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# Mid-State Technical College named 2025 Firm of the Year by MACCI

## **FOR CITY TIMES**

MARSHFIELD - The Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MACCI) has named Mid-State Technical College its 2025 Firm of the Year, recognizing the College's contributions to workforce development, economic growth and community engagement. The honor was presented at MACCI's Annual Dinner on Wednesday,

Jan. 29, where Mid-State was also celebrated for 105 years of service to the Marshfield community.

Mid-State's Marshfield Campus has played a vital role in preparing students for in-demand careers locally. The campus employs nearly 40 full-time staff and faculty, and 80 percent of its graduates remain in the district, directly benefiting area employers and the economy. The campus serves nearly 1,500 students, an increase of 12 percent over

Since 2020, collaborations with the City of Marshfield and Marshfield Fire and Rescue produced expanded firefighter and emergency responder training. In 2022 partnerships with Pittsville and Auburndale High Schools led to the creation of Mid-State's Meat Cutting and

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# Vehicle driver injured in school bus accident

### FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--One person is injured after a school bus accident at the intersection of Fernwall Avenue and Cloverdale Road in the township of Worden.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call of the crash at about 4:09 p.m., on Monday Feb. 10, 2025. Initial investigation indicates that a school bus was traveling west on Cloverdale Road and entered the intersection at Fernwall Ave. As the bus entered the intersection it struck a Jeep on it driver's side as it was traveling south on Fernwall Ave.

The bus continued west and stopped on Cloverdale Road. The Jeep came to rest in the South West ditch at the intersection. The bus had eight students inside it with one adult driver. No one on the bus was injured.

The Jeep had one passenger that sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to the Mayo Hospital in Eau Claire. The students were taken home by another school bus that arrived at the scene.

The Thorp Area Fire and Ambulance Service responded to the scene with the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The investigation of the crash is continuing by the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

The names of the drivers and students riding the bus are not being released at this time. The school bus driver failed to yield at the yield sign at the intersection.

# **Iowa State** University announces fall 2024 Deans List

### FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

# Marshfield, Wisconsin

Hayden Berger, First Year, Kinesiology and Health,

Ellie Jensen, Junior, Construction Engineering, B.S. Serenah Tippett, Sophomore, Architecture Undergraduate Pre-Major

Hailey Zimmermann, Sophomore, Marketing, B.S.

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# A five generation family with Marshfield roots



Genevieve Duerr 26, Finn Dombrowski 5, John Duerr 53, Marvin (Butch) Duerr 77, and Ed Duerr 96.

## BY DANIELLE SNEDEKER

MARSHFIELD--Mary Lour Duerr and her husband, Marvin, have called Marshfield home their entire lives. "Everyone knows him by Butch. His Aunt Betty gave it to him and it just stuck," Mary Lou explains her husband's nickname. Five generations reach back to Butch's father, Ed (96) who moved to the city of Marshfield in the 1950s. Ed worked as a standing timber buyer for the Rodus Lumber Company before moving the remainder of his career to construction at Trierweiler.

"After he retired they called him back to work. In his seventies! He's still got it together. Lives at home. Gets out to walk around the house, so-to-speak. Checks the trees and enjoys family outings. These five generations of kids



Maggie Weber 31, Oliver Duerr 4, Wyatt Weber 10, Ernie Duerr 50, Marvin (Butch) 77, Ed Duerr 96.

think the world of him and he knows all of their names," Mary Lou said.

In a similar communal fashion, Butch and Mary Lou are well liked and well known in Marshfield. From 1988-2016 the couple ran and owned Viaduct Bar. "We pretty much ran it ourselves, with the help of a few employees. They were mostly university students and our daughter in law. We wanted to be flexible and could be with their schedules." When Viaduct Bar was under their ownership, the couple started a safe ride home program for Wood County and Butch held the title of Marshfield Mayor from 1992-1994. Now that the couple is retired, they have more time to focus on their five generational family. Every Sunday they have a get together, and whoever can make it comes.

'Oliver is the youngest in the five generations. He's four. A four year old having a great great grandpa, which you don't hear about much. By car, everyone is within an hour of our place. Ed, Butch, Maggie, Oliver, and the rest of the family," Mary Lou said.

When asked what it feels like to have five generations of family still alive, Mary Lou said, "To me, it is quite a great legacy. Everyone likes to look at their family tree. But to have Ed, that great great grandpa alive who communicates well with these kids is just wonderful. To listen to some of his stories. It's live history."

# **Red Cross: Donors needed now to build up the blood supply**

# FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets in Feb. to help build up the blood supply after thousands of donations went uncollected last month.

People of all blood types - especially those with type O negative blood - are encouraged to make and keep their donation appointments so hospitals can continue to ensure critical care for patients this winter.

Since the beginning of the year, hundreds of blood drives have been canceled and more than 16,000 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected due to severe winter weather and wildfires. As Feb. continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems to disrupt blood drives. Flu and other seasonal illnesses are spreading, which could also force more people to cancel scheduled donation appointments, compounding the impact to collecting lifesaving blood products.

Give with your whole heart this month. To book a time to give blood or platelets, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-

As a thank-you, 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.

# **Wood County Donation Opportunities** Marshfield

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

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# Morgan's Mission holds bingo fundraiser to help remodel bathroom at Community Park

### BY KATIE SCHIMKE

MARSHFIELD—
Morgan's Mission will be holding their annual fundraiser on March 15. Held at Uptown Plaza, located at 901 N. Pacific Street in Spencer, Morgan's Mission will be partnering with Spencer Community Boosters to host bingo, holding a spaghetti lunch, and the band Rising Phoenix will finish out the day to tie off a fun filled community event.

Morgan's Mission is a non-profit based in Spencer that fundraises money for community needs. Leader Morgan's Mission, Becky Gorst, explains that donations can range from community families in need after fires or losses, community improvement, and purchasing equipment for children in school programs that may not otherwise be able to participate due to cost. Morgan's Mission works with school counselors to donate to children who may want to participate in the school's soccer team, but may not be able to afford cleats. That's where Morgan's Mission steps in.

Founded in 2018, Morgan's Mission originally started as Morgan Strong. Morgan Strong was created for Gorst's son, Morgan, who was sick with cancer.

"Morgan was diagnosed with brain cancer on Aug. 31, 2018, we fought hard and on Nov. 5, 2019 on a day we thought we were going to get good news and the tumor would be gone (it was shrinking every time we went), they told us that the cancer spread and he went from being at the end of treatment to having 4 new tumors. It was a horrible day. One of the worst days. I think worst than the initial diagnosis because we knew it was over. He passed away on March 10, 2020, three days before his 14th birthday." Gorst says. "In the time from his date of diagnosis to the day he passed we made so many memories.



Morgan at age 13.

It's heartbreaking to lose a child but we had time to fight and so many I love yous."

As friends and community members rallied around Morgan Strong, when Morgan passed away Gorst kept the mission going by using the leftover funds from Morgan Strong and making Morgan's Mission's first donation in 2021. Some of the first donations made by Morgan's Mission went to build a concession stand at the local community park.

"The community has been very, very good to us." Gorst says, "They supported us when Morgan was going through cancer, and after he passed they were amazing. With Morgan's Mission the support has continued from the community and local businesses."

For their annual fundraiser, Gorst explains they've chosen March in honor of Morgan's birth month, with his birthday falling on March 13. This year's fundraiser will be held on March 15, a day packed with bingo, a spaghetti lunch, and a performance by the 80's rock group Rising Phoenix.

Doors open at 11:00 in the morning, with kids' games and bounce houses from noon to 4:00p.m., a freewill spaghetti lunch (a donation based payment for lunch) with spaghetti and meat sauce, chicken alfredo, garlic bread, and more, bingo from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m., raffle baskets all day, and to close out the night Rising Phoenix will perform from 6:00p.m.-10:00p.m.

"All our funds pretty much go right back out the door to the community," Gorst says, "this year we're partnering with the Spencer Booster's Club to work on a remodel of the bathrooms at the community park." With the donations and support from Morgan's Mission Spencer's community park has been remodeled and built up over the years to become more welcoming to the community.

"Since we started in 2021 we've donated well over \$20,000," Gorst says. Morgan's Mission is eager to continue giving back to the Spencer community, with the next step being their annual fundraiser held on March 15 at 901 N. Pacific Street in Spencer.

# POSITION BOSPARTY ROCK EST 2012 BOSPARTY ROCK



Mid-State Technical College was presented with the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry award at MACCI's Annual Dinner on Jan. 29. Pictured, front row left to right: Dr. Alex Lendved, Mid-State dean of the Marshfield Campus and School of Applied Technology; Dr. Shelly Mondeik, Mid-State president; and Betty Bruski-Mallek, Mid-State Board of Directors member. They are surrounded by Mid-State staff.

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Butchery program.

"We are incredibly honored to receive this recognition, which highlights the power of collaboration in building a strong workforce and thriving community," said Dr. Alex Lendved, Mid-State's dean of the Marshfield Campus and School of Applied Technology. "For over 105 years, we have strategically partnered with businesses, schools and organizations to maximize resources, expand educational access and create opportunities that drive economic success and workforce innovation in the region."

Mid-State continues to invest in the Marshfield community, with two new outreach locations in 2023, Mid-State on Central and Mid-State at Marshfield Clinic. Both locations expand access to educational resources in the Marshfield community and bring workforce training closer to its students and employers.

During the 2023–2024 school year, the College awarded over 3,000 credits to Marshfield-area high school students,

saving families over \$700,000 in tuition costs. The campus also provides adult education through High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) and General Educational Development® (GED®) coursework, English language learner courses and workforce training, as well as essential resources like a food pantry and public health vending machines.

Mid-State's commitment to excellence has also earned state and national recognition, including a 100 percent NCLEX pass rate for nursing graduates in 2023 and being named one of the top four nursing programs in Wisconsin in 2024. Additionally, Mid-State was ranked number one in enrollment growth in the Wisconsin Technical College System in 2022–2023 and is a top-10 finalist in the 2025 Bellwether Award competition.

"While we don't do what we do for recognition, we are incredibly proud and honored to be named the 2025 Firm of the Year," said Mid-State President Dr. Shelly Mondeik. "We look forward to continuing to serve the Marshfield community, strengthening partnerships and expanding opportunities for generations to come."

# DATCP announces call for nominations for Wisconsin Potato Industry Board

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations through March 28, 2025, for three seats on the Wisconsin Potato Industry Board. Growers in Districts 1, 2, and At-Large are eligible to nominate board members or be nominated.

Potato growers should receive a nomination form in the mail. Eligible growers also can request nomination forms by emailing Market Orders program staff at DATCPMarketOrders@wisconsin.gov.

Each nomination form

must include signatures of at least five eligible potato growers, other than the nominee, from the district in which the nominee is running for office. A

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BERNADETTE M. SMITH Bernadette M. "Bernie' Smith, age 80, of Marshfield WI, passed away on Sunday February 2, 2025 at The House of the Dove in Marshfield. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at St Mary Catholic Church in Greenwood, WI with Rev. Emmanuel Famiyeh officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9am until time of service. Bernadette Mary Broehm was

born on November 4, 1944 in Appleton, WI to Alfred and Mary (Charapata) Broehm. Bernie grew up in Winneconne, WI and worked at her parents' store while attending high school. She graduated from Winneconne High School in 1962. Bernie was united in mar riage to Richard Enli on June 23, 1962 at St Mary Catholic Church on Winneconne. Tragically, he lost his life in an auto accident on December 12, 1964. She worked at various jobs while attending the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh. On August 10, 1968 she married Dale Smith in the Newman Center at the University. The couple and two daughters moved to Greenwood, WI in 1973 for Dale's work. Bernie was active in the community as a leader in Girl Scouts and attended nearly all of her daughters' school activities. She was an avid fan of Greenwood girls' volleyball, basketball and softball, and was well known for rooting in the stands. In 1990, Bernie decided to go back to college at UW-Oshkosh to study to be a special education teacher, graduating in 1993. In 1997, she started teaching both junior and senior high students for the school district in Loyal, WI. She retired as a full-time teacher after 20 years of employment. Bernie was a huge "cheerleader" helping her students succeed in their skills. She later enjoyed working as a substitute teacher at the Spencer School District. Besides teaching, she loved garage sales, shopping for bargains, antiques, glassware, collectables, and caring for her dogs.

Survivors include Dale Smith of Marshfield, WI; her two daughters: Nanette (John) Sowieja of Willard and Michele Enli of Englewood, FL; one grandson, Zackarie (Brea) Sowieja of Stevens Point, WI; two great grandchildren: Carter and Emma Sowieja; four sisters: Betty Slick, Barbara Foth, Beverly Wicinsky, and Bonnie (Jon) Jacobsen; nieces nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Enli; and her parents; nieces, nephews, other family members and

Special thanks to Compassus Home Care & Hospice Care, and the House of the Dove for their comforting and compassionate support.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the House of the Dove in Marshfield, WI.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cuddiefh

Cuddie Funeral Home of Greenwood, WI is assisting the family with arrangements,

# **IOWA STATE**

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# Pittsville, Wisconsin

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# Vesper, Wisconsin

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## JOSH BECKER

Josh Becker, 37 passed away unexpectedly at his home in West, Florida on Jan

Joshua Louis Becker was born on September 19, 1987 to Dave and Jane (Kiddoo Becker in Marshfield, Wiscon sin at Saint Joseph's Hospital. Josh attended Lincoln Elementary and Marshfield Junior and Senior High. He enjoyed being in band, and was very proud of achieving "first chair" with his consistently. clarinet

loved picking up any instrument and trying to play it, and marching at Disney World in their parade was a high school highlight. The bands' visit to The Atlantis in the Bahamas set off his desire to travel and live somewhere warm. FFA also meant a lot to him as he loved showing cattle and rabbits at the fair. He also milked cows on his Grandpa Al's farm. Josh had a life long love for animals, (and collecting them.

After high school, Josh traveled and lived in various states He was very proud to be a graduate of Paul Mitchell the School Houston. This enabled him to pursue his calling in cosmetology. An interesting and creative career followed for Josh, which led him to achieve one of his life dreams - own ing his own salon –Anagen. being able to do that in Key West was also a life's dream come true. Gardening and growing orchids came naturally to him there.

Josh's ability to light up a room with his smile, laugh, and quick wit will be greatly missed by his family and friends, especially his family. Josh is survived by his parents Jane Kiddoo and Dave (Jane) Becker, his siblings Leanna Becker, Jeremy (Cassidy) Becker, Dustin (Angela) Gregurich and Tonya Gregurich. He is also survived by beloved family members-his niece and nephews, sister in laws, Aunts, Uncles, cousins and his Grandma Carol as well as a far stretching abundance of friends.

Josh was preceded in death by his Aunt Kate and his Grand-parents: Grandpa Clyde, Grandma Dot, Grandpa Al Grandpa Ivan and Grandma Laurie.

A private family Memorial will be held and a Celebration of Life will be held for family and friends in Key West at a later

# PUBLISHER'S LETTER

# **Grave Thoughts From** The Graveyard

Dear Reader,

Today, I visited a graveyard to pay respects to a recently departed family member. The cemetery

was vast, and we found ourselves lost amidst rows of unfamiliar headstones. After wandering both on foot and by car, weaving past names unknown to us, we finally reached the gravesite.

Standing there, I couldn't help but think about this place—where those who were once so visible and vibrant in life are laid to rest, becoming part of the



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quiet, unremembered landscape. The sun beat down with hardly any shade, and the graves seemed tightly packed, which made me wonder about the business side of burial plots—how every inch is planned, sold, and filled.

But more than that, my mind wandered to the fate of the souls. After death, where do they go? Surely, they don't linger here. While the dead no longer have a care or say in their resting place, there's an undeniable finality to it. They are gone from the world we know; and at an immediate or lingered point in time, their bodies become the forgotten invisible. After all of their toils, they are buried away somewhere out of sight, and out of mind.

## PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book

# Announcing the winners of the 2025 Wood County **Poster Contest**

# **FOR CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY - This year marked the 20th year Wood County Land Water Conservation Department hosted a local conservation awareness poster contest. This contest is part of a state and national initiative where local winners proceed to the area contest, area contest winners move forward to the state contest which is held during the annual WI Land + Water Conference, and state winners then move forward to national contest hosted by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

This year, the firstplace winner was Henry Gunderman, who also advanced onto the North Central Area contest. The

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second-place winner was Aubree Bellanti and the winners are 5th grade third-place winner was

Joey Petersen. All three students at Auburndale Elementary School.

The poster contest includes five age groups, grades K-12, with the winner of each age group advancing to the area contest. Wood County Land & Water Conservation Depertment would like to increase participation as this year they only received posters in grades 4-6. If you or someone vou know is interested in submitting a poster in 2026, keep an eye on the Wood County Land &

Water Conservation website and/or the WI Land + Water website in the fall to see what 2026's theme and contest guidelines will

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# Alyson Cole promoted to Consumer Loan Officer at MMCCU

**FOR CITY TIMES** 

MARSHFIELD – Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union (MMCCU) announced the promotion of Alyson Cole to the role of Consumer Loan Officer. Alyson, who has been a dedicated Member Service Representative, will now take on an expanded role in helping members achieve their financial goals through personalized lending solutions.

Alyson grew up in Wisconsin Rapids and graduated in May 2023 with a bachelor's degree in Actuarial Mathematics. During

college, she combined her analytical skills with leadership by managing and teaching a collegiate a cappella group. Her commitment to fostering positive member experiences has been evident since she joined MMCCU,



where her warm demeanor and attention to detail have made a lasting impact.

"With a proven track record of delivering exceptional member service and a degree in Actuarial Mathematics, Alyson is well equipped to thrive as a Loan Officer. This transition is a testament to our culture of promoting from within, where passion, expertise, and commitment to service are always recognized and encouraged," said Stephanie Rasmussen, Accountant & HR Specialist at MMCCU.

Alyson is eager to take on this new opportunity, deepening her knowledge of MMCCU's lending services while continuing to provide the same welcoming experience that members have come to appreciate.

# MCPL Book Clubs: March 2025

# Marathon City Book Club: The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger

Mon. 3/10. 5:45 p.m. 715-443-2775. [MCPL Marathon City]

When a wealthy landowner is found dead in the Alabaster River on Memorial Day in 1958, Sheriff Brody Dern – a decorated war hero – struggles to solve this murder that has the town of Jewel, Minnesota, up in arms, while putting to rest the demons from his past.

## Edgar Book Club: The Thursday Murder Book Club by Richard Osman

Tues. 3/11. 12:00 p.m. 715-352-3155. [MCPL Edgar]

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club.

## Hatley Book Club: The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin

Tues. 3/11. 1:00 p.m. 715-446-3537. [MCPL Hatley]

Stranded in a frigid mountain wilderness after a plane crash, a gifted surgeon and a young magazine writer are forced to rely on each other for survival while confronting painful truths about their personal lives.

# Athens Book Club: Now Is Not the Time to Panic by Kevin Wilson

Tues. 3/11. 2:00 p.m. 715-257-7292. [MCPL Athens]

Twenty years after secretly causing panic in her hometown through the written word and artwork, along with a fellow loner named Zeke, famous author, mom and wife Frances Eleanor Budge gets a call that brings her past rushing back, threatening to upend everything.



2025 Book Clubs - February 2024

# Spencer Book Club: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Mon. 3/17. 1:00 p.m. 715-659-3996. [MCPL Spencer]

Recalling the past at her daughters' request, Lara tells the story of a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance, which causes her daughters to examine their own lives and reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

## Mosinee Book Club: The Manor House by Gilly Macmillan

Mon. 3/17. 2:00 p.m. 715-693-2144. [MCPL Mosinee]

When her husband Tom is found dead, Nicole, whose life has been changed after a massive lottery win, finds her dream world turning into a nightmare, realizing that big money can bring big problems and big threats.

## Stratford Book Club: The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Wed. 3/19. 1:00 p.m. 715-687-4420. [MCPL Stratford]

In 1789 Maine, midwife Martha Ballard investigates a shocking murder linked to an alleged rape that has shaken her small town, especially when her diary lands at the center of the scandal, threatening to tear both her family and her community apart.

# Rothschild Book Club: The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Wed. 3/26. 11:00 a.m. 715-359-6208. [MCPL Rothschild]

Volunteering for Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library in small-town Kentucky, an English bride joins a group of independent women whose commitment to their job transforms the community and their relationships.

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# Colewell Law Office LLC announces they are now accepting clients for estate planning

FOR CITY TIMES

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# | POLICE CALLS |

On Feb 6. at 11:50 in the morning a Nekoosa caller reported witnessing a hit and run in a parking lot, stating that multiple security cameras also recorded the incident.

On Feb 6. around 12:30 in the afternoon a caller from Grand Rapids described seeing a large fire in a lot next door. The caller was concerned that the fire would spread due to heavy winds.

On Feb 6. at 3:20 in the afternoon a Port Edwards caller requested extra patrol due to an individual in an apartment complex who was trying to open people's doors and unscrewing outdoor lights between 8:00 and 10:00 at night.

On Feb. 7 at 10:00 in the morning an employee at a gas station in Auburndale called to report a customer had

drived off after fueling their vehicle without paying, they believe this could have been unintentional.

On Feb. 7 at 4:25 in the afternoon an Auburndale caller described an erratic driver who was swerving around the roadway, the caller stated they were headed in the direction of The Store.

On Feb. 7 at 9:18 in the evening an Arpin caller reported being the victim of computer crimes, describing that they had been blackmailed and sent money digitally.

On Feb. 8 at 4:08 in the afternoon a Port Edwards caller described a child inside a laundromat was shaking vending machines inside the building and then moved outside to throw sticks around while still on the property.

On Feb. 8 at 5:40 in the evening a caller from a gas station in Biron called to report a dumpster diver on the property. The caller said they had video footage and that the individual who was dumpster diving threatened the caller not to call the police.

On Feb. 9 at 7:40 in the evening a rottweiler dog entered the Dollar General in Nekoosa. A collar and leash were put on the dog and the dog was transported to the police station.

On Feb. 11 at 4:16 in the evening a Pittsville caller reported a snowmobile had caught on fire and was unable to be put out without assistance. The caller stated the fire was burning six to seven feet away from the nearest building.

# CLARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PET OF THE WEEK

# **Fantine**



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

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# **Wisconsin Rapids man** sentenced to 9 years for methamphetamine trafficking and illegally possessing firearms

## **FOR CITY TIMES**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--Timothy M. O'Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. announced that Bradly Rosenthal, 42, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty and was sentenced on Feb 12. by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to nine years in federal prison for possessing methamphetamine intended for distribution and possessing two loaded firearms as a felon.

Rosenthal sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant three times in Feb. 2024. On March 13, 2024, law enforcement received a report of suspected drug activity at a car wash located in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. Officers responded to the car wash where they encountered Rosenthal. After a K9 alerted to the presence of illicit substances, law enforcement searched Rosenthal's vehicle and found 266 grams of methamphetamine, two loaded firearms, a Taser, \$2,000, and drug distribution paraphernalia. Rosenthal is prohibited from legally possessing firearms because of a prior felony conviction.

At sentencing, Judge Conley expressed concern at Rosenthal's "repeated serious crimes," which include

prior drug trafficking and firearms offenses, and his continued "endangerment of others."

The charges against Rosenthal were the result of an investigation conducted by the FBI Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force and the Wisconsin Rapids and Nekoosa Police Departments. The ATF Madison Crime Gun Task Force also assisted with the case. The ATF Madison Crime Gun Task Force consists of federal agents from ATF and Task Force Officers (TFOs) from local agencies including the Dane County and Clark County Sheriff's Offices and the Fitchburg, Madison, Sun Prairie, and La Crosse Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jennifer Remington and Megan Stelljes prosecuted this

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), the U.S. Justice Department's program to reduce violent crime. The PSN approach emphasizes coordination between state and federal prosecutors and all levels of law enforcement to address gun crime, especially felons illegally possessing firearms and ammunition and violent and drug crimes that involve the use of firearms.

# Sex offender to be released in Sigel

WOOD COUNTY--On Feb. 18, 2025, Anthony L. Fox was released. He will be residing at 3396 County Highway C in the township of Sigel, Wood County, Wisconsin. Fox was convicted of three counts of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child in Wood County in 2014. Fox has been designated as a Level 2 Sex Offender. He is a lifetime registered sex offender and has a lifetime GPS monitor,

which is in place. If you have questions about this bulletin or the situation in your community, please contact the Division of Community Corrections - Department of Probation and Parole at phone (715) 384-8832 or (715) 422-5077.

Name: Anthony L. Fox Age: 45

White Male Height: 6'2" Weight: 286 pounds

Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Brown

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highlighting
school news from
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# MARSHFIELD AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



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The Marshfield High School Ocean Sciences Bowl team won the Lake Sturgeon Bowl Regional of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl on Saturday, Feb.1. The event was held at the UW-School of Freshwater Sciences in Milwaukee. As part of the winning prize, the students will spend time this summer on the research vessel, the R/V Neeskay gathering samples from Lake Michigan, and later will work side by side with top freshwater scientists and researchers in their laboratories. The team will compete against the eighteen other regional winners from across the country for the national title May 17-18 via a head-head virtual Zoom competition. Team members include Cade D., Prisha V., Neel G., Kai R., and Ean S. Coaches: Paul Herder and Dean McFarlane





developing skills and knowledge while enrolled in construction courses at Marshfield High School, students learn from local employers about highwage, high-skill, and in-demand careers. On February 11, Staab Construction hosted annual Construction Career Day. Students in Mr. Scheuer's construction courses were invited to participate in this full-day opportunity to learn more about what it's like to work in the construction industry. Students also heard from employers about the skills and attributes they're seeking from candidates. The School District of Marshfield would like to thank Staab Construction for hosting Construction Career Day and the many businesses and organizations that participated in the event.

**Maria Seefeld** 



On February 12th, over 150 FCCLA members from 12 area schools competed in a variety of FCCLA events that helped them earn recognition for projects that are related career development and community services. Earning Gold Awards for Marshfield High School were Danielle M. and Eleanor P. in Children's Literature; Lauren B., Audrey L. and Gage S.in Chapter Service Project. Earning Silver Awards were: Araceli R. in Career Investigation; Riley C. in Culinary Foundations; Ava H. and Chazlyn H. in Sports Nutrition; and Taylar W. and Caitlin K. in Chapter Service Project. All eleven Marshfield FCCLA members had a high enough score to qualify to compete at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in April!





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# MARSHFIELD AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS





On January 9, the Marshfield Community came together to celebrate the inaugural Light Up the Fieldhouse event at the MHS Fieldhouse. This student-created initiative took place during the Boys and Girls Basketball doubleheader against SPASH. Thanks to t-shirt sales, generous donations from local businesses, and contributions made during the event, student council leaders successfully raised nearly \$4,000! These funds will establish a local angel fund to support high school students facing medical crises and assist those dealing with lunch account debt. The evening was a tremendous success, and we are excited to make this an annual tradition!











On Friday, February 7th, Marshfield High School students and staff had the privilege of hearing from Eric Hansotia, a 1986 graduate of Marshfield High School and former Marshfield FFA President. Eric spoke to students about leadership, key college and career readiness skills, as well as the current growth and advancements in the agriculture industry. Currently, Eric serves as the Chairman and CEO of AGCO, a company ranked 295th on the Fortune 500 list and one of the largest agriculture companies in the world.



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# | SPORTS |

# MMS girls gymnastics win third straight **B** Division Team Title at Marshfield **Invitational Gymnastic Meet**

## BY KATIE SCHIMKE

MARSHFIELD--Marshfield Middle School gymnastics won their third consecutive B Division Team Title at the Marshfield Invitational. Marshfield competed against Antigo, Lakeland, and Mosinee. Marshfield ended the meet with a new season high with 133.600 points.

In individual placing, Marshfield's Kaidence Keding scored first in B Division All Around and Elenah Degenhardt earned fourth. In the A Division All Around Leeann Luedtke earned fifth and Grace Elbe earned sixth. Marshfield dominated the placings for the B Vault, with Quinn Miller in first, Kaidence Keding in second, Bre Drapeau in fourth, and Elenah Degenhardt in sixth. Marshfield then went on to sweep nearly all the placings on the B Bars, with Kelsey Wray in first, Maci Kuehmichel in second, Elena Degenhardt in third, Kaidence Keding in fourth, and Emi Tippen in fifth.

On the B Beam, Maci Kuehmichel secured a first place,

with Bre Drapeau scoring third, Kaidence Keding came in at fourth, and Emi Tippen earned sixth place. Then on the A Beam, Leeann Luedtke came in at sixth.

On the B Floor, Marshfield's Quinn Miller came in at first, Maci Kuehmichel in second, Emi Tippen earned fourth place, and Kaidence Keding earned fifth place.

On the A Floor, Marshfield's Leeann Luedtke came in with a first place win.



Left to right - Elenah Degenhardt, Ruby Mealey, Bre Drapeau, Emi Tippen, Maci Kuehmichel, Quinn Miller, Kelsey Wray, Leeann Luedtke, Kaylee Fredrick, Kaidence Keding











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# **ISPORTS**

# Wisconsin Rapids Rafters prepare for an exciting 2025 season

BY KATIE SCHIMKE

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--The Wisconsin Rapids Rafters have been a community staple for fifteen years, with their near decade and a half in the Northwoods League, and the rich history of Witter Field backdropping their home games—their 2025 summer season is shaping up to be memorable for both the devoted season fanatic and casual baseball fans.

The Rafters have played in Wisconsin Rapids since their introduction to the community in June of 2010, and as Ken Day, Rafters General Manager, describes, "We're not a major league, but we're pretty close. We bring the exciting intensity of the game with a more hometown, local feel."

That hometown local feel is established from within, with each player living with a host family in the area during their time on the Rafters. Collegiate level baseball players finish up their spring season at their respective colleges and universities, and then move right into their summer season with the Rafters. Athletes join the Rafters from all across the country, coming to Wisconsin Rapids and joining the community with a host family. Jake Adams, Assistant General Manager, says, "We're always looking for host families. It's a great opportunity and it makes lifelong connections for both the player and the family."

For the upcoming 2025 season, new head coach Coach Thomas "Ziggy" Zieglowsky is already building an impressive roster. With an emphasis on the community's support and involvement, Coach Thomas' saying will carry the Rafters into a successful 2025 season, "We are riding the Raft together this summer, be ready to Grab an Oar."

With a packed 72 game schedule (36 games at home and 36 games away), the Rafters give plenty of opportunities for the community to come support and see a thrilling game of baseball. For avid fans and casual viewers alike, a Rafters game has something for everyone.

"Even if someone has been to a Rafters game over a dozen times, each game promises something new and exciting to see." General Manager Ken Day explains, "We have something for everyone, from first time fans to season ticket holders, there's something for everybody."

The Rafters promise a devoted and committed team, with players rolling in straight from the spring season into the Northwoods League. The players come to the Rafters to learn new skills and be seen by scouts who frequent the games to recruit new talent into the major leagues. Several Rafters players have gone onto the major leagues, including Kyle Teel of the Chicago White Sox and Bryson Stott of the Philadelphia Phillies. Former Rafters players have also gone onto coaching positions in the major leagues. Going to a Rafters game could mean watching future major league stars in their early days, something that excites their loyal fan base

Assistant General Manager Jake Adams explains, "We have an extremely loyal fan base. We have 1500 fans at each home game that bring the energy and excitement to the field the minute the gate opens."

Though the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters have been around since 2015, their home games are played on Witter Field which has been around for nearly 100 years, built in 1928. Witter Field and its historic backdrop provide a vintage and nostalgic feel to lifelong baseball fans that have watched the game and its fields evolve over the decades.

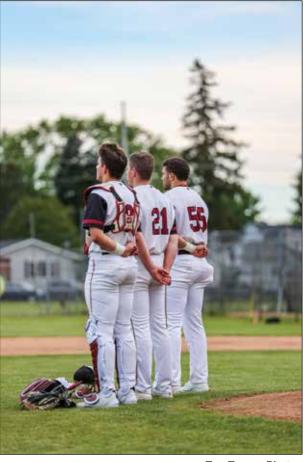




Witter Field has stayed true to its roots with improvements embellishing the stadium over the last century. More recent additions to the field include the "Rat Trap"-a private deck above the third baseline that has made for comfortable private outings since 2013. Also in 2013, the Rafter's added the "Home Plate Club" right behind home plate, with tables making it a prime spot to watch a Rafter's win, and 2021 saw an addition to the "Home Plate Club" due its' popularity. In 2015, a "Craft River" was installed beneath the "Rat Trap" where you can watch your drink float to you down a water stream. In 2017, the Rafters added accessible seating with the ability of a grant, making a comfortable spot for wheelchair users to watch right by the first baseline. Witter Field has evolved with the generations and provided comfortable and exciting new features, but remains a historic hotspot for the community.

General Manager Ken Day explains, "I have fans who still come in and talk about the history of the field and the nostalgia it brings. The history of the field has impacted the fan base in such a neat way."

The Rafters have seamlessly tied history together with the future, promising a nostalgic and vintage feel to the game that is hard to find in 2025, paired together with modern features like the Craft River. The Rafters are proud to support their community and offer a place to unwind



Zac Zeman Photos

each summer, however, the Rafters are always looking for support in the form of host families to host their players. Host families not only become closer to their community and Rafters family, but create unique connections with their player that last a lifetime.

# Nelson-Jameson announces partnership with Gourmet Ingredients

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Nelson-Jameson, a distributor in the food processing industry, announced its partnership with Gourmet Ingredients, a culinary food industry market leader in onion juice concentrates, to meet food manufacturers' demand for clean-label products.

Nelson-Jameson will work to combine its offerings of spices, herbs, peppers, and more with complementary products from Gourmet Ingredients to deliver solutions, expertise, and targeted strategies to help companies innovate and navigate ever-changing challenges in the food manufacturing industry.

"Nelson-Jameson's mission to offer the best ingredients and solutions to food manufacturers is strengthened by our partnership with Gourmet Ingredients," says Peter Kempe, Nelson-Jameson's Senior Vice President of Strategy & Business Development, Ingredients. "Mixing the quality of Gourmet Ingredients' onion juice concentrates with Nelson-Jameson's food processing solutions and expertise, will benefit customers and consumers for years to come."

Since 1947, Nelson-Jameson has supported food, beverage, and dairy processors with innovations that keep pace with changing consumer tastes, manufacturing processes, and distribution channels.

Gourmet Ingredients has grown through its ability to provide ingredients that drive an authentic eating experience while maintaining a commitment to tackling food waste. The company's ingredients help food manufacturers create products that are not only delicious but also cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

"Partnering with Nelson-Jameson aligns with our



mission to bring food manufacturers the best and most innovative solutions to create the best products possible," says Ronald de Wild, Commercial Director of Gourmet Ingredients. "As consumers' tastes and preferences evolve, it's increasingly important to offer clean-label alternatives that enhance taste and presentation while reducing sodium, sugar, and additives. Our farming and storage operations guarantee a reliable, year-round supply of raw materials, ensuring continuous ingredient production."

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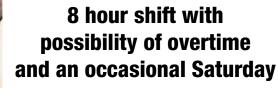
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## Auburndale, WI

Victoria Hasenohrl, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Magna Cum

Alexander Ponshock, Bachelor of Science, Finance, Management, Cum Laude

# Colby, WI

Cassandra Gosse, Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Cum Laude

Emma Peavey, Bachelor of Science, Health Sci and Wellness

## Hewitt, WI

Abby Richards, Bachelor of Science, Business Admin -Branch, Cum Laude

## Loyal, WI

Wyatt Dietsche, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Alexis Schreiner, Bachelor of Science, Social Work -Branch, Summa Cum Laude

# Marshfield, WI

Kimberly Backaus, Bachelor of Science, Psychology Blake Bennington, Associate of Science, Ldrshp Proj Mgmt-Branch, Cum Laude

Mya Ellis, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Assoc Arts Sci-Branch, Summa Cum Laude

Sienna Frome, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Architecture

Logan Griesbach, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education

Marissa Guyer, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude

Ray Kesler, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration Morgan Lass, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood

Education, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude Nathan Rucker, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Assoc

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Nichole Specht, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude Emma Wendt, Bachelor of Science, Elementary

Education, Special Education, Magna Cum Laude Madelyn Wiskerchen, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education

Sheryl Sebesta, Bachelor of Science, Family and Enfmt Consumer Sci

## Nekoosa, WI

Zachary Gray, Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Sys

Elizabeth Walker, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Assoc Arts Sci-Branch

## Pittsville, WI

Gunter Nusbaumer, Bachelor of Science, Fish and Water Resources

# Port Edwards. WI

Alison Breitrick, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Megan Shields, Bachelor of Arts, Dance, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude

## Rudolph, WI

Nathan Krommenakker, Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, Cum Laude

# Spencer, WI

Zalexis Mannigel, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude

# Stratford, WI

Kaitlyn Asplund, Bachelor of Science, Business Admin - Branch, Cum Laude

Jaden Bauer, Bachelor of Science, Business Admin -Branch, Summa Cum Laude

Braeden Schueller, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Assoc Arts Sci-Branch, Cum Laude

## Vesper, WI

Marki Gillette, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude

# Wisconsin Rapids, WI

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Tyler Bever, Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, Cum Laude

Austin Capelle, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Cum Laude

Kobe Carlson, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Carolina Corral, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Brian Harms, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration Cheryl Hayes, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood

Education, Magna Cum Laude

Jemini Johnson, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Assoc Arts and Sci-Main, Cum Laude

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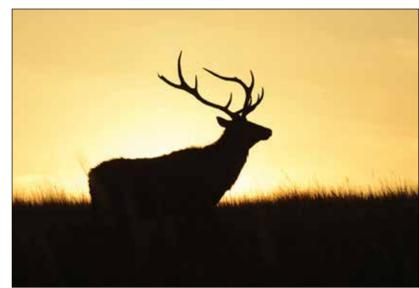
# **DNR seeking public comment on Future Wildlife Management Objectives**

# FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is currently drafting a strategic plan for managing our state's wildlife species and habitat and is seeking public feedback on the plan's objectives.

This strategic plan will guide how the DNR's Wildlife Program prioritizes its resources and work in the coming years. The DNR values public input and believes that it is important for Wisconsinites to weigh in on the draft plan's objectives and share which are the most important to them.

For more information on the strategic planning process and to participate in this public input opportunity, visit our Wildlife Management Strategic Plan Updates webpage. The webpage explains the planning process, contains a link to the input form and allows individuals to stay engaged in the planning process by signing up to receive occasional updates. We anticipate the input form will take about 10 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary,



The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the DNR's next strategic plan for wildlife management. **Kenny Seals** 

and all responses are anonymous. For input to be considered, submissions must be completed by Friday, Feb. 28,

The public is also encouraged to sign up for periodic email updates on the DNR's strategic planning process.

If you have any questions about this process or the input form, contact DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.







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# Youth Art Month Exhibit to open at The Alexander House

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WOOD COUNTY The Alexander House will celebrate Youth Art Month with an exhibition showcasing the creative talents of students from the Nekoosa Public School District, grades K-12. The exhibit will run from Feb. 23 through March 25, 2025. at The Alexander House. Wisconsin River Drive, Port Edwards.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., offering visitors an opportunity to view student artwork and meet the teachers who inspired the students: Missy Rokser, Amanda Wright, Hannah Heimer.

Youth Art Month is national celebration

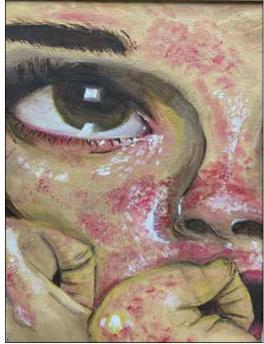
sponsored by the National Art Education Association recognized Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Art Education Association. It promotes the importance of art education in schools and highlights the creativity of K-12 students across the country. Each year, The Alexander House proudly supports this initiative by hosting a dedicated student exhibition.

The Alexander House is open to the public on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Special openings and group tours can be arranged by calling 715-887-

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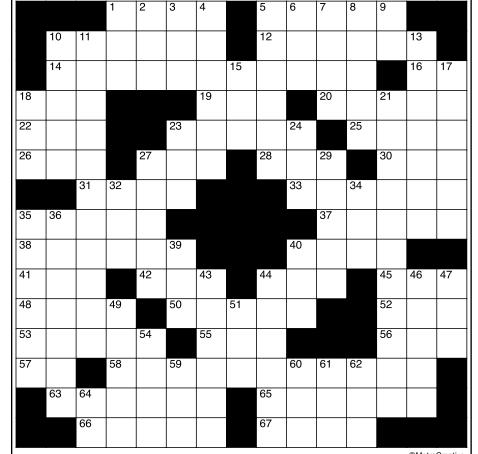
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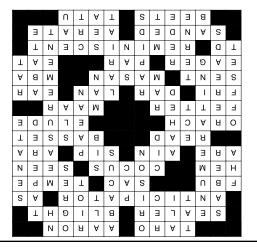
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- 10. Helps to preserve food
- 12. Plant disease
- 14. One who predicts
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- 18. Burundian franc
- 19. Pouch
- 20. Arizona city
- 22. Surround
- 23. Hard, heavy timber
- 25. Witnessed
- 26. They \_
- 27. French river
- 28. A way to drink 30. Small constellation
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- 33. Type of hound 35. Plant of the goosefoot
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- 38. A way to confine
- 40. Volcanic crater
- 41. Weekday
- 42. Women's service organization (abbr.)
- 44. Local area network 45. Sensory receptor
- 48. Posted
- 50. Tibetan pastry
- 52. Licensed for Wall Street
- 53. Very willing
- 55. Golf score
- 56. Consume
- 57. Touchdown
- 58. Tends to remind
- 63. In a way, smoothed 65. Poke holes in the ground

- 66. Herbaceous plants
- 67. Taiwanese river

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- 5. Calculating machine
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- 7. Outburst
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- New Hampshire
- 10. Type of sword
- 11. Counting
- 13. Pants style
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- 34. Patti Hearst's captors
- 35. Counteract
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- 40. Male adult
- 43. A part of a river where the
- current is very fast
- 44. Rope used to lasso
- 46. Become less intense
- 47. Subway rodent
- 49. Lead alloy
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# **Bone & Joint welcomes Dr. Charles Hansen and** Dr. Kurt Lawton, expanding access to spine and sports medicine services

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MARSHFIELD--Bone & Joint Clinic, S.C., announced the additions of Dr. Charles Hansen, a fellowship-trained orthopedic spine surgeon, and Dr. Kurt Lawton, a fellowship-trained

sports medicine specialist, to its provider team.

Dr. Hansen joined the team in Oct. 2024, serving patients at Bone & Joint's Wausau and Plover locations. A highly orthopedic surgeon, spine he specializes in surgeries spine



Charles Hansen,

and treatments for the neck and back, providing innovative solutions to help patients regain mobility and alleviate

"I quickly realized that, through spine care, I have the opportunity to significantly improve patients' quality of life," said Dr. Hansen. "Joining Bone & Joint was a natural fit, as its commitment to compassionate care aligns perfectly with my philosophy of care."

Dr. Hansen completed his medical training at Indiana University School of Medicine, followed by an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Nebraska and a fellowship in spine surgery at the University of Wisconsin. He is affiliated with renowned professional organizations such as the North American Spine Society (NASS) and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS).

With the addition of Dr. Hansen, Bone & Joint is now able to offer comprehensive spine care services at all of its clinics, with long-time spine surgeon Dr. Benjamin Hackett seeing patients in Medford and

In Nov. 2024, Bone & Joint welcomed Dr. Kurt Lawton, seeing patients in Rib Mountain, Medford and Merrill. A Central Wisconsin native, Dr. Lawton's expertise includes the diagnosis and treatment of concussions, nonoperative fracture



Kurt Lawton, DO. **Photos courtesty** of Bone & Joint

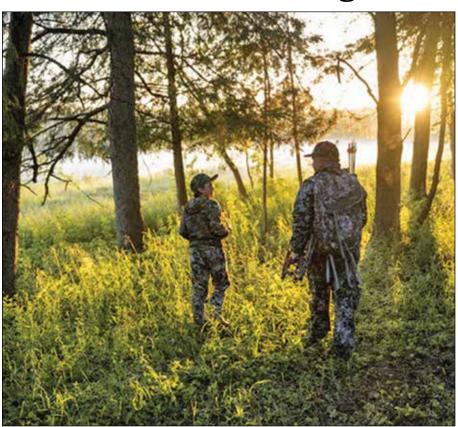
management, musculoskeletal injury and pain, athletic event coverage, sports team medical management and osteopathic manipulative treatment.

"Choosing a career in sports medicine allows me to combine my passion for medicine and athletics to make a real impact on people's lives," said Dr. Lawton. "Being part of Bone & Joint's team in the area where I grew up is a meaningful opportunity to give back to the community I care deeply about."

Dr. Lawton is fellowship-trained in ultrasound-guided injections and has earned his medical degree from the Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine, followed by a residency at Fox Valley Family Medicine and a fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin Sports Medicine. He is board-certified in family medicine and primary care sports medicine and is connected to respected organizations like the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM).

"We are committed to meeting the unique needs of our patients, whether they are recovering from an injury, managing chronic pain or seeking to improve their quality of life through comprehensive care," said Brent Turner, CEO of Bone & Joint. "Additions to our team, like Dr. Hansen and Dr. Lawton, reflect our focus on delivering expert care close to home."

# **DNR** seeks volunteers with hunting skills to instruct students of all ages



Youth Hunts for wild turkey, white-tailed deer and waterfowl offer valuable experience and time to safely hunt. Wisconsin DNR

## FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is looking for individuals to volunteer to help others enjoy safe and ethical hunts. There are fun options to share your hunting expertise, enthusiasm and stories with novices of all ages who are interested in this activity. You could become a mentor, lead a learn-to-hunt outing or hold a workshop to teach new hunters how to cook meat from harvested deer. If you prefer a one-on-one opportunity, consider becoming a mentor. This program allows novice hunters to hunt within arm's reach of a qualified mentor without first completing a Hunter Education course.

Consider joining the roster of Learn to Hunt volunteer instructors. The Learn To Hunt program has learning in the classroom, coupled with time in the field,

followed by a hunt with a mentor. Local groups usually host a program. You could ask to lead an educational hunt outside of the regular hunting season.

Hunter Education covers ways to help your community by teaching injuryprevention and lifesaving actions while positively influencing the attitudes and actions of other resource users.

Special Youth Hunts for wild turkey, white-tailed deer and waterfowl offer valuable experience and time to safely hunt. These are held outside the normal hunting season. Residents and nonresidents ages 15 years and younger are welcome.

For more information on these opportunities, contact Emily Iehl at Emily. Iehl@wisconsin.gov or Logan Planer at Logan.Planer@wisconsin.gov.

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# DNR now hiring state park system seasonal staff



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## Wisconsin DNR

## **FOR CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now hiring seasonal staff for Wisconsin's state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas. This unique and rewarding opportunity allows you to utilize your skills or discover new ones.

Limited-term seasonal positions with the Wisconsin State Park System are a great way to spend your summer outside, helping the public enjoy Wisconsin's natural resources and creating lasting memories. Seasonal staff are responsible for outdoor maintenance, facility maintenance, groundskeeping work and customer service for property visitors. Limited-term seasonal positions provide valuable experience for a career in natural resources, an opportunity to gain or improve your skill set and the chance to contribute to a positive outdoor experience for millions of visitors.

Seasonal work typically starts in the spring to early summer and extends

through late summer to fall, with flexibility depending upon the candidate's availability and the property's needs.

Positions are available across the state, from the urban natural spaces in Milwaukee to the forests of northern Wisconsin and the islands and shores of the Great Lakes. The following positions are open at various locations:

Park rangers

Visitor services associates

Natural resources educators Assistant naturalist guides

Park technicians

Campground attendants

Groundskeepers

To apply, visit Wisc.Jobs and search "Parks."

Wisconsin is home to 50 state parks, 15 state forests, 44 state trails, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, roughly 15,000 lakes and so much more. Learn more about Wisconsin's state parks on the DNR website.

# Cold feet and hands: potential signs of poor circulation

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--If you have cold hands and feet when the rest of you is warm, it could be a signal of a heart problem.

"Poor circulation may be the issue and depending on symptoms and your health history, it might require evaluation from a medical provider," said Ashley Davis, Marshfield Clinic Health System cardiology nurse practitioner.

Poor circulation may be an early indicator of blockages in peripheral blood vessels in your arms and legs. Much like the coronary arteries near the heart, peripheral vessels are also prone to narrowing because of buildup of plaque in the artery walls. When that happens, it's harder for your blood to bring oxygen and nutrients to tissues in your arms and legs.

Fortunately, this condition can be reversed.

Risk factors that can impair circulation are smoking, high cholesterol levels and sedentary lifestyle.

"Reducing smoking, or better yet, quitting, can help," said Davis. "We also recommend getting cholesterol levels in range and walking/exercising if it is approved by your doctor."

Peripheral vessel issues are compounded for people with diabetes, who usually have other circulation issues.

Cold hands and feet can also be caused by:

A congenital abnormality like a hole in the heart

A side effect to certain medications

A rare condition known as Raynaud phenomenon

With Raynaud phenomenon, which occurs in only 3-5 percent of people, blood vessels can become severely constricted by a trigger, like exposure to cold air or water, or emotional or physical stress.

If you experience cold hands and feet regularly, contact your primary care physician to get the conversation started.

It may lead to medications to treat peripheral arterial disease. It could also result in relief and peace of mind.

"Just because you have cold hands or feet does not necessarily mean there is a problem," said Davis. "It's normal to have them every now and then. Keep tabs on the issue and if it happens often, we encourage you to talk to your doctor."

# High blood pressure: the silent threat Americans searched for most in 2024

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--In 2024, Americans turned to Google for answers to their health concerns, with "What causes high blood pressure?" among the most searched questions.

Soliant Health, a health care job search site that analyzed 2024 Google search data, highlighted this as a top concern. This growing awareness reflects the connection between hypertension and serious conditions like heart disease, stroke, and chronic kidney disease.

"People are starting to realize you can develop high blood pressure without any symptoms," says Melissa Wendell, a nurse practitioner at Aspirus Cardiology. "They want to know what they can do to prevent it"

High blood pressure, or hypertension, develops over time and can often be prevented. Wendell explains some of the primary factors:

**Unhealthy Diet:** "High blood pressure is often caused by a diet high in processed foods and salt," Wendell explains. A lack of potassium-rich foods also contributes.

**Obesity:** Extra weight puts added strain on the heart, increasing stress on blood vessels.

**Physical Inactivity:** "Exercise helps your blood vessels become more pliable and can bring down your weight, which lowers blood pressure," says Wendell.

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Underlying Medical Conditions: Chronic issues like diabetes, kidney disease, and sleep apnea are linked to hypertension. "If blood pressure stays high, it can lead to serious complications like chronic kidney disease," Wendell notes.

Modern Lifestyle: Wendell observes, "High blood pressure is happening at younger ages due to diets high in salt and processed foods, along with decreased physical activity."

Wendell emphasizes that hypertension is preventable with lifestyle changes. "Simply reducing salt and avoiding processed foods can help your blood pressure. Staying active also makes a big difference."

For those concerned, Wendell advises taking early action. "It's important to know your numbers. See a primary care provider to identify any underlying causes and determine whether treatment is needed. Your provider can help guide you."



