Plunge.

**Polar Pledger:** Less daring individuals can still get involved without getting wet.

Plungers who raise the minimum \$100 will receive the official Polar Plunge® long-sleeve shirt with unique design for 2025. Those raising more can earn additional incentives.

Wisconsin Rapids is one of eight Polar Plunge® locations spanning seven Saturdays across the state. Other events this winter include Oshkosh, Madison, Green Bay, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Chippewa Falls, and Whitewater.

More information, including registration and an updated schedule of events, can be found at [PlungeWI.org](http://PlungeWI.org). Pre-registrations are highly encouraged, but on-site day-of registration will also be available.

The Polar Plunge® is Special Olympics Wisconsin's

largest annual grassroots fundraiser—all funds raised for this unique winter tradition go directly to Special Olympics Wisconsin, helping thousands of statewide SOWI athletes train and compete at the state, national, and international level. The event also supports year-round health and wellness programs, leadership development, and Unified Champion School initiatives that enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID).

The Wisconsin Rapids Polar Plunge® is sponsored by Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, Anchor Bay Bar & Grill, Enbridge Energies, Juniper Pools, NRG Media, Aspirus Health, Mark Toyota, Gamber Johnson, Summit Credit Union, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin.

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# UWSP announces fall 2024 Honor's List

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WOOD COUNTY-The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,600 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the fall semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.90 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Students who received honors include:

### Abbotsford, WI

Courtney Bittner, Highest Honors  
Keith Kalepp, Highest Honors  
Brian Larson, High Honors  
Kimberly Lecheler, High Honors  
Bridgett Pogodzinski, Honors

### Arpin, WI

Johnathan Binder, Honors  
Kassidy Parker, High Honors  
Fletcher Raab, Honors

### Auburndale, WI

Jared Anderson, High Honors  
Ryder Cherney, Honors  
Josephine Ertl, Honors  
Erin Griesbach, High Honors  
Mattea Kowalski, Highest Honors  
Taylor Kundinger, Honors  
Regynn Lau, Highest Honors  
Mason Meissner, High Honors  
Alexander Ponsnock, Honors  
Georgi Schmutzer, Highest Honors

### Colby, WI

Cassandra Gosse, Highest Honors  
Emma Kroll, Highest Honors  
Emma Peavey, Honors  
Carl Thompson, High Honors

### Granton, WI

Caleb Schoessow, High Honors  
Leila Smith, High Honors  
Josephine Voigt, Highest Honors

### Greenwood, WI

Cassandra Hebert, Honors  
Korinna Johnson, High Honors

### Hewitt, WI

Abby Richards, Highest Honors

### Loyal, WI

Mya Beyerl, High Honors  
Bo Bogdonovich, Honors  
Katelyn Geier, Highest Honors  
Aubre Robida, High Honors  
Leah Scherer, Highest Honors  
Wayne Walter, Highest Honors

### Marshfield, WI

Jordan Bard, High Honors  
Blake Bennington, Highest Honors  
Anthony Betz, Honors  
Logan Colby, Honors  
Alyson Dietsche, Honors

Isaac Egle, Highest Honors  
Mya Ellis, Highest Honors  
Skylar Faber, High Honors  
Dane Frisch, Honors  
Jacob Hardinger, Honors  
Logan Homolka, Highest Honors  
Emmalee Jicinsky, Honors  
Carsten Jirschele, Highest Honors  
Liam Kaplan, Highest Honors  
Cassandra Langfoss, Highest Honors  
Kalynn Manicke, Honors  
Sydney Mauritz, Honors  
Kelly McEwen, Highest Honors  
Matthew McEwen, High Honors  
Jaxon Mueller, Honors  
Robert Murphy, Highest Honors  
Israel Narvaez, Highest Honors  
Sofia O'Brien, Highest Honors  
Rylyn Reddy, Highest Honors  
Keara Ronning, Honors  
Claire Rootellis, Highest Honors  
Alexys Samuels, Honors  
Olivia Spencer, Highest Honors  
Haley Sternitzky, Honors  
Lily Streckert, Honors  
Jaidyn Teschner, Highest Honors  
Lindsey Tyrolt, Highest Honors  
Autumn Vine, High Honors  
Olivia Warren, Honors  
Joshua Weiland, Honors  
Kate Weiler, Honors  
Maggie Wenzel, Highest Honors  
Evelyn Witzel, High Honors  
Abigail Woller, Honors

### Nekoosa, WI

Karsten Barten, High Honors  
Traiden Clary, High Honors  
Diana Gabriel, Highest Honors  
Zachary Gray, Honors  
Ariana Havlovic, Honors  
Magdalene Jacoby, Highest Honors  
Alaina Kawleski, Highest Honors  
Rebecca Kniprath, Highest Honors  
Kya Smith, High Honors  
Alec Venet, Highest Honors  
Benjamin Winter, Highest Honors  
Terry Wolfe, Honors

### Pittsville, WI

Sam Bowden, Honors  
Ruth Durrant, Highest Honors  
Austin Grubofski, Honors  
Madeline Hensel, High Honors  
Alexis Jacobson, Honors  
Tonja McDonald, Honors  
Devin Miller, Honors  
Bradley Neve, Honors  
Jenna Rasmussen, Honors

### Port Edwards, WI

Kaylin Hepp, High Honors  
Marcelo Torres, Highest Honors  
Amanda Tranel, Highest Honors  
Emmanuel Van Lysal, Honors

### Rudolph, WI

Adam Flaig, Honors  
Grace Jahns, Honors

### Spencer, WI

Claudia Krause, High Honors

Haley Laber, Honors  
Hannah Reckner, Honors  
Zachary Roe, Highest Honors  
Luke Roehrborn, High Honors  
Colten Schillinger, High Honors  
Kaitlyn Schmidt, High Honors  
Kaelyn Schreiner, High Honors  
Andrew Sieracki, Honors  
Esmeralda Velasco Gonzalez, Highest Honors  
Emily Wehrman, Highest Honors

### Stratford, WI

Brett Bangart, Honors  
Bailey Bauer, Highest Honors  
Jaden Bauer, Highest Honors  
Samantha Budtke, Honors  
Hailey Chapel, High Honors  
Abby Dennee, Honors  
Delaney Dennee, Highest Honors  
Sarah Dickinson, Highest Honors  
Brooklyn Dillinger, Highest Honors  
Lee Elsinger, High Honors  
Amelia Kallembach, Highest Honors  
Sarah Nielsen, Highest Honors  
Skyler Raschke, Honors  
Braeden Schueller, Honors  
Rebecca Seibel, High Honors  
Jacob Skroch, High Honors  
Kale Weisenberger, Honors  
Megan Wiese, Highest Honors

### Vesper, WI

Camron Dammann, Highest Honors  
Amanda Lamb, Honors  
Jacob Millner, High Honors

### Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Zilfi Aliu, Honors  
Natalie Andreasen, Highest Honors  
Peter Aspros, Honors  
Tessa Atwood, Highest Honors  
Yamil Bailey, High Honors  
Owen Bessey, Highest Honors  
Eric Blaszcak, High Honors  
Caroline Bovee, Honors  
Logan Charles, High Honors  
Anna Clasen, Highest Honors  
Azalea Clendenning, Highest Honors  
Jessica Dekarske, High Honors

Sara Dixon, Honors  
Jackie Dobbe, Honors  
Kaleb Ellis, Highest Honors  
Kylie Ellis, Highest Honors  
Charlie Ezell, Honors  
Gwendolyn Ferkey, Highest Honors  
Skye Francis, High Honors  
Hailey Fuller, Highest Honors  
Joshua Gerber, Honors  
Katerina Hamus, Honors  
Brian Harms, High Honors  
Hunter Harms, Highest Honors  
Ashley Hasbargen, Highest Honors  
Alexis Helton, High Honors  
Luke Henderson, Highest Honors  
Jaesten Hilgers, Honors  
Gracie Hoffmann, High Honors  
Sawyer Holberg, Highest Honors  
Mary Janik, Honors  
Jazmyne Johnson, Highest Honors  
Makayla Kester, Highest Honors  
Jordan Khachani, High Honors  
Kristine Koehn, Honors  
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Madeline Krzykowski, Highest Honors  
Jack Lila, Highest Honors  
Trevor Linzmeier, Highest Honors  
Blake Lobner, Honors  
Delaney Lubinski, Honors  
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## Wisconsinites invited to participate in Wisconsin Conservation Congress Resolution Process

### FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) invites all Wisconsinites to take part in its annual spring hearing process.

The WCC is an independent organization of residents that advises the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources.

Each year residents have an opportunity to submit ideas as resolutions to the WCC.

Wisconsinites can submit proposed resolutions via the online process now through Feb. 24, 2025. Resolutions must meet the following criteria:

The concern must be of statewide impact.

The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.

The concern must be within the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

An individual citizen may submit no more than two resolutions per year. Those interested in submitting a resolution are encouraged to reach out to the resolution review committee or their WCC County Chair for guidance in drafting a resolution.

Additional tips on preparing a resolution are available on the WCC and DNR's Spring Hearings webpage.

Resolutions will be accepted until Feb. 24, 2025. At the close of the submission process, the resolutions will be reviewed by a committee of WCC delegates to ensure

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## Be careful when riding ATV/UTVs, snowmobiles in winter conditions



Frost, ice and snow can make trails dangerous in winter.

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WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources urges the public to be mindful of potentially dangerous winter conditions when operating recreational vehicles, especially on frozen waterbodies.

There have already been two fatal ATV crashes and one fatal snowmobile crash in the state this year, with two of those accidents occurring on frozen waterbodies.

Frost, ice and fresh snow on winter roads or trails can cause slippery conditions. Remember to stay sober, wear proper safety gear and be careful when slowing down and approaching turns.

If your winter outing involves travel over a waterbody, remember that every waterbody has its own characteristics. Check if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows, is spring-fed or has currents, which can thin the ice.

Here are a few more safety tips to keep in mind when operating recreational vehicles during winter:

Remember that ice is never completely safe under any conditions.

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions.

Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a personal flotation device or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss.

Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas. Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.

Slow down when traveling at night. Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

In addition to these safety tips, the DNR reminds riders to check trail conditions ahead of time by contacting your county forestry and/or parks department, local clubs or viewing Travel Wisconsin's Snow Report.

## DPO launches \$200 million AI data center development in partnership with Billerud

**FOR CITY TIMES**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--Digital Power Optimization, Inc. ("DPO"), a developer and operator of power-dense data centers, announced it has secured land and a firm power supply to develop a \$200 million high-performance computing facility in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. This state-of-the-art project will enable up to 20 megawatts of AI computing.

DPO is working in partnership with Billerud subsidiary Consolidated Water Power Company ("CWPCo"), a regulated utility operating 32 megawatts of renewable hydroelectric generation assets within its electrical distribution system. Through its relationship with CWPCo, DPO has secured a definitive land lease extending for up to fifty years, interconnection rights to an existing and energized substation, and access to a firm power supply.

"With our definitive agreements with CWPCo now finalized, we're thrilled to launch the development of this cutting-edge facility," said Andrew Webber, DPO's CEO. "The shortage of high-density rack space is going to be a sustained trend well into the 2030s, and our strategy of leveraging underutilized land, infrastructure, and power, creates a win-win solution for all stakeholders. Speed-to-energization is critical in today's market, and by forming relationships with forward-thinking power partners like CWPCo, and designing to what is immediately actionable, facilities like this can be brought online several years ahead of hyperscale projects."

"This collaboration offers a unique opportunity for CWPCo and the broader community," added CWPCo Director Martin Burkhardt. "We're creating value by utilizing our existing resources more efficiently, and



An artist rendering of a DPO data center.

showcasing how innovative partnerships can unlock new possibilities. This development strengthens our sustainability by generating new revenue, diversifies our customer portfolio, and sets a strong example for other ambitious ventures."

DPO has engaged Stantec, a global leader in sustainable design and engineering to provide consulting and engineering support, and is currently working with the City of Wisconsin Rapids and various state agencies to finalize construction plans and building permits prior to groundbreaking and vertical construction. The project's pre-development phase has been funded by an investor consortium led by Saluitem Capital ("Saluitem"), a privately-held New York family office.

"The AI revolution is driving unprecedented demand for high-performance computing infrastructure," said Justin and Cameron Adelipour, Managing Partners at Saluitem. "This agreement highlights DPO's ability to execute and deliver the critical infrastructure necessary for the next wave of AI innovation. Our investment illustrates our full confidence in DPO's vision and their ability to address the evolving needs of the digital infrastructure ecosystem."

DPO expects the project to reach energization in 2026.

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# Keeping your head in the game: concussion safety for winter sports

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WOOD COUNTY--Winter sports are a great way to embrace the season, but they come with unique risks—one of the most common being traumatic brain injuries (TBI), particularly concussions. “In sports like hockey, skiing, and snowboarding, you’re moving fast, and concussions happen more often than people realize,” said Dr. Joseph Benert, a Sports Medicine Physician at Aspirus St. Luke’s. “Protecting yourself or your kids isn’t just about wearing a sport-appropriate helmet—though that’s a great start. It’s also about being informed. Understanding the risks, recognizing symptoms, and knowing what to do if you suspect a concussion can make a big difference.”

Concussions occur when an impact or jolt causes the brain to move rapidly back and forth inside the skull. This movement can lead to chemical changes in the brain and, in some cases, stretch or damage brain cells.

When a concussion is suspected, the priority is to remove the individual from the activity. “It may be tempting to brush off a fall or hard hit to keep playing, but that can lead to more severe injury,” said Dr. Benert. “Taking a break to watch for symptoms is always the best choice.”

Common signs of a concussion include headache, dizziness, confusion, slowed thinking, and vision issues. However, symptoms vary and aren’t always immediate or obvious. More serious symptoms—like loss of consciousness, persistent nausea, vomiting, or significant balance problems—require urgent medical attention.

During the first 24 to 48 hours after a concussion, rest is critical to allow the brain to recover. Afterward, individuals can gradually resume normal activities as their symptoms allow.

“Sub-threshold exercise, such as walking or light biking, can aid recovery as long as it doesn’t worsen symptoms,” Dr. Benert explained. “And when it comes to screen time, moderation is key. A little is okay, but too much blue light or eye strain can make symptoms worse. It’s important to take breaks if symptoms increase.”

Most concussion symptoms resolve within 10 to 14 days, though pediatric recovery can take up to a month. Also watch for delayed symptoms like mood changes, difficulty concentrating, or increased fatigue, which can appear later.

If symptoms persist or worsen beyond a month, it’s important to seek medical care. “Don’t hesitate to advocate for yourself or your child,” Dr. Benert said. “Concussion symptoms can be subtle



Joseph Benert

and not immediately obvious to others. If you’re concerned, speak up. There are many effective treatments, including physical therapy for balance or vision issues and, in some cases, medications for sleep or mood disturbances.”

Proactive communication with schools, employers, coaches, and trainers is also essential. “Parents and athletes

should feel empowered to ask questions about concussion protocols and recovery plans,” Dr. Benert advised.

Winter sports can be a fun and active way to enjoy the season, as long as safety is a priority. “Taking the right precautions doesn’t take away the fun,” Dr. Benert said. “It keeps athletes healthy and ready to make the most of the season.”

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they meet the criteria for inclusion and will be prepared for the spring hearing agenda and online input, which kicks off on April 14 and will close on April 16.

For further information or questions, contact Terri Roehrig, Executive Committee Member of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, at 920-540-2775.

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# Nelson-Jameson names Devon Vogel to Corporate Strategy Leadership Role

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MARSHFIELD – Nelson-Jameson, a leader in the food processing distribution industry, announced the appointment of Devon Vogel to Vice President of Corporate Strategy. In the role, Vogel will nurture strategic partnerships with key customers and lead initiatives that aid Nelson-Jameson in meeting the industry’s changing demands. Those initiatives include driving efficiency via technology, exploring and identifying new product and service markets, and building relationships with key strategic partners. Channels of growth include acquisitions, service expansion, and continued enhancement of Nelson-Jameson’s e-commerce platform to better serve customers via expanded technology.

“I am proud of Devon’s hard work and commitment to both the company and the industry, which have earned her this

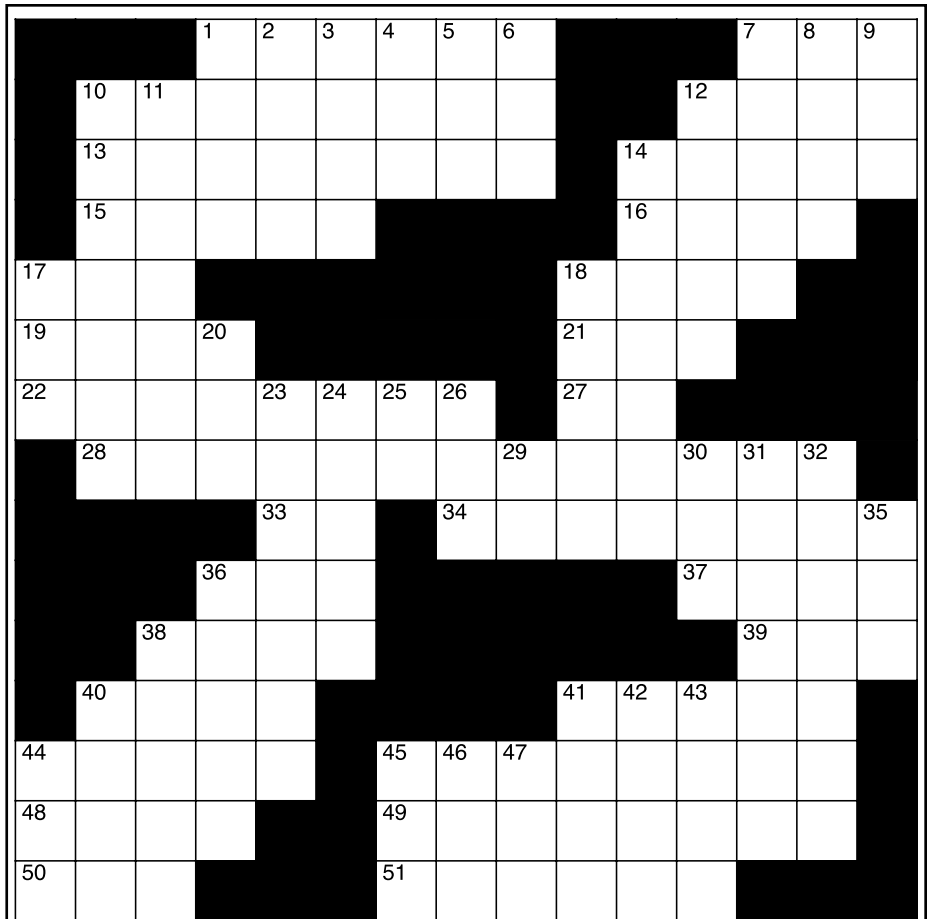


well-deserved promotion,” says Nelson-Jameson President Mike Rindy. “Devon will continue to make a significant impact across our organization, serving as the voice of the customer for Nelson-Jameson’s digital experience and industry needs.”

Vogel will work with corporate procurement and operations teams to improve their experience with Nelson-Jameson while discovering how to best align with their evolving needs.

“Continuing to carry our golden rule principles and education-first model to the food industry is an important foundation of our brand and a top priority,” Vogel said. “We want to ensure that we’re continuing to ask the question, ‘How can we help?’ and ultimately offering training, service, or a product solution to meet the needs of our

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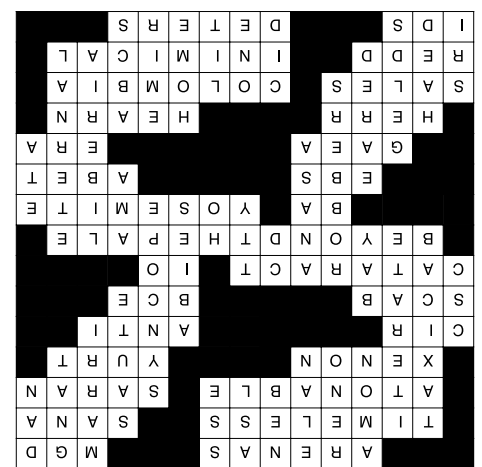
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- Protective covering
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- Unacceptable
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- One point south of due east
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- A major division of geological time
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- Hostile
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- Language
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- Punjab village
- Small biting flies
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- Repeat
- A way to cook with fat
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Fir tree genus
- Discourages from doing
- “Transformers” director Michael
- Criminals who steal
- Genus of leaf-footed bug
- Music product
- “Talk to you”
- Santa says it three times
- Doctors’ group
- African nation
- Ageless
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Worn
- Deprives of vigor
- Used to have (Scottish)
- Where you live
- Muslim ruler title
- Basics
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- Spanish soldier
- It precedes two
- Illuminated



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# Team USA ready to compete in 2025 World Ice Fishing Championship

## Wisconsin Rapids resident to compete on Team USA



Team USA, with Wisconsin Rapids' Jeff Kelm pictured on the far right.



Jeff Kelm of Wisconsin Rapids, a Team USA member to compete in the 2025 World Ice Fishing Championship.

### FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - Becoming an Olympic athlete requires dedication, determination and practice, practice and more practice. Fishing on 9" of ice, in five separate three-hour heats, 18 of the best ice anglers in the United States converged onto the 323 acre, Tamarack Lake, in Lakeview Michigan to compete in the 2025 US National Ice Fishing Championship (USNIFC) with one goal, to make the USA Ice Fishing Team.

The World Ice Fishing Championship (WIFC) is being held in the Grand Rapids, MI area on Tamarack Lake in Lakeview, MI next month Feb. 12-16. During the week of the event there will be three official practice days (Wednesday-Friday) and two competition days (Saturday and Sunday). The championship consists of the best ice anglers from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Lithuania, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and the United States of America.

Each team will consist of 5 anglers and a reserve with one athlete from each country competing against all countries in one of five competition zones for two days. At the USNIFC anglers from seven different states competed

to earn one of the coveted 6 angler spots on Team USA. Weather conditions during the course of the National Championship varied greatly and anglers needed to adapt. The first two heats began on Friday when anglers would see temperatures into the 40s. Wind welcomed the competitors on Saturday as the mercury dropped nearly 25 degrees in 24 hours. By Sunday morning, for the final heat every one of the men were bundled up as windchills dipped into the minus range. The weather would not stop the fighting spirit each angler owned.

"I knew these guys were going to give it everything, no matter what the conditions were." Said Myron Gilbert, US Ice Fishing Team head Coach. "My job was to make sure I put these men into position to succeed and I knew the best would show up." Coach Myron has high praise for all 18 anglers in the zones over the weekend.

Once the frost settled, the top six USNIFC finishers all have earlier World Championship experience. Chad Schaub (Sand Lake, MI) is the US favorite with a bronze and silver team medal and an individual bronze in 2013, the last time the WIFC was held in the US. Two other Michigan anglers locked up spots as well, Kieth Kniffen (Easton Rapids,

MI) and Zack George (Hastings, MI). Kniffen had a strong finish last year in Mongolia, narrowly missing a bronze medal. The US team is strengthened by anglers Jeff Kelm (Wisconsin Rapids, WI), Kevin Kowalski (Duluth, MN) and reserve, Nate Winters (Ogdensburg, WI). Rounding out the team is Captain Nick Schertz (Tomahawk, WI), Coach Myron Gilbert (Brooklyn, MI) and Delegate Joe Martinez (Sandy, Utah).

With the help of KeepNet software the catch, weigh and release "no kill" method developed by members of the USA Ice Fishing Team allowed the anglers to stay under the 25 fish limit yet

score hundreds of fish during the three-hour heats. Anglers were supplied bait for the competition by the official bait sponsor, Knutson's Live Bait, a local company in Brooklyn MI. USAngling also received aid from the Clam Corp. who supplied the team with outdoor gear as well as shelters that will be used for the weigh-in tents.

## Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force debunk myths and share resources for Human Trafficking Awareness Month

### FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Jan. is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and brings an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of human trafficking in Wisconsin and across the nation. The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Human Trafficking Initiative continues its work to make Wisconsin inhospitable to traffickers while advancing victim-centered strategies and partnerships statewide.

"By recognizing and reporting signs of human trafficking, people can help combat it," said Attorney General Kaul. "We must continue raising awareness regarding this detestable crime."

In recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (WAHTTF) and DOJ are working to promote education, address misconceptions, and provide vital resources for survivors, communities, and law enforcement throughout the state.

### Myths vs. Facts: Understanding Human Trafficking

**Myth:** Human trafficking only happens outside the U.S., particularly in developing countries.

**Fact:** Human trafficking occurs in every state, including Wisconsin, affecting both adults and minors.

**Myth:** Traffickers generally target

strangers.

**Fact:** Victims are often trafficked by someone they know, including romantic partners, family members, and employers, who use grooming tactics like emotional manipulation and false promises.

**Myth:** Victims of human trafficking come only from disadvantaged or vulnerable backgrounds.

**Fact:** Anyone can become a victim of trafficking. While some populations, including those facing abuse, homelessness, or poverty, may be at greater risk, trafficking can impact individuals from all walks of life.

**Myth:** All human trafficking involves sex.

**Fact:** While sex trafficking is a major issue, labor trafficking is also prevalent, affecting individuals in industries such as agriculture, hospitality, and domestic work.

**Myth:** Victims of trafficking are typically physically restrained and held against their will.

**Fact:** While some victims may be physically confined, traffickers often use psychological control through fear, manipulation, and threats to keep victims in their situation.

For additional facts and resources, visit the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign webpage.

If you suspect trafficking, do not intervene directly. Instead, document as much information as possible and contact law enforcement immediately.

If you or someone you know needs immediate help, call 911. The National Human Trafficking Hotline also assists victims and accepts tips 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 1-888-373-7888. Other tiplines include the Blue Campaign Tip Hotline at 1-866-347-2423, and the National Center on Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) tipline at 1-800-843-5678.

For help finding a local service provider, reach out to the DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services or visit the service directories on DOJ's human trafficking website at [www.BeFreeWisconsin.com](http://www.BeFreeWisconsin.com). You can also find local service providers at <https://www.wcasa.org/survivors/service-providers/>.

The Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force will be hosting a webinar on Feb. 4, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm CST. Registration is open to members of the public who would like to learn more about sex and labor trafficking, understand what human trafficking can look like, and how to connect survivors with resources here in Wisconsin. To register, visit: <https://wisdoj.eventsair.com/human-trafficking-awareness-webinar/registration>.

## Beware of QR code fraud/scams

### FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--In today's fast-paced digital world, QR codes (Quick Response Codes) have become a popular and convenient way to access information, make payments, and interact with businesses.

These scannable barcodes can direct users to websites, menus, parking payment portals, and more. While they offer convenience, they also present an opportunity for fraudsters to exploit unsuspecting users.

Scammers are increasingly using QR codes as a tool to execute their fraudulent schemes. By creating fake QR codes, they can deceive individuals into visiting fraudulent websites or

downloading malicious software. These scams can compromise your personal information and even lead to financial loss. Fraudsters may replace legitimate QR codes with counterfeit ones in public places such as parking garages, on meters, or through fake posters. Additionally, they may send unsolicited texts or emails with fraudulent QR codes, pretending to represent delivery services or other legitimate organizations.

To protect yourself from QR code-related scams, follow these important tips:

1. Verify the Source: Ensure the QR code originates from a trusted and reliable source. Hover over the QR code and review the URL before proceeding.

2. Inspect for Tampering: Look for any signs of tampering, such as stickers placed over legitimate codes. If something seems suspicious, do not scan the QR code.

3. Be Cautious with Unsolicited Codes: Avoid scanning QR codes received via unsolicited texts or emails, especially if the sender is unknown or unverified.

4. Beware of Urgent Requests: Scammers often use urgency to prompt immediate action. Be wary of QR codes accompanied by urgent requests for payment or sensitive information.

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# Cold weather increases risk of heart attacks



Daniel Krause

### FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--As temperatures drop, the risk of heart-related health issues, particularly heart attacks, rises significantly. Research has highlighted the connection between cold weather and cardiovascular events, raising concern for individuals in colder climates or facing sudden temperature changes.

Cold weather poses unique challenges for the body. "When temperatures fall, our bodies respond by constricting blood vessels to conserve heat, which can raise blood pressure," said Dr. Daniel Krause, an Aspirus Heart Care cardiologist. "This added strain on the heart can be especially dangerous for individuals with preexisting heart conditions or those at risk of cardiovascular disease."

Cold weather impacts the cardiovascular system in several ways:

**Vasoconstriction:** The narrowing of blood vessels increases blood pressure, forcing the heart to work harder.

**Increased Blood Clotting:** Cold temperatures can cause blood to thicken, which may elevate the risk of clot formation.

**Elevated Heart Rate:** Activities like shoveling snow or outdoor exercise can strain the heart, especially for those unaccustomed to such exertion.

**Decreased Oxygen Supply:** Cold air can irritate the lungs, reducing oxygen levels and increasing cardiac strain.

Certain groups are more vulnerable to cold-weather-related heart issues, including:

**Older adults**  
Individuals with existing cardiovascular disease

**Smokers**  
Those with high blood pressure or diabetes

People engaging in sudden, strenuous outdoor activities

Recognizing the signs of a heart attack is crucial. Symptoms to watch for include:

Chest pain or discomfort

Shortness of breath

Pain radiating to the arm, neck, or jaw

Cold sweats or lightheadedness

"If you or someone you're with experiences these symptoms, call 911 immediately," Dr. Krause emphasized.

"Quick action can save lives."

### VOGEL

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customers while leveraging technology to stay current in the market."

Vogel joined Nelson-Jameson in 2009 and continued her career progression in sales and marketing roles since then, most recently serving as Vice President of Customer Solutions where she transitioned the Sanitary Maintenance Service and Repair team into the market. This team

now covers the United States with teams deployable out of Nelson-Jameson's distribution centers in Marshfield, Wis., and Jerome, Idaho for pump, valve, and plate heat exchanger service needs.

Vogel is an active industry member of the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) Women in Dairy network and is a Cohort 6 member of the IDFA NextGen Leadership Program. She is a mentor in the Women in Dairy Mentoring Circle, and in September 2024, she was elected to the FISA Board of Directors.

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5. Protect Personal and Financial Information: Never input personal or financial details on websites accessed via QR codes unless you are absolutely certain of their legitimacy.

6. Secure Your Business's QR Codes: If you operate a business, regularly audit the QR codes you display to customers. Use secure, verifiable codes that can be updated as needed.

QR codes are a powerful tool when used responsibly, but it is essential to remain vigilant. By taking simple precautions, you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of QR code fraud.

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# Aspirus Health recognizes Law Enforcement as vital partners in community health and safety

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WOOD COUNTY--National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, observed in Jan., offers an opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contributions law enforcement officers make to community health and safety. At Aspirus Wausau Hospital (AWH), these partnerships play a key role in ensuring patients receive the care they need in a safe and supportive environment.

"It's very common for us to have police officers in the Emergency Department," said Stephanie Dulak, AWH Emergency Department Manager. "Often, they're here for positive reasons, helping keep our staff and patients safe."

Law enforcement officers collaborate closely with emergency medical teams by providing vital information—such as accident details or incident photos—that helps trauma teams better understand the injuries sustained. Their presence also ensures a safe and protected environment for medical staff and patients.

"Being able to communicate and work well together ensures patients—whether they're suspects, victims, or potentially dangerous individuals—receive the medical treatment they need in a secure setting," explained Lieutenant Jacob Albee of the Wausau Police Department



Stephanie Dulak, AWH Emergency Department Manager. Photo by Scott Ralph

(WPD).

This partnership underscores a shared mission: providing quality care to the members of the community.

Lieutenant Albee emphasized the importance of these partnerships, saying, "As police officers, we're there to help people. Being able to work together with partners such as the AWH Emergency staff allows us to make sure people receive the medical treatment they need."

Aspirus Health is proud to honor law enforcement officers for their dedication and invaluable contributions to community health and safety.

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