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FOR THE CITY TIMES
WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Nestled along the banks of the Wisconsin River in Wisconsin Rapids, a self-guided tree identification trail – known as a Tree Trek – offers nature enthusiasts, students and visitors an interactive way to explore the region’s diverse tree species.



The Tree Trek trail, which stretches alongside the river’s edge, starting from 2nd Avenue South to Boles Creek, identifies 15 tree species native to Wisconsin. Along the route, visitors will find informational plaques placed near different trees, providing details about their species, characteristics and ecological significance. Designed to be accessible to all, the self-guided Tree Trek includes



Sycamore trees are large, deciduous trees that are not native to Wisconsin, but they are commonly planted as ornamental trees.
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QR codes on select signs. When scanned with a smartphone, these codes provide additional information, including images and facts about each tree beyond what is available on the signs alone. The trail is open year-round, and maps can be

City Times welcomes new editor

CITY TIMES STAFF
WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The City Times has named veteran journalist Sirena Mankins as its new editor. The Wisconsin native grew up in rural Manitowoc County, in the small town of Newton (she likes to describe it as 50 people and 5,000 cows). From a young age, she has been fascinated by the news.



Sirena Mankins

“My parents would wake up on Sunday mornings and find me watching ‘Face the Nation’ and ‘Meet the Press,’” she said. “They thought I was really weird,” she added with a laugh. It was a constant battle between Mankins and her parents over who would get the newspaper first. What started as reading the comics quickly evolved into consuming the entire paper – especially the editorial page. She has always found uncovering what motivates people fascinating. Mankins began her journalism career as a copy editor at the Oshkosh Northwestern in 1999, after attending the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha. Since then, she’s worked at several other publications – even getting to make the call to, “Stop the presses!” during the 2000 presidential election. She spent almost a decade in Central Wisconsin at the Wausau Daily Herald, before the economic downturn forced a contraction in

the newspaper industry. But what could have been devastating turned into opportunity. Mankins was able to live in several other states – Indiana, followed by Texas and finally Florida – before moving back to Wisconsin to be closer to family. “Those experiences in other states taught me that people everywhere basically want the same things: a safe community, quality schools and government accountability,” she said. A mother of two daughters, Mankins also has 12 grandchildren, all of whom live in the area. “Those ties to the community really drive home the importance of local news coverage,” she said. “The only place people are going to find out what their city council and school board are doing is if local journalists cover it. It’s not going to be done by Fox or CNN.” Mankins welcomes your questions, comments and stories ideas. She can be reached at smankins@mmlocal.com.

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For children, Easter is often marked by the joy of waking up to baskets filled with candies, chocolates, and bright-colored treats. They search eagerly for hidden eggs, trusting with pure hearts that the Easter Bunny has come, just as he does every year. Their delight is simple and beautiful, a reflection of the wonder and innocence of childhood.

But for adults, Easter carries a weightier significance. After the solemn season of Lent—a time of fasting, reflection, and sacrifice—Easter is a moment of renewal. It is a time to rejoice in the promise of redemption, to embrace the idea that goodness on this earth matters, and to reaffirm that our choices have eternal significance.

If you believe, then know this: the good you do in this world is not in vain. Love, kindness, and faith shape not only our lives but also our eternity. Easter reminds us that beyond the struggles, beyond the sacrifices, there is the promise of everlasting joy. It is a celebration not just of an event from long ago, but of the hope that guides us today and always.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

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Cultural Center unveils new exhibit

FOR THE CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

– A new exhibit featuring fiber art is opening at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center.

“Unraveling: Creative Fiber Art” opens April 17 with a meet-the-artist event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the CWC, 2651 8th St. S. Admission is free.

“Unraveling” features works by the Heart of Wisconsin Rug Hooking Guild along with area artists. There will be both 2-D and 3-D fiber art, complementing the Guild’s pieces.

The exhibit runs through June 26. The CWCC is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and by appointment.

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BY KRIS LEONHARDT
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Continued from previous week

As the city once again began to see progress, two local entrepreneurs — Fred Korth and Michael Bast — began construction on an opera house. The titanic hall was constructed to seat a thousand people, which made it one of the largest opera houses of the day and the most immense structure in the city.

As the Korth Opera House was opening its doors to visiting troupes, Philip Adler was busy attending to his newborn son, John Peter. The two events were seemingly unrelated, until a few years later, when the all-wood opera house lay in ruins.

Across the country, the motion picture industry

was making its way into mainstream use, when a prototype of the Kinetoscope was shown to a convention of the National Federation of Women's Clubs on May 20, 1891.

According to author David Robinson in From Peep Show to Palace, the Kinetoscope “consisted of an upright wooden cabinet, 18 inches by 27 inches by 4 feet high, with a peephole with magnifying lenses in the top... Inside the box, the film, in a continuous band of approximately 50 feet, was arranged around a series of spools. A large, electrically driven sprocket wheel at the top of the box engaged corresponding sprocket holes punched in the edges of the film, which was thus drawn under the lens at a continuous rate. Beneath the



An 1890s Kinetoscope parlor.

film was an electric lamp, and between the lamp and the film a revolving shutter with a narrow slit. As each frame passed under the lens, the shutter permitted a flash of light so brief that the frame appeared to be frozen. This rapid series of apparently

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still frames appeared, thanks to the persistence of vision phenomenon, as a moving image.”

The Kinetoscope was profitable, but films projected in front of a larger audience could generate much larger profits, and in April of 1896, the Vita-

scope was introduced at Koster and Bial's Music Hall in New York City.

Other film projectors soon followed and traveling showmen began leasing projectors and films, bringing shows to local communities.

Meanwhile, in Marshfield, the community was reeling from the loss of their new entertainment venue.

“Our Opera House is no more,” the Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub stated on April 5, 1894, “and an unappreciative public while the house stood now keenly feels the loss to the town. The large structure was razed to the ground by fire early last Friday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the general belief is that it caught (fire) from a defective chimney.

“At about 1 a.m., flames were discovered issuing from the building and an alarm was at once given, but by the time the fire company commenced playing water on the building, the flames had gained such headway that the structure was doomed and all that could be done was to hold the fire to this building alone.”

The 1887 fire was still fresh in the minds of the city's residents, and Marshfield was well aware of what other conditions might have presented.

“Hardly any wind was blowing at the time and it was very fortunate that it was so, as it is almost certain had a high wind been blowing the whole east end of the block would have been gutted by the flames.”

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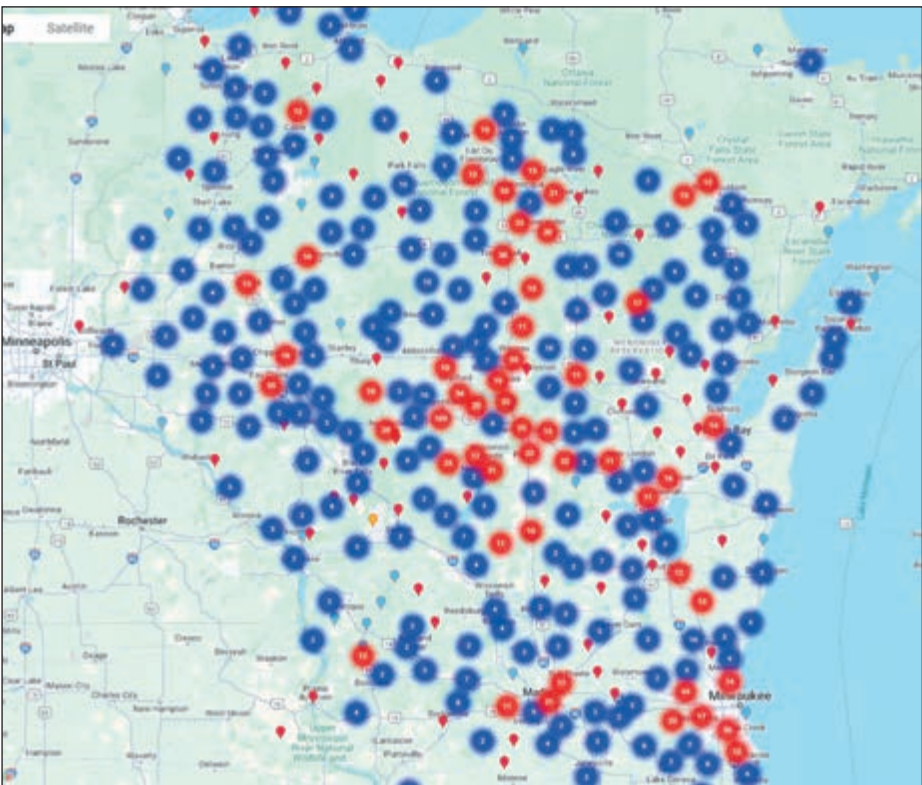
FOR THE CITY TIMES
MARSHFIELD – While the lyrics “I want to check you for ticks” can be fun to sing, being diagnosed with a tick-borne illness is no joke. And researchers at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute are hop-

ing to warn people where they’re most likely to encounter the diminutive arachnids through an ongoing study. That’s why they’re asking people to send in any ticks they find. In 2024, the Research Institute launched the Tick

Inventory via Citizen Science – or TICS – study in an effort to identify the ticks that are found in the state. More than 6,000 ticks from nearly every Wisconsin county were submitted that first year. “We had overwhelming support from people who are curious and invested in helping better identify the health threats associated with ticks,” said Jennifer Meece, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute executive director. “We had many calls last year from people who told us about the impact tick-borne disease had on their lives.”

Of the ticks collected, about 4,200 or more than 70% were the American dog (wood) tick, while the remainder were mainly deer (blacklegged) tick. Much of that difference is likely due to the larger wood ticks being easier to spot than the smaller deer ticks.

“The deer tick’s small size and greater likelihood of carrying illnesses like Lyme disease is what makes it critical to perform tick checks after spending time in wooded or brushy areas,” said Alexandra Linz, associate research scientist at the Research Institute. Deer ticks carry pathogens that can cause diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis and babesiosis. The large number of ticks submitted last year allowed the research team to detect



A map shows where ticks sent to Marshfield Clinic Research Institute for identification were found in Wisconsin. Submitted image

an influx of ticks from typically warmer climates.

Among those are the lone star tick, which can spread ehrlichiosis and could cause Alpha-gal Syndrome (also known as the meat allergy); and the brown dog tick, which spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

“With new tick species becoming more prevalent in Wisconsin, the risk for potential newly introduced diseases increases,” Meece said. “We are trying to determine the extent and significance of this spread and the potential health effects.”

Request a kit

Tick collection kits are available at the George Mead Wildlife Area Education Center, Castlerock Veterinary in Marshfield and many Marshfield Clinic locations.

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Parks and nature centers interested in having kits available for their visitors also are encouraged to contact Marshfield Clinic Research Institute.

Once the tick, dead or alive, has been placed in the collection kit, just drop it in the mail. Any tick found on people or pets is appreciated. Each kit will come with a unique identification number that people can use to look up, via an online dashboard, the species of ticks they submitted.

New this year inside

the kit will be additional survey questions. Optional questions include the types of precautions the person is taking to avoid ticks, if they’ve ever been diagnosed with a tick-borne disease and if the Research Institute can follow up with the person for potential future studies.

“We are interested in learning more about the diseases and how they affect people,” Meece said. “Tick-borne diseases are complex to diagnose and, sometimes, complex to treat. Having a better understanding of the people affected can better help us in future research.”

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Researchers at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute are asking people to send in any ticks they find. **Submitted photo**

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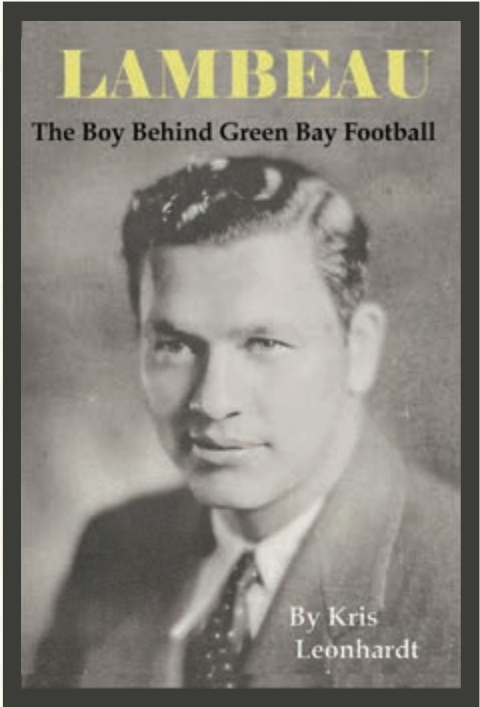
if you have these symptoms.

“Lyme disease is by far the most common tick-borne illness in Wisconsin,” said Dr. Thomas Boyce, a pediatric infectious disease physician with Marshfield Clinic Health System. “Testing is important, because early treatment is highly effective in preventing later stages of the disease from developing. If you remove

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Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy speaks at Stoney River Assisted Living on April 11, 2025. Murphy and current and former Packers players stopped at the facility as part of their annual Tailgate Tour.

Packers players, CEO connect with fans on Tailgate Tour

SIRENA MANKINS
EDITOR

MARSHFIELD – Marilyn Graveen sat anxiously by the door, clutching her phone and ready to snap photos as members of the Green Bay Packers made their next stop on the annual Tailgate Tour.

“Everybody’s just been psyched up about this,” said Graveen, who’s been at Stoney River Assisted Living in Marshfield for about a year. “We have a lot of fun times here, but this is absolutely the most unique one.”

As the current and former players made their way off their tour bus and into the facility, she was ready to greet them.

“They do have a grip, I’ll say that,” she said. “They were very nice, very friendly. I thanked them for coming, and I told them they’re all so very welcome.”



Marilyn Graveen, a resident at Stoney River Assisted Living, said residents there were psyched about having the Green Bay Packers players visit the facility on April 11.

appearances and advanced to five NFC title games. They also earned a victory in Super Bowl XLV.

Green Bay will also host the 2025 NFL Draft later this month – a first for Titletown. Last year, the league

draft builds in Green Bay, people at Stoney River kept their focus on their Bingo cards.

Former running back Ahman Green called numbers, while the others – current players Josh Jacobs, Tucker Kraft and Lukas Van Ness, along with alumni Marco Rivera and John Michels – worked the crowd, helping check cards and handing out prizes to the winners.

For the people living there, enrichment events like this can prove invaluable, offering something out of the ordinary and helping them stay connected to the community.

“There’s all these different components of wellness,” said Scott Vanevenhoven, regional director of sales and marketing for Health Dimensions, which oversees Stoney River. “There’s a physical, there’s



Former Packer Ahman Green signs one of the Bingo prizes during the Tailgate Tour stop at Stoney River in Marshfield.



Packers players and volunteers help Stoney River Assisted Living residents check their Bingo cards April 11, 2025. The current and former Packers players made the stop as part of their annual Tailgate Tour.

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This year’s tour kicked off Tuesday, and it’s bittersweet for Mark Murphy, Packers president and CEO, who will be retiring in July when he reaches the mandatory retirement age of 70.

“This will be my 17th (Tailgate Tour),” Murphy said, adding he took a year off for COVID. “I will miss it, but I’m trying to savor it as well.”

Murphy took the helm in January 2008. During his 17 years leading the franchise, the team made 13 playoff

said more than 50 million people watched the draft on TV – and more than 775,000 people attended the festivities. Attendance in Green Bay is projected to be about 240,000. That’s three times the average attendance at Packers home games.

“The league saw that the draft could be pretty special in Green Bay,” Murphy said. “The economic impact will be felt all across the state. It’s expected to bring in \$4 million.”

While excitement for the

a spiritual, there’s the mental, there’s the social. Life enrichment brings all those together.”

While the Tailgate Tour offers Packers players the chance to connect with fans, it does much more. Through the years, the franchise’s charitable arm has donated millions of dollars for organizations throughout Wisconsin, Murphy said. That includes this year, when they presented Dairyland Sports with a \$25,000 check. That

nonprofit aims to engage and empower individuals with physical disabilities to improve their health.

Murphy said he and the team are thankful for the support they get.

“I think part of it is reciprocal,” he said. “The fact that we’re owned by the community, I think people feel better about the organization.

“We don’t have a wealthy owner that’s looking to make a profit, threatening to move and sell the team. ... So being able to give back to the community is very important to us.”



Packers players call out Bingo numbers at Stoney River Assisted Living, April 11, 2025. The event was part of the team’s annual Packers Tailgate Tour.

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This Packer Band patch was donated by Nathalie Hall Noonan in 2024. Her uncle, Herb Hall, played saxophone for the Lumberjack Band for a long time. **Katie Foust photo**

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks
7. Construct a wall to confine
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14. A type of board
16. Sacred Hindu syllable
17. Flatterer
19. The Granite State
20. Tears down
22. China's Chairman
23. Former Houston footballer
25. Periods of time
26. Expressed pleasure
28. World alliance
29. A Brit's mother
30. Television network
31. Brother or sister
33. Type of spirit
34. ___ Ladd, actor
36. A medium oversees it
38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong
41. The highest parts of something
43. Insect
44. Baseball stat
45. A way to use up
47. Where wrestlers compete
48. It helps elect politicians
51. As fast as can be done
53. Genus of legumes
55. Samoa's capital
56. Monument in Jakarta
58. Former French coin
59. Exploiters
60. College sports official
61. Uninterrupted in time
64. Stephen King story
65. Marked by no sound

67. Weathers
69. Denouncements
70. More beloved
- CLUES DOWN
1. Winged nut
2. It cools a home
3. Kisses (French)
4. Oxford political economist
5. Keyboard key
6. Leaf pores
7. Agrees with publicly
8. Not around
9. Czech city
10. Muscle cell protein
11. Greek letter
12. Movements
13. Ned __, composer
15. Popular series Game of __
18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
21. Helper
24. Gift
26. Up in the air (abbr.)

27. Treat without respect
30. Trims
32. Slang for lovely
35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
37. Guitarists' tool
38. Island nation
39. Delivered in installments
42. A baglike structure
43. Cooking vessel
46. Gets in front of
47. Wounded by scratching
49. More breathable
50. Medical dressings
52. Indiana hoopster
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57. Congressmen (abbr.)
59. Approves food
62. Ventura's first name
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66. Atomic #71
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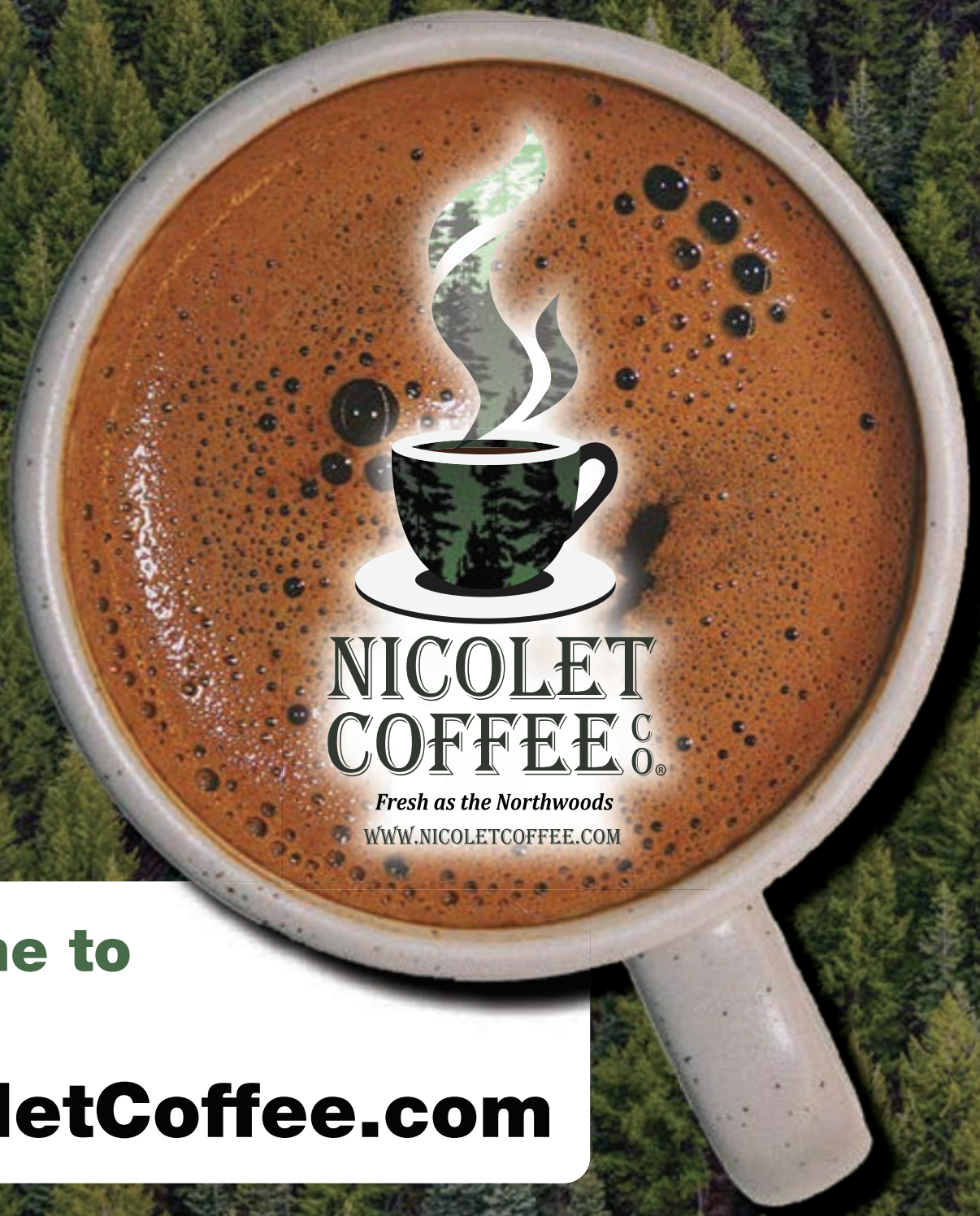
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Sierra Lech, owner of AuraLux, a new nail salon in Port Edwards.

New nail salon opens in Port Edwards

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