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THE H.C. LAACK BUILDING at the southwest corner of Mill and Stafford Streets is set to be purchased and restored by the Gentine family of Plymouth. The purchase also includes the Laack Hotel, currently 52 Stafford, which is on the left in the photo. –Beacon photo by Kay Preissner

Name change highlights airport's capabilities



SHEBOYGAN – The county's airport has a new name – the Sheboygan County Memorial International Airport.

The County Board approved

the name change just over a month after the county took over fixed-base operations at the town of Sheboygan Falls airport.

"This is recognizing that we have international facilities there," County Administrator Alayne Krause said of the name change.

In particular, she noted the customs facility at the airport which opened in 2021.



Gentine family set to buy 'Laack Block' buildings

PLYMOUTH – The Gentine family has signed purchase agreements for two historic buildings in downtown Plymouth, according to a press release. The family intends to purchase the Laack Hotel (currently 52 Stafford) and the H.C. Laack building on the southwest corner of Mill and Stafford streets. The buildings are part of the rich history of Plymouth, dating back to the late 1800s. The H.C. Laack building was originally a hardware store and the popular Adam's Rexall Drug Store. The properties form what is also known as the "Laack Block."

"I have very fond memories of the Laack Building. After church, my parents would take us there for breakfast. I remember the malts, shakes and the countless number of personal coffee mugs hanging on the wall. My mom worked there. My wife, Paula, worked there," said Louie Gentine. "These buildings have been fixtures in downtown Plymouth for over a century and I look forward to the opportunity to restore them as an analysis of the community."

anchor for our community."

While the family has no immediate plans for the use of the buildings, their intention is to restore the historical integrity of the buildings. Specific plans for the use of the buildings will be developed in the coming months but will include significant exterior restorations that will be historically accurate - preserving the 135-year-old structures. The sales of properties are scheduled to close in early spring.

"Born and raised in this community, I take great pride in the city of Plymouth. Renovating and preserving the history of this community has long been a passion of mine," said Lee Gentine. "We intend to work with expert architects in historical renovations to ensure both buildings are returned to their original splendor while making critical structural repairs, utility modernization and weatherization."

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Woman accused of theft of over \$280,000 from her mother

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Rural Glenbeulah resident Beth M. Olsen, 58, pleaded not guilty Mar. 22 to 59 felony counts of theft for allegedly writing 59 checks to herself from her mother's account over three years totalling \$285,850. The prosecutor says this was without her mother's consent, and was not authorized by a power of attorney that was in place.

A power of attorney (POA) is a legal document that grants authority to an agent to act in the place of the principal. Unless specifically stated, a power of attorney does not authorize gifting or self-dealing, according to Wisconsin stat-

The checks ranged from \$500 to \$55,000, according to a criminal complaint, and were written to herself, signing as power of attorney for her mother, from May of 2020 to July of 2023.

Under the authority of the POA, Olsen used her mother's money to pay for her mother's living expenses at a Plymouth assisted living facility where she had been living for three years, eventually moving to a memory care unit. Olsen was removed as power of attorney following a July 2023 report that was made to Adult Protective Services, the complaint says.

Olsen's brother, after being appointed their mother's guardian in Sept. 2023, reported the financial situation to Plymouth police. He said he had a conversation with Olsen and her husband in which they said "they were broke and were using Victim 1's [her mother's] money, and there was nothing left, meaning Victim 1's money was gone," according to the complaint.

Olsen reportedly told police in an interview prior to her arrest that she paid herself \$1,000 per week over 171 weeks for her services as POA. However, police say the POA had "no stipulation that Beth should be paying herself \$1,000.00 per week to be Victim 1's power of attorney." Olsen also allegedly admitted to police that she did not claim any of the \$171,000 she paid herself for employment as acting POA or pay taxes on that money.
"Beth then talked about how

she used Victim 1's account to pay the mortgage on her own residence due to her husband not having a job," according to the police description of the interview. "Beth advised her monthly mortgage payments were approximately \$5,000.00, and her monthly bills, including mortgage, equaled approximately \$10,000.00 per month." When asked if she was ever be-



BETH M. OLSEN

hind on payments or entered a foreclosure process, "she stated she didn't have to since she was using Victim 1's account," the complaint says.

Olsen told police that "it is not in her nature to steal," and said that "she forgave the drunk driver that killed her two children 24 years ago, and how she attended a parole hearing and forgave the individual who killed her two children.'

Police say that about an hour after the interview, the Plymouth police investigator received a phone call from Olsen, who "indicated she wanted it in the report that she and her husband did not know they had done anything illegal. It should be noted that Beth did admit during the interviews that she knew this was wrong.

The complaint notes that Olsen and her husband have a website in which they offer classes and workshops for \$200 to \$550 per person on "Shamanism and Shamanic healing."

Olsen was released from custody on a \$20,000 cash bond, reduced from an initial \$35,000, after spending nine days in jail following her return on a court-issued criminal warrant. \$18,000 was put on a credit card by Richard Olsen for the bond, along with \$2,000 in cash, according to court re-

Olsen is facing five felony charges of Theft-Movable Property >\$10,000-\$100,000, with a "crime against an elderly person" modifier, that have a maximum sentence of 15 years / \$30,000 each, if she is convicted.

In addition, she is charged with 54 lower-level felony theft charges, also with a "crime against an elderly person" modifier, that have a maximum sentence of 11 years / \$15,000 each, upon conviction.

The terms of her release include "No possession of any financial documents or information of identifying any person other than herself. No entering into any business transactions with vulnerable adults, described as individuals at risk, any person over the age of 60, living in any nursing home, residential facility, or participant in any adult daycare. Or any adult who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs his/her ability to care

for his/her own needs," according to court records. She is also subject to GPS monitoring, is to remain within the State of Wisconsin, and had to surrender her passport.

This article is reporting allegations made by authorities in court records. All defendants are presumed innocent unless a judgment of conviction is entered.







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Home Expo show to open at Ice Center

The Sheboygan County Home Builders Association (SCHBA) is opening the doors once again at the Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center to share new ideas and trends in the home building industry. This is the year to make home life more convenient, comfortable, economically sound, and warm and

cozy; and 2024 Expo exhibitors are experts at bringing each of these things to the show.

The show is packed with exciting new ideas and trends for home building or remodeling projects. Shop or plan for construction projects - all under one roof. Industry exhibitors will be on hand to assist in a search for that project.

This year's event is sponsored by Oostburg Lumber and Design, The Plymouth Landscape Company, Buechel Stone Corporation, Turtle Creek Homes, United One, and Falls Glass Service Inc.

Whether it's to remodel, build, or do a facelift, the Home Expo is the place to come and check out all the latest and greatest products," commented Kimberly Oreck, The Executive Director for the SCHBA. Every year the Home Expo Committee makes this an amazing experience for the entire family. This year there will be a scavenger hunt, and one person will win a \$250 Visa Gift Card.

The show is April 12th, 13th, and 14th, at the Lakers Ice Center at 1202 Wildwood Avenue

in Sheboygan. Show hours are 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is Free.

For more information about the association or more details on the Home Builders Expo event, visit the website at www. schba.org or call 920-892-6280.

Church celebrates 100th year

Grace United Church of Christ is sponsoring a program entitled "A Display of Grace" in honor of the 100th anniversary of the church which was founded in 1924. The free event will be held on Sunday, April 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at church, 500 School Street, Kohler. The program includes music by Lakeland University's Chamber Winds and a presentation describing the church's art glass windows designed by world renowned artist Conrad Pickel. Refreshments will follow with time to view the history items on display spanning 100 years of Grace Church.

Lakeland University's Chamber Winds was founded in 2019 to engage student-musicians in a repertoire building, community oriented ensemble. Membership rotates and is made of both music majors and excellent musicians majoring in other fields at Lakeland. The group performs a wide selection of literature from classical to sacred to jazz, in formats including brass quintet, brass quartet and mixed brass/woodwind ensembles. The ensemble is coached by Lakeland band director, Evan Chancellor. Chamber Winds has been featured in recitals at Lakeland's Bradley Theatre as well as for events at the Weill Center, Blue Harbor, various churches and other community venues.

Special local recipes sought for cookbook

In honor of the launch of Bravo's Top Chef: Wisconsin, Blue Harbor Resort is kicking off a call for local Sheboygan recipes to feature in the inaugural Taste of Sheboygan Cookbook to benefit the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

According to the August 2023 Traveler Segments Edition of The State of the American Traveler from Miles Partnership and Future Partners, 61.4% enjoy learning about a destination's food culture and history and 32.3% are willing to travel specifically for food experiences. With this new cookbook, Blue Harbor Resort plans to showcase local cuisine in an effort to elevate the food tourism in Sheboygan.

As Bravo's Top Chef showcases Wisconsin from Milwaukee and Door County to the depths of the cranberry bogs, this new cookbook aims for a hyper-local focus to showcase the food contributing to the unique flavors of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The event is in cooperation with Taste of Sheboygan being held at Blue Harbor Resort on Tuesday, April 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to submit a recipe, visit https://www.blueharborresort.com/cookbook-submissions.



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Herzog, Baker, to play at Concordia

North's fourth-year starters Erica Herzog and Peyton Baker will play soccer at Concordia University next season, but they won't be at the same school.

Herzog will attend CUW in Mequon and Baker will study at Concordia-St. Paul (Minnesota)

Herzog has made first-team all-Fox River Classic Conference three times (twice as a midfielder and once as a defender).

Baker, a goalie, made second-team all-league last season. Here's a look at area teams:

NORTH

There's only one other senior besides **Herzog** and **Baker**.... Junior **Sunny Gruenloh** also returns after earning all-FRCC honorable mention. ... Squad has to replace four all-conference players, including coplayer of the year **Abby Reinl** (Eastern Illinois).

Coach's comments: "We're looking to have another successful season," Tim Eirich said.

SOUTH

Three Redwings earned all-FRCC honorable mention last

SOCCER PREVIEW

season and are back: senior Lily Wasmer, and juniors Alayna Lloyd and Lydia Hutchison... Wasmer led the league with 166 saves.

Coach's comments: "With nine returning starters, it will be interesting to see if we can build on that experience. Expectation is to win more games," Scott Feltner said.

LUTH./CHRISTIAN

Senior Maria Zylstra returns. She garnered first-team all-Big East last season.... Two teammates who made second team are back in sophomore Keeran Blattner and senior Taylor Batt.... Junior Alexis Beger also made the second team but now attends Plymouth.

Coach's Comments: "We have a larger number of players so we are able to have a JV team. Our program is growing, which is great to see. ... I feel we will be better than we were last season. We will be a young team again, but that only means we will still have room to keep getting stronger. I am very excited to see what this team does," Liesa Blattner said.

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SURROUNDED BY FAMILY, North's Erica Herzog (left picture, middle) and Peyton Baker (right, middle) sign their intentions to play soccer at Concordia. - Submitted photos

They're No. 1!



THE EIGHTH GRADE Golden Raiders went 6-0 to claim the Wisconsin State **Invitational Tournament Championship in Stevens** Point, and the same boys also took first as sixth graders. They have lost just eight games the past three seasons. Pictured from left to right are (front row): Brody Konrad, Nolan Ten Pas, Andrew Steward, Ethan Frewert; (back row): Nehemiah Steward, Rylan Buhr, Evan Frye, Jack Knudtson, Parker Schramm, Michael Kaquatosh. - Submitted photo

Plenty return for North

Eight all-conference players return for North, and South's Ty Smith is at No. 1 doubles again.

Here's a look at each team:

NORTH

Every player made all-Fox River Classic last year and only two have to be replaced. ... Those back are: seniors **George Phillips/ Gavin Seefeldt** (second team, No. 1 doubles), junior **Tyler Konrad/**sophomore **Sawyer Brault** (second team, No. 3), junior **Oliver Quinetro** (honorable mention No. 2), sopho-

TENNIS PREVIEW

more Elijah Lee (honorable mention, No. 4) and juniors Austin Kohn/Alex DiStefano (honorable mention, No. 2).

SOUTH

The lone Redwing to make all-FRCC was **Ty Smith**. The junior made the second-team at No. 1 singles and has been there since taking as a freshman. ... Key seniors include: **Kyle Flook**, **Aiden Blomwillis**, **Touger Yang**, **Ben Beumler** and **Misael Gonzalez**.



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Golden Raiders ready to defend state title

Reigning state champion North is No. 10 in the preseason state golf rankings, after picking up its third title and first since 1992. It was also the school's fifth-ever state championship trophy – in any sport.

Here's a look at the teams:

NORTH

The squad has won the Fox River Classic the last three years. ... Junior Ryder Miller tied for seventh in the meet and senior Roberto Revers returns after making all-conference honorable mention. ... Threetime league champ Mason **Schmidtke** graduated and is golfing at Marquette. At state, he tied for third after taking second in 2022.

Coach's comments: "There is a lot of excitement, as we have 34 players this year, which is double in size from previous years. This year will be a new challenge but we have a lot of guys that are motivated and looking to prove that they deserve a spot in the lineup," Ryan Schmitz said.

LUTHERAN

The Crusaders matched their best performance at state

GOLF PREVIEW

by taking third in the Division 3 championship last year. ... They were third in the Big East and return senior Elliot Leibham, and juniors Jack Mac-Gillis, Alexei Leganchuk, and Andrew Leibham

Coach's comments: "I feel like I've got seven or eight kids who are going to compete for a varsity spot at sometime or another during the season, which will make for fun and exciting competition with our own team and overall make our team bet-

SOUTH

The Redwings, who finished seventh at conference, will rely on senior Hayden Streblow (tied for third at the meet). Senior **Hayden Brickley** (18th) returns, as do juniors **Zach** Groh and Preston Miller. ... Davis Glavan is back too after breaking his pinky finger.

Coach's comments: "Last year we did well without Davis the last half of the season. Some guys really stepped up for us and we're hoping to have a strong season with so many seniors on the team," TJ Pitsch

CHRISTIAN

Top returner Ellijah Wright, a junior, will miss the season with a knee injury. ... The Eagles, who placed seventh in the BEC a year ago, will be led by junior Jackson Kiel and senior Elliot Fortuine.

Coach's comments: "I feel we should finish in the top half of the Big East Conference, with Jackson and Elliot making an impact. We look forward to have Elijah back next year," Todd Wagner said.

South's Judkins is back for final season

Here's a look at the teams:

SOUTH

Senior Keeyana Judkins competed in the triple jump at

the state meet last year and finished 17th. At the conference championships, she placed third in the triple jump and fifth in the high jump to give the girls

TRACK PREVIEW

a 10th-place finish in the standings. ... The boys also took

10th, but have to replace **Jacob** Weidig, who came in fifth in the high jump and was 11th in the 300 hurdles.

LUTHERANThe boys ended seventh and the girls were 12th in the Big East Championships. ... The lone champion for the Crusaders was **Noelle Makela**, who claimed the 3,200 and took third in the 1,600. ... Jackline Kakuzi finished third in the triple jump. ... John Cole has to be replaced. He was runnerup in the long jump and the 100, and took fifth in the 200. He also set a school record in the

200 while taking ninth at state.

NORTH

Junior Ryan Lang just missed out on a Division 1 state medal by taking seventh in the 400, but his 50.03 was the fastest in school history among sophomores. ... At the Fox River Classic championships, Lang finished runner-up in the 400 and Destiny Duesterbeck did the same in the discus. ... Third place went to Vince Nienhuis in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles, and Dorothy Quasius came in fifth in the triple jump. ... Overall, the boys ended up sixth and the girls took ninth.



NOELLE MAKELA was a league champ for LHS last **year.** - Photo by Matt Holman



OLIVIA SANDERS runs a relay last year for North.

- Photo by Hannah Miller









South's Stephen, Lutheran's Diener are worth watching

South's Ryan Stephen and Lutheran's Asa Diener return with hopes of making the allconference squad again.

Here's a look at the teams:

SOUTH

Junior Ryan Stephen received all-Fox River Classic Conference as an infielder last season thanks to a .400 batting average in the league. ... The other all-FRCC player, outfielder Jake Paltzer (honorable mention), has to be replaced.

Coach's comments: "The biggest difference this year is that we will have a lot of sophomores replacing seniors from last year. We lost about 33% of our innings pitched (by seniors), so finding replacements for that will be one of our tougher goals this year," Tyler Zietz said.

LUTHERAN

Senior **Asa Diener** also earned honorable mention in the Big East Conference as a

BASEBALL PREVIEW

catcher last season. ... Pitcher **David Vanic** is the only other senior this season. ... Outfielder **Mason Senkbeil** got a spot on the all-BEC second team but has to be replaced.

Coach's comments: "Both Asa and David will be instrumental in leading the offense with a good group of juniors. David is coming off of a strong junior season on the mound and we will need him to pick up where he left off. Asa and David have provided good leadership for us. We have a small team this year (11 guys) so we will need everyone to step up in their roles which could change from game to game," Tim Muth said

NORTH

Senior outfielder Andrew Lorge returns, and sophomores Brett Rybarczyk (pitcher/first

base), Luke Kuznacic (middle infielder) and Tristan Hundt (middle infielder) will be counted on. ... Tyler Schoessow graduated after getting second-team all-conference.

Coach's comments: "We will be very young. But they want to do well and we had more open gyms this offseason compared to years past. How quickly we learn the game will go a long way in determining our success. I think we will hit better than last year. Going to need guys to step up on the mound behind Rybarczyk," Steve Goes said.

KOHLER/CHRISTIAN

Joey Willsey is a returning sophomore who will be a rotational infielder for the co-op squad.

Coach's comments: "He can consistently barrel up some balls and will be a regular player in the lineup somewhere," Brett Huisman said.



MASON SENKBEIL of Lutheran made all-conference last year before graduating. - Photo by Jenni Pickel

Golden Raiders return three all-conference players

Here's a look at the teams:

NORTH

Three Golden Raiders made all-Fox River Classic last year and are all back this season: senior second-team infielder Mara Babak (she got honorable mention in 2022), junior outfielder **Jadyn Jetzer** and junior infielder **Bella Wagner** (both got honorable mention).

... The squad will not have an 'ace' but will count on four pitchers who will be used regularly.

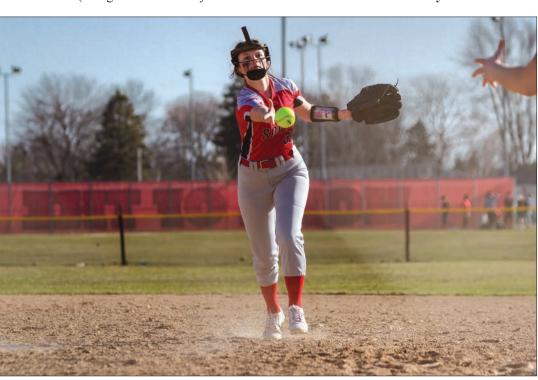
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SOUTH

Reigning conference coach of the year **Kelly Dohse** returns two four-year varsity girls in catcher **Abby Meulbroek** and utility player Elsa Ledermann. ... Shortstop Cheyenne Stirdivant would have been a third, but she will miss the season because of a basketball injury. ... Five other Redwing starters are also back.

LUTHEDAN

Last year, three girls made all-Big East Conference: infielder Kara Thimmig (first team), outfielder Alex Stricker and infielder Gretta Rick (both were honorable mention).



SOUTH'S ELAINA THEIL tries to throw a runner out last season. - Photo by Tyler Jensen



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During the test, you will listen to pure tones to determine their level of hearing and the type of hearing loss they have. If a physical problem is evident, then a referral to an Ear Specialist will be in order. Through speech understanding tests you will learn what percentage of speech cues you really hear and whether the presence of background noise makes your understanding worse. With all the evidence gathered along with your lifestyle needs, a recommendation of appropriate hearing aid technology will be given, if needed. At this time, you will be given the opportunity to Test Drive a pair of non-custom hearing aids in your own listening environment.

The longer a person with hearing loss waits to get the appropriate amplification they need, generally the poorer their understanding gets. After years of not hearing speech clues clearly, the brain forgets what the sounds are. They can hear that someone is talking but they can no longer understand what is being said. The younger one is when they get hearing help, the more speech understanding will be preserved. If you are having struggles understanding, this is the time to get your hearing tested. Please note that sudden hearing loss is considered as a medical emergency.

This is the time of the year that at least three religious holidays have recently taken place with people gathering at their places of worship and with their families at dinner. Christians celebrated Christ's death and resurrection on Easter weekend, Jewish people celebrated the Passover, and Muslims are celebrating Ramadan and breaking their fast on Eid al-Fitar with a big feast. Hearing is especially important when gathering with your loved ones or participating in celebrations and ceremonies for the holy days. If you noticed trouble participating in these activities due to your

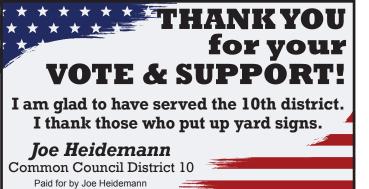
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NOW THROUGH APRIL 21, 2024: Sharing the Same Breath: Nine artists consider the world's complex web of kinship and connectivity. Featuring works by Juan William Chávez, David Freid, Lindsey French, Emilie Louise Gossiaux, Nina Katchadourian, Cannupa Hanska Luger, Marie Watt, William Wegman, and Dyani White Hawk

NOW THROUGH JUNE 16, 2024: Cloth as Land: HMong Indigeneity: Centering the voices of three HMong-American artists, Cloth as Land investigates a place for HMong Indigeneity within contempo-

rary HMong art.
NOW THROUGH JUNE
30, 2024: The Secret of Muddy Water: Exhibition celebrates the industries rooted in Wisconsin and the Arts/Industry residency in the Kohler Co.

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stallations, and sculpture, Joyce Kozloff uses maps to reveal the limits and possibilities of knowledge and relationships that govern systems of power.

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THROUGH MARCH 2, 2025: Clocking In: 2024 Arts/Industry Residents: FREE, all ages. As part of the Arts Center's celebra-tion of Arts/Industry's fiftieth anniversary, the twelve artists in residence at the Kohler Co. factory during 2024 will exhibit their work in a yearlong group exhibition, presenting four residents' work at a time in rotations of approximately four months each.

EVENTS AT MEAD **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

710 N 8th Street, Sheboygan www.meadpl.org 920-459-3400 Mead Public Library has an-

nounced its events and classes featuring educational, cultural and social activities for children, teens and adults.

For a complete list, including storytimes, book clubs, movies and workshops, and to register visit our website or call.

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, APRIL 2: 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.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 4: Make it @ Mead: 5-6:30 p.m., Imaginarium, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Make your own paper flowers during this free, allages makerspace program.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Coffee Talks with Kohler Credit Union: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Rocca Room, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Learn to avoid email and phone scams in this free discussion with Kirsten Coenen, of Kohler Credit Union.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13: Grief Cafe: 3-4 p.m., Public Conference Room #2, Mead Library, Sheboygan. Find help and healing with certified grief counselors in this free informal grief support group. Open to all ages

MONDAY, APRIL 15: Gardening 101: 5:45-7:45 p.m., The Loft, Mead Library,



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For more information on adopting Pepper or how to submit an application, please visit www.adoptsheboygancounty.org or call 920-458-2012

The shelter is looking for fosters for kittens, dogs that need a break from the shelter, and medical fosters. Apply to volunteer at https://adoptsheboygancounty.org/volunteer/

2nd Annual Kitten Shower is Saturday, April 13th from 12:30 pm – 3:30 PM at the Humane Society. Join us for a bake sale, kittens, and games.

The Humane Society is celebrating 60 years of serving animals in needs. Join us for our 60th Anniversary Gala on May 10, 2024, at the Berkshire in Sheboygan. For tickets, sponsorships, donations and to participate in the silent auction virtually visit 2024HSSCGala.givesmart.com

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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: First Friday Matinee: 1:00 pm at the Grashorn Civic Center. Movies & popcorn for grownups on the first Friday of the month at 1pm. See our website for movie selection.

THE MONTH: Ukulele Club: 1:00 pm at the Grashorn Civic Center. All levels welcome! Contact elcirc@monarchlibraries.org for more info.

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE **MONTH:** Fiber Arts Circle: 10:30am. All needlework and fiber arts welcome, bring a project required. and join us for conversation and crafting camaraderie.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH: Author Talk with Les Carroll: 2pm at the Grashorn Civic Center. Les Carroll, Lt. Col. (ret.), US Air Force, will talk about his experiences and autobiographical novel This Troubled Ground.

EVENTS AT PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

All of these events take place in the Plymouth Public Library's Meeting Room: 130 Division Street, Plymouth, WI 53073 and are free and open to the public. 920-892-4416. See our website www.plymouthpubliclibrary. net for full details.

EVERY MONDAY: Baby & Me Storytime: 10:00am. Babies from newborns and 24 SECOND THURSDAY OF months are invited to bring their parent or caregiver for storytime! No registration required.

EVERY TUESDAY: Family Storytime: 10:00am. Get ready for fun songs, dances, and exciting stories! Most appropriate for preschoolers, but all are welcome. No registration

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Wednesday Wiggles: 10:00am. For the littles. Get ready to dance, exercise, and meditate to get our day going. No registration required.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2: Teen Gaming & Hanging: 3:00 pm. For ages 11-18. Play on our Nintendo Switch, bring your own, or try on of our games. No registration required.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4: Morning Book Club: 10:00

am. Join our monthly book club, where we meet and discuss a new book. Copies are available to check out.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4: Make Your Own Eclipse Viewer: 4:00 pm. Come and make an eclipse viewer in time for the solar eclipse on Monday.

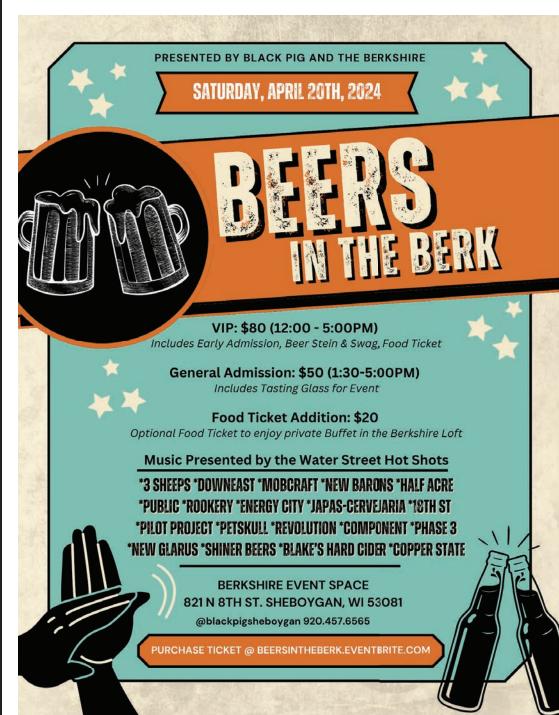
MONDAY, APRIL 8: Solar Eclipse Viewing Party: 1:45 pm. Come and experience a partial solar eclipse at the library. Eclipse glasses will be available for participants.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Teen Snack & Chat: 3:00 pm. For 11-18. Join us for snacks and hang out with your friends.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 & 23 AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 & 24: Doggy Tales: 4:15 pm & 6 pm. For grades 1-8. Registration required. Get some read aloud for practice with Gus, a trained therapy dog!

THURSDAY, APRIL 11: Game Night: 4:30 pm. For all ages. A fun place to play your favorite board games or a new one. No registration required.

15: MONDAY, APRÎL Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club: 6:00 pm. Join our Sci-Fi & Fantasy book club, where we meet



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All events are free of charge. Required to register in advance online: https://bit.ly/mhagreatoutdoors.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6: Mindful Morning Family Hike: 9:30-10:30am. Sheboygan Broughton Marsh Park (Elkhart Lake).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15: Mindful Hike & Art Make and Take: 1:00-3:00pm. Riveredge Nature Center (Saukville).

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SUNDAY, MAY 26: Family Yoga in the Woods: 10:30-11:30am. Blackwolf Run Yoga Platform (Kohler).

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ly/mhagreawhagreaTUESDAY, APRIL 2: Consumer Fraud Protection Series: 5:00pm. Learn about common scams and fraud. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4: Nutrition Talk with Dr. Dan: 11:45am. Nutrition Talk presentation on probiotics, provided by Dr. Dan Francis. Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5: Movie Matinee: 1:30pm. Indiana

Jones and the Dial of Destiny (2023). Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

MONDAY, APRIL 8: Veterans' Chat: 11:00am. All Veterans are welcome for lunch and conversation. Daily special is Salisbury steak. Please call 920-892-4858 to reserve lunch.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Consumer Credit Counseling Services Presentation: 11:00am – 2:00pm. Free financial well-

ness classes. New class every hour. Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Volunteer Expo: 12:00pm — 3:00pm. Explore interactive volunteer opportunities from Sheboygan County area nonprofits.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Plymouth Bird & Nature Club: 6:30pm. Janet Raddatz: Madagascar – The Land of En-

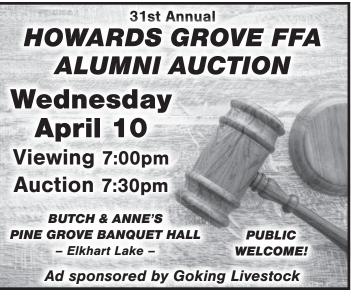








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Silver Sneakers Circuit: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8:00am & 10:00am. Must pre-

Movement for Brain, Body, & Balance: Monday, 11:00am. Must pre-register

Chair Pilates: Wednesday & Friday, 11:00am. Must preregister.

Chair Yoga: Monday & Wednesday, 1:30pm. Must preregister.

Cardio Fit: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30am. Must preregister.

Walk Fit: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30am. Must pre-register.

Arthritis Exercise Class: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am & 11:00am. Must pre-register.

Tai Chi Chih: Tuesday & Thursday, 1:15pm. Must preregister.

Tat & Chat: Monday, 1:00pm. Must pre-register.

Wii Bowling: Tuesday & Thursday, by appointment. Must pre-register.

Ceramics: 9:00am. Must pre-register.

Knitting & Crocheting **Club:** 2nd Friday of the month, 11:00am. Must pre-register

Ping Pong: Monday ednesday, 10:00am. Mu Wednesday, pre-register.

Strength and Conditioning: Monday & Wednesday 7:15am. Must pre-register.

Yoga Flow: Monday & Wednesday 9:00am. Must preregister.

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

Book Club: 4th Monday of the month, 3:00pm. Must pre-

Dog Club: 2nd Friday of the month, 11:00am. Must pre-

Hiking/Snowshoe Club: Thursday, 2:00pm. Must pre-

Cribbage: Monday, 1:00pm. Must pre-register.

Hand and Foot Canasta: Monday, 1:00pm. Must pre-

Duplicate Bridge: 1st & 3rd Monday, 1:00pm. Must pre-

5 10 15 Sheepshead: Tuesday, 1:00pm & Monday & Friday, 8:00am. Must pre-register.

Farkle: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1:00pm. Must pre-register.

Party Bridge: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:15pm. Must pre-

Dominoes: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1:00pm. Must preregister

Bingo: Wednesday, 1:30pm. Must pre-register.

Scrabble: Thursday, 9:30am. Must pre-register.

Jongg: Thursday, Mah 1:00pm. Must pre-register.

Widow or Widower Sup-

port Group: Monday, 11:00am. Must pre-register.

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EVERY MONDAY

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support: 9:45am-11:00am (please arrive before 10am). St Paul's U.C.C., Šheboygan. Call Noreen for info 920-467-1248.

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support--Chapter WI 1363: 10:00am-11:15am. Fountain Park UMC, Sheboygan. Call Doreen for more info: 920-893-

Al-Anon Meeting: 4-5pm. Do you worry about someone else's drinking? Help and hope are available. Al-Anon meeting for those affected by another's alcoholism. Rightway Club, 4627 S 12th St, Sheboygan. Call 1-888-425-2666 or visit alanon.org for more information.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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

THRIVE: Women's Chronic Pain Support: 6:30pm. Virtual through ZOOM. Fill out the form at bit.ly/mhasupportgroupsignup to receive ZOOM link.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Christian Women Connect After 5: Al & Al's Steinhaus, 1502 S. 12th St, Sheboygan, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., buffet meal, features a business, organization or interest in our county, and an inspirational speaker affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries. Call Lynn for reservation or more info at 920-467-4929.

EVERY TUESDAY

Camo Quilt Project: 439 Factory St., Plymouth. 9am-3pm. Quilts are donated to soldiers. Linda, 627-3460, linda.camoquilt@gmail.com.

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 infor-

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

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Sup**port:** 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.

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

The Sheboygan Railroad Mu**seum:** 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. Rogers Behavioral Health, (Main Entrance), 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Christian Women Connection: Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Ave, Sheboygan, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., brunch, features a business, organization, or interest in our county, and an inspirational speaker affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries. Call or text Ann for a reservation or more info at 920-946-3898.

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.

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

Al-Anon Meeting: 10:30am. Do you worry about someone else's drinking? Help and hope are available. Al-Anon meeting for those affected by another's alcoholism. Rightway Club, 4627 S 12th St, Sheboygan. Call 1-888-425-2666 or visit alanon.org for more informa-

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 remarks on Christian Science. All are welcome! First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2512 N 9th St., Sheboygan. 920-458-

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

FIRST WEDNES-DAY

OF THE MONTH

Vollrath Company Retirees Breakfast Club: Fountain Park Restaurant, 922 N. 8th St, Sheboygan. 8:15 am. Call 920-287-7419 for more de-

Over 60+ in our county? (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.

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. Mental Health America, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth, WI 53073.





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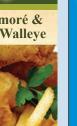
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Storytime: Elkhart Public Library, 40 Pine Street, Elkhart Lake. 9:30 am. Stories, songs, and activities! No registration required. Call (920) 876-2554 or email elcirc@monarchlibraries.org for more information.

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 informa-

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.

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ner later on in the evening. The recipes for "Farmhouse Skillet" from "Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes with a Country Bling Twist" (Pelican Publishing) by Chef Jason Smith, puts together a blend of savory ingredients into an egg casserole that can be a winner on any brunch table.

Farmhouse Skillet Serves 8-10

1 pound bacon, diced 2 cups cubed cooked ham 1/2 pound breakfast sausage, cooked and crumbled 1 small purple onion, diced 1/2 red bell pepper, diced 1/2 yellow bell pepper diced 10 eggs, beaten 1/2 cup heavy cream 1 20-ounce package frozen

shredded hash browns.



or tater tots, thawed Salt and ground black pepper to taste

1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In a very large cast-iron skillet (12-inch or larger), over medium heat, cook the bacon until crispy. Then add the ham and sausage and stir.

Add the onions and peppers, and sauté for 5 minutes, always

In a small bowl, whisk the eggs and heavy cream.

Stir the hash browns into the skillet, and add salt and pepper to taste. Cook for 5 to 8 minutes, until hash browns start to brown. Remove from heat. Add the egg mixture, top with cheese, and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted.

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

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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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OF THE MONTH

Free Parent-Tot Skate: 9:30-10:30am. Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center, 1202 S Wildwood Ave, Sheboygan. FREE for Kids ages 5 and under. Skate rental included. Helmets are strongly encouraged. 920-458-3111

Hope is Alive: Support for mothers who have lost a child to suicide: 6:00-7:00PM. Mental Health America, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth, WI 53073.

EVERY SATURDAY Let it Begin with Me Alanon 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 bible-based lesson, food, games and fun! See you there!

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

The Sheboygan Railroad **Museum:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 1001 North 10th St., Sheboygan. Home to 8 train layouts in various scales and many railroad antiques. Open for your viewing pleasure.

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.

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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 btnplywi@ gmail.com.

SECOND & FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

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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Fake 'sting operation' gets stung by a real one

lan Johanson for The Beacon

A 36-year-old Aurora, IL man accused of participating in a fake FBI sting operation in order to get money is in custody following an undercover Sheboygan County Sheriff's Dept. operation that was set up to catch the alleged fraudsters.

The case was initiated by a Random Lake man who contacted the Sheriff's Dept. to report fraudsters that were attempting to take \$40,000 to \$60,000 from him, according to a Mar. 26 criminal complaint.

The man had already lost \$6,000 to the same fraudsters who "had claimed to be a part of an Amazon fraud unit and needed the \$6,000 from Victim 1 to cover his 'hacked' account."

The victim was then contacted again by the same fraudsters who then said "they needed the \$40,000 as part of a 'sting' operation with the FRI."

Working with the victim, Sheriff's Dept. officers were present to listen to the victim's phone conversation with the alleged fraudster, who gave instructions on getting such a large amount of money from his bank, including what to tell the bank if they asked questions due to possible fraud.

After ending the call to pretend to be contacting his bank, a further phone call made arrangements for the supposed money drop-off, on guidance from officers. The caller said "an agent" would meet the victim at the Plymouth Walmart on Mar. 21. "The caller stressed the importance of not delaying the FBI and their investigation," the complaint says. The caller also said this supposed undercover FBI agent "had no knowledge of the case." The victim was supposed to "drop the money through the back window of the agent's car and did not have to speak to anyone," the complaint says. The victim was promised to get not only his money back, but an additional \$18,000.

A Sheriff's Dept. detective sent the caller a selfie of himself in front of the undercover car he was using, as part of the plan to pose as Victim 1 in the Walmart parking lot.

The detective waited at the parking lot, and a car pulled up next to him at around 12:30 p.m. with only the driver in the car. After radioing for backup, the undercover detective approached the car, observed the rear window being rolled down, and asked the driver if he

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was there for him, to which the man said yes. "ok, I just want to make sure because it's a lot of money," the detective reportedly said, then the man again nodded and said something about dropping the money through the window.

Other officers arrived and arrested the man, Imran M. Shaikh, who was carrying an 'Indian Government photo ID," the complaint notes.

Shaikh reportedly asked multiple times to call different people on the phone, which the detective believed was an attempt to contact the caller to say he had been arrested. "The defendant made utterances that his friend had sent him there and did not deny that he

knew it was money he was to pick up," the complaint says. Phones found with the defendant were also seized.

"It should be noted that the defendant was not a federal agent," the complaint concludes

Shaikh is in custody as of Mar. 29, with cash bond set at \$75,000. He is charged with two felony counts total of theft and attempted theft - false representation, as a party to a crime. If he is convicted, the charges carry a maximum sentence of 6 years / \$10,000 and 5 years / \$12,500, respectively.

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PLYMOUTH - The 3rd Annual Plymouth Maple Festival will take place at Plymouth City Park (203 Suhrke Road, Plymouth) on April 6, 2024. Beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m., the festival celebrates springtime in the Kettle Moraine region, with a focus on the regional tradition of maple sugaring and syrup-making. Attendees will enjoy brows-

Maple Festival to

ing crafts and maple products, children's activities, and maple syrup demonstrations.

New to the festival this year, the Open Door Bird Sanctuary based in Jacksonport, WI will bring several raptors (birds of prey) for festival-goers to see and learn about. There will also be demonstrations by a chainsaw wood carver. There is no admission fee for this community event. Immediately following the festival at about 1:15 p.m., there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for Plymouth's new community sugar shack. The groundbreaking is open to all and will take place in the northwest corner of City Park at the site of the sugar shack.

The Plymouth Maple Festival also features an all-you-caneat pancake breakfast courtesy of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The cost for breakfast is \$10 per person, \$4 for children aged 5-10, and free for kids aged 4 and under. Pancakes, Drewry Farms maple syrup, breakfast sausage, and a beverage are included in the price of breakfast (cash only).

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Rabbits & hares

To the Editor

Election year brings out the turtles and the hares. The turtles do the heavy lifting. They show up at meetings, volunteer for committees, and do the behind-the-scenes work that is neither glamorous nor recognized. They are dependable and committed. In contrast, the hares hop in claiming that they bring fresh perspectives. But they never do the heavy lifting. They never show up for the hard work. They say they deserve leadership roles because, well, they are hares.

On April 2nd Town of Wilson residents will be voting for Town Supervisors. While The Beacon does not publish endorsement letters, I urge residents to examine the candidates through the lens of turtles and hares. We don't need flash. We need dependable and committed Town Supervisors with a track record of getting the job

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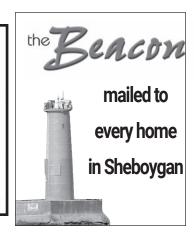




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County highway shed to expand

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The name change was part of an ordinance updating the county code regarding the airport in the wake of the county taking over as FBO.

The board approved the ourchase of a three-acre parcel in the town of Mosel for expansion of the State 42 county highway shed.

"We're at capacity on our footprint there," Krause said of the facility southeast of the village of Howards Grove. "This will meet the needs of the Highway Department and our future needs at the site.'

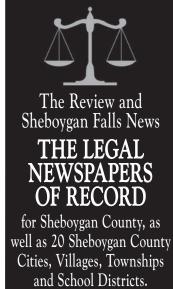
The county had originally

intended to acquire a 30-acre parcel north of the existing shed, but Krause explained that the price had been too high.

Instead, the county purchased three acres adjacent to the shed property for \$45,000, to come from the Highway Department's operating fund.

The county did its part to aid a major apartment development underway in the village of Elkhart Lake.

The board approved a 20foot easement to the village of Elkhart Lake for storm sewer and other municipal services across county property adjacent to the 120-unit apartment development at 604 S. Lincoln St.



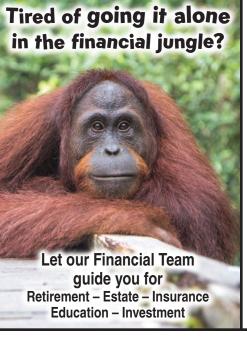




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drive-in adds trailer in Sheboygan

Dave Boehler for The Beacon

Have an urge for Chester's Drive-In but too lazy or don't have enough time to make the drive to Plymouth?

Starting the third or fourth week in April, owner Richard Sadiq will make it much easier to get his food in Sheboygan by selling it out of a newly-bought trailer that will be parked by Blast Soft Serve at 406 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It'll be a baby brother version of Chester's," he said.

Sadiq says the idea came from his staff, which includes some people who live in Sheboygan and see how busy Blast is. He's also been contemplating the pros and cons of adding a place in Sheboygan.

"It just seemed like a good fit to try a food trailer at that location, rather than try to find a standalone building." Sodia said

building," Sadiq said.

So in December, Sadiq called Blast's owners and said: "Look, I know it's probably a crazy idea, but would you have any interest in meeting to see if we have anything in common?"

They thought it was an interesting idea, and Sadiq's custombuilt food trailer should arrive from Indiana any day now.

"It's as close to a replica of Chester's kitchen as you could probably design," he said.

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While the trailer isn't big enough to be able to feature every item from the menu - think of it as Chester's Express, Sadiq says - it will have the main staples such as hamburgers, steak and pork sandwiches, french fries, onion rings and cheese curds. There will be various specials throughout the summer as well.

As word has spread about the new dining option, Sadiq says the feedback has been very positive. "There's a lot of excitement,"

"There's a lot of excitement," he said. "I think there's been a desire for a Chester's presence in Sheboygan for many years. And we're hoping this is going to be pretty well received.

"We're very excited to be in Sheboygan and think it's a good addition to what we have in Plymouth."

Sadiq also says this gives him a great opportunity to do a "test run" to see what the future holds in Sheboygan.

"If it's halfway as successful as we hope it is, yeah, we would look into talking to the Blast people about maybe something a little more permanent," he said. "But for sure, we're doing the same thing (next year)."

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Cars are indeed a significant investment, which underscores the importance of vehicle maintenance. Maintenance is more than just tending to what's under the hood. Tires also require drivers' attention, as aging,

damaged tires pose a safety risk that also compromise vehicle performance. Tires are easily overlooked, but the following are four signs tires need to be replaced.

- 1. Worn tread: The automotive experts at AutoZone® note that tread depth is the most prevalent indicator that a tire needs to be replaced. AutoZone® notes that tread depth should always be at least 2/32 of an inch throughout the tire. Depth should be measured across the tread and around the circumference. If the tread is at or below 2/32 of an inch, the tire should be replaced.
- 2. Bulges, gouges or cracks: Geico® notes that a deflated tire bulges at the sides, and that can compromise the safety of everyone in the vehicle. AutoZone® says bulges occur

when air gets between the inner liner and outer rubber layers, which can happen after hitting a curb or driving over a sizable pothole. A gouge or cut that is deeper than the outer layer of the tire also necessitates replacement.

- 3. Poor grip: Drivers may be able to feel certain tire problems, including poor grip, while driving. In such instances, tires may feel as though they are slipping. The tire experts at Firestone note that low tread can reduce tire traction and cause wheels to slip, which may be more noticeable when accelerating from a stop or driving on wet roads. Drivers who feel their tires are slipping can test the tread and replace tires that are low.
- 4. Vibration: Vibration is another issue drivers may feel



rather than see. And identifying the cause requires noting where the vibrations are felt. Geico® notes that a feeling of vibration or thumping that feels like it's coming from under the seats may indicate the tires are not balanced. A suspension issue could be to blame if the steering wheel feels like it's vibrating. Either feeling should

be brought to the attention of a mechanic immediately.

Tire issues affect vehicle performance and compromise the safety of drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists. When vehicles are not performing at peak capacity, drivers should not overlook various tire issues as a potential cause of such troubles.

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What is a vehicle history report? (and how to read one)

The value of a new vehicle depreciates considerably the moment it is driven off a dealership lot. Bankrate reports that a car loses between 9 and 11 percent of its value the moment it leaves the dealership, and over the first five years a vehicle loses roughly 40 percent of its value.

The fact that vehicles are expensive and lose value so quickly compels some consumers to consider preowned cars and trucks as more affordable and financially savvy options. However, preowned vehicles come with their own risks, such as the potential for hidden problems. A vehicle history report is something every prospective preowned vehicle buyer should ask to see before buying a car or truck. Sometimes these reports are a free service offered by a seller, particularly an established dealership. But buyers

may have to pay to get a vehicle history report, which typically cost between \$25 and \$40.

Kelley Blue Book says a vehicle history report is a collection of records that provide information on a used vehicle that are pulled from thousands of sources. A report may be referred to as a "Carfax®," which is the name of a firm that offers these types of reports. However, Car & Driver indicates that Carfax® only provides information that was reported, so their reports may not paint the full picture. A typical vehicle history report will indicate, among other things, how many people owned the car; whether or not the vehicle has been in a collision; the mileage on the vehicle; if the car is current on inspections; and if the vehicle is branded a lemon.

Consumers should know what to look for when reading a report. While some of the data will be obvious, there are some less apparent points to consider as well.

• Title: Make sure the vehicle never had a salvage title or other title problems. A salvage title, for example, is a vehicle that has been declared a total loss from collision, flood, theft, fire, or vandalism. Additional issues may arise when the seller's name is not on the title. A rebuilt title means the vehicle was once salvaged but then refurbished.

· Ownership: The vehicle history report will indicate how many owners have had the vehicle. A car that has changed hands many times may not be the best investment.

• VIN: It's important to make sure the vehicle identification number (VIN) for the vehicle matches what is on the vehicle history report.

• Location of sales: The locations where the vehicle was used and stored also is important. For example, some may be hesitant if a vehicle was kept by the coast due to moisture and salty conditions that could cause premature wear and tear on components.

 Fleet vehicle: Carfax says that the history report will indicate if the vehicle spent time in a fleet. This includes rental vehicles, government vehicles, company vehicles, and dealer vehicles. A fleet vehicle may have had many different drivers over a short period of time

Auto City suggests paying close attention to the most recent parts of a vehicle's history. If there have been multiple changes in ownership or increased service records for certain parts, that may indicate there is something seriously wrong with the car.

Vehicle history reports are another tool buyers can use when vetting preowned cars or trucks.

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Take to the road on various types of motorcycles

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JD Power says motorcycles account for 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States. In 2022, there were 829,892 registered motorcycles in Canada, according to Statistics Canada. Registrations have increased each year since the organization has kept track.

Individuals considering adding a motorcycle to their vehicular portfolio have a lot of options from which to choose. Some may be surprised to find out there are many different types of bikes.

- Cruiser: A cruiser is an American-style motorcycle designed for long journeys. They are large, heavy bikes with handlebars that keep the hands almost parallel to the ground. The seat also provides a relaxed position for the body, and a comfortable suspension corrects irregularities of the road.
 - Sportbikes: Sportbikes are



cost-effective, reliable and fast. They are easily customizable and come in a variety of sizes. Although they are popular, comfort is not one of the main features of sportbikes. Aggressive body position and a steep rake angle make these less comfortable to ride than other bikes.

Standard (Naked): These are simple and versatile bikes that have no windshields, a more upright body positioning, and no plastic parts or elements of lining. It is a category of sportbike that is stripped down.
 Chopper: These heavy

- bikes are designed for leisurely riding. They're traditionally associated with the biker subculture. Choppers will feature wide and high handlebars, many chrome parts, rake out fork, and a low-set seat. Riders sit with their legs extended forward. Although some are massproduced, most choppers are custom-made.
- Motocross: These bikes are for those serious about dirt riding. Most motocross bikes are not legal for road use and are featured in strictly off-road racing. They're often called dirtbikes.
 - Adventure: Adventure

bikes are designed for having fun. They are sturdy and usually outfitted with a tall seat height, tall windshield, upright seating positioning, and ample suspension. Some adventure bikes have luggage options and also may come equipped with onroad/off-road tires.

- Touring: A sportier version of cruisers, these motorcycles are designed to take comfort to the extreme. Smooth handling, heated seats, cruise control, and even cup holders make touring bikes perfect for long trips.
- Supermoto: A Supermoto is a single-cylinder motor bike with the fast action of a dirtbike that is allowed on the streets. Its youthful appeal makes it quite popular.
- Scooter: Scooters are less popular in North America than in Europe, but they've gained some steam here in urban areas. They are usually automatic, making them easier to ride for novices. The frame design of scooters is called an underbone, which leaves plenty of space from the rider's legs to the front of the scooter.

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Driving affords people the freedom to travel wherever they desire so long as they have access to a reliable vehicle. However, soon after the "new car smell" of that freshly minted license wears off, motorists may realize that many roads can be chaotic and populated by erratic drivers. Defensive driving strategies can help any motorist feel safe on the road, and it can help anyone to revisit a defensive approach from time to time.

What is defensive driving?

The insurance firm Progressive notes defensive drivers employ techniques that can reduce accident risk. These techniques promote alertness, a recognition among drivers of the significance of controlling what they can, and a commitment to always expect the unexpected. The crux of defensive driving is realizing not everyone else drives well. Aggressive drivers are hazards, as are those who are distracted behind the wheel. Driving defensively serves to mitigate some of these hazards.

All good kids like milk?

There are various defensive driving techniques, and various driving schools or organizations may promote their own. Harold L. Smith was a World War II veteran who founded the Smith System® driving school in 1952. Smith felt that driving schools only taught how to mechanically operate vehicles, not how to drive safely to avoid accidents. Smith's system uses the mnemonic "all good kids like milk," which refers to:

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 Look ahead a minimum of 15 seconds to scan the road. At 60 miles per hour you want to look a quarter-mile ahead. This helps you make timely decisions.
- Get the big picture: Keep a minimum following distance by picking a fixed object ahead and making sure you're at least seven seconds away. In addition, scan mirrors every few

seconds.

- Keep your eyes moving: Avoid focusing on one object for more than a few seconds. Driving on autopilot or under "highway hypnosis" is danger-
- Leave yourself an out: The "space cushion" terminology is something you may have heard. You always want to anticipate potential hazards and ensure a way to avoid them; otherwise, you may be forced to make a quick, and potentially dangerous, decision.
- Make sure they see you: Drivers who can't see you may make their own maneuvers thinking the coast is clear. Try

to make eye contact with other drivers, use headlights, your horn, and signal your intentions.

Take a defensive driving course

You can follow the Smith method outlined here or enroll in a defensive driving course to further hone your skills behind the wheel. Also, it may be worth it to check with your insurance provider to see if taking a defensive driving course will qualify you for a discount on your automotive policy.

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Drivers undoubtedly have noticed their vehicles need less frequent oil changes than cars once required. The longtime standard oil change interval of once every 3,000 miles no longer applies, and that's thanks to the pivot away from conventional oil to synthetic oil. The molecular structure of synthetic oil and its ability

to perform better at extreme temperature means drivers can now drive significantly longer distances between oil changes. In fact, Car and Driver notes that synthetic motor oils provide better startup performance and flow at temperatures down to minus-40 Fahrenheit and then endure extremely high temperatures without oxidizing, thickening or turning black. The reason synthetic oils need less frequent changes is that they can maintain their superior properties two to three times longer than conventional oils. Though each vehicle manufacturer is different and drivers are urged



consult their owner's manuals regarding synthetic oil change interval recommendations, it's not uncommon for modern vehicles to range between 5,000 and 7,000 miles before they need an oil change. Some synthetic oil manufacturers even note their products can last more than 10,000 miles.



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How to protect your vehicle's good looks

Drivers go to great lengths to ensure what's under the hood of their vehicles is well taken care of. But it's equally beneficial to tend to the exterior of a vehicle, including its paint job.

According to Popular Mechanics, oxidation can adversely affect iron-based metals. That can put vehicles in jeopardy and take significant time off their life expectancy. The good news is that rust and other issues that can affect a vehicle's paint job and appearance are typically avoidable. That should be music to the ears of new vehicle owners, who likely need no reminder of the sizable financial investment required to drive off the lot with a fresh set of wheels. Drivers who want their cars and trucks to maintain their looks over the long haul can consider these simple strategies to protect their paint

Make car washes part of your vehicle maintenance routine. Seasoned drivers are undoubtedly familiar

but those same motorists may not recognize the importance of routine car washes. Over time, contaminants such as pollen, dust and pollution can settle on a vehicle's exterior, potentially jeopardizing the paint job. Routine car washes can prevent such damage and help a car look like it was just driven off the lot.

• Wax the exterior of the vehicle. The automotive experts at Carfax® report that waxing is a significant and simple way to protect vehicle paint. Carfax® notes that certain paste waxes contain mild abrasives that help remove fine scratches from painted surfaces. Wax also can protect paint jobs from fading related to exposure to ultraviolet rays. That's especially noteworthy for drivers who do not routinely park their cars in

• Use a car cover. Car covers may or may not be practical for cars drivers use every day, but they are an effective way to protect a paint job from the elements. Drivers who have a spare car they rarely drive or even those who do not drive their primary vehicle a lot each day can purchase a universal-fit car cover or a premium cover designed specifically for their vehicles. Car covers protect paint jobs from ultraviolet rays and the elements and may reduce the need for more frequent trips to the car wash.

· Park in the shade, but choose spots wisely. Parking in the shade may protect vehicles from the ultraviolet rays of the sun, but it's important that drivers pick the right shady spot to park their cars and trucks. A shade tree might seem like a great ally to vehicle owners, but if birds nest or rest in the tree, drivers could be exposing their cars to bird droppings. That's no small threat, as bird droppings are high in uric acid, which quickly damage a vehicle's exterior. Parking directly beneath a tree also might expose the paint job to sap or fallen leaves or berries, each of which can adversely vehicle exteriors. If you plan to park in the shade to protect the paint job, ideally choose a spot that is not directly beneath the tree

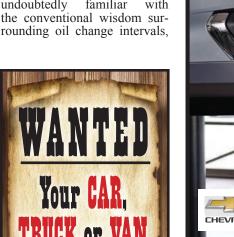


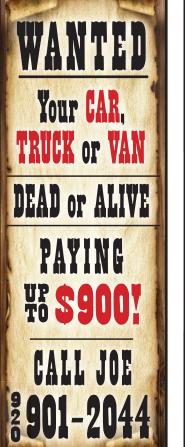
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