

County receives \$3.1 million in opioid settlement

Tomas Ward Beacon Correspondent

Sheboygan County Supervisors entered into a second round of settlement agreements with manufacturers and distributors of pharmaceutical opioids. Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS are among the defendants who agreed to settle a large number of lawsuits consolidated into multi-district litigation and presented in the federal Northern District of Ohio.

Sheboygan County Administrator Alayne Krause, in her first report to the board since being appointed to the position last month, said that the first round yielded around \$3.1 million paid to the county, disbursed to agencies and individuals over multiple years. She expects that the second round will pay somewhat less than that sum.

Conservationists of all stripes can also celebrate action taken by the County Board.

A resolution passed unanimously to accept a cash gift of \$27,000 from Ducks Unlimited (DU) for the purpose of acquiring a 13-acre parcel to add to the Sheboygan Broughton Marsh. "We are very pleased to partner with DU," said Krause. She added that the new plot comprises delineated wetlands.

2023 will also see other significant changes to the county's most popular park. Planners intend to draw down the water level for most of the year, in order to replace the dam and bypass tube.

The repairs are needed to control the hydrology of the Sheboygan River as it flows through the marsh, and to prevent cattails from dominating the emergent ecosystem at the expense of a multispecies mix.

The measure was one of several passed by the board, all without opposition.

Other successful resolutions included Road America's being granted a right of first refusal to purchase a gravel pit on County J; an amendment to the pay scale for county dispatchers to increase recruitment; and recognition of the service of former Supervisor James P. Glavan, who passed away in February.



IN HONOR OF HER SERVICE – Ladder trucks from the Plymouth and Town of Sheboygan Fire Departments raised a large flag over E. Main St., Plymouth March 21 for a funeral procession for Wendy McKnight, age 50, who served as an EMT and Firefighter with Plymouth Fire and Rescue for 25 years, as well as many years with Orange Cross Ambulance. –Beacon photo by lan Johanson

Opioid overdose medication OK'd for OTC sales

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Narcan, 4 milligram (mg) naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for over-the-counter (OTC), nonprescription, use – the first naloxone product approved for use without a prescription.

Naloxone is a medication that rapidly reverses the effects of opioid overdose and is the standard treatment for opioid overdose. The action paves the way for the life-saving medication to reverse an opioid overdose to be sold directly to consumers in places like drug stores, convenience stores, grocery stores and gas stations, as well as online.

The timeline for availability and price of this OTC product is determined by the manufacturer. The FDA will work with all stakeholders to help facilitate the continued availability of naloxone nasal spray products during the time needed to implement the Narcan switch from prescription to OTC status, which may take months.

Drug overdose persists as a major public health issue in the United States, with more than 101,750 reported fatal overdoses occurring in the 12-month period ending in October 2022, primarily driven by synthetic opioids like illicit fentanyl.



Salon owner finds her path in life – with a nudge from grandma

by Dave Boehler for The Beacon

Kelsey Leonard's hair salon is approaching its one-year anniversary and she's getting married in a few months. Things have come a long way for the Phoenix native, who told a friend a couple of years ago it felt like her life was falling apart.

"It gives me goose bumps," the owner of Shades of Jade in downtown Plymouth said. "I'm so incredibly grateful. When I first moved to Plymouth, it was a huge culture shock for me. And I think I was for them, too. If you look at me aesthetically, I have just a lot of quirky, aesthetic choices. I always say I love to accessorize everything in life, from top to bottom. But I'm just so grateful. I'm grateful for this town. I'm grateful that I was different. I'm grateful that they're different than me, because I think we can really balance and help each other.

"The first couple of years, I cried a lot and now I'm like so contentedly happy.

Shades of Jade Salon, located at 216 E Mill Street (the former site of Christel's Pet Supplies & More), opened a year ago on April 18

Leonard, who does all hair services for all ages as well as facial waxing, specializes in traditional, fashion and corrective color

The salon is open Tuesday through Thursday by appointment only (623-680-0017), and opens as early as 7 a.m. and closes as late as 9 p.m.

Who knows what would be there today if it weren't for Leonard's grandmother.

While living in Arizona, Leonard had a young child when she realized her retail jobs just weren't working out anymore. She didn't know what she wanted to do for a career, until one day grandma suggested she become a hairdresser.

Leonard, however, told her she didn't know how to be one.

"She was like, 'me neither, but I think you'd be a good one," Leonard said. "Seriously, like five to seven days later, driving to my job the way I always went, across the street there was a sign 'beauty school, now enrolling.' "I was like, 'well, if grandma

says it's right, I must try it.'

Even though Leonard had never cut hair, and the only experience she had was dabbing with a different color of her own as well as braiding a friend's daughter's for prom?

"I never even considered it," she said. "I didn't even realize you had to go to school for it, or how one even became a hair dresser.'

Leonard still pursued it, and then moved to Plymouth almost

seven years ago to be closer to her mother, Bambi.

She worked a couple of months in a salon and admits it felt like she moved from a "really big city" to a "really small, farming, factory community" and was unsure where she would fit in.

Leonard also worked at a coffee house for a year or so, and got to know the town and the people more. She spent a couple years at Walmart, returned to another salon and eventually decided she was ready to be on her own.

"I wanted freedom of my time," Leonard said. "I was fortunate to have a full clientele and knew there was a way I could work to live and not live to work.

"I wanted to be able to have a private space. I noticed when children screamed, or moms had to bring their kids, it just created a lot of confusion in a salon. I would notice that my clients would be whispering when they wanted to tell me private things and vent. I really wanted a space for them to be able to do that, and moms to come with their kids.'

Leonard insisted, though, her salon had to have a window for plants and sunshine.

Her fiance told her that likely would be hard to find, and she might have to settle for whatever while waiting for a



KELSEY LEONARD (left) and her mother, Bambi, work at Shades of Jade Salon, 216 E. Mill St., Plymouth. The salon opened last April. – Beascon photo by Dave Boehler

place with a window to become available.

"One night we pulled up for dinner and there was a for rent sign," Leonard said. "I was like, 'oh my gosh! We were just talking about this three days earlier. That building's for rent and there's a window. That's mine.

And within a week, I had the lease signed.

It's more than just a salon, too. "Every day is like take your

mom to work day," she said.

Bambi is there all three days with her daughter. She works on crafts in the back and sells them - along with her chicken eggs - up front.

"She was just super stoked that I was going to have something downtown and she gets to come here," Leonard said. "We've fired each other at least

once or twice. But we're having fun and laughing when we do it."

Student excited to work in new wave of science

Dave Boehler for The Beacon

Plymouth's Michael Troka won first place in the AADOCR Hatton Competition last week in Oregon, and the University of Penn dental student advances to the international level June 20 in Bogota, Colombia, as a result.

The 2019 PHS graduate was awarded \$1,000 and a plaque in Portland from the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research after spending a year and a half creating a software tool that tells how cells are "talking" to each other in

specific diseases. "I was really happy because of the hours and hours of work I put in, because I basically taught myself how to code," he said. "I went from knowing nothing about computer programs to now publishing scientific software that scientists and investigators all around the world will eventually be able to use. So that was really cool."

Troka gave his presentation on March 14 - he found out he won the next day - and admits there were some nerves because it is really hard to explain what the soft-

ware does

"Even to a scientific audience, because not a lot of people understand computer programming, especially in biology because it's kind of new," he said. "It's kind of this new up-and-coming wave of science. So even getting other biologists and other people in science to understand can sometimes be difficult. That worried me. "But I was able to explain it clearly, communicate its importance and ended up doing well, which I was very happy about. Because any good publicity it gets now in the scientific community will get this tool out there and allow other scientists to use it, which is ultimately what I want because that will benefit everyone. Creating these new tools to improve the research process are really important, and that's what I'm most excited about: seeing what everyone else can do now with the tool.'

Growing up, Troka was inspired by his grandfather, who had a 60-year career practicing dentistry. His uncle still works in the field

So Troka enrolled at Penn and already spent three years there as an undergraduate with three more years remaining.



CUTTING EDGE - Dental student Michael Troka, who aspires to be an oral surgeon, won an award for developing software that tells how cells communicate with each other. His work is headed to an international competition next. - Submitted photo

After that, he thinks he'll apply for a residency position in oral and maxillofacial surgery, which means another six years of school

Does he ever wake up on a Monday morning wonder-ing what he got himself into? "It's all day by day, one exam at a time," Troka said. "Even now, being able to shadow and see the look on a patient's face when you've completely changed their life - just in normal dental school we handle cleanings and doing crowns,

bridges, even that work - making someone smile is the best it can be. That's very fulfilling for me. Eventually, that goal is to save someone's life from cancer and completely reconstructing their face. That's what keeps me going."

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'Cheese' brings partisanship to Washington

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) joined Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Ron

Wyden (D-OR) in introducing the Codifying Úseful Regulatory Definitions (CURD) Act, bipartisan legislation to help better inform consumers' cheese purchasing decisions and provide clarity for Wisconsin's dairy industry. The CURD Act would codify a formal definition of "natural cheese," a term commonly used on food packaging that currently has no official definition.

"Wisconsin's dairy farmers and cheesemakers work hard to produce high-quality cheese products that are known across the globe and move our Made in Wisconsin economy forward," said Senator Baldwin. "This legislation honors their celebrated products and makes sure consumers know what products on the shelf meet the definition of 'natural cheese' and what do not.

"Wisconsin is known for its cheese, in all its forms and va-rieties," Senator Johnson said. "Codifying the definition of 'natural cheese' will allow consumers the necessary information to make informed decisions when purchasing and enjoying the great products of our state."

Cheesemakers have long used the term "natural cheese" to distinguish products that use basic ingredients and are made directly from milk - like cheddar, swiss, cream, parmesan and string - from processed cheeses that incorporate extra steps, including cleaning, blending, and melting. Un-der the CURD Act, "natural cheese" would be defined as cheese that is produced from animal milk or other dairy ingredients and is produced in accordance with established cheese-making practices.

"The dairy processing in-dustry has used the term 'nat-ural cheese' for decades to help differentiate cheese made with fresh milk and dairy ingredients from pasteurized processed cheese," said John

Umhoefer, Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association Executive Director. "We thank Senators Johnson and Baldwin for codifying the definition of this commonly-used term in the CURD Act, and demonstrating their support of the dairy industry and transparency in the marketplace.3

Senator Baldwin recently led the introduction of bipartisan legislation to counter the practice of labeling non-dairy products using dairy names, the Defending Against Imita-tions and Replacements of Yogurt, milk, and cheese to Promote Regular Intake of Dairy Everyday Act (DAIRY PRIDE Act) of 2023.

The legislation followed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's proposed guidance allowing nut, oat, soy, and other non-dairy products to use the name "milk.'

Grant funds renovation of marinas

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced two projects in Wisconsin were awarded U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) funding for renovations at the High Cliff State Park Marina and South Bay Marina

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awarded more than \$20 million to assist 22 states and territories in the construction, renovation and maintenance of marinas and other boating facilities for outdoor recreation. Wisconsin was one of only 8 states that received both a Tier 1 and Tier 2 Boating Infrastructure Grant in 2023.

Boating Infrastructure Grants are administered in

two tiers. In Tier 1, federal funding provides a maximum of \$200,000 per recipient annually. Tier 2 is nationally competitive, typically for larger-scale projects and provides a maximum federal funding of \$1.5 million per application.

Wisconsin's Tier 1 project focuses on the High Cliff State Park Marina Culvert replacement and was awarded \$200,000. With a capacity for about 100 vessels, this ma-rina is exceptionally popular. An existing culvert delivering runoff from Butterfly Pond into the boat basin at the marina has degraded over time, leading to sedimentation and a decrease in draft depth and water clarity.

The DNR will use the

Boating Infrastructure Grant Tier 1 funds to replace the culvert and replace outdated marina navigational lighting with more efficient fixtures. Boating

Infrastructure Grant Tier 2 project funding will be a sub-award from the DNR to the South Bay Marina in Green Bay. The South Bay Marina Transient Docks project was awarded \$1.2 million and will focus on several improvements.

South Bay Marina is located at the mouth of the Fox River and the waters of Lake Michigan. The location of the facility puts the marina at the ideal location to service the popular cruising routes of boaters navigating Sturgeon Bay and the pristine waters of Door County.

The proposed project responds to the need for an increased number of dedicated transient slips in the Green Bay region of Lake Michigan in response to market demand. The proposed project includes 52 transient boat slips arranged to accept a wide vari-ety of vessels 26' and longer, breakwater improvements to protect the marina and a toilet/shower building dedicated to transient boaters.

More information on the Boating Infrastructure Grant program can be found on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure webpage and on the DNR's BIG program webpage.

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Baseball schedule is released

The Sheboygan A's recently released its baseball schedule, and Opening Day is Saturday, May 20. The club will once again play in, and host, a portion of the Play Ball Tournament with three games that day. Sheboygan begins its Northeastern Wisconsin Base-

Northeastern Wisconsin Baseball League title defense on Wednesday, May 24 on the road against Kewaskum.

The Wisconsin State League opener will be Tuesday, May 30 against the Green Bay Blue Ribbons at Joannes Stadium.

The annual Wisconsin State League challenge, a weekend where all WSL teams visit Sheboygan for regular-season



games, takes place June 10-11 at Wildwood Park and Field of Dreams.

The A's will look to defend their Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic championship June 23-25 by hosting a portion of the tournament the first day (the remainder of the tournament is in West Bend). The Wisconsin Class A State Tournament will take place in Marinette on Aug. 5-6, with the league's step-ladder qualifier set for August 1-3.

Group outings and season ticket packages are now available.

For more information, email info@sheboyganbaseball.org.

Hello, my name is ...

Number of new coaches hired for spring sports

There's nearly a handful of new spring coaches in the area, including Liesa Blattner. The Christian graduate (2000) now oversees the girls soccer co-op with Lutheran after coaching the Lakeshore United club team for seven years and spending three seasons as an assistant at Lakeland.

Blattner says she interviewed for the boys position a couple of years ago but did not get it.

So a number of girls she coaches on the club team kept asking her to become their high school leader.

high school leader. "I told them if it ever becomes available, I will," Blattner said. "Then all of a sudden it became available. Some of the girls immediately sent me text messages."

One of the club players is Blattner's daugther, Keeran, a freshman who has been asked to play for Wisconsin's Olympic Development Team again this summer in St. Louis.



SPRING SPORTS are underway, and Lutheran's Zach Glewen returns for his final track and field season. The senior is coming off third-place finishes in the triple jump and high jump in the Big East. - Photo by Jenni Pickel

Schmitz familiar at North

The new coach is Ryan Schmitz, who also replaced Craig Walters as leader of the girls program this past fall. He graduated from North in

Larson also hired at North

2006

Former Golden Raider Nick Larson (Class of 2019) and current graduate student at UW-Whitewater (online) is the new boys tennis coach.

He was the assistant for the

North girls the last two years and was planning on becoming a head coach eventually.

ing a head coach eventually. "I didn't know if it'd come this guick," he said.

this quick," he said. "I've really enjoyed taking this new role."

Kohler turns to Porter

Jake Porter is running the Kohler/Christian co-op track and field team.

The 2014 Blue Bomber graduate spent the last two seasons coaching the throwers.

Boldt, Hayon doing just fine in college

For the first time in the history of Clarke University, a national championship was won thanks to the women's basketball team - which features South graduate Halle Boldt.

The Pride won the NAIA title with a 63-52 win over defending champ Thomas More University.

Boldt played in 12 games for Clarke, which finished with a program-best 33-4 record.

And Virginia Tech's men's swim team concluded its season with its highest finish in program history.

The Hokies, who feature North graduate Will Hayon, placed 9th in the NCAA Championship meet.

Hayon earned All-American honors in the 200-free relay and got honorable mention on the 400 free relay.



HAYON



HALLE BOLDT stands with the NAIA Championship trophy as a member of Clarke University. - Submitted photo







PAGE 6 - THE BEACON - April 4-17, 2023 - sheboyganbeacon.com - 877-467-6591 North looks for another trip to state

North's top four golfers return after finishing fourth in the state tournament last season. "We are excited for the sea-

"We are excited for the season, as we have high expectations and look forward to the trying to get better everyday," first-year coach Ryan Schmitz said. "We will play a very challenging schedule against the top teams in the state at the top courses in the state."

CHRISTIAN

The Eagles, coming off a third-place showing at the Big East Conference Championship Meet, return just one regular varsity golfer. ... Senior **Nate Alsum** is back after earning all-conference second team last season. ... Three all-league athletes all graduated: **Michael Modahl** (first-team two straight times), **Josiah Stecker** (second

GOLF PREVIEW

team) and **Will Grasse** (honorable mention).

LUTHERAN

The squad took second at the Big East championships and all five golfers earned allconference. ... Senior **Caden Solle** returns after making firstteam all-league (he was second team as a sophomore). ... Junior **Elliott Leibham** has made all-BEC second team two years in a row. ... Sophomore **Jack Mac-Gillis** is back as well. He earned honorable mention in 2022.

NORTH

Senior **Mason Schmidtke**, a Marquette recruit, is the reigning Division 1 state runner-up. He missed out on becoming his school's first champion by one stroke and has won the last two Fox River Classic championships. ... The Golden Raiders finished fourth as a team at state in **Craig Walters'** final season as coach. They have been to the tourney four times in the last five years and are the reigning two-time defending league champ. ... Senior **Hogan Mill**er (second-team all-FRCC), sophomore **Ryder Miller** (second team) and senior **Brandon Bloechel** also return.

SOUTH

Hayden Brickley, a junior, took 16th at the conference tournament a year ago to earn all-league honorable mention. ... Senior Dylan Videtic and juniors Davis Glavan, Hayden Streblow, Preston Miller and Zach Groh return as well.



HOGAN MILLER and the North golf team hopes to return to state again. - Photo by Hannah Miller

What Golden Raider boys aren't on the team?

As many as 100, yes 100, boys are in the North track and field program this season.

"I've been around since '92, and this is 30 more than we've ever had," coach Ted Schermetzler said.

zler said. "We pushed it. It's a combination of football and soccer coaches pushing it because speed and strength makes them better. ... We have 40 freshmen boys."

Naturally, Schermetzler says there is potential to be good, but he doesn't want to jinx anything.

"I don't want to say we could be really good and then fall on our faces, because I hate being too optimistic and then poop the bed," he said. "But we could have three or four relay teams at state. Or we could have none.

TENNIS PREVIEW



NORTH'S ANDREW KA-MINSKE gets ready to serve last year. - Photo by Luke Schmidt

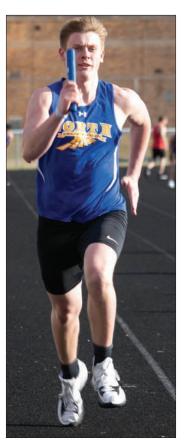
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NORTH Junior Gavin Seefeldt and sophomore Oliver Quintero return after making all-Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention at No. 2 doubles in 2022. ... Six other varsity players return, including seniors Alex Suscha and Adam Pickhardt. ... Jasper Delasanta has to be replaced. He reached the state tournament the last two seasons - last year in singles and the year before that in doubles.

SOUTH

Sophomore **Ty Smith** will continue to play No. 1 singles. ... **Kyle Flook** and **Ben Beumler** lead a solid core of juniors. ... Numbers are still low, however, and the Redwings continue to have a hard time filling out a lineup.

TRACK PREVIEW



NORTH'S MASON DEBBINK returns for another track and field season. - Photo by Hannah Miller It's one injury away from any of it. But I'm expecting good things.

We'll see if that comes to fruition."

KOHLER/CHRISTIAN

No Eagles made it to state last year, but **Davis Behler**, a sophomore at Kohler, placed ninth in the 3,200 and 12th in the 1,600. He is the reigning Big East Conference champion in the 1,600 and placed third in the 3,200. ... Kohler junior **Senibua Sander** is back after finishing fourth in the 400 in the league meet.

LUTHERAN

Zach Glewen, a senior, returns after finishing third in the triple jump and high jump at the Big East meet. He took seventh in the 300 hurdles, too.

... But Logan Zak, who ran in the 400 at the Division 3 state meet, graduated. He won that event as well as the triple jump at conference, and was fifth in the 800. ... Rose Hahn, who ended third in the triple jump in the league meet, also has to be replaced.

NORTH

Sophomore Victoria Garces now lives in Michigan. Last year, she finished 10th in the 3,200 and 13th in the 1,600 at state after winning both events at the Fox River Classic Conference Championship Meet. ... Junior Anthony Meyers

... Junior Anthony Meyers returns, however, after taking 10th at state in the 100. Senior Dylan Dettloff, juniors Landon Schwaller and Alexander Schober, and sophomore Ryan Lang, are back as well after taking second in the FRCC in the 1,600 relay. ... Sophomore Destiny Duesterbeck was runner-up in the shot put in the league meet a year ago.

SOUTH

Juniors Keeyana Judkins and Brenna Brotz return, having helped the 800 relay finish 16th at state last year. ... A number of standouts graduated, however. Alex Kaffine finished eighth in the 400 dash at state, and at conference, he took first in the 400 and sixth in the 200.

... Jack Kakuzi placed ninth in the triple jump and 16th in the long jump at state but also has to be replaced. ... Other 2022 graduates were **Madeline Ognacevic**, who finished the league meet third in the high jump, fifth in the 400, seventh in the long jump and ninth in the 200 (she was also on the state relay), and **Rylee Brotz**, who took third in the FRCC in the 1,600 and fifth in the 800 (she was also on the state relay).





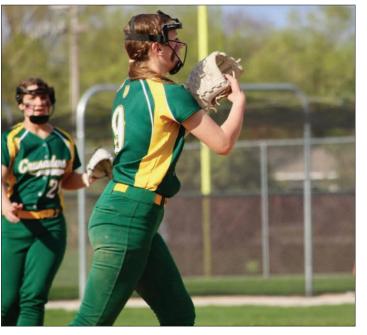
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KARA THIMMIG gets ready to throw a pitch last season for Lutheran's softball team. - Photo by Jenni Pickel

North goes with youth this season

North's softball program features only one senior this season, and she's new to the team.

"I don't recall having a season like that as long as I've been doing this," coach Chris Lenz said.

The Golden Raiders have to replace four seniors who contributed a lot from a year ago, including Ally Wagner, a fourtime all-Fox River Classic Conference pick (that hasn't happened at the school in 10 years).

LUTHERAN Junior infielder Kara

SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Thimmig, who had a teamhigh 11 runs and 11 hits to make all-Big East second team last year, returns. ... Pitcher Kamrynn Wiltzius, who earned honorable mention for the second year in a row by striking out 50 batters in 71 innings last season, graduated.

NORTH

Junior shortstop Mara Ba**bak** is back. She made all-Fox River Classic honorable mention last season by leading her team with 17 runs to go with

ute.

a .348 batting average, one home run and eight runs batted in. ... Another returner is junior Emma Wagner, who will pitch this year after playing center field in 2022.

SOUTH

The squad returns eight players and has a large group of freshmen. ... Senior Laila Hadzidedic is a three-year starting pitcher and senior Lainee Kuhfuss is a threeyear starting outfielder. ... Junior Chevenne Stirdivant is also back after tearing her ACL in the second game last season.

SOCCER PREVIEW

LUTHERAN/CHRISTIAN

The squad not only won its most games (13) in at least 12 years last season, it also claimed its second regional championship ever. ... Junior Maria Zylstra is coming off her second consecutive all-Big East Conference second team selection. Last year, she led the Crusaders with 26 goals and seven assists. ... Other all-league honorable mention returners are junior Taylor Batt and sophomore Alexis Beger. Batt's 14 goals were second on the team and Beger had six as well. ... Ambryn Diener made first-team all-BEC but graduated.

NORTH

Erica Herzog, a junior, is coming off back-to-back first-team all-Fox River Classic seasons. ... Seniors Abby Reinl and Libby Cleveland combined to score 39 goals last year to also make the first team (Reinl received honorable mention as a sophomore). ... Goalkeeper Peyton Baker, a junior, got honorable mention for the second straight time. ... And Myckala Hansen returns from an ACL injury last year.

SOUTH

The Redwings can count on junior goalie Lilly Wamser, who made all-conference honorable mention last year. ... Sophomore Alayna Lloyd also earned honorable mention after scoring 13 times as a fresh-man.... The program has a junior varsity squad for the first time in five years. ... Rylee Brotz, who made all-FRCC her last two seasons, has to be replaced, as does Erin Scholten (honorable mention as a senior).





AMELIA DUMEZ (13) tracks down the soccer ball last year for Lutheran/Christian. - Photo by Michelle Epping









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BASEBALL PREVIEW

KOHLER/CHRISTIAN The Blue Bombers feature two returning all-Big East Conference players in sophomore Eric Zimmerman (second team third baseman) and sophomore Landon Hock (honorable mention pitch-er). ... Christian students Joey Willsey

LUTHERAN

and Lucas LeMahieu will also contrib-

Senior Mason Senkbeil not only led the Crusaders in batting (.383), runs (12) and hits (18), he earned second-team all-Big East as an infielder. ... David Vanic, a junior, earned all-BEC honorable mention by ranking second in batting (.298), runs (11) and hits (14) as an outfielder.

NORTH

Senior Kyle Wesener is coming off his varsity debut season in which he earned all-Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention. ... Ian Merry graduated and is playing at UW-Platteville. He made all-FRCC honorable mention as a senior.

SOUTH

The Redwings will count on returning starters Wyatt Hilbelink, Matt Sertich, Kayden Bruggink, Dom Justus, Jacob Paltzer, and Ryan Stephen.

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The memorial, located at 3901 Wilgus Ave., in Sheboygan, WI opened in the summer of 1994. Since then, we have been honoring the service and sacrifice of our county's veterans, living and deceased, each October with a name engraving ceremony. This last year, 123 additional names were added. Each year this number has been increasing leaving us limited room to add more names in the future. This led to the decision that more walls need to be constructed.

The Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial Board is currently asking for donations to add two more granite walls to the Memorial, including installation, lighting, engraving, and landscaping. Your generous donation will allow us to continue honoring these dedicated veterans who have bravely served and/or continue to serve our country. Please consider this opportunity to support the Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial at one of the partnering levels. Since its inception, the memorial has been supported through donations from companies and individuals. No local, state, or Federal funding is received.

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CHILDREN HELPED POMOTE PESTICIDE-FREE PUBLIC SPACES by spreading Dutch white clover seeds through the snow at Mead Library in Sheboygan March 18. City Dept. of Public Works Superintendent Joe Kerlin, the Sheboygan Beekeepers Association and Sheboygan Community Gardeneres assisted. - Submitted photo

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Emily Vorpahl from Random Lake, WI, who is majoring in Human Resource Management, was part of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater runner-up finish at the National Collegiate Sales Championship, held March 3-6 in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Matthew Walz, a student at **Bethel University** in St. Paul, has been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2022 semester. He is the son of Jeff and Jennifer Walz from Cedar Grove. Several University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students earned their degrees following completion of January term coursework.

Sheboygan Falls, WI Lauren K. Vega, College of Education and Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Education, Special Education-Cross Categ

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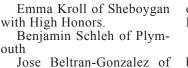
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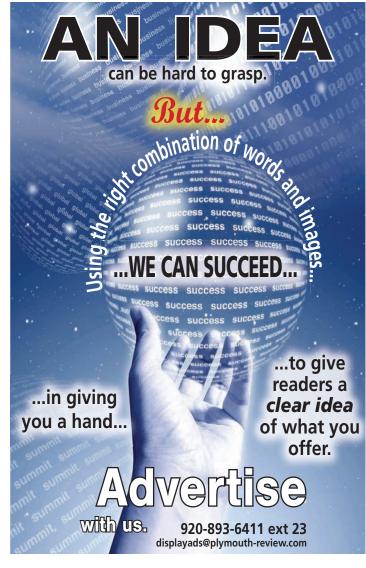


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Man charged with felonies for allegedly hitting pedestrian with snowplow

for The Beacon

A Plymouth man is facing two felony charges for allegedly hitting a pedestrian with his snowplow while driving intoxicated in Sheboygan the night of Feb. 26. The victim was knocked to the street with a "visibly broken" leg and a head laceration which left blood in the street and required staples to close, but recovered from the non-lifethreatening injuries at a local hospital, according to court documents.

Jacob Robert Thompson of Plymouth, age 37, reportedly told Sheboygan police that he was a bartender at a local bar and started work at 11 a.m. He said he had consumed three shots in a six-hour period, and

was headed home going north on N. 14th St. when he saw two males crossing the street and swerved, avoiding one but hitting the other with the plow of his pickup truck, described by a witness as "a black lifted truck with a red snow plow" in a criminal complaint.

Thompson said he was in "shock" immediately after the hit and kept going but that he stopped one block north of the incident and later returned to the scene of the incident, where responding police officers located him.

The companion of the victim recounted the strike to police, saying they were walking home after shooting pool. Half way across 14th St., headed east on Michigan Ave. "he could hear that the truck, which had a plow in the front, was stepping on the gas. [The companion] said that he told [the victim] to run because the truck was picking up speed. As [the companion] was running eastbound through the intersection he heard [the victim] get hit by the plow. [The companion] advised that he was just one and a half feet in front of [the victim] and also that he felt the wind from the plow when it went past him."

The companion also told police that the truck continued northbound on N. 14th St. and turned east on Huron Ave. "He thought that the truck was going to return but it did not do so until sometime after of-ficers arrived on scene," the complaint states.

While at the hospital, the victim told police that he had consumed "approximately 10

beers" from 2 to 9:30 p.m. and was walking east with his companion on Michigan Ave. itself in some areas as the sidewalk was in poor condition due to un-shoveled snowcovered sections.

As they were crossing N. 14th St. "he saw headlights coming from the intersection of North 14th Street and Erie Avenue so he and [his companion], 'picked up the pace.' [The Victim] said that the next thing he knew he had been hit by a vehicle and then remembered laying on the ground with [his companion] telling him not to move.

"When asked if the two crossed North 14th Street in the crosswalk, [the victim] said he was quite certain that they had been in the crosswalk," according to the complaint.

Thompson refused to submit to field sobriety tests at the scene after police "detected an odor of intoxicants coming from Thompson's per-

son," but after being arrested, an officer reported overhearing a correctional officer at the detention center state that the result of a preliminary breath sample was a .105.

Thompson has a prior OWI conviction from 2010, ac-cording to the complaint, and is facing a felony charge of operating while intoxicated causing injury - 2nd and subsequent offense, which has a maximum penalty of 6 years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both, if convicted. He is also charged with felony Hit and Run - Injury, which carries a maximum 9 month prison term and/or a \$10,000 fine upon conviction.

Thompson was released from custody on a \$3,500 cash bond requiring him not to consume alcohol, be on the premises of any tavern or business selling alcohol, or operate any motor vehicles unless reinstated. A preliminary hearing for the case is currently set for Apr. 26.





In April we celebrate the renewal of life promised by Easter and Spring. What could be more fitting than Hot-Cross Buns? I tried to read up on the story behind them, but found out no-one can agree the time, or place they were created. They have become a Good Friday, and Easter tradition around the world.

(110°)*

¹/₄ c. sugar

¹/₄ t. salt

 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. raisins

to me. The cross on top, symbolizes the cross that Christ died on for our sins. The yeast bun symbolizes how he raised from the dead and is the bread of life.

The fruit inside symbolizes how

sweet our salvation can be. I found several recipes, and have tried many in the past. Some have raisins, some currents, some mixed citron fruit. This one called for raisins.

Note #1: I used ¹/₄ c. golden raisins and 1/4 c. craisins. I measured them and then chopped The reason why, seems clear them before using.

Note #2: I didn't have orange juice in the house. I substituted citrus punch and increased the frozen orange peel to 1 T. I also used the punch in the glaze instead of water. I believe the flavor will be more intense using real orange juice.

Note #3: I added 1 ³/₄ c. flour for the second addition, and switched to dough hook, I kneaded on #4 for 4 min. instead of kneading by hand.

Note #4: I mixed the glaze in a bowl and then put it in a bag to pipe it.

Note #5: The texture is soft and very light, not as dense as others I have made. Taste was delicious, but I think will be even better with real orange iuice.

Note #6: These freeze very well. If you plan to freeze them, do not put on the glaze cross until you unthaw and are ready to serve them

I hope you try them for your family this year.

Sweet Dreams!

Orange Hot-Cross Buns Credit: Country Woman magazine March/April 2006 In large mixing bowl dissolve: Cover with plastic wrap and 1 pkg. active dry yeast $\frac{1}{2}$ c. + 2T. warm orange juice let rise until doubled in bulk. Punch down dough, turn onto lightly floured surface. Divide and round into 12 pieces. Put 2" apart greased or parchment lined cookie sheet. With sharp ¹/₄ c. softened butter 1 large egg 2 t. fresh or frozen orange peel* knife cut a cross on the top of each bun. Cover and let rise until doubled. ¹/₄ t. cinnamon Remove from pan to wire rack. Cool. 1 ¹/₂ c. all-purpose flour In plastic bag, combine: 1/2 c. powdered sugar $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour, more if needed ¹/₂ t. water to form soft* dough

Turn out and knead on floured surface bun. 6-8 min. Put in greased bread bowl, turning once to grease top.*

Bake at 350° for 12-15 min. until golden brown.

Cut hole in corner of bag and pipe a cross on each

Serve at room temperature.

Unique court reporting training recertified

The Council on Approved Student Education has awarded Lakeshore Technical College's court reporting program recertification though January 2028. The organization bases its decision on standards set forth by the National Court Reporters Association.

⁴Our recertification reflects the high quality program and instruction provided to our students, who are graduating and enjoying fulfilling careers throughout our community," said Lakeshore Interim Vice President of Instruction Tanya Boman.

According to Lakeshore's most recent data, its court reporting graduates report 100% job placement and a \$48,859 median annual income within six month of graduating.

Lakeshore offers one of only two NCRA-approved programs in the state and the only program currently accepting new students. The program can be started in August each year and typically takes four semesters to complete. It is offered 100% online and through the college's iFlex delivery mode, which includes a blend of online and in-person instruction.

Details on the court reporting program at Lakeshore can be found at gotoltc.edu/courtreporting.

Chase ends with fatal rollover On Thursday, March 30, 2023, at approximately 7:53 p.m., a Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for a moving traffic violation while on State Highway 28, according to a news release by the Sheboygan County Sheriff's

according to a news release by the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle failed to stop for the deputy, which resulted in a pursuit. As the vehicle was being pursued, the operator lost control of the vehicle leaving the roadway and rolling on State Highway 28 south of State Highway 144. The driver was deceased on the scene as a result of the crash. Preliminary investigation would indicate no other vehicles are involved.

The driver was a 30-year-old male from Kewaskum.

Wisconsin State Patrol responded to investigate the crash. Washington County Sheriff's Office was requested to conduct a thorough investigation of the incident to maintain transparency for the community.

As an outside agency has been requested to conduct this investigation, no additional information about this incident will be released until Washington County has completed their investigation.





Happy Easter! Wishing you and your family a Blessed &

Happy Easter!



Two from Lutheran ace ACT

by Dave Boehler for The Beacon

The odds of getting a perfect ACT score are just 0.25%. Don't tell that to Lutheran High seniors Andrew Dirkse and Caden Solle, who recently earned the highest possible composite score of 36.

In the United States graduating class of 2022, only 3,376 out of 1.34 million students



CADEN SOLLE (LEFT) AND ANDREW DIRKSE

who took the ACT earned perfection.

The average score is 20. "I wouldn't say that I knew it was going to happen, but I wouldn't say I was so

shocked, either," Dirkse said. "I think I knew I was certainly capable of doing it, but there still is that kind of, 'wow, I really did! I just got a 36, the top score in the ACT.

Added Solle: "I was really happy. It definitely took a lot of work to get there, to be able to get that perfect score. It was kind of the culmination of what I've been working towards.

The ACT - a curriculumbased achievement exam that measures what students have learned in school - consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, with each scored on a scale of 1-36.

A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

Dirkse was in school one day when he checked the AČT's website to find out his score.

"Of course, it was the middle of class so I couldn't really say anything to anyone at that time," he said. "So I just had to keep it all inside: 'oh my goodness, I just got a 36!'"

And it happened on his

first try. "It was a little surprising,"

Dirkse said. "I was pretty confident going in, but it wasn't like 'all right, now you've got to get a 36.' It was, 'let's do my best and see how I do.' And it paid off."

Solle's first test resulted in a 35.

"I just still felt like I could do better, so I wanted to take it again," he said.

His second attempt ended

with a 34. "I was definitely a little disappointed but I still want-ed to give it one more try," Solle said. "The third one was definitely going to be my last one. I still thought I could get the 36, so that's why I tried again.

It was worth it. "I was pretty confident in at least three of the four sections," Solle said. "But the math one, I was a little concerned about because there were three or four problems on a concept that I wasn't really confident in, so I kind of had to take an educated guess on some of those there.

Solle will attend Liberty



We've made a few changes to our adoption process. After an application is completed, then you can meet with animals. An animal's must be met with in order to be listed on your application where previously you could list animals you were interested in beforehand. Animals will be required to be adopted within one day of listing them on your application and will truly be a first come first served order of adoption now. This is to help reduce the barriers to adoption and the animal's overall length of stay.

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University to study mechanical engineering. He was presi dent of the National Honor Society and involved in Interact Club and Student Council

He helped his school's coop soccer team make a state championship appearance the last two years and he received all-conference awards.

Solle, also a member of the golf team, is a talented saxophonist who was section lead for Lutheran's jazz and symphonic bands, and participated in the Big East Honors Band and Wisconsin State Honors Band.

Dirkse is undecided on his college choice but knows he wants to pursue a career in neurology.

He participated in National Honor Society, Student Council and Drama Club.

Dirkse also was a section leader and conductor for Lutheran's Chamber Choir, as a pianist for the school's jazz band and as a participant ir Lakeshore Youth Chorale and Sheboygan Symphony Chorus.

He was elected to the Big East Honors Choir three consecutive years and took par in the Wisconsin State Music Association State Honors Music Project in 2022

"Andrew and Caden have been exemplary students throughout their high schoo careers, excelling in the classroom, shining in their extracurricular pursuits and being strong Christian leaders among their peers and in the community," principal Derek Bult said. "Lutheran High is thrilled to have not one but two students achieve the top ACT score.





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Life of basketball inspiration for book

by Dave Boehler for The Beacon

Eighty-two-year-old Mike Deiters admits he had a 'little brain freeze' and lost some motivation in the two years he spent writing his first book.

"My wife walks our dog three times a day around a 1 1/2-mile area," the Oostburg resident said. She mentioned to some of the neighbors I was writing a book. After a couple of months, they asked her where the book was. So she'd come home and ask me where the book was.

"So that was my motivation, my sharp stick in the butt, to get

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going and finish it." Deiters' book, "Rim Shot," was published in September on Amazon. It can also be bought at Margo's in Oostburg.

It is the story of a successful small town basketball coach who loses his job due to health issues and his determination and struggle to return to running a team. A struggle that included regaining his family and resolving a lifelong family basketball curse. The book is set in the backdrop of 1960 America, and while it is a fictional tale, it is based on many of the situations that Deiters experienced in his basketball career.

He was born in Marinette and

Sunday

graduated from the high school there in 1960 (he was inducted into its athletic hall of fame a few years ago).

In addition to playing basketball, Deiters was a high school and college referee for 18 years. He evaluated officials at UW-Green Bay games and was a high school conference commissioner for 10 years as well.

Deiters also did several public speaking engagements, and eventually his wife suggested he start writing down the things he would always talk about.

That's where he got the idea to write a book, based on a character called Tom Logan.

"I took things I saw refereeing, being a commissioner, a lot of other stuff and made it into a



MIKE DEITERS

story," Deiters said. "So I took a lot of events that I saw all those years I spent running down a basketball court and built them into a book. Even though the book is fictional, the events in it are actual things I've observed.'

Deiters, who is already working on two more books that should be out within a year, says he was pleased with the first one



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and it had everything he wanted in it.

"I thought basketball fans, whether you're a coach, or a fan or a 10-year-old player, would enjoy reading this book," he said.

One of Deiters' favorite parts of the book is Chapter 9, titled "Are you out of your mind?"

It details how Logan had been coaching a phenomenal basketball team that routinely made it to the state tournament.

He had a heart attack during one of them and wakes up in a hospital bed. The board of education decides to replace Logan with his assistant coach, and he was out of the business for three vears.

An industrial private school that finished 0-18 in the same small town hires Logan.

'His best friend says, 'Are you crazy? You don't have the stamina to take kids who know more about carburetors than they do about playing basketball and make them into a winning team," Deiters said.

Logan just has to get back to coaching, however. But the owner of the school says Logan has to hire his son as the assistant.

So Logan asks what does the son know about basketball?

The owner says, 'absolutely nothing," Deiters said. "He's been living at home all these years and I've watched you control your teams. They're disciplined. They're responsible. They're reactive. And I'm hoping some of that will rub off on him





Green shoots are reward for managing farming's problems

Stephanie Bartel bu

Owner, Old Plank Farm oldplankfarm.com

Megan, a zealous secondyear farmer here at Old Plank, recently asked me to start writing again. She also suggested I take up running with burros, but there's a donkey shortage around here and I'm not in the mood for running anyway. But I'll humor the writing request.

Megan's energy and passion for the farm is overflowing, as she returns to us for the start of the spring season (after wintering in California, where burros and jogging go hand in hand, apparently).

My energy hasn't been overflowing yet; rather, it's been leaking out of frozen and cracked pipes in the greenhouse. Which is nothing new

Spring on the farm is always hard, mostly because 'spring" has to start long before the weather coughs up scenes of baby goats prancing in the sunshine on a carpet of green grass.

Spring for this vegetable operation starts with firing up heaters in the seedling greenhouse while belowfreezing wind howls against the plastic walls and snow piles up around it.

Where there isn't snow,

there's ice or mud; there's nothing green about the start of spring, until the first little onions poke out of their nursery trays. And then comes the challenge of keeping the thousands of baby onions and other seedlings warm and growing until the proverbial spring eventually decides to show up and then we can start planting the young veggies out in the field.

With the responsibilities of spring weighing heavily on me, my first reaction to Megan's request for my blog was a sarcastic sure, followed by a run-on sentence in which I summarized farming as little more than a continuous stream of problems created by nature as it destroys everything we ever work on, right down to our crops that die each and every autumn and our greenhouses that seem to always be falling about our ears no matter how many precautions I've taken to safeguard them.

Well, she replied when I was done ranting, maybe it's not a good time to pick up blogging, after all.

When, then, is a good time, I asked myself in the following days. Although my summary of farming was dramatically negative, it holds an element of truth.

Fifteen years into farming, we still have problems here. I guess we always will. This time it was frozen pipes in the new, state-of-the-art seeding greenhouse that were the catalyst for my attitude and the run-on sentence.

But that's only one side to the story of last week; the story of today.

If you clomp along the path to our greenhouses in your muck boots and poke your head into the old seeding house (that's the one on the end, on the north side, shorter than the other houses; rough around the edges and messy on the inside, but it works just fine), you'll find that our early crops have never looked better, despite the setbacks of the season.

The green babies will take your breath away. They take mine, and I see them everyday.

The wonders of plant growth never cease to amaze





Food/News Recipes, tips & nutrition

Roasted lamb is an Easter Sunday classic

Easter commemorates and 4 to 5 sprigs fresh thyme elebrates the resurrection of Cut small slits in the meat celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is full of symbolism, but it's also steeped in traditions, including family meals.

Lamb is a popular Easter Sunday meal, and this recipe for "Roasted Lamb with Roasted Asparagus" from "Feast of the Seven Fishes: A Brooklyn Italian's Recipes Celebrating Food & Family" (Powerhouse Books) by Daniel Paterna can make for the perfect Easter entrée. Lamb is most tender in spring and mild in flavor, and it pairs well with the earthiness of asparagus.

Roasted Lamb with **Roasted Asparagus** Serves 8 to 10

Lamb:

- 1 leg of lamb or loin of lamb, about 4 to 5 pounds
- garlic cloves, sliced 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cups dry white wine
- 1 fresh bay leaf
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary

of the lamb with a sharp paring knife. Insert a slice of the garlic into each slit. Place the lamb in a large sealable plastic bag and add the olive oil, 2 cups white wine, bay leaf, rosemary, thyme, salt, and pepper. Seal the bag tightly and place in the refrigerator to marinate for 12 hours

Remove the lamb from the fridge the next day, at least 4 hours before roasting. Keep the lamb sealed in the marinade bag and allow it to come to room temperature.

Heat the oven to 400 F. Remove the lamb from the bag with marinade. Place it on a rack in a roasting pan. Add 2 cups of wine. Roast for 11/2 hours or until the thermometer reads 150 to 160 F. Baste with drippings while roasting. Serve warm

Asparagus:

4 pounds of asparagus, remove woody ends

2 cups coarse bread crumbs 1 cup grated Romano cheese 2 tablespoons garlic powder Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

4 large eggs

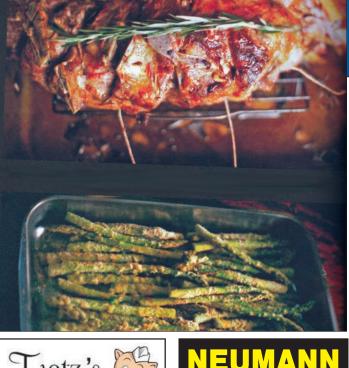
Sea salt, to taste

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Place the bread crumbs, cheese. garlic powder, and black pepper in a dish or bowl wide enough to hold the aspara-

gus. Mix well to combine thoroughly. Put the eggs in another dish or bowl of similar size and beat well. Working in batches, dip

the spears into the egg, making sure they are coated well. Immediately place them in the bread crumb mixture and toss until each spear is fully coated. Transfer the breaded asparagus to a large baking sheet.

Place the asparagus in the preheated oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the breading is browned and crispy. Serve with wedges of fresh lemon.





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Kids' Air, Air, Everywhere poems sought

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting entries from third to fifth graders for the Air, Air, Everywhere poetry contest.

Now in its 12th year, the annual DNR-sponsored contest is designed to raise awareness of the importance of good air quality in honor of Clean Air Month in May.

The DNR encourages teachers and parents to submit

original poems and riddles created by their students. The three winning poets will have their work featured on the DNR website and social media channels.

Requirements:

Open to all third, fourth and fifth grade students in Wisconsin.

Any form of original poetry or riddle is acceptable. Entry must be 200 words or less and describe air or the importance of clean air.

Writing must be the original work of the student.

Each entry must include the author's name, the name of the parent and teacher and the parent and teacher's email and phone number.

Send entries to DNRAirEducation@wisconsin.gov.

Deadline to submit entries is Friday, May 5, 2023. Contest entries will not be returned and will become the property of the contest sponsor.

The DNR's Air, Air Everywhere Teacher's Guide includes 10 activities to get students thinking about the air in Wisconsin.

As part of the "Where's the Air?" activity, students will complete simple sensory experiments to discover the characteristics of air and then write a poem or riddle describing air.

Be sure to check out the Wisconsin air quality facts and information guide to help students complete their riddles and poems. This resource is filled with facts on Wisconsin's air quality history and its current status to help students understand the state's continually improving air quality.

More information on the Air, Air, Everywhere Contest is available on the DNR website.





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'The sky was dancing' in magic solar winds

Emily Stone Naturalist/Educator Cable Natural History Museum

My snowshoes sank into drifts softened by the warm day. At the frozen lakeshore, the view opened up to a curtain of lights.

Sometimes I've gone out to look for the northern lights and have squinted and wondered if that faint glow was really them. Last night there was no question.

Vertical rays of light rose from an invisible line a hand's width

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above the horizon. They formed a curtain that rippled as if in a breeze. Now and then a particular ray would brighten and reach higher, and the activity shifted from due north across the lake, to west down the chan-

WHILE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS APPEARED ONLY WHITE TO MY EYES, the light-gathering powers of a camera lens can pick up on the greens, reds, and purples that are actually being emitted and show us just how vivid the lights truly are. - Photo by Emily Stone.

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nel, and back east toward a little resort on the point.

I imagined the solar winds out there, rushing toward Earth, transferring energy into our magnetosphere, and pushing electrons there down the magnetic field toward us.

As those electrons encountered nitrogen and different forms of oxygen, the excited molecules emitted light like a neon sign. Although the auroras are always made of colored light, I saw only white...or maybe it was pale green? That's just a function of my night vision and the sensitive rod cells around the outsides of my retinas picking up light but not color.

Cameras, especially with long exposure times, can gather more light than our eyes and help us see

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Magnetic magic mesmerizes

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the greens, reds, and purples of the aurora more vividly.

Standing out on the cold snow, I texted a few friends about the aurora and soaked it in. Soon there was a lull, and I headed inside.

While rinsing out my toothbrush, my phone buzzed. "The sky is dancing!" wrote my friend.

I threw on a warmer coat and headed back outside. In just an hour, the temperature had dropped enough that the snow crust supported me firmly. And yes, the sky was dancing.

Pillars, curtains, and swirls of light danced along the horizon. As the beams strengthened and the flashing increased, the display shifted from the Little Dipper into Cassiopeia.

This "Westward Traveling Surge" is a phenomenon associated with sudden brightening and activity in the aurora called a substorm.

Substorms happen when a plasma flow short-circuits and is suddenly flung toward Earth causing a surge of activity.

My jaw dropped as the pillars shot upward, and then overhead and behind me. Light danced across even the southern sky. And directly above me, the curtains turned to curving bands that flashed, wiggled, and swirled. After almost losing my balance, I gave in and lay down on the snow to look straight up.

Substorms were first described in the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58 when scientists from all over the world coordinated their efforts to observe the aurora simultaneously.

That same effort also led to the discovery of the Auroral Oval—imagine the northern lights originating from crowns sitting on top of the North Pole...and the South Pole, too!

When we are south of the Auroral Oval, we only see the sides of those faint curtains of light on the northern horizon. When the oval widens or shifts far enough south, the light curtains appear straight above us, and you can look up at the bottom of the curtains instead of at their side.

Then, the corona appears. This psychedelic, converging pattern at the top of the sky is rare to see and highly sought after by aurora chasers.

I've long thought that auroras were most visible at night just because we can only see them when it's otherwise dark, and most visible in winter for the same reason.

As it turns out, the best northern lights occur around midnight, when the Sun is on the far side of the Earth. You may have seen a diagram of the solar winds hitting the Earth's magnetic field, then curving around the planet and creating a tail on the far side. The best auroras come from that tail, and thus are visible around midnight.

In addition, cracks that form in our magnetosphere near the equinoxes make impressive auroras more common in March and September.

I also thought that northern lights were always caused by coronal mass ejections (CME) of plasma, but this event came from a hole in the Sun's corona where the magnetic field is open to space, allowing high-speed solar wind streams to escape.

The coronal hole that caused this storm is reportedly thirty times the size of Earth. Luckily, the solar winds from coronal holes are less likely to interrupt radio communication, disrupt power stations, and damage satellites.

"The best of my life!" "An unbelievable experience!" "The sky was alive!" "Magia!" "Taika!" "Magic!" This was the most spectacular auroral display in many peoples' experience.

Thanks to social media, I could see photos and exclamations from Iowa, Indiana, Alaska, Canada, Poland, Denmark, Finland, Australia, Tasmania, and more.

The same Sun gives us all the energy we need to live, and the Earth's magnetic field protects us when that energy becomes intense. Together, they make magic.



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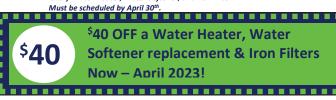
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Traffic Benirschke, William R., 6/1989, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Operating while Suspended,

\$401.00 Biglin, Bree-Ann L., 8/1997, She-boygan, Exceeding Speed Zones (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Bingham, Amanda S., 12/1986, Sheboygan, Violation of Child Safety Restraint Requirements- Child more than 4 but less than 8, Operating while Suspended, \$350.60.

Evans, Adrionna C., 6/2003, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), \$476.60.

Huenink, Jacob D.M., 11/1990, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License (1st), Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), \$476.60.

Mejia, Orfelina O., 1/1982, She-boygan, Transferee Fail/Apply New Ve-hicle Title, Operate w/o Valid License (1st), \$375.80

COURT REPORT Martinez, Vicente M., 7/1992, Sheboygan, Transferee Fail/Apply New Vehicle Title, Fail/Stop at Stop Sign, Operator Violate Red Traffic Light, Oprate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, Speeding on Expressway (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$1,002.50. Platz, Annette A., 10/1948, She-boygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School

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Santana, Fidel, 6/1964, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.

Schroeter, Dominic P., 4/2004, Sheboygan Falls, Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$10.00.

Thill, Brian W., 12/1980, Sheboy-gan, (1st), License Revoke 7 months, \$868.00.

Yang, Shualau D., 8/1992, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$175.30.

Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance

Lee, Jim, 10/1982, Sheboygan, \$10.00.

Operating while Suspended Jaime, Gerardo A., 7/1998, She-boygan, \$200.50.

Jeske, Adam J., 4/1984, Sheboy-gan, \$200.50.

Warme, Cearra R., 6/1989, She-

boygan, \$200.50 Operate w/o Valid License Natera-Barrios, Juan C., 12/1979, Sheboygan, (1st), \$200.50. Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto Fischer, Gavin Y., 3/2006, Sheboy-

gan, \$175.30. Powers, Ravyn M., 10/1999, She-

boygan, \$175.30. Schultz, Jessinee D., 1/2003, Sheboygan, \$175.30.

Shaw, Dustin A., 11/1984, Sheboy-gan, \$175.30.

Speeding on Freeway Deida, Noah J., 9/2001, Sheboy-gan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Meade, Jack D., 7/1964, Sheboy-gan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Misdemeanors Alexander, Ebony U., 1/17/1988, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Com-

Service 20 hours, \$455.00 Sheehan, Joseph D., 9/3/1985, Sheboygan, Battery (Domestic Abuse),

\$555.00

March 20 to March 24, 2023 Extradition

Kounanis, William L., 12/30/1954, Sheboygan, Extradition-Arrest w/o Warrant, Extradited.

Revoke Probation

Mcgee, Eric M., 2/21/1986, She-boygan, Prison 2 years, Extended Su-pervision 2 years, Still owes \$204.00. Forfeitures

Knoll, Kara L., 10/1998, Sheboy-gan, Possession of Marijuana, \$200.50. Konieczny, Joseph R., 10/1988,

Sheboygan, \$326.50. Waldsmith, Rashawn M., 6/2003, Sheboygan, \$326.50. Disorderly Conduct,

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Traffic

Domnitz, Nicholas S., 12/1993, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/ Suspension of Registration, \$175.30. Martinez, Alicia A., 11/1962, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop at Stop Sign,

\$175.30 Smith, Erica L., 11/1990, Sheboygan, Fail/Yield Right/Way from Stop Sign, \$175.30.

Operate while Suspended

Operate while Suspended Pena, April M., 4/1988, Sheboy-gan, S200.50. Schanno, Jonathan D., 6/2002, Sheboygan, \$200.50. Operate w/o Valid License Arellano Cabrera, Luis M., 1/1980, Sheboygan, (1^a), \$200.50. Gallego Cruz, Luciano, 1/1979, Sheboygan, (1^a), \$200.50. Speeding in 55 mph Zone Taylor, Benjamin A., 3/2002, She-boygan, (1-10 mph), \$175.30. Exceeding Speed Zones Garciaderodriguez, Ana E.,

Garciaderodriguez, Ana E., 962, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), 2/1962. \$200.50.

Misdemeanors Carmody, Justin J., 9/23/1989,

Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct.

Misdemeanors and Felonies Warner, Joel S., 8/31/1970, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping, (Felony), Retail Theft-Intentionally Take <\$500, (Mis-demeanor), Jail 75 days, \$983.00. Felonies

\$780.00.

Conduct,

Arsenyevictz, Logan M., 1/28/1999, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping (2 Vue, Patchara Touger, 7/21/1993,

Sheboygan, Substantial Battery-Inten-tional Bodily Harm, Jail 1 year, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.00.



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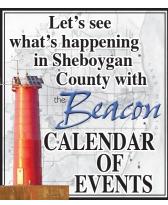
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NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17

Moisés Salazar Tlatenchi: A Quién le Importa: Tue, Wed, Fri: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Thu: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat and Sun: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. John Michael Kohler Arts Center, 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081. For A Quién le Importa, Salazar reimagines the gallery as a sanctuary of inclusivity and acceptance, filling it with mixed-media paintings and soft sculptures exploring alternative forms of identity, belonging, and community through the lens of queer kinwww.jmkac.org/exhibiship. tion/moises-salazar-tlatenchi-aquien-le-importa/

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 1

Andrea Chung: if they put an iron circle around your neck I will bite it away: John Michael Kohler Arts Center. In a new multiroom art exhibition, artist Andrea Chung confronts the legacy and trauma of slavery from the perspective of an Afrofuturist utopia. For more info visit JMKAC.org/exhibitions or call 920-458-6144.

SATURDAY APRIL 8

Easter Egg Hunt: 1:00PM. Greenbush American Legion Building. Center Street, Greenbush.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Plymouth Bird and Nature Club: 6:30pm. Plymouth Intergeneration Center, 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth. *Featuring Janet Raddatz: Plants for Birds.* ALL VISITORS WEL-COME! Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month - Sept thru Nov and Jan thru April. Contact Gena Lueck, President 920-528-7430 • Terry Wlk dwilk1@ wil.rr.com • Barb Wehrle wehrle.barbara@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY APRIL 14

PHS Comedy Team Perfor-

mance: 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Amphitheater, 125 S. Highland Ave. Featuring improvisational games played by Jolly Pranksters team members, with audience participation highly encouraged. Free and open to the public. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

Kiel Municipal Band Spring Concert: 7:00pm. Kiel Performing Arts Center (210 Raider Heights, Kiel, WI) - Free Admission. Family Friendly.

MONDAY APRIL 17

Free Film "Knives Out": 6 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. A detective must sift through a web of lies and red herrings to uncover the truth in this Agatha Christie-style murder mystery in which everyone is a suspect. (PG-13). Free, but register with Community Ed & Rec. www.plymouthwi.myrec. com, 920-892-5068.

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THURSDAY APRIL 20

PHS Alumni Art Show: 5:30-9 p.m. at Generations, 1500 Douglas Drive. Featuring artworks created by Plymouth High School alumni under the theme "Legacy." Free and open to the public. www.plymouth. k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

SATURDAY APRIL 22 WORK*PLAY*EARTH

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2023 EVENTS AT ELKHART LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY All of these events take place at Elkhart Lake Public Library.

lakepubliclibrary.org.

WEDNESDAYS: Coffee Hour: 10am. Enjoy a cup of coffee, conversation, and a preview of the week's new releases

THURSDAYS: Story Time: 9:30am. Stories, songs, and activities for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers

SECOND **TUESDAY:** Tuesday Legos: 3-5 pm (drop in, ages 5+). Come build at the library! We'll provide the legos and a theme for inspiration.

SECOND FRIDAY: Book Club: 1pm. Call 920-876-2554 for more information.

THIRD TUESDAY: Fiber Arts Crafting Circle: 10:30am. Bring your own project and join us for some crafting camaraderie. All fiber crafts welcome! Share patterns, get of fellow crafters.

FOURTH TUESDAY: Genealogy Interest Group: 2pm. Meet with other amateur family historians and learn some tips and strategies to build your family tree. Share your knowledge and stories, ask questions, and learn from each other. Call 920-876-2554 for more information.

SATURDAYS FEBRU-ARY 25-APRIL 1: Music & Movement: 9am. Songs, dancing, instruments and more for babies-preschool and their caregivers.

2023 EVENTS AT MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mead Public Library has announced its events and classes featuring educational,

for children, teens and adults.

For a complete list, including storytimes, book clubs, movies and workshops, visit www.meadpl.org, or call 920-*459-3400*.

All programs are free and open to the public, with funding provided by the Friends of Mead Public Library and the Mead Library Foundation.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28: Kids can learn basic coding skills using Mead Library's Ozobots, Makey-Makey kits, Botley and Cubetto games from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Children's Library. For more information, call 920-459-3400.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1: Join Mead Library and the She-

Easter Egg Hunt at the library, along with crafts and activities from 9-11 a.m. Registration required at the meadpl.org events calendar or call 920-459-3400.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6: Stop by the Imaginarium Makerspace at Mead Library anytime from 5-6:30 p.m. and create your own tile coaster during Make It @ Mead. The program is free and open to all ages. For more information, call 920-459-3400.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11: Mead Library will host a free film screening at 5 p.m. of the documentary "No Small Mat-ter," which explores the value high-quality early childhood education brings to a communi-

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18: Mead Library will host a free Academy Talk at 7 p.m. examining climate change from the perspectives of Tribal Nations. The talk is presented in partnership with the Mead Library Foundation and Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. For more information, call 920-459-3400. **SATURDAY, APRIL 29:** Mead Library will host a free film screening at 1 p.m. of the documentary film "The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel," followed by a Q&A session with director Joe Cahn. The film tells the riveting account of the life of a man forced to serve in the German army despite his open contempt for the Nazis and his refusal to kill the enemy. For more information, call 920-459-3400.

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FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Adult Book Club: 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The library offers two opportunities to meet and discuss the book of the month. Check our website www.plymouthpubliclibrary.net for each month's book selection. Limited copies of each title will be available for pick-up at the 2nd floor service desk one month prior to the scheduled book discussion date.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Teen Create & Chill: 3:00 p.m. Join us for one hour to work on a project you have or just relax with your friends! Your project could be anything: writing, drawing, knitting, and more! Bring whatever you are working on. Snacks will be provided.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Game Night: 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Are you a board game lover? Want to play a familiar classic or learn a new game? This event is for you! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to Game Night at the library. Games will be provided. Children younger than 10 need to be accompanied by a caregiver

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Anime & Manga Club: 4:00 p.m. For ages 12-18 Come hang with us to do all things anime and manga! No registration required.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12: Craft Club: Colorful Collaging: 3:30 p.m. Hop into spring by creating colorful art! Come and create a fun, abstract collage. Ages 9+. Space is limited, please call or visit our website www.plymouthpubliclibrary. net to register.

MONDAY, APRIL 17: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club: 6:00 p.m. Calling all Sci-Fi and Fantasy lovers to a bi-monthly book club. Check our website www.plymouthpubliclibrary. net for each month's book se-



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Hello friends,

This week I am writing to you about a weather event that I experienced with two, longtime friends (Jeff Moll and Doug Cibulka) while camping and ice fishing 2.8 miles from shore on Lake Superior near Ashland.

Every week before I go, I watch the weather for the area that I am heading to and adjust to what I see; the weather event that we experienced was not forecast.

Saturday, March 11th High 32, low 22

Yesterday we arrived and my golden retrievers Ruby and Red are along. As usual we are staying in pop-up Eskimo shacks, and we sleep in cots.

One of the life savers of this trip would be that we were all wearing rubber knee boots. We have one shack for sleeping and cooking, another for fishing and socializing, and we traveled by using two snowmobiles.

Early this morning, I turned on our radio and the weather report was that starting at 3:00 p.m. a storm would begin that would drop 6-10 inches of snow with winds from 25-35 mph. Something that I noticed was that by noon, all other fishermen left the ice. Something that I thought about was that the wind would be out of the northeast, which meant blowing from



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open water, meaning lake effect snow.

At 3:00 the storm began, and it was forecast to last for 36 hours. It started with a vengeance that immediately caused massive snow drifts on the top end of our camp, which sunk the ice due to the holes we had drilled for fishing

A constant job was shoveling out our tip ups as they would be covered with 3 feet of snow in a matter of 30 minutes. By dark, we made an agreement and we did not want to do it: no one leaves the shack because visibility was near zero and the chance of finding a lost person was about the same odds.

Sunday, March 12th

High 27, low 22 The wind is almost unreal and has been bumped up to a constant 30-40 mph. During the day, each of us tried maintaining our tip ups and it was physically exhausting due to the shoveling and trying to walk in knee-to-butt-deep snow.

Our camp/shacks have 8 inches of water on top of the ice, the dogs have to stay on top of the cots because if they get off, they get our beds wet when they get back on them.

We are jigging for perch and smelt, and catching them. When we go outside the shack, we are soaked to the bone within a minute due to the driving snow reaching every part of your body.

The half-acre around our camp is just shy of knee deep in slush, so walking is now hitting a physical experience that is testing each one of us.

The storm was forecast to hit its peak at 3 p.m., which was 24 hours after it started. The wind was blowing so hard that within 30 minutes of shoveling out our shack door, the snow was 3 feet

deep. Monday, March 13th High 36, low 24

The storm quit late in the night, so today we would attempt to break camp and go home. Both of our snow machines are nonfunctional, as they are 100% full of snow in literally

every place.

Jeff Moll would be the mechanic; Doug Cibulka would be the camp breaker and I would haul all gear to a staging area 40 yards from camp. This had to be done because the snow machines would literally sink in the slush.

All three of us were done in, but not a one of us complained and knew we were going through a once in a lifetime experience.

Each of us performed our task, and three round-trips later, were loading trucks and heading home.

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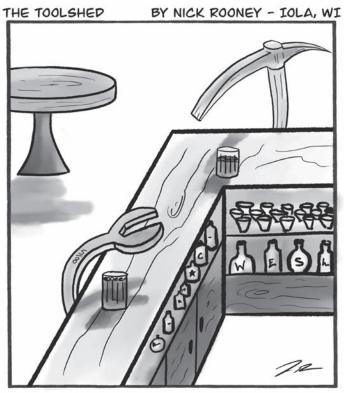
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Yoga for Balance and Stability: Fridays 9:00am. Must pre-register.

Book Club: 4th Monday of the month 3:00pm. Must preregister.

Golf Club: Fridays 1:00pm. Must pre-register.

Dog Club: 2nd Friday of the month 11:00am. Must preregister.

Biking Club: Tuesdays 9am. Must pre-register.

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SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Compassionate Parents: *Grief Support for Families that lost a child*. 6:00pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Mental Health America 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

THRIVE: Women's Chronic Pain Support. 6:30pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore virtual through ZOOM. Contact MHA Lakeshore 920-458-3951 for more information.

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Here Comes the Sun: Support for family and friends of an adult with mental illness. 5:30-7:00pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Mead Public Library-Rocco Room. 710 N. 8th St., Sheboygan. **EVERY TUESDAY Camo Quilt Project:** 439 Factory St., Plymouth. 9am-3pm. Quilts are donated to sol-

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Plymouth Food Pantry: 2225 Eastern Ave., 2-5pm. Elkhart Lake & Plymouth school districts. Call 893-2989 for information. Tuesday Knight Chess Club: 3835 Mendocino Lane, Sheboygan, 4-8pm. Free for all ages & skill levels. Email waneks@sbcglobal.net for information.

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LGBTQ+ 12 Step Recovery Program: 6:00pm. The Right Way Club, 4627 South 12th Street, Sheboygan. Ask for Dan L. 920-226-8145.

Al-Anon: 6:30pm. Alliance Church, 1203 Fairview Dr, Plymouth, 6:30pm. Use the south door. 920-254-2097

The Sheboygan Railroad Museum: 6:30 to 9:00 PM. 1001 North 10th St., Sheboygan. Home to 8 train layouts in various scales and many railroad antiques. Open for your viewing pleasure.

Concordia Singing Society: Rehearsals 7:00-8:30pm, 1130 N. 9th St, Sheboygan. Knowledge of German not required. Info: 815-883-0035. concordiasingerswi.org

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Alliant Energy Wives and Widows of Retirees Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. Sheboygan Family Restaurant. 2704 S. Business Drive.

Lemonade: *Widow's support group.* 6:00-7:30pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Roger's Behavior Health (Main Entrance) 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan.

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Going Further: Mental health recovery support. 5:00-7:00pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Roger's Behavior Health (Main Entrance) 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., She-





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LAST TUESDAY **OF THE MONTH** There is Hope Suicide Loss: Support for those who have lost a loved one to sui-

cide. 6:30pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Mental Health America 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): Weight Loss Support Meeting: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Sheboygan Falls Library. 9-10:30 a.m. First meeting is FREE! For more info, please call Riki at 920-946-2425 or check out www.tops.org.

Camo Quilt Project: 439 Factory St., Plymouth. 9am3pm. Quilts are donated to soldiers. Linda, 627-3460, linda. camoquilt@gmail.com

Coffee Hour & Chat: Elkhart Lake Public Library, 40 Pine St. 10am. 920-876-2554.

Al-Anon Wednesday Winners: 1907 Club, N 21st St., Sheboygan, 9:30am, Call 920-838-5249 for more information.

Al-Anon Serenity Seekers: Meets at Right Way Club, 4627 S. 12th St, Sheboygan, 9:30am. Call 920-918-6324 for information

Family Nights: * NOT IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST * Plymouth Alliance Church, 1203 Fairview Drive, 6:00-7:30pm. Family night offers something for everyone! Kids PreK-5th meet for Rooted, youth 6th-12th grade meet for Anchored, and adults meet for small groups. Nursery is also available for infants and toddlers. 920-893-5525

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FIRST WEDNESDAY **OF THE MONTH**

Vollrath Company Retirees Breakfast Club: Fountain Park Restaurant, 922 N. 8th St,

(AACC) Adell Area Community Center, 510 Seifert St, Adell (920) 994-9934, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mary Kempf your Elder Benefit Specialist from the Aging Disability Resource Center. Please give Mary a call at 920-467-4076 before stopping to make sure she has an open appointment or send an email to mary.kempf@sheboygancounty.com.

Overdose Loss: Support for those that lost someone to overdose. 6:00-7:00pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Mental Health America 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

SECOND WEDNESDAY **OF THE MONTH**

Fostering Support: Support for parents and guardians in the fostering and kinship care world. 6:00-7:00pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Mental Health America 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

THIRD WEDNESDAY **OF THE MONTH**

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EVERY THURSDAY

Storytime: Elkhart Lake Public Library, 40 Pine Street, Elkhart Lake. 9:30 am. Stories, songs, and activities! No registration required. Call (920) 876-2554 or email elcirc@ monarchlibraries.org for more information.

AAStep & Tradition Study: Grace Episcopal Church, 1011 N 7th St., Sheboygan, 10am. Use the Ontario Street entrance.

GriefShare Support Group: Evangelical Free Church, 1710 N. 15th St., Sheboygan. 6:30-8pm. Support for those who've lost a loved one. 920-452-6520

North Side Christian Food Pantry: 2133 N. 22nd St., Sheboygan, 12:30-2pm. Call 920-458-7070 for information.

Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry: 529 Giddings Ave, Sheboygan Falls. 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags, Face masks (required to enter the pantry)

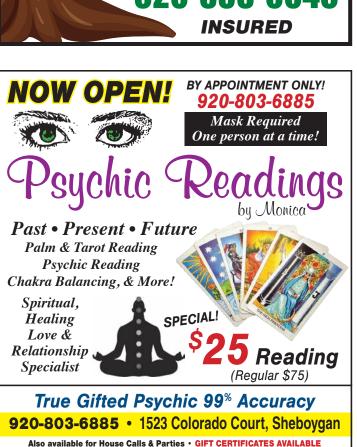
Spirit Within: Rogers Behavioral Health, Community Room, 1108 S Wildwood Ave. Sheboygan. 4:30 PM. A meeting of collective, spiritual support for anyone interested in exploring their spiritual path, whatever that means to them.

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EVERY SATURDAY

Let it Begin with Me Alanon Meeting: 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan, 9:30am. Call Debbie, 207-2774 or Augie at 452-5173 for information.

Help for Young People Affected by Someone Else's use of Alcohol or Drugs: 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan, 9:30-10:30am. Please call ahead if possible. Augie or Beth, 452-

Plymouth Food Pantry: 2225 Eastern Ave., 10-noon. Elkhart Lake & Plymouth school districts. Call 893-2989 for information.

The Way Youth Group: The Upper Room, 1125 N 8th Street, Sheboygan. 6:00-8:00pm. Looking for something fun for your kid to do this weekend? The Upper Room in downtown Sheboygan is hosting a Youth Group for ages 12-18 years old on Saturday nights. Come join us from 6-8pm for worship, a bible-based lesson, food, games and fun! See you there!

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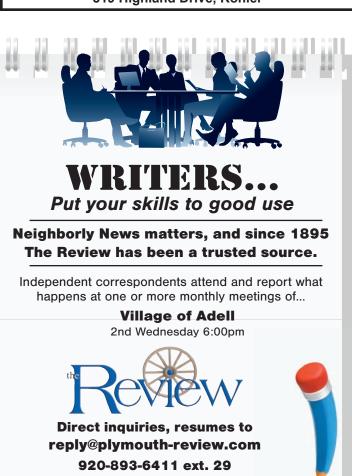


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Apps that can make driving safer and easier

It's hard to go anywhere without using or coming into contact with technology. For drivers, that includes their vehicles, which have come a long way since the Ford Motor Company's Model T was first introduced more than a century ago.

Devices and driving are now undeniably intertwined. Preoccupation with technology when behind the wheel can pose a threat to motorists, as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that more than 3,100 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted driving in 2020.

But technology also can be utilized to great and positive effect. Various apps can help make driving safer, potentially reducing the number of accidents and fatalities on the nation's roadways.

• OneTap: OneTap was designed to put an end to distracted driving.

Once enabled, the OneTap app blocks incoming alerts on drivers' phones and automatically replies to let individuals calling or sending messages that drivers will get in touch when they reach their destination.

Drivers can manually activate the app each time they get in their vehicles, or set it up so it automatically activates when the car begins moving.

The latter approach can be especially useful for drivers who may forget to activate it when getting in their cars.

• DriveMode: DriveMode was designed for drivers who want a hands-free messaging and calling option while behind the wheel.

The app utilizes voice-enabled commands so drivers reply to messages or texts using only their voice, and it also can be integrated with navigation, music and voice assistant apps.

Drivers can choose to have the app launch automatically when they start driving. • OtoZen: OtoZen can ap-

peal to any drivers looking to

be more safe, but it can be especially useful for parents of young drivers.

Users can track family and friends with the app's GPS tracker that can share location information in real time.

Incoming messages are delivered through users' car speakers, and speed alerts notify drivers when they exceed safe speed limits.

• OnMyWay: The OnMy-Way app automatically disables apps when vehicles are moving faster than 10 miles per hour.

That functionality eliminates phone-related distractions like incoming text messages. But the hands-free component of the OnMyWay app allows users to make phone calls, use navigation apps and even play music.

Modern vehicles are testaments to technological innovation. Drivers can use that to their advantage by utilizing various apps designed specifically to reduce distracted driving.





Drivers know texting hazardous, but many do it anyway

According to the National Occupant Protection Use Survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the prevalence of drivers using handheld cell phones at any given daylight moment decreased from 5.2 percent in 2012 to 2.5 percent in 2021. Though that's seemingly good news, the danger of combining devices and driving remains. In fact, the NOPUS found that the percentage of drivers manipulating handheld electronic devices increased from 1.5 percent in 2012 to 3.4 percent in 2021. Activities that fall under the umbrella of manipulating handheld electronic devices include text messaging, a behavior that an overwhelmingly high percentage of drivers recognize is dangerous. But in spite of 96 percent of drivers acknowledging in a recent AAA survey that texting or emailing while driving is a serious or very serious threat to their safety, nearly 40 percent of drivers admitted they had read a text or email while behind the wheel. In addition, 29 percent of survey respondents admitted to typing a text message or email while driving.



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How to handle driving in heavy rain

The road is filled with variables that change each time drivers get behind the wheel.

Whether it's aggressive drivers, road construction crews or some other unknown, drivers can never say with certainty what they will encounter while on the road.

Mother Nature is as significant a variable as any drivers will face, and many conditions can turn otherwise ordinary trips into ordeals that put motorists' skills to the test.

Though heavy rain might not seem as difficult to navigate as snow, it's vital that drivers recognize the threat posed by such conditions.

In fact, the Federal Highway Administration reports that each year 75 percent of weather-related vehicle crashes occur on wet pavement, while 47 percent, or nearly half, happen while rain is falling.

Such statistics are sobering and underscore how dangerous it can be to drive in rain or when roads are wet.

Drivers are not helpless in such conditions, especially when they exercise caution in wet conditions.

• Slow down. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that drivers will have a harder time controlling or stopping their vehicles on slick roads than dry roads.

And that's the case for both experienced and novice motorists. When driving in the rain or on wet roads, drivers should slow down, even if it requires driving a little below the speed limit.

Though it can be dangerous to drive too slowly on high-



ways, drivers can use the farright lane on such roads, which is not considered a passing lane and is often seen as the lane designated for vehicles moving more slowly.

• Leave extra room between your car and other vehicles. The NHTSA also advises increasing the following distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you when driving in rain or on wet roads.

An extra couple of car lengths ensures you will have more time to react and stop if vehicles ahead of you encounter issues.

• Be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists. Though pedestrians and cyclists typically avoid walking or cycling in heavy rains, that does not mean there will be none on the road.

That's especially so when heavy rains fall suddenly, leaving pedestrians and cyclists already on the road with little options but to continue.

Visibility can be especially compromised in heavy rains,

which makes it even harder to see pedestrians and cyclists.

So drivers should not assume the roads are only populated by fellow motorists and must be especially vigilant to avoid hitting pedestrians and cyclists.

• **Travel familiar roads.** Though familiarity does not mean motorists can be less vigilant when driving in rain, knowing the roads you're on and the route you're taking can ensure your eyes are focused on the road at all times and not periodically glancing at GPS maps on your dashboard.

If you're planning a road trip and know heavy rain will factor in at some time, familiarize yourself with evacuation routes along the way to your destination. The NHTSA also recommends drivers learn which local radio stations to tune into for emergency alerts.

Driving in heavy rain is no small task. But drivers can approach such conditions with caution to ensure they make it home safe











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Signs you might be an agressive driver

Speeding down the roadway snaking your way in and out of traffic may seem like the only way to get to a destination on time.

But such driving can put you and others around you at risk for accidents and injury.

The Insurance Information Institute indicates that aggressive driving is a major factor in traffic crashes and plays a role in a large number of fatal highway collisions each year in the United States.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration characterizes aggressive driving as instances when "an individual commits a combination of moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property."

This may seem like a harsh definition of a rare situation, but aggressive driving is very common.

Drivers may not think they are being aggressive, arguing that they're "simply keeping up with traffic." But the following habits are indicators of aggressive driving.

• Try to beat red lights: This occurs if you're in a hurry all the time and don't want to wait at traffic signals.



• Failing to yield the right of way to others: This is true of drivers who do not yield to pedestrians or other motorists when merging.

• Not letting someone into a lane while changing lanes or merging onto the highway.

• Excessive speeding.

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tailgating and flashing your high beams in the hopes they will move faster.

• Overusing the horn.

• Communicating angrily with other drivers by gesticulating or yelling out of the window.

• Becoming frustrated when people drive slowly, especially if there is a lot of traffic.

• Rolling through stop signs at most intersections.

• Failing to signal when making a turn or changing lanes.

Aggressive driving is a significant safety threat. Curtailing aggressive behaviors can help drivers make the roads safer for everyone.

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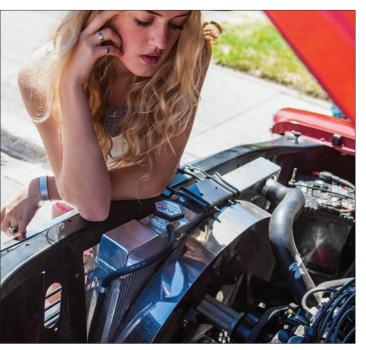


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What certain noises may indicate about your car

Automobiles have come a long way since their introduction more than 100 years ago.

Though modern cars and trucks still employ some of the same principles as their forebears, the vehicles people drive today bear little resemblance to those that made waves in the early part of the twentieth century.

Modern automobiles are technological marvels, which has made both driving and maintaining a vehicle much simpler.

In regard to maintenance, built-in diagnostic systems can now alert drivers when something is wrong with their vehicles.

Though that feature is undeniably useful, drivers can still benefit from learning to recognize issues by ear. Many issues that can affect a car or truck produce unusual sounds, and learning what certain noises may indicate can help drivers detect problems as soon as possible.

• Rattling sound in a wheel well: Most people have mistakenly placed clothing in a dryer without realizing they had spare change in their pockets. That mistake is immediately apparent once the dryer starts thanks to the unpleasant noise of coins bouncing off the interior of the machine.

Drivers may hear a similar sound when behind the wheel and wonder what's behind it.

Such a sound is often indicative that there's a loose lug nut inside the hubcap. This issue can arise when drivers don't tighten the wheel properly after changing their own tire, or if mechanics make the same mistake when rotating or replacing tires during a routine maintenance session.

• **Squeaking sound:** The auto insurance experts at Geico note that rear-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicles may produce a rhythmic squeaking sound when an issue arises with the universal joint.

JD Power notes that the universal joint, often referred to as a U-joint, is part of the system that enables the rotating crankshaft in the engine of a vehicle to transfer that rotating motion to the rear wheels.

U-joints get a workout whenever vehicles are driven, so they require maintenance, and a squeaking sound is one indicator that the U-joint needs to be addressed immediately.

• Squealing sound: A highpitched squealing sound is typically indicative of worn out brake pads. However, Cars.com notes that if such a sound is only present when a car is first driven in the morning, it could just be surface rust being scraped off the rotors.

After a few initial applications of the brakes, that sound might disappear. If it doesn't, the vehicle will likely need new brake pads.

• Scraping on the windshield during rain: The scraping sound on a windshield when the wipers are in use should not be taken lightly or be interpreted as a sign that the rain is only falling slightly.

In fact, that sound indicates the wipers are worn out, which means they're not effectively clearing the windshield.

In addition, the wipers could be scratching the windshield each time they produce this sound, ultimately necessitating a costly windshield replacement.

Wiper blades can be replaced in a matter of minutes, so address this issue promptly.

Learning to recognize the culprits behind various vehicle noises can help drivers nip problems in the bud before they compromise the automobile and the safety of the people inside it.





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Try to diffuse road rage attacks

Road rage is a significant problem on the nation's roadways. A 2014 survey from AAA found that 46.6 percent of drivers reported having yelled at another motorist, while 44.5 percent indicated they had honked to show annoyance or anger with another driver. Road rage can be more than just getting a little steamed at the person who cut you off. AAA reports nearly eight out of 10 drivers demonstrate aggressive driving behaviors while driving. This can result in accidents, including some that are fatal. A report from the advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety indicated that 2021 was the deadliest year for incidents involving road rage, with an average of 44 people per month shot and killed or wounded during a road rage incident in the United States. Road rage deaths due to gun violence have doubled compared to prepandemic levels. Should you be confronted with road rage, some of the best advice is not to take it personally and escalate the aggression. Always take the humble route and try to de-escalate the situation, particularly if another driver believes you are in the wrong. Mouthing "I'm sorry" may cause the other driver to feel he or she has won and it will diffuse the situation. It's not about being right or wrong, but getting to a destination safely with no confrontations.



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Maintenance intervals drivers should know

Vehicles are among the most costly expenses individuals have.

According to data from Kelley Blue Book, the average price paid for a new vehicle in the United States in September 2022 was \$48,094. Canadian car buyers face an equally expensive reality in their country, where the average MSRP for a new car is more than \$45,000.

Since vehicles are such sizable investments, it behooves motorists to do as much as they can to keep their cars and trucks running smoothly.

Vehicle owner's manuals typically recommend maintenance intervals and should be drivers' first resource for information regarding how to take care of their cars and trucks. But the following are some standard maintenance intervals drivers can keep in mind

3,000 miles

The 3,000-mile marker used to be the benchmark for changing oil, but modern vehicles can now go longer between oil changes.



However, it's still a good idea to check other fluid levels every 3,000 miles.

Windshield washer fluid, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid should all be checked every 3,000 miles and topped off if levels are low

It's wise for drivers to perform some additional maintenance checkups every 3,000 miles.

Check tire pressure, inspect hoses (which should not be leaking or bulging) and clean the interior of the vehicle every 3,000 miles.

5,000 miles

Many vehicle manufacturers now recommend oil changes every 5,000 miles.



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Tire rotations also can be part of service visits at this interval, and drivers can ask their mechanic to check their fuel filters and batteries every 5,000 miles as well. Many may already do this as part of their comprehensive maintenance packages, but it's still good to confirm if they do and request they do so if it's not part of the plan.

Drivers also can request that cabin air filters are inspected at this point, though they can generally last a year before they need to be replaced.

Around the 5,000-mile mark, wiper blades also may begin to show signs of wear and tear, including streaking on the windshield or scratching noises when in use.

Each of those signs indicates the wipers need to be replaced. However, drivers should take note of these signs regardless of when they appear. Some may not make it 5,000 miles before they begin to wear down. In such instances, they should be replaced immediately regardless of how many miles it's been since they were installed.

10,000 miles

Some vehicles may only require oil changes every 10,000 miles. That's not uncommon in vehicles that use synthetic oil, though drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals.

Brake pads also may need to be replaced around this time, and one telltale sign of that is a squeaking noise whenever the brakes are applied.

Drivers can ask their mechanics to check the alignment of their vehicles around this interval as well. Though many vehicles won't develop alignment issues, it's best to check for such issues every 10,000 miles.

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What to do after an auto crash

Car crashes occur every day. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are more than five million crashes in the United States every year. Fortythree percent of them resulted in injuries in 2020.

No one wants to get into an automobile crash, which can be stressful and even fatal. Even crashes that do not result in any major injuries can be traumatizing. Knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of a crash, may make such instances less stressful.

Assess the situation

The insurance experts at GEICO® advise individuals involved in an accident to first determine if any of the involved parties suffered an injury. If you are injured, stay put. If not, check on the condition of the other driver. At this point do not admit any fault or reveal any policy limits.

Next, make a call to emergency services to request assistance from the police and an ambulance, if necessary.

Move your vehicle

If possible, pull the vehicle over to a safe, well-lit public location.

This is especially important if you believe you were the victim of a staged accident, says the Insurance Information Institute. If the car will cause another road hazard, it is best to move it over to the side and use flashers to alert oncoming traffic. It is important that you don't leave the scene, according to American Property Casualty Insurance Association.

Gather evidence

Have the police write up an accident report. You should take pictures of the damage to your vehicle, the other vehicle, if possible, and the scene of the accident, including any skid marks, debris and/or property damage.

If there are any witnesses to the accident, get their names and contact information. You'll need this information when filing an insurance claim.

Exchange information

Collect the names, phone numbers, addresses and email addresses of other drivers and vehicle occupants and exchange insurance information with all drivers involved. That includes the insurance company name, policy number and the name of the insured.

Notify a friend or family member

Even if the accident is not serious, you may want to call a friend or family member to provide emotional support.

If you've been injured, a friend or family member can

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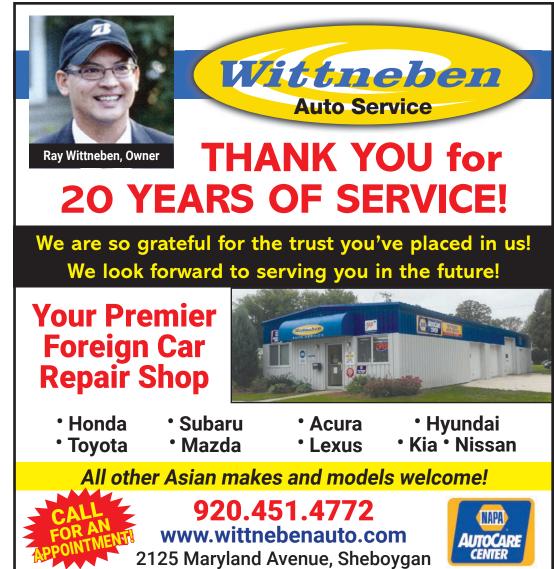
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