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Health care training facility doubles college's capacity

Lakeshore College recently hosted a ribbon-cutting celebration marking the opening of its new Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Center for Health Care Excellence on Friday, Sept. 6.

The 26,000 square foot health care instructional facility doubles Lakeshore's potential annual training capacity to 1,500 in-demand health care and emergency services students. Over 250 guests attended the event.

Demand continues growing among area hospitals and clinics for thoroughly trained health care professionals in the fields of nursing, radiography, medical assistant, medical coding, ophthalmic assistant, and emergency services.

Education and training was defined in the Governor's Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce Report, released in August, as one of three strategies to focus on to address workforce shortages.

"Our new state-of-the-art facility provides opportunities for increased hands-on training experiences through the use of experiential learning, which is what our simulation labs offer, and is precisely what the Governor's Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce Report is recommending," said Lakeshore College President Dr. Paul Carlsen.

According to the task force's report, the Department of Workforce Development estimates Wisconsin will need an additional 19,000 registered nurses by 2040, but lacks the capacity to train that many new nurses. Carlsen said Lakeshore's expanded facility helps address that concern.

"The number one challenge in health care today is having a well-trained workforce coming into health care," said Dr. Imran Andrabi, MD, FAAFM, president and CEO of Froedtert ThedaCare Health, Inc.

Speaking directly to students, Andrabi told them they can learn through their mistakes, and the simulation labs are where mistakes can be made.

The new facility supports a multi-disciplinary model of instruction for collaboration among students, providing them additional opportunities for more realistic, experiential training.

Public safety students can begin training exercises in Lakeshore's emergency services training complex and then move to dedicated emergency rooms in the new facility, where health science students engage in advanced care exercises.

The Lakeshore College Foundation raised $3 million for the project, including $1 million – the largest donation in the college's history – from Froedtert Health and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity.

Elite Builds, Inc. was the general contractor for the project. Somerville, Inc. was the architect.

Information about Lakeshore's health science and emergency services programs can be found at gotoltc.edu/programs-and-courses.



STUDENTS WILL SPEND PART OF THEIR HANDS-ON TRAINING WITH PATIENT SIMULATORS, including a pregnant female, at Lakeshore College's new Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Center for Health Care Excellence. -Submitted photo

Walk to End Alzheimer's raises over $90,000

The Sheboygan County community came together in a powerful show of support at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's at Evergreen Park in Sheboygan.

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of more than 400 participants from across the Sheboygan County area, the event is expected to raise more than $90,000.

These vital funds will directly support local services including support groups, educational resources, information and referral services, care and support, advocacy efforts, and the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900.

Dave Grams, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter, expressed deep gratitude to the Sheboygan County community.

"The incredible spirit and generosity shown at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's is truly inspiring. Every step taken, every dollar raised, brings us closer to a world without Alzheimer's."

Alzheimer's disease remains a leading cause of death in the United States, affecting over 7 million Americans. In Wisconsin alone, more than 110,000 individuals are living with the disease, with over 11 million family members and friends providing care.

In Sheboygan County alone, more than 2,945 individuals age 65 and older are living with dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association encourages continued support, as donations can still be made to the Walk to End Alzheimer's through December 31 at act.alz.org/sheboygan. Mail-in donations should be directed to the regional mail-processing hub at:

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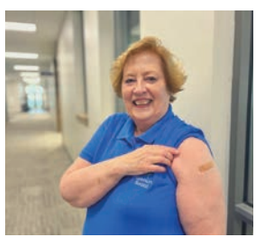


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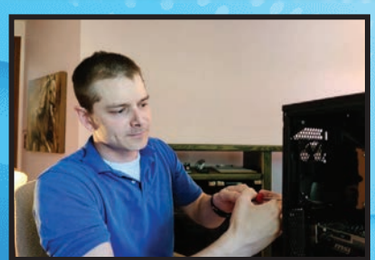
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- 5:00 p.m. Holy Rosary
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Grant helps fund rebuilding county homes

Rebuilding Together – Sheboygan County announces receipt of a $5,000 grant from the Frankenmuth Insurance Charitable Foundation.

In the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor, the Frankenmuth Insurance Charitable Foundation was founded in 2016 to support qualified charities.

The foundation supports tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations and governmental units focused on community betterment and basic human needs.

Rebuilding Together – Sheboygan County regularly receives applications from Sheboygan County homeowners who live in conditions many could not imagine, and who often face challenges that prevent them from being able to tackle them alone.

Thanks to their valued sponsors, tradespeople, and volunteers, Rebuilding Together – Sheboygan County was able to repair eleven Sheboygan County homes in 2023. Some projects addressed a single priority, such as installing a ramp. Others included window replacements, upgrading of old toilets and faucets, and installing grab rails and handrails.

The organization is dedicated to serving as many neighbors in need as possible every year.

Repairs are completed by volunteers who are supported by skilled tradespeople and project managers to mitigate the side effects of unsafe housing -- sickness, injury, isolation, and hopelessness.

Rebuilding Together – Sheboygan County (rtsheboygan.org) is an affiliate of the national organization dedicated to revitalizing communities through free home repair. In partnership with local companies and nonprofits, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which has been repairing homes in Sheboygan County since 1998, welcomes sponsors and volunteers to support its vital work in our communities.

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Vollrath increases contributions to mark 150th anniversary

by **Dave Boehler**
for The Beacon

One of the many ways The Vollrath Company is celebrating its 150th anniversary is increasing its community contributions by $150,000 this year.

"Celebrating 150 years is not just about looking back on our history - it's about looking forward to the next 150 years," said Erik Lampe, the president and CEO. "Vollrath has a rich legacy of innovation, resilience, and community commitment, and that's something we're dedicated to continuing well into the future. As we step into this next chapter, we're amplifying our efforts to give back because we want to continue to grow as a positive force in the communities where we live and work.

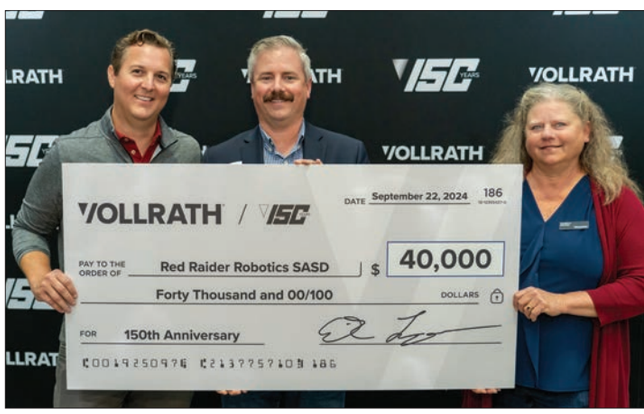
"This expanded community giving program is about building a stronger future for the generations to come. Our commitment to increased donations and deeper employee involvement is intended to support ongoing, meaningful change. I am excited about where Vollrath is headed and proud that our future will be shaped by the same values of care, responsibility, and community support that have guided us in our history."

Vollrath's giveback initiative is designed to be employee-driven, with each location empowered to allocate a portion of the increased budget to causes that resonate most within their local community.

It also reflects its long-standing legacy of giving, rooted in the belief that the company's success is closely tied to the health and prosperity of the communities it serves, according to Chairwoman of the Board and owner Danielle Kohler.

"For 150 years, the Vollrath Company has been more than just a business - it's been a family legacy," she said. "My great-great-grandfather laid the foundation for this company, and every generation since has been dedicated to growing the business and supporting the communities that have supported us. Giving back has always been

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AS PART OF ITS 150th anniversary, The Vollrath Company president and CEO Erik Lampe (left) and owner Danielle Kohler, present a check to Jason Duff of Red Raider Robotics SASD. - Submitted photo

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RIP JOE

Lutheran boys basketball coach Nick Verhagen will always remember his interactions with Joe Wolf.

While a student at North in the mid 1990s, Verhagen helped out at the summer camps run by then-Golden Raiders coach Tom Desotell and Wolf at Lakeland.

"He was larger than life at that time because of his success on the court and how big his basketball world around him was," Verhagen said. "I remember pretty vividly when I was at the camps how wonderful of a guy he was and how outgoing he was.

"I never saw such a shooter in my time at that age, you know? I didn't think it was possible for somebody to shoot 100 shots and never hit the rim. I watched it in person and realized through a lot of the time, and effort, and work that he put in, that it could be possible.

"And I think it was a dream for everybody to get to that level in their games, to strive for playing in college and playing in the NBA. It's just every kid's dream."

On Thursday, the 59-year-old Wolf died unexpectedly.

The 1983 graduate of Kohler was a high school All-American that led the Blue Bombers to three state championships. (He was also named the state's greatest high school basketball player ever by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in 2005.)

Wolf also played at North Carolina - with Michael Jordan and current NBA analyst Kenny Smith - and then enjoyed an 11-year career in the NBA.

Sheboygan residents Colin Simmelink and Nate Forward also shared their thoughts with the Beacon.

Simmelink: Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. Have fond memories of attending his youth camps in the summer at Lakeland. RIP Legend ...

Forward: Joe was a great guy. He never let his fame get to him. I remembered the day he stopped to sign an autograph for me, I was in awe that a sports star from Kohler remembered his roots and was genuinely a great person. He will be missed.

Eagles like view from up high

■ *Volleyball team joins soccer squad in state rankings*

Christian's volleyball team has joined in on the fun.

The Eagles have been No. 2 in the Division 5 state poll all season, and coach Melissa Neeb has no idea that last time they've been ranked.

The Christian/Lutheran soccer team is no stranger to the rankings and were No. 1 in Division 3 as of last week.

"I think it is really cool," Neeb said. "I don't mean to, like, minimise soccer, but they've done a great job with this program and they've just been a dominant soccer program for so long. So, you know, sometimes you take that for granted.

"But it's great. The girls love cheering the boys on and the boys love cheering the girls on. I think it's possible to kind of push each other and be excited for both competitive programs."

Soccer coach Dan Oppeneer agreed.

"It's pretty fun," he said. "Anytime you have a successful season, it has a lot to do with the players and the amount of work and effort that they put in. I'm really impressed with what Melissa's done because when she took over that program, they were struggling. I was fortunate enough to walk into a program that was already pretty successful. It's easier to maintain than it is to build from the bottom up, and she's done a great job with the volleyball program and really built them up to where they are today."



THE CHRISTIAN volleyball team celebrates its second-place finish in the Sheboygan County Tournament, highlighted by a win over Howards Grove. - Submitted photo

One of the highlights for the volleyball program was beating Howards Grove - the Tigers were state runner-up last season after winning the title the previous four years - in the Sheboygan County Tournament to eventually end up in second.

And the soccer program had to move up one division because of its recent success, per WIAA rules, and is still No. 1.

"With 40 kids in our program, the opportunities those kids get playing on JV for the first year or two really help them develop their skills," Oppeneer said. "We didn't have a lot of turnover on our team this year from last year, which I think really helps. But, yeah, we'll see where we're at at the end of the year. We're grateful to get a ranking like that, but it doesn't mean anything. It just makes it harder each game. You have a target on your back when you're ranked there. We have a target on our back because we've been fortunate enough to go to state three years in a row. But we'll keep working hard and we'll keep plugging away and do what we can."



ANDREW KRUEGER (right) heads the ball for the Christian-Lutheran soccer team. - Photo by Les Tension

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Zylstra to play basketball at Concordia

Friends can joke with Brock Zylstra about his chest, or how he likes the Iowa Hawkeyes over the Wisconsin Badgers, but the fact the Christian senior is going to play basketball at Concordia University next season is one thing they can't rib him about.

"Yeah, pretty much," he said.

The guard/forward, who led the Eagles with an average of 6.4 rebounds per game last season and ranked third in scoring (10.2 ppg), committed to the program on Sept. 20.

He was also interested in Loras College in Iowa.

"Other than that, I guess it really was never a question if I was gonna go to Concordia or not," Zylstra said. "I like that it's pretty close to home, like 35, 40 minutes away, and it's a small school. We've had season tickets to the Iowa football games the last couple years, and being on a big campus really isn't my thing."

About those Hawkeyes.

Zylstra likes to say he's the biggest Iowa fan in Wisconsin, mostly because is father is from the state and his sister currently attends the university.

"I mean, that's kind of part of the family," he said. "If you're not an Iowa fan, you're going to get made fun of. Because my cousin, my dad's brother's stepson, he goes to Iowa State. Him and his brother both go to Iowa State, and let's just say they are not the most … They definitely get made fun of a lot for going there.



BROCK ZYLSTRA will play basketball next season at Concordia. - Photo by Becky Zylstra

"And my mom's entire side, like the whole side of the family, except for her, is all Badger fans. She's an Iowa fan, but she's a Badgers fan if they're not playing Iowa."

As expected, his friends give him a hard time.

"Yeah, they get on me for that," Zylstra said. "Last year I wore an Iowa flannel with an Iowa hoodie underneath, and I had, like, black shoes on, so they were all making fun of me for wearing all Iowa stuff."

Zylstra's chest isn't a laughing matter - he was born with a heredity condition where his sternum is concave and is called pectus excavation - but since it doesn't affect him, he's fine with some good-natured ribbing.

"It's kind of like a bowl," he said. "A bunch of my teammates have made fun of me for it. Not, like, seriously making fun of me for it, but they ask me if I eat cereal in it or put chips and salsa in it. So it's kind of funny."

Christian decides to go for a swim

■ *School offers girls sport for first time; six are on roster*

Sometimes, starting a high school sports program is easier than other.

"Well, the main problem with starting a swim team at Sheboygan Christian was we didn't have a pool," coach Katie Heinen said.

Problem solved.

The 2018 Plymouth graduate and Sheboygan resident turned to places like the YMCA and Sports Core.

There was also a meeting in July to see the interest level and the first practice was held in August.

The Eagles first-year swim team features six girls - four juniors and two sophomores - and most of them are new to the sport.

One of them, Emma Handziak, went out for the team while also beginning the season in volleyball.

"I've played volleyball since I was in sixth grade," she said. "But then I ended up just having to choose a sport, so I ended up going with swim.

"It's definitely not what I was expecting. It's pretty hard. But I think the culture is really fun. It's really fun just being on the team. And I like it's a lot of hard work, but it's really rewarding."

Take, for example, results from a swim meet last week.

Sydney Siebert dropped 39 seconds in the 500-yard freestyle, and the 200 free relay of Bianca Rosenthal, Emma Handziak, Kyra VerVelde and Abby Hildebrandt swam their fastest time of the year.

Some meets Christian swims at the varsity level, and others the Eagles are junior varsity.

"We're kind of bouncing back and forth," Heinen said. "We're not very fast. We don't win many races.

"But it's a new experience for the girls. They're just enjoying being in the water and learning more about the swimming community at Sheboygan."



CHRISTIAN'S NEW TEAM includes (from left to right): Sydney Siebert, Emma Handziak, Abby Hildebrandt, Andrea Rozeboom, Bianca Rosenthal and Kyra VerVelde. - Submitted photo

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY YMCA YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES

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The YMCA Youth basketball program provides an excellent opportunity for youth to participate with others in a healthy activity led by volunteer coaches. The emphasis of this league is on sportsmanship, skill development, teamwork and equal participation. Boys and girls in kindergarten – grade 1 will be separated, if possible, for their own leagues (some coed teams may be formed). Boys and girls will play in their own leagues in grades 2 – 3.

- One hour practices begin in December. Practices are held once a week and are arranged by volunteer coaches.
- Games begin January 4 on Saturday morning or early afternoon. If community gymnasiums are not available, all practices and games will be at the Sheboygan YMCA or Sheboygan Falls YMCA.
- Parents of registered players will be called and/or emailed by their coach the week of November 25, 2024.
- Volunteer coaches are needed for the success of this program! The coach's meeting is at 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 19 at the Sheboygan Falls YMCA. Coaches are required to fill out a Volunteer Application Packet prior to the start of the season.
- **The registration deadline is November 8, 2024.**

For more information or to receive a registration form, please call the YMCA at 920-451-8000 or 920-467-2464 or visit our website at www.sheboygancountyymca.org and click on the forms link.

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Martinez's dinner party would be fun

North volleyball player Cynthia Martinez loves Olive Garden, but it would be even better if her three dream guests were at her table.

Find out who, as the senior answers 20 questions.

Q: What is the best restaurant in the area?

A: Olive Garden. It has great breadsticks and Fettuccine Alfredo (which is my favorite food)

Q: You can have dinner there with any three people. Who are they?

A: Michael Jackson, Barack Obama and Elvis Presley. I love all the artists and I would like to see how they think. Plus talking to a former President is always interesting

Q: What's the highlight of high school you'll remember 25 years from now?

A: Creating new friendships and making memories with them

Q: In less than a year you'll be graduating, and that makes you feel … ?

A: It makes me nervous and scared. I don't feel ready to move forward but I am also done with high school.

Q: Favorite movie?

A: Grease. I love the songs and it is a movie I can watch without ever getting sick of it.

Q: What's the funniest thing that has happened at one of your jobs?

A: Nothing funny happens at Jimmy Johns

Q: Your favorite joke is…?

20 QUESTIONS



MARTINEZ

A: Why didn't the toilet paper cross the road? Because it got stuck in the crack.

Q: What last made you laugh until you cried?

A: When my friend Sarah Shear slipped at school

Q: Besides a phone, what three things would you want if you're stranded on an island?

A: A helicopter, and a pilot to fly the helicopter, and maybe a blanket just in case it gets cold

Q: What is a hidden talent that you have?

A: My thumb is double jointed so I can move my knuckle in and out

Q: What is the song you enjoy the most but are afraid to admit?

A: Ain't got a Worry by Old Dominion. I am not a huge fan of country ...

Q: If you could be anything or do anything for a living, what would it be?

A: A dental hygienist. This has been my dream job since 4th grade.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: People who talk with their mouth full

Q: How would you describe your bedroom?

A: Small, messy, comfortable, and relaxing.

Q: What celebrity do you have a crush on?

A: Shawn Mendes

Q: What was the most embarrassing moment for you in any sport?

A: Peeing my pants from laughing so hard during practice

Q: Favorite teacher of all time?

A: Ms. McGoldrick - U.S History teacher

Q: What is your least-favorite school subject?

A: English. I don't enjoy writing essays or reading

Q: What is the one TV show you always have to watch?

A: Friends

Q: What scares you the most?

A: Losing my mom

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North's football program has been selected as a weekly winner of $5,000 as part of T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights.
The Golden Raiders, now eligible for a $25,000 prize, will be presented with a check during their homecoming game Friday.
Earlier this season, North representatives Teri Schultz (middle) and Shari Stahl (right) were already awarded $1,000 from Josh Steiner of T-Mobile.
- Submitted photo



Sports Car Club holds 60th event

Road America will once again become the center stage for road-racing excellence, as drivers from across the nation gather for the 60th running of the Sports Car Club of America National Championship Runoffs this weekend.

This pinnacle amateur road-racing event will bring together nearly 600 competitors to battle for the ultimate prize — the SCCA National Championship title.

With 26 fiercely contested classes, the Runoffs continue to be the largest amateur road-racing event in the world.

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 3

Community Book Read Book Discussion: 10 a.m. at Plymouth Public Library, 130 Division St. Join a discussion about this year's selection, "Remarkably Bright Creatures." https://plymouthbookread.weebly.com.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4

Plymouth High School Homecoming Parade: 4:15 p.m. through downtown Plymouth. Community groups and businesses welcome to participate; entry forms due Sept. 30. Everyone is invited to watch the parade! www.plymouth.k12.wi.us.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

Black River Fall Fry: 11:00am-4:00pm. Black River Advancement Association, 435 Indian Mound Road, Sheboygan.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10

Homeowner Happy Hour: Doors open: 5 pm. Presenters: 5:30-6:30pm. Learn more about basic home maintenance & insurance, ins and outs of home equity loans home maintenance assistance available. Free to attend. Bourbon Street Pub & Grill, 1536 Indiana Ave., Sheboygan. Sponsored by Partners for Community Development, Inc and Acuity Insurance.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

Community Book Read Book Discussions: 2 and 6 p.m. at Books and More, 214 E. Mill St. Join a discussion about this year's selection, "Remarkably Bright Creatures." https://plymouthbookread.weebly.com.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

SHEBOYGAN POPS SPOOKTACULAR SOUNDS CONCERT: 7:00pm. A fun filled family Halloween Concert, costumes are encouraged, treat or treat at the door, Sheboygan Lutheran High School Performing Arts Center, 3323 University Dr. Sheboygan.

MONDAY OCTOBER 21

PHS Fall Choir Concert: 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. "Sounds of America," featuring folk songs, jazz, barbershops, and spirituals. Free and open to the public. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23

Free Film: "My Octopus Teacher": 6 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. A filmmaker forges an unusual friendship with an octopus in this unrated documentary. In conjunction with Community Book Read. https://plymouthbookread.weebly.com.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

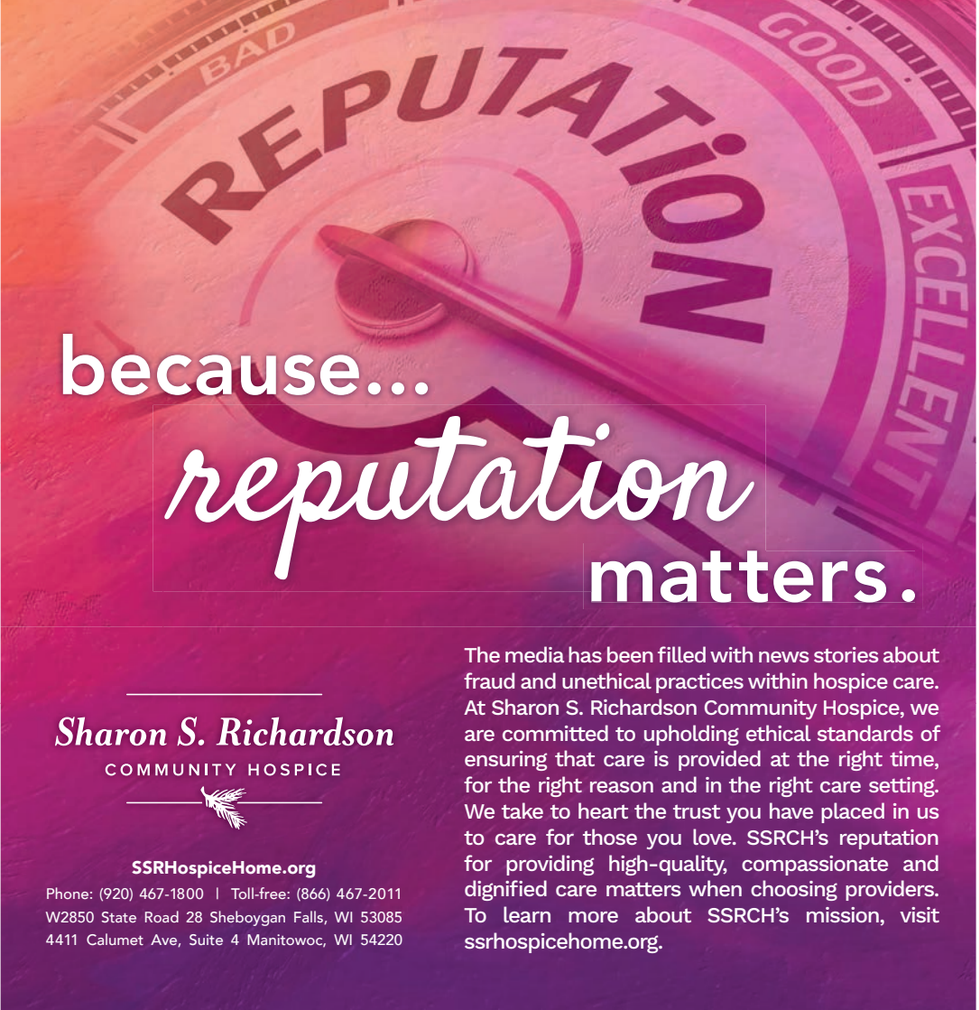
TRUNK OR TREAT & RESOURCE FAIR: 2-4pm. Parking lot on the corner of Ontario Ave and N 7th St., Downtown Sheboygan. Sponsored by Partners for Community Development, Inc.

MONDAY OCTOBER 28

Community Book Read Book Discussion: 3 p.m. at Generations, 1500 Douglas Drive. Join a discussion about this year's selection, "Remarkably Bright Creatures." https://plymouthbookread.weebly.com.

Around Our Town: Mental Health America Lakeshore: 5:30 p.m. 410 S. Milwaukee St. Adults can tour this nonprofit mental-health agency serving our community since 1953. Free, but pre-register with Community Ed & Rec. www.plymouthwi.myrec.com, 920-892-5068.

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NOW THROUGH February 2, 2025: Mad Dash: 50 Years of Arts/Industry. FREE, All ages. Chronological installation of artworks, letters, photographs, and promotional materials dating from 1974 to the present. It reveals the origin and history of Arts/Industry residency program.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 2, 2025: Clocking In: 2024 Arts/Industry Residents: FREE, all ages. As part of the Arts Center's celebration 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 KOHLER-ANDRAE STATE PARK

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For more info,
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1: Discovery Bird Walk: 8:00 a.m. Black River Trail. Join Master Naturalists Janet & Andy Raddatz for a guided bird walk. Age 12 and up. Vehicle admission required.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: Big Sit Birding Event: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sanderling Nature Center. Bring your binoculars and apps and join Moraine Shores Audubon for some casual birding. Weather permitting. Vehicle admission required. 920-451-4080.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12: Walking Stick Crafting Workshop: 5:00-8:00 p.m. Indoor Shelter, P7. Select and personalize a walking stick, then head out on the candlelight hike. Vehicle admission required. 920-451-4080.

Fall Candlelight Hike: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Indoor Shelter. Enjoy a self-guided walk on torch-lit trails; then join the Water Street Hot Shots around the campfire. Vehicle admission required. 920-451-4080.

EVENTS AT MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

710 N 8th Street, Sheboygan
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Mead Public Library has announced 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, OCTOBER 1: Creative Play Date: 10-10:45 a.m., Story Garden. Join Dare to Dream Theatre for this workshop designed to engage young children through creative and dramatic play. Recommended for ages 18 months to 5.

Great Decisions Lecture: 6:30-8 p.m., Rocca Room. Join retired Ripon College Professor Martin Farrell for a free lecture on the future of NATO.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2: Lego Club: 4-5 p.m., Children's Activity Room. Kids can get creative with the library's supply of LEGOs.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3: Make it @ Mead: 5-6:30 p.m., Imaginarium. Create your own wood-slice owl in this free, all-ages program.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8: Drop-In Tech Help: 1-2 p.m., The Loft. Offering one-on-one help with e-content, mobile devices, social media, email, photos and more.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8: Great Decisions Lecture: 6:30-8 p.m., Rocca Room. Join Beloit College Professor Beth K. Dougherty for a free lecture on Mideast realignment.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15: Bitty Book Club: 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., The Loft. Join staff from the Family Resource Center and Progressive Beginnings as they bring stories to life. Free book copies are available while supplies last. Recommended for ages 2-5.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17-19: Friends of Mead Library Used Book Sale: 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Rocca Room.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17: Tech Help @ Uptown Social: 2-3 p.m., Uptown Social, Sheboygan. Mead Library staff will offer one-on-one tech support with email, navigating your device, setting up online accounts and more.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23: Read to Pawsitism Service Dogs: 4-5 p.m., Story Garden. Young readers can gain confidence and practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to service dogs from Pawsitism, Inc. Recommended for kids in grades K-6.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29: Using Email 101: 2-3 p.m., The Loft. Get help setting up an email account and learn to perform basic email tasks and safely use your email account

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Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids vs. Prescription Hearing Aids: Why Prescription is Superior

Hearing loss is a prevalent issue that affects millions of people worldwide. With over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, many individuals face a choice: should they opt for prescription hearing aids or take advantage of the convenience and lower cost of OTC devices?

First and foremost, the substantial drawback to buying OTC hearing aids, especially online, is the online hearing test. Online testing or no test at all is risky business because they miss all the possible physical causes of hearing loss like earwax, tumors, diseases of the ear or infections.

One of the most significant differences between prescription hearing aids and their OTC counterparts is the level of customization. Prescription aids are tailored to each person's unique hearing profile. After undergoing a thorough hearing test conducted by a hearing professional, the results are used to program the hearing aid to match the specific needs of the wearer. This ensures that they receive amplification where they need it most, maximizing sound clarity and reducing the risk of further damage to their hearing.

On the other hand, some OTC hearing aids are designed to be a one-size-fits-all solution. These devices offer generic amplification, which does not adequately address the user's specific hearing loss. Without a professional assessment, users may either under-amplify or, worse, over-amplify sounds, potentially causing more harm than good. Prescription aids, by contrast, deliver a precise experience for long-term hearing health.

The process of obtaining a prescription hearing aid involves not only a comprehensive hearing evaluation but also ongoing support from a licensed hearing professional. This professional guidance is invaluable, especially for first-time users who may be unfamiliar with hearing aids. Professionals help patients adjust to their new devices, fine-tune settings, and assure the hearing aids fit properly. This level of support is simply not available with OTC hearing aids, which are purchased without professional input or follow-up care.

Also, prescription aids often come with warranties, access to repair services, and in-office maintenance, ensuring that users have long-term support for their devices. In contrast, many OTC aids do not come with good customer service or repair options, leaving users without help if they encounter issues. The peace of mind that comes with professional oversight and support is a critical advantage.

Prescription hearing aids typically feature significantly more advanced technology compared to OTC options. Many prescription devices are equipped with sophisticated features such as noise-cancellation, directional microphones, and Bluetooth connectivity. These features significantly enhance the user experience by improving sound quality, reducing background noise, and allowing users to connect to smartphones and other devices for seamless integration into modern life.

OTC aids, while more affordable, often lack these advanced features. This can result in subpar sound quality and a less satisfying hearing experience overall. The limitations of OTC hearing aids become apparent quickly.

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

EVERY THURSDAY: Story Time: 9:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers.

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.

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

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Book Club: 1 p.m. To be placed on our book club list, email elcirc@monarchlibraries.org.

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

SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER: Music & Movement: 9 a.m. Songs, dancing, instruments and more for babies-preschool and their caregivers. Register online or by phone at 920-876-2554.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4: Hocus Pocus Potion Art: 10 a.m. at the Grashorn Civic Center. Mix potions and use them to create art. 1st grade and up. Register online or by phone at 920-876-2554.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: Frankentoys: 3:15 p.m. at the Grashorn Civic Center. Take apart old toys and create something new and monstrous! 5th grade and up. Register online or by phone at 920-876-2554.



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: 10:00 am. Babies from newborns and 24 months are invited to bring their parent or caregiver for storytime! No registration required.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 & 16: Teen Gaming Hour: 10:00 am.For ages 11-18. Play on our Nintendo Switch, bring your own, or try on of our games. No registration required.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3: Morning Book Club: 10:00 am. Join the Morning Book Club to discuss a new book each month. Copies available for pick up.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 & 15 AND WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 16: Doggy Tales: 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm.





For grades 1- 8. Registration required. Get some read aloud for practice with Gus, a trained therapy dog!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10: Get It Right the First Time: Research the Correct Way: 5:00 pm. For adults. Learn tips and tricks involving genealogy research techniques, documenting your research, and the importance of accuracy and citation.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12: Taylor Swift: The Eras Party at Generations: 5:00 pm: Generations, 1500 Douglas Dr. Suite D, Plymouth. For ages 12-18. Dress up in your favorite era and join us for an amazing time. Registration required. 920-892-4416.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14: Science in a Bag: All Day. For grades K-12. Stop by for a free Science in a Bag STEM kit, courtesy of the Wisconsin Science Festival.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15: Manga Book Club: 4:00 pm. Join us for our first meeting for a new teen book club to discuss what series we will tackle first.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17: Lego Club: 4:00 pm. For ages 6+. Show us your LEGO skills and creativity, as you create your LEGO masterpiece with friends. No registration required.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 31: The Great Pumpkin Pageant of 2024: Week-long Event. For all ages. Participate in our yearly pumpkin pageant! Full details are on our website at www.plymouthpubliclibrary.net.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club: 6:00 pm. Join us to read a new fantasy or science fiction book each month. Copies available for pick up.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: Dice Quest: 4:00 pm. For ages 14 and up. Gather with other tabletop RPG enthusiasts and play out fun adventures.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24: Digital Deception: A Guide to Protecting Yourself from Phone & Email Scams: 10:30 am. This presentation will equip you with the knowledge and tools to identify and avoid phone and email scams.

Reading Dragons Monthly Meet-Up: 4:00 pm. For 1st-5th graders. Join your fellow Dragon Trainers to play games, eat snacks and do crafts.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25: Memory Café: Halloween: 10:00 pm. Join a themed gathering for people living with memory loss and for their families, friends, or care partners. Registration recommended. 920-892-4416.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28: Yoga for Everyone: 6:00 pm. For all ages. Join us as our certified yoga instructor shows us how yoga can be for everyone. Registration requested. 920-892-4416.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30: Monster Mash Movie Bash: 3:30 pm. For ages 11-18. Join us after school for a viewing of Five Nights at Freddy's. Costumes or Halloween gear encouraged.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31: Digital Deception: Social Media Scams and How to Outsmart Them: 10:30 am. This presentation dives deep into the world of social media scams, empowering you to navigate your favorite platforms with confidence.

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA LAKESHORE

A mental wellness journey in the great outdoors, Mental Health America Lakeshore hosts FREE outdoor experiences through local parks and recreation destinations. Funded by Mental Health America National in Partnership with L.L. Bean.

Schedule, dates and activities may be adjusted due to Wisconsin's ever-changing weather conditions. These activities are designed for families with children/grandchildren ages Pre-K to 12th grade, accompanied by at least one adult. All events are free of charge. Required to register in advance online: https://bit.ly/mhagreatoutdoors.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: Family Photos with Photographer and Fall Crafts: 9:00-11:00am. Kohler-Andrae State Park (Sheboygan).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2: Fall Family Hike and Art Make & Take: 9:30-11:00am. Maywood Environmental Park (Sheboygan).

EVERY SUNDAY

Stronger Together CoDA Meeting: 1907 Club, 2908 N 21st St, Sheboygan, 4 PM. Learning together to develop healthy and loving relationships with others and ourselves. All are welcome. No cost or need to register. Any questions, call or text Jill at 920-609-5151.

Al-anon Meeting: 6:00pm. The Riteway Club, 4627 S. 12th St, Sheboygan. Contact Jennie 920-901-4550.

EVERY MONDAY

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support: 9:45am-11:00am *(please arrive before 10am)*. St Paul's U.C.C., Sheboygan. 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: 920-893-8118.

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,

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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 53073.

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.

Healthy Relationships CoDA Meeting: Ebenezer Church, 3215 Saemann, Ave, Sheboygan, 9:30 AM. Learning together to develop healthy and loving relationships with others and ourselves. All are welcome. No cost or need to register. Any questions, call or text Jill at 920-609-5151.

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.

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

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

Concordia Singing Society: Rehearsals 7:00-8:30pm,









1130 N. 9th St, Sheboygan. Knowledge of German not required. Info: 815-883-0035. concordiasingerswi.org

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

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

SECOND & 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.

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.

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.

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

Al-Anon Meeting: 9:30-10:30am. 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 al-anon.org for more information.

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

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: 1:15pm-2:15pm. 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.

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. 920-458-2673.

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 WEDNESDAY 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 details.

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.com.

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

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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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EVERY THURSDAY

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.

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

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.

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.

FIRST & THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Women Within: 5:00PM. Rogers Behavioral Health, Community Room, 1108 S Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan. 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.

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.

THIRD THURSDAY 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.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Shoreline Striders Social Run: 6pm at 3 Sheeps Brewing, 1837 North Ave, Sheboygan. All runners welcome. Distance = 3-6 miles, variety of paces. No one runs alone! Email Amber at president@sheboygan-runs.com for more info.

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







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If a majority of voters support the referendum, the property tax mill rate would increase by $0.20 per $1,000 of property value. That would be a $20 annual increase per $100,000 of property value.

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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.

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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.

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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woven into the fabric of who we are. As we celebrate this incredible milestone, it's a moment of deep pride for our family to continue that legacy with an even greater commitment to community engagement.

"This anniversary is a tribute to everyone who has helped us reach this point, but it's also a promise for the future. Our family is committed to carrying on this tradition of philanthropy and community support for generations to come. By empowering our employees to take the lead on local initiatives, we're ensuring that our contributions are meaningful and impactful where they matter most."

In addition to financial contributions, Vollrath is also placing a strong emphasis on employee volunteerism.

Employees are encouraged to give their time and talents to organizations and causes they are passionate about.

The initiative includes Vollrath's existing scholarship program, which will continue to support local students. It also includes the long-standing tradition of in-kind donations to local non-profits, building on its impact beyond financial support.

Over the past several decades Vollrath has donated millions of dollars to support education, non-profits and community development.

"It's been an honor organizing our 150th-anniversary celebration, and what's been truly inspiring is seeing how Vollrath's commitment to community has grown over the years," Senior Project Manager Daniele Frechette said. "We've hosted open-house events at all our locations across the U.S. and each of them had a chance to select deserving organizations in their community to receive the donations. It's been amazing to see the level of care and thoughtfulness that has gone into selecting the organizations we're supporting. I'm proud to be part of a company that believes in giving back in such a significant and meaningful way."

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County ups borrowing limit, with minority opposition

by **Emmitt Feldner** for The Beacon

SHEBOYGAN – The county updated its budget-writing code and self-imposed borrowing limits Tuesday, but not without some opposition.

The County Board voted 18-5 to update the budget ordinance to reflect the role of the county administrator in the budget process and to increase the borrowing limit from $5.5 million to $7.5 million annually.

County Administrator Alayne Krause noted that the borrowing limit and the budget ordinance have not been updated since 2019, although the budget writing process has changed.

Krause explained that the $5.5 million a year borrowing limit was put in place in 2015, raising it that time from the $4 million limit adopted in 2002.

"Since 2015, economic conditions have changed," she noted.

State statutes allow the county to borrow up $179 million annually, Krause pointed out, "but obviously we're not aiming for that. That would be extremely irresponsible. $7.5 million is still extremely fiscally conservative."

But some supervisors disagreed.

"I have concerns for the citizens of our county," Supervisor Joe Liebau stated. "We're going to be asking more of our citizens," at a time when they face struggles of their own with costs and prices.

Supervisor Carl Nonhof told the board that he had worked in private industry at cost reduction efforts, "But I have yet not heard this in the county. It would be good to see that in the future, some kind of cost reduction efforts."

The ordinance change also reflects the increased role of the county administrator in leading and directing the creation of the annual budget.

Supervisor Brian Smith questioned whether the county had been failing to follow its own codes over the past nine years in the budget process.

Corporation Counsel Crystal Fieber responded that the county had been following state statutes governing budget creation in counties with a county administrator and the changes simply reflect that fact.

"One of the inconsistencies in the county code that we hadn't caught up to was following state requirements," for the budget process, she explained.

"These changes were the culmination of years of review and input," Krause commented. They ranged from minor grammatical and language changes, such as changing administrative coordinator to county administrator, to the changes in budget amendment and contingency fund use processes.

Smith, Liebau, Nonhof, Suzanne Speltz and Stanley Lammers voted no on the ordinance, with supervisors Keith Abler and Jacob Immel absent.

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The board approved borrowing $13.05 million for a list of capital projects over the next two years.

The biggest projects on the two-year list are $4.1 million in building improvements and replacement at the Cascade highway shed and $1.99 million to complete the tuckpointing, repainting and window replacement at the courthouse.

"We are making investments in assets and projects across the county," Krause said of the capital improvements list.

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Bryan Grunewald of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the county's annual financial report to the board.

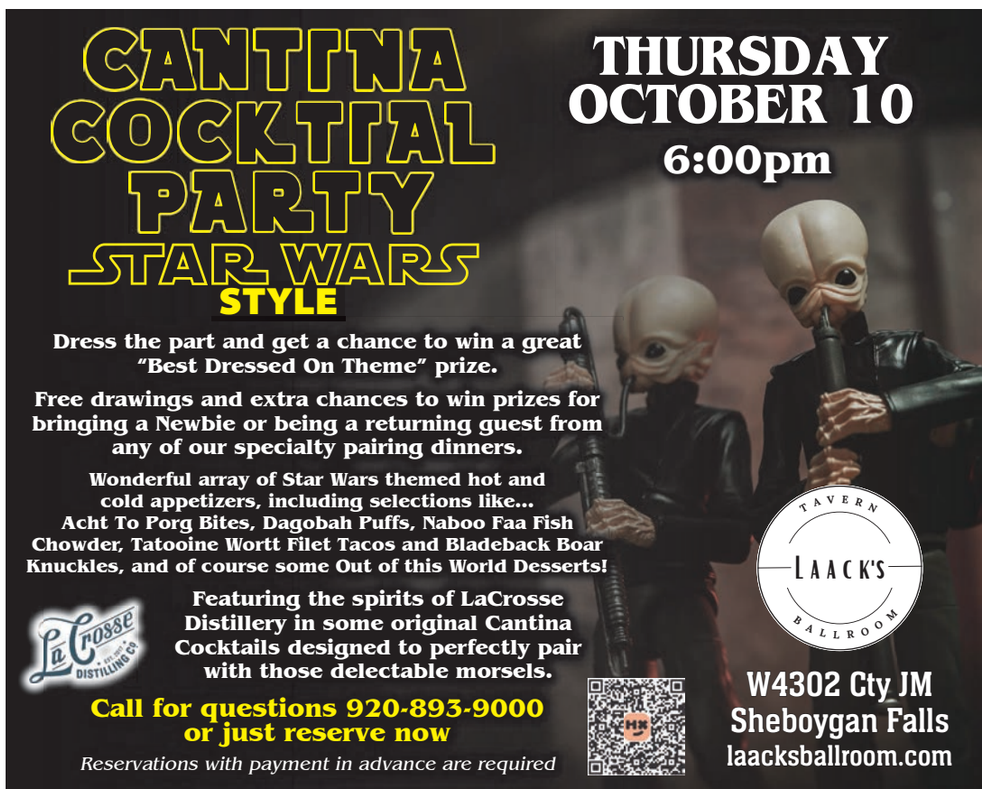
The county received, "the highest level of assurance you can receive in an audit report," Grunewald told the board.

"We should all take pride in that, to have such wonderful results in our audit," Krause commented.









Firefighter sex assault charge filed

by Ian Johanson
for The Beacon

City of Sheboygan Falls Assistant Fire Chief John P. Albright, age 45, was charged Sept. 18 with second degree sexual assault of a child under 16 years of age.

The alleged assault occurred in 2008 or 2009, according to a criminal complaint. Wisconsin statutes of limitations allow this charge to be brought until the victim reaches the age of 45. The victim in this case was 13 or 14 years old at the time of the alleged assault.

The Class C Felony charge has a maximum sentence of 40 years / $100,000 if he is convicted.

A week after the charge was filed, the City of Sheboygan Falls Police Department issued a media release which stated that "Recently, the Sheboygan Falls Police Department received information of criminal activity" involving Albright.

Albright was placed on administrative leave due to the allegations, and the Falls Police Department requested the Sheboygan Police Department conduct the criminal investigation "To maintain transparency and avoid any conflict of interest," the release says.

As detailed in a criminal complaint, a detective for the Sheboygan Police Department made contact with the victim, who said Albright hosted a party in August of 2008 or 2009. The victim "reported he had helped babysit the Defendant's daughter for a little while before being escorted back to the party by the Defendant."

The victim told police that during the walk, "the Defendant started to ask him questions about puberty." This was followed by the defendant putting his hand down the front of the victim's pants, according to the complaint. The victim said Albright "could tell he was uncomfortable."

They continued to walk, arriving in the alley of Michigan Street, Sheboygan Falls. There the defendant allegedly performed oral sex on the victim, which stopped when the victim pulled up his pants, took his cellphone out, and said his sister was trying to get ahold of him.

"Victim 1 stated the Defendant told him the Defendant thought he was gay," the complaint says. "The Defendant stated it was a misunderstanding."

The victim reported that he had casual conversation with the Defendant after the alleged event. "The defendant told him he was a very good-looking person and had invited him to be in the defendant's hot tub," the complaint states.

The media release says that "Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to call the Sheboygan Falls Police Department at (920) 467-7902."

Albright is in custody as of Sept. 27 with cash bond set at $150,000.



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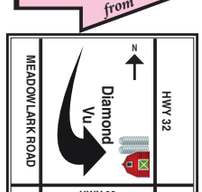
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Food/News *Recipes, tips & nutrition*

Slow cook some spicy wings for the big game



The games garner the bulk of fans' attention when football season kicks off each year at the end of summer. While the exciting action on the gridiron is a cause for celebration among millions of football fans, the food enjoyed during game day provides much to look forward to as well.

Certain foods have become part and parcel of watching a particular sport. For example, who can attend a baseball game and resist the temptation to indulge in a hot dog? For football fans, chicken wings are the go-to game day dish. There's no shortage of ways to prepare chicken wings, but fans who like their game day grub to have a little kick can try this recipe for "Spicy Soy Chicken Wings" courtesy of Andrew Schloss's "Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More" (Chronicle Books).

Spicy Soy Chicken Wings

Makes 4 servings

4 lbs. chicken wings, cut into sections at the joints, tapered wing tips trimmed and discarded
Coarse sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
2/3 cup soy sauce
2/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon dark sesame oil
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/8 teaspoon hot chili powder, preferably habanero
2 garlic cloves, minced

Combine the chicken wing pieces with a generous amount of salt and pepper in a large zippered plastic bag. Close the bag tightly and refrigerate for at least 12 hours or up to 24 hours.

Preheat the oven to 225 F. Transfer the chicken to a baking dish in a single layer without crowding.

In a small saucepan, stir together the soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil, cayenne, chili powder, and garlic and heat to a simmer, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Pour over the chicken. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil and cook until the chicken is nearly falling off the bone, about 3 hours.

Raise the oven temperature to 450 F and continue baking until the chicken browns and the sauce thickens into a glaze, about 10 minutes longer. Watch carefully near the end of the cooking time to avoid burning. Toss the wings in the sauce to coat and serve.

Variation: In a slow cooker: Follow the recipe, cooking the chicken in a 6-quart slow cooker on high for 3 to 4 hours, instead of a baking dish in the oven. When the wings are cooked through, transfer to a bowl. Simmer the sauce with the lid of the cooker off until it thickens, about 10 minutes longer. Toss the wings in the thickened sauce and serve.

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Writers come to 'Malibu of the Midwest'

11 travel content creators to invade Sheboygan

Sheboygan, "The Malibu of the Midwest," will welcome content creators for the Midwest Travel Network Writer's Workshop from Oct. 8-11. What travel journalist can resist a title like that? None.

Emmy-winning author Theresa Goodrich leads the workshop at the Blue Harbor Resort. To spark creativity, the attendees will visit several Sheboygan attractions. They'll return home primed to promote Sheboygan's fall colors, waterfront, cuisine, and art scene.

"We're excited to spotlight Sheboygan and to show off its lakeside wonders," Midwest Travel Network Co-Founder Sara Broers said. "The writer's workshop empowers our members to make their destination partners shine."

With this menu of delights laid before the travel journalists, Sheboygan will receive increased attention. Increased attention brings more visitors who leave revenue with businesses and local governments.

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Beacon photo by Jeff Pederson

'Coolest' companies advance

MADISON – Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) and Johnson Financial Group announced the top 16 products moving on in the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin contest. Nearly 40,000 votes were cast for the 130 nominated products, and the top 16 products will now compete in Manufacturing Madness – a head-to-head tournament-style bracket.

Two Sheboygan County beverage companies made the cut - Carbliss of Plymouth, and Jolly Good Soda of Random Lake.

"Congratulations to the top 16 Coolest Things Made in Wisconsin," said Nick Novak, WMC's Vice President of Communications & Marketing. "Not only do these products represent the diversity of things made in Wisconsin, they represent the high-tech, high-skill and high-wage career opportunities found in the manufacturing sector. The Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin contest engages the public with the great work being done by our state's manufacturers."

The Top 16 products were announced via a livestream broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. The announcement show can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/@WMCTV

The first round of Manufacturing Madness will consist of eight head-to-head matchups that will determine the Top 8 Coolest Things Made in Wisconsin. Individuals can begin voting on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 8:00 a.m. and voting will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

To cast a ballot in all eight matchups, manufacturers, consumers, employees and other Wisconsinites can visit www.madeinwis.com.

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Wilderness Journal

Mark Walters • OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

The last few years I have started my bow hunting season in an adventuresome way near Durand on the Chippewa River and travel by canoe to get to my stand.

This weekend at the same time that I was hunting, my 23-year-old daughter Selina Walters, who is a biologist with the USFWS and lives in Missoula, Mont., was on her first bow hunt in that state.

Saturday, September 14th
High 85, Low 63

You better have a hang, skin and quarter plan with plenty of ice when you are camping and traveling by canoe while bow hunting when the weather is so warm that for all four hunts you wear shorts. On the other hand, Selina was experiencing cooler temps and dressed quite warm. So here is the scoop: my official goal is make some fresh meat, enjoy the weather and show my pups Ruby and Red a good time.

In all honesty, my goal was an adult doe. On the other hand, unless something changes, I only have one other bow hunting trip this fall as I am booked until January 5th, so if a buck came within 25 yards, my max shot, I would quite naturally, fling an arrow. Selina and I do a lot of texting; On Selina's morning hunt she was on the ground in a low mountain valley in an area where she has been hiking and practicing with her bow since she moved to Missoula in late January. Selina purchased an elk tag as well as a deer tag and could harvest a buck and a bull, no doe and could buy more tags if she filled her tags. Last night Selina had to take a 4-hour online class to purchase her bow license.

This morning, she saw several doe of which some were in range and a real nice 8-point buck that was just out of range. This afternoon was my first hunt and I was really into the entire experience. On the paddle to my hunt, I watched a kingfisher dive bomb for a minnow and as it attempted to fly away with its supper, a northern pike came very close to gobbling it. It honestly looked like an alligator as it tried to catch the bird. On my hunt, all I have to do is sit in a tree in this Buffalo/Pepin County area and I am at peace. I honestly believe that if Michelle had not passed away that we would have moved here if we stayed in Wisconsin.

On my hunt, I watched a very large doe that scared the heck out of a raccoon that climbed a tree next to me, got to my level and it relaxed when it saw what scared it was just a deer. A while later, a doe with two fawns presented an easy shot. The fawns were young, with a nubby having spots and maybe weighing 40 pounds, the doe was big but her ribs were sticking out. On the paddle back to camp, I had a cold beer in a cooler just for the experience and I enjoyed every drop as I paddled in the dark.

Sunday, September 15th
High 87, Low 64

Seems crazy to be leaving camp in the dark dressed in shorts. I have to wear hip boots as I am in major swamp country but there was no chill this weekend.

On this hunt I saw one doe; she was large like most of the adult deer seem to be in this neck of the woods but stayed just out of range and I was fine with that. Selina on the other hand, is having deer after deer experience and what is very cool is that even though she is hunting on the ground, which is very common in the mountain states, she is not getting busted. For me, even though I had two more hunts before breaking camp and heading home, I did not see another deer and did not care.

Next weekend, I will be duck hunting in northern Wisconsin and Selina will be texting me from her hunt and the young biologist who so far has controlled her destiny will be doing exactly what she has chosen to do for this period of her life. Take your kids hunting and fishing and they just might hang out with you when you are in your 60s.

Sunset



Selina Walters

Hundreds transform Ice Age Trail segment near Glenbeulah

Volunteers from across the state came to Glenbeulah to reroute part of the Greenbush Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The volunteers were part of a large-scale Ice Age Trail Crew Event that took place Sept. 11-14.

Over the course of those four days, nearly 200 volunteers created a more sustainable and scenic route for the trail, south of Highway 23 in Sheboygan County.

The re-route takes the Ice Age Trail off a paved multi-use path along Old Plank Rd and instead immerses hikers in the natural landscape of the Northern Kettle Moraine Forest, which is rich with deep kettles and large, deciduous trees.

This project has been in the queue for nearly a decade. The DNR purchased the land for the re-route several years ago, but other trail priorities and construction of the Highway 23 underpass delayed the effort until now.

"We're excited for this project," says Dave Caliebe, Trail Program Manager for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. "It's a long time coming, as well as the first time this season that we're building a substantial amount of new Trail."

"The old path was built with trailbuilding techniques we no longer use," says Caliebe. "This new portion of the Trail will be much more sustainable for the long term. It will also showcase the area's beauty in a way the old route simply couldn't."

Project Highlights

• Rerouted nearly one mile of the Greenbush Segment, moving the trail through a landscape rich with deep kettles and large deciduous trees.

• Decommissioned an eroded section of the existing trail, painted blazes, and extended a blue-blazed spur trail by 500 feet.

• Cleared brush, mowed, and navigated many areas of poison ivy, adding an extra challenge to the work.

The Greenbush Ice Age Trail Crew project is the fourth large-scale project of the 2024 Trail-building season, which runs May through end of October. Many volunteers stay for an entire project, others come for a couple of days, or for a few hours.

In 2023, Ice Age Trail Alliance volunteers devoted 100,666 hours to Trail-related activities; ranking the Alliance fifth in the National Park Service for volunteer hours. Many of these hours are accrued during large-scale Trailbuilding projects.

Funding for the Greenbush Ice Age Trail Crew project came from the West Foundation and the Frank G. & Freida K. Brotz Family Foundation Inc.

The 2024 Ice Age Trail Crew Season is made possible by the Henry and Margert Reuss Charitable Remainder Trust as well as Sally Wilmeth and Terry Geurkink.

Leaf Stomp benefits Ice Age Center

The Friends of the Kettle Moraine invite you to participate in its new fundraising adventure – Leaf Stomp. This non-competitive hike along the Ice Age National Scenic Trail through the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit will take place on Saturday, October 12.

Hikers can choose from one of four different routes: 22-miles starts at Glenbeulah, 15-miles begins at the Greenbush Group Camp, 10-miles steps off from Sandy Ridge Road south of Kewaskum, and 5-miles leaves from East Moraine Drive.

Buses will shuttle folks to their starting points and then they will hike back to the Mauthe Lake Recreation Area. There will be refreshment/aid station set up along the trail every five to seven miles.

The registration fee ranges from $45 for the two longer routes to $40 for the two shorter routes. The registration fee includes the shuttle, snacks, event T-shirt, completion certificate, and a finisher medallion.

The Leaf Stomp happens during the beautiful fall color season with its cooler weather and no biting bugs (usually).

The Ice Age Trail through the Northern Unit offers spectacular views and provides a challenge for all levels of hikers.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow hikers and receive support along the trail.

The Friends of the Kettle Moraine will use the funds raised to support their Ice Age Visitor Center Complex Project. This project includes rehabilitating the vegetation around the center, clearing vista overlooks, constructing an amphitheater, creating a nature themed playground, installing an accessible loop trail, building a picnic shelter, and improving the parking lot.

For more information about the Leaf Stomp go the Friends of the Kettle Moraine website at https://kmnorthfriends.org. To register for the event go to https://raceroster.com/events/2024/92750/leaf-stomp

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Galstad, Brennan M., 8/22/1997, Sheboygan, Operating w/PAC (2nd), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Jail 7 days, License Revoke 12 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, $2,106.50.

Gamaliel, Dixon, 9/1994, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, $375.80.

Leonhard, Matthew K., 6/2006, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, $213.10.

Mensch, Jacob A.R., 8/2006, Sheboygan, Exceeding Speed Zones (20-24 mph), $225.70.

Oliva-Sosa, Orlando I., 11/2002, Sheboygan, Texting while Driving, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, $197.90.

Reyes, Olivia, 6/1988, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, $200.50.

Schroeder, James K., 6/2003, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, $175.30.

Schultz, Jami M., 7/1985, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, $200.50.

Sheehan, Courtney L., 11/1987, Sheboygan, Speeding on Expressway (1-10 mph), $200.50.

Wesley, Eric J., 2/2001, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, $10.00.

Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt

Johnson, Kristi L., 4/1983, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Pietroske, Crystal M., 4/1982, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Operating while Revoked

Cruz Camacho, Alexandro, 6/5/1980, (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), $780.00.

Mcelmore, Nickie N., 4/6/1980, Sheboygan, (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), $528.00.

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance

Guerrero, Eternity S., 3/2000, Sheboygan, $200.50.

Griffith, Cody M., 3/1993, Sheboygan, $200.50.

Grunow, Michael L., 1/1980, Sheboygan, $200.50.

OWI

Bohenstengel, Tyler J., 9/1/1997, Sheboygan, (2nd), Jail 20 days, License Revoke 14 months, Ignition Interlock 14 months, $1504.00.

Melanz, Robin J., 2/5/1961, Sheboygan, (4th), Jail 60 days (stayed), License Revoke 3 years, Ignition Interlock 3 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, $621.40.

Misdemeanors

Haygood, Tracy L., 4/21/1975, Possession of THC, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Jail 60 days (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, $898.00.

Marksman, Donald W., 11/12/1958, Sheboygan, 4th degree Sexual Assault (Domestic Abuse), Jail 7 months, $898.00.

Mendoza, Danikah M., 3/10/1999, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, $780.00.

Schneider, James A., 3/7/1947, Lewd, Lascivious Behavior-Exposure, (3 counts), Jail 30 days (stayed), $1,341.00.

Walker, Anthony T., 3/5/2003, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Damage to Property, Jail 30 days (stayed), $1,375.80.

Zimmermann, David E., 12/2/1960, Sheboygan, Operate Firearm w/Controlled Substance, $654.00.

Felonies

Lee, Ka Wablong, 12/1/1983, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine (Repeater), Jail 3 months (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, $546.40.

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Revoke Probation

Lopez, Rene J.A., 9/17/1999, Sheboygan, Prison 5 years, Extended Supervision 10 years, Sex Offender Registry-Lifetime, Still owes $1,533.40.

Mungon, Christopher D., 11/21/1990, Sheboygan, Prison 2 years 6 months, Extended Supervision 2 years 6 months, Still owes $747.40.

Forfeitures

Greatens, Charles W., 10/1989, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, $326.50.

Harms, Andrew T., 8/15/1964, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting/Obstructing an Officer, $661.00.

Traffic

Canseco Perez, Alfonso M., 8/1994, Sheboygan, OWI (1st), License Revoke 8 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, $1,049.50.

Genske, Nathaniel J., 9/1999, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended (2 counts), Exceeding Speed Zones (20-24 mph), $626.70.

Groves, Tashone T., 6/1998, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, Exceeding Speed Zones (30-34 mph), $495.50.

Hagenow, Lindsey Jo, 10/1991, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, $210.50.

Heling, Brian M., 5/1998, Sheboygan, Failure of Transferee to Obtain Title, $175.30.

Herrera-Perez, Brandon, 1/2002, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Exceeding Speed Zones, (16-19 mph), $401.00.

Jimenez, Trista M., 10/1983, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, $210.50.

Lopez Rodriguez, Nelson E., 9/1982, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Operate w/o Valid License, $401.00.

Lunsford, Randy Lee, 3/1982, Sheboygan, Improper Passing/Stopped School Bus, $326.50.

Martinez, Arial M., 12/05, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Automobile Following too Closely, $401.00.

Mewes, Tammy Jo, 1/28/1968, Sheboygan, Operate w/Restricted Controlled Substance (3rd), Jail 45 days, License Revoke 24 months, Ignition Interlock 24 months, $1,856.00.

Torres, Kali N., 2/1999, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, $175.30.

Seat Belt

Albertin, Jason J., 3/1975, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Jakus, Adam J., 4/1990, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Lammers, Paige M., 12/1995, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Lecher, Tyler J., 3/1996, Plymouth, $10.00.

Medina Pagen, Joel O., 2/1994, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Nunez Tinoco, Josue R., 12/1987, Sheboygan, $10.00.

Inattentive Driving

Richter, Molly E., 10/1995, Sheboygan, $187.90.

Operate w/o Valid License

Solano Ortiz, Ana E., 12/1984, Sheboygan, $200.50.

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance

Boyer, Latishia M., 6/1981, Sheboygan, $200.50.

Ninneman, Conner J.D., 1/2002, Sheboygan, $200.50.

Speeding on Freeway

Biddle, Samuel A., 6/2006, Sheboygan, (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, $301.30.

Little, Takira C., 11/1998, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), $276.10.

Speeding on Expressway

Perez, Dylan, 12/2003, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), $250.90.

Exceeding Speed Zones

Beaudry, Alicia A., 2/1996, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), $175.30.

Gill, Michael J., 8/1973, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), $175.30.

Henschel, Matthew D., 2/1997, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), $175.30.

Stawicki, Matthew J., 9/1991, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), $175.30.

Misdemeanors





Clausen, Anna V., 10/3/1975, Criminal Damage to Property (Repeater), $465.00.

Hatleli, Wayne A., 10/30/1965, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Repeater), Jail 96 days, $455.00.

Kolosso, Joshua R., 8/30/2001, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), Jail 41 days, $555.00.

Lomibao, Derek C., 7/3/1997, Sheboygan, Battery (Domestic Abuse), Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, $998.00.

Misdemeanors and Felonies

Cieszki, David J., 7/26/1977, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping (Repeater)-Felony, Disorderly Conduct (Repeater)-Misdemeanor, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, $973.00.

Verhalen, Steve E., 5/28/1961, 2nd-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (Felony), Intentionally Point Firearm at Person, Endanger Safety/Use/Dangerous Weapon, (Misdemeanors), Prison 2 years 6 months, Jail 90 days, Extended Supervision 2 years 6 months, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, $1,465.20.

Felonies

Haneman-Klug, Jamie Ann, 8/2/1979, Sheboygan, Maintain Drug Trafficking Place, Jail 333 days, $530.00.

Haynes, Kareion J., 1/4/2000, Sheboygan, Possession of Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Amphetamine/LSD/Psilocin (2nd+Offense-Repeater), Bail Jumping (Repeater), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions,

Church hosts anniversary concert

A special concert is planned for Sunday, Nov. 10 as Grace Church continues its 100th anniversary celebration.

The concert begins at 1 p.m. and includes a time of fellowship afterward. Cake and beverages will be served.

The concert features the talented Gary Clausing. Gary writes, "I've been a musician most of my life, obtaining a Bachelor of Music from UW Oshkosh, and performing in many secular bands over the years. In addition to those many performances, I have been composing and recording faith based music, earning a few accolades along the way."

His website Gary Clausing – by the grace of God – includes an original song Finding Joy which resulted in a nomination for Christian Music Artist of the Year by the Wisconsin Music Area Industry (WAMI). www.garyclausing.com

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Now in its fifth year, the Mammoth Hike Challenge invites anyone and everyone to hike, run, walk, or backpack 44 miles along the stunning Ice Age National Scenic Trail and explore 3 official Ice Age Trail Communities. Participants have the entire month of October to complete the Challenge. Those that do, receive a limited-edition patch and certificate.

Hosted by the Ice Age Trail Alliance, the Mammoth Hike Challenge is the organization's largest awareness-building event. Unlike other hiking challenges held along the Trail, the Mammoth Hike Challenge is free. To register, visit IceAgeTrail.org/Mammoth-Hike-Challenge.

Mayor's International Committee Partners with 3 Sheeps Brewing for Esslingen Fest

SHEBOYGAN – The Mayor's International Committee announced a special Oktoberfest partnership with 3 Sheeps Brewing and Blue Harbor Resort for this year's Esslingen Fest on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM at 3 Sheeps Brewing.

This event is part of a weekend- long celebration of Oktoberfest and the city's special connection with Esslingen, Germany.

The Esslingen Fest will feature a traditional brat fry, craft beer from 3 Sheeps Brewing, raffles, and live music by Jeff Winard.

Admission to the event is free, and it's a perfect opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate Sheboygan's sister city relationship with Esslingen.

As part of the festivities, Mayor Ryan Sorenson will officially tap the first keg to kick off the day, followed by a stein-holding contest. A wide selection of German beers will be available for purchase throughout the day, ensuring that everyone can enjoy an authentic Oktoberfest experience.

Patrons can plan for a full day of activities at 3 Sheeps Brewing before continuing their celebration with Blue Harbor Resort's inaugural Oktoberfest Great Lakes event. This festival, held from Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 6th, will offer even more ways to embrace the Oktoberfest spirit, featuring local businesses and a broader range of entertainment. Blue Harbor Resort will also provide a non-stop shuttle service throughout the day to ensure guests can enjoy the festivities safely.

Esslingen Fest continues Sheboygan's tradition of honoring its relationship with Esslingen, Germany, while also spotlighting 3 Sheeps Brewing and supporting local businesses.

Esslingen Fest Details:

Date: Saturday, October 5th, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Location: 3 Sheeps Brewing, 1837 North Avenue, Sheboygan, WI Admission: Free

Highlights: Brat Fry, Craft Beer, Raffles, Live Music by Jeff Winard, Mayor Tapping the First Keg, Stein-Holding Contest, German Beers Available for Purchase



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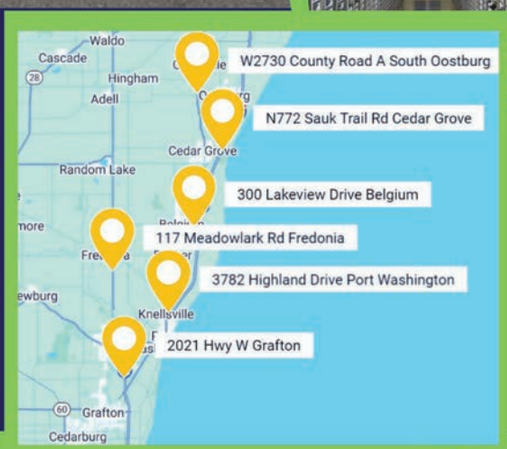
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Audience costumes encouraged for Halloween concert

The Sheboygan Pops Concert Band presents Spooktacular Sounds will be held Saturday Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lutheran HIgh School Performing Arts Center - 3323 University Drive in Sheboygan.

This Family-focused concert for all ages is free and packed with fun and surprises. In addition to the band, it will feature vocalists Kristin Sorenson and Lucas Detwiler in musical selections; and Nico Torres rapping to "My Shot" from "Hamilton."

Audience members of all ages are encouraged to come in costume, and Trick or Treating will be held during intermission. The concert is generously sponsored by Oostburg State Bank, Oostburg Lumber Co., Principal Financial, and also made possible by donations from many Band Members and Friends of the Band.

Poll workers sought

The City of Sheboygan is seeking dedicated individuals to serve as poll workers for the upcoming Nov. 5 election.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply within the City Clerk's Office, located at City Hall: 828 Center Ave, Suite 103. Applications will be accepted during regular business hours.

Poll workers must be available to attend a mandatory training session, which will be held at City Hall in October.

City Clerk Meredith DeBruin encourages residents to get involved, stating, "Being a poll worker is a rewarding way to contribute to our community. Poll workers perform a very important public service that ensures our elections are fair, open, and trusted."

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Pasture-raised farm finds a niche

by Tomas Ward
Review Correspondent



Luke and Andrea Kurey by a chicken coop at their homestead Farmcraft Farm, where they specialize in pasture-raised beef, pork, chicken and eggs. – Beacon photo by Tomas Ward

"See how shiny these pigs are?" Luke Kurey asks me, and I have to agree that they are shiny. The surprising September heat is abating in the late afternoon, and the low sun is bouncing off the coats of about 20 Idaho pasture pigs, revealing speckles of red and gold. "They are so beautiful right now, having had that awesome forage."

Luke and his wife Andrea are showing me their homestead, Farmcraft Farm. Situated on 90 acres on Hillcrest Drive in the Town of Greenbush, the Kureys have spent three years establishing a pasture-raised meat operation. They offer beef, pork, chicken and eggs as well as some garden produce directly to consumers.

Farmcraft sells at the Sheboygan Saturday market and to customers who visit the farm.

Following principles of restoration agriculture, they work to enhance the land's fertility over time and ensure that animals are well cared for. Techniques include rotational grazing of different animals through divided forage lands; and silvopasture, where living trees are incorporated into a system of feed and shelter.

"We didn't grow up in agriculture," Luke says. "We got interested in agriculture because of the regenerative ideas, the ideas that you can raise better meat and take care of the land and have better ethics for the animals."

"This land was in crops for decades, [but] it's shallow soil and pretty rolling. All the slopes are pretty gravelly, and all the topsoil's ended up at the bottom of the slopes. Not tilling it and having it in pasture is much more appropriate."

Andrea says that Farmcraft is taking advantage of locally available resources as they grow their beef herd. Pouring milk replacer into a feeder for a half dozen young Jersey calves that are almost ready to ween, she tells me about the decision to source these animals from dairy farms.

"We thought about doing typical beef cows, but there are so many dairies around here, and the bull calves aren't really used for much," she says. "We have access to them, and Jersey beef is really good."

Raised not far from each other outside of Milwaukee, the pair met in 2020 when Luke came to a New Year's gathering at Andrea's cabin up north as the guest of her cousin. Luke had nurtured an interest in farming in parallel to the work he was doing as a financial advisor. As the two grew closer, Andrea's interest in the agriculture project also increased.

They searched for land in the Kettle Moraine country for one year before taking the plunge, closing on the property in April of 2021.

Luke says that he is grateful for the opportunity to be on the farm caring for animals every day and for the satisfaction of putting food on his own and other people's tables. "And [farming] with Andrea is pretty awesome," he adds.

Andrea recently left a position as a speech therapist in Sheboygan schools in order to farm full time.

"I never imagined a future where I wasn't doing speech pathology, but I'm really happy that I get to be here," she says.

The couple aspires to support themselves and raise a family strictly with income from the farm.

"We're not there yet," Luke says, "but we're on the path."

The farmhouse was gutted inside when they arrived.

Having restored it with the guidance of how-to manuals for carpentry, plumbing and electrical, Luke is now poised to earn money as a remodel contractor in the slower season.

The current herd stands at 11 beef cattle, two milk cows, 20 pigs and 150 laying hens.

"We'd like to finish 15 cows a year, 100 pigs and 1000 chickens," Luke says.

Along with selling meat to individuals by appointment, Farmcraft also regularly opens up to larger community events.

Hosting around two farm dinners each year, the Kureys offer up their pastured produce as the main course.

Luke points out that for a recent pig roast, the animal was born, lived its life and was eaten right here at the farm, with a brief outing to the butcher and back as its only experience traveling over the road.

Towards the end of my tour, Luke says something that seems to capture the Kureys' commitment to good husbandry as well as their joy for farming.

We are standing in a hoophouse where tomato vines climb from the floor to the ten foot ceiling. But growing nightshades isn't the main role for this structure.

"We built this for chickens in the winter. You should come see how happy they are in here," Luke says.

The building is heated with the deep litter method, where a thick layer of bedding allows heat from decomposing droppings to rise up and fill the plastic walls.

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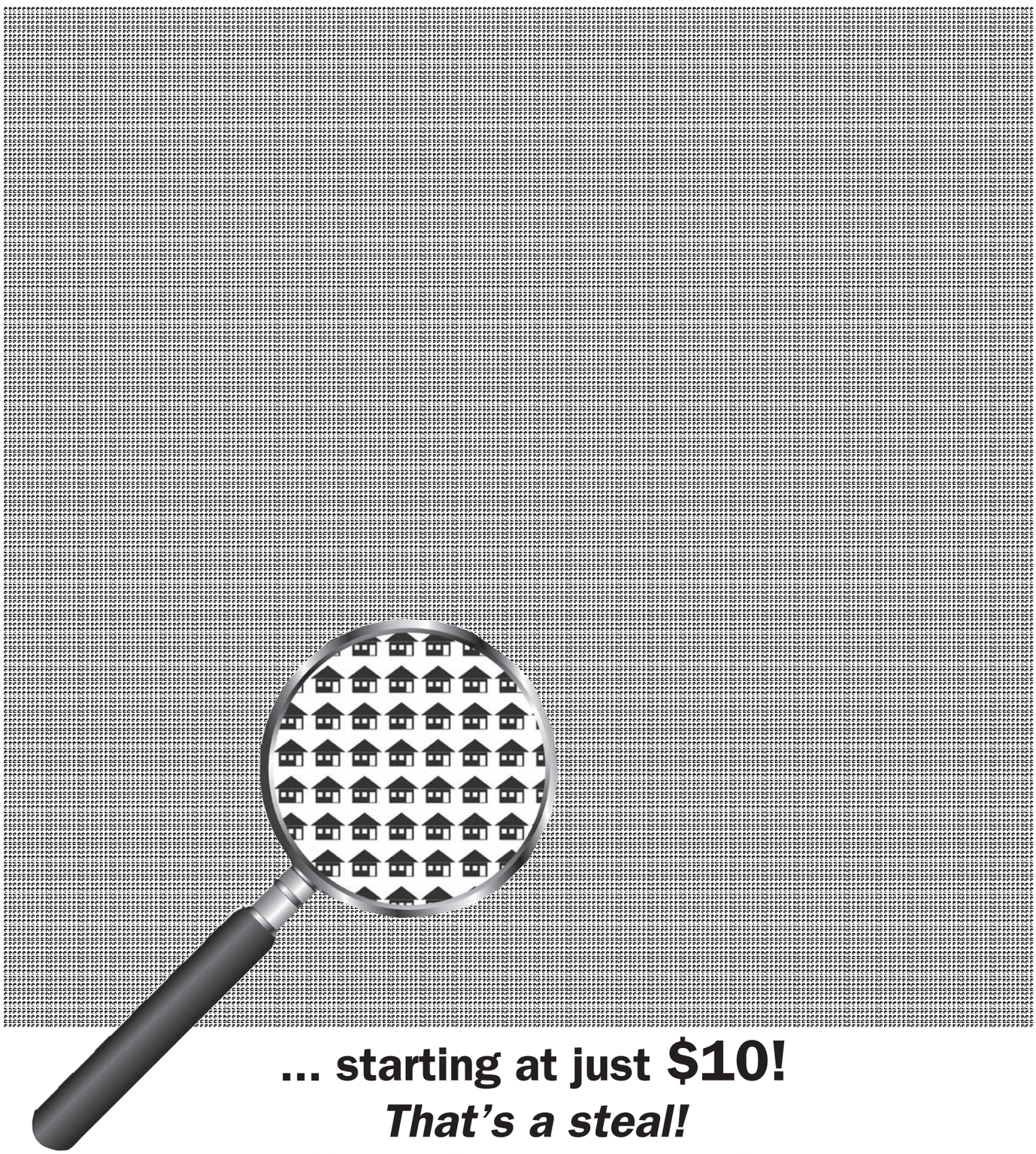
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Arts Center hosts Paint Towns night

The public is invited to a Plymouth Arts Center festive reception and silent auction on Friday, October 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to view the paintings created at this year's Paint the Towns in Fall Color event.

It is an opportunity to meet the participating Paint the Towns Artists and to bid on a favorite piece of local art at the Silent Auction until 9 p.m. Awards will be presented at 6:45 p.m.

After the reception and silent auction, the unsold works will remain in Gallery 110 North through November 15 and be for sale at a "Buy it Now" retail price.

This free admission reception features live music by Zach Holzer. Complimentary appetizers and desserts will be served. The event is sponsored by Sargento, The Sartori Company, and Van Horn Auto.

Midwest artists who are interested in participating in this annual en Plein Air (outdoor painting) competition and exhibition, coordinated by artist Dan Rizzi, may visit or call the Plymouth Arts Center, 920.892.8409. Pre-registration is encouraged. Artist Michelle Richeson is the judge for this year's competition. A total of $3000 in cash awards will be presented. A full schedule of events may be found on the PAC website: www.PlymouthArts.Org and Facebook page.









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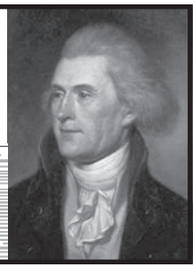
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How to help seniors adapt to automotive tech

Modern automobiles are more technologically advanced than ever before. That tech isn't just making driving more comfortable and convenient, but also more safe.

In a recent analysis of motor vehicle accidents, researchers at the International Institute for Highway Safety found that vehicles with blind spot and lane departure warning systems were involved in 11 percent fewer sideswipes and head-on crashes than cars that did not feature such systems. In addition, the IIHS estimates that the number of automobile crashes in the United States could be decreased by 85,000 each year if every vehicle were outfitted with a lane departure warning system.

Driver assistance systems have made driving safer for millions of people across the globe, but one demographic may need some extra help adapting to modern vehicles, and may even need a little extra encouragement to utilize tech that can keep them safe behind the wheel. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that, in 2018, the United States was home to 45 million licensed drivers aged 65 and over. That marks a 60 percent increase since 2000. Though seniors' perceived unwillingness or inability to utilize modern technology is often overstated, some aging drivers may need a little extra help as they try to learn how to use assistance technologies in their vehicles.

• **Learn the tech yourself.** Assistance technologies are not all one and the same. Vehicle manufacturers have their own systems and there can be a learning curve when adapting to a new one. If you aspire to teach a senior how to utilize the assistance technologies in his or her vehicle, first learn the tech on your own. If both you and your aging friend or family member own a Subaru, chances are you already know how to use the tech in your loved one's vehicle. If you drive cars made by different manufacturers, visit the dealership where your loved one bought his or her car and ask for a quick tutorial on all the safety features in the vehicle. Salesman demonstrate these features every day, so it shouldn't take long for them to show you the ropes.

• **Be patient.** Each person adapts to a new technology at his or her own pace. It's important to remain patient when teaching aging drivers how to use the tech in their vehicles. Old habits die hard, and while some drivers may quickly adapt to tech like backup cameras, others may not be so quick to abandon driving techniques they've been safely using for decades. Stay the course, remain patient and allow senior drivers to adapt at their own pace.

• **Teach one tech at a time.** It can be overwhelming for drivers of all ages to adapt overnight to all the tech in their new vehicles. When teaching senior drivers how to utilize various driver assistance technologies, take it one tech at a time. When coupled with your patience, this approach can help seniors avoid being overwhelmed and increases the likelihood that they will embrace the tech in their vehicles.

Many senior drivers utilize driver assistance technologies every day. A patient and methodical approach to showing seniors how their vehicles can help them stay safe behind the wheel can be a road map to helping seniors adapt to life in modern vehicles.

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Today, putting miles between oneself and home is a largely recreational pursuit. Road trips can be enjoyable ways to get close-up views of notable sights. When planned correctly, road trips can be affordable vacation options.

Establish a road trip budget

Even if a road trip is a frugal way to travel, it's important to set a budget for how much you'll be spending on the road and at various points of interest. A budget can help you decide how far you can go and which types of accommodations to seek.

Schedule a vehicle maintenance appointment

Be sure to schedule a pre-trip appointment at the service center to give your vehicle a once-over. Change the oil if necessary, have fluids topped off, check the cooling or heating system, and get the tires inspected/rotated. Also, build a road trip toolkit in case of any emergencies or breakdowns.

Take frequent breaks

Even if you think you don't need to, pull off at a rest stop to walk around, stretch and use the restroom. If the next rest stop is far away, you won't be uncomfortable waiting to reach it. Various smartphone apps list what's available at each highway exit as well as rest stops nearby to help you plan accordingly.

Be smart about food and drink

If you have to stop for a meal, visit a grocery store instead of restaurants and fast food, as they offer healthier, less expensive options. Supermarkets also have restrooms and seating areas. If you're bringing along food, pack a cooler with frozen water bottles that can keep the food cold. As the water bottles melt, you will have access to drinks without having to compromise on cargo room.

Establish a special road trip treat

Plan something that you only enjoy on road trips. This can be an expensive package of chocolates, or dining out at a restaurant chain you don't have closer to home. It can enhance the anticipation and enjoyment of the long ride.

Download favorite songs, podcasts and more

Downloading ensures access to the songs and additional entertainment you desire without having to worry if a cellular connection is spotty. Take turns alternating between tunes, audiobooks, movies, and even stand up comedy specials to help pass the time. Also, bring paper maps as backups to GPS systems.

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What to do in the immediate aftermath of a car accident

Car accidents happen every day. Though the World Health Organization reports that approximately 1.35 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes, many more people walk away from such accidents relatively unscathed. In such instances, knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of an accident can help drivers and passengers stay safe and start on their road to physical and financial recovery.

No two car accidents are the same, but the Insurance Information Institute recommends anyone involved in a car accident take the following steps to make the most informed decisions in what is often a difficult situation.

• **Assess your physical condition.** The III recommends people involved in accidents check themselves for injuries in the immediate aftermath of an accident. Call 911 if you are hurt. If you're seriously injured, try to remain still and only move with the assistance of emergency response personnel.

• **Assess passengers' physical condition.** Drivers who are not too hurt to move can check on their passengers after assessing their own condition. Before moving a passenger who is injured, speak with an emergency response professional. This person can assess the situation and determine if it's safe to move an injured passenger or if it's best to wait for first responders to arrive on the scene.

• **Get to a safe place.** If possible, move to the side of the road or a sidewalk. If it's safe to move a vehicle and the vehicle is in a hazardous position, such as in the middle of the road, pull it to the side of the road. If the vehicle won't start of you suspect it could be dangerous to move it, leave the car where it is and get yourself and any passengers who can move to the side of the road or a sidewalk.

• **Call 911.** If you have not already done so, call 911 once you have gotten to a safe place. The III notes that no accident is too minor to involve the police, and some local laws even mandate that all traffic accidents be immediately reported. Be sure to fill out an accident report, which can be vital for drivers who intend to file claims with their insurance providers.

• **Turn the vehicle off.** If the vehicle is still running, turn it off. Turn on the vehicle's hazard lights and, if you can physically do so and it's safe to do so, place road flares around the car to warn fellow motorists.

• **Exchange information.** Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver once everyone has determined that they are not injured. The III recommends exchanging full names and contact information. Specific information like insurance companies and policy numbers, driver's license numbers and license plate numbers, the exact location of the accident, and the type, color and model of the other driver's vehicle also should be exchanged and noted.

• **Avoid discussing fault with the other driver.** Drivers will not determine who's at fault. Such decisions are made by insurance adjusters. Discussing fault with the other driver in the immediate aftermath of an accident can lead to difficult, potentially heated exchanges.

• **Document the accident.** The III recommends motorists involved in accidents identify the responding police officers and ask them how to obtain copies of the official accident report. Take pictures and speak with any witnesses, jotting down their names and contact information if possible.

• **Notify your insurance provider.** Notify your insurance provider as soon as possible. You can even do so from the scene of the accident if you're capable of doing so. This can jump-start the claims process.

Knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of a car accident can calm drivers' nerves and get them on the road to recovery that much sooner.

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Why regular car washes are important

Taking care of a vehicle involves more than just maintaining the equipment under the hood. There are a number of steps involved in keeping a car or truck in top form, and that includes regular car washes.

Car washes keep a vehicle shiny and clean, which can help it look good while sitting in the driveway or cruising the highway. However, regular car washes are more than cosmetic.

• **Protection from the sun:** A car that is routinely and properly washed and waxed is less vulnerable to damage from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

• **Extend the life of paint:** Dirt and debris can build up on the paint surface and eventually lead to scratches and other damage. Bird droppings and sap can be corrosive. Washing will help remove grime and protect the paint in the process.

• **Preserve the vehicle's value:** Drivers who plan to sell or trade in their vehicles in the future should realize that a well-maintained car can bring in as much as 20 percent more for above-average condition, according to Kelley Blue Book. Maintaining a clean and shiny vehicle can protect its long-term value.

• **Remove salt:** Drivers who live near the ocean or in areas where roads are salted in the winter to melt snow may have cars with high salt corrosion rates. Unless it's washed off frequently, salt can take its toll, leading to damage.

• **Improve fuel efficiency:** Drivers have felt pain in their wallets at the fuel pump in recent years. Dirty cars may be less aerodynamic and less fuel-efficient as a result. Keeping a car clean may improve its fuel efficiency.

• **Maintain the interior:** Car washes are not only about the exterior. Keeping a clean and tidy interior can help improve the air quality inside of the vehicle and prolong the life of upholstery, mats and interior components.

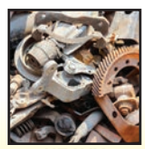
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