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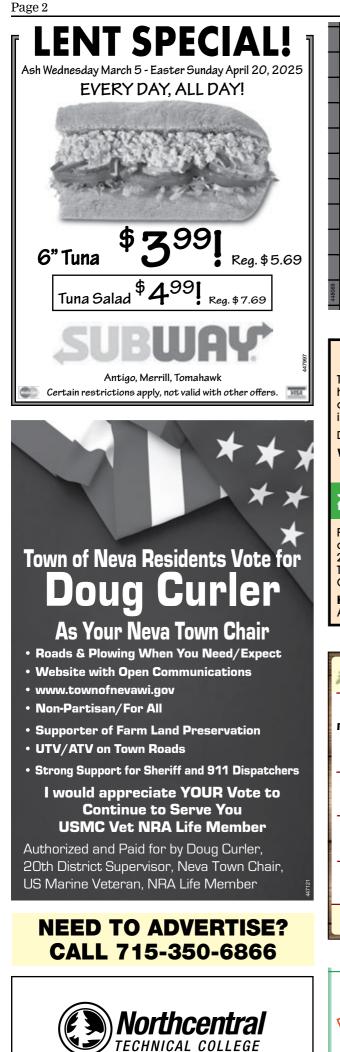
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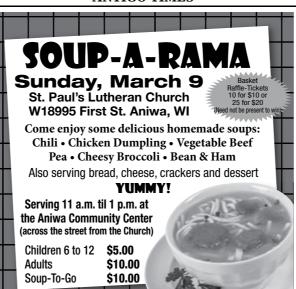
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Date: March 11, 2025

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church (310 S Superior St, Antigo, WI 54409) Murder RS.VP.

Time: 6:30 to 8:00

Parts Available: 3-4 Women, 3 Men, 1 youth (10-15 years old)

Production Dates: May 8, 9, 10 at North Star Banquet Center

Directed by Rebecca Bonkoski For Information Text or Call: 715-212-7802

The Young Ambrose Heir is convinced their family is cursed, and when one of their relatives dies during a murder mystery show they are hosting it seems to only confirm their worst fears.

Fortunately, someone has invited the world famous detective, Cassandra Lovejoy, to attend the show. If anyone can discover the truth behind what really happened, it would be her. But just who sent her the invitation may be the biggest mystery of all.

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Meet the New Langlade County 4-H Program Educator

I am thrilled to introduce myself, Erin Sabo, as the new 4-H Educator for Langlade County! With a deep passion for youth development and community service, I'm excited to bring fresh ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to our local 4-H program. Most importantly, I'm eager to help the young people in our community grow, learn, and thrive.

I truly believe in the incredible potential of our youth, and I can't wait to work alongside them, their families, and our dedicated volunteers to create meaningful, handson learning experiences. From leadership and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) to cultural arts and community service, I'm committed to providing opportunities that allow youth to explore, grow, and develop skills that will serve them for a lifetime.

I'm passionate about helping youth discover their own potential and empowering them to make a positive impact on their communities. The 4-H program is the perfect platform to do just that, and I'm excited to engage with the amazing young people here in Langlade County. Together, we'll explore new opportunities, take on exciting challenges, and build memories that will last a lifetime

Whether I'm working with local 4-H clubs, coordinating events, out at community events or supporting youth as they take on new experiences, my goal is to create an environment where everyone can learn, grow, and succeed.

For more information about the Langlade County 4-H program or how to get involved, feel free to reach out to me via email at erin.sabo@wisc.edu or by phone at 715-627-6271. You can also visit our website at https:// langlade.extension.wisc.edu



Contact: Erin Sabo 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Extension Langlade County 715-627-6271 Erin.sabo@wisc.eud https://langlade.extension.wisc.edu/

Oscar Car Rental Expands to Antigo, **Bringing Affordable and Convenient Car Rentals to the Community**

NATASHA WINKLER

Residents of Antigo now have a new and exciting option for their rental needs as car Oscar Car Rental, one of Europe's fastest-growing car rental companies, has officially expanded into Wisconsin. With a focus on affordability, convenience, and customer satisfaction, Oscar Car Rental is set transform the car to rental experience for both







Misty Cook, M.S. and author of Medicine Generations

Wild Ones Northwoods **Gateway Chapter Will Host Free Presentation on Native Plants for Health** and Healing

JEN VENTURA, TREASURER OF WILD ONES NORTHWOODS GATEWAY CHAPTER

The members of Wild Ones Northwoods Gateway Chapter love talking about native plants. Promoting the use of native plants in our gardens and landscapes is our mission. We talk about how to grow them, when to grow them, where to grow them and most importantly WHY we should grow them. We talk about native pollinators and how they interact with native plants. We discuss how to eradicate invasive plants and replace them with native plants. Last year we hosted a speaker who explained how planting native plants can help save our native songbirds.

Now we've invited Misty Cook, author of Medicine Generations to talk about an exciting topic we at the chapter are not versed in concerning native plants: how native plants and other nature-sourced substances can be used to maintain health and be used in healing. Mistv will share her knowledge about medicines traditional to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Indian Tribe that are derived from native plants. By gathering and documenting the information through oral histories passed down through many generations of her family, she has preserved that knowledge. Through her research, she learned how to find and identify which plants she needed

residents and visitors in the area.

A New Era for Car **Rentals in Antigo**

Oscar Car Rental, originally founded in Denmark, has earned a strong reputation across Europe by offering competitive rates, a diverse fleet of vehicles, and a customer-first approach. Now, with its expansion Wisconsin. the into company is introducing its unique rental model to American customers, starting with locations in multiple cities, including Antigo.

Strategically located the Walmart near Supercenter in northern Antigo, this rental hub provides easy access for individuals in need of reliable transportation. Whether for a weekend

getaway, a business trip, or simply running errands, Oscar Car Rental aims to offer a hassle-free alternative to traditional car rental services.

Diverse Fleet to Meet Every Need

One of the standout features of Oscar Car Rental is its wide range of vehicles, catering to various customer needs. The company provides compact cars for city trips, spacious SUVs for family vacations, and even moving trucks equipped with lifts for those relocating or transporting large items.

For those moving within Wisconsin, Oscar's moving trucks offer a practical and cost-effective solution. These trucks, which can

be driven with a standard Class C driver's license, come with a lift system that simplifies the loading of heavy furniture and boxes. Rentals start at just \$89 per day, while cargo vans are available for \$69 per day,



with 50 miles included and liability coverage provided.

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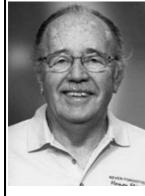
in order to prepare salves, tinctures, teas and poultices.

Join us for a FREE presentation by Misty Cook on Monday, March 24 at the Antigo Public Library at 617 Clermont St., Antigo beginning at 5:30 p.m. She welcomes open discussion and invites guests to ask questions and share any memories they may have to add to the presentation.

OBITUARY

Gerald Geiger

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Gerald V. "Jerry" Geiger, of Antigo, died on Sunday, Febru-2025 at Aspirus 23. ary Langlade Hospital. He was 81 years old. He was born on May 10, 1943 in Shell Lake, a son of Vernon and Anne (Glass) Geiger.

Jerry was a graduate of Appleton High School. He served in the United States Navy and received his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Spencerian College in Milwau kee

Jerry owned a well drilling business in Lakewood. He enjoyed hunting, collectable cars, snowmobiling, and ATVing.

Survivors include his significant other, Karen Phillips brother, Thomas (Lynn) Geiger of Merrill; and friends, Ed ward, Barbara and Julianna Bauknecht, Mitzer (Tim) Harnois and their children, Ryder and Colden Harnois.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a nephew, Richard Geiger.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, March 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Glenview Cemetery in Glen Flora, WI.

Bradley Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.

RENTALS

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Families and larger groups can also take advantage of Oscar's minivans, which can accommodate up to 15 passengers. These vehicles ensure a comfortable and convenient travel experience, eliminating the need for multiple rentals and keeping groups together on the road.

Local Convenience with a Global Reputation

What sets Oscar Car Rental apart is its commitment to local partnerships. Unlike traditional rental companies with large, centralized operations, Oscar collaborates with local businesses to create a decentralized network of rental locations. This approach ensures competitive pricing, personalized service, and access to a wide variety of vehicles without the typical hidden fees associated with larger car rental brands.

"Oscar Car Rental is all about fostering connections-whether between individuals, businesses, or communities," said Wouter Van Veen, International Business Developer at Oscar Car Rental. "We're thrilled to bring this service to Antigo and make renting a car a simple, stress-free experience for everyone."

Oscar Car Rental has built a reputation for transparent pricing, exceptional customer service, and reliable vehicles. As the company continues its U.S. expansion, starting in Wisconsin, it aims to offer a more accessible and user-friendly rental experience for American drivers.

Residents in Antigo and surrounding areas can explore available rental options by visiting driveoscar.com or by contacting customer service at +1 800-671-1889. Whether for everyday errands, special occasions, or big moves, Oscar Car Rental is bringing a fresh take on car rentals to Antigo.

City of Antigo and Langlade Co. Police Reports

POLICE & COURTS

ANTIGO POLICE REPORTS

Feb. 24th

A harassment complaint was made in regards to slanderous facebook posts just before 9am.

A traffic stop near State Rd 64 just after 5:40pm resulting in a written warning for speed.

An assist citizen was logged when a local came to the safety building just after 8pm with a piece of mail addressed to someone else. ANPD stated they would send the letter back.

A report of suspicious activity was filed when a local reported they observed a subject approach their residence (location not provided) with their face covered by their jacket.

Just before noon officers assisted a citizen with short term memory loss who was upset and confused near AHS.

A report of trespass to property was filed when the property manager Pebble Ridge Apts of reported a specific person continuously comes and goes when they are not a resident.

AN animal complaint came in just after 11:30pm about a chocolate lab that had been found with no collar.

Feb 23rd

A domestic call came in just after 1:30am resulting in one person being taken into custody.

Just after 7:30am a report of assault and battery came in (location not provided). A subject was punched in the face and was bleeding, denied EMS services.

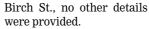
A traffic complaint came in just before 1pm, caller stated at a red light near Neva Rd., a driver rolled down their window and said "Do you think you will make it out alive?" Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Feb 22nd

Around 1:30pm an animal complaint came in stating that a medium brown and black lab with a red collar was running in the road.

An animal complaint came in just before 2pm from a neighbor near 2nd Ave., stating that their neighbor's dog runs loose often and chases the outdoor cats.

A mental health call came in just after 7pm near



A traffic stop around 9pm near State Rd 64 & Charlotte St., resulting in a written warning for a defective headlight and no proof of insurance.

A retail theft citation was issued just after 10pm as a result of theft at a local retail establishment.

Feb. 21st

traffic stop near Α Superior & 7th resulted in a written warning for obstructed front plates.

A domestic situation transpired near Hogan St. resulting in one male subject being taken into custody.

A welfare check was conducted near Lincoln St., no other details were provided.

A traffic stop near Edison & 7th Ave., involving a toyota camry with no plates.

Someone accidentally dialed 911 on their smart watch while shopping in Aldi's.

Paraphernalia was found in a garage near Hogan St. Caller reported it belonged to someone who is not allowed on the property.

Traffic stop near Neva Rd. & Washington Ave., resulting in a written warning for no registration and no insurance.

Traffic stop near S. Superior & Spruce St., resulting in a warning for speed.

Traffic stop near Superior & 4th Ave., resulting in a 7 day correction notice for no registration.

Suspicious activity- a person came into the safety building reporting that someone was trying to 'run him out of town'. Officers advised him to work it out.

Officers stopped and spoke with a man near Dorr St. who was shoveling snow of his flatbed into the road. Officers advised that you can not shovel snow IN TO the roadway. No other action was taken.

Just before midnight a call came in reporting 3 or 4 possible males running in the road, being loud, wearing jackets & sweatpants. Officers were unable to locate.

Just before midnight a robbery report came in near 5th Ave. No other details were provided.

Feb. 19th

A traffic stop was conducted near 2nd Avenue and Superior Street. The driver was verbally warned regarding seat-belt use and a license plate issue.

Officers facilitated а prisoner transport from a medical facility appointment back into custody, as scheduled earlier.

A welfare check request was received. No additional details were provided in the notes.

A citizen requested assistance at the police lobby regarding concerns over vehicle mileage after purchasing a car. Advice was given on next steps.

Officers performed follow-up work at a local business (Bahr and Associates).

A citizen arrived in the lobby with questions about a no-contact order. Arrangements were discussed to manage pickup/drop-off concerns.

Officers responded to probation and parole for a subject with an active warrant. The individual was taken into custody without incident.

A motorist called for assistance when their vehicle broke down in a traffic lane. Officers helped push the car to the side until further help arrived.

A 911 hang-up call came from a facility identified as Eastview. Staff confirmed there was no emergency.

A welfare check was requested at the Antigo Public Library. A person with two dogs had entered and left without interaction,





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but there were no further issues.

A caller reported a possible domestic situation involving verbal abuse at Eastview. Officers located individuals off-site, and one subject was ultimately taken into custody.

Staff at a local store called about a customer with autism who went behind the counter and attempted to take items. The matter was resolved on scene without police intervention.

Officers were alerted to a warrant situation. Details on resolution were not provided in the summary.

Another warrant was confirmed, leading to a subject being taken into custody.

A 911 hang-up was reported, and the caller remained on the line to confirm there was no emergency.

Officers assisted another agency near Dorr Street and 5th Avenue. No additional information was noted.

An NCIC check was requested at the Langlade County Safety Building.

LANGLADE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

Feb. 24th

caller reported Α around 4am suspicious activity noting the Town

utility truck near Cty. Rd. transported by helicopter. TT has been sitting for approx. 2 weeks and now the lights on top are on. The officer inspected and noted the top light was on but the truck was locked and secured.

Multiple units responded to a structure fire near Cty. Rd. M around 5am.

A harassment complaint was filed near Bissle St. around 7:30am. No other information was provided.

A person walking near Old 26 Rd. & Cty. Rd. G around 2:30pm found a jewel bag with a white residue in it. Officers logged the item for destruction.

A road block was reported around 4:40pm near State Rd. 64 & Pioneer Rd. Caller reported large amounts of water running over the road. The area was subsequently closed temporarily.

Feb. 23rd

A suspicious activity report was taken just after 8:20am near Augustyn Springs & Cty. Rd. A. Caller stated a vehicle had been sitting there all day the previous day and was still there. Officers recognized the vehicle and noted from past complaints, owner likes to walk around those woods. No further action was taken.

Feb. 22nd

Officers responded to an ATV crash just after

A trail pass violation was issued just after 2:40pm to a snowmobile near Jones Rd. & Cty. Rd. O for not stopping at a marked stop on trail.

A fraud report was filed at the safety building regarding someone being scammed out of \$10k.

Feb. 21st

Just after 8am a verbal warning was given following a traffic stop near Hill Rd. & Zima Rd. for frost covered windows.

A traffic stop around 7:30am near Hill Rd. & State Rd. 64 following officers observing the driver drive on the wrong side of the road. Driver stated he was looking for coyote tracks and would be running dogs later.

A snowmobile traffic stop took place just after 11am near Lost Lake Rd. resulting in a citation for a stop sign violation.

A traffic complaint was filed after a caller reported a gray blazer crossing over centerline and shoulder lines just after noon near Elton South Rd. Officers were unable to locate.

Just after 8pm an Iphone automated crash alert was reported near Grudgeville Rd. After officers drove the area, unable to locate any crashes or signs of an accident, they went to the registered address of the phone to find out that the phone had just fallen off the truck during the drive

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

A Moment In Time In Cartagena



Dear Reader,

Until recently, I had never been to Cartagena, Colombia. But when the opportunity arose for a short getaway with some old friends, I couldn't resist.

Cartagena is a vast and vibrant city, but we focused our time in its historic district-the heart of its charm and beauty. There, we wandered cobblestone streets filled with pantomimes, women in brightly colored traditional dresses balancing baskets of fruit on their heads, and countless vendors offering souvenirs in the plaza. We explored the old fortress, visited the monastery perched high above the city, and soaked in the rich history surrounding us. Our home base was perfectly situated near Plaza de San Pedro, placing us right in the middle of the energy and magic of Cartagena.

One of the great joys of travel is meeting new people, and the locals of Cartagena welcomed us with open arms. With a few Spanish speakers in our group-and occasional help from Duolingo on our phones-we struck up conversations that made the experience even more meaningful. We indulged in Colombia's world-famous coffee, savoring the flavors offered by Juan Valdez and Alberto's in just about every little café we encountered.

The highlight of our trip came on our final evening at La Vitrola, a restaurant as enchanting as the city itself. The food was spectacular, the live band filled the air with music, and the atmosphere was pure joy. One of our friends, having shown up in shorts, was graciously provided with a blanket to meet the dress code-an unexpected but amusing moment. After dinner, we found ourselves outside, singing along with street musicians playing soulful Spanish songs of lost love, carried away by the music and the moment.

As I reflect on our time in Cartagena, I realize that no trip leaves you unchanged. We came home with new memories and strengthened friendships. Perhaps, in some small way, we left a piece of ourselves behind in that beautiful city. And maybe, just maybe, Cartagena carries a trace of us now too.

PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Antigo Area Community Food Pantry Wednesdays 11am-1pm & Fridays 1-3pm. 2120 Progress Blvd., Antigo. All the time needs include: Low sodium canned vegetables. Low sodium canned beans. Low sodium condensed soups such as chicken noodle, tomato or cream of mushroom, Whole grain cereals, Canned fruit in 100% juice or sugar-free, Plain Oatmeal, Peanut butter, Brown rice/whole grain pasta. Personal Hygiene: Laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste (these are not purchased by the pantry unless we are given a grant specifically for these items). For more information, go to AntigoFoodPantry.com or call 715-623-1103. For emergency food assistance needs after hours call 715-627-1818.

Elcho Area Community Food Pantry Mondays 2:30-4:30pm. Wednesdays 4-6pm, 11224 Antigo St., Elcho. Food will be distributed based on availability and # of family members. Note that the pantry is not open on holidays, or on days when the schools are closed because of snow. 715-275-5010. In accordance with federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Community Closet Open Mondays 10am-Noon, Wednesdays 4-6pm & Saturdays 9-10am, N9570 Hwy. B, Summit Lake (across from the Summit Lake Post Office) Free Clothing and Jackets (Baby to XXL). Clothing donations are welcome. Everyone is welcome!

Senior Cribbage Group Mondays 1pm. Summit Lake Town Hall N 9575, County Rd B, Summit Lake. CURRENTLY ON HOLD DUE TO LOW PARTICIPATION- PLZ CALL IF INTERESTED: Judy Beecher 715-219-4333

Group Dance Class & Social Tuesdays 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. learn to dance in a fun, social setting! Each week the lesson rotates to another style of Latin or Ballroom dance (Salsa, Bachata, Cha Cha, Waltz, Rumba, Foxtrot, Swing, etc.) NO PARTNER (OR EXPERIENCE) REQUIRED! Doors open by 5:45pm. The 45-minute class begins at 6pm and afterwards we'll play a variety of music so everyone can dance and have fun!

Line Dancing Mar 3rd & 10th 1-2:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County 623 Edison St., Antigo. Line Dancing-Instructions and handouts are provided for every dance. No prior knowledge of line dance is necessary. The goal of the class is to have fun while getting to know others and learning steps to dance.

Cardio and Strength Training Mar 3rd 4:30-5:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County, 623 Edison St., Antigo. Cardio and strength training at the senior center with Dawn. This is designed for all levels of fitness. There is no charge.

Monday Funday with Jack Lake Silent Sports Association Mar 3rd 5pm. Jack Lake Mountain Bike Trail N8375 Park Rd., Deerbrook. Come enjoy an evening of mountain biking, trail running, or hiking. Choose your preferred activity. Come solo or bring a friend. Meet others who enjoy time outside and stay after for social time. Laid back atmosphere, go at your own pace, enjoy the outdoors! All abilities welcome!

StrongBodies Program (Virtual) Mar 4th & Mar 10th 9-10:15am. This will be a virtual program via Zoom that you can follow along with at home. Sign up online at https://go.wisc.edu/j9468d

Cribbage League Mar 5th (Wednesdays) 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. Weekly payouts; no need to sign up or attend every week.

Peace Lutheran Mustang 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Mar 7th & 8th. Peace Lutheran 300 Lincoln St., Antigo. If you have questions about this event, please contact Nikki Heinzen at 715-216-2411 or email n.heinzen@peaceantigo.org

Mamma Mia! by AHS Drama Club Mar 7th- Mar 15th For more information call 715-623-7611 ext. 2313.

Chick Craft Event Mar 8th 12pm. Fleet Farm 2511 Neva Rd., Antigo. Live baby chicks are coming to Fleet Farm, and we're celebrating the occasion with our FREE Chick Craft Event! Grab your creative caps & bring your family along as you'll have the chance to create your own popsicle stick chick to bring home.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Mar 8th 8-11:30am. Knights of Columbus SS Mary & Hyacinth Church Basement 819 3rd Ave, Antigo.Every second Sunday of the month, enjoy all-youcan-eat buttermilk and potato pancakes, Peroutka's sausage, applesauce, coffee, orange juice, and milk.

MEETINGS

LCEDC Executive Committee Meeting Mar 3rd 4pm. NTC Antigo 312 Forrest Ave., Antigo.

Economic Development Committee -Regular Meeting Mar 3rd 6pm. City Hall, 700 Edison St

City Plan Commission - Regular Meeting Mar 4th 6pm. City Hall, 700 Edison St., Antigo.

Hotel Motel Commission - Regular



Meeting Mar 5th 8:30am. City Hall, 700 Edison St

<u>Groups</u>

AA Support Group (Open) Wednesdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

AA Meetings Tuesdays at 7pm at the Elcho UCC Church N11291 Dorr St., Elcho.

AA Meetings Sundays 10am. White Lake Community Center 615 School St., White Lake. Any questions call 715-219-0305

Alanon/Nornon Group Mondays 1:30pm. Antigo Community Church School (old St. Mary's), 723 Deleglise St., Antigo. Enter in the back please. For more information including other meeting times and locations call (715-623-4904).

Alzheimer's Support Group Second Monday of the month 5-6pm. Rolalia Gardens Door #3 519 Flight Rd., Antigo. 715-610-6681

Association Alzheimer's Virtual Support Groups Coffee for Family Caregivers, 2nd Monday of the month 5:30pm-6:30pm. For Persons Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, 2nd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Frontotemporal Degeneration 3rd Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Dementia in the early stages 4th Tuesdav of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with dementia living at a facility every other Friday 10-11:30am. Phone In Caregiver Support Group the last Tuesday of every month 10-11:30am. To register for any of the support groups contact the 24/7 helpline. 800.272.3900

AVAIL Support Group Meetings on Mondays, 5:30pm-7pm, Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm, Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm and again at 5:30pm-7pm, Fridays 3-6pm. AVAIL Inc. 1410 N. Superior St., Antigo. **Baby & Me Support Group** Wednesdays from 1-2pm in the Langlade Birthing Center 112 E 5th Ave, Antigo, second floor. Facilitator: RN/International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. For more information please call 715-623-9280. No fee.

Broken Arrow Christian Recovery Meeting Thursdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Avenue, Antigo.

Community Recovery Bible Study Fridays 6pm. Aspirus Langlade Hospital 112 E. Fifth Ave., Antigo- in the large conference room.

GriefShare Community Grief Recovery Seminar and Support Group: Feb. 17th through May 12th 5-6:30pm. Peace Lutheran Church 300 Lincoln St., Antigo. Each weekly session is on a different grief topic. Park in the 8th Avenue lot and enter Door #3 for the Fellowship Hall. Sessions are FREE and no pre-registration is necessary.

Life Recovery Group & Christian Recovery Meetings Wednesdays 8:30am. Church of the Nazarine 230 Elm St., Antigo. This group is for anyone struggling with addiction, anxiety, food, depression, relationships, etc. There will also be Christian Recovery meetings at the same place and time.

Narcotics Anonymous Mondays 8am, Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

Overeaters Anonymous Mondays 7-8pm. SS. Mary & Hyacinth Parish Center, 819 3rd Ave., Antigo. Room #4 Contact: Rose Marie, 715-623-2128.

Stroke & Neurological Support Group (2nd Friday of the Month) Langlade Co. Senior Center 623 Edison St., Antigo.

If you have an upcoming event or ongoing group activity that you would like to include, please email the information to nwinkler@mmclocal.com







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DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting artwork entries for the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Design Contests. The winning designs will appear on the 2026 collection of stamps.

Each year, local artists from around Wisconsin compete for an opportunity to showcase their talents, commemorate their work and promote wildlife conservation across the state.

Hunters are required to purchase a species-specific stamp to legally harvest any of these game birds in Wisconsin. The sales of these three stamps generate hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for species management throughout the state, including habitat management, restoration, education and research projects.

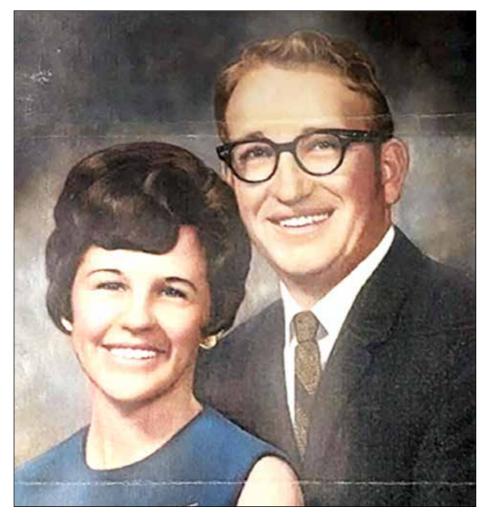
Stamp design entries must be received or postmarked by Aug. 1, 2025. Judging will take place on Aug. 23, 2025, at the Waterfowl Hunters Expo in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The winners of the 2025 contests were: Wild Turkey – Robert Leum of Holmen Pheasant – Robert Leum of Holmen Waterfowl – Jon Rickaby of Suamico

All stamp contest applicants should review the contest rules carefully to ensure the eligibility of their entries. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be properly processed and prepared for judging and display.

Rules, entry information and reproduction rights agreements are available on the DNR's Wildlife Stamp Funding and Stamp Design Contest webpage.

Stamp contest applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain insurance for their artwork if shipped and to confirm the delivery of their submission directly with the stamp contest coordinator.

Wisconsin's 2025 Longest-Married Couple Is...



Wisconsin Family Council (WFC) announced the newest inductees into its Marriage Hall of Fame. WFC began this unique Hall of Fame in 2022 to honor both the institution of marriage and individual marriages that have gone the distance. Applying to be part of the Marriage Hall of Fame was open to any married couple in Wisconsin who has currently been married 60 or more years.

We are honored to announce that Wisconsin's 2025 longest-married couple is Theodore and Rosemary Prosser of Oneida who have been married 76 years! Theodore and Rosemary were married on October 20, 1948. They had 10 children, 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. They are still able to live in their home and celebrate many family outings together. Their marriage is a great lesson for all married couples: "Enjoy life and love hard."

The long and faithful marriage of the Prossers is an encouragement and challenge to everyone in our state. 17 other couples join the Prossers in WFC's Marriage Hall of Fame this year.

• Ken and Kate Cisar, Oconto Falls, married 75 years.

• Verne and Sylvia Wepner, Oshkosh, married 74 years.

• Roger and Joanne Stecker, Oshkosh,

• David and LaVonne Butler, Ripon, married 65 years.

• Lester and Rita Kibler, Elroy, married 65 years.

• David and Beverly Sennholz, Oshkosh, married 65 years.

• James and Betty Jenson, Wisconsin Rapids, married 64 years.

• Larry and Nancy Larson, Woodville, married 64 years.

• Carl and Ilene Anderson, Menasha, married 64 years.

• Ray and Sandy Swanson, Muskego, married 62 years.

• Arthur and Joan Seyfert, West Bend, married 61 years.

• Jim and Patricia Cronin married 60 years.

Wisconsin Family Council president, Daniel Degner, commented, "What an incredible accomplishment for each of these couples! Each is well deserved in making it into this year's WFC Marriage Hall of Fame. Their milestone anniversaries are a great testament to the truth that marriage can last a lifetime. Their lives are an example for young married people like me. Without a doubt each of these marriages have experienced trials and blessings, and through it all, their commitment to each other and their vows prevailed. We are so glad we can honor these couples who exemplify the kinds of marriages that build families that form a strong foundation for our communities, state, and nation. Congratulations to each of them!" Each of these couples will receive a framed certificate recognizing their induction into Wisconsin's Marriage Hall of Fame. Pictures of all the inductees and their stories are posted on wifamilycouncil. org. Applications for next year will open in January 2026.



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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LANGLADE COUNTY MEETING Thursday, March 20th @ 6pm

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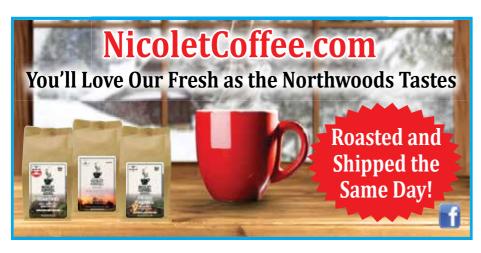
• Bryon "Bill" and Ruth Johnson, Bellevue, married 73 years.

• Lawrence and Joan Hoffmann, Schofield, married 71 years.

• Rudolph (Rudy) and Barbara Litschauer, Pewaukee, married 70 years.

• Robert and Deloris Spindler, Stratford, married 69 years.

• George and Jean Schug, Athens, married 66 years.



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Fun ways to commemorate a wedding anniversary



FOR MMC

Milestone moments are few and far between, which underscores the significance of celebrating such occasions. Wedding anniversaries certainly fit the bill of momentous occasions worth celebrating. Whether a couple has been married for half a century or 12 months, the following are some fun ways they can commemorate their time together.

· Take a second honeymoon. Second honeymoons are wildly popular ways to commemorate a wedding anniversary. Such trips present a direct connection to the time couples tied the knot. Book a stay in the same locale where you honeymooned years ago, even staying in the same hotel, and possibly even the same room. Relive special moments you each recall but don't hesitate to create new memories as well. Couples also can consider a second honeymoon in an entirely different destination than the one they visited on their first trip as a married couple years ago.

· Tie the knot again. Many couples choose to renew their vows on particularly notable anniversaries, such as a silver anniversary (25 years). But there's no rule against couples renewing their vows whenever they think it fit to do so, whether that's one year, five years, 12 years, and so on. Incorporating certain components from the initial wedding ceremony can make a renewal of vows even more special.

· Do your first date all over again. Married couples often remember their first date, and recreating that experience can be a fun way to celebrate a wedding anniversary. If a first date was dinner and a movie, find the movie on a streaming platform and then watch it after arriving home from dinner at the same restaurant where the date began. If the establishment has since closed, order in dishes you enjoyed that night or work together to cook them in the comforts of your own kitchen.

· Commemorate the era you tied the knot with a themed party. Preferences in relation to music, fashion and design change with each generation, and couples may find it fun to recreate the era when they tied the knot, particularly if it's been decades since they said, "I do." For example, couples who walked down the aisle in the 1980s can host an 80s-themed party where guests are encouraged to don their favorite attire from that unique era. Spend the night dancing away to a playlist of popular songs from the year you tied the knot, ending the night with a recreation of your first official dance as a married couple. · Go back to where it all began. Visiting the venue where you tied the knot can be a fun and moving way to stroll down Memory Lane. If possible, contact your reception venue and, if it's been awhile since you and your guests have gathered for a night of fun, book the space and host a laid back reception for friends and loved ones who were there to celebrate with you all those years ago.

UTL Entertainment brings the Mayhem back to the community hall in Mattoon

Fundraiser for Mattoon American Legion and Mattoon 4th of July Fireworks Celebration



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Those wishing to make donations to the Mattoon American Legion or to this event, whether it's monetarily or with raffle items, call Corey at 715-219-1780 More information on the event can be found by following Under The Lights Entertainment on Facebook

Under The Lights Entertainment - Live Pro Wrestling Event Saturday, March 15th, 2025 at Mattoon Community Hall - 617 Highway D, Mattoon. Doors Open 5pm Bell Time 7pm

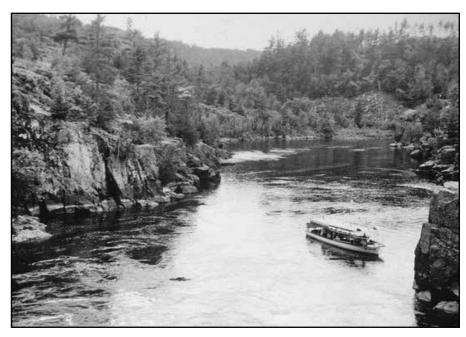
A Historic Year For The Wisconsin State Park System

125 Years Of The Wisconsin State Park System

DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System by learning about its history of outdoor recreation, tourism and stewardship.

Over the last 125 years, Wisconsin's state park system has grown in both size and opportunity to meet the needs of Wisconsinites and visitors. The state's parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are managed to conserve and protect some of Wisconsin's most exceptional natural resources. From the expansive Northwoods to the shores of Lake Michigan to the picturesque Driftless Region and everything in between, the state park system offers opportunities to recreate in virtually every part of the state. Gov. Evers proclaimed "Wisconsin 2025 the State Park System 125th Anniversary" across the state and invited all Wisconsinites to join the occasion. The significance of this milestone can be observed in the day-to-day operations of the more than 120 properties that make up the state park



The system's history is

rich with stories of hard

work and dedication to the

state's natural resources.

The introduction of

the oldest state park,

In the early years of state

park system development,

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(CCC)

Wedding anniversaries are milestone moments, and there are many fun and unique ways for couples to commemorate these special events.



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to property infrastructure and the first real property planning in Wisconsin state parks. Workers in CCC posts located in Copper Falls, Devil's Lake, Interstate, Nelson Dewey (now Wyalusing), Pattison, Peninsula, Perrot and Rib Mountain state parks contributed to a wide range of conservation projects. CCC structures, including rustic headquarter and maintenance buildings, cabins, ranger stations, retaining walls, stone stairways and other

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system. These sites offer visitors a space to improve their health and wellness, build community, learn new skills and spend quality time outdoors.

New campgrounds Interstate Park, in 1900 and properties, additions spurred momentum to of amenities such as keep expanding efforts amphitheaters, shelters to preserve Wisconsin's and indoor gathering natural places. Between spaces, investments in 1910 and 1918, four universal recreation and more state parks were the launch of the statewide established, and the lone wellness park became a system. initiative OutWiGo are just a few examples of the growth seen within the Wisconsin State Park System over the Corps last few decades.

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4 signs it's time to replace your tires

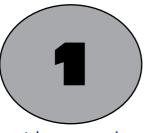


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Inflation has been a hot topic for several years. as the cost of everything from groceries to gas to housing has increased considerably since 2019. Cars are no exception to that phenomenon, and anyone who has purchased a new car over the last half decade likely experienced some sticker shock when they started their search for a new vehicle. Data from Kelley Blue Book indicates the average cost of a new car was \$37,590 in 2019. By 2023, the average cost had risen to \$47,899. That marks an increase of more than 27 percent in a four-year period.

Cars are indeed a significant investment, which underscores the importance of vehicle maintenance. Maintenance is more than just tending to what's under the hood.

Tires also require drivers attention, as aging. damaged tires pose a safety risk that also compromise vehicle performance. Tires are easily overlooked, but the following are four signs tires need to be replaced.



Worn tread

The automotive experts at AutoZone® note that tread depth is the most prevalent indicator that a tire needs to be replaced. AutoZone® notes that tread depth should always be at least 2/32 of an inch throughout the tire. Depth should be measured across the tread and around the

circumference. If the tread is at or below 2/32 of an inch, the tire should be replaced.



Bulges, gouges or cracks

Geico® notes that a deflated tire bulges at the sides, and that can compromise the safety of everyone in the vehicle. AutoZone® says bulges occur when air gets between the inner liner and outer rubber layers, which can happen after hitting a curb or driving over a sizable pothole. A gouge or cut that is deeper than the outer layer of the tire also necessitates replacement.



Drivers may be able to feel certain tire problems,



including poor grip, while driving. In such instances, tires may feel as though they are slipping. The tire experts at Firestone note that low tread can reduce tire traction and cause wheels to slip, which may be more noticeable when accelerating from a stop or driving on wet roads. Drivers who feel their tires are slipping can test the tread and replace tires that are low.



rather than see. And identifying the cause requires noting where the vibrations are felt. Geico[®] notes that a feeling of vibration or thumping

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IRS

As the 2025 tax filing season continues, the Internal Revenue Service encourages taxpayers essential make to preparations and be aware of significant changes that may affect their 2024 tax returns

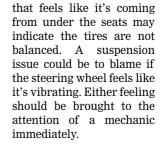
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necessary tax documents. Taxpayers should always carefully review documents for inaccuracies or missing information. They should immediately contact their employer or payer to request a correction if issues arise.

The IRS recommends taxpayers create an IRS which Online Account,

they have received all Credit (ACTC) amount has qualifying child. increased to \$1,700 for each





Tire issues affect vehicle performance and compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists. When vehicles are not performing at peak capacity, drivers should not overlook various tire issues as a potential cause of such troubles.



series. The IRS uses this guide to provide updated information to assist taxpayers in filling an accurate return. A wealth of resources and tools is also available on IRS. gov, including a dedicated special free help page accessible 24/7.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to read Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals), for additional guidance and updates.

Tips for filing an accurate tax return

deadline The for submitting Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, or 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors, is April 15, 2025. To avoid mistakes and potential processing delays, taxpayers should refrain from filing until

provides secure access to their tax information, including payment history, tax records and other key information. Maintaining digitally organized tax documents can streamline the preparation of a complete and accurate tax return and may help identify overlooked deductions or credits.

Taxpayers who have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number or ITIN may need to renew it if it has expired. The IRS can accept a tax return with an expiring or expired ITIN, but there may be processing delays.

Updates to Additional Child Tax Credit for tax year 2024

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features, are still utilized today.

In 1950, the Wisconsin State Park System's first public/ private partnership was formed with the Devil's Lake Concession Corporation, nonprofit, nonstock а corporation. By taking over concessions at the park, the group became the first such organization to partner with state parks to provide services that the parks could not otherwise provide. Other groups followed, creating a foundation for a formalized Friends Group policy in 1989 and the creation of the statewide Friends of Wisconsin State Parks in 1996.

Today, partnerships are an essential part of the operation of the Wisconsin State Park System. With hundreds of partners representing many different interests, these partnerships help the state park system reach broader audiences, enhance natural protection resource and provide other important services throughout the state, like equipment rentals, outings recreation and hosting recreation events.

Several significant changes occurred within the system from the early 1960s to 2000, many of which increased recreational offerings for visitors. In 1966, the first nature centers opened, and the first permanent naturalist was hired. The DNR's campsite reservation program began in 1974, and the Parks Automated Reservation System, a tollfree central phone number making reservations, for was initiated in 1999. The

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first cabin for campers with disabilities opened at Mirror Lake State Park in 1992.

Looking forward to the next 125 years, the Wisconsin State Park System will continue to pursue investments in public lands, properties, facilities and infrastructure to ensure the system continues to protect natural resources and provide an excellent visitor experience.

In addition to participating outdoor in recreation offerings such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, paddle fishing, sports, camping and more, visitors are encouraged to attend DNR events and programs in 2025. Some events throughout the year will include information or a presentation on state park system history and other fun facts about state parks, forests, recreation areas and trails.

Most 125th-anniversary events are free to attend but require a Wisconsin state park and forest vehicle admission pass. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase new anniversary-themed merchandise at properties across the state this spring.

The Wisconsin State Park System welcomes all visitors to enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors. For visitors who may be new to state parks, the DNR offers a New to Parks webpage to help identify a property to visit and plan ahead for a safe and fun outing.

Learn more about the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System and how you can get involved by visiting the anniversary webpage.

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Bona fide residents of Puerto Rico are no longer required to have three or more qualifying children to be eligible to claim the ACTC. Bona fide residents of Puerto Rico may be eligible to claim the ACTC if they have one or more qualifying children.

The IRS cannot issue refunds before mid-February 2025 for returns that properly claim the ACTC. This time frame applies to the entire refund, not just the portion associated with the ACTC.

Other changes for tax year 2024

Standard deduction amount increase. For 2024, the standard deduction amount has been increased for all filers. The amounts are:

Single or married filing separately — \$14,600.

Head of household — \$21,900. Married filing jointly or

qualifying surviving spouse – \$29,200.

Child Tax Credit enhancements. Taxpayers eligible for the Child Tax Credit should not wait to file their 2024 tax return. If Congress changes the CTC guidelines in the future, the IRS will automatically adjust for those who have already filed. No additional action will be needed by those eligible taxpayers.

Under current law for tax year 2024, the following currently apply:

The initial amount of the CTC is \$2,000 for each qualifying child. The credit amount begins to phase out where adjusted gross income (AGI) income exceeds \$200,000 (\$400,000 in the case of a joint return).

A child must be under age 17 at the end of 2024 to be a qualifying child.

Changes to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). To claim the EITC without a qualifying child in 2024, taxpayers must be at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of 2024. If a taxpayer is married filing a joint return, one spouse must be at least age 25 but under age 65 at the end of 2024.

Taxpayers may find more information on various child tax credits in the Instructions for Schedule 8812 (Form 1040).

Adoption Credit. The Adoption Credit and the exclusion for employer-provided adoption benefits are both \$16,810 per eligible child in 2024. The amount begins to phase out if taxpayers have a modified AGI in excess of \$252,150 and is completely phased out if their modified AGI is \$292,150 or more. For more information, see Form 8839and Instructions for Form 8839.

Clean Vehicle Credit. The Clean Vehicle Credit is reported on Form 8936 and Schedule 3 (Form 1040), line 6f. For more information, see Form 8936, Clean Vehicle Credit.

Previously owned Clean Vehicle Credit. This credit is available for previously owned clean vehicles acquired and placed in service after 2022. For more information, see Form 8936, Clean Vehicle Credit.

More information on these and other credit and deduction changes for tax year 2024 may be found in Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax (For Individuals), taxpayer guide.

IRA contribution limit increased

Beginning in 2024, the IRA contribution limit is increased to \$7,000 (\$8,000 for individuals aged 50 or older) from \$6,500 (\$7,500 for individuals aged 50 or older) the prior year.

1099-K reporting requirements have changed for tax year 2024

The reporting threshold for 2024 has changed. Third-party settlement organizations (TPSOs), also known as payment apps and online marketplaces, are now required to report transactions when the amount of the total payments for those transactions in 2024 was more than \$5,000. The IRS has issued Notice 2024-85 providing transition relief for TPSOs. To understand what to do, taxpayers should become familiar with Form 1099-K.

Free filing options

IRS Free File, available only through IRS.gov, offers eligible taxpayers brand-name tax preparation software packages to use at no cost. Some of the Free File packages also offer free state tax return preparation. The software does all the work of finding deductions, credits and exemptions.

Taxpayers who are comfortable preparing their own taxes can use Free File Fillable Forms, regardless of their income, to file their tax returns either by mail or online.

Direct File is an option for taxpayers to file federal tax returns online—for free—directly and securely with the IRS. Direct File is a filing option for taxpayers in participating states who have relatively simple tax returns and report only certain types of income and claim certain credits and deductions. Go to IRS Direct File to find more information, including updates to the list of states who have joined and the new tax situations Direct File has added to the service for the 2024 tax year.

MilTax is a free tax resource available the military to community, offered through the Department of Defense. There are no income limits. MilTax includes tax preparation and electronic software, personalized filing support from tax consultants and current information about filing taxes. It is designed to address the realities of military life—including deployments, combat and training pay, housing and rentals, and multistate filings. Eligible taxpayers can use MilTax to electronically file a federal tax return and up to three state returns for free.

VITA and TCE. The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site, use the VITA Locator Tool or call 800-906-9887.



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