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Woman in jail 15 months for major theft charge was victim of romance scam

by **Ian Johanson**
for The Beacon

"I didn't want to die alone."

That was 70-year-old South Carolina woman Shirley A. Mahaffey's explanation to a Sheboygan County court about what motivated her to begin a years-long, long-distance relationship that resulted in \$167,500 stolen from a Plymouth company, her boyfriend revealed to be a cruel fiction, herself in jail for over a year, and the primary suspect still at large.

Both Mahaffey and her attorney Ali Mahmood told her side of the story publicly for the first time during her plea and sentencing hearing held Feb. 14, where a deal with the prosecution was announced. What was initially a felony charge for theft greater than \$100,000 with a maximum potential sentence of 12.5 years, was reduced to a misdemeanor for receiving stolen property, with time served as the prosecution's recommended sentence. What follows is the story as recorded in the court transcript of the hearing.

The legal system first upended Mahaffey's life on Nov. 16, 2022, when to her surprise,

a sheriff came to her home in South Carolina with an arrest warrant. Mahaffey had never previously been in trouble with the law, she told the court, "not even a speeding ticket." But the train of events that led to that day had been put in motion four years earlier.

The situation then was that Mahaffey was a widow, her husband of 42 years having passed away in 2012. She had moved in with her elderly mother to take care of both her and her own brother, who died of cancer in 2018. She has one daughter and two grandchildren.

"After his death I found more time for myself and realized I was lonely and wanting to find a final partner. I didn't want to die alone, so I decided to go on-line at Plenty of Fish in December of 2018," Mahaffey told the court.

She met a man through that site she knew as Gary, who said he was an engineer in water and sewer, owned his own company and was working in Singapore. Mahaffey said she was an engineering technician for 22 years. They enjoyed the same things: outdoors, gardening, cooking, music, she said.

Then he started asking for

money. He was robbed, he said, and needed money for food and housing for his 12-year old son.

Gary gained her trust by sending her pictures of his passport and driver's license. Gary even gave her his bank account information, which, when she called the bank, revealed he had \$6 million in his account. But supposedly Gary couldn't access the money due to his Singapore situation.

All told, Mahaffey sent him about \$20,000 of her own money over the four years of their relationship, conducted over the phone and by text. She learned

to send the money by a bitcoin machine which was near her house, as well as by gift cards.

"she believed the money was going for a good cause and he would be good for it because he would talk about how he would come back and he would be willing to pay back all the money she had sent him," her attorney said. They even planned to get married.

Of course, "Gary" is not a real person, her attorney believes from his own and police investigations. The IDs had been edited. If the story had ended there, with a woman de-

pendent on Social Security out \$20,000 through a romance scam, that would be the type of deception that unfortunately occurs frequently nationwide. 70,000 people reported a romance scam in 2022, according to the Federal Trade Commission, with \$1.3 billion in reported losses.

But "Gary's" scam turned the knife much deeper. He convinced Mahaffey to receive \$167,500 into her own bank account. The story he told Mahaffey was that he was being sued by employees over unpaid wages, and he needed Mahaffey to wire \$150,000 to a "disgruntled employee" in Texas, which she did.

Mahaffey said she sent the remainder to "Gary" in the form of bitcoin and gift cards, supposedly so he could buy plane tickets home. "I didn't keep a penny because he needed every penny to come home," Mahaffey said. "She didn't buy herself a car, or a purse, a dress, not even a pack of gum," her attorney said. "All

How to spot a romance scammer in the act

- Nobody legit will ever ask you to help—or insist that you invest— by sending cryptocurrency, giving the numbers on a gift card, or by wiring money. Anyone who does is a scammer.

- If someone tells you to send money to receive a package, you can bet it's a scam.

- Talk to friends or family about a new love interest and pay attention if they're concerned.

- Try a reverse image search of profile pictures. If the details don't match up, it's a scam.

Help stop scammers by reporting suspicious profiles or messages to the dating app or social media platform. Then, tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. If someone is trying to extort you, report it to the FBI. Learn more at ftc.gov/romancescams.

source: U.S. Federal Trade Commission

see SCAM, page 3

Candidate forums scheduled

The Sheboygan Branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring Candidate Forums for the April election.

City Council candidates for Districts 4, 6 and 10 will be featured on Tuesday, Mar. 5. Debra Yochis and Robert LaFave will compete for the open seat in District 4. Joseph Vugrinovich is running against incumbent Dean Dekker for the District 6 seat. Marcia Reinthaler is seeking to unseat Joseph Heidemann

in District 10.

Candidates for City Council Districts 2 and 8 will meet on Wednesday, Mar. 6. Former Alderman John Belanger is running against Roberta Filicky-Peneski in District 2. Incumbent Zachary Rust will face Jesse Roethel for the District 8 seat.

At 7:30 on Wednesday, Mar. 6, County Board candidates for the 2nd and 3rd Districts in the City of Sheboygan will share their thoughts about County is-

ues. Travis Gross is challenging incumbent Paul Gruber. Gruber has a conflict with the date of the Forum and will not be able to participate. In District 3, Kathleen Donovan is running for another term and will compete with Isabel Rivera, who is also running for the SASD Board.

Sheboygan Area School District candidates will participate

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of that money that came to her account came in and left.”

The money, however, was stolen from a Plymouth business. The theft involved a scheme, police say, in which the Plymouth company unknowingly paid the balance owed for a large piece of machinery to a bank account registered to Mahaffey, rather than to the company selling the item. The switch was enabled by someone using an email address which differed from the actual company email by one letter. The email instructed the Plymouth company to wire the money to Mahaffey’s account, prosecutors say.

Mahaffey was charged with the crime, and arrested and extradited to Sheboygan in Nov. of 2022. “When she got here she told the police everything,” her attorney said. “She was adamant that everything on her phone would clear this up and she could go back home. She felt this was a huge misunderstanding and they could call Gary and Gary could clarify things. Unfortunately, the police in the state did not subscribe to her story.”

Sheboygan County Circuit Court Judge George Limbeck confirmed, by means of a question during the hearing, that Mahaffey did make a statement to law enforcement when she first came in, but there has not been any active communication since.

Mahaffey would spend the next 456 days in jail, unable to pay the \$5,000 cash bond for

release as the criminal process moved forward. Nevertheless, her attorney says she was “beyond polite” to the jail staff, the court, and himself.

In the end, Mahaffey accepted responsibility for her part in the case. She acknowledged to Judge Limbeck that pleading no contest to the misdemeanor charge meant that “there have to be facts that you acknowledge that support the fact that you committed this crime.”

“To the company that was scammed,” Mahaffey said as she concluded her statement to the court, “I’m very sorry for that burden that was put on their business. I know that every penny counts in this day and time. I know a lot of people worked very hard to earn that money. I’m sorry for that fact. We were all scammed and I too will help in every way to catch the people involved in this case.”

Limbeck ordered Mahaffey sentenced to nine months in jail, the maximum for the downgraded misdemeanor. Mahaffey had already served six months longer than that.

But the judge agreed that “You’ve been scammed.” “There is really nothing I can say or do today that is going to help you except get you on your way,” Limbeck said. “I hope they find Gary and if he’d get in front of this judge, he would get a nice long prison sentence, probably. I can’t prejudge. But there [is] nothing I can do to help you other than impose the sentence I impose and wish you the best of luck with your family and your life.”

So - what about “Gary”? Who was that person, really?

And how did the fraudulent emailer know about the machinery purchase in the first place?

There’s an arrest warrant out, issued by Judge Limbeck,

for Gerardo J. Sanchez, 56, of Mission, Texas, who is accused of receiving \$150,000 in stolen funds from Shirley Mahaffey. Stay tuned.

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Garden club marks 75th year

A luncheon and program to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Lake Shore Garden Club was held Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the Sheboygan Yacht Club.

Sheboygan Mayor Ryan Sorenson presented a City of Sheboygan Proclamation to Lake Shore Garden Club President Doris Weber. Recognition was made to Lake Shore Garden Club for their 75-year commitment to bettering the

Sheboygan community and its residents through their work in horticulture. Furthermore, the City of Sheboygan recognizes the club's invaluable contributions to the beauty, vitality, and well being of our community.

National Garden Club, Third Vice President, Gerianne Holzman, presented a Certificate of Merit to President Doris Weber, honoring the club being a member of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation and recognizing the 75th Anniversary.

Sheboygan District Vice Director, Elaine Wagner presented a program A Walk in Time.

The program provided a journey from the inception of Lake Shore Garden Club in 1949 to current times 2024.

The journey included descriptions of numerous projects encompassing garden therapy, civic beatification, and education. Noteworthy, was The Heritage of Trees Project that resulted in planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers at six Sheboygan schools.

At this point in time, additional projects have been implemented and membership as compared to 1949 has tripled.

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DORIS WEBER AND RYAN SORENSON

Shore Garden Club are to promote friendship among members and to share horticultural knowledge.

Lake Shore Garden Club contributes to the well being of the community with financial and horticultural support to organizations as the Elwood H. May Environmental Park, the Sheboygan County Historical Society, the Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization, the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Memorial, the Plymouth Historical Society and Veteran's Park, and Bookworm Gardens.

Furthermore, Lake Shore Garden Club provides monetary support to environmental agencies as The Great Lakes Conservancy and Trees for Tomorrow.

For club information, please contact Doris Weber at:

920-467-3266 or doris@johngweber.com

Flapjack Day celebrates 36th year

On Sunday, March 17 the community is invited to celebrate maple sugaring at Maywood during the park's 36th Annual Flapjack Day.

A pancake breakfast featuring Maywood's own maple syrup will be served 9:30am-12:30pm. The meal includes all-you-care-to-eat pancakes and syrup and a beverage. Sausage will be available to

purchase ala carte.

Visitors can also enjoy tours of the maple forest to view the sap collection process and can visit the maple sugaring house to view the evaporator and learn how maple sap becomes maple syrup. A taste of maple syrup will also be available on complimentary snow cones and maple sap tea. Family friendly lumberjack games and St. Patrick's Day themed activities are included with the event ticket. Activities will run 9:30am-1:00pm. Spun Boutique Cotton Candy will be on site selling their locally crafted cotton candy.

Show tickets offered at classic fish fry

The Beacon Restaurant at Blue Harbor Resort is kicking off the return of the classic Wisconsin Friday Night Fish Fry with a giveaway for show tickets.

Guests of the Good Old Fashioned Happy Hour & Fish Fry who are 21 years of age or older will have the opportunity each week to register to win a pair of tickets to the SOLD OUT Charlie Berens Good Old Fashioned Tour at the Weill Center for the Performing Arts on March 28th, for a possible six total entries per person.

Submissions will be accepted in On the Rocks Bar & Grill and The Beacon Restaurant on Fridays (February 16th – March 22nd) from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Monday, March 25th, one winner will be selected by random drawing and will have two days to claim the prize. In the event the winner does not claim the prize, an alternate winner may be selected.

"We look forward to welcoming you to The Beacon Restaurant at Blue Harbor Resort," says Director of Food & Beverage Matt Rammes, "for this quintessential Wisconsin food and drink combination."

The Good Old Fashioned Happy Hour & Fish Fry will run through lent, ending on March 29th, 2024. For more information about the Good Old Fashioned Giveaway, Happy Hour, and Fish Fry, or to view official contest rules, visit <https://www.blueharborresort.com/good-old-fashioned-happy-hour-and-fish-fry/>

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in a Forum at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 7. There are four candidates for three SASD Board member seats. They include incumbent Santino Laster and newcomers Isabel Rivera, Peter Madden and Leah Hibl.

The Forums will all be held at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. WSCS will tape the events and air them throughout their schedule until the April election. They will also be available "On Demand" on WSCS, Spectrum Channel 990 (wscs-sheboygan.com) (utube.com) (apps.apple.com) (channelstore.roku.com).



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‘Bogie’ named to Packers Fan Hall of Fame

Dan Bogenschuetz is now a rock star. That’s what happens when you’re elected the 26th member of the Green Bay Packers Fan Hall of Fame.

“I’ve been getting gifts and cards in the mail, congratulating me,” the Sheboygan resident said. “The Kohler Company, Local 833 Union put up a billboard. The mayor reached out to me, I’m going to be meeting the City Council on one day. ... I went to the Chamber of Commerce banquet, and so many people came up to me that I’ve never met my life and congratulated me. And so I thought that was really neat. I went to a brat fry for the fire department at Howards Grove, I walked in there and it was like, wow, I couldn’t take any steps without somebody coming over giving me a big hug or a handshake.

Known for running “Bogie’s Packer Group” for 36 years, Bogenschuetz and nine other finalists gathered in the media room at Lambeau Field on Feb. 19 for the announcement.

When Packer officials unveiled Bogenschuetz had won, he remembers looking up and thinking about his mom and dad.

“And my eyes got a little heavy,” he said. “And on the way up to the stage, I just kept saying, ‘don’t you dare cry.’ Then when I got on stage, and saw all the people in the room, all the news media, all the cameras. I just kept thinking, breathe.

“It just hit me like, wow, this is a once in a lifetime thing. They have my name in the Hall of Fame for life.”



DAN BOGENSCHUETZ is the 26th member of the Packers Fan Hall of Fame. - Photo by Emma Pravecek

Bogenschuetz will receive four club seats to a 2024 Packers home game with four pre-game sideline passes, four passes to the Packers Hall of Fame, a custom Packers jersey, a \$500 Packers Pro Shop gift certificate, and a one-year subscription to PackersNews.com.

“I just want to thank everybody,” Bogenschuetz said. “I really want to stress this, I thank every person out there that voted for me. I know I had votes from Australia, Germany, England, a lot from Canada.

“Yeah, this has been a nice ride. I mean, it’s exciting. It’s exciting that people are congratulating me to this day and I still can’t go out anywhere without somebody saying something. That really means a lot to me and my family.”

And as far as that tattoo?

When Channel 4 came to Bogenschuetz’s house in the days leading up to the final vote, he jokingly said during a lengthy interview that he would get one on his arm if he won.

Bogenschuetz, who says he hates needles, didn’t expect that small portion of the chat to make it to television - but of course it did.

“I just met with the (tattoo) guy last Friday, and I talked with him on the phone this morning,” he said. “We’re working on a design right now. ...

“Channel 4 wants me to call them when I’m doing it, because they want to come down with the film crew and film it. I think that’s funny.”

XPEL to sponsor IndyCar at Road America

IndyCar has announced its partnership with XPEL as the title sponsor of the annual NTT IndyCar Series event at Road America.

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The 2024 NTT IndyCar Series season begins March 10 at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

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Stricker reaches 1,000

Lutheran's Alex Stricker scored her 1,000th point on Feb. 23, two weeks after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament.

She's also helped the Crusaders reach their first sectional final (held after deadline) since 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

the physicality and speed of the varsity game. She is surrounded by great teammates and leaders around her that are always encouraging each other."

Third-seeded Christian lost to top-seeded Albany/Monticello in a sectional semifinal.

A first for Christian

The girls basketball team won its first regional championship since 2015 when it beat Catholic Central, 55-41, on Feb. 24.

Freshman Samantha Veldkamp finished with a season-high 21 rebounds to go with 26 points - one shy of her high - on 9-of-10 shooting.

She sank both three-point attempts, was 6 of 7 from the free-throw line and added five blocks.

"Sam's confidence has grown thru the season," coach Dustin Veldkamp said. "As a freshman, it takes some time to adjust to

A first for Lutheran

The boys basketball team won its final six Big East Conference games to finish in a first-place tie in the South Division with Kohler.

To do so, the Crusaders had to become the first team to beat the Blue Bombers this season and also avenge a nine-point loss on Jan. 19.

They did, in the form of a 67-56 win on Feb. 16.

Both teams finished with an 11-1 league record; last year Lutheran was 11-7.



LUTHERAN'S Alex Stricker holds a sign after scoring her 1,000th point. - Submitted photo



CHRISTIAN'S basketball team got its first regional title since 2015. - Submitted photo



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Sheboygan A's home schedule is released

The Sheboygan A's have released their 2024 home schedule, and they will be the primary host for the Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Classic tournament - historically held mostly in West Bend - on July 12-14 at Wildwood Park.

Other highlights including their season opener on Saturday, May 18th with the Play Ball Tournament.

The annual Wisconsin State League challenge, a weekend where all WSL teams converge on Sheboygan for regular-sea-

son games, takes place June 8-9, with games played at Wildwood and Field of Dreams.

The A's will have three home dates in May, 12 home dates in June, and at least 12 in July.

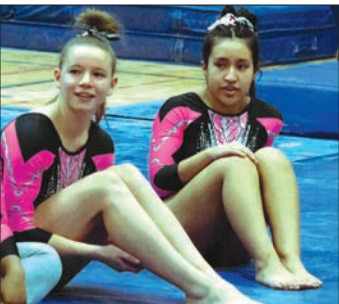
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NAOMI HARDER (left) and Aranza Cortes are the team's two seniors. - Photo by Tyler Jensen

■ Harder earns second team

Three Sheboygan gymnasts made the all-Eastern Valley Conference team, led by Naomi Harder.

The senior, who wrapped up her fourth season, made the second team.

Another senior, Aranza Cor-

tes, and sophomore Scarlett Smith, received honorable mention in their first season on the squad.

"They all worked really hard, so I think it was deserving," coach Lauren Merry said. "Naomi just had some incredible growth between her freshman year to now. I've been able to see how much she has improved and how hard she's

worked."

At the Manitowoc Lincoln Sectional on Feb. 24, Harder finished a team-best 14th in the all-around. She was 13th on the bars and the floor, and 17th on the vault.

Cortes led the squad on the beam (26th).

Season in review

Merry says she had a pret-

ty small team, but everyone worked hard together.

"Obviously the two seniors are graduating so they won't be coming back, but then everyone else is planning on coming back," she said.

"And they've talked about working in the offseason to come back better. Hopefully I'll have some state qualifiers next year."

Red Raiders land four on all-Fox River Classic team

Plymouth senior Gaven Marx was one of four Sheboygan co-op hockey players to make all-Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention.

The senior defender completed his third season on varsity by scoring the third-most goals

(nine) and compiling the fourth-most points (13).

"He developed into that top defenseman role we need on the team, both on the offensive and defensive side," coach Avery Huibregtse said. "He's a dynamic player, a nice little spark plug to

have on the back end to skate through and create some offense."

Two senior forwards also received all-conference in Sheboygan Falls' Drake Moberg and Valders' Otis Berge.

Junior goalie Zane Vande Hey of Sheboygan Falls made all-

league as well.

Season in review

The Red Raiders finished fourth in the conference (2-5) and were 11-12-1 overall.

"They definitely exceeded our coach's expectations," Huibreg-

tse said. "We were in all of the games except maybe three or four this year. Our whole season, they kept up with teams, never gave up and they had a great mentality that they still have chance even if it doesn't look great on the scoreboard."



TREVOR GRAHAM swims three events at the state meet for North. - Photo by Patrick Kirchner

Terrazas swims at first state meet

North freshman Aadin Terrazas competed in his first Division 1 state swim meet at Waukesha South on Feb. 17. He finished seventh in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4 minutes 42.72 seconds, and was 16th with a 1:44.52 in the 200 free.

Senior Trevor Graham competed in the 100 backstroke and ended 17th in 53.60.

The two were also on the Golden Raiders relay teams.

Graham, Terrazas, junior Pascal Kirchner and senior Owen Smith swam the 200 free (14th place). And they were joined by sophomores Mason Pond and Griffin Pond on the 400 free (20th).

South results

Junior Jesus Guadalupe-Ramey finished 13th in diving with 313.20 points.

Senior teammate Peter Gerrits did not make it out of the diving preliminaries, however.

Girls represent at state wrestling

Three Sheboygan girls advanced to the state wrestling championships in Madison, including two from South.

Ellianna Robinson lost both matches at 145 pounds to finish with a 14-9 record. She was pinned by Eau Claire North's Shelly Bullman and then by Edgerton's Makayla Howard.

Teammate Ariya Yang battled at 100 but was pinned by Horicon's Ruby Brandt to end with an 8-13 mark.

North's Destiny Duesterbeck finished 14-3 at 185 after she was pinned by Cameron's Kierra Schuebel.



ARIYA YANG (left) and Ellianna Robinson wrestle at state. - Submitted photo

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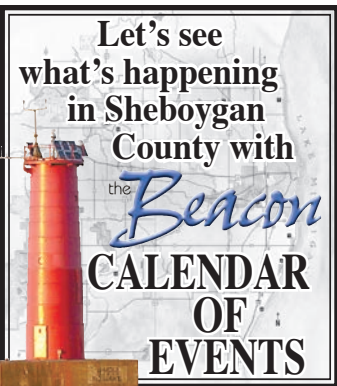
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**THURSDAY
MARCH 7**

Musical "Mary Poppins": 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. A family finds a mysterious woman to be the answer to their prayers - in the most peculiar way. Tickets \$10. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

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Musical "Mary Poppins": 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. A family finds a mysterious woman to be the answer to their prayers - in the most peculiar way. Tickets \$10. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

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MARCH 9**

Musical "Mary Poppins": 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. A family finds a mysterious woman to be the answer to their prayers - in the most peculiar way. Tickets \$10. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 10**

Musical "Mary Poppins": 2 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. A family finds

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**SATURDAY
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Sunset Serenade: Wisconsin's Frogs: 11:00 a.m. Kohler-Andrae State Park 1020 Beach Park Lane, Sheboygan, Sanderling Nature Center. Join Janet Raddatz to learn about these amphibians without tails and the songs they sing. Park admission required. 920-451-4080.

Bluebird Birdhouse Building Workshop: 1:00 p.m. Kohler-Andrae State Park 1020 Beach Park Lane, Sheboygan, Park Office/Shop. Learn about bluebirds and assemble X-Box birdhouses. \$7 per kit. Bring a hammer. Register in advance. Vehicle admission required. 920-451-4080.

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NOW THROUGH JUNE 16, 2024: Cloth as Land: HMong Indigeneity: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., John Michael Kohler Arts Center, 608 New York Ave., Sheboygan. Centering the voices of three HMong-American artists, Cloth as Land investigates a place for HMong Indigeneity within contemporary HMong art.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 5: Genealogy Club: 6-7 p.m., Public Conference Room #2, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Share tips on genealogy and meet other researchers. All experience levels are welcome. 920-459-3400

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: LEGO Club: 3:15-4:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Kids can get creative with the library's supply of LEGO. Recommended for grades K-6. 920-459-3400

THURSDAY, MARCH 7: Tech Help @ Uptown Social: 11 a.m.-noon, Uptown Social, Sheboygan. Mead Library staff will offer one-on-one tech support with email, navigating your device, setting up online accounts and more. 920-459-3400

THURSDAY, MARCH 7: Make it @ Mead: 5-6:30 p.m., Imaginarium, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Make your own sock monkey during this free, all-ages makerspace program. 920-459-3400

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MONDAY, MARCH 18: Terrariums Workshop: 5:45-7:45 p.m., The Loft, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Learn about low-maintenance miniature indoor gardens in this free workshop with Christina Wilke-Burbach. Register at the www.meadpl.org events calendar or call 920-459-3400.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 7: Nutrition Talk with Dr. Dan: 11:45am. Learn the difference between Hemp CBD and Marijuana. Also learn about their impact on the cannabinoid system. Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8: Dog Club with Great Lakes Search

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 Compassionate Parents: *Grief Support for families that lost a child:* 6:00-8:00pm. Mental Health America, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth, WI 53073.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
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GriefShare Support Group: Evangelical Free Church, 1710 N. 15th St., Sheboygan, 9:30am-11am. Support for those who've lost a loved one. 920-452-6520.

Plymouth Food Pantry: 2225 Eastern Ave., 2-5pm. Elkhart Lake & Plymouth school districts. Call 893-2989 for information.

Knight Chess: Sheboygan Falls Library, Lower Level. 4-7pm. Information (920) 234-2010.

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support: 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1429 N. 5th Street, Sheboygan. Call Jane for info: 1-414-698-6346.

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

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

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 Lemonade: *Widow's Support Group:* 6:00-7:30pm. Rogers Behavioral Health, (Main Entrance), 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

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FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Going Further: Mental Health Recovery Support: 5:00pm. Rogers Behavioral Health, (Main Entrance), 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

There is Hope Suicide Loss Support for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. 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. 9am-3pm. Quilts are donated to soldiers. Linda, 627-3460, linda.camoquilt@gmail.com

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

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

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.

Christian Science Reading Room: 6:30-7:30pm. A quiet place to pray & read the Bible. Christian Science publications and to study other books, pamphlets and materials. All are welcome! First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2512 N 9th St., Sheboygan. 920-458-2673.

Christian Science Testimony Meeting: 7:30 pm. We invite you to share testimonies of healings, experiences, and/or

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Divorce Care: A faith-based program offering help, hope & healing for those in all stages of divorce. Will meet on Wednesday nights as interest/need demand. Please contact Dana at 920-980-7637 for meeting details and see divorcecare.org for program information.

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2024 Chamber Champions Gala Award Winners Announced

The Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of the 2024 Chamber Champions Gala, held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Year after year, the event brings together hundreds of community members to celebrate the accomplishments of over 90 nominees.

The Emcee for the night was Daven Claerbout, registered auctioneer and Oostburg native. The year's event sponsors included: Masters Gallery Foods, Prevea Health, Van Horn Automotive Group, Poly Vinyl Company, Inc., Sargento Foods, Inc. and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.



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AA Step & Tradition Study:

Grace Episcopal Church, 1011 N 7th St., Sheboygan, 10am. Use the Ontario Street entrance. **North Side Christian Food Pantry:** 2133 N. 22nd St., Sheboygan, 12:30-2pm. Call 920-458-7070 for information.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

Our Redeemer Church, 1808 Eastern Avenue, Plymouth. OA is a fellowship of individuals who through shared experiences, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. Please use back door with key coder. 920-889-3719.

Spirit Within: Rogers Behavioral Health, Community Room, 1108 S Wildwood Ave, Sheboygan. 4:45 PM. A meeting of collective, spiritual support for people interested in exploring their spiritual path, whatever that means to them. All beliefs and views are welcomed. No cost or need to reg-

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

HHT A cappella (Plymouth Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society) meets every Thursday at 7 pm to 9:00 pm at Generations, Intergenerational Center, 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth (enter on north side of building) All singers welcome. Free voice lessons. No need to read music as learning CD's are provided. Rehearsing for our upcoming Christmas Season. For additional info call Jim 920-946-6703 or Bill at

920-980-1733.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Plymouth Area Garden Club: 6 pm September thru May in the Craft Room at Generations in Plymouth to discuss garden related topics. Contact Sandy for more information. 920-912-3817.

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EVERY SATURDAY
Let it Begin with Me Al-anon Meeting: 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan, 9:30am. Call Debbie, 207-2774 or Mark at 920-374-9302 for information.

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

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What's behind a hangover?

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism notes that dehydration is a major contributor to some of the more notable symptoms of hangovers, which are a common side effect of drinking too much. The NIAAA notes that alcohol suppresses the release of the hormone vasopressin, which sends signals to the kidneys that cause them to retain fluid. Without the release of vasopressin, the need to urinate increases, leading to excessive fluid loss. Fluid loss causes mild dehydration, which is why many people experiencing hangovers feel thirsty and tired and deal with headaches the morning after drinking too much.

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Christian Science Reading Room: 10am-1pm. A quiet place to pray & read the Bible. Christian Science publications and to study other books, pamphlets and materials. All are welcome! First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2512 N 9th St., Sheboygan. 920-458-2673.

SECOND SATURDAY

OF THE MONTH

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.

Plymouth Button Box Club: 10am-Noon. Plymouth Library, 130 Division Street, Plymouth. Learn about and marvel at the history and beauty of buttons. All are welcome who are also intrigued by these little pieces of art. Questions? Email btplywi@gmail.com.

Women Within: 1907 Club, 2908 N 21st St, Sheboygan. 11:00 AM. Making our wellbeing and need for connection a

priority in our lives. All women are welcome. No cost or need to register. Any questions, call or text Jill at 920-609-5151.

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Lakeshore Miniature Makers, builders of dollhouses, roomboxes, etc. Trinity Lutheran Church, 6522 South Business Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 9 am to 3 pm. New members always welcome. Call Elaine at 920-452-4798 for more information.

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Migraines and Headaches?

Living with headaches is tough.

Day after day of being miserable, irritable, and looking a lot older than you really are. The frustration of knowing that your friends and family don't understand what you're going through. Add this to doctors' visits, MRI's and CT scans, which only come back with "normal" results. And that's not all... trying one medication after another, feeling like you're on a merry-go-round of drugs. All this is enough to make anyone want to scream!

My name is Dr. Jeff Wild, and I've been helping patients with headaches, neck tension, and migraines live pain free for 35 years now. Every week I hear how women suffer from severe headaches... statements like:

- "I feel like my head is in a vice."
- "My eyes hurt and I feel so drowsy."
- "I've had migraines since childhood."
- "Muscle tension in the neck and pain into the shoulders."

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This year Ash Wednesday was on Valentine's Day. Some of you may have gone to church to start the Lenten Season of the Church Calendar Year. You may have also gone out on a date to eat with your loved one on the same night to celebrate Valentine's Day. If you struggled to hear at church or at the restaurant there is hearing help available for you.

During the Lenten services, leading up to Easter, or what my church calls, Resurrection Sunday, we are reminded about Jesus's purpose on Earth, which according to the Bible, was to save us from our sins. On Maundy Thursday we are reminded of Jesus' betrayal, and on Good Friday we learn of his crucifixion. Three days later we celebrate His resurrection from the dead. To those who believe in this, these are very important messages which are the basis of the Christian faith.

For many it is difficult to hear these important messages. You may find you are hearing the pastor's teaching but cannot understand what is being said. The high ceilings and how far away you sit from the speakers in church can affect how you hear. If the church you're attending has a hearing loop, having a hearing aid with a telecoil will allow you to hear the sermon and the choir right in your ears through your hearing aids. If you have hearing aids without a telecoil or a church without a hearing loop, several manufacturers make microphones that can stream sound directly into your hearing aids. Some people clip these remote mics onto the pastor's clothing so they can hear the sermon in their ears. It is truly amazing what can be done today.

If you noticed on your date on Valentine's that it's getting harder for you to hear in noisy restaurants, and family gatherings have become more difficult as well, hearing aids will help in those situations too. If you have hearing aids and are still having hearing difficulties, you may want to get your hearing retested and have your hearing aids reprogrammed accordingly. In addition, you may need to have the noise reduction in your hearing aids increased, as well as speech enhancement. Those same remote microphones mentioned earlier can be worn by the person you are with so their voice can go directly into your ears through the hearing aids allowing you to understand what is being said, while the background noise is suppressed. Today's hearing aids also have apps that can be put on a smartphone to control both the volume and change the listening programs to help you improve your hearing and understanding, especially in noise.

Easter weekend, when you are at church and gather with your family for dinner, is a great time to test drive a pair of hearing aids. You don't want to miss hearing those grandchildren shout with glee when they find their Easter eggs and baskets. And you certainly don't want to miss the message of Jesus' death and resurrection. **Call Welsch Hearing Today at 920-452-0213 to schedule your Hearing Test, Consultation and Test Drive.**



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Churches unite to help refugees build new lives in county

by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon

“We want to clear the air about what is and what is not refugee resettlement.”

That is what Deacon Paul Aparicio, who immigrated here from Brazil in the 1980s and

chairs the board of the newly designated resettlement agency for this area – Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County (Love INC) – told more than 120 local residents who packed a Town Hall on Refugees at Grace Episcopal Church in late February.

Judging from remarks made

by the state refugee coordinator, six other speakers and members of the audience, that was the wish of most people there, too. Sheboygan County is already home to thousands of former refugees who immigrated here over previous decades, including a small Rohingya population which has more recently arrived after escaping oppression and the 2017 genocide in

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma.

“A refugee is someone who is fleeing from persecution due to their race, religion, political affiliation or other reasons, and they can never go back home,” Love INC Executive Director Tandra Sbrocco said. “It is the most difficult way to enter the United States, because there are so many steps in the process.”

“It is a very small population in comparison to the total immigrant population,” she clarified. “We are not talking about individuals at the southern border.”

“We recently received approval from the US government to handle refugee settlement,” Sbrocco pointed out. “We are excited about this opportunity.”

Love INC is based in Sheboygan Falls, has 37 partner churches and is an affiliate of Episcopal Migration Ministries, one of 10 national agencies authorized to organize refugee resettlement.

“We want to unite our partner churches across denominations and help people who are struggling in our community,”




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Spelling bee with twist to help fund programs

by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon

The Family Resources Center of Sheboygan County's newest fundraising event, their 1st Annual Corporate Spelling Bee starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, promises drinks, dinner, prizes, a silent auction, a wine pull and the titillation of watching teams of grown-ups re-live childhood dreams – or nightmares – of spelling their way to glory.

"The bee is something different that helps set our organization apart and ties into the importance of literacy and education," said Trisha Erpelding, executive director of the Plymouth-based non-profit organization. "It's a fun way for us to raise funds and awareness of the important work that we're doing."

Up to 12 teams consisting of two members and an alternate will compete in several rounds with words of increasing levels of difficulty. Teams must sign up by March 1, silent auction items will be accepted up until April 1 and dinner tickets may be purchased up until April 8.

This year's theme is "BUZZ-worthy Books" and teams are encouraged to dress up as their favorite literary characters.

Event participants may opt to simply watch the competition and quietly test themselves on sheets at their own tables, participate in or sponsor a team and 8-person "beehive" (table) or offer support at other levels, ranging from \$50 for a dinner ticket to the top, \$3,000 "Queen Bee" sponsorship –with many options in between. Companies can also sponsor teams from the non-profit organization of their choice.

The master of ceremonies will be Jay Johnson and two real-life Wisconsin Circuit Court judges, Rebecca Persick and Natasha Torry, will preside over the spelling.

Adding to the frivolity will be a best costume prize, a "boo-hoo basket" for the first team eliminated and a spirit/cheer award, in addition to a trophy for the winning spellers. Teams who misspell a word might even have the opportunity to "cheat" by donating their way back in.

"Our initial fundraising goal is \$25,000 and proceeds will support all our programs," Erpelding pointed out.

The idea behind it had been percolating for some time, after staff were inspired by similar events elsewhere. Eight teams have already formed, including ones from several area companies, the Plymouth School District, the Plymouth Library and the Mead Library in Sheboygan.

"We would love to have more people come to the spelling bee,

provide sponsorships and teams, donate silent auction items and bottles of wine for the pull and bid on items," FRC Literacy Council Co-Coordinator Carol

Myers noted.

The auction already includes an oil painting by well-known artist Dale Knaak, Wisconsin State Fair items, sporting event

tickets and more, and some of these will be made available for online bidding the week before the event.

To find out more about the

Corporate Spelling Bee, call the FRC at 920-892-6706, email the organization at literacy@frc-sc.org or visit their website at www.familyresourcesheboygan.org.

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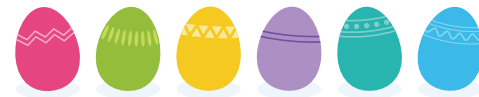
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 Lesczykowski, Samantha J., 7/15/1990, Sheboygan, Prison 4 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, Still owes \$45.12.
 Forfeitures
 Galbraith, Abigail D., 11/2001, Oostburg, Negligent Handling of Burn Material, \$263.50.
 Lopez, Xavier A., 4/2002, Plymouth, Possession of Marijuana (<25 gm), \$389.50.
 Manian, Elizabeth A., 8/1943, Random Lake, Disorderly Conduct, \$369.70.
 Randle, Quintrell J., 7/2001, Plymouth, Retail Theft, \$423.80.
 Schwartz, Dana A., 11/1979, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$200.50.
 Traffic
 Anzia, Elizabeth L., 2/1981, Cedar Grove, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$175.30.

Arndt, Randall F., 8/1969, Kohler, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$175.30.
 Borisenko, Aleksandr, 5/2002, Elkhart Lake, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$20.00.
 Figueroa, Angel J., 4/2001, Sheboygan, Illegal Material on Windshield, Operate w/o Proof of Insurance, \$185.30.
 Flying Hawk, Tristen T., 1/25/1997, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$217.10.
 Gahagen, Russell A., 10/1982, Sheboygan, Inattentive Driving, Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$197.90.
 Herr, Melissa M., 9/1983, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$527.00.
 Hillcrest Builders Construction, Glenbeulah, Improper Registration of Other Vehicle, \$263.50.
 Hollyfield, Jacob L., 7/1975, Cascade, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, \$10.00.
 Janka, Mariano F., 10/1999, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Operating while Suspended, Exceeding Speed Zones (45+), \$916.50.

Kuehl, Brady W., 2/2006, Sheboygan, Inattentive Driving, \$187.90.
 Lamers, Brittany Lee, 6/1991, Elkhart Lake, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.
 Lovett, Donaven J., 2/2002, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), Operating while Suspended, \$476.60.
 Malueg, Zachary A.A., 8/1995, Oostburg, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, \$185.30.
 McCall, Hunter I., 2/2005, Elkhart Lake, Operator Violate Red Traffic Light, \$175.30.
 McGrew, Steven T., 4/1995, Sheboygan, Vehicle Tires w/less than 2/32 in Tread, Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$185.30.
 Platek, Christopher L., 6/1984, Plymouth, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$375.80.
 Reynoso, Stephanie, 9/2001, Waldo, Operating while Suspended, \$200.50.
 Schroeder, Cory D., 7/1979, Sheboygan, Fail/Yield while Making Left Turn, \$175.30.
 Whitlege, Christopher A., 12/1990, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Racing on Highway, \$581.20.
 Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus
 Elmendorf III, John L., 12/1972, Kohler, \$326.50.
 Leske, Sandra J., 3/1968, Sheboygan, \$326.50.
 Smith, Jared A., 9/2003, Sheboygan Falls, \$326.50.
 Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt
 Calderon Rivera, Amalio, 5/1981, Sheboygan, \$10.00.
 Castaneda, Abdon A., 3/1970, Sheboygan Falls, \$10.00.
 Domnitz, Nicholas S., 12/1993, Sheboygan, \$10.00.
 Gauger, Brian E., 10/1983, Cedar Grove, \$10.00.
 Havens, Shawn M., 7/1975, Sheboygan, \$10.00.
 Hoffmann, Anthony J., 8/1955, Sheboygan Falls, \$10.00.
 Moriarty, Andrea E., 11/2005, Sheboygan, \$10.00.
 Nichols, Kody A., 1/1998, Plymouth, \$10.00.
 Puhl, Benjamin A., 6/1973, Plymouth, \$10.00.
 Xiong, Xiong, 11/1981, Sheboygan, \$10.00.
 Operate w/o Valid License
 Castilblanco Gonzalez, Einer R., 7/2000, Sheboygan, \$200.50.
 Espinoza Solis, Francisco N., 6/1976, Sheboygan Falls, \$200.50.
 Gutierrez Vazquez, Darwin C.,

10/25/1978, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$780.00.
 Meyers, Jason M., 10/7/1986, Sheboygan, (3rd within 3 years), \$858.00.
 Riosgonzalez, Juan P., 10/7/1975, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$477.60.
 Vazquez-Meza, Jose A., 6/22/1983, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$669.00.
 Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance
 Perronne, John H., 3/1955, Sheboygan Falls, \$200.50.
 Richardson, Shakora M., 3/1997, Sheboygan, \$200.50.
 Speeding in 55 mph Zone
 Wettstein, Gary M., 11/1951, Plymouth, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.
 Wright, Elijah E., 5/2007, Cascade, (1-10 mph), \$200.50.
 Speeding on Freeway
 Ahrenhoerster, Del A., 7/2004, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.
 Brunner, Lisa M., 3/1976, Oostburg, (16-19), \$250.90.
 Carlise, Demetris D., 6/1984, Sheboygan Falls, (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$301.30.
 Deckert, Timothy J., 7/1983, Plymouth, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.
 Hayes, Robert S., 9/1998, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.
 Ramos-Flores, Milly A., 5/2003, Cedar Grove, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.
 Sharpe, Octavius L., 2/1984, (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$301.30.
 Speeding on Expressway
 Grim, Ethan R., 10/1990, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.
 Langdon, Thomas J., 3/2002, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.
 Weber, Frederick J., 7/1954, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.
 Exceeding Speed Zones
 Leonhard, Matthew K., 6/2006, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.
 Pena, Oliver Q., 3/2007, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.
 Rohde, Seth J., 2/2005, Sheboygan Falls, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.
 Stenson, Chad R., 6/1976, Oostburg, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.
 OWI
 Key, Matthew L., 7/17/1970, Sheboygan, (3rd), Jail 180 days, License Revoke 30 months, Ignition Interlock 30 months, \$5100.23
 Negron, Kaylin Lee, 11/29/1991, Sheboygan, (2nd), Jail 5 days, License Revoke 12 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$913.00.
 Schauer, Colleen M., 6/11/1989, Sheboygan, (3rd

), Jail 5 months, License Revoke 3 years, Ignition Interlock 3 years, \$4,572.80.
 Spivey, Sarah R., 10/12/1990, Sheboygan, (2nd), Jail 15 days, License Revoke 15 months, Ignition Interlock 15 months, \$1,630.00.
 Misdemeanors
 Loving, Donald E., 7/29/1984, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Repeater), \$455.00.
 Strickland, Eddie M., 2/19/1997, Sheboygan, Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct (both Domestic Abuse modifiers), Jail 60 days (stayed), \$1,114.40.
 Swank, Timothy A., 10/15/2000, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (use of Dangerous Weapon), \$1,095.00.
 Misdemeanors and Felonies
 Sims, Anthony C., 5/31/1981, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping-Felony, Battery (Domestic Abuse)-Misdemeanor, Prison 1 year, Extended Supervision 2 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,085.00.
 Felonies
 Klunk, Mariah M., 5/1/1997, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine, Jail 3 months (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$530.00.
 Sturm, Brandon S., 9/10/1987, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine (Repeater), Possession of Narcotic Drugs (Repeater), Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 36 months, \$1,064.40.
 Ware, Jr., Rickey C., 2/23/1979, Sheboygan, Stalking (Repeater), Jail 1 year, \$726.70.
 Williams, Andre M., 11/6/1983, Sheboygan, Possess Firearms-Convicted Out of State Felony, Prison 12 months, Extended Supervision 2 years, \$530.00
 Forfeitures
 Drews, April L., 1/1980, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, \$389.50.
 Goelzer, Trey D., 4/2005, Sheboygan, Possession of Marijuana (<25 gm), \$200.50.
 Traffic
 Lee, Eric, 3/2005, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop at Stop Sign, \$175.30.
 Leonhardt, Kenya T., 7/1999, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$150.10.
 Long, Kevin N., 3/1960, Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$10.00.
 McGrew, Steven T., 4/1995, Sheboygan, Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$200.50.
 Peltier Jr., Timmy R., 6/1999, Sheboygan, Operate Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, \$10.00.
 Reimer, Jack H., 2/2002, Sheboygan Falls, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, Hit and Run-Property Adjacent to Highway, \$476.60.
 Rivera, Serena, 3/1986, Sheboygan, Violation of Child Safety Restraint Requirements-Child under 4 years of age, \$175.30.
 Sanzo, Matthew J., 5/1996, Sheboygan, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, \$213.10.
 White, Amanda S., 4/1986, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway, (1-10 mph), \$250.90.
 Xiong, Thai, 9/1991, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.
 Operating while Suspended
 Vongkhamsaeng, Somboon A., 7/1993, Sheboygan, \$200.50.
 Operate w/o Valid License
 Nadeau Jr., John L., 8/1973, Adell, \$200.50.
 Scott, Kanisha J., 12/2001, Sheboygan, \$200.50.
 Speeding in 55 mph Zone
 Cortes Gomez, Luis D.A., 7/2004, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.
 Misdemeanors
 Justinger, Robert J., 6/12/1978, Sheboygan, Lewd, Lascivious Behavior-Exposure, Criminal Trespass to Dwelling, Criminal Damage to Property, Bail Jumping, (2 counts), Jail 6 months, \$2,471.20.
 Felonies
 Montemayor, Ricardo A., 12/28/1977, Sheboygan, Battery or Threat to Judge, Prosecutor or Law Enforcement Officer, \$546.40.



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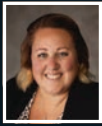
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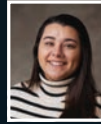
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Sbrocco continued. "Part of the reason Love INC is doing this is to build a relationship with people so that they can thrive and become self-sustaining in our society."

Love INC agreed to take on as many as 100 refugees in the fiscal year that began on October 1, and although none have arrived yet, they could with as little as 24 hours' notice - although it's typically about four weeks.

"We will start slow to build our capacity so that we can provide the best service possible to individuals when they first arrive," Sbrocco said. "We have requested Spanish-speaking countries to start off with."

"I came to the United States as a refugee myself back in 1999 and went through the entire process of refugee resettlement with my parents and brother," Wisconsin State Refugee Coordinator Bojana Zoric Martinez - who is from the former Yugoslavia - told the crowd. "It was not easy when you first come to a new country and you do not know any English."

"All I knew about the U.S. was Beverly Hills 90210 and that was soooo Wisconsin," she joked. "So imagine the big shock when I came here."

"In Milwaukee, we have the largest Rohingya refugee population in the entire country," Zoric Martinez noted. "Rohingya refu-

gees want to come to Milwaukee because there is an established community. Sheboygan seems to be an extension of that nowadays."

"In Wisconsin in the last 10 years or so, we have mostly received Congolese refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rohingya refugees," she said. "We housed almost 13,000 Afghans at Fort McCoy at one point, and those were the people who worked for our government overseas and were in turn given the opportunity to immigrate here with their families."

Up to about 2,500 Ukrainians were expected in Wisconsin but it's difficult to tell how many are actually arriving because they come here through private sponsorship, Zoric Martinez added.

"The minute refugees step on our soil, they are eligible for all the benefits that you and I are. They are eligible to apply for Social Security, a driver's license and so forth," she said. "But all those myths about refugees getting tax breaks and not having to pay anything back are not true."

"They are also allowed to work the moment they step on US soil," Sbrocco pointed out. "This is not true of other immigrants."

She introduced two local residents who came to the U.S. with refugee status: CherPao Vang from Laos and Aziza Nur from Myanmar.

"I was a refugee 43 years ago," Vang said. "When we got here, I was still a child and my dad was younger than I am now. I feel like

it was yesterday."

"As refugees, we have no choice," he continued.

He left his home country hearing bombs and fighting at night. And "when we got here, any explosion or loud noise made me want to hide," Vang noted.

"We were treated differently at school," he added. "I remember that one time, one of the lunch supervisors kicked me because I wasn't lining up. I was just new and didn't know what to do."

"I am so thankful that some of the church members were our mentors," he concluded, urging audience members to volunteer and respect each refugee's culture.

Sbrocco praised Nur for "pro-

viding guidance and interpreting for the newly arrived Rohingya families... She has been amazing giving back to the Rohingya population and the community at large. She's a great translator who speaks several languages."

Nur herself was somewhat overcome with emotion and said "I help all the families because I really, really love our refugees."

Aparicio pointed out that volunteering not only benefits refugees, but transforms the volunteer, too. He encouraged the audience to share what was learned and contact Love INC about volunteering. Housing for refugees will be a big need also.

Sheboygan Mayor Ryan Sorenson weighed in and pointed

out that Sheboygan County has a longstanding worker shortage, a very low unemployment rate and roughly 3,800 jobs to fill.

"A lot of leaders of companies have asked, how can we get refugees here? How can we step up and support that?," he said.

"There's a \$125 billion economic gain to the United States from refugees," Sbrocco added. "It is not a drain on our society; it is an enrichment. Refugees work very hard and have a lot to offer our community."

To find out more, contact Love INC at 920-783-6701, email Sbrocco at tandra@loveincsheboygancounty.org or visit the organization's website at <https://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org>.

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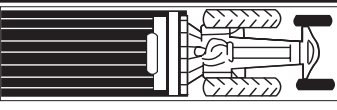
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How empty nesters can repurpose bedrooms in their home

It can be bittersweet when adult children decide the time has come to move out of the family home. Parents perhaps get their first trial run of this scenario when their children go off to college or enlist in the military. Rooms are left empty, if only for a certain period of time. Eventually, those rooms will remain empty as adult children move out of the house for good.

Converting a child's bedroom into an area for adults may take some planning. It can be exciting to regain space, but at the same time, it can be disheartening to convert a child's bedroom once and for

all. When the time comes and homeowners are emotionally ready to tackle bedroom conversions, these tips can help the process go smoothly.

• **Repurpose the space for them.** Give a childhood bedroom an adult spin without changing too much. If furniture is in good shape, replace the bedding, change the flooring, swap out artwork, and remove "youthful" items like toys, trophies and other collectibles. When the child comes home to visit, he or she will still feel comfortable in the space.

• **Create extra storage.** The bedroom can be transformed into a walk-in closet

or dressing space. According to the design experts at Houzz, many clients request this type of dressing room situation. There's a bonus if the layout allows the space to connect to the owner's suite or bathroom. This is a major overhaul, so homeowners should enlist a professional contractor.

• **Make a fitness center.** A bedroom can be turned into a home gym to make working out more convenient. Homeowners should take inventory of equipment they may have and then figure out where existing and new equipment will go. They may need to consult a structural engineer to ensure

that the flooring can bear the weight of additional equipment.

• **Create a work space.** One of the best ways to transform adult children's bedrooms is to convert the spaces into home offices. Those who have been setting up "desks" at dining room tables or elsewhere may be excited about the prospects of finally having a private, dedicated space to work from home.

• **Turn it into a craft room.** The bedroom can be converted into a space to explore hobbies and various other interests. A dedicated craft space, a reading nook, a place to store photography equipment, or another function can serve as a useful way to repurpose an empty bedroom.

Empty nesters have many possibilities when it comes to converting their children's old bedrooms into adult spaces.

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How to recognize when it's time to replace your windows

Windows are a major component of a home. Window installation professionals will tell homeowners that the average life span of residential windows is between 15 and 30 years. Most well-maintained products can last 20 years, so homeowners who have windows approaching that age may want to schedule a window assessment and possible replacement.

Replacing windows is a job that requires advanced skill, and this is not a do-it-yourself project. There are many qualified professional window installation companies that will work with homeowners to measure, order and install windows that will fit with the style of a home and local weather, all while providing features the homeowner desires.

For those wondering when to replace windows, Pella and Renewal by Andersen, two of the premiere window manufacturers, offer these guidelines.

- **Difficulty opening and closing windows.** A window that does not operate as it should can aggravate homeowners. If windows are sticking shut or cannot be securely closed, it's probably time for something new.

- There's apparent win-

dow damage. Accidents happen, and if a rock is kicked up from a lawnmower and cracks a window or if spring baseball practice has gone awry with an errant throw, windows may require replacement.

- **Drafts in the window are common.** If heating and cooling systems are working overtime, drafty, poorly insulated windows could be to blame. Various agencies can perform energy efficiency tests in a home. Windows that are determined to be the weak spots should be replaced.

- **Dated windows are present in the home.** Older windows may pose safety hazards, especially those in older homes. A larger window may be needed to comply with fire safety codes allowing for window egress. Dated windows also may simply look "old" and compromise the aesthetics of a home.

- **Outdoor noises are noticed quite readily.** Newer windows can help reduce noise transmission. So those leaf blowers, airplanes, barking dogs, and kids playing basketball up the street won't disturb homeowners as they try to enjoy some peace and quiet indoors.

- **Fading indoors is noted.**



Windows that do not feature low-emissivity (Low-E) glass coatings will not block UV rays. Those rays can cause fading to wood floors and furniture or pretty much anything the sunlight touches. Replacing existing windows with Low-E coating alternatives can safeguard belongings and improve window efficiency.

Window replacement may be necessary when existing windows are showing signs of aging or damage.

Symptoms of plumbing problems

The drip of a faucet, the bang of pipes and the visible signs of a leak under the sink are some notable indicators of plumbing problems. Other, potentially serious issues may not be so evident. How can homeowners tell if they have potential plumbing problems? The following are some sights and sounds that indicate it is time to call in a plumber.

- **Banging or clanking:** Plumbers refer to these noises as water hammer. This is when a rush of water forces through the pipe and bumps into a closed valve, producing a metallic noise. Something is in the pipe that is restricting water flow. Over time, the flow of water meeting an obstacle could

loosen pipe joints as the water tries to find an easier work-around.

- **Pipe discoloration:** If there is any sign of discoloration on pipes, particularly rust, it could be a symptom of a dripping sink or drain line that is slowly leaking. A slow leak can eventually turn into a big mess if left unattended.

- **Sewer smells:** Pipes need traps and vents. Traps are designed to prevent sewer gas from entering the home, while vents channel sewer odor up to the roof. If there are sewer smells, it could mean a trap has dried out or a vent line is cracked, says Family Handyman.

- **Low water pressure:** If you turn on the faucet and the water pressure is poor, it could be the result of a clog or a leak somewhere in the system. Pipes that are improperly sized for a home also can affect pressure.

- **Sluggish drains:** Clearing drains is perhaps the only plumbing problem that homeowners should address themselves. More often than not, drains that fail to drain quickly have a blockage such as hair or other debris. If attempts to clear the drain do not work, it is best to bring in a professional plumber.

- **Shaking sounds:** Water can cause occasional noises, but if the sounds are frequent, the pipes are not secured firmly enough. A plumber will need to tighten the mounting straps or even completely replace them.

Plumbing issues are nothing to take lightly, as small problems can quickly escalate and cause thousands of dollars in damage.



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Give your living room a new vibe



An "out with the old, in with the new" mentality can extend to people's visions for their homes. A home in need of repair or renovation can serve as a catalyst to take inventory of personal style and help make interior spaces reflect one's unique vibe.

A living room can grow stale over time and often serves as a catch-call for clothing, blankets, gadgets, and other items. Upon recognizing a living room has seen better days, individuals may decide it's time to give the space a new vibe. That transformation can start with these strategies.

Organize first

Clutter frequently is the culprit behind a living room that may not give off the vibe individuals desire. As families grow and people add belongings, space may be at a premium. Less is more has never been a more important concept. Remove extraneous items before purchasing new furniture or transitioning to a new design. You may even want to remove everything and start from scratch before reintroducing desirable elements to the space.

Seek the assistance of professionals

Some people are adept at decorating and designing spaces. But just as you wouldn't perform your own medical procedures, you should leave jobs like interior design and renovations to the professionals. Hiring a professional interior designer and contractors can really bring a living room together in ways homeowners may have never imagined. These pros can build off of your ideas and truly create a space that may be worthy of a magazine spread.

Promote wellness

You may want to consider adding natural materials in the design to promote well-being. Eco-friendly furnishings, raw fibers and organic textures will create an environment from sustainable choices. Plenty of plants also can create a welcoming environment that helps you surround yourself with positive energy and the items you love.

Light it up

One of the easiest ways to transform a room's vibe is to utilize lighting. Change draperies to allow more natural light to shine in. Consider additional windows or skylights if yours is a particularly dark home. If you desire to create a more vivid or cozy ambiance, use a combination of accent, task and supplemental lighting in the space so there are no dim corners.

Create an industrial or urban vibe

Industrial-chic design cel-

brates the bones of a building. It's what makes city lofts so appealing, with their exposed beams and brick. Even those who live in suburbia or out in the country can give a living room this look with subtle nods to the style. Unadorned windows, clean lines on furniture,

oversized, gallery-style art, and metal accents can add touches of this popular look to your home.

Revamping a living room doesn't have to be difficult. With an idea in place and some professional touches, an entirely new vibe can be achieved.

Features to consider for relaxation-themed bathroom remodel

Homeowners want to view their homes as a respite from all that goes on outside their doors. Indeed, turning a home into a residents-only retreat can ensure everyone looks forward to walking through the front the door at the end of the day.

One of the more popular ways to turn a home into one's own personal retreat is to upgrade the bathroom. A renovated bathroom can completely transform how individuals feel about their homes. The following are some features to consider when remodeling a bathroom with relaxation in mind.

• Open shower: An open shower is a visually stunning addition to any bathroom. Such showers give a bathroom a more open look, thanks in part to the fact that these modern features do not feature a door or require the use of a shower curtain. The result is a clean look that many people associate with a luxury hotel. When speaking with a contractor about an open shower install, homeowners can ask about a half-wall to safeguard against water splashing out of the shower. In addition, a heat lamp can help ensure residents stay warm until they're ready to leave the bathroom.

• Heated features: Additional features to keep everyone calm and warm can be considered when upgrading the bathroom. Radiant flooring can ensure everyone's toes remain toasty, and the installation of such a feature can eliminate the need for floor mats and bath mats that some homeowners may not like. Commit further to the heat theme with a heated towel

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rack, which is another feature associated with luxury hotels that can be just as enjoyable at home.

- **Soaking tub:** An open shower creates an instant feeling of luxury, but few things are more suggestive of relaxation than a soaking tub. A long day at school or the office or a day when winter winds are howling outside is made much better with a good a soak. The National Kitchen & Bath Association notes that luxury bathrooms featuring soaking tubs are wildly popular, and that vaunted status is undoubtedly due to the relaxing benefits of a good soak.
- **Skylight:** Even if the

goal of a luxury bathroom is to leave the outside world outside, allowing some natural light inside is a great way to add a little extra calm to the room. Floor-to-ceiling windows may seem appealing in brochures or advertisements, but such features do not create the sense of privacy many people prefer in their bathrooms. One or two skylights can create that sense of privacy and still allow for natural light to enter the room, making this an option that provides the best of both worlds.

These features and more can help homeowners transform their bathrooms into luxurious, relaxing respites from the outside world.

Choosing the best decking

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and that notion is as true when renovating a home as it is when studying a piece of art. Therefore, when homeowners are looking for the best building materials for their home remodels — including backyard decks — their own personal preferences may ultimately dictate the direction they go.

Deck boards and railings can be made from a diverse array of materials, including traditional hardwood, plastic and composite materials. Here's a deep look into some of the more popular decking materials so homeowners can make informed decisions when contracting with a decking professional for the build.

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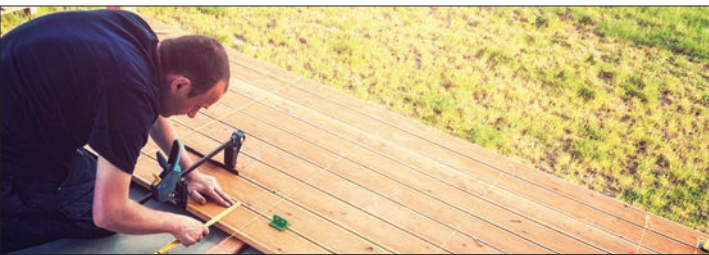
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them endure, but that does not make them impervious to wear. Still, the traditional look of a wood deck remains appealing to many homeowners.

Composite

Composite decking materials are made from a blend of recycled plastic and wood fibers. Since there is so much recycled content, composite decks attract those who are concerned about the environment and sustainability. Composite decking comes in uncapped and capped varieties. The capped version has an extra layer of protective capping made from high-performance polymers, says TimberTech, a decking and outdoor furniture provider. While composite decks may have similar up-front costs to wood, they will require less maintenance over the years, but they must be scrubbed to avoid mildew growth.

Plastic

Decks made of polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene or high density polyethylene (HDPE) are collectively referred to as PVC decks. They are made entirely from environmentally safe plastic with no wood in the mix at all. PVC decks are more durable than composite and can last a lifetime. All PVC decks need is occasional cleaning. A potential disadvantage to PVC is it doesn't always look, sound or feel like wood. Also, complex fastening systems can make the boards move as the temperature changes, resulting in squeaking as people walk on the deck. Generally, PVC is more expensive than wood or composite, but that investment may be worth it for those who never want to worry about deck repair or replacement.

This Old House says there is another plastic decking material made from polystyrene. It is stiff, strong and light, and with the brand Eon, the nonslip surface becomes less slippery when wet so it may be great around pools.

Aluminum

Aluminum may not be as popular as other decking materials, but it is lighter and stronger than wood, composite, and plastic. Aluminum also is resistant to mold, weather and insects, and it can be recycled. An aluminum deck will last for years, which is why it is one of the more costly decking materials.

Why is current real estate market unique?

Realtors and real estate agents have helped millions of people find homes over the years. Such real estate professionals wear many hats, not only helping people buy and sell homes, but also serving as sounding boards and calming influences when unforeseen, and sometimes frustrating, issues arise during the process of buying and selling a home.

The value of working with a trusted real estate professional is even greater in a fast-paced market when offers must be made, and are often accepted, quickly. In such situations, an experienced professional can advocate for their clients, offer advice and even ease concerns buyers and sellers may have about a given transaction. Such scenarios have played out countless times in recent years, which has been a particularly unique period in real estate. Numerous variables have combined to make the real estate market more challenging in recent years, and those factors underscore how valuable it can be for buyers and sellers to have an experienced professional in their corner.

• **Low inventory:** Low inventory is among the more noticeable characteristics of the current real estate market. Though inventory has increased

since January 2022, when the National Association of Realtors reported that the supply of homes for sale represented a supply of just 1.6 months, marking a record low, it remained low enough at the start

of 2024 (around 3.5 months) for industry professionals to characterize the market as unbalanced. According to the online

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Signs it is time to repair, replace your aged deck

Spring is a season of rejuvenation that compels millions across the globe to quit hibernating and get back to enjoying the great outdoors. Spring also marks a great time to assess a home's exterior, namely those areas like a deck where people will spend a lot of time in the warmer months to come.

Assessing a deck after winter can be eye-opening. Harsh winter weather can take its toll on a deck, and the following are some telltale signs that a deck could be in need of repair or replacement.

• Wobbly underfoot and in hand: Wobbly planks and railings are one sign of a de-

teriorating deck homeowners won't recognize as they hide from winter weather indoors. But these tend to reveal themselves rather quickly when examining a deck after winter. Wobbly planks in the middle of the deck can be inconvenient, but wobbly steps and railings can be dangerous. According to the home improvement resource Angi, wobbly railings can be a byproduct of rot. A local decking professional can assess the extent of the rot in railings and elsewhere and determine the best course of action. If the rot is isolated to an area or two, a simple repair may be all that's necessary. Extensive rot may require a full replacement of the existing deck.

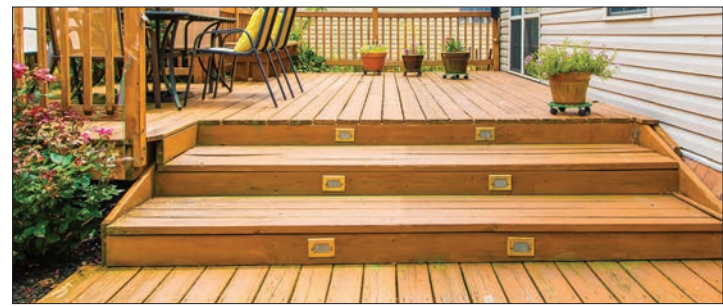
• Faded paint: Many homeowners paint their wood decks, and that paint will not last forever. Faded paint can turn an otherwise lovely deck into an eyesore, and paint can fade over the winter. Thankfully, a local painter can address a faded deck and may recommend some additional strategies to safeguard the deck against fading next winter and beyond.

• Holes in the wood: Many a homeowner has encountered curious-looking holes

in their deck. This could be a sign of insect infestation. Termites, carpenter ants and carpenter bees are among the various types of insects that can bore holes through wood. Homeowners who notice holes throughout their deck are urged to call a deck professional and/or pest control firm to assess the holes and offer a solution. Though small issues may be addressed with repairs, a deck littered with holes caused by insects may need a full replacement.

• Rust: Wood decks may be made of wood, but they can still exhibit signs of rust, namely in the nails and metal connectors that hold the deck together. If screws have rusted to the point where they are no longer holding the deck together, a full-scale replacement could be in the cards, as the deck could have substantial structural damage. Like other issues that can reveal themselves during a spring-time inspection of the deck, rust necessitates a thorough examination by an experienced decking professional.

Many people do not use their decks during winter, which only underscores the significance of a full deck inspection in spring.



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financial resource Bankrate, a five- or six-month supply of homes is usually needed to declare a balanced market. Projections indicate an anticipated increase in single-family home construction, which should lead to greater inventory in the coming months and years.

• High prices: Data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development indicates the median sales prices of houses sold in the United States in the fourth quarter of 2022 was \$479,500. In Canada, the median sale price for a home in 2022 was a little more than \$522,000 (nearly \$704,000 in Canadian dollars). Median sales prices dropped considerably in 2023 (the average sale price in the third quarter of 2023 in the U.S. was \$431,000), but buyers can still expect to pay considerably more for a home in 2024 than they likely would have in the first quarter of 2019, when median sales prices were \$313,000 in the U.S.

• Quick-moving: A home is the most expensive purchase many people will ever make, which undoubtedly adds a little stress to the process of buying a home. That stress may be exacerbated by how quickly homes are selling in the current market. Estimates vary depending on the source, but the NAR reported that homes sold in October 2023 spent an average of just 23 days on the market. By comparison, the online real estate listing service Zillow notes the average number of days a home spent on the market, including closing time, was 140 days in 2010.

Low inventory, high prices and quick-moving properties are characteristics of the current real estate market. Working with a trusted real estate professional can help both buyers and sellers navigate those variables more efficiently and effectively.

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