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Converging on the Capitol

Area leaders take issues to Madison

BY MIKE WARREN
EDITOR

MADISON – Business, industry and education leaders from central Wisconsin spent a recent afternoon taking their top issues directly to those in the best position to do something about them – state lawmakers.

Centergy hosted Central Wisconsin Days April 4-5 in Madison, featuring 30-minute sessions with area lawmakers or their representatives at the state capitol.

"The reason why we host this event is for the opportunity for our business community to really have a voice down here at the capitol," said

Centergy President/CEO Angel Whitehead. "We're one of the only groups that do it, and if we're not telling our legislators what's happening in our communities and how our businesses are being impacted or hurting, who's going to tell them? We need to bring those voices down here," she added.

Centergy has hosted the annual event for nearly two decades. This year, nearly 100 residents met with lawmakers to inform them about current high-priority, public policy issues that impact economic development in central Wisconsin, namely housing, childcare, and tax reform.

An overwhelming need for childcare was identified by the groups. A shortage of childcare has left many parents/guardians with no other option than to remain home to care for their children, and not return to the workforce post-pandemic.

"You really have to plan your childcare before you even plan to have a baby because it's two years before you can get any childcare for a baby nowadays," said Karen Olson, Development Director for the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, as she and other Marshfield business and education representatives met with Sen. Jesse James (R-23). "The people we talk with, they have enough



Rep. Donna Rozar (left) makes sure she understands the issues presented by Executive Director Denise Sonnemann and Business Development Director Karen Olson from the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in her State Capitol office April 5, during Central Wisconsin Days, hosted by Centergy.
Mike Warren photo

teachers probably right now, but they don't stay in the (work) force for long," Olson added. "It needs to be looked at as a career. They are teachers of our young and we need to look at that as a sustainable career with benefits and good pay teaching our young, so that

they – maybe on the other spectrum of life – stay out of the judicial system, which costs us way more."

Olson and the other Centergy advocates asked for additional grants for the Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program, which allows

eligible providers to receive ongoing monthly payments, providing the financial stability they need to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children.

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Clark County HCE to host Loyal event

FOR HUB CITY TIMES
NEILLSVILLE -- Clark County Home and Community Education will host an event on Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 201 N. West St. in Loyal.

Jackie Carattini, UW Extension Wood County, will be the speaker. Her

topic will be "What Are You Worth?" Ben Lindner, Tender Shoots Gardens & Greenhouse, will demonstrate a flower planting, including what kind of flowers to put together in a planter.

HCE members will be displaying their Cultural

Arts entries that will be judged in preparation for the State Conference in September at Wintergreen Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Items will also be collected for Clark County Interfaith Caregivers. The event is free and open to the public.

United Way to distribute emergency money

Federal funds target Wood County

FOR HUB CITY TIMES
WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties is the fiscal agent for an award of federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP).

Wood County has been chosen to receive \$13,342 (Phase 40) to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in Wood County. Non-profit, faith-based organizations and local government agencies providing food, shelter and supportive services in Wood County are eligible to apply for funding. Applications are available by contacting Stefanie Drexler at stefanie@uwsac.org or 715-421-0390.

The application deadline is 4 p.m., Friday, May 5.

Under the terms of the grant from the National EFSP Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; Be eligible to receive Federal funds (have

a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN); Have an accounting system; Practice nondiscrimination; Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; If they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.

A local board comprised of representatives from county government and local human services agencies will review the applications and distribute funds awarded to Wood County. The local board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to Soup or Socks, St. Vincent de Paul, and The Wisconsin Rapids Family Center. Past EFSP participation is not a requirement.

(UEI). Agencies applying for these federal funds must have a UEI. The National Board used the DUNS previously, but the DUNS is now obsolete and is not acceptable for entities receiving federal funding. The federal government stopped using the DUNS Number to uniquely identify entities. Now, entities doing business with the federal government or receiving federal funds must use the UEI created in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

If your entity is registered in SAM.gov, you already have your UEI, and it is viewable in SAM.gov. Remember, you must be signed in to your SAM.gov account to view entity records. All SAM.gov registrants have been assigned their UEIs and can view them in SAM.gov.

Those qualifying agencies wishing for more information about the funds may contact United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties' Director of Office Operations Stefanie Drexler, at 715-421-0390.

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Election results verified



School Board Secretary Jenni Heeg (left) hands over the election-day ballots and tallies to Anna Catmull, a member of the district's Board of Canvassers, as the board on April 11 began the process of verifying the vote counts from April 4.

Mike Warren photo

BY MIKE WARREN
EDITOR

MARSHFIELD -- There will be no changes in the results of school board and city council races, following recent verification and recount efforts for both.

The Board of Canvassers for the Board of Education of the Marshfield School District convened on April 11 in the conference room of the Board of Education office located at 1010 East Fourth Street in Marshfield, for the purpose of verifying the vote count for the School District Board of Education elections and referendum held on April 4.

While there were slight changes in the numbers, the results themselves did not change.

Most attention was given to a school board race which saw incumbent Mark Konrardy win reelection by just 13 votes, holding off challenger Nicole Forst, who finished in third place in a four-way race for two board seats. Following the verification process by the Board of Canvassers, Konrardy actually gained two votes and won by 15 instead of 13. Forst had until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 14 to file a petition requesting a recount, but no such filing was made prior to the deadline, so the results have now become official.

Tara Tremelling was the top vote-getter among the four candidates, and she



Wood County Clerk Trent Minor (left) and City Clerk Jessica Schiferl (right) direct tabulators Terre Jones and Mary Schultz during recount proceedings April 13 in the council chambers at City Hall, as they double-check ballots which were cast in District 10 for a seat on the Common Council.

Mike Warren photo

will replace incumbent Dan Neve, who finished last in the four-way contest. Officially, Tremelling received 4,509 votes, while Konrardy -- after picking up two additional ballots -- received 4,323 votes. Forst picked up 4,308 votes, while Neve got 3,762, after he also picked up two additional votes during the Board of Canvassers' verification process.

Meanwhile, one of the closest races in Marshfield's history has been solidified, following an official recount of the ballots from election day.

Andrew Reigel has now officially won the District 10 council seat being given up by incumbent Peter Hender. Vote totals from the election initially indicated Reigel defeated Bonnie Andres 257-255. Andres requested a recount following the Board of Canvassers' April 7 meeting. Following the

April 13 recount process, held in the Common Council chambers at City Hall, the results of the race were exactly the same.

"This was my first recount, so it was a learning experience," said City Clerk Jessica Schiferl, after the recount process ended. "I think it went really well. It showed that on election day our poll workers are doing the jobs that they need to do. We didn't see discrepancies in our poll books or in our absentee logs," Schiferl added. "As we hand-counted all of the ballots today, the machine counted everything exactly as we hand-counted. I thank all of the poll workers who made the election day go smoothly and I hope that this helps voters feel a little more comfortable in the election process."

The spring election voter turnout in the city limits of Marshfield was 59 percent.

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NANCY A. GORMAN
Nancy Ann Gorman, age 85, of Marshfield was called to her heavenly home on Monday, April 10, 2023.

Nancy was born on June 16, 1937, the daughter of Anton and Lokadia (Marzynski) Lepak in Cassel, WI. The youngest of eight siblings, Nancy grew up in Cassel and graduated from Marathon High School in 1955. After her graduation, she worked and lived a short time in Milwaukee. Then upon returning to the area, she met and married the love of her life, John R. Gorman, on August 29, 1959. They lived and raised their family on the Gorman homestead near Halder, WI. After their children were all in school, Nancy worked many years at Marathon Cheese. In May of 2020, they moved to Marshfield.

Nancy was an accomplished perennial gardener taking great pride in her many flower beds as she was known as the Hwy 153 Flower Lady. She shared her many flowers with friends and family in hopes of spreading their beauty and joy. Nancy was an active member of St. Patrick's Parish in Halder overseeing the landscaping and grounds keeping for 25 years. For her church parish, she also helped out at funerals by baking cakes for nearly 60 years and worked at the church fish fries during Lent. Nancy belonged to the St. Patrick's Ladies Group that volunteered playing bingo with residents in nursing homes in Stratford and Mosinee. In her spare time, Nancy enjoyed playing cards, doing crafts, crocheting, embroidery and spending time with family and friends.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 63 years, John R., and their three children: Karmen (John Baur) Gorman, Marshfield; Mary Beecher, Janesville; and John Jay (Jackie) Gorman, Halder. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Amber (Joe), Lindsay (Geno), Grant, Emma (Grant), Chloe (Matt), Jacob (Nicole), Claire, Camille (Tyler) and Ben; four great grandchildren: Devon, Sam, George, Max and one on the way; four step-great grandchildren: Paige, Lydia, Gavin and Koda. She is further survived by one sister, Joyce Mueller, Citrus Heights, CA, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Lokadia Lepak; four brothers: Dave Murkowski, Jim Murkowski, Clarence Lepak and Clem Lepak; three sisters: Theresa Joswick, Genevieve Wolfe and Beatrice Wirkus, and a son-in-law, Ron Beecher.

A Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Beste Funeral Home, Mosinee, is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family would like to offer their sincere thanks to the staff at Stoney River Assisted Living and ProMedica Hospice for the unending support and compassionate care that Nancy received while in their care.



ANDREW JOHN PETERS
Andrew John Peters, 28, of Marshfield, WI died Thursday, February 16, 2023, while courageously serving with the International Legion of the Defense of Ukraine.

Andrew was born July 12, 1994, in Ft. Riley, Kansas to Heather and John Peters. He attended Marshfield schools graduating in 2012. He joined the United States Army prior to graduation and shipped 4 days after his 18th birthday. He served a tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2014 and was Honorably Discharged in mid-2016. He had an extraordinary sense of right and wrong and believed it was his duty to serve where he could, continuing the family tradition of military service. He felt his time of service was not over and went to assist in Ukraine where he joined other countrymen and legionnaires from all over the world to assist with the defense of Ukraine. He was a strong proponent of doing what was honorable, even at great personal cost.

Andrew loved to learn other languages and spoke some fluently including Russian, Ukrainian, and French, as well as a little German. He loved to play hockey in his youth and continued with an adult pick-up league after his return home to Wisconsin. His gun repair skills and knowledge of weapons were unparalleled, and he repaired many guns for those who requested. He was employed at Fleet Farm in gun and ammo sales. Andrew also had a dear love and compassion for animals and loved being outdoors in all weather.

Andrew is survived by his parents, Heather and John Peters, his brother, Jordan, his beloved dogs Panzer and Pepper (his service dog), and family cats. He is further survived by maternal grandparents, Delmer and Charlotte Schug, of Athens, aunts and Godmothers Tina (Mark) Scott of Merrill and their children David and Katarina, and Ginger (Rick) Urmanski of Edgar and their children Brandon (Eva), Brittany, Melissa (Michael), Mindy (Tyler), and Olivia. He is survived by one maternal uncle, James (Sheila) Schug of Athens and their children Amber and Brienna. Paternal relatives include uncles James (Tammy) Peters and children Alec and Adria of LaCrosse, and Roger (Shelly) Peters and daughter Allison of Oshkosh, and Great Aunt Kathryn (Jerry) Trice of Austell, GA and son, Will. Andrew is additionally survived by his dear family friends Angie Standifur (Don), and their family including his honorary "little brother" Jonathon, MacKenzie, and Gary, as well as his battle buddies fighting for justice without him in Ukraine. His battle buddies truly meant the world to him, and he could not say enough of how he cared about and loved his team.

Andrew was predeceased by great grandparents and a cousin Collyn on his maternal side, and paternal great grandmother, Miriam Lloyd, as well as grandmother Elizabeth Peters and grandfather Herb Peters.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to a cause dear to the family's heart that trains service dogs for Veterans. They are: Patriot9's of Wisconsin located at 7333 Stewart Ave. Wausau, WI 54401.

The family would like to thank the U.S Embassy in Ukraine, The Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, D.C., The Ukrainian International Legion, and The Romulus T. Weatherman Foundation for their assistance.

The visitation will be open to the general public and take place from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023 at Rembs Funeral Home in Marshfield. The funeral service will be for family, family friends, those who know the family or invite.

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KENNETH STAAB
Kenneth Staab, age 71, passed away on March 19, 2023 at Colonial Center in Colby, Wisconsin.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion in Marshfield, Wisconsin on April 22, 2023. A visitation for family and friends from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. A committal prayer will be held at 12:15 PM followed by Military Honor rites by American Legion Post #54 honor guard. A luncheon at the American Legion will be served after. Ken will be laid to rest then at Dorchester Memorial Cemetery that afternoon.

Ken was born on July 25, 1951 the son of Edward and Lillian (Bach) Staab at St. Joseph hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Ken grew up on his parent's farm in Dorchester, Wisconsin. He attended St. Louis Catholic School and graduated from Colby High School in 1969.

After high school, Ken joined the Army National Guard of Wisconsin and was a staff sergeant with company D 724th Engineer Battalion. He was discharged on September 5, 1976 with an honorable discharge after serving six years.

Ken loved carpentry work and attended Chicago Technical College Architectural Drafting, American Estimating Institute, State of Wisconsin Apprenticeship, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, all with graduating Certificates.

Ken lived most of his life in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He owned Green Roof Investments and B&K Builders of Marshfield. Ken built many residential and commercial properties homes in the Marshfield area and many other locations in Wisconsin. He had a passion for building Historic Preservation projects. The Old City Hall on 2nd Street; Central State Bank on 3rd and Central; and the Purdy Building (now the Aster) were just three of his many historic projects.

Ken had many acquaintances and had a chuckle always with his laugh. Ken enjoyed curling, card playing, fishing, hunting, camping, boating and watching the Green Bay Packers with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Ken was married to Georgia Behrens in 1980 and later divorced. Ken is survived by his children, Joseph and Jordan; his grandchild, Cameron; brothers and sisters: Phyllis Werner, Aaron (Donna) Staab, Diane (Tom) Poehnelt, Joyce (Fred) Fischer, Rosemary (Fred) Lewin, Jeff (Renee) Staab, Greg (Sandy) Staab, Patricia Staab; and sister-in-law, Susan Staab. He is further survived by several nieces and nephews.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Lillian Staab; his daughter, Bethany; five brothers: Dennis, Joseph, Daniel, Mark, and Gerard; and brother-in-law, Gerald Werner.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the Colonial Center in Colby, House Calls of Menomonie and St. Croix Hospice for providing Ken with excellent care; and the Maurina-Schilling Funeral Home for their services. In lieu of flowers; Ken's family will establish a Memorial in his name.



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MARK A. ROTH
Mark A. Roth, 74, of Milwaukee, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, after a brief stay in hospice at St. Joseph's Hospital in Milwaukee. Arrangements are pending for a private Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony Church in Loyal. Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh will officiate, and burial will follow in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery.

Mark was born in Chippewa Falls, WI on Christmas Eve, a welcomed addition to his family. The second oldest of eight children, he grew up on a dairy/turkey farm in Loyal, WI. Incredibly bright and talented; he excelled in scholastics, sports and many other extracurricular activities. Mark had a cheerful, self-confident personality and easily made friends. He enjoyed working with his brothers at Roth Mfg. and T.R. Metal Crafters. They were amazed at his ease in designing & fabricating equipment. He loved driving and working on fast cars and motorcycles.

After graduating from Loyal High School, Mark attended UW-Platteville and graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He then served in the Army where he was stationed in Europe and was honorably discharged. Mark then enrolled in the MBA program at UW-Whitewater. The future looked bright for Mark... until he began to experience mental health issues while finishing up his grad school studies. He struggled to carry that cross during the remainder of his adult life.

Mark will be fondly remembered by his family including his wife, Lucille, of Marshfield; his brothers and sisters: Daniel of Loyal; Mary Jo Roth of Plymouth, MN; Ann Newman of Deerfield, IL; Thomas (Christine) of Loyal; Anthony (Joy) of Neillsville; and Kathleen (James) Lundstrom of Brooklyn Park, MN; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Violet and Norman Roth, and his brother Joseph Roth.

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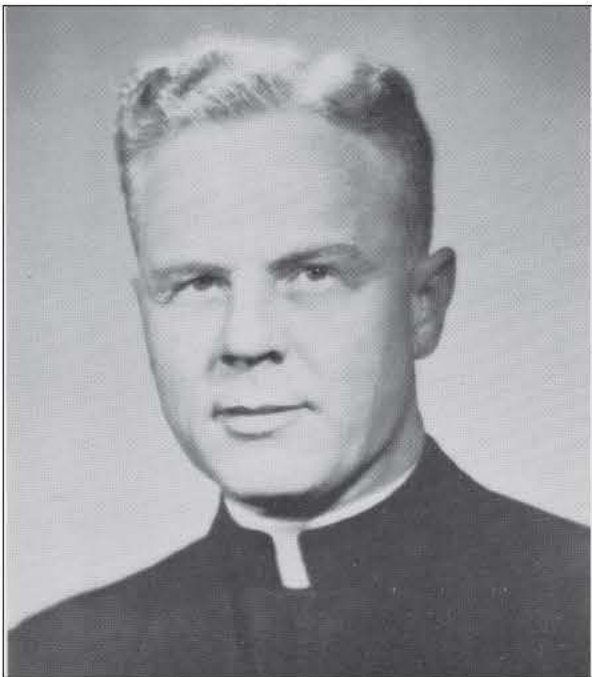
Marshfield 150 for 150: Very Reverend Hugh J. Deeny

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"Bishop, that's a big order . . . I'll take it and with God's protection and your help we can do it." With that comment the first principal of Columbus High School, the Very Rev. Hugh J. Deeny, accepted the challenge to build a replacement for St. John's two-year junior high. From that meeting on Sunday evening, June 12, 1949, on through to the groundbreaking, the laying of the cornerstone and finally the dedication, Father Deeny never gave up the huge task of building a new school while still caring for a large parish, St. John's.

The official announcement of the establishment of Columbus High School was made on January 16, 1950, by His Excellency, the Most Reverend John P. Treacy, Bishop of La Crosse. The sponsoring of the project was left to Reverend Hugh J. Deeny, pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish. Following the first formal announcement of the proposed new school, planning pushed ahead, and on April 22, 1951, the ground was broken by Father Deeny for the structure. The cornerstone was laid on Aug. 18, 1951, by Bishop Treacy. Final dedication of the million-dollar building was made on Sept. 14, 1952, and the class of 1952 was able to hold its graduation ceremony in the newly-constructed auditorium.

His interest in the school which he built, with the



assistance of ten area congregations, did not end when he "graduated" from the principal's job during the 1953 commencement exercises. It ended, rather, with his death, June 30, 1955, in an automobile accident near Milwaukee, which also claimed the life of E. M. Lee, local businessman.

The Most Rev. John P. Treacy, Bishop of La Crosse, at the funeral Mass read for Father Deeny, dedicated the auditorium in his memory. It is now known as the "Father Hugh J. Deeny Memorial Auditorium" in memory of the man who built and established Marshfield's Catholic high school.

Two days after Father Deeny's death, the editor of the *Marshfield News-Herald* penned the following tribute which appeared on the editorial page of the July 2, 1955 newspaper:

"A Tragic Loss"
"Marshfield has suffered an irreparable loss in the untimely death of The Very Rev. Hugh J. Deeny in the unfortunate traffic accident at Milwaukee Thursday afternoon. The community was profoundly shocked by the news of the crash and stunned by the realization that so valuable and important a religious and educational and civic leader had come to his death.

"Few men, if any, have made a greater contribution to the community in little more than five short years than Father Deeny. His greatest work was, of course, with the Catholic community. Under his leadership the work of the three congregations was stimulated and coordinated both in the spiritual and educational fields. He was one of the founders and the first principal of Columbus

High School. He labored prodigiously throughout his pastorate here. In his work, he had time to participate in civic affairs whenever called upon. And in his associations with the young people of his own faith or other faiths, he endeared himself to all who came to know him.

"One can only speculate what was in store for him had Father Deeny been spared to continue his religious labors, but there are those who long ago predicted he would go far in his church, based on his accomplishments here. His organizing ability was evident in the results he accomplished. In church and school, his accomplishments will stand for many years as a monument to the highly-productive five years of his pastorate here.

"Here is a man whose church will miss him sorely and whose community will mourn the passing of a fine citizen, the kind of man we can ill afford to lose. In this simple testimony of his worth, we believe we bespeak the overwhelming sentiment of all the people of Marshfield."

Today, nearly 68 years later, those who knew Father Deeny during his time in Marshfield, whether as a pastor, teacher, principal, or fellow citizen, remember him fondly with high regard.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER On One or Multiple "Happily Ever Afters"

Dear Reader,

When we marry we take a snapshot in time. Yes, this is the girl or boy of our dreams based on the perception of who and what they seem to be right then, at that specific moment. We truly believe there is no one on this planet like this person. On our wedding day, we think that we won the lottery and will live happily ever after.

But years later, we look at that person and wonder if she or he is whom we would want to live the rest of our life with. Maybe their growth took them down a path far from your own. Or maybe there was no growth at all, and in fact it seemed like they went backward, to an earlier level of maturity.

Forty-one percent of all first marriages end in divorce. It is worse for second and third marriages: Sixty percent and seventy-three percent, respectively.

Oftentimes, this need not be. Yes, it is true that divorce sometimes is necessary because of violence or lack of trust. But at other times, the rain is followed by the sun and a rainbow. Where there is beauty, there is hope.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"



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Preservation Commission would like your help identifying candidates for the 2023 Stewardship Awards Program.

To promote public awareness of preservation and restoration, the commission will present awards to property owners who have shown exemplary stewardship in historic preservation through renovation and upkeep of their property.

Any property 50 years or older, or any individual or business involved in historical education and promotion in the community, is eligible. Awards will be announced and presented annually or bi-annually in May in conjunction with Historic Preservation Month or a Common Council meeting.

To submit a nomination, go to https://www.ci.marshfield.wi.us/community/historic_preservation_stewardship_award_program.php, print out the Nomination Form, and mail your completed nomination to: Historic Preservation Commission,

City of Marshfield, 207 W. Sixth Street, Marshfield, WI, 54449 or email to bryce.hembrook@ci.marshfield.wi.us. Forms are also available at City Hall in the Development Services Department.

In order for your nomination to be considered please submit nominations by

Friday, April 28. The commission and city staff look forward to working with the community to promote Marshfield's historic character through education and outreach.

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“It’s gonna be a challenge. I’m not gonna lie,” Sen. James told the group. “There are people that feel that this is something that should’ve never been government-subsidized, and it’s created a sustainability issue, and now we have to answer for it,” James added. “We have not had the discussion on the Senate side yet regarding Child Care Counts.”

The Stabilization Payment Program Round 2 was a nine-month payment program that ran August 2022 through April 2023. It will be followed by an additional nine-month payment program, with the renewal application opening in May.

Housing was also identified by the group as a major issue. “An increase in single and multi-family housing stock in the Centergy region is directly related to our ability to recruit and retain people in the prime working ages of 25-64,” according to a Centergy press release.

Olson told Sen. James about the recent hardships business and education recruits to the city had in finding suitable housing before starting their new jobs, in particular Mark Bowie, Director of the new

Nick Faber (left), President, Simplicity Credit Union goes over some of the Issue Papers he and several others presented to area lawmakers - including Sen. Jesse James - in their offices, during Central Wisconsin Days, held April 5 at the State Capitol in Madison. Mike Warren photo

C2 Makerspace at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. “We hired (Bowie) from California, and it took him eight to nine months to find housing. We waited that long for him to get here. He just couldn’t find anything, even from the rental side of things, but certainly a house, which is what he really wanted,” Olson said. “So, that put us behind in getting that organization going. We had funding and everybody was ready, and they kept saying, ‘Why isn’t it happening?’ It was because our director from California – which was a good transplant to bring into Wisconsin – couldn’t find housing,” she added.

“The city sees it as an issue and they’re doing as much as they can. They started a subdivision because we’re years behind. This should’ve been looked at a long time ago, and I think other areas are finding that as well.”

Olson’s group of Marshfield business, industry and education representatives encouraged legislative efforts to increase the annual amount of low-income tax credits certified by WHEDA, with 35 percent set aside for rural communities with populations under 10,000.

“There’s legislation being worked on right now that is strictly focused on the housing issue, so I think those will be rolling out here soon,” Sen. James told the advocacy group.

revenue formula for local governments, which is driving more and more school districts and municipalities to referendums, for things like maintaining curriculum, programs and proper staffing levels. Coincidentally, the meetings with lawmakers came the day after voters rejected referendums in both the city and school district of Marshfield.

“As soon as I knew that those referendums lost, I said the reason that these lost is because people don’t want to see their taxes at the local level go up,” said Rep. Donna Rozar. “So, we’ve got to step up to the plate at the state to go back to supporting a lot of these programs, which we did in 1911, when we initiated the income tax,” said Rep. Rozar. “Ninety percent of that money went back to local municipalities when the income tax was initiated in 1911. We are down to about eight percent,” she added.

Aside from Sen. James and Rep. Rozar, Centergy advocacy groups were also able to meet with Representatives Nancy VanderMeer and Katrina Shankland, along with Sen. Patrick Testin.

“I’ll be following up with the legislators we met with, see what kind of bills are out there, what’s happening on the floor at this time and what are our next steps so we can keep advocating for these issues and making an impact,” Whitehead said at the end of the day.

Centergy is a regional economic development organization representing a five-county region in central Wisconsin, and is based in Wausau. The organization is focused on promoting central Wisconsin to help attract, retain and develop talent and businesses in the counties of Wood, Adams, Portage, Lincoln and Marathon.

UWSP-Marshfield Campus Executive Anthony Andrews makes his case for shared revenue and tax reform, in the State Capitol office of Sen. Jesse James, during Centergy's Central Wisconsin Days, April 5 in Madison. Mike Warren photo

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Auburndale's title defense falls short

FOR HUB CITY TIMES
STEVENS POINT – One team separated the Auburndale 8th grade girls' traveling basketball team from a second straight title, at the Wisconsin State Invitational Championship Tournament hosted by Stevens Point April 1-2. Unfortunately, that team was last year's runner-up, and they remembered the outcome all too well.

The tournament, organized by The Great Northwest Basketball League, brought together 45 of the top community-based 8th grade girls' basketball teams from across Wisconsin, to play either six or seven games over the two-day weekend. State champions were crowned in four divisions: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and Division 4/5, based on the enrollment of the high school into which each team feeds.

The Auburndale 8th grade girls competed in this tournament for the second straight year.

Last year, Auburndale completed the tournament with a 7-0 record and defeating Laconia in the championship game. This year Auburndale went 6-1,



finishing second out of 15 teams in their Division 4/5 field.

In pool play, Auburndale went undefeated and beat St. Mary Catholic 41-31, New Auburn 47-16, Poynette 40-21, and Crandon 42-19.

On day two of competition, Auburndale was charged up and defeated Bangor 42-14. The win allowed the girls to play for 1st-4th place. Game 2 on the day saw the girls play a quick and sharp-shooting Mineral Point Team. Through balanced scoring and outstanding

defense, the girls pulled out an impressive 39-28 win.

The victory allowed the girls to face Laconia in the championship game for the second consecutive year. This year the girls fell short, losing to Laconia 41-51 and securing the silver medal.

The team consists of Addison Plemon, Miah Faulkner, Gracie Hasenohrl, Lanie Richardson, Morgan Griesbach, Jalynn Scherr, Alivia Wolf, Breleigh Grimm, Lily Bellanti, Chesney Nagel, Rose

Hasenohrl and Myah Katzenburger. The girls were coached by Carry Bellanti and Josh Nagel.

The All-Tournament team for Division 4/5 consisted of: Avalyn Albrecht (Poynette), Madi Davel (Neillsville), Breleigh Grimm (Auburndale), Myah Katzenberger (Auburndale), Sadie Miller (Mineral Point), Sophie Miller (Mineral Point), Finley Morgan (Laconia), Laylah Walk (Neillsville), Jaedyn Zdroik (Pacelli) and Lily Zimmerman (Laconia).

Tigers claim first-ever WVC Invite

FOR HUB CITY TIMES
STEVENS POINT – For the first time in school history, the Marshfield Tigers girls track & field team won the Wisconsin Valley Conference Indoor Track & Field Invitational, April 11, at Skyward Fieldhouse at UW-Stevens Point.

Marshfield finished in first place with a team score of 139. D.C. Everest was second, with a score of 118½. Stevens Point came in third, with a score of 117½. Wausau West finished fourth, with 66, followed by Wausau East, with 53½. Merrill was sixth, at 49. Wisconsin Rapids was seventh with 33.5.

Champions for Marshfield included Michaela Dick in the 400 meters, the 800-meter relay team of Ellie Jensen, Alyssa Foemmel, Emma Ridgway and Gracie Ridgway – which finished with the second-best time in school history (1:51.82), the 1,600-meter relay team of Ella Allar, Ashley Grancorvitz, Dani Minsaas and Michaela Dick, Emma Ridgway in the High Jump, Casey Dasler in the Pole Vault and Dani Minsaas in the Triple Jump.

Marshfield's 3,200-meter relay team (Caleigh Kanitz, Ava Raab, Raela Schueller, Carolina Sullenger) finished in second place.

Aubri Brown was second in the Shot Put competition, with a distance of 36-11.50. Minsaas tied for third, with a distance of 33.

track & field team grabbed first place in seven events – and captured nine first-place finishes overall – to win the Marshfield Tigers Girls Indoor Relays April 6 at the Marshfield High School Fieldhouse. The Tigers took top honors with a team score of 132. D.C. Everest was second with 111. Merrill finished in third place with a team score of 87.5. Wausau

East was fourth with 68, followed by Neillsville at 65, Marshfield's "B" team with 29 and the Marshfield "C" team with 11.5.

"What a spectacular team performance tonight by all of our ladies," said Head Coach Ali Luedtke. "So much energy and effort displayed on the track and in the field."

Marshfield's Emma Ridgway won the High

Jump (4-10.00). The Tigers' Samantha Ridgway, Gracie Ridgway and Ella Allar were among five competitors who tied for second place (4-08.00).

Ayana Bousum was first in the Long Jump (14-11.00), followed by teammate

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Marshfield's 800-meter relay team of Ellie Jensen, Gracie Ridgway, Emma Ridgway and Alyssa Foemmel finished with the second-best time in school history, at the Wisconsin Valley Conference Indoor Track & Field Invitational, April 11, at Skyward Fieldhouse at UW-Stevens Point. Submitted photo

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Marshfield chili champions crowned at Stoney River cook-off

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- The competition among Marshfield area chili cooks was fierce and tasty. Thanks to Stoney River Marshfield's first annual Chili Cook-Off hosted at the assisted living community in conjunction with the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ProMedica, the public got to taste and vote for three local chili champions.

"The Chili Cook-Off was a hit," said Stoney River Lifestyle Specialist Meranda Lelonek, one of the event organizers, who added that she was impressed with the level of participation and



Over a dozen cooks entered Stoney River's first annual Chili Cook-Off, where guests enjoyed tasting and voting for Marshfield's best chili. Submitted photo

enthusiasm shown by the Marshfield community and Stoney River's residents and family members. "Everyone had a great time with the cooks enjoying a little friendly, yet competitive,

banter, as guests sampled the thirteen entries and voted for their favorites in three categories."

Winners were announced at the end of the March 23 competition, with "Most

Unique" going to Lizz Richards, Stoney River's very own Memory Support Manager, "Tastiest" going to KC Reichenbach from ProMedica and "Best Presentation" going to Chance Ermerling.

The event's success was truly a local, team effort made even sweeter by 2 ½ Cups Cupcakery and Bakeshop's donation of desserts.

For more information about Stoney River Assisted Living and Memory Support, contact Meranda Lelonek at 715-207-6423 or MLelonek@stoneyrivermarshfield.com.

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Kaylie Charron (14-07.25) in second place.

Kaci Abney took first-place honors in the Triple Jump (30-11.50). Samantha Ridgway came in second (30-06.50), followed by teammate Peyton Daul (29-02.00) in fourth place.

The girls' Shot Put competition was won by Marshfield's Aubri Brown (35-06.00). Teammates Emily Jahn, Stella Bohman and Sophie Schlei finished fourth, fifth and

sixth, respectively.

The team of Schlei, Brown, Navaya Ostrander and Casey Dasler took first place in the 440-yard relay (1:36.14).

In the girls' 4x320-yard relays, the Tiger team of Charron, Bousum, Rylee Corteen and Ellie Jensen finished in first place (3:13.31).

Also grabbing a first-place finish for Marshfield was the Distance Medley team comprised of Brooke Sternweis, Carolina Sullenger, Lily Truskowski and Natalie Scharenbroch (12:22.52).

Free Community Shred Day events set

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- Prevail Bank encourages the Marshfield community to bring their confidential papers to its Prevail Bank - Marshfield branch (810 N. Central Avenue) to be shredded on Thursday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for free. Everyone is welcome to participate.

In addition to providing an identity theft safeguard, for every pound of paper shredded, Prevail Bank will donate a dollar, up to \$1,000, to the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter. Public donations will be accepted prior to and during the event as well. Every year MAPS cares for approximately 650 animals. Many are unclaimed strays. As Marshfield's first animal welfare organization, it is transforming the community's view relating to animals and animal welfare. Their goals include innovative education programs for the public and investments in outreach, advocacy, and affordable

spay/neuter options for the Marshfield area.

"From an identity theft perspective, shredding confidential information is recommended," said Tara Werner, Prevail Bank Relationship Banker. "I hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity."

According to the National Council on Identity Theft Protection, 1 million more reports of identity theft and fraud, totaling 5.7 million, were reported in 2021 than 2020. Alarming, the number of identity theft scenarios in the U.S. is nearly 3 times higher than that of other countries; 33 percent of Americans have faced some kind of identity theft attempt. People need to safeguard their personal information. Credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services do exist. More information relating to those services can be obtained through a Prevail Bank professional.

"Shred Day is a win-win," said Werner. "The

community benefits from the free shred service we're providing, and a local nonprofit receives a donation."

If every Prevail Bank branch shreds at least 1,000 pounds, Prevail Bank will be donating a total of \$9,000, split between nine nonprofits.

"The organizations that were chosen by our branches are extremely important to the health and economic vitality of the communities we live in and serve," said Nathan Quinell, President of Prevail Bank. "I'm hoping we can write a \$1,000 check to each and every one of them."

The organizations that will benefit (listed in chronological order by event date) include: April 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Owen, Owen-Withee Area Historical Society; May 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Marshfield, Marshfield Area Pet Shelter (MAPS); May 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wausau, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral

Wisconsin; May 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Medford, Suicide Awareness & Prevention; August TBD, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Stevens Point, Beneficiary yet to be determined.

Individuals are limited to three (3) boxes of paper per person, while capacity allows. A donation of \$5 per box thereafter is encouraged. The following items cannot be shredded: black butterfly clips, hanging file folders, three-ring binders, hard drives, magnetic tapes, any plastic items.

Prevail Bank's goal is to pursue what's possible within the communities it serves. It is passionate about economic development, financial stability and growth for individuals, families, and businesses. Prevail Bank is a community bank that is continuously looking for ways to give back, support those pursuing dreams, and make things better in central Wisconsin.

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Spencer High School presents humorous spring play

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

SPENCER -- Spencer High School is proud to announce its latest theatrical production, *How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse* by Ben Muir. The play will be performed at the LuCille Tack Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. May 5-6.

This year's spring play promises to be a thrilling and entertaining experience for everyone. Directed by Kristin Lohrentz, the play follows the story of a group of experts who will teach you, the audience, how to survive a zombie apocalypse. The audience, with the help of our team of zombie experts, will struggle to stay alive, find a way to safety, and determine their own likelihood of surviving a zombie apocalypse.

The talented cast and crew of the play have been working hard for months to bring this exciting production to life. *How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse* is sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

Tickets for *How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse* are \$5.00 for all age groups and can be purchased at the door.

Wildwood Zoo welcomes new red fox

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- Wildwood Zoo has announced the arrival of "Willow," a female red fox.

Willow is a year-old, marble morph fox with a white coat and unique black markings. She was initially kept as a pet and transferred to Wildwood Zoo when her living situation needed to be adjusted. She was not a candidate for being released, as she was too habituated and reliant on humans, and she could not survive on her own.

Willow remained "off exhibit" for the past month to acclimate to her new caretakers and clear her quarantine period. She has proven to be an inquisitive, playful, and easygoing individual. She is a bit shy, but she is adjusting well to her new exhibit. Willow's situation coincided with the passing of Blizzard, the senior arctic fox, and she is fortunate to call Wildwood



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Red foxes are the most common fox species in the

world and the largest of the true foxes. They are typically about three feet long and two feet tall with a red-orange coat, white belly and throat, white-tipped tail, and black ears and legs. They have a long, narrow snout and large, pointed ears. Their proportions vary with their ecosystem; desert-dwelling foxes are taller and lankier with thinner coats, while foxes from colder places are shorter, stocky, and fluffy. They make a range of vocalizations, from soft huffs and whines to loud coughing sounds (called gekkering), barks, and screams. Families will often stay together and share a territory, which may overlap with other families' territories.

There is considerable variation in the color morphs of red foxes. Natural coloring ranges from typical reddish-orange to shades of yellow and tan, nearly white, or almost entirely black. Silver foxes are the most common morph in North America, with a predominantly black coat

and silver mottling across the face and back.

While there have been attempts at domesticating foxes, true domestication has yet to be achieved. Even foxes meant to be companion animals still retain their wild instincts. They are loud, smelly, destructive, and likely to escape if not kept in a proper enclosure. Foxes are also very mouthy and communicate extensively using their teeth. Despite the growing popularity and demand for pet foxes, they do not make good pets.

If you want to keep up with Wildwood Zoo news, check the zoo's Facebook page and city website at www.marshfield.wi.us. In addition to keeping up with the animals, you can learn more about special events, new exhibits, and other happenings. As always, the staff and volunteers at Wildwood Zoo thank you for your past and future support and patronage.

Source: City of Marshfield

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