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UWSP at Marshfield to host annual Marshfield Cultural Fair

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The Marshfield Cultural Fair, a tradition of over two decades with exhibits, crafts, food and entertainment from around the world, returns to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Marshfield on Saturday, Feb. 22.

It will be held throughout the campus from 10a.m. to 3p.m. The fair will include performances in the Upper Commons and Helen Connor Laird Theatre, Music Magic, Main Street Conservatory of Dance - Marshfield, Wisconsin Country

Style Dancers, Steel Drums with Kent Arnsbarger, Salsa Manzana, AaroChele and Indian Bollywood Dances.

Among the exhibitors are the City of Marshfield Historic Preservation Commission, Marshfield Broadcasting, Needlepoint Hmong Motif, Polish Heritage Awareness Society, and Tanya Creations.

Food vendors will include Jamaican Kitchens, GT's Hawaiian BBQ, Nagoya Japanese Sushi and Steakhouse,

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ShowCase Players take off with their 40th anniversary show

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The ShowCase Players, a community theatre group, has begun their spring production Airport Encounters by Scott Mullen to be produced on the Colby High School stage over two weekends, March 7, 8, and 9, and 14, 15, and 16. The group is celebrating their 40th year of providing quality theatre to the surrounding central Wisconsin area.

Directed by Jeffer Scheuer of Owen, one of the founding members of SCP, the play is a series of romantic, comic and sometimes poignant meetings taking place in an airport waiting area. The cast consists of Jordan Aschenbrenner, Wausau; Elizabeth and Nathan Bier, Greenwood; Steve Geisthardt, Neillsville; Elaine Haas, Colby; Greg Jackan, Marshfield; Dawn Kasper-Harder, Medford; Debra Smith, Withee; Patricia Steiner, Withee; Jenny Weber, Colby; Roxie Wetterau, Spencer; and Samantha Yocius, Abbotsford. The rest of the production crew are Paula Williams, Greenwood, Stage Manager; Brandon Aschenbrenner, Wausau, Lights; Kevin Wyeth, Curtiss, Sound, Tech, and Publicity; and Loralee Petersen, Withee, House Manager.

This is the 65th major production for the group, which has also done several children's and dinner theatre productions in other venues. They also offer scholarships to area graduates going into the arts.

Tickets for the production are \$10 and are available at the door, with a dollar off for a donation of a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

The ShowCase Players has again partnered with the Abbotsford, Colby, Dorchester, Greenwood, Loyal, Owen, and Withee public libraries to give away two pairs of show tickets per library via random drawing. Visit any of the libraries listed above to sign up. Show times for Airport Encounters are 7:30pm March 7, 8, 14, and 15, with 2:00pm matinees March 9 and 16. This show is produced by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing LLC.

Community gardens offer gift for Marshfield gardeners

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Registration is now being taken for raised beds at the Marshfield Area Growing Community Together Garden sites. Vegetable gardening is a healthy activity to save money and eat nutritiously at home. There are seventy-eight raised beds at three garden sites in Marshfield; Church of Christ on Felker Avenue, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on McMillan

and First Presbyterian Church on Lincoln Avenue. Some beds remain available at all three sites.

Marshfield Together Growing Community Gardens are celebrating their 17th year providing residents with raised beds in which to grow their own vegetables and save money. The fenced in sites are in sunny locations, have water sources and rich compost pathway mulch provided for all gardeners.

The community gardens benefit the Marshfield area in many ways, including improving access to organic fresh food, serving as sites for restoring and building health, and as places to learn gardening skills and build relationships.

Cheri Talsness shared, "I signed up for a community garden plot





at FPC shortly after we moved to Marshfield in spring of 2024. It was such a wonderful experience; talking and learning from fellow gardeners, spending time in a peaceful space, growing new vegetables and having my grandchildren visit! Garden tools were provided, compost and

rainwater as well. We even received informative emails! I encourage others who are interested to give it try. "

Instruction in Square Foot Gardening and vertical gardening techniques is provided as well as tips on proper watering during drought

conditions and how to create rich compost of your own. In addition, Master Gardeners are available to assist gardeners with questions and concerns during the growing season.

Returning Community Gardeners are asked to make a \$20 donation for each 4x8 foot compost-filled bed reserved. This year, the community garden program is offering beds to new gardeners at the Church of Christ site for \$10 each. Donations cover about half of the operating expenses with grants and contributions as additional funding sources. The Garden Committee is grateful to the three local churches their continued hosting of garden sites and to Marshfield Area Community Foundation which serves as a fiscal agent.

If interested in reducing your grocery bill by growing your own produce, learning how to create your own compost, and registering for a garden bed for the 2025 season, please email

Barb Gillespie at growingtogethermfld@gmail.com. Donations are gratefully accepted to keep this program running smoothly.

Nekoosa School District launches food pantry to combat food insecurity

FOR CITY TIMES

NEKOOSA – The Nekoosa School District has launched its new Food Pantry initiative, aimed at addressing food insecurity among children and families in the community. This initiative is part of the broader effort supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) grant awarded to Marshfield Clinic Center for Community Health Advancement (CCHA).

The WPP grant, is dedicated to improving food security for children and families in rural northern Wisconsin. The grant supports the Feeding the Whole Child, Whole Family, and Whole Community through Civic Engagement initiative, which focuses on the four pillars of food security: availability, access, knowledge, and stability of diet.

The Food Pantry has already seen significant community engagement. Through a food drive feud between middle school grades, the club has collected approximately 470 items in donations. A similar food drive feud at the high school also collected items for the pantry. The club is also exploring innovative ways to maintain a steady flow of

donations to ensure the pantry remains well-stocked.

The Nekoosa School District Food Pantry offers free monthly food packages for families to pick up at the club's location. These packages include resource guides, recipes, and a list of upcoming events in the Nekoosa and surrounding areas to keep families engaged in their communities. The club is also working on providing delivery services for families who lack transportation access.

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Dementia and brain health education sessions to be held in Marshfield

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--A Dementia Care Specialist from the ARDC will provide two educational sessions in Marshfield. Preregistration is required but the sessions are always free.

Dementia Basics, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3:00 -4:00pm @ 2nd Street Community Center in the Wein Room

Brain Health Basics, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 3:00 - 4:00pm @ 2nd Street Community Center in the Wein Room

Good News Project receives grant from Inclusa Foundation to expand Health Equipment **Lending Program services to** rural communities

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD - Good News Project announced that it has been awarded a grant from the Inclusa Foundation to expand its Health Equipment Lending Program (HELP) services to rural communities. This funding will enable the launch of a new Mobile HELP Truck service, which will transport medical equipment to and from Wausau, enhancing accessibility for those in need.

HELP has been a cornerstone of Good News Project's mission in north central Wisconsin for 20 years, providing essential durable medical equipment to individuals who may not have the means to acquire it otherwise. With the introduction of the Mobile HELP Truck, the program will now be able to reach even more people, particularly in rural areas where transportation barriers have historically limited access to these vital resources.

"Transportation should never be a barrier to receiving essential medical equipment," said Toni Schmitt, HELP Manager at Good News Project. "With the support of the Inclusa Foundation, we are now able to ensure that more people in our community have the access to durable

medical equipment that will allow them to live healthier, more independent lives."

The mobile truck will operate on a regular schedule, making stops in 11 rural communities throughout the region: Antigo, Athens, Birnamwood. Edgar, Hatley, Marathon City, Merrill, Mosinee, Rhinelander, Stratford and Tomahawk. This service will not only deliver equipment but also pick up items that need to be returned to our inventory or serviced, ensuring a seamless and convenient experience for all users. This effort could not be implemented without the generous support of businesses in these rural communities who are willing to allow the Mobile HELP Truck to park for one hour each month on their property. Partnering businesses include Marathon Cheese (Marathon), Twisted Sisters Market (Antigo), Charlie's Hardware (Mosinee) and Dollar General (all other communities).

For more information about the Health Equipment Lending Program and the new Mobile HELP Truck, please visit www. goodnewswi.com or contact Toni at 715-843-5985.

Free throw contest to be held on Feb. 23

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The John Eisen Council 1799 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Feb. 23 in the gym at St. John's Catholic Primary School.

The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 as of Jan. 1, 2025, Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. with registration and practice from 1:00 to 1:30. Parents or guardians must register their child.

Competition will begin at 1:30 PM. There will be no more practice once competition begins. For more information contact Bob Seitz at 715-384-4598.



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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Fragility of Life

Dear Reader,

The other day, I had a close call that left me reflecting deeply on how fragile life

truly is. I was a passenger in a car, riding along on a snowy day. The roads were slick, and we were descending a steep hill when we encountered a stationary car in the middle of the road. To avoid a collision, our driver veered into a snowbank and a rock instead.

Shaken but unharmed, we got out to assess the damage. As I stood there, I saw other vehicles attempting to navigate the hill, at speeds too reckless for the conditions. I waved to warn them to stop and turn back, knowing the danger they faced. Thankfully, our car was still operational, and we managed to drive away carefully. Later that day, I learned that a massive pileup had occurred in that very spot. Numerous vehicles were involved, and I couldn't help but feel fortunate to

This experience got me thinking. Life is unpredictable. You wake up in the morning

have avoided the catastrophe.

with plans, but everything can change in an instant, with no warning whatsoever. Those 15 seconds as we swerved away from

the stalled vehicle could have been our last moments. But it wasn't. For others, tragically,

Life is so fragile. There are no guarantees, no flashing signals warning us when our time is up. One moment we're here, and the next, we're not. This realization isn't meant

to instill fear but to inspire gratitude. Each day we're given is a gift-precious, fleeting, and worth cherishing.

Let's not take it for granted. Let's love fully, live purposefully, and appreciate the time we have. Because in the blink of an eye, everything can change. We can't control when or how the end comes, but we can make the moments we still have truly count.

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A fox photographed in early Feb. near Advanced Auto Parts on North Peach Ave.



A pair of foxes running



| OBITUARIES |

GARY WITT

Gary Witt, age 89, of Marshfield, passed away on Jan. 28 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.



LOIS LORENZ-ACHESON

Lois Ann Lorenz-Acheson passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of 69. She was born on December 31, 1955, in Appleton, Wisconsin to Marlene (Liebergen) Lorenz and the late Fred Lorenz

Lois was a graduate of Marshfield Senior High School in Marshfield, Wisconsin and Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Lois's legacy will be cherished and kept alive by her devoted husband, Ken Acheson; her mother, Marlene Lorenz; her brother, Richard (Patricia) Lorenz; her sister, Linda (Tim) Penno; and numerous nieces nephews, and friends who were like family to her. She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Lorenz; her brother Donald Lorenz; and her sister, Janie Lorenz-Cieszynski.

A celebration of Lois's life will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 from 2-3 pm at Best Funeral Services, 9380 W Peo ria Ave, Peoria, AZ



JEAN IDA HASKE

Jean Ida Haske, age 82, passed away late Sunday, Jan. 26 2025, at Willow Brooke Point Senior Living in Stevens Point.

Visitation will be held at Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home in Marshfield from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, with a service to follow at 11:00 a.m. Jean was born April 21, 1942 the daughter of John L. and Betty (Hansen) Haske, in Madison. She moved with her parents to a farm in the Town

of Rock near Nasonville, and attended Marshfield Schools She married Peter Rhodes of Marshfield. They later di vorced. Her early employment was at Normington Laundry and she retired from ODC.

Jean was a huge Elvis fan. She attended many Elvis tribute shows and concerts, and owned DVDs of his concerts and movies, and much memorabilia.

She was an animal lover. Growing up on the farm, there were always dogs and cats around. Her favorite was a sheep named "Tilly." She received it as a lamb from a neighbor and it spent its entire life on the farm.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents; and grandparents Henry and Ethel Hansen, and John and Caroline Haske.



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GARY CRAIG WENDELL

Gary Craig Wendell, 70yrs, of Cheyenne, WY passed away on January 26, 2025 at Regional West Hospital in Cheyenne. He was born on September 16, 1954, in Minot North Dakota.

Gary married Karen on August 19, 1978, celebrating 46yrs of marriage.

Gary worked 18yrs at Consolidated Freightways and finished his career at Union Pacific Railroad. His strong work ethic, attention to detail, me-

chanical & handy-man talents were appreciated both on and off the job site.

Gary's quick-witted sense of humor and passions for hunting and motorcycle riding bring cherished memories for all who knew him. Gary was a devoted husband to his wife Karen, and loving father to his 3 children.

He was preceded in death by mother, Irene; sister, Lou Ve brother, Dwayne; and brother, Daryl.

Gary is survived by his brother, Charley of Marshfield, WI sister Rene of Overland Park, KS; wife, Karen of Cheyenne WY; eldest son, Joshua of Alpine, WY; son Jesse (wife Kari) of Cheyenne WY; daughter Rebecca (husband James) of Council Bluffs, IA; and granddaughter, Jersey of Counci Bluffs, IA.

Join us in celebrating the remarkable life of our cherished & beloved Gary in your own way, as no formal service will be

| POLICE CALLS |

On Jan 31. at 2:32 a caller reported their eBay account had been hacked as they learned items they ordered had been shipped to a different address.

On Jan 31. at 3:32 in the afternoon a Marshfield caller reported that someone had taken over his computer and attempted to transfer \$50,000 from the caller's accounts. However, the bank froze the accounts and no money was

On Jan. 31 at 3:49 in the afternoon a caller in Port Edwards described that a female told her power company that she would be shutting off her own power. It was reported that the female had been living with space heaters and broken pipes, resulting in black mold to grow inside the residence.

On Feb. 1 a caller in Hewitt reported their stroage locker had items stolen from it, with the lock cleanly cut.

On Feb 1. at 11:42 in the evening a caller described a vehicle that had been following them for some time. The caller pulled over to the side of the road and the vehicle following pulled up right beside the caller, sat in the vehicle for ten seconds, then sped off. The caller provided dispatch with the car's make and plate number.

On Feb. 2 at 8:42 in the evening a caller reported hearing gun shots coming from a marshy area.

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This Week's Specials • This Week's Specials • This Week's Specials

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diversity and continuing a long-held tradition," said Tony Andrews, UWSP at Marshfield campus executive.

Sponsors include **UWSP** Marshfield, at Marshfield Clinic Health System, Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Foundation. Umhoefer Marshfield Broadcasting and Simplicity Credit Union.

For more details, visit uwsp.edu/marshfield/ cultural-fair/.

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SCS announced community donation drive

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD-- S.C. Swiderski (SCS) announced its first-ever Humane Society Donation Drive event in collaboration with twelve humane societies across the state. The Humane Society Donation Drive event will take place Feb. 17-21 and will include eighteen SCS Properties as the drop-off locations.

Created out of love and appreciation for local communities, the Humane Society Donation Drive encourages community members and SCS residents to build up and support their local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Community members are encouraged to bring donations to their local SCS Property and leave their donation with the SCS Property Manager during business hours or the designated after-hours drop-off location. Donations collected the week of Feb. 17 - 21 will be dropped off the following week. Requested donations include cat and dog food, cat and dog toys, beds and cat trees or cash donations. To view all participating SCS Properties and Humane Societies, please visit our website: www.livescs.com/ donation-drive.



Mid-State to offer Women in Welding event

FOR CITY TIMES

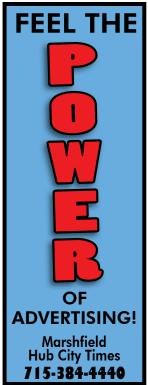
WISCONSIN RAPIDS - Mid-State Technical College is offering women a unique opportunity to explore careers in welding. The Women in Welding event is for women 12 years and up and takes place at Mid-State's Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering Technology, and Apprenticeship (AMETA™) Center in Stevens Point on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

This opportunity is free for participants thanks to State of Wisconsin Workforce Innovation Grant (WIG) funding. No welding experience is necessary.

Women in Welding celebrates women in the welding through a night of inspiration, networking and handson insights. Participants will hear presentations from Welding Instructor Jessie Jelinski and current Welding and Metal Fabrication student Trina Raflik. The night includes a tour of Mid-State's the state-of-the-art AMETA Center, a free dinner, and a hands-on welding

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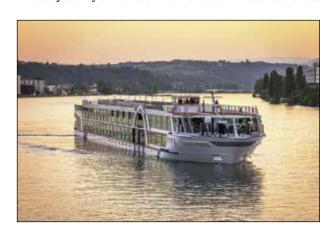
Next, you'll board the luxurious Amadeus Provence cruise ship in Lyon, France, where you'll enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner. Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage city and gastronomic capital of France, will captivate you with its stunning architecture and culinary delights.

Explore the wine regions of Burgundy

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Avignon, Arles and the Rhône River

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of Avignon and Arles. In Avignon, explore the Palace of the Popes and the Pont d'Avignon. For nature lovers, an optional excursion to the Roman aqueduct Pont du Gard awaits. In Arles, immerse yourself in the city's art and history, once home to Vincent van Gogh, and explore the Camargue Nature Reserve on an optional excursion.

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Wisconsin DMV debuts new 'B' series of license plates

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will soon debut a new series of license plates that begin with the letter 'B'. After nearly eight years and 4.7 million letter and number combinations on license plates issued by Wisconsin DMV, all combinations of plates that begin with the letter 'A' have been exhausted.

"Wisconsin DMV is proud to provide Wisconsin drivers the credentials they need to safely get from point A to point B and now we're moving from A to B," DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said. "Drivers can 'B' on the lookout for the new license plates when they begin rolling out statewide this month."

The first batch of 'B' plates will begin with BAA and will move through millions of letter and number combinations until all combinations starting with 'B' are issued. Wisconsin DMV estimates that process will take approximately seven years through issuing new plates and automatically replacing very old plates still on the road.

Wisconsin license plates currently have seven characters but that wasn't always the case. Wisconsin



plates had six characters until April 2017, when the current format of seven-character license plates beginning with the letter 'A' began. The additional character yields about 100 million combinations; the previous six-character license plates yielded about 20 million combinations. The letters 'I,' 'O,' and 'Q'

are not included in the combinations because they resemble numbers.

Each year, Wisconsin DMV issues more than 600,000 new license plates. Approximately 3.5 million vehicles have standard Wisconsin plates.

Vehicle owners

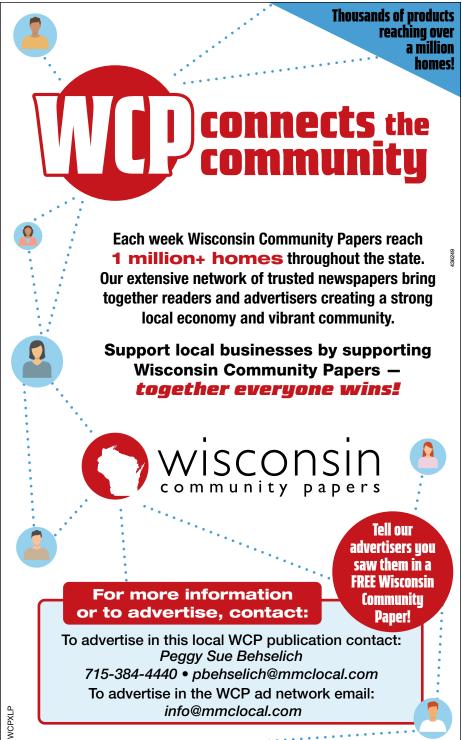
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What be the phone

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

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FFA is for students who want to engage in agriculture and aspire to be farmers, teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 1,027,273 student members as part of 9,235 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

FFA Week is comprised of daily activities:

- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16: SAE Sunday Learn more about SAEs here: saeforall.org
- MONDAY: National Days of Service Showcase how your Chapter/State Association plans to work to serve your individual communities during National Days of Service or has already done in the past year
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: FFA Alumni Day
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19: Ag Teacher Appreciation Day Honor FFA mentors and educators who provide guidance to members, conveying appreciation for their unwavering commitment to nurturing the leaders of tomorrow
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20: Give FFA Day Invite your family, friends, and colleagues to join us in supporting FFA members everywhere by donating at: giveffaday.ffa.org
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21: National Wear Blue Day to show your ffa pride!





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The Grace Theater presents How I Met Your Mummy



Left to right: Rick Merdan, Patrick Barrett and Jennifer Smihal.

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--The Grace Theater Team is deep into preparations for their annual community fundraising theater production of "How I Met Your Mummy" by Todd Wallinger. in this hysterically witty, spine-tingly farce, the O. Howe Dulle Museum is about to unveil their latest acquisition - a mysterious

mummy that has drawn a lot of attention from some questionable people. Can the museums cowardly security guard be able to stop them or will he be left taking the "wrap"? You can find the answer to these questions yourself Feb. 27 through March 2 by purchasing your tickets at Grace Lutheran Church, 1531 Whitrock Ave. Wisconsin Rapids - 715-423-2330.

MARSHFIELD AREA PET SHELTER PET OF THE WEEK

Missy



Hi, I'm Missy and I'm an affectionate lady at 10 years young! I'm a sweet, cuddly older gal and I'm ready to be your new best friend. I came to the shelter when my family could no longer care for me, and I am SO ready to go back into a home where I belong. I'm just waiting for a lap to sit on and a sunbeam to lay in. I'm not a fan of other cats or dogs, so I need to be a solo pet in my new home. Apply to visit me and I guarantee you'll never be lonely again!

My adoption fee is \$50. Seniors For Seniors Program! Adopters 60 or over can adopt at a reduced fee of \$25. 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 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

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PLATES

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looking to replace their older license plates can be among the first to order the new "B" series online at wisconsindmy. gov/Vreplace.

Wisconsin DMV license plates at a glance:

Wisconsin plates had a set format of six

characters since 1986 and reversed from letters to numbers (WRZ-999 to 123-ABC) in 2000

Wisconsin was the first state to stagger license plate expiration months across all 12 months of the year. This system was implemented beginning in 1946, with plates being issued to expire between June 1946 and May 1947 when people went to renew their 1945 plates.

PANTRY

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Families interested in receiving food packages can fill out an application, after which a program representative will contact them to confirm their information and schedule a pick-up or delivery. While the club is still determining how many families it can consistently serve, any additional families will be placed on a waitlist until they can be accommodated.

The Nekoosa School District is committed to combating food insecurity and supporting the health and wellbeing of children and families in the community. The club will continue to expand its efforts and looks forward to sharing more updates as the Food Pantry grows.

For more information about the Nekoosa School District Food Pantry or to make a donation, please contact Nikki Stearns at Nikki_Stearns@Nekoosa.k12. wi us

CLARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Bass! Bass came to CCHS with his 9 siblings at the beginning of January from a local farm that had too many puppies. This little guy is a mix of Chihuahua and ShihTzu. He is currently 12 weeks old and weighs about 11 pounds. He is pretty cute with a shorthaired coat that is white and brown. He has an adorable bi-colored nose with the perfect spot to boop! Bass was rather shy when he first came to CCHS and used to hide under his bed in his kennel. But boy has that changed! Bass is now so excited to greet people and just loves all the attention he can get. All of his siblings have now been adopted so Bass just knows that his turn is coming soon. He is ready to start making memories with his new family, and he has so much love to share!

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@

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 Bass head to Clark County Humane Society's website or found at https://www.cchs-petshelter.org/dog-adoption-application

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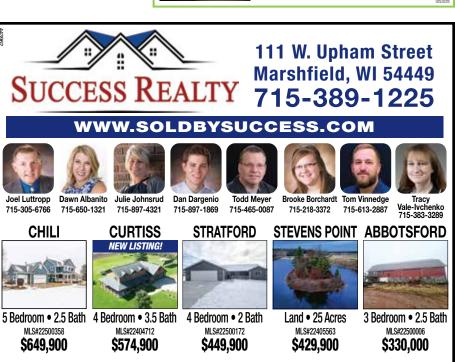
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feature
highlighting
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SPENCER AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS





Spencer High School Concert Choir performing at the 47th Annual Cabaret Performance. "Music of Memories" featured songs and medleys released between 2010-2020.



Go

Rockets!

Senior musicians entertain the audience.



On Monday, February 3, CESA 10's regional spelling bee was held. Kaden Schillinger, a 6th grader at Spencer School, took 3rd place after spelling "bowsprit" correctly. Abi Rolfs and Parker Klimmer also participated. Kaden will be moving onto the state spelling bee on Saturday, March 29th, 2025 at the Mitby Theater in Madison. The bee is set to start at 1:30pm. Public is encouraged to attend and support!





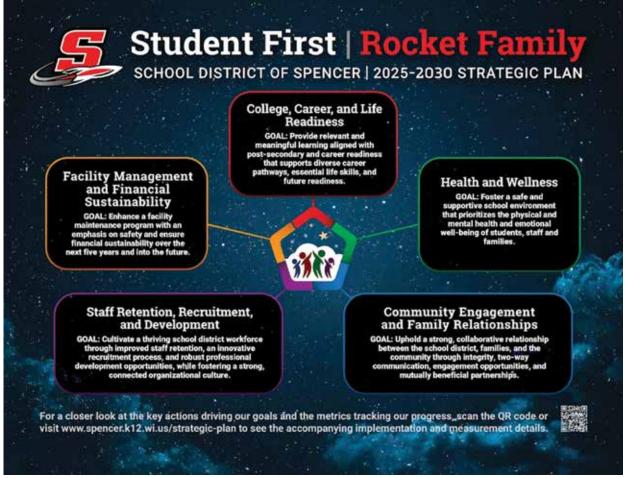
Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we're excited to celebrate at Launch Pad Infant Care Center. We will be spreading love and kindness through fun activities. It's the perfect opportunity to teach the little ones about friendship, appreciation, and caring for others. We can't wait to make this Valentine's Day extra special for all our kiddos!

We would like to thank our Launch Pad Infant Care Center staff for all their hard work for the last 10 months! Staff includes Elizabeth Garton, Carsee Neitzel, Jennifer Klimpke, Kelly Bauer, Hannah Reckner, Jadyn Zschernitz and our volunteer Kaitlynn Klimpke.





On Thursday January 30 the Spencer/Columbus varsity wrestling hosted their only home dual of the season. Coaches took advantage of this night to recognize this year's seniors along with the youth and junior high wrestlers. Seniors led the young wrestlers in a team breakdown at the center of the mat before the start of the dual. Seniors included Mason Wolf, Drew Lang, Austyn Widmann, Wyatt Karl, and Teddy Meyer.



The School District of Spencer recently approved a strategic plan that will lead the district through the year 2030. There was a task force of 44 people from the community and school that came together to help write goals for the next several years. Based on the input gathered from the task force information was narrowed down to five themes. From there, goals were set in each, and action steps and measures were designed to support and track the goals. The full plan including actions and measures can be found at www.spencer.k12.wi.us/strategic-plan.

A weekly feature highlighting school news from around the area!

STRATFORD A SCHOOL NEWS



Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season! The new year tends to be a time when people reflect on the previous year and set new year's resolutions/goals. In the Stratford School District, our staff is continuing to look at the goals we set at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. Our staff does a wonderful job working on action steps for their student learning objectives while working on their own professional practice goals.



Superintendent Lehman



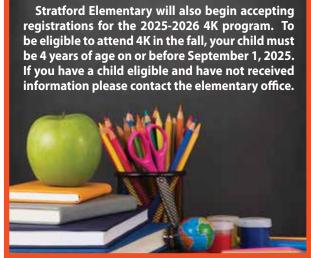
Our major focus in the elementary school revolves around the state's new ACT 20 initiatives. Our elementary goal is to maximize student achievement so that our students improve on standardized tests preparing them for career and

college readiness success before they graduate. Reviewing our elementary school proficiency results it's exciting to see how we have improved from the year prior as well as being one of the highest schools in the state.

Our Middle School and High School have set goals around academic achievement and community partnerships with an emphasis on our students becoming life-career and/or college-ready by the time they graduate. Our students in the high school took a career interest survey, giving them

an idea of what career they might be interested in. With these surveys, we encourage the students to take classes that revolve around their interest. In addition, we continue to look at areas we are successful in the forward and ACT tests to help our students with their college readiness.

Stratford Elementary will be hosting Child Development Days on Thursday evening, February 16 and Friday morning, February 17. All children in the Stratford School District who will turn ages 2.9 through age 4 by September 1, 2023 are encouraged to attend. Children will be screened in the areas of fine and gross motor, speech and language, cognition and social development. The screening identifies strengths and areas to work on for each child. For more information or to make an appointment please call the elementary office at 715-687-3535. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are greatly appreciated.







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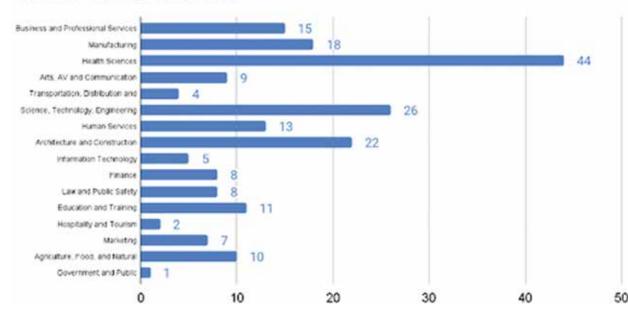
ELA Proficiency

- 72.3% (23-24) ES
- 63.4% (22-23) ES
- 39.8% (22-23) State

Math Proficiency

- 86.6% (23-24) ES
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Prepare for spring conditions with flood insurance



Snowmelt and spring storms increase flood risk in spring, but Wisconsinites can protect themselves with flood insurance.

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--In recognition of Gov. Tony Evers' proclamation of Feb. 2-8, 2025 as Flood Insurance Awareness Week, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is raising awareness of our state's increasing flood risk and the importance of having appropriate insurance coverage.

Flood insurance is an important tool to prevent financial vulnerability from flooding. Most homeowners and renters insurance policies do not cover flood damage.

'One inch of water can cause up to \$25,000 in damage, so even small or moderate floods can be financially devastating if you don't have the right insurance," said Insurance Commissioner Nathan Houdek. "Whether you rent or own, there is flood insurance coverage available for your needs."

Wisconsinites are eligible to purchase federal flood insurance, even for properties not in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas, when they are a resident of a community that is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). On average, 40% of NFIP flood insurance claims occur outside Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Homeowners and renters can purchase a private flood insurance policy to protect their homes and belongings if their agent sells flood coverage. Homeowners and renters are encouraged to talk to their local insurance agent or visit floodsmart. gov to learn more.

The DNR Floodplain program manages community enrollment in the NFIP, with staff serving as experts on federal flood insurance.

"Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program is one of the tools that builds flood resiliency into our Wisconsin communities," said Sarah Rafajko, State of Wisconsin NFIP coordinator at the DNR. "Don't wait until flood waters are rising to explore insurance.'

There is usually a 30-day waiting period before NFIP policies go into effect, so signing up today ensures residents have coverage by the time spring showers start to hit Wisconsin.

Those who own property in Special Flood Hazard Areas are required to purchase flood insurance if they have a mortgage from a federally regulated lender. Those not required to have coverage should also consider their flood



Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Matt Zacher recently proclaimed February 11, 2025 "211 Day." Pictured here are Danie Schalk, 211 Program Director and Mayor Zacher.

United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties' 211 recognizes the vital community **hotline on National 211 Day**

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS - Feb. 11 (2/11) is National 211 Day – an annual observance celebrating the go-to, 24/7 three-digit (2-1-1) resource that helps millions of people in the U.S. and Canada – including those in Wood and Adams Counties. The threedigit service connects information about resources and services available in one's

Based on the latest 211 Impact Survey Data, 211 triaged over 20 million requests, and in Wisconsin Rapids, responded to 5,110 calls and helped people in the community access help for immediate or long-term challenges.

211 is a vital resource leveraged by Wood and Adams Counties residents who need assistance with disaster, food, health care, mental health, insurance, stable housing, utility payment, veteran services, childcare, and other related needs.

Other key facts about 211:

211 is 24/7, free and confidential, and accessible in every county in Wisconsin

211 is offered in over 180 languages

211 specialists offer empathetic, nonjudgmental care - and these trained specialists connect individuals and families to a range of available resources to meet their underlying needs, not just the one that prompted the call, text, or

"211 is an unmatched, critical, go-to service that provides connection and support to those who need help for a range of needs," said Danie Schalk, 211 Program Director. "During 211 Day we aim to express appreciation to the call resource specialists who provide support to help our community members and celebrate this lifeline that is helping thousands here in Wood and Adams Counties.'

In Wisconsin Rapids, Mayor Matt Zacher has officially proclaimed Feb. 11, 2025 as "211 Day." During 211 Day, United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties encourages residents in Wood and Adams Counties to:

Call, or text (898211) if they or someone they know needs help

Share 211 widely with their neighbors, family, and friends to connect others to help and support

Advocate to your local policymakers for the importance of and need to strengthen

To connect with United Way's 211 you can do one of the following:

Dial 211 on your phone and you will be routed to the nearest contact center

If you have trouble getting connected, call our toll-free number at 877-947-2211

Text your zip code to 898211 Visit our database of community resources at uwswac.org/2-1-1

Practice safe merging techniques to prevent crashes February law of the month: Safe Merging

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Merging is a common technique on our roads that requires all Law of the Month highlights the basics joining traffic on another road, or entering

avoid crashes.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's February

Merging includes changing lanes, drivers to stay calm and pay attention to of safe merging for new and experienced a roadway from the curb or shoulder. State law requires drivers to stay in their lane and wait to merge until they are certain they have enough space to do so safely.

"Proper merging helps maintain a safe and smooth flow of traffic," State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Drivers encounter many different situations on the road that require merging. Crashes can be avoided when motorists are cautious of others on the road, allow plenty of distance between vehicles and avoid driving in blind spots of other vehicles."

Practice safe lane changes to protect yourself and others from a crash. Before moving into another lane:

Be sure the road is clear and there is a large enough gap between vehicles to allow you to safely change lanes.

Use turn signals to give other drivers time to react to your planned move. State law requires drivers to use turn signals before changing lanes, turning or merging

Scan quickly for traffic to the side and behind your vehicle. Use your rear view and side mirrors and look over your shoulder to check your blind spots. Do not take your eyes off the road for more than



an instant because traffic ahead of you may stop suddenly.

Look carefully for other road users like motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians who are harder to see.

When merging onto another road, like an interstate or highway, drivers should yield to traffic already moving on the roadway. When using an entrance ramp, aim to enter the highway at the same speed that traffic is moving. High-speed roadways generally have an acceleration lane to give drivers time to build up speed before merging into

If you are waiting for space to enter a roadway, slow down on the ramp so you have some room to speed up before merging.

When traffic patterns change and lanes are closed for construction or emergencies, drivers are asked to use the zipper merge technique to reduce traffic congestion.

When you see a sign indicating a lane closure ahead, continue to drive in your

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SkillsUSA Wisconsin announces results for Stevens Point Regional Competition

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY—SkillsUSA Wisconsin, a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce, announced the results of its regional competition held on Friday, Jan. 17, at Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point, WI.

CO2 Dragster

First Place: Lily Leonard, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Second Place: Keane Steebs, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Computer Programming

First Place: Casey Haugen, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Second Place: Dagmar Beckel, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Industrial Robotics

First Place: Bryce Blaubach, Trynn Verstegen, and Ian Whaples, Wausau West High School

Job Interview (High School)

First Place: Chelsea Kubiaczyk, Antigo Birnamwood High School High School

Second Place: Marty Bauer, Antigo High

Third Place: Sheldon Stransky, Marshall High School

Job Interview (Middle School)

First Place: Annabelle Parizek, Antigo ligh School

Second Place: Lily Leonard, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Precision Machining Technology

First Place: Samuel Schumacher, Wausau West High School

Second Place: Nicholas Davis, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Third Place: Emma Schumacher, Wausau West High School

Prepared Speech (High School)

First Place: Benjiman Romatowski, Lincoln High School (Wisconsin Rapids)

Prepared Speech (Middle School)

First Place: Olive Kaminski, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Team Engineering Challenge (High School)

First Place: Camren Raduechel, Eli Schuett, and Kingsley Tessmer, Wausau West High School

Second Place: Kylie Kurth, Emme Tetzlaff, and Gavin Wasmundt, Wausau West High School

Third Place: Evan Fournier, Keegan Obst, and Wyatt Witte, Stevens Point Area Senior High School

Team Engineering Challenge (Middle School)

First Place: Jessica Quade, Jaxson Schider, and Clayton Schultz, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Second Place: Atticus Khan, Maddyx Malsom, and Miles Morehead, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Welding

First Place: Nash Sullivan, Chetek-Weverhaeuser High School

Second Place: David Hoehn, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School

Third Place: Devon Holub, Lincoln High School (Wisconsin Rapids)

Welding Sculpture (High School)

First Place: Brice Kaiser, Wausau West High School

Second Place: Hunter Helms, Clintonville High School

Third Place: Faith Weso, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Welding Sculpture (Middle School)

First Place: Milayna Groh, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Second Place: Achilles Prantalos, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Third Place: Bella Rumpel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Those who placed advance to participate in the 52nd SkillsUSA Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference in Madison, Wis. on Tues., April 1 - Wed., April 2, 2025. State competitions will occur at the Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, and Madison Area Technical College (MATC), 1701 Wright St.

The 2025 State Leadership and Skills Conference will feature more than 1,750 middle, high school, and college/post-secondary students, over 200 teachers, and more than 300 industry volunteers working in over 75 competitions.

UWSP's new data security lab to enhance student experiences



Assistant Professor Chad Johnson, CNMT, shows a student the data analysis software purchased for the Digital Forensics and Recovery Analysis Lab.

C. Hutton Photos



A student demonstrates diagnostic tools that will be used for data recovery work in the new

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--When you think of evidence that can be used in court cases, recovered data on an electronic device might not be the first thing that comes to mind. However, it is critical that trained technicians can draw on their expertise to gather evidence that can trace digital fingerprints.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will have a resource for that very circumstance in the coming weeks, with students engaged directly in forensic analysis and data recovery work. The newly launched Digital Forensics and Recovery Analysis Lab (DFRAL) inside UWSP's Science Building will provide student with an opportunity to troubleshoot for real-world clients and gain experience handling evidence.

From cell phones and tablets to computer components, the staff of the DRFAL will tackle cyber investigation and data recovery services for UWSP community and beyond. For students, the experiences gained in the lab will give them practical experience and specialized skills in data recovery and forensic analysis.

"In solving problems working with data, it is so satisfying to find the piece of evidence you're looking for," said Brady Peer, a UWSP computer information systems-cybersecurity major.

The lab will closely mirror the digital forensics process used by information technology security professionals. The tools and knowledge students can gain will allow them to hone their critical thinking skills as they develop their technical investigative capabilities.

"It takes a rare set of skills that we make available to people," said Chad Johnson, lead coordinator of the DRFAL and assistant professor in the Department of Computing and New Media Technologies (CNMT).

With funding secured from the College of Letters and Science Innovation Fund, Johnson began to put together plans for the necessary equipment— servers, computer monitors, diagnostic equipment— tools of the trade in cyber intelligence and forensics. The focus in cybersecurity is to use data skills in defense of problems. In setting up the DRFAL as a working lab experience, Johnson said, he hoped to give students that sense of urgency in information security and a willingness to be of service to others.

"Johnson's extensive experience in digital forensics as an educator and practitioner is essential for the success of DFRAL. We are looking forward to the first projects getting underway and recruiting students to work in the lab," said CNMT chair and Associate Professor Tomi Heimonen.

Johnson is a member of the American Association of Forensic Scientists and has been tapped for his expertise in data recovery. Most recently, Johnson spent 800 hours over the summer collaborating in analysis and evidence recovery on behalf of the University Police Department and attorneys. He was asked to perform work on personal devices, evidence recovery in a harassment case, along with a special discovery on an international drug trafficking case.

The university's cybersecurity program has recently earned the backing of the National Security Agency (NSA) Center of Academic Excellence (CAE). This prestigious designation acknowledges the commitment of the Department of Computing and New Media Technologies to high standards in cybersecurity education, research and workforce development. This recognition brings added credibility to the Computer Information Systems degree at UWSP.

The designation will be valid for an initial period of five years after which there is a renewal process. UWSP joins about 400 institutions across the United States which have earned a Centers for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) designation. Johnson's advocacy for the initiative helps greatly to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the student experience.

"The designation is proof positive that we've got the

support and the expertise we need to keep pushing this forward. We are growing what is undeniably the best cyber program in the Midwest," Johnson said.

He envisions active student interns, as well as two staff dedicated in the future to project needs for the DFRAL. From internship work in the lab, to sponsorships for student projects in the Center for Cybersecurity Studies, the expansion of access and opportunities for students all serve to deliver high level job-ready experiences to keep pace with demand in the field of data security.



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Special Notes: Numbers will be handed out starting 30 minutes prior to the sale on Saturday only. Numbers determine order of entry when sale opens. All items are sold AS IS with no guarantees. Sales tax will be applied to all purchases per Wisconsin State Statute. For updates and photos follow our Facebook and Instagram page - JR's Estate Ser-

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Seasonal **Affective Disorder:** finding light in the winter

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Winter can be a challenging time for many, as shorter days and colder weather often bring more than just a chill in the air. For some individuals, these seasonal changes may trigger Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that occurs during the darker months of the vear.

months

"SAD can deplete our energy and affect our mood, leading to a cycle where we engage less in activities we enjoy, skip routines, and withdraw socially," says Jessica Schaefer, a licensed clinical therapist with Aspirus Health. "This can make winter feel even more difficult to navigate."

To combat the effects of SAD, Schaefer recommends small, intentional changes that can make a big difference. Examples include setting achievable goals, such as taking more steps during the day, meeting a friend for a simple outing, or trying a new activity. These small actions can boost energy, increase feel-good chemicals in the brain, and help individuals reconnect with positive emotions.

Schaefer also suggests creating moments to look forward to, such as planning a weekly movie night or experimenting with new recipes. "Even small, manageable steps can help us find moments of joy and connection," she notes.

For those experiencing persistent feelings of hopelessness, Schaefer advises seeking professional help. "If these feelings last for more than a couple of weeks or if someone experiences suicidal thoughts, reaching out to a health care provider is critical. A primary care provider can guide individuals to the resources they need."

RECYCLE



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lane up until the final merge point. When you reach this point, take alternating turns with other drivers to merge into the single lane of traffic. It is important to note, a zipper merge is not necessary when traffic is moving at highway speeds and there are no backups. Drivers can move over sooner if it is safe to do so.

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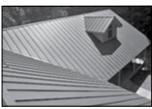
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MMS girls gymnastics wins B Division Team Title at Antigo's Invitational



From left to right - Quinn Miller, Ruby Mealey, Bre Drapeau, Maci Kuehmichel, Kelsey Wray, Leeann Luedtke, Kaidence Keding.

BY KATIE SCHIMKE

MARSHFIELD--Marshfield Middle School Girls Gymnastics competed against four teams at Antigo's Invitational Meet. Marshfield came out with a team win of 114.750 points, with Rhinelander in second place with 102.050 points, and Antigo in third with 78.700 points. Other teams included Lakeland and Mosinee. In the All-Around Division Marshfield's Kaidence Keding took second place with 28.70 points for the B Division, and in the A Division Marshfield' Leeann Leudtke took third with 27.600 points. In A Division vault Marshfield's Leeann Luedtke took second and in the B Division Marshfield's Quinn Miller took first

and Kaidence Keding took second. On the B Division Bards Kelsey Wray from Marshfield won first. On the B Division Beam Maci Kuehmichel took first and Kelsey Wray took third. On A Division Beam Leeann Luedtke took first. For B Division Floor Maci Kuehmichel took first.



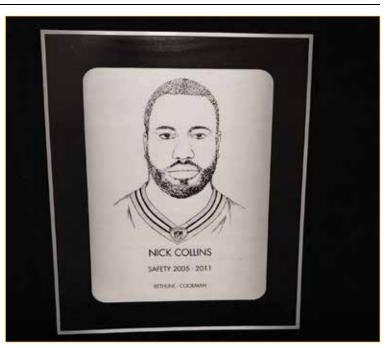


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Nick Collins' Packer Hall of Fame induction plaque. Nicholas Cardell Collins was selected by the Packers in the second round of the 2005 NFL Draft. The safety recorded 22 interceptions over his 102-game career. He played with the Packers from 2005 to 2011.





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UWSP Graduate researcher takes conservation to new heights with drone technology



Wood ducks captured using infrared technology (left) alongside a zoomed-in visible light image (right).

FOR CITY TIMES

Griswold's

COUNTY--WOOD Amanda Griswold, a graduate student the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, is using drones equipped with thermal cameras to transform how biologists monitor waterfowl populations and protect critical habitats.

research,

guided by her adviser, Assistant Professor Ben Sedinger, explores how uncrewed aerial systems can improve waterfowl conservation efforts. Sedinger, the Kennedy-Grohne Chair in Waterfowl and Wetlands Conservation, mentorship provided throughout the project, which was supported by a Wisconsin Department Natural Resources grant. Additional funding included a scholarship the Wisconsin from Waterfowl Hunters Expo Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, as well as the David R. Luukkonen Waterfowl and Wetland Graduate Student Fellowship awarded by Ducks Unlimited.

For decades, waterfowl surveys relied on aerial flights in small planes and ground-based observations. traditional These methods have limitations, particularly in detecting every bird in each area. But Griswold's study, conducted over two years, shows that drones are changing the

Griswold and her team used drones to survey a variety of wetland habitats. drones, equipped thermal imaging with technology, effectively detected birds in areas where traditional surveys often struggled. By flying at heights that minimized disturbance, the drones ensured the birds' natural behaviors remained unaffected throughout the surveys.

"Our findings show that drones are a reliable and efficient tool for monitoring waterfowl breeding populations." Griswold "They improve detection rates while reducing the need for timeintensive ground surveys."

This research directly benefits conservation by providing data on waterfowl populations and habitat use, allowing conservationists to better prioritize restoration and management efforts. By identifying areas with high breeding activity or critical habitats for broods, resources can be allocated more effectively to ensure the survival of these species. Additionally, the reduced labor and cost associated with drone surveys make conducting more frequent or widespread assessments possible, giving managers the tools they need to respond to emerging challenges, such as habitat degradation or climate change impacts, in realtime.

Sedinger highlighted



UW-Stevens Point graduate student Amanda Griswold operates a drone for her research on waterfowl conservation.

the project's collaborative approach and its potential impact. "This research combines advanced technology with ecological address expertise to real-world conservation challenges," he said. "Drones give us the ability to observe waterfowl in ways we couldn't before, allowing for more precise conservation strategies. It's an exciting step forward for waterfowl and wetland conservation."

As wildlife populations face threats from habitat loss and climate change, conservationists turning to tools that guide restoration efforts with Thanks precision. Griswold's innovative work, Sedinger's mentorship and support from state agencies, Wisconsin's wetlands offer a hopeful outlook for waterfowl populations and

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Reasons To Give

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Your Gift is Multiplied: Each dollar donated to the Endangered Resources Fund through the tax checkoff is doubled by state funding and can be used to successfully apply for grants that require fund matching. This allows us to turn \$1 into \$4 or \$25 into \$100.

'When you support the Endangered Resources Fund, it supports our team's on-the-ground conservation efforts and helps us collaborate with volunteers and partners to prevent the loss of species across our state," said Drew Feldkirchner, DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau Director. "In the past year, we've seen the rediscovery of a rare plant not seen for over 100 years, conducted prescribed burns on thousands of acres of natural areas and our biologists documented encouraging signs of recovery among little brown bat populations decimated by white-nose syndrome. Every donation, no matter how small, helps us do the work needed to keep rare wildlife in Wisconsin.

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You can also look for the donations section in your tax program or let your tax preparer know you want to donate to the Endangered Resources Fund. Donations to the Endangered Resources Fund are tax-deductible and matched dollar for dollar.

The Endangered Resources Fund supports much of the work of the DNR's Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation. Read about how the Endangered Resources Fund has helped support species recovery and Wisconsin state natural area management or sign up for email updates on the Natural Heritage Conservation Field Notes webpage.



Trumpeter swans were removed from the Wisconsin endangered species list due to recovery in 2009, thanks in part to contributions to the Endangered Resources Fund.

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