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# Group stresses sustainable farming, even at large scale

**Evers awards watershed protection group \$25K** 

SIRENA MANKINS **EDITOR** 

MARSHFIELD – Lining the unpaved road leading to the Cavern Point Farm just outside Marshfield, empty fields stand at the ready for spring planting, the quiet of the rural landscape broken by the occasional lowing of cattle grazing in the pasture just beyond the barn.

On the far side of that pasture, marked by a line of trees,

lies the Little Eau Pleine River, just one of hundreds of the Wisconsin River's tributaries. And what flows into the Big Eau Pleine eventually makes its way into the state's largest waterway, including runoff from fields and farms.

"That contributes about 500,000 to 750,000 pounds of phosphorus to the Wisconsin River a year," said Kirstie Heindenreich, a conservationist with Marathon County. "About a third of all the phosphorus in the Wisconsin River is coming from our area."

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Cavern Point Farm in Marshfield uses cover crops to feed its beef cows, baling the grass for winter consumption. The tree line marking the Little Eau Pleine River can be seen in the background. **Sirena Mankins City Times** 











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# Annual Marshfield High senior lock-in seeks donations

BY HUB CITY TIMES STAFF

MARSHFIELD – As the Marshfield High School senior class of 2025 prepares to walk the stage, Project Graduation organizers are preparing for their annual adult-supervised, alcohol-free party. With the June 7 graduation date drawing near, however, organizers are still in need of donations.

With the community's assistance, organizers have been able to continue an almost 40-year tradition in Marshfield, allowing graduates to celebrate their accomplishments in a safe environment. It's a lock-in event, meaning once the graduates enter, they stay until the next morning.

The event dates back to 1987, when a Marshfield teacher called for an event to keep Marshfield graduates safe. Since that time, Marshfield parents have taken the lead on organizing the event.

This year, organizers said they'll have a magician and a hypnotist, as well as karaoke, casino games and more.

They're still accepting donations for food, drinks and gift cards. For more information, contact Lana Marsh at marsh.lana@securityhealth.org.

There's also a link to sign up on our website, www.hub-citytimes.com, and on Facebook.

Project Graduation will be May 24 at the high school Fieldhouse.

# Report: Marshfield scores high on water quality

MARSHFIELD – It comes every month in the mail: your water and sewer bill. But what exactly are you paying for?

That's the question the Wisconsin Waterworks Excellence Project, WWEP, sought to answer when it graded all of Wisconsin's 572 water systems - including Marshfield Utilities. Researchers looked at water quality across several categories -- health and aesthetics, finances, infrastructure and operations, and communications - using data from the state Department of Natural Resources and **Public Service Commission** of Wisconsin spanning 2022 to 2024.

What they found was the vast majority of drinking water systems in the state are excellent when it comes to quality-health, but there is some room for improvement.

As for Marshfield's system, it earned an A grade in

WATER REPORT

QUALITY - HEALTH 99.2 A
INFRASTRUCTURE 79.9 C
FINANCE 86.5 B
COMMUNICATIONS 67.9 D
Source: Wisconsin Waterworks Excellence Project

quality, scoring 99.2.

Water utilities are required to track certain contaminants – such as arsenic, fluoride and nitrates – ensuring those stay below certain levels. If those levels are exceeded and not corrected, they could face penalties from the DNR.

WWEP's founder and lead researcher, Manny Teodoro, is a professor in the La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He told WPR's "Wisconsin Today" that it's easy for consumers to "forget about essential services like water utilities," especially when they're running like they should.

One goal he has with the project is to provide "confidence to residents with high-quality water and critical information to local governments about areas in need of improvement."

"A water utility that's operating very efficiently looks exactly the same as one that is on the verge of disaster the day before the disaster," he told WPR.

Marshfield Utilities second-highest scoring area – finance – measures the financial strength of the utility. That includes capital financing capacity (or debt-to-asset ratio) and affordability, among others. The study found the city's debt-to-asset ratio was relatively low; that means if

it did need to finance any projects, it would be able to take on those new costs if needed.

An area where Marshfield – and most other utilities in the state – could use improvement is with communication. WWEP looked at how easily people could access information via the internet, mobile devices and social media.

Marshfield Utilities does offer all those – including an app for bill-pay – but lacks communication in languages other than English.

For Teodoro, sharing data in a user-friendly way cannot be overstated.

"Drinking water is different from almost everything else that government does," Teodoro told WPR. "We're talking about a government service that comes directly into your home. We immerse our children in it. We cook with it, we take it into our bodies. ... So it carries not

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# Officials: No safe levels of lead in drinking water

#### FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD - The effort to replace lead pipes throughout Marshfield is ongoing, with officials saying it's a matter of public health.

Marshfield In 2020, Utilities found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes with lead service pipes.

Lead poisoning can cause serious health problems, and those effects are permanent. It's especially dangerous for infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), young children and women who are pregnant. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span.

Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior

problems. For adults, they have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure and kidney or nervous system problems.

Those who have a copper service or have had their service updated since 2020, have nothing to be concerned about.

For more information, call Marshfield Utilities at 715-898-2187 or email lead@ marshfieldutilities.org.

#### Tips to reduce lead exposure

Let the water from the tap run for 15-30 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking any time the water in the faucet has gone unused for more than 6 hours.

To conserve water, fill a couple of bottles for drinking water after flushing the tap, and whenever possible

use the first flush water to wash the dishes or water the plants.

Do no cook with, or drink water from the hot water tap. Hot water can dissolve more lead more quickly than cold water.

Remove loose lead solder and debris from the plumbing materials installed in newly constructed homes, or homes in which the plumbing has recently been replaced, by removing the

faucet strainers from all taps and running the water from 3 to 5 minutes.

Have an electrician check your wiring. If grounding wires from the electrical system are attached to

your pipes, corrosion may be greater. Check with a licensed electrician or your local electrical code to determine if your wiring

can be grounded elsewhere. Purchase or lease a home

treatment device, such as reverse osmosis systems or distillers, which can remove lead from your drinking water.

Purchase bottled water for drinking and cooking.

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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

# The Art of Influence: When to Speak and When to Act

Dear Reader,

In a world overwhelmed by noise, wis-

dom is too often drowned out. Today, everything fights for our attention—headlines, outrage, engines—clamoring sirens, for dominance in an already crowded space.

In this chaos, many feel pressure to shout louder, interrupt more forcefully, leap ahead to be seen. But true influ-

ence works differently. The wisest among us understand that what is unseen often holds more power than what demands the spotlight. They are the chess masters—not scrambling for control of the moment, but calculating how to shape the future.

Yet there are moments when even the masters must overturn the board.

We are living through an era where democratic norms are fraying, truth is under siege, and bad actors—some loud, some disturbingly quiet-are working to undermine the pillars of liberty, justice, and human dignity.

There are times for quiet discernment.

But there are also moments when justice demands noise, when liberty demands

> defiance, and when democracy demands bold, public commitment. History does not look kindly on bystanders. It remembers those who spoke when it mattered—those who showed up, stood firm, and refused to let the worst instincts of humanity go unchallenged.

This is not about political partisanship. It is about moral responsibility. It's about whether we believe that truth still matters. That freedom is still worth defending. That the common good still exists.

So ask yourself: What do I stand for? And what will I no longer stand by and watch?

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# | OBITUARIES |



JUDITH MAE PANKRATZ
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Pankratz, 78, of Marshfield
passed away the evening of
April 9th at Wells Nature View.
A memorial service for Judith
will be held at 11:00 am on
Wednesday, April 23rd at
Rembs Funeral Home in
Marshfield. Preston Tippen
will officiate. Her family welcomes relatives and friends for
visitation at the funeral home
from 9:30 until the service. In-

terment will be with her par-

ents at St. Joseph Parish Ceme tery in the Town of Eau Pleine.

Judith was born January 31, 1947 to Leonard J. and Lillian M. (Schroepfer) Laessig. Always the high-achieving student, she attended St. Joseph elementary school and graduated from Stratford High School in 1965. She was united in marriage to James Pankratz on October 11, 1969. They later divorced yet remained friends.

Judy was always a dedicated and loving mother.

She worked as a loan processor at Associate Bank until retirement to focus on her health.

Judy was a member of St. John's Catholic church and walked with the Lord since her childhood. She was a cat lover and huge fan of the Bucks and Brewers. Her quick wit and sense of humor could often bring a smile.

Judy will be dearly missed by her sons David (Robin Scott) Pankratz of Marshfield and Kevin Pankratz of Wausau. She is also survived by a special cousin Sally (Weber) Barrows, California.

She was preceded in death by parents and her special aunt Agnes Weber. The family wishes to send a special thank you to Wells Na-

ture View and St. Croix Hospice for their loving care these last couple of years.

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RALPH ANTON HEDERER Ralph Anton Hederer, 83, of Spencer passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2025, with his family by his side. Born on July 21, 1941, in Marshfield, Wisconsin, to Joseph and Signa (Moen) Hederer. Ralph completed his education in Poitiers American High School in France. He was united in marriage to Judith Sutton on July 6th, 1963 in Marshfield Together, they lovingly raised four children in a house he renovated and rebuilt with his own two hands. He was a truck driver for Land O'Lakes in Spencer for many years. Most importantly, he was a devoted Christian who put God first above everything.

He and his wife were inseparable. There was no Ralph without Judy, and no Judy without Ralph. Most mornings began with a cup of coffee, and a "Well, hon', what should we do today?" For them, every day was an adventure. There was always something to laugh

about, even when times were tough. Each day was a blessing to thank God for.

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Ralph was a man of few words, speaking more with his actions. His entire life was dedicated to creating and building a better world for those he loved, and anyone in need. He was a carpenter, an artist, an inventor and a true craftsman. He could fix or build anything. Often, he would sit in his rocking chair silently pondering his next big idea. He had a relentless determination that would outlast any problem. He didn't give up until the job was done the right way, which usually involved some sort of 'Ralph invention'. He used his many talents to serve others and would drop everything to go and help anyone who needed it.

Ralph's building went beyond mere physical things. In 1972, his devotion to the Lord led him to become one of the founding members of the Marshfield Church of Christ, where he went on to serve selflessly as an elder. There was nothing more important in his life than pleasing God. Ralph was devoted to God's Word, and living by it was what he did every day. His life of humility, service, and dedication to God inspired countless people in their own spiritual journeys. He raised his children to trust and follow the Lord, and his many grandchildren have looked to him as an example of a true faith in God. Despite his quiet nature, he built up others through bible studies, encouraging words and many prayers

Grandpa had a personal and unique relationship with each of his grandchildren and made it a point to be involved in their lives. He was always available to help build a model airplane, or tow a first car from the ditch, play a game of chess, draw a picture together, or to give out \$5 for each tooth lost. Whatever a grandchild was interested in, he was too. He was a true family man, and nothing but his God came before his loved ones.

Ralph leaves behind a family who will forever cherish him in their hearts including his loving wife, Judith Hederer; his children Victoria (Roderick) Bell, Brian (Karen) Hederer Charlotte (Glenn) Brost, and Gregory (Laurie) Hederer; his grandchildren, Cora (Quention) Nash, Elijah (Katie) Bell Mariah (Jacob) Rapert, Esther Bell, Charlotte (Tanner) Henderson, Roderick Bell, Jonathon (Beth) Hederer, Nathan (Julia) Hederer, Rachel (Trevir) Maidel, Gabrielle (Blake) Frazier, Brianna Hederer, Elliot Hederer, Kathryn Hederer Marshall Hederer, Isaac Brost, Olivia (Thomas) Steder Ralph Henry Brost, Patience Brost, Samuel Brost, Linus Brost, Delilah Hederer, Gregory Hederer, Ezekiel Hederer Rose Hederer, Zachariah Hederer and Levi Hederer; his great-grandchildren, James, Lavender, Oliver, Gideon, Gabriel, Oak, Opal, Luca, Armin, Norma, Evie and Robert; his siblings, Joyce Bauer of Marshfield, Arlene Zahradka of Marshfield and David (Judy) Hederer of Spencer; his sistersin-law, Sherry Hederer of Virginia and Joyce Hederer of Marshfield, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives friends, and his church family.

was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Signa Hederer; his grandchildren, Ari Henderson and Grace Ann Hederer; his brothers, Edward, Raymond, Frank, James, and Richard, and his faithful Great Dane companions: Ransom and Uncle Niles.

Per Ralph's wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held by his family at a date to be determined at a later time. Updated information will be posted as it becomes available.

Ralph's arrangements are under the care of Life Tributes Funeral Home-Spencer. Please visit www.lifetributesfuneral home.com to share memories and offer condolences.







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But the national landscape of hospice care is changing, including in Wisconsin. Once run primarily by mission-driven nonprofits, the industry is increasingly privatizing, with private equity playing a growing role.

Wisconsin Watch is partnering with the Multimedia Channels publications Green Bay Press Times, Northwoods Star Journal, Waushara Argus, Merrill Foto News, Marshfield Hub City Times and Wisconsin Rapids City Times to better understand how our communities access hospice and other end-of-life services.

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## **FARMING**

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Too much phosphorus can lead to algae blooms. among other environmental impacts. Those, in turn, can choke out aquatic life, including fish; and turn beaches into unusable seas of green - both of which can hit tourism and other industries.

Cutting those discharges as much as possible, while also maintaining and improving soil health, are at the heart of Jason Cavadini's Cavern Point Farm. He and his wife, Jocelyn, run their grass-fed Angus beef operation along with their four children.

They're also part of the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation, or EPPIC, a Producer-Led Watershed Protection Group, funded by the state Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Gov. Tony Evers was at Cavern Point on April 16 to see the work they're doing after EPPIC was awarded a \$26,000 grant earlier this year. Since 2015, DATCP has given more than \$7.2 million to 52 different groups across the state. The money goes toward conservation education, research and gathering data, among other efforts. In the coming budget, Evers is requesting \$2.5 million for producerled groups in the state.

EPPIC is made up of a diverse group of farmers, from small farms like the Cavadini's to orchards and large dairy farms that milk thousands of cows.

At Cavern Point, the cowcalf pairs are exclusively grass-fed.

"We plant diverse covercrops in (the pasture)," Cavadini explained to Evers as they toured the farm.



Gov. Tony Evers, left, speaks with Jason Cavadini about Cavadini's efforts to reduce runoff into the state's waterways during a tour of Cavadini's farm, Cavern Point in Marshfield. Cavadini is a member of the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation, or EPPIC.

Those crops mature at different times, taking them through the summer. In winter, the cows eat baled

Because the fields never get tilled, the cover crops are able to develop deep root systems that hold soil in place. They're also better able to filter rainwater before it reaches waterways.

"When conservationists see cover crops like this we're practically foaming at the mouth," Heindenreich said. "If we have cover like this on all the soils (throughout the area), this group probably wouldn't even need to exist because we'd ... have perfectly clear water."

When Cavadini first started, he said there weren't many other farms like his in the area.

"We started converting pasture, and it raised a lot of questions in the neighborhood, 'How can you be taking such valuable land and making it into pasture?" he said. "Just to have peer

groups like this, to learn these practices from has been very impactful."

Those practices are also in place at larger farms in Central Wisconsin. including Miltrim Farms in Athens. There, owner David Trimner said they have about 3.000 cows in the largest automated dairy in Wisconsin. To feed those cows, they grow crops on 5,200 acres.

They use a haylage mix on part, which stays on the field for three or four years, which Trimner said creates its own cover crop. They also grow corn for silage.

"We work using no-till, and then cover crops after we harvest to keep that cover on the field all year long," he said.

They've dedicated about 10 acres to a pollinator field, and they've also got about 100 acres of grass buffers, which Trimner said cuts his phosphorus runoff by about half.

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Those few acres can also have a huge impact on a farm's bottom line, said John Strauser, University of Wisconsin grassland and perennial ag outreach specialist.

"If you eliminate those



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Gov. Tony Evers feels the difference between tilled and cropcover soil while touring Cavern Point Farm in Marshfield.

acres that have low performance ... then that farmer has an increase in (profit) margin," he said.

"There's the love story of impacting the landscape for the sake of the environment and clean water, but

you have this overlapping goal being achieved, where you're solidifying the economics of that farmstead by recognizing where we can increase productivity and profitability."



Cavern Point Farm Marshfield uses cover crops to feed its beef cows, baling the grass for winter consumption. The tree line marking the Little Eau Pleine River can be seen in the background.





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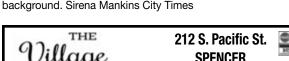
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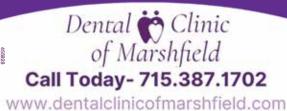
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# Ag supplier building new facility in Marshfield

**EDITOR** 

MARSHFIELD - Work is underway on the new headquarters of an area agricultural supply company, marking the next step in its expansion.

NextGen Agronomy is moving to a 4-acre site at the Yellowstone Industrial Park, including a 2,300 square-foot office building, a 7,800 square-foot agriculture seed storage and a 4,200 square-foot shop.

Hayden Henry, who founded the company in 2020, said it's evolved a few different times, outgrowing multiple warehouses. That led them to look for a place to call home, and they chose Marshfield as the best option.

"This is truly our hub," Henry said. "A lot of our customers are throughout Central Wisconsin."

NextGen offers agronomy services to farmers, including how to optimize

crop yields and ensure efficient resource use. They test nitrate and PH levels in soil, and offer seed, fertilizer and weed management.

"The work that they do is going to fit very well with our community and Central Wisconsin," said Steve Barg, city administrator. "In terms of meeting the needs of agricultural people and all the services that they provide, it's just going to be a perfect fit."

Wood County is home to more than 900 farms, according to the US Department of Agriculture's 2022 Census of Agriculture. Those farms grow almost 136,000 acres of crops each year, offering a customer base made for NextGen.

"A lot of our core business is within a 30-mile radius," said Jordan Weiler, one of Henry's partners. "Crop protection is another core part of our business, mainly for customers who are spraying their own crops."



Hayden Henry, left, and Jordan Weiler at the groundbreaking ceremony of their company, NextGen Agronomy, in Marshfield's Yellowstone Industrial Park. **Submitted Photo** 

That's where NextGen's RAIN 360 system comes into play. It's an autonomous irrigation and manure delivery system that can

be operated through cellular networks, and it can go wherever a planter goes. It can cover 200 acres with up to 3,000 feet of hose.

"We couldn't be more excited to have them on this parcel and looking to grow," Barg said. "I can tell they're an up-and-coming firm that's making in-roads and we look forward to them continuing to expand in the future on this site and in this industrial park."

# Drop off unwanted, expired medications

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - If spring cleaning has you clearing out unwanted or expired prescription drugs from your medicine cabinet, there is a safe way to dispose of those drugs while keeping them off the streets.

This year's national Prescription Drug Take Back Day is set for April 26. and there are collections sites throughout central Wisconsin.

stress that Officials unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities

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National **Prescription Drug** Take Back Day

are not designed to remove all pharmaceuticals, and trace amounts are showing up in rivers and lakes. Instead, the drugs should be turned in.

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Bring: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, inhalers, nonaerosol sprays, creams, vials and pet medications. Vape pens or other e-cigarette devices (batteries removed).

Do not bring: Illegal needles/sharps, drugs. acids, aerosol cans, biohazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, and sunscreens), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas) and mercury thermometers.

Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable plastic bag.

Plastic pill containers should not be collected. Blister packages without the medications being removed are acceptable.

Liquids will be accepted this initiative. during However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging. Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.

Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

# MARSHFIELD AREA PET SHELTER PET OF THE WEEK



Hi, my name is Trixie and I'm an excellent cuddler! I'm about 3 years old and I'm ready to start my new adventure with you. I love being the center of attention, so I would do great in a home where I'm the only cat. I love getting lots of pets, so I promise I'm all the cat you'll ever need! If you're looking for a friendly gal with lots of love to go around, then I'm the kitty for you. Apply for a visit! My adoption fee is \$100.

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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.

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## WATER

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just health consequences, environmental consequences, but it means something to people's relationship with the state.'

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# Showstopper: A hidden plan

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from previous week

Following the April 1894 burning of the Korth Opera House, the city lamented the lack of entertainment venues in the city.

"Since the burning of the opera house, there has been absolutely no place to go where more than a mere handful could gather for mutual enjoyment, and the loss of this play house has been keenly felt by all," a Nov. 22, 1894, Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub article stated.

When a traveling troupe called the "Uncle Tommers" produced an overflow crowd after pitching its tent in Marshfield, the newspaper once again bemoaned the lack of entertainment in the

"The turnout at a small tent show... only goes to prove that the people of this city are amusement hungry, and a new opera house should be the next improvement made in this city.'

However, while witnessing the growing population of short films, Phillip Ader was making plans.

While he was laying about plans for a new hall to be constructed on his property on the northwest corner of South Central and Second — known as the Adler Block — he kept it under wraps due to financial obstacles.

The Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub said that assurance came "when he learned that if Company A could secure a suitable drill hall located downstairs, they would be willing to take it on a long lease at a liberal rental."

The Adler Opera House opened on Oct. 13, 1897, with the return of the Tennessean Jubilee Singers, who had previously performed at the Korth Opera House.

When the opera house opened at 107 E. Second in Marshfield, motion picture exchanges were renting out a steady supply of films to distributors.

immediately Adler began showing films on a hand-crank projector, presented on a curtain.

Many of the films replayed real-life events, such as the inauguration of President William McKinley and the Pan American Expositions, while others were reenactments of short segments of well-known, scripted performances.

During the following years, business blossomed for Adler.

With the numerous rail lines coming in and out of the city, Marshfield became a mecca of entertainment as the Adler Hall became a convenient halfway stop for the numerous vaudeville acts traveling from Milwaukee/ Chicago to the Twin Cities.

Vaudeville — an outgrowth of waning circus acts — was enjoying its heyday. With the great diversity of the 10-20 minute acts, the shows provided something for everyone. Notorious public figures brought audiences clamoring for a ticket. Renowned individuals like Bob Ford reenacted his killing of Jesse James hundreds of times throughout



pictured, and the Pan American Expositions, while others were reenactments of short segments of well-known, scripted performances Library of Congress photo

the country.

Entertainment the Adler Hall was a steady stream of visiting show troupes and film presentations.

As work at the hall grew more and more demanding, Philip increasingly enlisted the help of his son, John Peter "J.P." At 10 years of age, J.P. had proven to be a great help, from the building of the hall to the arduous state in which it now operated

To be continued

which Thisseries, continue through

upcoming editions of our publication, is a chronicle of the Adler family history in Wood County as relayed by J.P.'s daughter, Bette, and used with permission by the author.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# A wish from Smokey Bear and your local DNR foresters

To the Editor:

Spring is in the air — this means warmer temperatures and longer days, but also that wildfire season is upon us. As your local Department of Natural Resources foresters, our workdays tend to get a little busier this time of year, responding to numerous wildfires in the area.

People ask us in disbelief all the time, "Wisconsin has wildfires?" Yes, we do! As a matter of fact, 98% of these fires are caused by people and can be easily prevented. When we're out patrolling on a warm, dry, windy day, we're also interacting with people in our community. Most of these conversations are spent educating the public about the simple things that can be done to easily prevent some of these unwanted human-caused wildfires.

These same conversations we're having over and over got us thinking, if only we had the opportunity to let more people know a few simple things that will keep everyone a little safer.

So, here's our plea to you, as we head into the peak of our fire season here in Wood County, we ask that you take a hot minute to learn before you burn by following these three steps:

Step 1: Get a DNR annual burn permit (it's free) by visiting our website at dnr. wi.gov and search wisburn.

Step 2: Check the daily burn restrictions after 9 a.m. to see if burning is allowed. Follow the rules and safety tips of the burn permit.

Step 3: Pay close attention to permitted burning hours and any size limitations. Go the extra mile to make sure fires are completely out. Remember – even when the flames die down, your fire is not necessarily completely



Trevor Woodall, left, Alissa Wittmann, Gavin Hutchinson and Aaron Wallace, Wisconsin Rapids Submitted photo **DNR Foresters** 

out. Embers can remain hot for days and have the potential to reignite. Use lots of water, drown, stir and repeat until cold. Go back and check again later for any remaining smoke or

embers.

Tell your family. Tell your friends. Tell your coworkers. Fire season is here! As our friend Smokey says, "Only you can prevent wildfires.'

Yours Sincerely,

Trevor Woodall, Alissa Wittmann, Gavin Hutchinson and Aaron Wallace

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# COLBY AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



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# Changes at Colby High prepare students for life after graduation

**BY STEVEN WOZNIAK** FOR THE CITY TIMES

COLBY — In an effort to better equip students for success beyond the classroom, Colby High School has implemented a series of changes over the past few years focused on academic and career readiness. Through Academic and Career Planning (ACP), expanded dual enrollment opportunities, and updated graduation requirements, Colby is ensuring its students are more prepared than ever for life after high school.

# Academic and career planning: A student-driven path to success

At the heart of this transformation is Academic and Career Planning, a comprehensive, student-centered process that helps students map out their futures. ACP is built around self-exploration, career discovery, and goal setting—encouraging students to make informed decisions based on their interests and ambitions.

Colby has integrated weekly ACP lessons tailored by grade level. Freshmen start with essential workplace skills, such as punctuality, email etiquette, and 4 year planning. Sophomores take a deeper dive into resume writing, job interviews, and career clusters. Notably, each sophomore participates in a mock interview conducted by local businesses, gaining real-world feedback on their interview skills

By junior year, students begin aligning their interests with concrete opportunities—exploring colleges, technical schools, or direct-to-workforce paths. Many take advantage of job-shadowing, dual credit options, and visits to post-secondary institutions. Seniors then bring it all together—finalizing plans, applying for scholarships, refining resumes, and preparing for graduation.

# Building college connections through dual enrollment

Colby High School has created strong partnerships with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and the University of Wisconsin System, allowing students to get a jumpstart on their postsecondary education. Through dual enrollment, students can earn both high school and

college credits simultaneously in courses taught by Colby educators with NTC-approved curricula.

Students can also participate in specialized academy

programs such as the Health Academy or the First Responder Firefighter Academy. These pathways provide a focused track of NTC coursework aligned with a student's career interests. For example, participants in the Firefighter Academy complete training to become certified First Responders and Firefighters, working directly with the Central Fire and EMS District. These hands-on programs are helping Colby students enter high-demand fields with a competitive edge.

Additionally, many juniors and seniors take part in the Start College Now program, which enables them to take college-level courses not offered at Colby—either

online or on-campus. This option benefits students pursuing niche career paths or those who have already completed advanced coursework at the high school level.

These dual credit options also offer financial advantages. This past year alone, Colby students saved over \$94,000 in college tuition through courses taken via NTC and Start College Now.

# Raising expectations: New graduation requirements

To further support student growth and competitiveness, Colby High School has updated its graduation requirements. The minimum credit requirement has been raised from 24 to 26, encouraging a broader and deeper academic experience.

Among the newly required courses is Computer Applications, which equips students with essential digital skills in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and internet safety—critical competencies in today's academic and professional world.

In addition, students must now complete 20 hours of community service over their four years, reinforcing the value of civic engagement and volunteerism.

Finally, Colby has made ACP completion a formal graduation requirement, ensuring every student leaves high



school with a personalized and actionable plan for their future.

# **Moving forward**

With these changes, Colby High School is actively shaping a culture that values both academic excellence and real-world readiness. From college-bound scholars to future first responders, Colby's students are more empowered than ever to take control of their futures.









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# Advance directives can ease healthcare planning stress

An advance directive allows you to choose who you want to make medical decisions for you if you're not able to make them for yourself.

–Julie Barge

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING COORDINATOR WITH ASPIRUS HEALTH

#### FOR CITY TIMES

STEVENS POINT, Wis. - Who will make and communicate your medical decisions if you are unable to speak for yourself?

Many people don't realize that Wisconsin is not a next-of-kin state. This means that spouses, adult children, parents of adult children or other family members are not automatically authorized to make medical decisions for you. That's why health officials say all adults should complete an advance directive a document that specifies who you choose to be your power of attorney for healthcare.

"An advance directive allows you to choose who you want to make medical decisions for you if you're not able to make them for yourself," said Julie Barge, advance care planning coordinator with Aspirus Health. "It also enables you to specify your wishes regarding care facility placement, and the type of treatment you want or don't

Having an advance directive is a win-win, Barge said, even if you live in a next-of-kin state, like Minnesota.

Should the time ever

come that you cannot make or communicate your own medical decisions, you will have identified who you want to make those decisions for you, and that person will know your wishes. They can be your voice. Research has shown that this reduces stress, guilt and questioning whether the right decisions were made. It can also prevent delays and costly legal expenses.

"If you don't have an advance directive that names your power of attorney for healthcare, the case may go to court, which can delay treatment decisions and cost thousands of dollars," Barge said. "In addition, if your loved ones don't agree on your care plan, it can cause a lot of stress."

When choosing a health care agent or advocate, you need to consider who will honor your wishes, even if they don't agree with them. Who can handle stress and will be a good advocate for vou? As life changes, a new document should be completed to reflect your current choices, values and wishes.

Completing an advance directive may be easy for some and difficult for



Julie Barge, advance care planning coordinator with Aspirus Health, left, speaks with Mark and Jenni Brandt. Jenni is Mark's designated caregiver and has power of attorney for his healthcare Submitted photo

others. Aspirus offers free assistance with trained facilitators either in person, via phone or virtually.

"We go through the form and answer your questions," Barge said. "We can help vou think about scenarios you may not have thought about and discuss what your wishes would be. The document is then scanned into your medical record, you keep the original, and we can make copies for you at no charge."

Advance care planning kits are available in at Aspirus clinics and hospitals and at aspirus.org/ advance-directives. may also request a kit be mailed to you by calling our Aspirus Customer Contact Center at (800) 847-4707.



Advance directives specify who you choose to be your power of attorney for healthcare if you're not able to make those decisions yourself. Submitted photo

Art Stevenson and High Water

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# **Show brings sounds of bluegrass to Pittsville**

#### FOR THE CITY TIMES

PITTSVILLE - An area musician will bring the sounds of mountain music to the Pittsville School Auditorium stage early next month.

Art Stevenson and the High Water Band features a father-son duo on mandolin and upright base, Bruce King and Bruce King Jr. from southern Wisconsin; and Dobro and banjo picker Dale Reichert of Rosholt. Mountain music, an early American oral tradition, tells stories and sings of life's joys, hopes and sorrows.

Doors for the May 10 performance open at 6 p.m., with the band taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors or \$3 for students; they can be purchased online at Eventbrite or in downtown Pittsville at Wisconsin Farm Business.

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The run offers 5K and 1 mile courses, which people are welcome to walk, and it will be April 26 at Wildwood in Marshfield. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Runners and walkers can earn prizes, including a two-night stay for four at Wilderness Waterpark in the Wisconsin Dells. For every \$100 raised, participants will earn a chance at the grand prize. All sponsorship money raised must be at House of Hope by 4 p.m. April 24, or turned in online by midnight that day.

Shirley's House of Hope is a Christian-based nonprofit that offers both

The annual Run for Hope is a fundraiser for Shirley's House of Hope, which offers services to those suffering from domestic violence and drug addiction. Submitted photo

emergency and long-term shelter. In the past 14 years, it has helped more than 600 women and children.

receive

government funding and are supported solely be the generous and caring people in the Marshfield and surrounding area," said Julie

Cravillion, executive director, in a release.

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Kris Meyer and his son, Ty, of Meyer Farms in Loyal demonstrate the 10-horse pyramid hitch at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison. The hitch style was perfected by Kris Meyer's father, Randy, who died in February. The demonstration was part of a tribute to Randy Meyer.

# Horse fair tribute honors Meyer Farms patriarch

**CITY TIMES STAFF** 

MADISON – It was a bittersweet return to the ring at the Midwest Horse Fair for Meyer Farms of Loyal.

For years, the Meyers have been showcasing the majestic power of their Belgian work horses, and their skill holding the reins while demonstrating 10-horse pyramid hitch. The formation involves 10 horses hooked up in a "bowling pin" layout, with a row of four horses, then three, then two and finally one at the front. Each row is controlled by a different set of reins; those are each controlled by a different finger on each hand.

The Meyer method was perfected by

The Boy Behind Green Bay Football

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Randy Meyer, who died in February. The Midwest Horse Fair paid tribute to Meyer during special performances April 11 and 12, with the team driven by his son, Kris, and grandson, Ty. This was the second year the family was asked to perform at the event.



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MARSHFIELD – After years of delay, the deadline to switch to Wisconsin's Real ID is fast approaching.

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Getting a REAL ID is optional, and the state Department of Motor Vehicles said your current driver license or ID status will remain unchanged until it expires.

REAL ID's are marked with a star, and the change is part of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005. It required the federal government create standards for identification, such as driver's licenses, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

The price to get a Real ID in Wisconsin is the same as getting or renewing a regular driver's license — \$34. A regular photo ID costs \$28.

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# Activities can promote cognitive health while aging

Maintaining physical health as a body ages is an important consideration, and often one of the first things that comes to mind when people think about being healthy. Yet physical health is only one component of a healthy lifestyle; individuals also must pay attention to what they do to promote cognitive health.

A 2023 study from the National Center for Biotechnology Information at the National Institutes of Health indicated that some decline in cognitive abilities is a natural part of the aging process. Attention, memory, executive cognitive function, language, and visuospatial abilities exhibit measurable declines with age, according to the study.



Activities can promote cognitive health while aging, increasing the number of blood vessels that bring oxygen-rich blood to the Contributed photo

Just because some measure of cognitive impairment occurs as the years march on doesn't mean that seniors are powerless against Father Time. Certain behaviors and activities can help improve cognition.

## Physical activity

It is important to stay physically active, not only for the body, but also for the brain. Harvard Health says research shows when animals exercise regularly, the

See **AGING** page 16

# Rare organ donation 'changes lives'

FOR CITY NEWS

WISCONSIN RAPIDS - A tragic loss for one family has given new hope to four others.

Late this winter, Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Hospital had the rare opportunity to facilitate organ donation. The donor was able to change the lives of four people in the Midwest with the gifts of both kidneys, both lungs and their liver.

Organ donations Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids occur only about once a year, making each instance a testament to the collaboration. compassion and expertise of the care team. In this recent case, the patient whose family chose to honor their legacy through donation was able to provide life-saving gifts to individuals in critical need.

"We have so few organ donor cases at Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids, which makes these events incredibly rare and meaningful," said Kim Johnson, vice president of patient care and chief nursing officer for Aspirus Health's Southwest Division. "It is our privilege to work alongside our partners at Organ Procurement

Knowing that we will all ultimately pass, but a piece of us gets to continue to live on through donation, makes the hard work we all put into the patient worth it.

—Morgan Rose

REGISTERED NURSE, ASPIRUS WISCONSIN RAPIDS HOSPITAL

Organizations to honor the wishes of the donor family and provide a life-saving gift to those in need."

From the moment the patient's family made the selfless decision to donate, Aspirus' intensive care unit and emergency department collaborated with transplant specialists to coordinate the process. Nurses, physicians and support staff provided compassionate care while guiding the family through the emotional journey, offering comfort and ensuring the family's wishes were honored.

For the recipient families, this act represents a second chance, a moment they may have thought would never come. For the Aspirus team, it is a reminder of the critical role community hospitals play in the broader health care network.

"More than 1,400 people

in Wisconsin are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant," Johnson said. "By choosing to register as an organ donor, one person

can save up to eight lives

through organ donation, restore sight to two people through cornea donation, and heal more than 75 people through tissue donation."

Aspirus hospitals, includ-Wisconsin Rapids, have an agreement with an Organ Procurement Organizations, and it is their responsibility to notify them when a patient may qualify as an organ donor. The OPO then works closely with the hospital team and the donor's family to provide support through the entire recovery process.

"Organ donation saves lives," said Morgan Rose, a registered nurse at Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Hospital. "The impact of knowing that while we will all ultimately pass, but a piece of us gets to continue to live on through donation makes the hard work we all put into the patient worth it."

Aspirus encourages residents in the communities it serves to give hope and help save lives by registering your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor at organdonor.gov, in the Medical ID tab of your iPhone Health app, or at the Wisconsin DMV.

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#### FOR THE CITY TIMES

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The most common warns of a "final reminder" of an "outstanding toll. . ." Some scams duplicate the look of official WisDOT content. These are not from WisDOT or DMV. Wisconsin consumers should be wary of emails or messages that don't seem true. For example, Wisconsin does not have tolls.

Wisconsin DMV urges consumers to be on the lookout and follow these

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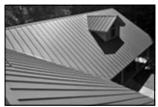
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# Forerunner: Lambeau gets jump start on Draft process

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY - "In the early 1930s there was no Draft system. It was pretty much a free-for-all, as far as free agency goes," said Packers Hall of Fame Curator Brent Hensel.

Hensel gave Packers Head Coach Curly Lambeau much of the credit for the foundation of the Draft.

"He was really ahead of the game in the Draft. He realized quickly, actually, probably by accident. He started scouting some of the college players in the All Star games as early as 1930, and what I mean by accident... Curly liked to head out to California, out to the West Coast, and he started going to the East-West Shrine game. Just by accident, he realized, 'Hey, I can learn a lot about some great college players.' He ends up drafting them and it becomes a huge advantage for him, while others really didn't have any kind of scouting system, or (an idea of) how to look at prospects other than when they went to the Draft," Hensel

"So usually on New Year's Day, he would go back

and watch several major college all-star games. In fact, in 1936, Lambeau and his second wife drove out from Green Bay to San Francisco, arriving on Dec. 26, and he would watch this East-West Shrine game and it influenced his first couple of picks."

In the Jan. 19, 1951 edition of the San Francisco Examiner, Sports Editor Curley Grieve calls Lambeau the "smartest builder of pro football clubs."

"As far as the pros are concerned, I discovered the East-West game. There was a time when I had it all to myself. I came out here annually and built my team. I have missed only one game since it started," Lambeau told Grieve.

"It was back in 1925 that I signed the first of my greats — Lavvie Dilweg of Marquette. Then came a long series — players like Clarke Hinkle of Bucknell, Hank Bruder and Tiny Ingebretsen of Northwestern, Cecil Isbell or Purdue. Whatever success I had at Green Bay was due almost entirely to the East-West game. I never heard of some of the players who later starred for me



Packers Head Coach Curly Lambeau, actress Myrna Kennedy and Chicago Bears' Red Grange attend an All Star game in 1933. Packer Hall of Fame Inc. photo

until I saw them in action at Kezar. The Shrine game was — and still is — an

All-America showcase. I owe my reputation to it."

Hensel said that in

Lambeau's first Draft — in 1936 — two of his top three choices played on the West

Packers Lineman Russ Letlow — No. 1 choice and seventh overall selection in the first NFL Draft —holds the distinction of being the Packers' first-ever draft pick.

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# Streets around Lambeau close as NFL Draft site build begins

FOR THE CITY TIMES

GREEN BAY - With the NFL Draft just weeks away in Green Bay, work has begun to construct the site, including the Draft Theater on the east side of Lambeau Field on Oneida Street, adjoining the Resch campus.

To accommodate the site footprint, South Oneida Street is closed between Lombardi Avenue and the entrance to Lot 1 on the stadium's southeast side. Armed Forces Drive is closed to vehicle traffic.

Visitors to Lambeau Field are asked to park in the north and west lots off of Lombardi and Ridge Road (Lots 4, 5 and 6), with very limited parking available in front of the Packers Pro Shop and the American Family Insurance Gate.

Access to the Lambeau Field parking lots will become more limited as the site build progresses and more street closures begin.

More information will be shared as work progresses.

The Lambeau Field Atrium, including the Packers Pro Shop, 1919 Kitchen & Tap, Packers Hall of Fame and Stadium Tours, is open for regular

Atrium hours of operation for the week before and the week of the Draft are still being determined.

The Packers ask that visitors attending events at the Resch Center plan ahead for parking, as the large east side lots at Lambeau Field will not be available.

Titletown and its businesses are also open normal hours, and visitors may continue using the Titletown parking lot.

Guests visiting Titletown in the coming weeks are asked to inquire with individual Titletown businesses regarding their hours of operation.

Other local businesses near the Draft campus remain open as the site build continues.

For the latest information about road closures, detours and what to know in the coming weeks as the Draft approaches, visitors and community members are encouraged to check packers.com and the Packers' social platforms, as well as greenbay. com/draft25 for up-to-date information

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# The bidding war behind the NFL Draft

BY KRIS LEONHARDT SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – On May 19, 1935, the NFL club owners approved a plan for a college player selection process, now known as the NFL Draft.

"The players were free to sign with any team before this," said Packers Hall of Fame Curator Brent Hensel, "and then, Bert Bell, who at the time was the Eagles owner but would become the future NFL commissioner, called for teams to select players in inverse order of how they finished from the previous

"The NFL owners would adopt this college draft with altruistic intentions in mind. Basically, the decision was driven by the high-price bidding war that would take place over one player, a player from Minnesota named Stan Kostka"

Stanislaus "Stan" Kostka

was the son of Polish immigrants, born in St. Paul in July 1912.

"The six-foot-tall, 220-pound, blonde, fullback initially played at Oregon but transferred home to Minnesota for his sophomore year," recalled the Minnesota Golden Gophers The Daily Gopher in April 2017

"Kostka had a monster college career. In his first game as a Gopher. Stan scored four touchdowns in the first half. Over his three seasons in... he averaged 6.8 yards per carry. After going undefeated in 1934, Kostka's junior year, the Big Ten announced that Stan had used all of his eligibility. The eligibility committee had decided to retroactively count his year on the freshman football team at Oregon. Despite Bernie Bierman's protests in the offseason, Stan had no choice but to turn pro.

"As soon as the end of Stan's college career

was announced each NFL franchise contacted the Minnesota Golden Gophers star. All nine teams in the NFL attempted to sign Stan. Rumors spread that various teams were close to signing Kostka, but the two teams with the most resources to throw at him were the Brooklyn Dodgers (the football team), and the Philadelphia Eagles. Kostka had an interesting negotiating tactic, 'A team would send me a wire and say they'd give me \$3,500,' he recalls. 'I'd send a wire back and say Green Bay or the Chicago Bears said they'd give me \$4,000. I kept that up.

"The Philadelphia Eagles were so angry about missing out on Kostka that they convinced the NFL of the need for the Draft. Instead of letting players go to the highest bidder, the draft would level the playing field by granting the worst team from the previous year the first pick."



As soon as the end of Stan's college career was announced each NFL franchise contacted the Minnesota Golden Gophers star.

Minnesota Golden Golphers photo

Koskta only played one season of professional football.

He later coached several seasons with North Dakota State and served as a Navy

lieutenant during World War II.



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The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times to be highlighted each week for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www. packershofandtours.com. If you would like to donate

Green Bay Packers memorabilia to the Packers Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.

This photo from Lumberjack Band Director Wilner Burke's papers features seven original Lumberjack Band members. The photo was taken on an outing to Chicago, Ill., in 1929. The names listed on the photo include "Harry, Willie, Dave, Ray, Gene, Geo and Howy."

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# Free registration for bikes, scooters

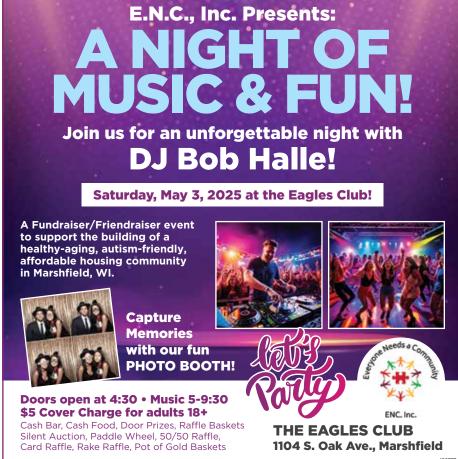
MARSHFIELD – The warming weather means more people will be hitting the streets on two wheels as they head to school and work.

The Marshfield Police Department wants to remind people to get their bicycles and electric scooters registered. Doing so can help officials locate bikes and scooters if they're lost or stolen. The best part? It's free.

Registration forms are available online at the city of Marshfield website. All you have to do is fill out the form, bring it to the police department, and receive a sticker which you can then place on your bicycle/electric scooter.

Police also say everyone should wear a properly fitted helmet, use hand signals and follow the rules of the road. If your child needs a helmet, the police department does have some available.





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# Varsity girls take 2nd in hunt for track championship

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STEVENS POINT – Marshfield fell just a half-point behind SPASH girls for the Wisconsin Valley Conference Indoor Championship.

Topping it off was Natalie Scharenbroch placing second in the 1,600-meter run, breaking Marshfield High School's school record. Scharenbroch ran 5:23.54, breaking the 5:24.44 record set by Rebecca Voss in 2014.

It was a team effort to stay in the hunt for first place. This meet wasn't about champions in each event; it was about how many of the 30 entries were able to place in the Top 8 in each event to score points for the team.

#### All Conference Awards go to the Top 3 in each event:

1,600 Run: Natalie Scharenbroch, 2nd; Adeline Lonsdale, 3rd

4x200 Relay: McKenzie Holm, Hannah Ridgway, Emma Ridgway, and Ryann Kilty, 3rd

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**Varsity girls** 

Stevens Point...... 141

Marshfield ...... 140.50

D. C. Everest ...... 125.50

Wausau West ...... 110.50

Wausau East......36

Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln...... 13

Merrill ...... 15.50



Natalie Scharenbroch

60 Dash: Gracie Ridgway, 2nd

800 Run: Natalie Scharenbroch, 1st; Adeline Lonsdale, 2nd

200 Dash: Gracie Ridgway, 2nd

4x400: Lucy Luedtke, McKenzie Holm, Ella Joyce, Hailey Klumb, 2nd

Pole Vault: Devyn Le Moine, 2nd

Long Jump: Gracie Ridgway, 2nd

High Jump: Emma Ridgway 1st; Gracie Ridgway, 3rd

Triple Jump: Lily Adler, 3rd



Marshfield fell just a half-point behind SPASH girls for the Wisconsin Valley Conference Indoor Championship. Submitted photo

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number of tiny blood vessels that bring oxygen-rich blood to the brain increase. More oxygen can reach an area of the brain that is responsible for thought and help improve brain function. Exercise also lowers blood pressure, cholesterol levels and blood sugar, all of which can be beneficial to the brain.

# Engage in relaxing activities

People who are depressed, sleep-deprived

or anxious tend to score poorly on cognitive function tests. While this may not be an indicator of cognitive decline, it is important to engage in behaviors that promote happiness and restfulness for mental health. Meditation, yoga, deep breathing exercises, and activities that help a person smile and laugh can be good for the brain.

# Participate in stimulating activities

Stimulating activities, like word games, gardening, dancing, or playing a musical instrument, can help maintain cognitive function and enhance memory, says Healthline. Doing things that require mental effort can help stimulate and maintain cognitive function and also may improve emotional well-being.

#### Read more often

Various studies indicate that reading can promote strong mental health. In addition to keeping a person entertained or informed, reading exercises the brain. There are new words to learn, new scenarios to imagine and locations to envision. Sharing a summary of what was read with others also helps work the

brain in different ways, all of which are good for cognitive health.

#### Make new recipes

Browsing through a recipe, shopping for the ingredients, putting the ingredients together, and producing the finished product all can work the brain. A person is reading, engaging in math, predicting the results, and utilizing the senses during the process of cooking.

Various activities can promote strong cognitive health and may help to reduce or delay cognitive decline through the years.

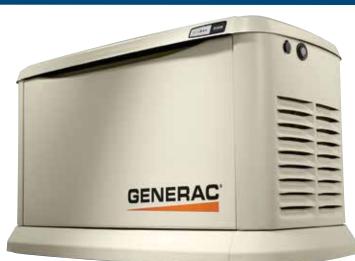


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