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Created out of our love and appreciation for our local communities, the Humane Society Donation Drive encouraged community members and SCS residents to build support for their local businesses and nonprofit organizations. SCS is honored to give back to Wisconsin communities for more than 30 years and is committed to strengthening them.

Community members were encouraged to bring donations to their local SCS Property. Donations collected were dropped off the week of February 24th. Requested donations included cat and dog food, cat and dog toys, beds and cat trees or cash donations. S.C. Swiderski and its properties are thankful for the success of this donation drive event, since it directly correlates to

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The post is always looking to help more Veterans with meal deliveries. You can call the post reservation line at 715-298-1606 to be added to the meal delivery list for their next delivery. Please call and leave a name and phone number. Families and caregivers are also encouraged to call for their veteran. The meals are free for Wausau area Veterans and widows.

Post 10 thanks all of the volunteers, members and non-members, who make it possible to provide this valuable Veteran service. The post also appreciates the support from our local businesses and community members.

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Enjoy a formal tea highlighted by sweet and savory courses and a custom blend of tea. With the two new 1920s exhibits on display at the Woodson History Center, we thought it would be fitting to celebrate this exciting era at our tea. Learn more

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Tickets are \$35 for MCHS Members and \$40 for Non-Members. Please make your reservations by Monday, March 13th. There is limited seating, and no tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.us/mchstickets, by phone (715) 842-5750 or in-person at the Woodson History Center.


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842-5750, email us at info@marathoncountyhistory.org, visit our website at www.marathoncountyhistory.org or go to our Facebook page <https://bit.ly/4jYSYsw>.

The Marathon County Historical Society operates the Woodson History Center and the Yawkey House Museum. Our mission is to collect, preserve and disseminate the knowledge of the history of Marathon County and Wisconsin.

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Social Security Announces Options to its Workforce

FOR MMC



The Social Security Administration (SSA) will soon implement agency-wide organizational restructuring that will include significant workforce reductions. Through these massive reorganizations, offices that perform functions not mandated by statute may be prioritized for reduction-in-force actions that could include abolishment of organizations and positions, directed reassignments, and reductions in staffing. The agency may reassign employees from non-mission critical positions to mission critical direct service positions (e.g., field offices, teleservice centers, processing centers). Reassignments may be involuntary and may require retraining for new workloads.

VOLUNTARY REASSIGNMENTS

Employees interested in voluntarily being reassigned to a mission critical position should indicate their interest here Reassignment Questionnaire by March 14, 2025.

VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVES

Employees who do not wish to undergo the restructuring process may elect to separate from federal service through retirement or resignation. To further support employees considering these options, SSA is offering the following to ALL EMPLOYEES:

VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT (VERA) OR "EARLY OUT"

Availability: VERA is now available to employees in all components and positions, with no exclusions. Please see eligibility criteria below.

Separation Window: VERA is available from March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Employees not eligible now or who wish to retire later in the year under early out may do so, but may be subject to restructuring activities. Employees who are not yet eligible for voluntary early retirement, but who would like to apply later in the calendar year should alert management of their intent to do so and work with their servicing benefits specialists to process their cases as their dates become due. All eligible employees taking early retirement must separate by December 31, 2025.

Eligibility: To be eligible for early out, employees must:

- ~ Have 20 years of creditable service and be at least 50 years of age or have at least 25 years of creditable service at any age (this must include 5 years of civilian service).

~ Must be serving under a non-time-limited appointment

~ Have been continuously on SSA's rolls at least 30 days prior to January 17, 2025.

~ Cannot be in receipt of an involuntary separation decision for misconduct or unsatisfactory performance.

Note: Retirement may affect your Federal Health Insurance eligibility. Please contact your Servicing Personnel Office (SPO) with questions.

VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS (VSIP)

Availability: VSIP will be available until noon EST on March 14 to all employees electing to separate from service across all components and positions agency wide. VSIP is limited and available on a first come basis. VSIP may be paid for an optional retirement (full retirement age), voluntary early retirement (VERA), or

resignation. VSIP is not available to employees who are participating in the Deferred Resignation Program.

Eligibility:

~ Employees must:

~ Be serving in an appointment without time limit;

~ Be currently employed by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government for a continuous period of at least 3 years;

~ Be serving in a position covered by an agency VSIP plan (all SSA employees are covered in the agency plan);

~ Apply for and receive approval for a VSIP from the agency making the VSIP offer; and

~ Not be included in any of the ineligibility categories listed below.

~ Employees in the following categories are not eligible for a VSIP:

- Reemployed annuitants;

- Have a disability such that the individual is or would be eligible for disability retirement;

- Have received a decision

notice of involuntary separation for misconduct or poor performance;

- Previously received any VSIP from the Federal Government;

- During the 36-month period preceding the date of separation, performed service for which a student loan repayment benefit was paid, or is to be paid;

- During the 24-month period preceding the date of separation, performed service for which a recruitment or relocation incentive was paid, or is to

be paid; and

- During the 12-month period preceding the date of separation, performed service for which a retention incentive was paid, or is to be paid.

Separation

Window: Employees must opt in by March 14 and separate from the agency no later than April 19, 2025. Employees may be placed on administrative leave through April 19, 2025.

How to Sign Up:

Employees must complete the VSIP Sign Up as soon as possible, but no later than

March 14, 2025 noon EST. Please let your manager know immediately if you sign up for VSIP.

~ Note: Completing the form does not guarantee VSIP.

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RESIGNATION
Employees may resign from federal service at any time. Employees who resign would be eligible for a payout of their annual leave and may be eligible to apply for a Deferred Retirement when they reach their minimum retirement age. Please see the attached table explaining the differences

between resignations and retirements and the benefits that would apply.

OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION

General retirement information is available on the Benefits Portal. The Benefits Portal also includes information about accessing the GRB Platform, which provides calculators for computing estimated retirement benefits. We strongly encourage employees to use the retirement calculators in the GRB Platform to obtain initial annuity estimates and to request an official annuity computation. You may also contact your SPO (listed below) with questions.

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.

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span of the settlement. As seen in Figure 1, opioid overdose deaths in Milwaukee County are

falling, but at a slower rate than deaths in all other counties combined; 43.3% of all Wisconsin opioid overdose deaths in the year ending in June 2024 occurred in Milwaukee

County, the largest share since at least the beginning of 2019. The county used a comprehensive application process and a panel of expert reviewers to approve

\$16.5 million for 15 projects in an initial “cohort” for three fiscal years (2023 to 2025). The largest of these projects was a \$4.8 million effort to provide prevention, treatment, and harm reduction grants to community-based organizations that target historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups in Milwaukee. Other projects focused on harm reduction, project coordination, delivery of services to vulnerable populations such as the elderly or homeless, or new staffing or materials for various county agencies.

A second cohort funded \$8.5 million for seven new projects in the three fiscal years starting in 2024. Beyond general system enhancements, the largest project in this cohort was a \$2.4 million effort to expand Mobile-Integrated Health, allowing fire departments around the county to respond with the necessary resources when they receive a call for an individual experiencing an overdose.

The state, Milwaukee County, and other settlement recipients also have to consider how to spend funds knowing that they will diminish over time and run out after 2038. Milwaukee County officials are currently working to set up data systems to monitor the efficacy and reach of their projects, and are working closely with numerous county agencies so that when settlement funds run out, those agencies can divert operating revenues toward

best practices. For example, Milwaukee County’s Office of Emergency Management received funds to create a dashboard that provides a deeper level of detail and visibility to Emergency Management Services calls for suspected overdoses. Knowing where and when overdose incidents are occurring in Milwaukee County will allow policymakers to better target education, resources, and interventions. Similarly, state officials note their work with communities to prepare them to sustain themselves once funds are no longer available.

Conclusion

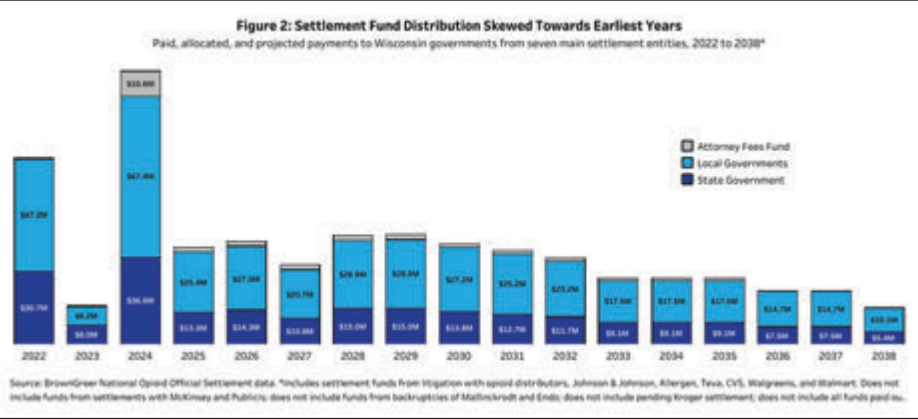
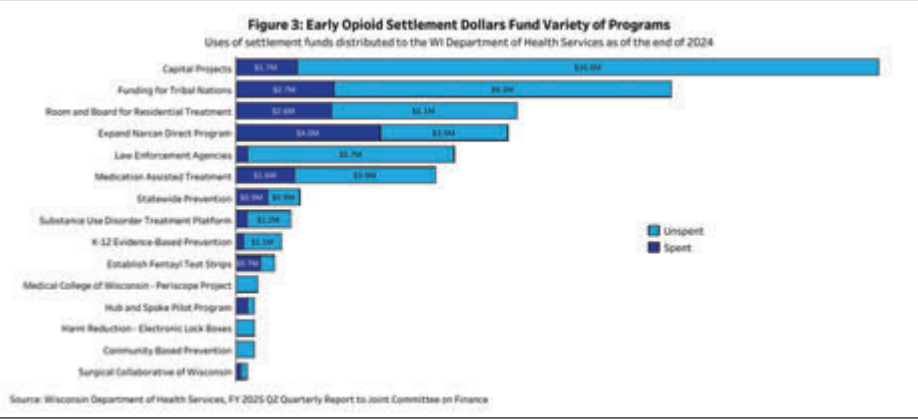
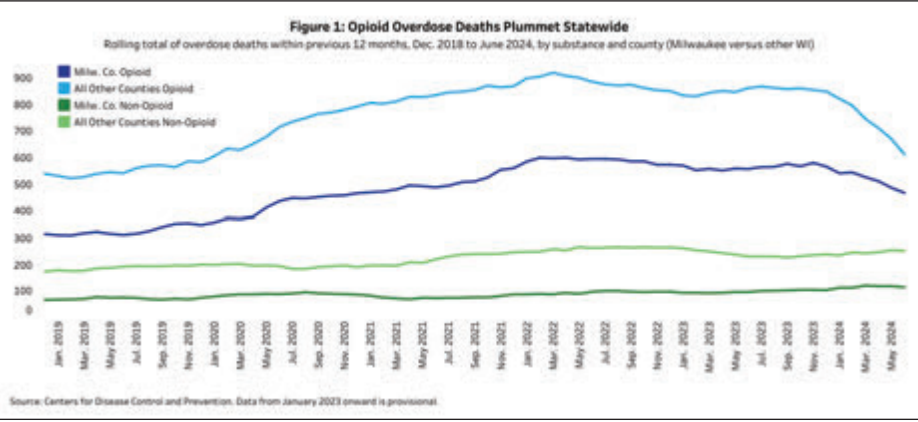
The downward trend in opioid overdose deaths in Wisconsin since late 2023 is welcome news after they previously had increased for decades. Now, the state will have around \$780 million to spend through 2038 on measures meant to continue pushing that trend in the right direction. According to the administrator for the national opioid settlement, over \$208 million of that total has made it to the state, and it is being spent on overdose prevention and treatment in ways that are tailored to the needs of individual communities and regions across the state.

One charge for policymakers – especially early on in the life of these one-time funds – will be to examine which programs and policies have the greatest effect on driving down opioid usage and overdose deaths locally, and why. That may be difficult to

determine. Some research shows, for example, that the nationwide decrease in overdose deaths might be more attributable to changes in the fentanyl supply that make it both less potent and less available. The nature of illicit opioids – what form they come in, what non-opioid substances are mixed in, and more – changes over time, and this can impact outcomes and programming such as the number of overdoses, efficacy of certain treatments, and more.

State leaders note that the number and geography of overdose deaths are metrics they use to help determine program success, in addition to testimony from communities throughout the state. Should a program in Wisconsin prove locally beneficial, lawmakers or local officials could choose to direct funding to that program via the budget process, sustaining it after settlement funds have run out. Those officials may wish to remember, however, that a variety of local and national factors might impact which programs and policies are most effective at combatting opioids abuse over time.

Early data show that settlement funds have already been put to use by law enforcement, corrections institutions, human services agencies, health departments and more. Policymakers should continue to seek out stories of success, as state and local agencies tailor their approach to the opioid epidemic to best meet the needs of Wisconsin residents.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Cut a little bit off
5. State with confidence
11. River in NE Scotland
14. Not narrow
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Toadstools
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Challenged
25. One-sided
27. Showing extreme greed
31. Potted plants
34. Everyone has one
35. Lake in Botswana
38. E.T. rode in one
39. Juniors' parents
41. Small amount
42. Mother of Perseus
44. Ornamental box
45. Gov't investigators
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. The vast grassy plains in S. America
55. Your consciousness of your own identity
56. Noted consumer advocate
60. Spanish sports club
61. Body part
62. Tractability
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught
66. Muslim ruler title

CLUES DOWN

67. Depressed
68. Gradually gave way
69. Clear-thinking
29. Jewelry brand
30. Fictional rider of Rohan
31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Furious
37. Drivers' licenses
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. They __
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The leading performer
53. Type of protein
54. Pennsylvania town
57. Art __; around 1920
58. __ Blyton, children's author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to sleep

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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.

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Friends of MCPL to host next members-only book sale on March 15



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of MCPL are hosting their next sale exclusively for members on March 15 from 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Marathon County Public Library's Wausau Headquarters, 300 N. First St., Wausau.

The sale will feature a wide variety of items up for sale, including hardcover and paperback books, audiobooks, music CDs, TV series and movies on DVD, works of art, and even a wide selection of board games and puzzles, all donated by the public or removed from the library's own collection.

This sale is only open to members of the Friends of the Marathon County Public Library. To join, folks can download, fill out and mail in an application prior to the sale, or non-members can join on-the-spot prior to entering the sale. The cost of a yearly membership is just \$10 per person, or \$15 per family, and is good for all of 2025!

For more information, please call 715-261-7200 or visit <https://mcpl.us/event/wausau-book-sale-friends-members-only-3/2025-03-15/>

Gov. Evers, Sec. Pechacek to Hosted Roundtables

Highlighting Governor’s Plan to Lower Everyday, Out-of-Pocket Costs for Wisconsinites and Working Families, Including Providing Nearly \$2 Billion in Tax Relief

FOR MMC
Gov. Tony Evers together with Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Amy Pechacek, on Mon. Feb. 24, 2025, will visit Wausau and Superior to host community roundtable discussions highlighting the governor’s plan to lower everyday, out-of-pocket costs for working Wisconsinites and families from child care and groceries to utility bills, life-saving medications, doctor visits, and everything in between. Among Gov. Evers’ budget proposals includes nearly \$2 billion in tax relief across efforts to hold the line on property taxes, exempt many everyday household items and expenses from the sales tax, and cut income taxes for middle-class Wisconsinites.

At 11:30 a.m., Gov. Evers and Secretary Pechacek will host a roundtable discussion with community members and stakeholders at the Marathon County Library’s Wausau Headquarters in Wausau. Following this, they will host another roundtable discussion at Thirsty Pagan Brewing at 1:45 p.m. in Superior. These visits come, as last week, Gov. Evers delivered his 2025-27 Biennial Budget Message and announced several comprehensive efforts to cut everyday out-of-pocket costs for working families by holding the line on property taxes, investing in meaningful income and property tax cuts and rebates, reducing the cost of child care, lowering the cost of life-saving medication, protecting Wisconsinites from price



gouging on prescriptions, and eliminating the sales tax on basic family needs like gas and electricity or diapers and menstrual products.

Gov. Evers’ 2025-27 Executive Budget will include efforts to hold the line on property taxes, cut taxes for working Wisconsinites, and reduce everyday, out-of-pocket costs for working families by:

- Providing over \$1.3 billion in property tax relief to Wisconsinites over the biennium by:
 - ~ Holding the line on property taxes and preventing increases in tax bills on the typical Wisconsin homeowner in both years of the biennium by making meaningful investments in Wisconsin’s K-12 schools and directing property tax credits to taxpayers through the school levy tax credit;
 - ~ Providing more than \$1 billion in aid to local governments that agree to freeze property taxes; and
 - ~ Increasing property tax relief programs under the individual income tax by \$237 million over the biennium for veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and others struggling to afford the property taxes on their homes.
- Eliminating the tax on cash tips, ensuring

individuals keep more of their hard-earned money in their pockets to the total of \$13.6 million over the biennium;

- Eliminating the sales tax on everyday household items and costs, including over-the-counter medications and utility bills, saving Wisconsinites \$261.3 million over the biennium;
- Providing more than \$116 million in meaningful tax relief for working families by enhancing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC);
- Nearly doubling the personal tax exemption under the Wisconsin individual income tax, helping Wisconsinites keep \$225.9 million more of their money over the biennium;
- Investing over \$500 million aimed at lowering child care costs by continuing the successful Child Care Counts Program, which to date, has helped more than 5,314 child care providers keep their doors open, ensuring the employment of 64,533 child care professionals and allowing providers to continue care for more than 364,280 kids;
- Introducing over 10 policies aimed at reducing prescription drug prices, setting price ceilings for prescriptions, and improving oversight of drug companies to protect Wisconsinites from price gouging on medications;

More about Gov. Evers’ 2025-27 Executive Budget proposals to lower everyday, out-of-pocket costs for working Wisconsinites is available here: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/3d2ffed>

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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

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- Been Diagnosed with Heart Failure – Particularly those with reduced ejection

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