

New Baiting and Feeding Ban for Clark County effective March 1

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was recently notified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) that a farm-raised deer on a deer farm in Eau Claire County tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). This positive

result is within 10 miles of the border of both Clark and Jackson counties, resulting in a new baiting and feeding ban to go into effect in Clark County on March 1.2025.

State law requires that the DNR enact a three-year baiting and feeding ban in counties where CWD has been detected and a two-year ban in adjoining counties within 10 miles of a CWD detection. If additional CWD cases are found during the lifetime of a baiting and feeding ban, the ban will renew for an additional two or three years.

This detection will cause the following:

Clark County will begin a two-year baiting and feeding ban on March 1, 2025.

Eau Claire and Jackson counties already have baiting

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UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield celebrates annual Cultural Fair

BY KATIE SCHIMKE

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Wood County Health Department

Play cribbage at MCPL Spencer

FOR CITY TIMES

SPENCER – If you want to learn how to play cribbage, or if you're already a fan of the game, you're invited to the Marathon County Public Library's Spencer Branch (105 S. Park St., Spencer) for their monthly cribbage event.

Cribbage is on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. with the next session being held on March 11.

Decks of cards and cribbage boards will be available for patrons to use, or players are welcome to bring their own. From novice to expert, everyone is welcome.

This event is free and open to the public



with no registration required. For more information, call 715-659-3996 or visit https://mcpl.us/event/spencer-cribbageat-the-library/2025-03-11/





Last month, Wood County Health Department staff met with Representative Krug to share the services that the health department provides to the public, discuss the Community Health Improvement Plan, and talk about barriers to health in the community and potential solutions. Wood County Health Department

Man dies after medical call involving vehicle

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--On Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at approximately 6:10 pm, Portage County Communications Center received a report of a male who was found unconscious near a vehicle on private property in the Town of Carson. The caller stated the unconscious male was lying in a ditch with standing water in it. Portage County Sheriff Office deputies and other emergency personnel were dispatched.

Upon arrival, it was determined a 68-year-old male from the Town of Carson had been driving his vehicle on a private trail/road on private property near the 1400 block of Elm Road North when it became stuck in a ditch. It appeared the

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JANET SCHILL Janet Schill, age 86, of Marshfield, passed away on Feb. 22, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.



JEROME M. LANG Jerome M. Lang, age 78, of Spencer, WI, peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Monday, March 3, 2025 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Spencer. Rev. Barry Saylor will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Cemetery in Marshfield, WI. Pallbearers will be: Derek Weber Danny Lang, Larry Lang Daryl Sternweis, Boł

Wiskerchen, and Ernie Nikolai. Honorary pallbearers will be: Kathy Katzenberger, April Harris, Heidi Halmstad, Wendy Guetenberg, Tracey Kremer, and Sherrie Elliott. Visitation will be held at the church on Sunday, March 2nd from 4pm to 8pm, and again on Monday from 9am until time of





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Get Relief with No Surgery, Shots, or Addictive and Dangerous Jerome Michael Lang was born on June 18, 1946 in Marshfield, WI, to John C. and Regina M. (Pfahning) Lang. He was raised on the family farm, and received his education at St. John's Catholic School and Marshfield High School. After high school, Jerome enlisted into the U.S. Army on December 9, 1965 and served until his honorable discharge on November 19, 1968. He returned home and was united in marriage to Shirley M. Bauer on August 22, 1970 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hewitt, WI. They resided in Hewitt and Jerome worked at A&P Grocery Store, and later at Fleet Farm. In 1980, they purchased and operated Jerome & Shirley's Country Bumpkin Bar in Bakerville, until selling it in 2006. He then worked at Lang Furniture in Spencer, A&B Process in Stratford, WI, and Wiskerchen Trucking until retiring.

He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, Marshfield American Legion Post 54, Marshfield Eagle's Club, Wisconsin Tavern League, ABATE, Bakerville Sno-Rovers, and was inducted into the Wisconsin Bartender Hall of Fame. Jerome was an advocate for special needs kids, volunteered for the Children's Miracle Network, and Special Olympics.

Jerome had many interests, but especially love his grandkids and giving them gator rides, he took pride in having beautiful flower beds, had a love for bonfires, he loved the sunshine, mowing lawn, fishing, cooking, feeding birds, driving his truck, and making everybody happy with his infectious smile.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, Shirley, of Spencer; two daughters: Stacy (Kris) Makovsky of Medford, WI, and Shanna (Brad) Kohls of Marshfield, WI; five grandchildren: Katelin (Joseph) Herbst, Jaden Makovsky, Dylan Lang, Austyn and Montanna Kohls; four siblings: Jim Lang, Janice Hansen, Judy (Dale) Garfield, and Jeanie (Darrell) Paasch, all of Marshfield; two sisters-in-law: Lucy Lang and Deb Lang, both of Marshfield; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Jerome was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Shawn Lang, on January 23, 2019; two sisters: Joanne Rifleman and Jacinta Lang; and two brothers: Jack and Jerald Lang.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cuddiefh. com.

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



RANDALL J. "RANDY" MEYER Randall J. "Randy" Meyer, age 72, of Loyal, WI, passed away at Marshfield Medical Center, in Marshfield, WI, on Sunday, February 23, 2025. A memorial service will be held at 11am on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Loyal. Rev. Emmanuel Famiyeh will officiate, and burial will follow in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday, March

14, 2025 from 4pm to 8pm, and again on Saturday from 9am until time of service.

Randall Joseph Meyer was born on January 31, 1953 in Marshfield, WI, to Alfred E. and Odelia E. (Burr) Meyer. He was raised on the family farm in Loyal and received his education in Loyal area schools, where he was active in the Loyal Lads and Lassies 4-H Club, FFA, and sang in the high school choir. Randy was a 1971 graduate of Loyal High School. After graduation, Randy earned the American Farmer Degree and went into a partnership and farmed with his father. He was united in marriage to Pamela Ann Schmitt on July 1, 1972 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Loyal. They took over the operation of the farm from his father in 1976. Along with raising their seven children on the farm, Randy also raised and showed Draft horses with his children, which he did with his father. Their farm was the host dairy farm for the Loyal Dairy Breakfast and Clark County Twilight Meeting. Over the years, Randy also was an auctioneer, and worked for Christensen Sales, Schindler Auction Service, and on his own. He was a lifelong farmer until his passing.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, where he served on the parish council and sang in the church choir, was a member of the Loyal FFA Alumni, a member of the Clark County Holstein Breeders Association, served on the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council and the National FFA Alumni Council, was a Wisconsin District 1 State Fair repreentative, served on the Clark County Fair Board for more than 40 years, served on the Clark County Fair Board for Hore than 40 years, served on the Loyal School Board for 9 years, and was superintendent of the Clark County Fair Draft Horse Show. Randy along with the help of brother Danny helped start the Central WI Draft Horse Show. start the Central WI Draft Horse Show. Randy had many interests, but especially loved showing and competing with his Draft Horses in 4-driving competition and 10-horse pyramid hitch, seeing his "Horse Family" from around the state, pulling ponies when he was younger then draft, farming, and bowling. He also truly enjoyed sitting down to visit with anyone that would listen. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Pam, of Loyal; his seven children: Jennifer (Chal) Bogdonovich of Loyal, WI, Peggy (Alan) Behselich of Marshfield, WI, Jodi Meyer of Whitehall, WI, Patrick Meyer (Dana Johnson) of Loyal, WI, John (Maria) Meyer of Loyal, WI, Kurt (Lori) Meyer of Unity, WI, and Kris Meyer of Loyal, WI; 14 grandchildren: Kyle (Jordan), Kaylee (Ean), Tragen (Autumn), Amanda, Ty, Brittany, Sydney, Alexis, Gage, Jack, Kolt, Wyat, Kortney and Addison; one great-grandchild and one on the way; one sister: Sr. Virdean Meyer of Marshfield, WI; five brothers: Richard (Judy) Meyer of Unity, WI, Larry (Virginia) Meyer of Unity, WI, Allen (Diane) Meyer of Loyal, WI, Danny Meyer of Loyal, WI, and Bob (Coni) Meyer of Loyal, WI; two sisters-in-law: Judy Meyer of Marshfield, WI, and Judy Meyer of Hudson, WI; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Randy was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Ronald and Fritz Meyer; and one sister-in-law, Diane Meyer. Online condolences may be expressed at www.cuddiefh. com Cuddie Funeral Home of Loyal, WI is assisting the family with arrangements.

United Way Seeks Volunteers For Disaster Recovery Team

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties invites community members interested in disaster preparedness and recovery to participate in an upcoming Volunteer Reception Center training from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on April 16 at the Grand Rapids Lions Club. In the event of a disaster, this group of trained volunteers may be called upon to help screen and organize spontaneous, untrained volunteers to help with recovery efforts. By preparing for the types of disasters most likely to occur in our area, United Way seeks to strengthen community resiliency and reduce the impact such events may have on the most vulnerable members of our community.

The Volunteer Reception Center, or VRC, provides a system to safely and efficiently turn a crowd of spontaneous volunteers into a screened and organized workforce. Before the VRC can be activated after a disaster, a group of trained volunteers must be ready to respond. These individuals staff the VRC, helping to screen, interview, and train spontaneous volunteers who turn out to aid the disaster response. Training for VRC volunteers is held twice each year only volunteers who have attended training are eligible to staff the VRC if called upon.

The next VRC training and informational session will be at the Grand Rapids Lions Club on April 16 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Training will include a brief informational presentation and demonstration а exercise. First-time attendees will have an opportunity to join the VRC following the training. Registration is appreciated but not required; to register, contact Ben Eberlein at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwswac. org by Friday, April 11. The VRC is coordinated by United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties collaboration in with Wood County Emergency Management and Marshfield Area United Wav.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER A Moment In Time In Cartagena









Dear Reader,

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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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2025 may be brought to the seed donation table as they may still be viable but not considered fresh for this

Registration forms to sign up for a community garden bed will also be available. Questions may

From the Editor: Letters to the Editor

To our valued readers, moment to explain an important update to our editorial policy regarding political letters and opinion pieces.

While many media companies are eliminating political content altogether, we remain committed to providing a forum for meaningful discussions that contribute to the education and awareness of our communities. To continue offering

this service in a sustainable way, we have made two key changes:

1. A 250-word limit on letters and political pieces opinion to encourage clear, concise, and impactful discourse.

We ask that you also provide We want to take a supporting documentation on the facts included. 2. A required submission

fee for publishing political opinions, reflecting the investment significant required to maintain this platform.

Our newspapers and digital media provide a powerful and far-reaching outlet for those who wish to share their views. With that opportunity comes responsibility. We must ensure that all contributions meet our standards for civility and relevance.

We reserve the right to edit submissions that are derogatory, inflammatory, or counterproductive to constructive community dialogue.

The reality is that providing a platform for public opinions-one that reaches thousands of readers-requires time, effort and editorial oversight.

This is a service we are proud to offer, but it must be managed responsibly.

The alternative would be for individuals to purchase their own media outlets, which is impractical for most.

Instead. we are maintaining an accessible, fair, and carefully moderated forum for public discussion. We appreciate your understanding and continued trust as we work to provide a space for informed and respectful dialogue.

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Letter to the Editor

When we first moved names were everywhere; donor names could be found in most public spaces. To be honest, I wondered why people wanted public recognition for giving money. My perspective changed after more than two years on the City Council. As we grapple with dreams that exceed city budgets, it's become obvious that Marshfield is only Marshfield because regular people give generously to public projects.

Functional cities need all sorts of servicesroads, public safety, communication, building inspections, election oversight, and utilities, to name a few. But the part of cities we enjoy, the parts we are most proud of, are the beautiful places. It's like my home, I don't think much about the wiring and plumbing (unless there's a problem), but I spend time and money on my garden. In Marshfield, the beautiful places, the places we show our visitors, are the zoo, parks, playgrounds, pool, trails, library, YMCA and Wenzel plaza. These are places that promote physical and mental health. These

to be self-sufficient. We've developed a "gosh darn it, we'd better do it ourselves because no one will do it for us," type of culture. Whether the gifts are big or small, whether from an individual or business, seeing names tells us that Marshfield is their home. It's like we are planting a flag saying, "this is my

community and I will make it good."

Now I look at these names with gratitude. To all who have donated to Marshfield public projects, thank you for investing in places where community is built, health is encouraged and joy is fostered.

Natasha Tompkins **District 3 Alderperson**



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Meet Wisconsin's 2025 longest-married couples

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – 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.

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 Oct. 20, 1948. They have 10 children, 16 grandchildren, 17 greatgrandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. They are still able to live in their home and celebrate many family outings together. Their marriage is a lesson for all married couples: "Enjoy life and love hard."

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, married 74 years. 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.

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,

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Baiting or feeding deer encourages them to congregate unnaturally around a shared food source where infected deer can spread CWD through direct contact with healthy deer or by leaving behind infectious prions in their saliva, blood, feces and urine.

More information regarding baiting and feeding regulations is available on the DNR's Baiting and Feeding webpage.

More general information about CWD can be found on the DNR's CWD webpage.



Theodore and Rosemary Prosser of Oneida.

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 Jan. 2026.

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male then exited the vehicle and fell into the ditch, where he was later found by a family member. It was unknown how long he had been there prior to being found.

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Marshfield Area Pet Shelter to host Pet Clinic on March 22 – get your pet licensed and vaccinated



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MARSHFIELD – The Marshfield Area Pet Shelter (MAPS) is bringing back its annual Pet Clinic on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lang Building, Marshfield Fairgrounds (513 E 17th St, Marshfield, WD.

This event provides a convenient and affordable way for pet owners to ensure their pets are protected, healthy, and compliant with local licensing regulations.

Available Services: Microchipping – \$15 (Includes registration with 24PetWatch)

Rabies Vaccination – \$15 (Proof of previous rabies vaccine required for a 3-year vaccine)

Pet Licenses for the City of Marshfield (Rabies certificate required to obtain a license)

"This clinic is a great opportunity for pet owners to get essential services at an affordable price," said Karen Rau, Executive Director of MAPS. "Microchipping and vaccinations are critical for keeping pets safe and ensuring they can be identified if lost."

By law, all cats and dogs over five months old living within the Marshfield city limits must be licensed annually. The deadline for licensing is March 31; after this date, a \$5 late fee will be applied. The fine for failing to license a pet is \$124.

A rabies certificate from a veterinarian is required to obtain a pet license.

Additionally, per City Ordinance 9.52(3)(d), a household in Marshfield may not have more than two dogs, cats, rabbits, or guinea pigs without a special written permit from an ordinance officer.

No appointments necessary. The MAPS Pet Clinic is open to the public, regardless of residency. No appointments are required, and all payments

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For more details, visit the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter website or attend the event to ensure your pet is protected and properly registered.



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The University of Wisconsin-Stout announces fall 2024 graduates

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The following students from the area graduated on Dec. 14, 2024, from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis. The university graduated 510 students, with 414 undergraduate and 96 Graduate School students this fall.

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Chloe Bauer, BS Business Administration Nancy Dupee, BS Career Technology **Education & Training**

Marshfield, WI Benjamin Gust, BS Construction

Katie Lovelace Hawley, BS Management Jackson Ott, BS Construction Dylan Paun, BS Construction

Spencer, WI Alana Piller, BS Food Science and Technology

Stratford, WI Calli Drexler, BS Early Childhood Education



Alex Bean, BS Mechanical Engineering William Gutsch, BS Psychology Mikayla Obsuszt, BS Marketing & **Business Education** Jon Tschudy, MS Risk Control & Safety Management

Encounter Comedy at the ShowCase Players **Spring Production**

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--You never know who might run into an airport waiting area, from your long-lost crush, to an angry mother-in-law, to a man dressed up as the airport therapy dog, to a mystery man who has been living there for months and a woman with her pet in a takeout container.

Take off with the 40th Anniversary of The ShowCase Players, at their production of Airport Encounters by Scott Mullen on the Colby High School stage.

The show will be presented over two weekends, March 7, 8, and 9, and 14, 15, and 16. The group is celebrating 40 years of providing quality theatre to the surrounding central Wisconsin area.

The ensemble cast consists of Jordan Aschenbrenner, Wausau; Elizabeth and Nathan Bier, Greenwood; Steve Geisthardt, Neillsville; Elaine Haas, Colby; Greg Jackan, Marshfield; Dawn Kasper-Harder, Medford; Debra Smith. Withee: Patricia Steiner, Withee; Weber, Jenny Colby: Roxie Wetterau, Spencer; and Samantha Yocius. Abbotsford. Making up the production crew are Paula Williams, Greenwood, Stage Manager; Brandon Aschenbrenner, Wausau, Wyeth, Lights: Kevin Curtiss, Sound, Tech, and Publicity; and Loralee Withee, House Petersen, Manager. The show is



Greg Jackan, Marshfield, has a personal encounter with Patricia Steiner, Withee, while Elizabeth Bier, Greenwood, looks on in the ShowCase Players upcoming production of Airport Encounters Colby High School.

directed by Jeffer Scheuer, Owen.

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

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

The ShowCase Players have again partnered with the Abbotsford, Colby, Dorchester, Greenwood. Loyal, Owen, and Withee public libraries to give away two pairs of show tickets per library via random drawing.

Show times for Airport Encounters are 7:30pm on March 7, 8, 14, and 15, with 2:00pm matinees on March 9 and 16. This show is produced by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing LLC.





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COLBY AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS





Colby Seventh Graders Celebrate Community Awareness Day



In this annual event, the goal it to draw awareness to the community services the immediate surrounding area of Colby offers and introduce students to careers and volunteer paths for EMS, fire, and police services. Awarness groups include a medical helicopter, EMS services, fire protection, Cannie unit (Abbotsford-Colby and Clark County), and police. Students experienced hands on interaction like fire hose handling, handcuffing and police protocols, EMS patient mock, and the chance to sit in the helicopter's pilot seat.







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SPORTS

Wisconsin Rapids Rafters release alternate identity **"The Central Wisconsin Mashers**"

The Rafters will don the potato themed identity for their Aug. 1 game against the Lakeshore Chinooks

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--The Wisconsin Rapids Rafters have announced the reveal of their alternate identity for the 2025 season; The Central Wisconsin Mashers. With a rich appreciation for the agriculture in the area and the goal to spotlight local exports, the Rafters teamed up with the Food+Farm Exploration Center and McCain Foods to present this identity.

We are very excited to release the Mashers identity and create a fun way to spotlight the potato growers in the area. Creating this alternate identity was a team effort from our front office, our friends at Food+Farm and McCain Foods, and our graphic design intern, Ella Avery, who designed the logo for us." said Assistant General Manager Jake Adams.

General Manager Ken Day said about the alternate identity, "We wanted to accomplish three things with our alternate uniform, bring together the surrounding areas under the Central

Wisconsin name, celebrate the potato growers of Wisconsin, and create something fun for our Rafters fans."

The Rafters will wear the mashed potato themed jerseys on Friday, Aug. 1 against the Lakeshore Chinooks with a 6:35 P.M. start time. Fans will be able to get their hands on tickets for the specialty game starting on March 3 with the Bangers and Mashers ticket deal. The deal includes 2 Bleacher Tickets and 2 Exclusive Mashers T-Shirts for \$30. To learn more about the ticket package and the Mashers alternate identity, contact PR@raftersbaseball.com or call the front office at 715-424-5400.

MARSHFIELD AREA PET SHELTER PET OF THE WEEK



Hey everyone! It's me, Luna and I'm here to let you know I'm available for adoption! I'm a real calm and happy-go-lucky pup. I just love life! What I love most? Meeting new people! Seriously, I get so excited to make new friends my tail never stops wagging. And other dogs? Oh boy, that's even better! I'm super interested in playing and making doggy pals. At 2 years old and a sturdy 60 pounds, I'm the perfect age and size for any family! I'm well-behaved, potty trained, and walking me is a breeze because I'm great on a leash. Honestly, I just want a family to love and be loved. I promise to fill your days with smiles, wagging tails, and lots of cuddles. If you're looking for a sweet, friendly, and wellbehaved companion, then I'm your girl! Apply to meet me, and let's start our adventure together! Please remember that every dog, cat and child will react differently to a new pet, so proper and safe introductions are always important for a smooth and successful transition. Adoption fee is \$225.

Marshfield Area Pet Shelter does not have open hours for public viewing of adoptable animals,

rather are by appointment only.

If interested in adopting, please complete the adoption application. Once your application is approved, an appointment will be scheduled to visit with your desired pet.



The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times to be highlighted each week for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. If you would like to donate Green Bay Packers memorabilia to the Packers Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.

A Green Bay Packers and New York Giants split helmet, autographed by 15 players from the 1960s. Katie Foust photo



Online application can be found at: www.marshfieldpetshelter.org/adoption-application Marshfield Area Pet Shelter can be reached by call or text at 715-486-5140. All animals are vet examined, spayed/neutered, blood tested and microchipped. If old enough, they receive routine vaccinations.

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Veterinarian survives near-fatal cattle chute injuries, shares safety warning



FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Eric Knock's nearfatal injuries have mostly healed, but his approach to safety is changed forever.

In Sept. 2022, the Miller, S.D., veterinarian was working with a crew in a producer's pasture. As Knock finished treating a bull, he stood up next to the chute. At that moment, the squeeze gate on the chute was released to free the bull, causing Knock's skull to become pinched between the chute frame and squeeze mechanism. Knock survived significant injuries and is now sharing his ordeal at tellingthestoryproject.org/eric.

Knock's story is the latest of 15 such incidents shared through Telling the Story Project, which embeds injuryprevention messages directly into these firsthand accounts, transforming them into powerful educational tools. The project is a collaboration between three agricultural safety and health centers funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) -- the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center, the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, and the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety – as well as the National Farm Medicine Center.

Although Knock didn't lose consciousness, he doesn't recall details of the incident, nor being airlifted to the

hospital.

"I didn't need surgery, but I had several skull fractures," he said. "Doctors used words like 'extensive' and 'many.' None of the fractures were displaced. If that had happened, the outcome could have been much more serious."

Knock spent 12 days in the hospital and then months afterward recovering from bleeding on the brain, nerve damage affecting an eye, and severe damage to his middle ear and eardrum, which required surgery.

Since the incident, Knock takes a few crucial seconds to assess his environment before he starts working.

"I'm more aware of where everyone is while we're working," he said. "I pay close attention to pinch points on equipment, so I recognize the hazards to myself and fellow workers. We all know there are dangers when we work around large animals and equipment. This incident has intensified our understanding of what can happen."

The Telling the Story Project motto is, "Tell a story, save a life," reflecting its mission to inspire change through personal stories.

"By sharing these personal stories, we hope to encourage farmers, farm workers, and ranchers to adopt safer practices in their work," said Ellen Duysen, project team member, Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health.



Carol Rae Kulibert celebrates 30 years at Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union

FOR CITY TIMES MARSHFIELD

Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union (MMCCU) celebrated the 30-year career of Operations Carol Manager Rae Kulibert.

"The credit union has grown significantly since Carol started in 1995 and her rise through the organization has led to significant contributions to this growth," said MMCCU President David Murphy. "Carol has a knack for connecting with members and staff on a deeper level, and her appreciation for those she works with goes beyond addressing their financial needs. She truly cares about others, which is reflected in her dedication to the credit union for the past three decades. I appreciate her contributions to meeting the credit union's mission of serving our member's financial needs."

Carol's journey in financial services began at just 18 years old when she took her first job at 1st Community Bank Wisconsin Rapids. in eight After months, she transitioned to Auburndale State Bank, where she worked for over two years. Her career continued to evolve as she spent 14 years at Citizens National Bank. As the banking industry underwent significant changes, Carol found herself at a crossroads.

"At the time, banks were expanding rapidly, and the personal touch of customer service was beginning to fade," Carol recalled. "Credit unions were becoming more wellknown, and a colleague suggested I consider joining one. I applied at MMCCU and never looked back-it has been the best work experience of my life."

Over her 30 years at MMCCU, Carol has witnessed transformative changes in the credit union industry. Among the most significant advancements, she cites the introduction of debit



greater convenience and accessibility to members.

ability "The for members to use debit cards and access their accounts through shared branching has been a game-changer,' Carol noted. "Technology has improved our ability to serve members while maintaining the personal relationships that make credit unions special."

Reflecting on her time at MMCCU, Carol highlights the organization's growth as one of the most rewarding aspects of her career. When she first started, MMCCU was located near what was The Patio Restaurant. She has since witnessed the credit union's expansion, including the move to its current location on Upham Street and the subsequent addition to the building.

"It's incredible to see how much we've grown, both in membership and in our physical presence," she said. "Seeing our credit union evolve while staying true to our mission is something I'm very proud to be a part of."

For Carol, the most fulfilling part of her career has been the relationships she has built with MMCCU members and staff. "I love when a member stops by my office just to say hello or thank me for helping them with an issue," she shared. "It's special to be recognized outside of work and know that what we do makes a difference in people's lives." Her advice to those future holds."

starting their careers in credit unions is to be patient and embrace continuous learning. "It takes time to truly understand the needs of members and the nuances of financial services. Every day is different, and being adaptable is key. You won't learn everything in six months-it takes at least two years to gain confidence in your role. But in the long run, it's well worth it."

While much has changed over the years, Carol believes MMCCU's core values have remained the same. "Loyalty to our members and the personal touch we provide are constants. That commitment to service is what makes MMCCU stand out."

Her pride in working for MMCCU extends beyond her professional accomplishments. Personally, the credit union has provided her with a second family. "The staff have been with me through difficult times and celebrated with me during the happy momentswatching my children grow, get married, and becoming a grandmother."

As she looks ahead, Carol hopes to see MMCCU continue to grow while maintaining its strong community ties. "Growth and loyalty to our members will always



The DNR is now accepting artwork entries for the 2026 Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Design Contests. Jon Rickaby created the winning 2025 waterfowl stamp. Jon Rickaby/Wisconsin DNR

DNR accepting artwork for the 2026 turkey, pheasant and waterfowl Stamp Contest

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--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.

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cards and the expansion of shared branching services, which have provided

be at the heart of MMCCU I'm excited to see what the

Aspirus encourages early support during **Eating Disorders Awareness Week**

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--An estimated 28.8 million Americans will experience an eating disorder in their lifetime, according to the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA). Despite their prevalence, eating disorders often remain misunderstood and stigmatized.

"Eating disorders encompass a wide

range of conditions tied to disordered eating patterns, negative body image, and societal pressure to conform to ideals of beauty and health," says Taylor Young, a clinical therapist with Aspirus Health.

Anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder are the most

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Build your confidence with better balance to reduce fall risk

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--Although slips, trips and falls can happen at any age, it's more common as we get older. Getting up from a fall also becomes more of a daunting task and at times, can seem nearly impossible.

Numerous age-related changes may be at fault. As we age, we lose muscle strength and flexibility (especially if we aren't quite as active as we used to be). Our senses such as vision and hearing become less sharp, making it more difficult for us to navigate potential fall hazards. Chronic conditions also play a huge role. Often we are on multiple medications to treat our conditions. Certain medications (or being on multiple medications) can have a host of unwanted side effects such as dizziness, sleepiness or lightheadedness, ultimately putting us at an increased risk for a fall.

The good news? There are things we can do to lessen our risks for slips, trips and falls. Join the Better Your Balance: Stepping On program to learn more about why falls happen and what you can do to reduce your risk.

Work with a local Physical Therapist to identify strength and balance exercises specific to preventing falls. Learn how to get up from a fall and about when/how to use assistive devices safely.

Hear from a local vision expert on eye related conditions that can impact our fall risk.

Hear from a local pharmacist about what medications might put you at risk for a fall and what you can do about it.

Hear from the Fire Department, as it relates to community safety and what you can do to reduce your risk for in-home falls.

Join on Fridays, March 21-May 2 from 9:30AM-11:30AM at the South Wood County YMCA. This program is open to the community. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Preregistration is required by calling the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin at: 888-486-9545. There is no cost to attend.

Wisconsin DMV warns consumers of rise in online vehicle sale fraud

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has noted a troubling trend in the number of scams by vehicle sellers posing as car dealers online. DMV's Dealer and Agent Section tracks this activity, investigates consumer complaints and offers tips to customers.

"The fraud scheme starts online as a fake storefront," DMV Dealer and Agent Section Chief Maura Schifalacqua explained. "An individual creates a website or a social media profile claiming to be a Wisconsin dealership. Stock images or photos of real vehicles and real Wisconsin dealerships are included to make the website seem legitimate. However, there is nothing legitimate about it. The advertised vehicles may be listed at below market value causing interested consumers to take the bait."

There are similarities with each case known as dealer cloning: fake websites or social media pages, cars priced below market value, and no in-



person contact with the seller. Wisconsin DMV is aware of multiple cases that follow this pattern, with fraudulently created websites or Facebook profiles alleging to be legitimate Wisconsin dealerships.

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common diagnoses, but eating disorders can affect people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds. While many assume these conditions primarily affect young women, Young emphasizes that young men and individuals across all identities are also at risk.

"The pressure to meet societal standards of body image can be overwhelming," Young explains. "It's important to remember that health and weight are not as connected as many people think."

Young notes that those most at risk are often young adults with high levels of anxiety and a drive for perfectionism. However, eating disorders do not discriminate—they can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or background.

Early intervention is key to preventing longterm complications, such as mental health challenges and nutritional deficiencies. Recognizing warning signs, like

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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



changes in eating habits or behaviors after meals, can help initiate important conversations.

"Approach these concerns with empathy," advises Young. "Open, judgment-freeconversations can encourage individuals to seek the support they need."

Recovery from an eating disorder is possible with the right support. A multidisciplinary approach—including health care providers, therapists, and nutritionists-is essential to creating a treatment plan tailored to individual needs. Family and community support also play a crucial role in recovery.

"As a society, we need to dispel the stigma surrounding eating disorders," Young stresses. "Awareness campaigns like National Eating Disorders Awareness Week can spark important conversations about mental health and inclusivity."

If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Start by scheduling an appointment with a primary care clinician, who can connect you with a behavioral health specialist. To learn more about the behavioral health and counseling services at Aspirus, visit aspirus.org/mental-healthtreatment-counseling.

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.

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Email: petshelter@email.com

Mailing Address: CCHS, P.O. Box 127, Neillsville, WI

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BUSINESS

UW-Stevens Point recognized nationally for research efforts

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was rated nationally among Research Colleges and Universities by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the American Council on Education.

The designation is for institutions that award at least \$2.5 million on research and development each year. UW-Stevens Point is among 218 universities and colleges in the United States with this designation, and among just eight in the state

UW-Stevens Point was awarded \$6.89 million in new research grant funding during fiscal year 2024, much of which funded projects for students and faculty within the College of Letters and Science and College of Natural Resources. Sources included federal and state natural resources and conservation organizations, health organizations and other universities.

'UW-Stevens Point greatly values research and the educational opportunities it brings to our students and faculty," said Chancellor Thomas Gibson. "The university also emphasizes undergraduate research, with faculty members working closely with students on innovative projects that are included in published articles and presentations. Many of our students co-author and present research before they begin graduate school or professional careers.'

Both UW-Stevens Point's College of Letters and Science and the College of Natural Resources have annually showcased undergraduate student research for the past 25 years, offering public symposiums on campus. Students offer both poster and oral presentations that highlight work with faculty mentors. The university also has a variety of majors, from biology to business, represented at the annual Research in the Rotunda held at the Wisconsin capitol each spring, which gives students the opportunity to present their research to state legislators.

Chemistry Professor Nate Bowling is consistently



Students work on research at the state-of-the-art Chemistry Biology Building at UW-Stevens Point, which was recently recognized for its research capabilities. C. Hutton

awarded grants from the National Science Foundation for ambitious electron transfer research that synthesizes and studies the properties of molecules that never existed before. He has worked with more than 80 students since 2013, with many being his co-authors of articles in highlevel academic journals.

Last Jan., a team of UW-Stevens Point faculty members and students were awarded one of three Universities of Wisconsin Innovation Grants, with \$175,000 for research on phytoremediation, the removal of synthetic materials from Wisconsin soils using living plants. The project could be funded an additional \$400,000 after the two-year study is completed in Dec. 2025.

"Research is a critical component across the Universities of Wisconsin and I'm proud that UW-Stevens Point has been designated by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation as among the top Research Colleges and Universities," said Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman.

Nelson-Jameson names Ty Patritto Director of Category Strategy - Sanitary Process & Maintenance

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Nelson-Jameson announced the appointment of Ty Patritto as its Director of Category Strategy - Sanitary Process & Maintenance.

In this role, Patritto will provide strategic oversight for the

Service & Repair Department, Sanitary Process & Maintenance Product Department, and Sanitary Process & Maintenance Specialists. Patritto will lead the development and implementation of long-term strategic plans to drive growth and strengthen the company's offerings in these key areas.

"Nelson-Jameson is committed to providing food manufacturers with the right tools, maintenance support, and industry expertise to empower innovation while minimizing

downtime and maximizing product quality," says Nelson-Jameson President Mike Rindy. "Ty's wealth of expertise

in these areas, along with valuable industry experience and food safety insights, will ensure that Nelson-Jameson can continue to deliver unmatched value to food manufacturers.'

Patritto will work to align efforts to provide current and future Nelson-Jameson customers with the best solutions to meet their product and service needs within the sanitary process and maintenance arena. Patritto will focus on identifying emerging trends, addressing industry challenges, uncovering opportunities, expanding processes and services, and working with strategic supplier partners.

"Nelson-Jameson's blend of products, as well as food safety and manufacturing expertise, made the organization a unique draw and opportunity," says Patritto. "I plan to leverage the opportunity and join in building on an incredible foundation that's nearly 80 years old. And Nelson-Jameson will continue to lead the way as the single-source supplier of choice to food manufacturers, meeting their current needs and helping overcome their future challenges."

Before joining Nelson-Jameson, Patritto spent five years as a sales manager and engineering project manager.







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How to quit smoking, vaping or chewing in Wisconsin

FOR CITY TIMES

COUNTY--Smoking cigarettes, WOOD vaping e-cigarettes or chewing tobacco is a hard habit to break because all three contain nicotine. In Wisconsin, there are resources available to help you quit smoking, vaping or chewing.

Nicotine is an addictive substance that releases dopamine when you smoke or vape, making you feel good and crave more. Medications, along with proper coaching, can increase your chances of quitting.

'We know that nicotine addiction can be a chemical addiction as well as a behavioral one," said Dave Scheuer, wellness and health promotion manager with Security Health Plan at Marshfield Clinic Health System. "Having both medication and a health coach as tools to support you can lead to greater odds of success."

The Wisconsin Tobacco Quit-line is a free service available 24/7 that allows you to chat online, text (text READY to 34191) or talk with a quit coach by calling 1-800-784-8669.

Scheuer said Security Health Plan also provides their members free support from a health coach through their Nicotine Free Program.

Most individuals also have pharmacy coverage for tobacco cessation products, but some Medicare advantage plans may qualify for free products such as the patches, lozenges or gum.

'We direct Security Health Plan members to talk with their providers about cessation medication," Scheuer said,

When you speak with a health coach, they will help you develop a plan that is right for you by asking several questions like:

How much do you smoke, vape or chew?

What motivates you to quit?

When do you want to quit?

Together, you will develop a customizable plan that will help you move closer to your goal.

Here are four tips to get you started on the right track: 1. Get support

As you work to quit smoking, vaping or chewing, it is important you have support every step of the way. This should include someone you can trust to help support you through the process. However, those individuals are not always available. This is why the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit-

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The Fix Is In recognizes World Spay Day

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - Feb. 27 marked World Spay Day, an international campaign raising awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering pets. Animal shelters across the state are overrun, and a severe veterinarian shortage is making it increasingly difficult for pet owners to access spay and neuter services.

Founded in 2009, The Fix Is In is a 100% volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to spay and neuter services across Wisconsin. In 2024, the organization helped fund

nearly 700 spay and neuter surgeries for outdoor cats. Previously operating a mobile veterinary clinic, The Fix Is In shifted its focus in 2022 to providing financial and logistical support, ensuring these critical surgeries remain accessible and affordable. By reducing pet overpopulation, the organization helps create a healthier environment for both animals and their communities

"Cats have been a part of our world for thousands of years. It is critical that we do what we can to control the population," says Karla Ortman, The Fix Is In founder. Wisconsin is full of compassionate people who care for cats and dogs, both in homes and on farms. Cats play a vital role in controlling rodent populations, but without spaying and neutering, even a small number of cats can quickly multiply into a population of 50 or more. This can lead to inbreeding, disease, and malnourishment. A single unspayed female cat can easily give birth to around 60 kittens within five years. Spaving and neutering prevent unchecked population growth that can become unmanageable for individuals and communities.

Spaying and neutering save lives. Studies show that altered cats and dogs live longer, healthier lives than unaltered pets. These procedures reduce the risk of disease, prevent life-threatening reproductive cancers, and decrease dangerous behaviors like roaming and fighting.





For outdoor cats, spay and neuter are especially critical only 25% of kittens survive to adulthood, with many facing starvation, disease, or deadly exposure to harsh weather. Preventing these litters spares countless animals from suffering while improving the well-being of existing pets and strays



specialty license plate to help offset the cost of spay and neuter surgeries for individuals and rescue organizations statewide.

"Money is tight for many families, but we love our pets," says Bree Richardson, president of The Fix Is In board. "Purchasing this specialty plate is a simple yet impactful way for Wisconsin residents to support animal welfare and help curb animal overpopulation. Funds from license plate orders go directly to covering spay and neuter surgery costs for individuals and rescues assisting people with spay and neuter."

For more information on how to support spay and neuter efforts in Wisconsin or to order a specialty license plate and make a direct impact, visit The Fix Is In at https:// www.thefixisin.org

As part of their efforts, The Fix Is In has launched a

A historic year for the Wisconsin State Park System

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 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 and opportunity size to meet the needs of Wisconsinites and visitors. The state's parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are managed to conserve and protect of Wisconsin's some



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 the "Wisconsin 2025 State Park System 125th Anniversary" across the state and invites 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 system. These sites offer visitors a space to improve their health and wellness, build community, learn new skills and spend quality time in the outdoors.

campgrounds New and properties, additions of amenities such as amphitheaters, shelters and indoor gathering spaces, investments in universal recreation and the launch of the statewide wellness initiative OutWiGo are just a few examples of the growth seen within the Wisconsin State Park System over the last few decades.

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Interstate State Park is Wisconsin's oldest state park, established in 1900 on the scenic Dalles of the St. Croix River. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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The system's history is rich with stories of hard work and dedication to the state's natural resources. introduction of The the oldest state park, Interstate Park, in 1900 spurred momentum to keep expanding efforts to preserve Wisconsin's natural places. Between 1910 and 1918, four more state parks were established, and the lone

park became a system. In the early years of state park system development, the Civilian Conservation (CCC)made Corps tremendous contributions 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 buildings, maintenance cabins, ranger stations, retaining walls, stone stairways and other features, are still utilized

significant Several 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 for making reservations, was initiated in 1999. The 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.

addition In to participating in outdoor recreation offerings such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, fishing, paddle 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.



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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.

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Corporation, a nonprofit,

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taking over concessions at

the park, the group became

the first such organization

parks to provide services

that the parks could not

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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 resource protection and provide other important services throughout the like state, equipment rentals, recreation outings and hosting recreation events.



Cardiac Rehab can help heal your heart, get you back to living life

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--When you are living with heart disease, especially if you have just had a heart attack or heart surgery, it is normal to worry about your quality of life going forward. How much activity is too much? Am I eating the right food? Will I get back to doing the things I love?

The unknowns can be overwhelming. This is where the cardiopulmonary rehabilitation team can help.

"Cardiopulmonary rehab, or cardiac rehab, is a medically supervised program designed to help patients with heart and lung problems improve their physical conditioning and learn ways to better their lifestyle," said Ashley Haas, a Cardiac Rehab Nurse with Aspirus Health. "A typical program lasts 12-18 weeks and during the classes, participants exercise to get stronger, receive heart-healthy education, nutrition, counseling and support."

Haas adds that the program provides a supervised exercise program but also focuses on life at home with a goal of instilling good habits that can have a positive impact on participants' health, including mental health and smoking cessation if needed.

"One of the advantages of any cardiac rehab program is the safety aspect of the supervised program," said Haas. "We are sure to monitor heart rhythm, blood pressure and heart rate to make sure they stay safe."

She adds that each program is individually designed for each patient and starts at a pace that is comfortable for them.

"We start slow and gradually increase as the program progresses," said Haas. "We have had people who start the program with a walker and can barely make it into the department from their vehicle without using a walker or having to sit down and take a break. By the time they are done with the program some no longer need to use the walker and have so much energy."

Cardiac rehab requires a physician referral and is typically recommended for people who have experienced or are at risk of heart-related conditions. Those likely to participate in a cardiac rehabilitation program include individuals who have: Had a Heart Attack – Especially within

the last 12 months.

Undergone Heart Surgery – Such as coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), valve replacement/repair, or heart transplant.

Had a Coronary Angioplasty or Stent

Placement – To open blocked or narrowed arteries.

Been Diagnosed with Heart Failure – Particularly those with reduced ejection fraction.

Experienced Angina (Chest Pain) – Particularly if it is a symptom of coronary artery disease.

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line is available. The Wisconsin Tobacco Quit-line is a free service available 24/7 that allows you to chat online, text (text READY to 34191) or talk with a quit coach by calling 1-800-784-8669.

2. Set a quit nicotine date

Research shows it is often helpful to set a quit date a few days or weeks in the future, rather than trying to do so right away. This will allow you the time to prepare to quit. Working with a health coach or your support person to determine a goal date will help you formulate a plan and achieve your goal.

"It's never too late to quit and you don't have to do it alone," Scheuer said. "There are numerous ways to kick the habit and a health coach can help you figure out what works best for you."

3. Try medications or nicotine replacement therapy

Wisconsin Quit-line offers two weeks of free medication

(nicotine patch, gum or lozenge) and self-help materials. Other programs can help you receive these medications and provide

education on how best to use them. These products have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are known to help people quit.

"They are safer than using tobacco or vaping products because they do not contain dangerous toxins," Scheuer said. "If you choose to use a cessation medication, it is important to talk with your provider about which medication is best for you."

4. Avoid triggers and stay busy

When cravings hit, it is important to have a plan in place to keep yourself busy. Sometimes smoking a cigarette, vaping or chewing tobacco is a habit, or used to "relieve stress." Keep your mouth busy by chewing gum, candy or drinking water. If you are craving nicotine, change your routine. You could try going for a walk or jog to distract yourself.

5. Think about your reason for quitting

Everyone has different reasons for quitting. Remind

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"It is easier to take one day at a time on your journey to being nicotine free," Scheuer said.

We know the negative side effects of using tobacco and nicotine products, such as respiratory infections, asthma and cancer. Smoking and vaping also can lead to more severe cases of

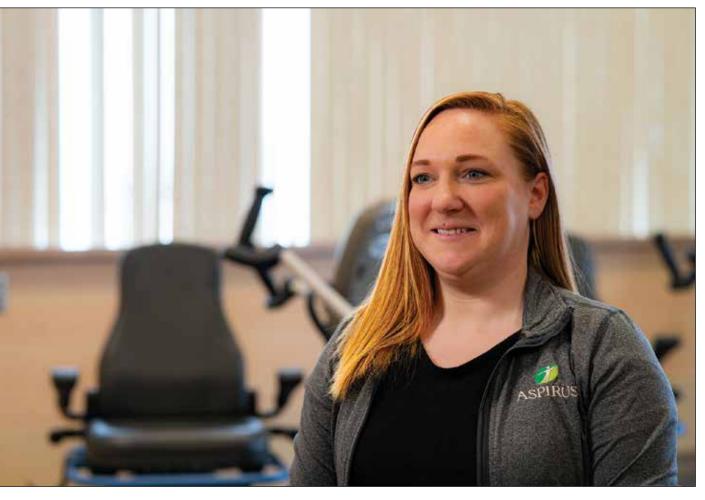
diseases like influenza or COVID-19.

"Research has shown that smoking can reduce your life expectancy. If you quit by the age of 40, you could get as many as nine more years of life," Scheuer said.

This is because smoking impacts many parts of the body including your:

Heart: Smoking builds up plaque in your arteries, increasing your risk for heart attack, stroke and aneurysms. After just 20 minutes of no smoking, your heart rate and blood pressure drop.

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Research the dealership ahead of time including verifying phone number, address, email and other contact information.

Review WisDOT's active dealers list to verify licensed dealers, wisconsindmv.gov/dealerlist. The list includes motor vehicle dealers and motorcycle dealers who are properly licensed to sell. This list is updated daily and readily available to the public.

Review vehicle purchasing information on WisDOT's website.

Visually inspect the vehicle before buying and inspect the required Wisconsin Buyer's Guide.

Ensure the selling dealer uses a Motor Vehicle Purchase Contract as required by Wisconsin law. If something doesn't feel right, walk away from the purchase.

If you are the victim of a scam involving a motor vehicle sale, you may:

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Consider filing a police report with the local law enforcement agency where you reside.

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In 2024, DMV's Dealer and Agent Section's Field Investigation Unit investigated 1,259 consumer complaints and returned approximately \$1.7 million dollars to car buyers. The unit's responsibilities include consumer complaints, dealer inspections, unlicensed dealer investigations, and title and odometer fraud. Eyes: Smoking damages the optic nerve, which can cause macular degeneration and blindness.

Bones: Smoking can cause osteoporosis or bone loss.

Lungs: Smoking causes asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, tuberculosis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. After two weeks to three months of no smoking, your lung function increases.

Reproductive system: Smoking causes erectile dysfunction, ectopic pregnancy, preterm birth and stillbirth.

Brain: Nicotine in cigarettes, e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco causes anxiousness, irritability and attention difficulties.

Quitting smoking has many other benefits as well, including whiter teeth, fresher clothes, easier breathing, fresher breath, tastier food and cleaner hands.

On top of the health benefits of quitting smoking, it is also an expensive habit. Smoking a pack a day can cost more than: \$9 a day, \$63 a week, and \$3,276 a year.

If you need more reasons to quit smoking, think of these:

There are 7,000 chemical agents in a cigarette, including toxins found in rat poison, toilet cleaners and formaldehyde.

Cigarette smoking and second hand smoke exposure cause more than 480,000 American deaths each year.

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