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Tigers take home silver ball from state tourney

BY MIKE WARREN

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MADISON - The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. The Marshfield Tigers experienced both within a 24-hour time span, at the WIAA State Boys Basketball Tournament March 21-22 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

The Tigers first defeated Waunakee 57-47, in a Div. 1 state semifinal on March 21, before falling to defending champion Wisconsin Lutheran 57-55, in the championship contest the next night.

"It hurts," said Tigers Head Coach Chris Fischer, following Marshfield's two-point loss in the title tilt. "I'm trying to sit here and put on a brave face, but it hurts," he added. "If the game's thirty-five minutes long we're celebrating a state championship. We didn't do enough to finish it out. I knew our best was and is state championship worthy. We were worthy, with our performance, of a state championship."

Those comments came shortly after the Tigers — with 36 seconds left in regulation — surrendered a lead they had held since the 2:36 mark of the first half.

With just over three minutes left in regulation, the Tigers

went into a stall offensively, trying to play keep-away long enough to run some time off the clock, force the Vikings to start fouling and make some bonus free throws at the end to win it.

The game plan didn't work.

"You're really looking to get a layup or you're looking to get to the free throw line," Fischer explained afterwards. "I should've pulled the trigger on a couple timeouts when we got in trouble, but it wasn't anything abnormal to what we've faced in the last few weeks here. You trust your guys.

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Marshfield Fire works to return to 2021 staffing levels

BY HUB CITY TIMES STAFF

MARSHFIELD - City of Marshfield residents will see a referendum on their ballot April 1, which Marshfield Fire & Rescue Chief Everett Mueller said is to return two additional staff members to meet department needs coming years.

"What that truly means to the general population is we're looking to replace two firefighter positions we lost back in 2021 — those are going to be replacement positions. And really, it was no fault of anyone; we had kind of a real tough year that year as far as the budget, and unfortunately, the budget just hasn't caught up since then. We did have an opportunity to replace one position about one year ago — back in the second quarter — so we've gotten one position back. And what we're looking to do is to get back to our 12 - 12 maximum staffing, minimum nine staffing per day - to make sure that we



City of Marshfield residents will see a referendum on their ballot April 1, which Marshfield Fire & Rescue Chief Everett Mueller said is to retain to additional staff members to meet department staffing levels. Submitted photo

can maximize what we can do for the staff," Mueller told Marshfield Now's Tom Loucks.

"You know, every one of our staff are cross-trained, meaning, not only are they a firefighter, they're a paramedics or they're an EMT, but most are paramedic for the sake of the department, and they also have other disciplines that are assigned to them. Everyone also has highangle rescue, confined space rescue, hazardous materials technician, and then we all have kind of started branching into the rescue task force component, which means school shootings, things like that. We are prepared for that part of it. We drill on it, we train on each one of those disciplines. Every year, we continue to train on those things and try to bring that stuff together so that we really have a good, strong quality workforce, and they can respond to

The city said that over the last 20 years, "staffing levels have stagnated despite a 48% increase in calls for service since 2000.

multiple incidents within

the community.'

As a result, the department has struggled to respond effectively to calls, with 18% of incidents occurring simultaneously."

The department is asking for \$256,903 starting in 2026 — for taxes due in 2025 — on an ongoing basis to fund the hiring of two personnel.

If approved, annual property tax will increase by an estimated \$13.28 per year for every \$100,000 of property value.

A previous referendum to hire additional staff, held in 2023, failed.

"When we looked at 2023, we were asking for nine firefighters. The police department was looking to replace one of their patrol officers, and they were also looking to replace an admin staff (member), and that admin staff was actually to be split between the fire department and the police department," Mueller said.

"We've since changed how we were looking at that. The police department, again, was able to find the funding to put their one member back on for the police staff, so they do have a patrol officer. As far as the admin, they were able to reallocate some things over

at the police department. So really, their situation has been fixed for the sake of that, that particular referendum.

"For us, what we were looking to do is we're looking to replace our three staff from the 2021 loss. And we were looking forward so we can actually look at 1710 (National Fire Protection Association minimum staffing level for fire departments), and we can look at what we could do to take care of some of the calls that we were seeing. So it was more of a proactive approach. We thought it was the best method at the time. Looking back on it, we had kind of a tough year.

"That year, we had another referendum with the school, which also failed, and then ours failed as well.

"In that case, you know, we looked at this again when we came forward this time and thought, let's get ourselves back to what we had for 2021 staffing, and then we can try to find out if there's additional funding that might be coming from

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Richfield Fire, local agencies respond to SV Pallet

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 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 blowing embers."

Area agencies were on scene until 1:25

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



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



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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

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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 if time has carried us in different directions.

"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 onceimmovable 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

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

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.

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ARLEN L. HENDERSON

Arlen Henderson, age 73, of Marshfield, WI, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, March 10, 2025. A Celebration of Life for Arlen will be held at 4:30pm on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Marshfield.

Arlen Lyle Henderson was born on March 24, 1951 in Winona, MN, the son of Lyle A. and Charlotte R. (McNally) Henderson. He was raised on the family farm, and received

his education in the Winona area, graduating from Winona Senior High School in 1969. After high school, Arlen attended college before enlisting into the U.S. Army on August 31, 1970, and he served until his honorable discharge on April 11, 1973. He returned to Winona and went to work for Minnesota Farm Builders. He was united in marriage to Vicki L. Blom on August 21, 1976 at a park in Homer, MN They resided in Winona, and Arlen continued to work for Minnesota Farm Builders until 1980, when he began working at K-Mart on the receiving dock. In 1989, they moved to Marshfield, WI where he worked for Marawood Construction for 2 years, and then at Cedar Rail Court & Parkview Apartments, remodeling apartments and building small houses, until retiring in September 2008.

He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and enjoyed sharing his faith with others. Arlen also loved to make peo ple laugh and he was always happy.

He had many interests, but especially loved hunting, en joyed rustic camping, construction work, and tinkering with just about anything. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Arlen will be dearly missed by his wife, Vicki, of Marshfield; his children: Jana (Patrick) Wolfe of Auburndale, and Ryan (Heather) Henderson of La Crosse, WI; four siblings Arlene (Joe) Lynch of Winona, MN, Judith (Maurice) Ploetz of Livingston, MN, Patricia Davis of Winona, MN, and Kevin (Kris) Henderson of Waterford, WI; one sister-in-law Jean Henderson, of Winona, MN; nieces, nephews, other rel atives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Wayne Henderson.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cuddiefh

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

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the state of Wisconsin, and see what future years look like to do the other things that we're looking for.

'So, forward to 2025. We're looking at really just the two staff, and that's going to get us back to our 12 again."

What will appear on the ballot

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Marshfield for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2026, is limited to 1.015%, which results in a levy of \$15,703,991. Shall the City of Marshfield be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2026, for the purpose of returning to 2021 staffing levels by hiring and retaining two full-time firefighter/ paramedics, by a total of 1.636%, which results in a levy of \$15,960,894, and, on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$256,903 for each fiscal year going forward?"

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MARTIN J. KRAMER

Martin J. Kramer, age 78, of Stratford, passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Life Tributes Funeral Home-Spencer is assisting the family.

VERLYN WENZEL

Verlyn Wenzel, age 70, of Stratford, passed away on March 15, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.



DAVID A. SLABY

David A. Slaby, 72, Marsh field, passed away on Tuesday March 11, 2025 at Marshfield Medical Center.

No formal services will be held at this time.

David was born on March 16 1952 in Arcadia, Wisconsin to Rufus and Bernice (Haines)

He was united in marriage to Jacqueline Francis on June 6 1970 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Loyal Wİ.

David worked tirelessly and selflessly his entire adult life to provide for those he loved most. Most recently David started his own business with spray foam insulation.

David's greatest joy came from spending time with his family. There was nothing that he loved more than his wife, children and grandchildren. He also took great pride in giving of his time and finances to help those in his community who were less fortunate. He and his wife Jackie were very proud of their efforts to open and operate a food pantry that supplied timely support to families in need.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline, son Todd (Katie) Slaby of Chetek, daughter Kelly (Johnny) Mathis of Marsh field, son Jason (Jen) Slaby of Marshfield. Grandchildren Makayla, Brianna, Olive, Nathan and Alissa. And his mos precious addition is his great grandchild Davina.

He is further survived by (Doris (sister), Dale (brother) Diane (sister) and their spouses.

He was preceded in death by his parents Rufus and Bernice Slaby and his brothers Ronald and Daniel Slaby.

distribute a copy of the book to the children along ASSISTANCE

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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

"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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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.

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

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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 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 wisconsindmv.gov/ test or 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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Area students are **UW-Eau Claire** graduates

Multiple area students are among 569 fall graduates at the UW-Eau Claire main and Barron County campuses. Local students who received degrees and their fields of study are:

Abbotsford

Elizabeth Stange, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Colby

Mariela Arredondo, College of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

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 Kirschnik, 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

Stratford

Ashley O'Neil, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing

Vesper

Nathan Frost, College of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting

Wisconsin Rapids

Laura Klingforth, College of Health and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Elementary-Middle Education: Grades 4K-9

Kevin Ren, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Actuarial Science







The last ride

In a unique show of commemoration, Randall "Randy" Meyer, of Loyal, was laid to rest on March 15 by family and friends using a team of horses. Part of Meyer Farms and well-known in draft horse competition community - four-driving and 10-horse pyramid hitch — Meyer's remains were transported to its resting place via horse and wagon by his children and grandchildren. The wagon was then followed by the "lone rider" — another of Meyer's sons. Randy passed away on Feb. 23 at Marshfield Medical Center at the age of 72. Submitted photo



Preparing a pathway

Mid-State Technical College welcomed middle and high school students active in FFA to compete in the 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 Submitted photo competition and individual achievement.

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2025 interior design predictions: Cool tones, organic textures and soft geometries

(BPT) - Style is an expression of individuality, rooted in the confidence to trust personal instincts and create a world of beauty, rather than pursuing fleeting trends. It's about celebrating all the nuances that define uniqueness - from the fashion one wears and the food they savor, to the way they design their home. True style is singular, impossible to replicate, and utterly incomparable. Brizo® Kitchen & Bath Company exemplifies this credo, setting the standard for style and innovation through every collection.

"At Brizo®, we encourage everyone to embrace their respective style and infuse their space with that same individuality. We're always drawing inspiration from the everyday - from bold designs found in fashion to the organic patterns found in nature. We look to transform these familiar elements into artful and innovative designs that enrich the home and stand the test of time," says Celine Kwok Garland, Brizo® Lead Industrial Designer.

According to the Brizo Industrial Design team, 2025 will be defined by trends that transform interiors, emphasizing bold design schemes, rich textures in various forms, and modern industrial aesthetics. These elements come together to help build a space that feels purposefully crafted, effortlessly stylized, and

The runways of top

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shape how individuals express themselves. From the clothes they are drawn to, to the choices made when designing a space, it all reflects personal style. Building on this influence. upcoming collections that have graced the Spring/ Summer 2025 runways show that bold, cool tones are taking over. This can translate into the home by combining cool tones and metal finishes, such as the distinctive Brilliance® Black Onyx finish by Brizo, with warm stone veining or natural wood accents. This approach creates a harmonious blend of contrast and cohesion, infusing home with runway-inspired sophistication.

Textured Renaissance

Connecting the indoors to nature is a timeless design philosophy, but 2025 will take this concept to a new level through the incorporation of texturerich elements. Think irregularities in patterns that evoke topography, like a burl wood side table, or raw, earthen stone pieces. These varied textures and organic design elements create a relaxed yet refined atmosphere, offering a space that mirrors the unparalleled beauty of nature.

Modern **Industrial Flair**

To add an industrial flair to modern design, blend soft geometrical influences with raw elements and mixed finishes. The Litze® Semi-Professional Faucet by Brizo, featuring intricate knurling and expanded finishes, including the split Matte Black / Brilliance® Luxe Steel, exemplifies this trend by adding dimension to minimalist spaces. Similarly, the Brilliance® Polished Nickel

handle found on Jason Wu for BrizoTM Kitchen faucets draws inspiration from the base of Jason Wu's mannequins, while the Matte White finish exemplifies a timeless quality. This design approach balances simplicity with bold industrial touches, empowering homeowners to express their character through modern design and style.

Regardless of the choices made when designing a space, the cornerstone of success is remaining authentic to individual style and selfexpression. Just like in the world of fashion, interior design offers the freedom to exercise creative license personal choices, and homeowners allowing to reimage spaces with confidence.



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HOME IMPROVEMENT



Prep your yard for spring:

How to refresh your outdoor spaces and create your own oasis

(BPT) - Spring is right around the corner, making it the perfect time to start prepping your outdoor spaces for entertaining. From clearing away builtup winter grime on siding to freshening up furniture, from getting your deck cleared to prepping your garden for the season ahead, all this cleaning can feel like a daunting task.

Winter weather can



stains from algae, mold, mildew and dirt. A good first step is to clean your entire outdoor

spaces in preparation for spring entertaining. 30 Seconds Outdoor Cleaner is a versatile solution that cleans up to 50+ surfaces, including decks, concrete, fences, and siding. Its ready-to-use formula connects directly to your garden hose for easy use ultimate precision and control. This method not only saves water and energy but also cuts down on time by eliminating the need for a pressure washer, enabling you to quickly complete the task at hand.

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2025 outdoor design trends

(BPT) - Americans are spending more time in their outdoor spaces - and want to maximize those spaces. Studies show that nearly 90% of homeowners consider their outdoor areas to be important to their health and well-being. Design trends reflect that people are showing more interest in connecting with nature in their own backyard and enjoying the comforts of indoor living while gathering This means outdoors. creating environments that comfortable, are multifunctional and costeffective.

The outdoor design experts at Belgard®, the trusted leader in hardscape solutions from pavers to retaining walls, share exclusive insights into 2025 outdoor design trends to help homeowners plan their dream outdoor spaces.

Privacy and spaces of solitude

As property footprints continue to shrink year over year, homeowners are looking for aesthetically pleasing ways to incorporate more privacy from neighbors or their surroundings. Decorative screen panels, pergolas, built-in planters and other structures can add elements of both beauty and functionality that provide a sense of solitude, even in urban environments.

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Shifting back to classic style

While minimalism remains a popular trend, there's also been a shift back to a more classic style in indoor and outdoor

design. Mixed home materials and warm colors such as beige and sepia are re-emerging, which lend themselves to a more traditional aesthetic.

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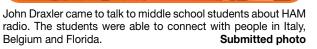


National Guard Rep Krysten Kelly leads an activity for the physical education classes, where students focused on teamwork and communication to play Archery Capture the Flag.

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Granton Middle School students were able to get out of the building to tour Paget and the UW-Stevens Point C2 Makerspace on March 11, with hands-on activities and a deep dive into welding/manufacturing with a broadened horizon of career options. **Submitted photo**









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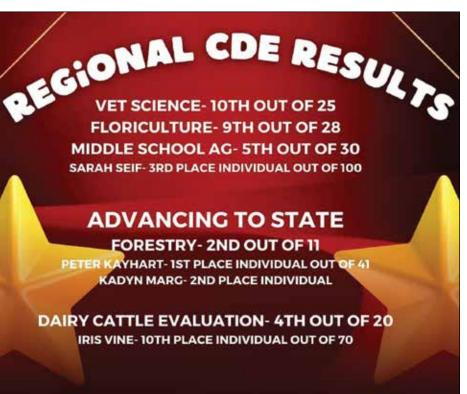
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NEILLSVILLE AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS





Corey Peterson

Peterson currently serves as the PK-8 principal and curriculum coordinator in the Melrose-Mindoro School District. For the past 24 years, Peterson has worked in public education as a teacher, coach, principal, and athletic director. The formal approval of the superintendent contract is on the Neillsville School Board's March meeting agenda.

Peterson will assume his new position on July 1, 2025 replacing Superintendent John Gaier









These FCCLA Club competitors received Gold ratings and will move on to State Competition in April. Ella Dittner and Karlee Morrell competed with a Focus on Children project, while Ali Anding and Shaylen Pierce competed with a Repurpose and Redesign project.







Military Week in the school district featured a number of local veterans serving lunches to HS and MS students and staff. We appreciate these wonderful men and women who serve or have served their country in so many







NHS freshmen enjoyed experiences at MSTC in Marshfield on an ACP field trip March 11, while NHS juniors took the ACT test.



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2nd graders made cards, flowers and a picture message to brighten beloved NES janitor Mrs. Connie's day. Lots of love and hugs go to her as she battles her illness.

Spelling Bee Rock Stars!

At the recent grades 3-8 Spelling Bee, top winner Alison Shaw, grade 8, (right), and alternate Annallyce Brown, grade 6, (left), qualified for the **CESA 10 Spelling Bee at** the end of January.





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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

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

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

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.



Bette Adler in her youth.

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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.

Those who were lucky enough to come across the ocean with some financial means were able to purchase already established 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 city to sustain them or earn enough capital to purchase the farmland to which they were accustomed.

Among those coming to Wisconsin was Christopher Adler.

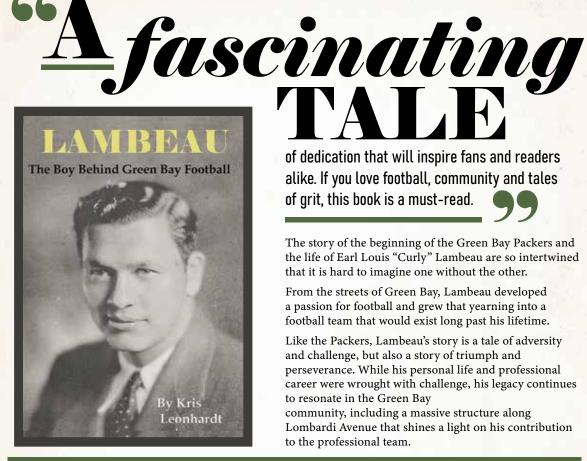
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Putting a pause on spring

Jamie Lindow, left, and Jessica Lindow have a little fun with the springtime snow. A storm hit central Wisconsin on March 19, dumping seven inches in the Marshfield area, according to the Marshfield Agriculture Research Station. The snowfall came on the eve of the first day of spring, putting a pause on the season's arrival

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of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis "Curly" Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay

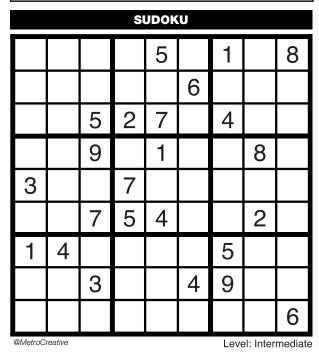
community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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and offer the same amenities as the home's indoor spaces. Homeowners are looking for their outdoor space to transition easily from the house to the built environment while offering the same modern conveniences of lighting, eating, Wi-Fi, quality furnishing and accessories.

Health and wellness

Using outdoor spaces to improve your well-being is a top focus for many people today. Americans are looking to be more balanced and in harmony with their environment, favoring the use of native plants and sustainable materials like permeable pavers, which promote better water drainage and reduce environmental impact.

Gardening is also a popular hobby that helps improve people's feeling of well-being, so enthusiasts can opt for raised garden beds or planters to pursue their growing goals in their outdoor spaces. For example, Belgard offers options to create built-in planters as part of your overall hardscape design with its Belgard Artforms modular outdoor panel system. You can use the panels, which are sized in modular shapes, to quickly and efficiently construct planters, seating, outdoor kitchens, fire features and more

By designing outdoor environments that support their health and wellness, individuals can cultivate spaces that provide a retreat in their own backyard to improve their quality of life.

Value-added features

In every metro area, property sizes are smaller than ever. With this shift plus budget considerations, homeowners want to maximize small spaces through modular components that serve multiple purposes, like built-in seat walls, fire features, water features and



planters that seamlessly blend into a living space - offering both functionality and visual appeal.

Homeowners can get creative with outdoor spaces with the right hardscape materials. For example, a small space can be transformed into a lush oasis by adding a vertical garden, or underutilized spaces like side or front yards can become cozy sitting areas. Even a small patio can serve as an al fresco dining space, and it doesn't take a lot to add an outdoor workstation with the right tools and tech. Patio pavers and wall units help define spaces, making them serve more than one purpose for any household.

These strategic investments not only increase the functionality and enjoyment of outdoor areas but also significantly boost curb appeal and the home's property value, making them a smart choice for homeowners looking to maximize their limited spaces.

To find inspiration for any outdoor space, visit Belgard. com.

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Meet Roxie, the CCHS Pet of the Week! Roxie came to CCHS as a stray from the Chili area with another pup earlier this March. This beautiful Blue Heeler is about 1 year old and weighs 30.4 pounds currently. She is so very pretty with her medium-length coat that is black, white and merle. She always seems to have a happy expression on her face, too. Roxie is a lively pup with so much love to give! She has quite the goofy demeanor that never fails to bring smiles to faces! While we can't speak much to her past, we can tell you that she has the potential of being your newest best friend in the future. With any rescue, training and socialization is incredibly important to the success of the dog. If you're looking for a new best buddy to hang out with, please apply to adopt Roxie today.

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Tigers Senior Joey Ketterer goes up for a dunk during the March 21 state semifinal game against Waunakee.

Kris Leonhardt photos



Tigers Senior Landon Lee works around a Wisconsin Lutheran defender during the March 22 championship game at the Kohl Center.



Tigers Senior Brooks Hinson passes the ball around Waunakee's Hudson Ralph during the state semifinal game on March 21.



Tigers Junior Chris Pohl goes for a layup during the March 22 game against Wisconsin Lutheran.

STATE

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"Wisconsin Lutheran's got some long athletes and they got their hands on some deflections. They made a couple more plays than we did. Inopportune turnovers. You come up one possession short, and as a coach you'll probably be replaying a lot of those possessions for the rest of your life. It's humbling and it's tough to swallow right now."

After Landon Lee was fouled three times in the span of 34 seconds, Marshfield was still two Lutheran fouls away from the bonus.

As the Tigers went back into their half court offense, Chris Pohl had the ball knocked away by Kager Knueppel.

Josiah Rice grabbed the loose ball and found teammate Isaiah Mellock in transition, who then fed it to Zavier Zens for a fast-break layup, as the Vikings pulled to within one.

Another Marshfield turnover just moments later led to another layup by Zens with 36 seconds remaining, giving the Vikings a lead they would not surrender.

With 18 seconds left, the Tigers had the ball down by one. Trying to set up a game-winning score, Lee drove in on Rice, trying to penetrate the lane, perhaps looking to drive and kick the ball out to an open shooter, likely Brooks Hinson, who was free on the left wing.

Rice, however, reached in and stole the ball from Lee, who then fouled Rice with 3.9 seconds remaining.

Hinson then fouled Zens on the ensuing inbounds play. Zens, however, missed the front end of a one-and-one bonus free throw situation, and Hinson grabbed the rebound.

The Tigers had the ball back with 2.9 seconds on the clock and still down by just one.



The Marshfield Tigers Boys Basketball team hoists the Silver Ball trophy after their hard-fought 57-55 loss against Wisconsin Lutheran in the WIAA Div. 1 state championship game at the Kohl Center on March 22.



The Marshfield Tigers Boys Basketball team ended its season the way all high school team hope to, at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Following a timeout, Marshfield had to inbound the basketball from one end of the court to the other.

A three-quarter-court inbounds pass by Joey Ketterer went off the fingertips of Pohl near the opposite free throw line and the loose ball was grabbed by Lutheran's Alex Greene, who made one of two free throws with 1.3 seconds on the clock.

Zens grabbed the rebound after Greene's miss and time ran out on the Tigers. $\,$

"The two guys sitting next to me, I can't say enough for what they've done for me, for the program, for our community," Fischer said, as he sat between Hinson and Lee at their post-game press conference. "They're the epitome of what you want in a student-athlete. They've made people care about basketball in the city of Marshfield. There are going to be young boys in our town tomorrow picking up a basketball and shooting in their driveway trying to be the next Landon Lee or the next Brooks Hinson," Fischer added. "I'm eternally grateful to the both of them. They believed in me as a coach when I didn't necessarily believe in myself."

Lee led all scorers in the championship game, with 22 points on 9-for-12 shooting from the floor, including 4-for-6 from three-point range.

Hinson, who averaged 16.9 points per game going into the contest, was held to just five against Wisconsin Lutheran. Chris Pohl had 10 points, while Joey Ketterer added eight, Camden Kolstad six and Valin Ramberg four.

The Tigers led for nearly 20 of the game's 36 minutes. There were just six lead changes and two ties along the way.

The night before, the Tigers punched their ticket to championship Saturday with a 57-47 semifinal win over Waunakee.

With 9:35 left in the first half, Marshfield grabbed a lead — the only lead change of the game — they would not surrender.

The Tigers led for nearly 30 of the game's 36 minutes. Marshfield was led in scoring in the semifinal round by Hinson, who scored 18 on 4-for-8 shooting from the floor,

including 3-for-4 from three-point range.
Pohl added 17 points, while Lee chipped in nine, Kolstad

six, Ketterer three and Ramberg and Ethan Knecht two points apiece.

This year's Tigers team was the first from Marshfield in 85 years to play for a state high school basketball championship.

The 1940 team beat Soldiers Grove, 29-27, in the first round, which featured 16 teams.

The Tigers then knocked off Shorewood, 20-16, in what was called the Championship Series, before beating Neenah, 18-17, in the semifinals.

Marshfield lost to Shawano, 23-22, in the finals.

Marshfield would have to then wait another 54 years before making another state tournament appearance.

The 11-14 Tigers, led by Head Coach Gordie Sisson, qualified for the 1994 state tournament, losing to Stevens Point in the quarterfinals, 56-50.

"I remember, we would've had to win state tournament to be over .500," Sisson said, as we talked prior to Marshfield's win over Waunakee March 21 at the Kohl Center in Madison. "We had had about four or five games that we lost by a total of about 8 points, a lot of injuries that year and a nice team, but nothing phenomenal, but special in their own way.

"They believed that they could beat anybody and they pulled it together at the right time. We had a couple of overtime games in the regional and sectional. We shot 100% from the free throw line a couple of times I think and we got a chance to come down here. It wasn't against a team I wanted to play. It was against SPASH (Stevens Point Area Senior High). I'd like to have played Fond du Lac or anybody else, but SPASH went on to win the state tournament, and there's no shame in that.

"What's important is that people start believing that they can compete and that they can go down to something like this, and Chris (Fischer) has done a phenomenal job of instilling that belief in this current group of Tigers, and I'm really, really proud of him," Sisson said of his former player.

The Tigers finished this season 23-7, following a 4-4 start. Along the way, Brooks Hinson became Marshfield's all-time leading scorer.

Highground to host community art project workshop



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.

FOR THE CITY TIMES

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

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

Participants will be supplied with their 14-inch square fabric base for their "quilt block" and supplies, with crafters along who will be on hand for assistance.

A mixed media textile or fabric-based block art is a type of artwork that lets the artist use various materials and techniques to create their quilt block.

Additional workshops will be held throughout the spring and summer months to assist beginners and to help them complete and turn in their finished quilt block.

finished the quilt blocks have been submitted, experienced quilters will piece them together to create a secure and permanent wall hanging, showing how a community is formed from families of truly diverse backgrounds and rich cultural heritage.

The finished Central "Our Wisconsin Heritage" wall hanging will be unveiled at The Highground during the International Day of Peace event on Sept. 21 and will be made available for display at local libraries and schools.

"This project is being completed at The Highground because honoring our military veterans. remembering their sacrifices. and supporting them are at the core of the park's mission. This project will showcase who our troops put themselves in harm's way to protect and the freedoms they protect, regardless of background.

It is 'Why They Fight.' Families with military veterans in their past and present are encouraged to represent them on their quilt block," a Highground release stated.

RSVPs are requested by March 31 to Theresa soon at museum@thehighground. org or (715) 743-4224.

The Highground located at W7031 Ridge Rd., Neillsville.

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A reality check

MACCI Ambassadors Todd Schultz, left, and Jeff Dennee work with middle school students during MACCI's 19th Annual Reality Store event held March 13 at Marshfield Middle School, with just under 600 eighth grade students from Marshfield, Pittsville, Granton, St. Joseph's in Stratford, Neillsville, Auburndale, Columbus Catholic School, Loyal, Spencer and Greenwood participating. Students were given a career and a family status where they learned to budget **MACCI** photo

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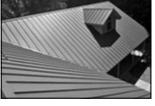




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Resources for teens, parents amid rise in sextortion cases

FOR THE CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is providing resources for online safety with tips for talking to kids about safe online practices as sextortion cases increase throughout the country, including in Wisconsin.

Sextortion is a form of sexual exploitation where the offender receives sexually explicit material from the victim and then threatens to release the compromising material unless the victim sends money, gift cards, and/or additional sexual content, or engages in sexual activity. Children are particularly vulnerable to this type of crime. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has seen a dramatic increase in online enticement, which is a broad category that includes sextortion cases, being reported to the CyberTipline. Financial sextortion, where the offender demands money from the person, is becoming more prevalent, and teenage boys have been the most common targets in these recent cases. Sextortion can have tragic consequences for victims including mental health crisis and suicide, although the data is not tracked nationally.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, the National Suicide Hotline is 988. You can call or text to reach a mental health professional.

In 2025 so far, the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force has received 103 cybertips related to sextortion. In 2024, the task force received 237 cybertips related to sextortion, up from 176 in 2023. These numbers do not include cases reported directly to local law enforcement agencies.

"Sextortion is a heinous crime targeting teens around the country," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "By learning how to help prevent this crime and how to respond effectively when it occurs, members of the public can help keep kids safe."

Tips for teens who may be victims of sextortion

- Remember, it's not your fault!
- Even if you made a choice you regret, it's never too late to get help.
- Tell a parent or trusted adult right away.
- Do not pay money or comply with the blackmailer's requests.
- Report the account through the platform's safety feature.
- Block the suspect, but do not delete the messages or your profile.
- Report the crime to law enforcement or at Report. CyberTip.org.

What Can Parents/Guardians Do To Protect Their Kids?

The following tips are informed by NetSmartz and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Get involved

- Actively participate in your children's digital lives.
- Regular check-ins about online interactions should be the norm.
- \bullet Set online and offline behavioral expectations.
- Remind your child that if they are a victim of sextortion, that you are a trusted adult and it is never too late to get help.

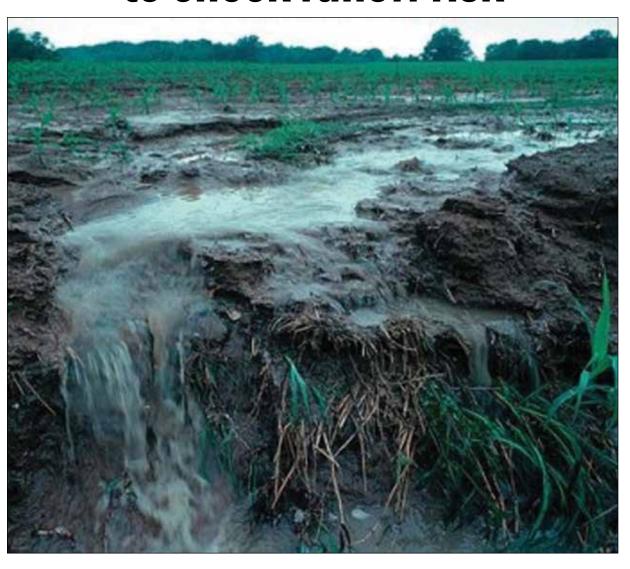
Talk about relationships

• Have regular discussions about your family's expectations and values regarding relationships. Discuss the characteristics of healthy relationships, such as having and respecting boundaries and practicing consent. Explain that both pressuring someone and being

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DATCP reminds farmers to check runoff risk



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

DNR photo

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/runoffrisk/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 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 exposed 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.

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.

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.

Chamber Chorale concerts feature Bach to Bernstein

FOR THE HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – The Central Chamber Chorale will celebrate its spring concert season with music from Bach to Bernstein.



In the first half of the concert the Chorale performs music by J.S. Bach, William Billings, Ludwig van Beethoven and Anton Bruckner.

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Bruckner's Antiphon features soloist Greg Reierson. The second half includes music by Johannes Brahms, Samuel Barber and Leonard Bernstein.

"Take Care of This House" features cellist Mya Ellis.

Performance will be held Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Marshfield and Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Medford.

The Chorale is under the direction of Elizabeth Dahlby and Jamie Jordan is the accompanist.

For more information on the Chorale, visit www. centralchamberchorale.com.

Check fire conditions before you burn

WOOD COUNTY - Spring wildfire season is upon us and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is urging the public to check fire danger before conducting outdoor burning activities.

Nearly 170 wildfires have burned over 450 acres already this year, according to the DNR; four times more than a typical year at this

Dry weather and gusty winds are expected today and tomorrow, leading to the potential for increased wildfire activity. Burn permit suspensions will be in effect in several southern and central Wisconsin counties.

Some minimal chances of rain are expected over the weekend, but fire officials anticipate the fire danger will be on an upward swing over the coming weeks until there is significant precipitation.

With the onset of the spring fire season and the forecasted conditions, fire officials have begun staffing fire equipment throughout Wisconsin. Areas are especially vulnerable after the snow cover melts and prior to vegetation greening up. Northern Wisconsin

See **CONDITIONS** page 19



Check conditions before you burn; debris burning continues to be the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin DNR

BE OUR GUEST

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

FROM ASPIRUS HEALTH

arch 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 care system, addressing diverse needs challenges while and well-being promoting and empowerment. Their spans multiple levels, from direct service community-based initiatives and policy advocacy.

Heidi Pritzl, Counselor and Clinical Therapist at



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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

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

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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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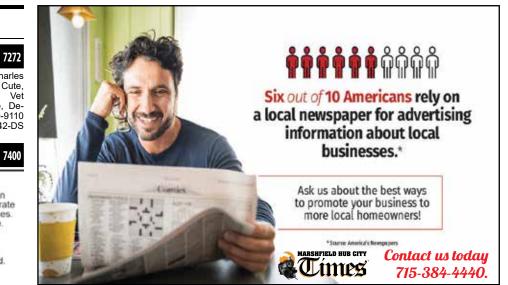








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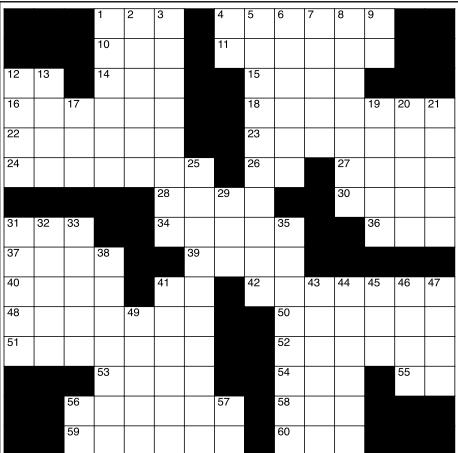
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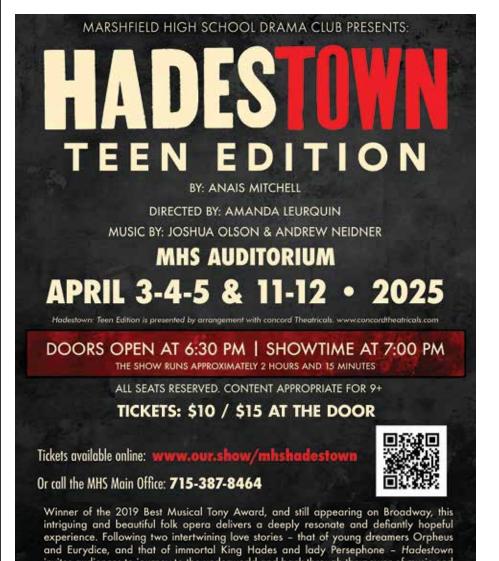
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Countdown to REAL ID deadline

Wisconsin DMV, TSA urge travelers to verify ID documents

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – When enforcement of the REALID 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.

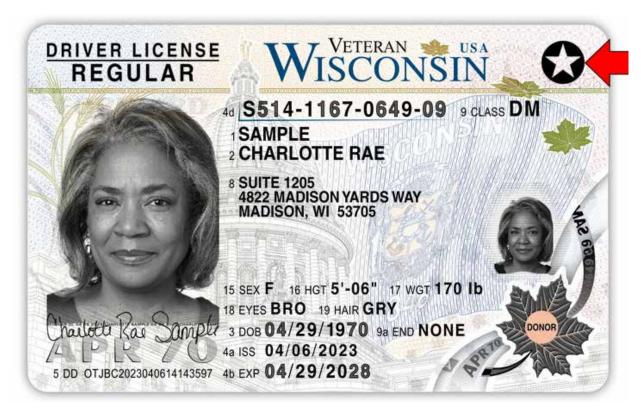
The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is also urging travelers to review their documents.

"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 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."



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Over 63% of Wisconsin's valid driver license or ID cards currently display the REALID 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 for more information.

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still has lingering snow in the woods but it is rapidly melting with the warmer temperatures.

The main cause of wildfires this time of year is burning brush and leaf piles, and debris burning continues to be the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas anytime the ground is not completely snow-covered. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and needles and are designed so that burning is done safely with minimal wildfire risk. Permits are free and can be obtained online or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876).

Once a burn permit has been obtained, the individual must call or go online after 9 a.m. on the day of the planned burn to check daily burn restrictions, such as the legal

burning hours, size limitations or if burning has been suspended for the day. Small campfires for warming or cooking do not require a burning permit.

Some areas of the state are not regulated by the DNR so it's important to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions

Sparks from recreational equipment, campfires and hot ashes from fireplaces are also contributing fire causes. Smoldering embers can remain hot for days, even weeks. If using a wood stove or fireplace, empty the ashes into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid or dump them onto bare soil. Then, drown the ashes with water and stir until the embers are completely cold.

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