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# Assumption girls claim state title

**BY CITY TIMES STAFF**

GREEN BAY – The Assumption Royals took home the gold ball after winning a close battle against Barneveld in the WIAA D5 State Girls Basketball Championship held March 15 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.

After securing a spot in the finals against Owen-Withee on Friday, the Royal girls (29-1) went on to face Barneveld in the championship game.

Assumption led by just one point at halftime and were able to extend their lead by five in the second half.

Barneveld got it within two points late in the second half before Assumption went four-for-four on free throws — by Addi Vollert and Sarah Shaw — to secure the game 34-30.

Assumption (29-1) was led by Jordyn Jaglinski, who scored a game-high 13 points, including three key three-pointers.

Sarah Shaw contributed six points, while Anna Schooley added five points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Shaw set a Division 5 tournament record with 15 steals in the game, topping her tournament game record of 12 on Friday against Owen-Withee.

# Highground to host community art project workshop

**FOR THE CITY TIMES**

NEILLSVILLE – The Central Wisconsin region has vibrant cultural diversity — from indigenous Native Americans who have called this area home for thousands of years to citizens whose ancestors emigrated here in the 19th and early 20th centuries to area “new-comers.”

Local individuals and families are invited to join a mixed media community art project workshop at The Highground Welcome Center on Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m.


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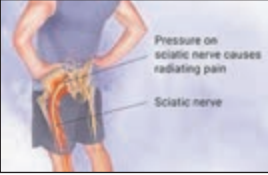
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## ART PROJECT

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Richfield Fire and other local agencies responded to a fire at SV Pallet on State Highway 80 in Wood County on March 14. **Richfield Rural Fire Department photo**

## Richfield Fire, local agencies respond to SV Pallet

### FOR HUB CITY TIMES

RICHFIELD – On March 14, just before 4 a.m., Richfield Rural Fire Department responded to SV Pallet at 8128 State Highway 80 for a report of flames coming from the business.

“At 4:06 a.m., Command requested a MABAS Box Alarm for more resources. Upon arrival we found heavy fire coming from the north manufacturing building that was approximately 60 feet by 200 feet in size. The building was fully involved, and after confirming that no one was in the building a defensive attack was initiated. At 4:37 a.m., Command

upgraded to a MABAS Second Alarm to bring in more resources and requested another agency just for tenders,” Richfield Fire Chief Josh Sabo stated.

“The manufacturing facility with heavy fire load created challenges for extinguishment. It is estimated that we used over 300,000 gallons of water to extinguish the fire. We were able to stop the fire from entering the attached 60 feet by 120 feet warehouse of the building that was full of pallets.

“Due to the wind and dry vegetation we also had to deal with multiple small grass fires created by blow-

ing embers.”

Area agencies were on scene until 1:25 p.m.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Richfield Rural Fire Department was further aided by Arpin, Cameron, Hewitt, Wood County Central Rapid Intervention Team, Auburndale, Lincoln, Marshfield, Pittsville, Rock, Stratford, and Vesper agencies, as well as Wood County Sheriff’s Department, Wood County Highway Department, Doine Excavating and Alliant Energy.



### Preparing a pathway

Mid-State Technical College welcomed middle and high school students active in FFA to compete in the FFA Career Development Events (CDE) competition on March 18 on the Wisconsin Rapids Campus. Over 800 students from Wisconsin joined in the event. The competition covered a range of contests, including forestry, floriculture, dairy cattle and livestock judging, vet science and more. Top ranking teams will qualify for the state FFA competition later this spring. The events help participating FFA members to develop critical-thinking and effective decision-making skills, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement.

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Those interested in Bluey can fill out an adoption application online at [www.swchs.com/adopt/adoption-application](http://www.swchs.com/adopt/adoption-application).

South Wood County Humane Society can be reached at [office@swchs.com](mailto:office@swchs.com) or (715) 423-0505

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## Wisconsin DMV online knowledge test offers efficiency, flexibility to teen drivers

**FOR THE CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is offering students ages 15-17 the opportunity to take DMV’s knowledge test from the convenience of their home with parent or guardian supervision.

The knowledge test is a two-part exam that covers rules for the road and important road signs.

This new online process is available to students who have completed the classroom portion of their training and the driver training school notifies DMV.

Wisconsin DMV administers over 4,000 Class D knowledge tests each month.

“We know today’s students and families are very busy and this option gives them flexibility to take the test when DMVs would be closed. Students who pass will still need to visit a Wisconsin DMV to obtain their instruction permit, but they can be in and out in 15 minutes,” DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said.

Wisconsin DMV joins 11 other states in providing this online option through KnowTo Drive, DMV’s contracted knowledge test vendor.

The online test will reflect the same content, look and feel as those conducted within the DMV service centers.

**The process**

Using a link on the Wisconsin DMV website at [wisconsin.dmv.gov/test](http://wisconsin.dmv.gov/test) or [knowtodrive.com/wisconsin](http://knowtodrive.com/wisconsin), users will:

- Agree to the rules and verify their technology meets requirements.
- Register and provide information about their parent or guardian overseeing the exam.

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**EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS**

St. Lawrence Cod Fish Fry · Fridays 3/28-4/11, St. Lawrence Church, 530 10 th St N, Wisconsin Rapids. Carry out menu includes fried or baked fish, potato salad or French fries, baked beans or pasta salad, coleslaw, bread, tartar sauce, dessert. Starts at 4 pm. \$13 adult, \$8, \$13 dining room & carry outs, \$2 dining room dessert. 715-424-5683

Wisconsin Rapids Area Retired Educators Association Meeting · Mon. 4/7, Bullseye Golf Club Restaurant, Wisconsin Rapids. Program by Joan Kranig-Lowel Senior Center. Collection for the Wood County Humane Society. Reservations due before 3/29. Starts at 11:30 am. \$20 for lunch. 715-887-3448

Christian Women’s Connection Ladies Brunch · Wed. 4/16, Elk’s Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Writer & professional Hula dancer, Cindy O’Halloran will present: “From Victim to Victorious”. Wood County Horticulturist, Janelle Weir, will provide the special feature. Reservations are essential. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations by 4/8

Pioneer Cooking 101 · Sat. 4/26, Historic Point Basse, Nekoosa. Learn all about how the pioneers cooked: Basic Fire Building, Cast Iron Cooking, Primitive & Open-Hearth Cooking. Best of all, you get to eat & sample it all. Starts at 9 am. \$15 to cover materials. Class size 15 or less. [historicpointbasse.com](http://historicpointbasse.com)

**ONGOING**

Celebrate Recovery · Every Tuesday, hosted by Love Inc. at St. Lawrence Church basement, 530 10 th St N, Wisconsin Rapids. Come share adult Fellowship through hurts, hang-ups & habits guided by the Beatitudes in a 12 step format. Non denominational. Starts at 6:30 pm. 715-424-5683 for questions

**OUTDOORS**

Mascot Skate · Tues. 4/8, hosted by WI Prairie Chicken Festival at South Wood County Recreation Center, 2711 16 th St S, Wisconsin Rapids. Boomin’ Bob, the Greater Prairie Chicken & his friends are inviting you to a meet & greet on the ice. Open skate. Bring your camera. Starts at 6 pm. Free admission. \$3 skate rental. facebook.com/WIPrairieChickenFest

**ARTS/EXHIBITS**

The Alexander House · Opens Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1131, Wisconsin River Drive, Port Edwards. Art gallery and historical museum with a focus on lumbering and papermaking exhibits. Opens 1 pm-4 pm. <http://alexanderhouseonline.org/>

Central Wisconsin Cultural Center · Opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2651 8 th St S, Wisconsin Rapids. Open from 10 am-5 pm. Free admission. <http://www.culturalcenterarts.com/index.html>

South Wood County Historical Museum · Exhibits closed until 4/1, 540 3 rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. Office will be open Tues.-Thurs. from 10 am-3 pm. <http://www.swch-museum.com/>

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# DATCP reminds farmers to check runoff risk

**FOR THE CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is reminding farmers and manure applicators to check the runoff risk advisory forecast before spreading manure on fields.

This tool helps determine the potential for manure runoff from a field depending on weather and soil conditions and can be accessed by visiting [www.manureadvisorysystem.wi.gov/run-offrisk/index](http://www.manureadvisorysystem.wi.gov/run-offrisk/index).

The runoff risk advisory forecast includes a map showing short-term runoff risk for manure application.

The maps account for soil saturation, temperature and precipitation on a scale of 1.5 square-mile



DATCP is reminding farmers and manure applicators to check the runoff risk advisory forecast before spreading manure on fields. **DNR photo**

grids. The National Weather Service updates the forecast four times daily.

“The runoff risk advisory forecast projects three days into the future during the

summer months and looks 10 days ahead in winter and spring. The 10-day forecast is especially helpful since manure applications are unincorporated and ex-

posed on the surface for a longer period of time,” said Andrea Topper, DATCP nutrient management outreach specialist. “This time of year, a snow melt event or large rainfall can easily move that unincorporated manure off the field, so it’s important that farmers utilize this tool and their Nutrient Management Plan to be proactive rather than reactive.”

For more information about nutrient management planning, visit [datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/NutrientManagement.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/NutrientManagement.aspx).

**Alternatives to high-risk manure spreading**

Farmers should contact their crop consultant, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR),

or their county land conservation office for help identifying alternatives to high-risk spreading.

These professionals can help identify fields where the risk is lower and alternative practices, such as stacking manure in a safe location.

Contact information for local county land conservation offices can be found at [wisconsinlandwater.org/members-hub/members](http://wisconsinlandwater.org/members-hub/members).

**Manure spill requirements**

DATCP reminds manure haulers and drivers to put safety first when traveling on roadways in order to avoid spilling manure, prevent injuries and protect the health of people and the environment.

“Operator error accounts for a large share

of the manure spills and incidents that occur between the farm and the field where manure is being applied,” said Kevin Erb, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension conservation professional training program manager. “Taking the time to be safe and maintaining your equipment are two ways to reduce the risk of an accidental manure spill. An accidental spill is not illegal, but failing to properly report and clean it up is.”

All agriculture and livestock operations must report spills or runoff affecting water to the DNR’s 24-hour emergency spills hotline at (800) 943-0003.

More information about planning and prevention is available at [dnr.wi.gov/topic/agbusiness/manurespills.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/agbusiness/manurespills.html).

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Abbie Hediger, College of Health and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies Teaching

**Greenwood**

Sara Hoffman, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, History

**Loyal**

Mason Malm, College of Health and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies Teaching

**Marshfield**

Olivia Bluhm, College of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Rose Johnson, College of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Bailey Matis, College of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Elijah Witzel, College of

Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

**Nekoosa**

Danielle Bowe, College of Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Elaina Kirschnick, College of Health and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Port Edwards**

Derek Coates, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Biology

Savanah Smith, College of Health and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Professional Studies

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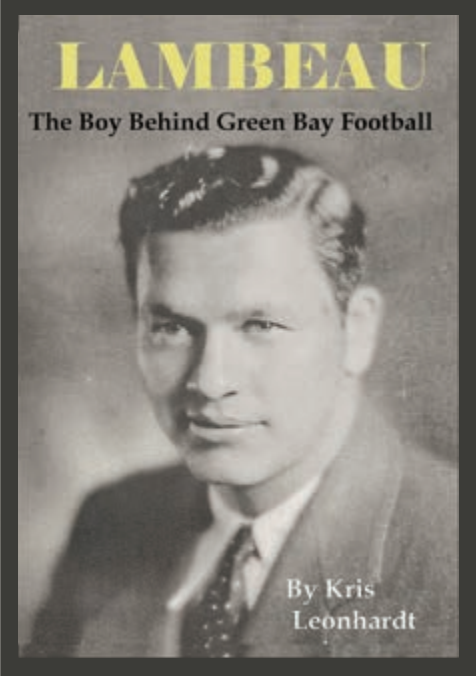
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## Wood County educational organization seeks public’s assistance

**FOR THE CITY TIMES**

WOOD COUNTY – Wood County Home and Community Education has been a sponsor of the Wisconsin Bookworms program for over 26 years and is seeking the public’s assistance.

The program is an educational non-profit organization that provides free books and encourages early literacy reading.

“The program began in 1998 with innovative grant funding. The volunteers read books to early childhood children and distribute a copy of the book to the children along with an Educational activity sheet sponsored by UW Madison-Division of Extension. The program was designed to provide free books and an early reading experience to children from limited income families. Children can create their own in-home library,” said Wood County Bookworm Coordinator Christine Goodness.

“Years of research show clearly that children are more likely to succeed in learning when families and communities actively support them. Reading is one of the most important skills for a child to improve cognitive function, increase language and vocabulary for communication. It is important to help children develop their reading skills, so they can do well in school. When children learn to read, they have the key that opens the door to all the knowledge of the world.”

Wood County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) is a “non-profit, educational and charitable organization that offers members opportunities to continue to grow, share and learn.”

Wood County HCE is reading to over 150 preschool children this year.

A \$25 donation provides eight free books to children in Wood County.

Donations can be made to: Wood County Bookworms; Christine Goodness, Wood County Bookworms Coordinator; 1194 Kimball Ave.; Nekoosa, Wisconsin, 54457.

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# Properly secured trailers and cargo prevent hazards on the road

## March Law of the Month: Trailer and Load Securement

**FOR CITY TIMES**  
WOOD COUNTY – The endless opportunities for seasonal recreation are evident as we travel along Wisconsin’s roads and see trailers hauling snowmobiles, ice shacks, boats, campers and much more. To keep our roads safe, always double check that cargo and trailers are secure and that nothing can escape or become a hazard to yourself or others.

The Wisconsin State Patrol’s March Law of the Month gives drivers simple but essential steps to properly secure trailers and loads before hitting the road.

“Wisconsin’s roads are often busy with drivers hauling cargo and pulling trailers throughout the state,” Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “Drivers are responsible for making sure everything is secure and in good working condition. This is especially important as more boats and trailers come out of storage in the spring. An extra safety check could prevent a serious crash.”

Debris on highways and unsecured cargo cause nearly 1,000 crashes every year in Wisconsin. These crashes, and the injuries that result from the incidents, are preventable.

Failure to properly secure a trailer or a load of cargo can result in a \$200 citation in Wisconsin. That penalty can increase if someone is hurt.

When hauling a boat, camper or trailer, the

driver is responsible for ensuring it is in good mechanical condition and is safely attached to the vehicle.

Before getting on the road, make sure:

Trailer tires, axles and lights are in proper working condition

The ball and hitch coupling assembly are the same size and latch securely

Two safety chains of proper length and strength are attached between the vehicle and the trailer (with enough slack to allow proper turning)

To crisscross the safety chains; it creates a cradle that can catch the tongue of the trailer should an unexpected disconnection occur

Make sure that any items loaded into a trailer or truck bed are properly secured. Items such as coolers, chairs, lumber or fishing equipment that bounce out of trailers or truck beds can damage other vehicles or result in serious crashes when drivers swerve to avoid debris.

To secure the load in your vehicle or trailer:

Tie it down with rope, netting or straps

Tie large objects directly to your vehicle or trailer

Cover the entire load with a sturdy tarp or netting

Don’t overload the vehicle or trailer

Always double check to make sure the load secure

# Aspirus Health recognizes the impact of social workers during National Social Work Month

**FOR CITY TIMES**  
WOOD COUNTY – March marks National Social Work Month, a time to recognize the critical role social workers play in supporting individuals, families, and communities. Aspirus Health is honored to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of the dedicated social workers who provide compassionate care and advocacy across various settings.

Social workers are an essential part of the health care system, addressing diverse needs and challenges while promoting well-being and empowerment. Their work spans multiple levels, from direct service to community-based initiatives and policy advocacy.

Heidi Pritzl, Counselor and Clinical Therapist



Pritzl

at Aspirus Health, emphasizes the breadth and depth of social work, stating, “As a trained social worker, we are trained in three areas, which is the micro, mezzo, and macro areas of individual, community, and larger-based organizational work. So, when we think of micro, we think of individuals in

that direct service. When we think of the mezzo area, that’s more of our group work. So, you might think of a grief group or working in a skills-based group, and then the macro being policy change and working with state leaders to impact change in our communities.”

Social workers serve diverse populations and address a wide range of challenges. Their ability to understand and navigate cultural differences is critical to their effectiveness. Pritzl highlights the importance of cultural competence in the profession, stating, “The diversity comes down to cultural competence as well as working with specific populations. And so, we really start with the individuals at learning their

culture, their religion, and their importance of values and ethics for them. And really identifying barriers and struggles that they may have.”

Beyond providing direct support, social workers play an instrumental role in shaping and improving systems that serve communities. Their ability to collaborate across various organizations and advocate for policy change enhances their impact. Pritzl affirms, “They are trained to understand complex systems, resources that are available to all populations and entities, and streamlining processes. So, collaboration is key in social work and working with many entities to meet the needs of the individual or the community.”



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# Showstopper: The Adler family and the dawn of the movie industry

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
MMC SENIOR EDITOR

Wood County's Adler family was a part of show business long before Hollywood became the epicenter of the movie industry. While fate positioned J.P. Adler to become a successful showman, it was his vision and persistence that created a thriving business.

The following series, which will continue through upcoming editions of our publication is a chronicle of the Adler family history as relayed by J.P.'s daughter, Bette, and used with permission by the author, Kris Leonhardt.

"There was a thing going on called the war," she stated in hard, determined syllables, as her gaze crossed the parlor to the hallway that led out the front door. The sky outside was dark and gloomy, much as she felt that day.

At nearly a century in age, Elizabeth Adler —"Miss Bette" to those in her close circle of family and friends — had fielded this question many times.

The words had grown tiresome, yet one that she must entertain every time someone felt the need to chronicle those days so long ago.

A sigh escaped from Miss Bette's lips, as the air grew silent.

Her dress and posture exuded grace and charm, as her fragile body positioned properly, silently betraying her as she sat in her favorite chair in her Maryknoll Avenue home.

Her one-story home that she once shared with her sister was tucked in a quiet wooded area of the street, a short distance from the University of Wisconsin center and the Catholic school in the only city she had ever called home.

The silence was quickly disrupted by the appearance of Susie, Miss Bette's aged cat.

Miss Bette's gaze fell down to her hands, as they rubbed together back and forth as they rested on her

lap.

As her gaze shifted upward, she saw the shadow box filled with memorabilia from her family business, as well as several photos in various-sized frames. Then, she spotted it.

She looked up from her lap. Her gray eyes, which had been glazed over in thought, now returned from a place that had been visited many times.

She crossed the room slowly and carefully to grab the photo of the beautiful young woman that stood glamorous and graceful among the frames.

In her hand, she peered closer at its contents, thinking back to the stories her father had told her time and again.

"In the 1800s, a great number of German families were coming to America," she said.

According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, Germans were the largest immigrant group to settle in Wisconsin during the 19th century — entering in three major waves between 1845 and 1900.

Some families coming to the new country were experiencing crop failure; some were seeing overcrowding with no land to purchase; while others were just seeking out a place to start anew free from governmental, religious and other pressures. A fresh start.

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Bette Adler in her youth. Adler family photo

farms, while others purchased and cleared the cheap cut-over lands being sold by the lumber companies who had raped them of their lucrative lumbers.

Many were left vying for the industrial jobs of the

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Among those coming to Wisconsin was Christopher Adler.

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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Protected Moments in Time: A Reflection on Love and Change

Dear Reader,

In life, we all experience what I'd call "protected moments in time"—those rare and powerful instances where everything feels eternal. Perhaps it was the day you fell in love and promised a "forever" to someone, or a life-changing experience where a vow to stay true felt as solid as the stars. In these moments, we see our highest ideals, our best selves, and we genuinely believe that nothing will shake that promise.

Yet life has a way of unfolding unpredictably. Years pass, circumstances change, and sometimes, so do we. We might find ourselves looking back at those once-immovable promises, wondering if they are still meant to shape our lives now. It's a complex question: Do we remain loyal to the person we once were, honoring that promise? Or do we let that moment live as a cherished memory, appreciating it for what it was, even if we have outgrown it?

As we grow, perhaps part of honoring these protected moments is acknowledging that they held real meaning and value, even

if time has carried us in different directions. It's about asking ourselves how these moments can be preserved—not necessarily as obligations but as threads in the fabric of our lives. In this way, those precious promises don't have to be lost or broken; instead, they become a part of who we are today, even as we embrace the person we've become.



Opening this dialogue invites us to look at our lives with compassion, respect, and honesty. It allows us to honor our past without being held captive by it, and perhaps to understand that some promises were meant to live beautifully in memory, influencing us, but not confining us. In these reflections, we might find peace, and maybe even inspiration, to continue building moments worth protecting in the time we have.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
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## Jerry Harvey receives National Recognition

BY DANIELLE SNEDEKER

MARSHFIELD – Jerry Harvey, a well seasoned turkey hunter, received national recognition this year at the 49th annual National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) convention with a conservation award. Since 1997, Jerry has contributed as a member of the NWTf State Chapter Board of Directors. For over 35 years, his passion and dedication to the midwestern bird has kept Jerry heavily involved in the community. Through volunteer work and wearing many hats, Jerry helped start organizations such as the Wisconsin Marshfield Area Goblers. Currently, he serves as treasurer, banquet chair, and president of the city's chapter.

"I've reached the top as far as I can go," Jerry said. "I've been passionate about turkeys since I was 15. Grabbed one of my grandpa's magazines, started hunting with my father, and then it was me and my older brother and life long friend, Gary. We would trade hunting on farms and walk back and forth."

Some of Jerry's proudest accolades involve the youth around the city of Marshfield. When Jerry paved the way for Landowner Appreciation Days, he served as chairman for a few years. On a national scale, Jerry collaborated with the JAKES coordinator to launch the Extreme JAKES magazine. The JAKES program is known for their art contest. At the begin-



ning of Jerry's time with the JAKES program, there were only 72 participants.

"We went to the WIAA office to get a book of all the schools in Wisconsin, and invited all of the art departments to get involved with the contest," Jerry said. "All the way up to 650 entries statewide. And when we sent the art work to a national level, we had 16-17

winners our first year! Out of 18 spots."

Jerry continued to volunteer for the contest until it was terminated in 2008. His generosity moved forward as chairman of the Wisconsin State Raffle Committee, where he advocated for the High School Outdoor Clay Target League to get

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# “The Wealth InFormation Lady”: Qualified Charitable Distributions, Win-Win-Win!



## The Wealth InFormation Lady

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Thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, fewer people itemize expenses on their taxes due to the higher standard deduction amounts. For many, giving to their church or favorite charity doesn't offer added tax benefits. For those over 70 ½ though, a QCD from an Individual Retirement Account can

be a win-win-win! Many IRAs allow for Qualified Charitable Distributions, a tax-free withdrawal (win!) whereby the check is made directly payable to a qualified 501c3 charity, who in turn receives the money tax-free (win!) due to their charitable status. Additionally, the IRA owner may count the distribution toward their Required Minimum Distribution (win!) in the year the distribution is made. The check may be sent to the IRA owner to present to the charity, but must be made payable to the organization. There is no minimum for QCD's, but there is a maximum annual amount of \$100,000 per person. QCDs can be made to multiple charities each year and can even be scheduled at the IRA owner's request. For your giving, consider Qualified Charitable Distributions, a win-win-win! This information is not

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involved. Jerry was successful, selling a net worth of \$2,700 in tickets and over \$8,000 in 2024. Half of the proceeds went to the schools need for sports supplies. “They’re expanding every year,” Jerry emphasized. “Another thing that sticks in my mind is the hunting I get to do with Gary. He has a game farm in Marshfield. I don’t know how it started or got put together, but we take handicapped hunters out pheasant hunting. A lot of them are handicapped veterans. And let me tell you, we have a blast!” Jerry and Gary have been taking veterans out hunting for six years now. “To get these women and men out there to harvest a bird. . .you wouldn’t believe how it makes you feel. It’s totally amazing.” Apart from the award sitting on Jerry’s counter, his most recent accomplishment is the Wisconsin Wall of Fame. There are now 25 inductees on the wall. “We tried to pick the people that have done so much to restore the wild turkey to Wisconsin. The leaders and people that were involved put about 1.5 million into conservation every two years,” Jerry said. Finally, when asked if he was planning on displaying his award somewhere special in his home, Jerry said. “It has its place in the corner curial cabinet, once I get done braggin’ about it!” Jerry jokes. At 80 years old, Jerry plans on staying involved in the community and is ready for the upcoming turkey season.

# Countdown to REAL ID deadline Wisconsin DMV, TSA urge travelers to verify ID documents

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WOOD COUNTY – When enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins May 7, 2025, the regular Wisconsin driver license or ID may no longer be accepted identification for domestic air travel or to enter a federal building or military base. Travelers will be asked to present a REAL ID compliant driver license or state ID card or another acceptable form of identification, such as a passport. The most common document is a driver license or ID and should have the REAL ID star in the upper right corner. “Wisconsin has been issuing REAL ID compliant driver licenses and ID cards since January 14, 2013. With renewals required every eight years, all Wisconsin residents have had the option to convert to a REAL ID,” DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is also urging travelers to review their documents. “TSA strongly encourages everyone age 18 and older to take an inventory of



what forms of photo identification you have that are accepted by TSA. Doing so will ensure that you are prepared for the enforcement of REAL ID requirements starting May 7,” Wisconsin TSA Federal Security Director Mark Lendvay said. “With less than three months to go before the deadline, now is the time to make a plan for what you will use to verify your identity with TSA when traveling.” Wisconsin offers both a REAL ID compliant and non-compliant identity cards. “Under state law, Wisconsin DMV provides both options,” Winkler said. “Those who don’t already have REAL ID designation should visit [wisconsindmv.gov/REALID](http://wisconsindmv.gov/REALID) to learn how to obtain a REAL ID compliant DL or ID. You can start the application online, print out a checklist of required documents to present to DMV, and make an appointment for service to make your trip as quick and convenient as possible.” Over 63% of Wisconsin’s valid driver license or ID cards currently display the REAL ID star indicating they are federally compliant. In 2005, the federal REAL ID Act was passed by Congress to standardize state-issued driver licenses and ID cards to enhance security and prevent identity fraud. For a personalized checklist of the required documents needed to bring to the DMV, check out the interactive Driver Licensing Guide. It also allows customers to pre-fill any required application(s), print and bring the forms or submit them electronically (if eligible). Customers are also able to print a checklist of required documents to bring. Or visit [wisconsindmv.gov/REALID](http://wisconsindmv.gov/REALID) for more information.

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