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# Vollrath Company announces multi-million dollar investment in Sheboygan headquarters

SHEBOYGAN – December 10, 2025 – The Vollrath Company, a leader in the food service and custom products industries, announced plans for a significant multi-million dollar investment to modernize and expand its Sheboygan headquarters. The project, with a first phase valued at around \$40 million, will include construction of a new 110,000-square-foot stateof-the-art manufacturing facility at the company's corporate campus at 1236 N. 18th Street and represents one of the largest capital investments in Vollrath's 150-year history.

The investment reinforces Vollrath's long-standing commitment to its high-value manufacturing in the United States. By expanding and upgrading its Sheboygan operations, the company is strengthening its domestic manufacturing footprint and ensuring that critical knowhow and production capabilities remain anchored in the community where Vollrath began.

The multi-year, phased development will streamline production flows, increase operational efficiency, and incorporate modern production technologies, positioning Vollrath for continued

growth in the competitive foodservice equipment market. The new facility will deepen Vollrath's metal-forming expertise that has long been a hallmark of the company's Sheboygan operations. The goal is to create a true center of excellence for core manufacturing processes that supports faster lead times, consistent quality and a seamless customer experience.

"This is a transformational moment for The Vollrath Company," said Erik Lampe, CEO of The Vollrath Company. "After 150 years in Sheboygan, we are making this substantial investment because we believe in the future of this community and the exceptional workforce that calls it home. Our current facility, built in 1912, has served us well, but to remain competitive and continue growing, we need to invest in modern infrastructure that allows us to streamline how we work, stay at the cutting



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edge of manufacturing technology, and make it even easier for customers to do business with



# Joint drug investigation leads to largest fentanyl pill seizure in state history

Press release from the Manitowoc County Sheriff -Dec. 4

The Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Green Bay Resident Office, conducted a coordinated drug-trafficking investigation resulting in the seizure of a significant quantity of fentanyl destined for distribution in Northeast Wisconsin. Dylan E. Hock, Trevor C. Hock, and Jose O. Gamez, all residents of Arizona, were identi-

fied as individuals conspiring to transport a large quantity of fentanyl from Arizona to Manitowoc County.

On January 6, 2025, Investigators with the Metro Drug Unit, Sheboygan Drug Task Force, DEA Green Bay Resident Office, and Wisconsin State Patrol conducted surveillance and arrested Dylan Hock, Trevor Hock, and Jose Gamez during a traffic stop in Manitowoc County.

Manitowoc County.

A search of their vehicle revealed 43.2 pounds of fentanyl, disguised as prescription medication. The estimated street value of the seized

narcotics is approximately \$5.8 million. This seizure is the largest fentanyl pill seizure in Manitowoc County history and is believed to be the largest in Wisconsin State history. All three defendants were taken into custody and booked into the Manitowoc County Jail. The Manitowoc County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case.

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On November 20, 2025,
Dylan Hock was convicted
in Manitowoc County Circuit
Court before the Honorable
Judge Mark Rohrer on charges of conspiracy to manufacture and deliver fentanyl. He
was sentenced to 10 years of
initial confinement, followed
by 10 years of extended supervision.

On December 3, 2025, Trevor Hock entered a guilty plea in Manitowoc County Circuit Court to conspiracy to manufacture and deliver fentanyl. He is scheduled to be sentenced on February 10, 2026, before the Honorable Judge Jerilyn Dietz.

Jose O. Gamez remains in custody on allegations of being a party to the crime of possession with intent to deliver fentanyl and is awaiting future court proceedings.

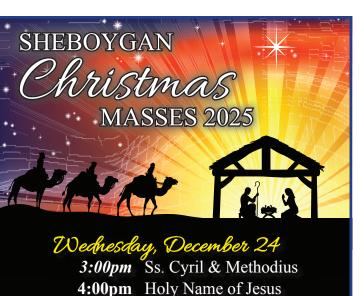
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For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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### Mary Koczan receives Rotary Club's 2025 Agent of Peace Award

Submitted by Mary Kay Samet & Claudia Bricks

Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan Co-Presidents

Sheboygan Peace Park would like to announce that Mary Koczan, "Jackie of All Trades' involving the Peace Park, has received the Rotary Club's prestigious Agent of Peace award for

The Peace Park is located at the corner of 3rd St., Michigan Avenue and Broughton Drive on the lake front in Sheboygan. Since 2014, Mary has been involved with all aspects of the park from planting bulbs, pulling weeds, caring for the plants, painting peace rocks, to coordinating all volunteers. She is very deserving of this award.

The Rotary District 6270 Agent of Peace Award, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, celebrates 2 extraordinary individuals across Eastern Wisconsin whose volunteer-driven efforts foster peace, justice, and goodwill and who builds bridges of understanding in their communities.

Gerry Plehn, President of the Sheboygan Rotary's Early Bird Club said "Rotary International established six main focuses, one of which is promoting peace. Mary's persistence to develop the Peace Park epitomizes this worldwide goal on a local level. The four Sheboygan County Rotary clubs are proud to endorse the nomination by Rotarian Michael Vander Steen to recognize

her with this prestigious award."
Former Sheboygan Mayor Mike VanderSteen, believes that Mary embodies Rotary's values of service above self, integrity, leadership, and fellowship. Other eligibility requirements included the fostering of cooperation across cultures and communities that will create lasting change and benefits to others.

Mary and the other recipient were recently honored at an awards dinner in Hartford. Her acceptance remarks graciously included mentioning our wonderful countless volunteers and the fact that it takes a whole community to create a Peace Park.

She also mentioned one of our favorite Peace Park mottos: A poem by Lao Tsu-

For there to be peace in the world, there must be peace between nations.

For there to be peace between nations, there must be peace between cities.

For there to be peace between cities, there must be peace between neighbors.

For there to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace within families.

And for there to be peace within families, there must be peace in our hearts.

Mary concluded her remarks by mentioning the Father of Sheboygan Peace Park, Larry Mac-Donald, and his 2 favorite sayings- "Peace IS possible", just



SHEBOYGAN PEACE PARK names Mary Koczan its recipient of the 2025 Rotary Club Agent of Peace Award. - Submitted photo

as Lao Tsu said 500 years before Christ and now Larry said it 2,000 years later. Larry was also famous for saying- "The road to WORLD peace begins where

Sheboygan's 4th of July parade ends." And that is at our Peace Park

Mary is truly an extraordinary agent of PEACE!

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# Stephen 1, Cancer 0

### ■ South senior was cleared of it this past spring

Ryan Stephen is now cancer free, which means he'll be able to attend - and play - in South's basketball fundraiser this weekend.

Last year, only Stephen's family and friends could be there because he wasn't feeling well.

"Assistant LeRoy Hamilton organized that and really did a nice job," coach Jesse Shaw said. "A lot of community people came out, and we had a slideshow/video after that game. Even the Manitowoc kids hung around and watched.'

The Redwings will raise money again when they host North at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Stephen, who had stage four testicular cancer that spread to his liver, kidneys, lungs and brain, has come off the bench in his team's first three games.

"He's been playing both halves and has been in a supportive role of getting minutes, doing his best," Shaw said. "So that's really been awesome for him, and for us, to get another contributing player for this year's team has helped us quite a bit.

Stephen did not play last season as a senior, and was unable to attend school, too.

So instead of graduating, he had to petition the WIAA to allow him 'another' senior year for sports.

Stephen has returned to being a full-time student as well.

"He tried to take some classes last year, but just couldn't,"



South's Ryan Stephen missed all of last year - school, too because of cancer. He's now cancer free, and will play in his team's fundraising game against visiting North on Saturday. - Photo by Karli Hopkins

Shaw said. "Then he tried to do some homeschooling, and it just wasn't working real well. This year, he'll need to pass the classes to graduate high school just like anybody else.

Stephen was first cleared to have contact in sports in late August.

He started working on his conditioning and to get some strength back.

Shooting and skill work followed, then three-on-three and five-on-five drills were added, before the first day of practice in mid-November.

it for a year," Shaw said. "Not only just out of it, but going through major chemo treatments and complete havoc on his body for a year. To then come back is pretty, pretty remarkable.

Stephen, who has been cancer free since late last spring, is one of South's captains.

He's helped bring the team together, according to the coach, whose program motto is 'TCGT' (tough competitor, good teammate).
"We hope that these boys

strive to be tough competi-"It's not easy being out of tors and good teammates, but that that carries with them into their adult lives," Shaw said. "You're on a number of teams throughout your life, whether it's a marriage team, a work team, a church team, and so there comes times when you as an individual have to be a tough competitor and there's other times where you have to be a good teammate.

'And in last year's situation, with Ryan in particular, he had to be a tough competitor as he's battling cancer throughout his body. And certainly his parents and his family members were good teammates. And so there you have the TCGT in full force at the most optimum level you could possibly have. There was also the support of his teammates, the support of South High School, and then I would also add the Sheboygan community. ... It's really been neat to see the community as a whole, regardless of what school you go to, come and support the young man - that's been a huge thing for our program. Obviously, we're so proud of him as a person and what he's gone through. That's big for us to recognize.

"Usually life lessons aren't this big or important when it comes to life and death, but it certainly has revealed itself. Everybody who's been in contact with him. ... What a moment when we learned that he was cancer free. I mean, that was absolutely incredible for so many. Boy, there's been a lot of prayer support, financial support, just kind of an outpouring of love and support for him and his family through the whole process. And that's really been

### In their own words

Exactly one year - and a day - ago, Stephen's story about having cancer appeared in the Beacon. Here's some of what Stephen said in the article:

- Yes, I can beat this. ... They said it's pretty curable. It's different in childhood than
- I didn't really know what to think, you know? I was just really surprised.
- It's definitely hard because ou can't do anything about it. Like, it just kind of came into you, and there's nothing you can do. You've got to hope all this works. ... It's definitely rough. It doesn't make you feel the best, with a lot of side effects.
- It's been rough, not being able to do normal activities like an everyday thing that all the other kids get to do. Not being able to play sports is hard.
- The entire community has been really supportive with tshirts and bracelets and words of encouragement and kind gestures towards me and my

And this is what basketball coach Jesse Shaw said:

■ Obviously hearing the news was a huge shock to our basketball team and the school and the community.

I mean, it was shocking to hear that news. And then once you wrap your head around it, you realize that he's got a fight ahead of him. And he's going to have to obviously fight darn hard himself, and then draw upon the strength of others.

# PDTR Wall of Fame to add names

Four local drivers will be inducted into the Plymouth Racing Wall of Fame on July 11 at the Sheboygan County Fair-

Plymouth's Brian Gilles

and Lanny Schirmer, as well as Howards Grove's John Born and Sheboygan Falls' Terry Marten, are part of the Class of 2026 that will be honored at the fifth-annual event during a

special induction ceremony at intermission of the program.

Gilles, one of the most highly successful competitors in the history of PDTR, compiled seven track championships in the Super Stock and Grand National divisions during his standout 40-year racing career.

Schirmer excelled in the Modified division, competing in Plymouth from the late 1950s through 1968.

Born was a top contender in the Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car Sportsman division, claim-

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# 'umas' dad shows dedication

Stats don't lie, they say Statistician Seth Wolff doesn't, either.

The Sheboygan native serves as one for the Plymouth Pumas, a club softball team his daughter plays on.

Long story short, the high school-aged players told Wolff he should get a tattoo.

He said no.

Then he said yes.

And after a few months passed, Wolff kept his word when he could've easily changed his mind or came up with an excuse.

"They asked throughout the

fall," he said.
"They would not have let me forget about it.'

One of the perks of being the Pumas' statistician is being able to sit in the dugout, among other things.

Wearing short sleeves and shorts is not a perk, however, because the girls noticed Wolff already had several tattoos and suggested he get one for GameChanger (the app used to

keep stats).
"Then they said I should get it on my face, or I should get

### **Dave Boehler**

THE BEACON SPORTS EDITOR



it on my head, or on this and that," Wolff said.

One player even posted a poll online for anyone to vote if he should get a tattoo. She also tagged GameChanger - based out of New York - and the company responded with an emoji before reposting it.

"Well, my mother follows the team, and voted no," Wolff

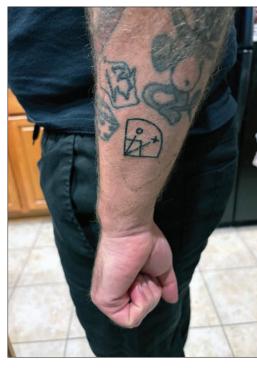
"And then my father voted yes, because he wanted to cancel her no out.

It was overwhelmingly in favor. I think that there were very few no's

"And then I think the parents were mortified that their high school children were talking about tattoos.'

Wolff added to his tattoo collection by getting small black outline of a softball/baseball





Seth Wolff and family (above) are involved in the Plymouth Pumas - so much so, the statistician got a tattoo (right photo, lowest one) at players' request. - Submitted photos

diamond underneath several others on his left arm.

Wolff says it's barely even noticeable, but it got his daughter's attention when he informed the family he was going to be interviewed for a story.

"She said, 'oh, I think the

headline is going to say something about Pumas' dad shows dedication to the team by getting a tattoo," he said.

### **Buck stops** at Harry's

Milwaukee Buck Myles Turner stopped for breakfast at Harry's Diner recently, and even took a picture with employee Carter Gabriels. Owner Harry Ljatifovski was also working that day. "I was chit-chatting with him and asking about the food," he said. "I gave him some nice Christmas wine and he loved it. He said he loves small little restaurants and was in town to support local places. "He was a very humble and cool guy. He loved the food, and said he'll be back. It was very nice.' - Submitted photo



### PDTR/from 5

ing 20 feature victories.

And Marten was one of the mainstays at the front of the pack in the ultra-competitive Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car Winged Super Modified division in the 1980s and early 1990s, claiming the '89 track championship.

### Others to be inducted, too

Neosho's Gib Wiser will also be honored.

He also raced in the EWSC Sportsman division and was a strong competitor in the PDTR 360 Sprint Car ranks.

Wiser was a stellar competitor in the Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car Winged Super Modified division in the 1970s, earning six top-five point finishes, including the 1975 track championship.

Inductees in the Dedication to Racing category include longtime track workers Dave Bohrmueller, Dale Baumann, Kim Baumann, and Brian Triphan.

The Racing Family category will highlight the Sippels, including Tom and his sons, Randy and Scott.

The names of the inductees will be etched on the Wall of Fame, located underneath the grandstand, along with others from the previous four

Induction Night will also feature a driver meet-andgreet and autograph session before the racing program, as well as photo and memorabilia displays showcasing the careers and accomplishments of the honorees.

Past Wall of Fame inductees are invited to take part in the festivities as well, including the autograph session.

In the event of inclement weather, a make-up date has been set for July 18.

Inductees and their family members, along with past Wall of Famers wishing to attend, are asked to contact Ken Schulz in advance at kenschulz91@gmail.com.

The Wall of Fame Committee was formed in 2021 to recognize individuals who have exemplified dirt track racing at the highest level since the dirt track's inception in 1950.







# Like brother, Leonhard also misses season

### ■ Senior has to sit out Lutheran's basketball season with turn ACL

Lutheran's Zach Leonhard followed in his brothers footsteps - only he didn't want to.

Just like Ben, Leonhard has to miss his senior season of basketball because of a torn ACL.

"It was hard, for both of us," Leonhard said. "We work our whole life to play our senior year, and then you can't play. ... The worst part was probably putting in all the work, and knowing that it all just got taken away from you.

But, I get to go along for the ride still and watch the team suc-

Unlike his brother, however, Leonhard still gets to play basketball at the college level.

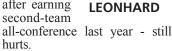
One day after his injury, Concordia University Wisconsin's coach said he still has a spot on

Last month, that's the school Leonhard announced he'll play

"It's a huge motivation for next year to work on my body, get my knee ready, and to be prepared for college basketball," he said.

Leonhard's future helps ease the pain of sitting out this sea-

But his past he helped the Crusaders finish as Division 5 state runner-up after earning



"Exactly," Leonhard said. "We started open gyms the week after (state), right after spring break, and we went all the way through the beginning of this

Only Leonhard had to stop June 12, when he was injured on a drive to the hoop during a summer league game in Oostburg.

"I knew it was torn. I could feel it," he said.
"My brother also did the

same thing, a day before the season. So I knew - and he missed the whole season."

Leonhard, who has surgery on late July, still attends practice every day.

He'll shoot around in the beginning, hit the weight room when teammates are practicing five-on-five, and return to the court for the squad's practiceending free-throw game.

attends Leonhard every game, too, usually in a black team pullover and sweatpants.

"It's difficult watching them all play, but it's kind of nice because you get to see the game at a different perspective that I haven't really been able to see throughout my entire life, and I learn a lot more now," he said.

Leonhard says he likely will return to 100% in late March or early April, and will continue trapshooting at Lutheran.

# Rivalry week is here

It's a doubleheader Saturday, as North travels to South for a girls basketball game followed by the boys.

It's no longer a conference game since the Redwings moved from the Fox River Classic to the Glacier Trails, but a rivalry is a rivalry.

The girls game is at 6 p.m. Last season, North beat South by 12 points in the first time and by 13 in the rematch.

The boys play at 7:30.

Last year, the Golden Raiders scored their second-most points of the season (95) in one of the games against the Red-

Kohler at South, 7 tonight: Before the Redwings take on North, they welcome the Blue Bombers for a non-conference

Entering the game this past Friday with Plymouth, South

Lutheran at Christian (boys), 7:15 tonight: The Crusaders went 3-0 against the Eagles last season, including a regional final win en route to a Division 5 state runner-up finGIRLS BASKETBALL

Lutheran at Christian (girls), 7:15 p.m. Friday: The Eagles will try to stop Lutheran's dominance in the rivalry



Emma Daharsh (25) plays defense against Random Lake recently. - Photo by Lisa Reed







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### 'Sextortion' now a state crime, plus other notable newly signed laws

Gov. Tony Evers signed 'Bradyn's Law," Assembly Bill 201, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 48, creating a new crime of sexual extortion in Wisconsin. Gov. Evers signed the bill in honor of late D.C. Everest Ju-nior High School student Bradyn Bohn, whose tragic death by suicide inspired his family to advocate for passing "Bradyn's Law" to help penalize sexual extortion perpetrators.

"Bradyn's Law" was introduced in response to the tragic passing of Bradyn Bohn, a 15-year-old student from the Wausau Area who took his own life earlier this year as a result of a sexual extortion, or "sextortion," scheme. In addition to creating a new crime of sexual extortion with graduated penalties, 2025 Wisconsin Act 48 also modifies and expands the crime victim compensation program, which is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), to add death by suicide or attempted suicide to the list of acts that may be com-

As defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI),

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"sextortion" is a term used to describe a crime in which an offender coerces a minor to create and send sexually explicit images or video and then uses that material to extort the victim by threatening to release it.

These crimes can lead victims to self-harm and have led to suicide.

In addition to DOJ's resources for online safety, if anyone has information on potential child exploitation in Wisconsin, reports can be made through Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO), a 24/7 statewide confidential reporting system run by DOJ's Office of School Safety. Reports can be made by:

- 1-800-MY-Dialing SUSO-1
- Texting "SUSO" to 738477Visiting their website at https://speakup.widoj.gov/ Assembly Bill 201, now 2025
- Wisconsin Act 48: • Creates a new crime of sexual extortion;
- Includes graduated penalties on offenses depending on





Sustainability is an important part of the project. As Vollrath prepares the site for the new facility, the company is working to reclaim and recycle as much material as possible from the existing structures, including structural beams and brick, rather than sending them to landfill. The same mindset will guide decisions about new equipment and building systems as the project moves forward.

Vollrath's expansion plans have received strong support from local government, including a tax incremental district development agreement approved by the Sheboygan Common Council. This public-private partnership reflects the city's recognition of Vollrath's longstanding role as a major employer and manufacturing anchor and underscores the shared commitment to keeping quality manufacturing jobs in Sheboy-

The project is expected to bring meaningful benefits to the community, with the investment creating a platform for future job growth as the company expands. Recent updates already completed on the campus include new team member break rooms. updated locker rooms, added windows on the shop floor that bring in more natural light and gated, secured team member entrances to enhance overall safety. Additional improvements, including upgraded outdoor break areas, will follow as the project progresses.

The construction phase will also generate economic activity for local contractors, suppliers and service providers as Vollrath engages a range of Sheboyganarea construction companies and vendors to support demolition, site work and new building construction. The project is expected to span multiple years, and Vollrath will continue to work closely with city, county and state officials as approvals

progress.
"This is an exciting time for The Vollrath Company and for Sheboygan," Lampe added. "We're not just building a facility, we're investing in our people, our community and our shared

future. This project represents our confidence that Sheboygan will remain the heart of Vollrath for many generations to come."

**About The Vollrath Company** 

Founded in 1874 and based in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, The Vollrath Company is a privately held, family-owned and, today, a six- and seventh-generation woman-owned company. It has eight factories spread across the United States, Europe and China that manufacture products to exacting quality standards globally, backed by outstanding customer service. The company focuses on quality design, engineering and manufacturing across its business divisions for foodservice and custom and specialty products. For more information, visit vollrathcompany.

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### Sheboygan natives featured in 'Bucky!' PBS documentary

Nolan Blomwillis to the list of locals featured in Bucky! that made its PBS debut on Dec. 2.

Those that missed the documentary on the University of Wisconsin mascot have another chance to see it on the big screen Jan. 29 at the Weill Center for the Performing Arts in Sheboygan (it's still available for streaming at pbswisconsin.org/bucky and on the

The event is free, open to all, and no registration is re-

A cocktail reception and cash bar starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a full screening of the film at 6:30 p.m.

Afterward, there will be a live question-and-answer panel with local community members connected to the film, moderated by Bucky! producer Grant Fenster.

Blomwillis, who graduated

from South High School, is featured in the documentary because the UW student in his fourth year serving as the cur-

Sachse Jr., a North High grad, also appears on screen.

He interviewed his father



Bill Sagal with an early Bucky costume head. - Review file

- the man who created Bucky - in 1998, and that recording is used to tell the story of the mascot's origins.

According to Sachse Jr., his father and Bill Sagal both attended North and UW.

When they were juniors, Sachse Sr. came up with the idea of having a cheerleader wear a papier mache Badger

He enlisted Sagal to wear it, making him the first Bucky Badger.

Sagal's daughter, Deb Nicolaus (a Plymouth grad), is also interviewed in the film

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### New blackout and retro license plate designs for Wisconsin drivers unveiled

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The new Blackout plate features an all-black background with white letters, numbers, and outline. Wis-DOT estimates over half a million Blackout plates could be on the road within three

"As the former Wisconsin DMV administrator and now transportation secretary, I'm excited to see these new plates become a reality," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "The design of the Blackout plate is simple, clean, and complements many





vehicle colors. This style has been very popular in our neighboring states, and anticipation for these plates has been building here in Wiscon-

sin for quite some time." The Retro yellow or "but-

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### Food/News Recipes, tips & nutrition

### Air fry your latkes this Chanukah

Food figures prominently in many holiday celebrations, on a box grater; alternatively, and Chanukah is no excep- use grater attachment on a tion. Latkes are considered food processor for uniform a must-have in many households celebrating Chanukah, 2. Submerge potatoes in and there's no shortage of a bowl of cold water. Drain recipes to try this holiday sea- well and wring out in a clean a more unique approach to moisture as possible. latkes can consider air frying. which is a method of preparing popular fried foods that is credited with being healthier than traditional frying. Chanukah celebrants who find mixture, stirring thoroughly that appealing can try this recipe for "Potato Latkes" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

**Potato Latkes** Makes 4 servings

3 large russet potatoes,

peeled 2 eggs

1 teaspoon kosher salt

3 tablespoons matzo meal

1 tablespoon cornstarch or potato starch, plus extra for dusting

1 tablespoon chives, snipped

Cooking spray Sour cream, to serve

Freshly ground black pepper

1. Coarsely grate potatoes

son. Those who want to take dish towel to extract as much

3. Beat eggs in a large mixing bowl with half the salt. Whisk in matzo meal and cornstarch or potato starch.

to combine. Divide and shape into four large latkes, approximately 1/4-inch thick.

5. Dust with more cornstarch (or potato starch, whichever using), gently shaking or brushing off excess. Season with remaining salt.

6. Preheat air fryer to 380 F. Spritz basket with cooking spray before carefully arranging latkes in it.

7. Cook for 8 minutes. Turn and cook for a further 4 to 6 minutes until golden brown all over.

8. Remove from air fryer and let cool briefly before



serving with a garnish of sour cream and chives.

Note: Alternatively you can fry in a greased frying pan for about 3 to 4 minutes per side till golden and crispy.



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### Vaccines don't cause autism. Here's how we know.

### **Guest Column** by Greg Scaduto

As the parent of a nonverbal child with autism, the condition is not one that I watch from the sidelines: it's one that defines my family's experiences every day. Every time public figures revive false narratives about vaccines and autism, it reinforces stigma and undermines the incredible progress we've made in advocating for acceptance and evidence-based care.

False narratives stem from a common statistical misunderstanding: the correlationcausation fallacy, the mistaken belief that if two trends rise in tandem, one must be causing the other. Our brains are hardwired to spot patterns, but it's easy to fall into this trap. In statistics, a correlation -- where two trends move together -- is not proof of a causal relation-

ship.

For example, the number of in swimpeople who drowned in swimming pools each year once closely tracked with the number of Nicolas Cage movies released. Nobody would suggest that Nicolas Cage movies are causing people to drown. The two trends are simply a bizarre coincidence, a correlation without causation.

Similarly, the fact that vaccination rates and autism diagnoses have both risen doesn't prove that one causes the other. America's public health leaders must be careful not to let such reasoning errors endanger our children's health.

The real test is whether autism rates change when vaccines or their usage change. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is one of a small but powerful group who insists that

childhood vaccines are causing an increase in autism. President Donald Trump took it further, saying that pregnant women who take Tylenol put their children at higher risk of autism and urging them not to take the common painkiller -- despite no definitive link between autism and the drug.

But more than two decades of scientific studies and realworld examples have proven that there is no such link.

Consider the example of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine. A massive study in Denmark following hundreds of thousands of children found no increase in autism among the vaccinated.

Another example is the removal of thimerosal from vaccines. RFK Jr. once claimed that this vaccine preservative was a likely cause of autism. Yet after thimerosal was re-

2025 preliminary deer harvest totals

up 1 percent compared to last year

moved from vaccines in Denmark in the 1990s, autism diagnoses continued to rise.

Fortunately, with a few basic statistical techniques, it's easy to separate scientifically sound findings from speculation. The first step is to compare "like with like" -- in other words, to design studies where the only factor that changes is vaccination. Compare two children from the same age group, under the same diagnostic rules, with similar socioeconomic backgrounds and access to doctors.

By stacking thousands of these like-for-like comparisons, we can look past false narratives to estimate the underlying facts. And vaccine studies designed in this way consistently arrive at the same conclusion: There's no evidence that vaccines cause au-

Parents should use this critical lens when assessing scientific claims themselves. Each time they read a new study, they can ask: What is being compared? What's being held constant, and what's changing? Could the authors be mixing up cause and effect? If the authors' conclusion is true, what else should we expect to see -- and do we actually see it?

Even more importantly, public health officials must ensure that policy is based on scientifically rigorous conclusions. Families like mine de-pend on leaders such as RFK Jr. to tell the truth plainly, not to trade it for politics.

Greg Scaduto is the parent of a nonverbal autistic child, author of the blog "Broken but Readable" and an advocate for the Autism Society. This originally appeared in U.S. News &

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) celebrates the conclusion of the 2025 nine-day gun deer hunt, which kicked off the holiday season in Wisconsin with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, harvest food for the table and create memories with family and friends. Preliminary license sales, harvest registration and hunting incident numbers are

### **Preliminary License** Sales Ďata

now available.

Preliminary figures indicate the number of deer hunters in Wisconsin slightly decreased compared to 2024. As of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, sales for deer hunting privileges (which include gun, archery, crossbow, conservation patron and sports licenses) reached 790,044, down 0.12% from the same time last year. Of those, 550,611 were for gun privileges only (which include gun, conservation patron and sports

Deer hunting license and harvest authorization sales will continue throughout the remaining deer hunting seasons. Final license sales figures will be available in January, when DNR staff will perform a thorough analysis and interpreta-

### **Preliminary Harvest Totals**

Preliminary figures show hunters registered 182,084 deer during the 2025 gun deer season, including 86,068 antlered and 96,016 antlerless deer. Compared to 2024, the gun season harvest total is down 0.8% statewide, with the antlered harvest down 2.6% and the antlerless harvest up

Since the opening of the bow and crossbow seasons, Wisconsin hunters have registered 294,757 deer. This harvest is 1.1% ahead of the same time last year.

Marquette County in the Central Farmland Zone led the state with 7.9 deer registered per square mile. Vernon County led the Southern Farmland Zone with 6.5 deer registered per square mile. DMU 201 led the Central Forest Zone registering 3.8 deer per square mile. Finally, DMU 108 led the Northern Forest Zone with 2.7 deer registered per square

The DNR's Wisconsin Deer Harvest Summary webpage contains more information regarding preliminary harvest registration totals, including county-level numbers.

The regular gun deer season ran from Nov. 22 through Nov. 30 and is followed by the statewide muzzleloader season (Dec. 1-Dec. 10), the statewide antlerless-only four-day hunt (Dec. 11-Dec. 14) and the antlerless-only holiday hunt in select farmland zone counties (Dec. 24-Jan. 1, 2026).

### First Harvest **Certificates Available**

Hunters of all ages who harvested their first deer are encouraged to highlight this significant occasion with a first harvest certificate.

### 2025 Gun Deer Season **Hunting Incidents**

At the time of this release, the DNR reports the following firearm-involved hunting incidents from the 2025 nine-day gun deer season.

Grant County, North Lancaster Township: On Nov. 22, 2025, in the afternoon hours, a 57-year-old male was a victim of a gunshot to his buttock while walking to a field to go deer hunting. The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for injury. Investiga-

tion pending.
Fond du Lac County, Oakfield Township: On Nov. 22, 2025, in the evening hours, a 24-year-old male deer hunter was a victim of a self-inflicted gunshot to the chest. The victim was found deceased several hours after the close of hunting hours by family on private property. Preliminary investigation reflects the victim was in a tree, gun deer hunt-ing from a saddle stand, when the unintentional discharge of their firearm occurred. Investigation pending.

Comparatively, during the 2024-gun deer season, the DNR reported one firearm-involved hunting incident resulting in injury.

For the past 10 nine-day gun deer seasons (2016-2025), the incident trend reflects an average of five hunting incidents per year. In addition, Wisconsin has had six fatality free seasons, and all 10 years reflect single digit incidents.

The DNR reminds hunters to always follow the four rules of firearm safety, TAB-K, as a cornerstone for safe and successful hunting:

T - Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

A - Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

B - Be certain of your target, what's before it and what's

K - Keep your finger outside your trigger guard until you are safe to shoot.

Learn more about safe hunting in Wisconsin and register to take a hunter education course on the DNR's Hunting Safety webpage.

Jon Henkes President & CEO WisconsinEye

### A Look Back... at H.C. Prange Christmas window displays



This memorable reflection on the much-loved H.C. Prange Department Store Christmas window displays appeared in a December 17, 2019 Facebook post by the Sheboygan County His-

torical Research Center, which the Beacon received permission to reuse. The photo above is from 1967. In recent years, the windows have been recreated in the Sheboygan County Museum's Holiday Memories exhibit.

The H.C. Prange Christmas windows are probably the most talked about and fondly remembered aspect of the great depart-

ment store. Sometime in late October of each year, the big first-floor windows would be covered to conceal the work going on behind them. The beautiful windows would be unveiled on Thanksgiving morning. Entire families would come to see the Christmas magic.

The windows were decorated beginning in 1940. A November 20, 1940 Sheboygan Press announcement said, "Beginning tomorrow, and throughout the Holiday Season, the Windows of Christmas City will X-ray the hearts of everyone you know. You will see them in the cherished desires of the tiny baby who cannot speak his thoughts, the dear old lady who says, 'There is nothing I want,' and of all the people you know in between. Come and see these dramatic windows. Each one a great Heartful of Christmas. Gift ideas for everyone on your list. See the interior of Christmas City where making people happy is the chief industry.

During the war years, there were no mechanical Christmas displays, but the windows were filled with toys and beautiful things that made great Christmas gifts.

The windows returned in November of 1948 when the Press announced, "In keeping with a tradition of many years our Christmas windows again radiate the excitement and loveliness of the season."

A huge circus train was center stage in 1950. Bruce the Talking Spruce appeared in 1972.

A new holiday attraction on Plaza 8 at Niagara Avenue appeared in 1976. It was Mrs. Santa in the Gingerbread House. Mrs. Santa made craft items and tree ornaments in her little house.

By 1981, Santa's arrival in Sheboygan was taking place at Memorial Mall.

Though the windows are one of the best loved memories of Prange's, they are probably the least photographed aspect of the entire department store. SCHRC has very few images of the famous windows.

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# Sheboygan Lutheran High junior meets with Milwaukee meteorologist

Dave Boehler for The Beacon

It's often said being a meteorologist is the only career where you can be wrong most of the time and still keep your job.

That isn't stopping Sheboygan Lutheran junior James Schulze from becoming one.

"Oh, yeah, I like to take how people critique me and make myself better from that," he said.

Thanks to Inspire Wisconsin Network, Schulze was able to spend three hours in the TMJ4 studios with weatherman Brendan Johnson last month.

After that, he *really* wants to be a broadcast forecaster.

"Oh, boy, even more than I did before," Schulze said. "It's so cool seeing how a professional does it."

Schulze says his passion for the weather began when he was really young.

He admits he would get scared of big storms/tornadoes, and wanted to know the exact forecast at any time of day.

When Schulze couldn't, he wanted to be able to figure it out himself

"So that's kind of how it started," he said.

And during the Covid pandemic, Schulze turned to stormchasing videos to pass the time.

"It blew me away, just how cool some of these storms looked," he said. "It made me want to have my job revolve around (weather) even more when I was watching those videos."

So when Inspire Wisconsin Network recently visited Lutheran to give students the chance to explore various careers or job-shadow someone, Schulze filled out a form online.

The network hooked him up



Lutheran junior James Schulze (right) got a three-hour tour of the TMJ4 studios and met weatherman Brendan Johnson. - Submitted photo

the Milwaukee television station, and he visited on Nov. 13.

Schulze got a full tour of the studio and learned what meteorologists do on a daily basis.

"I thought it was amazing," he said. "The cool part for me was that you see these guys on TV every day and you don't even think about all the stuff that they do behind the scenes. I never watched Brendan Johnson on the news before (he's on early mornings), but he's a super nice guy, super great guy. He's great at what he does, and he was really helpful in explaining it all to me. He showed me how he puts together graphics for the screens, and I never knew that was something that they did. So I thought that was pretty cool for me to see."

Schulze was taken inside the station's storm-chasing truck as well, and learned it can't be taken out during inclement weather unless a meteorologist is accompanying the driver.

He also sat right behind the cameras during the noon broadcast to watch Johnson give his weather forecast.

"I just thought it was an awesome experience," Schulze said. "It was really great to see how he uses the weather models to put his forecasts together and how he uses graphics to enhance his presentation."

Schulze is interested in attending Valparaiso University - where Johnson went - or the University of Wisconsin.







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the actor, the act, the victim's actions, or the victim's age; and

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### Assembly Bill 409, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 54:

Applies the requirement for a motorist to change lanes or slow down in the presence of an emergency or roadside service vehicle on a roadway to scenarios where a vehicle is flashing its warning or hazard lights, emergency flares have been placed, or one or more visible persons are attending a

motor vehicle; and

Broadens the requirement that motorists are required to slow down or change lanes to include "disabled vehicles" that are parked or standing on or within 12 feet of a roadway.

### Assembly Bill 136, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 55:

Increases the penalty for impersonating a peace officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical services practitioner, or an emergency medical responder from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class I felony.

### Assembly Bill 265, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 56:

Increases the penalties associated with human trafficking and trafficking of a child;

Creates mandatory minimum sentences for human trafficking and trafficking of a child; and Increases the statute of limita-

Increases the statute of limitations for prosecuting human trafficking.

### Assembly Bill 74, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 57:

Requires public, private, and charter schools to notify a pupil's parent or guardian if the pupil is an alleged victim, target, or recipient of several types of alleged sex offenses while at school; and

Requires each school board of a public school to annually provide parents and guardians with information regarding their rights to access records regarding school employee discipline, as provided under state law around public records.

Senate Bill 423, now 2025 Wis-

consin Act 59:

Extends the statute of limitations for prosecuting the crime of hiding or burying a corpse.

### Senate Bill 310, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 61:

Establishes a uniform framework for the duration of local emergency declarations; and

Clarifies which local officials may exercise emergency authority, bringing greater consistency to local emergency procedures.

### Senate Bill 215, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 71:

Updates town procedures in several areas, including creating consistency and increased flexibility across all towns for clerk and treasurer appointments, which provides towns with additional flexibility in filling positions that are critical for effective governance.

### Senate Bill 210, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 80:

Lowers the minimum high school size to designate one high school senior to receive an academic excellence higher education scholarship from 80 to one, so that all high schools with between one and 499 students are able to designate one senior for an academic excellence higher education scholarship;

Repeals the cap of ten statewide academic excellence higher education scholarships allocated across all high schools with less than 80 students, and

Clarifies that students enrolled in home-based education are ineligible.

# Sheboygan native participates in Elevator Pitch Competition at UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER -- Tyler Sorenson, from Sheboygan, WI, who is studying Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was awarded for their participation in the university's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO) 2025 Elevator Pitch Competition.

Sorenson won 2nd Place at the competition, which was held Oct. 1 at Hyland Hall, home of UW-Whitewater's College of Business and Economics. Their business is called Tradeworks Tools.

The Elevator Pitch Competition is an exciting, educational experience and is intended to challenge students' creativity and business skills. Students have 90 seconds to pitch an idea for a for-profit business or non-profit organization by memory. Judges can ask two questions following the presentation, and responses must be less than 60 seconds per response. Participants are scored on presentation content and delivery.

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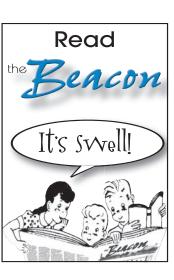
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For more information on UW-Whitewater's CEO chapter, visit uwwceo.org or contact faculty advisors William Dougan and Megan Matthews.

### School safety tipline use up 30 percent

MADISON. – The Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of School Safety (OSS) today released the 2024-2025 annual impact report for Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO). SUSO is a free statewide threat reporting tipline available to all Wisconsin schools. SUSO also serves as the hub that connects all OSS initiatives and the entry point where schools can access comprehensive services offered by OSS and local, state, and national partners.

"Speak Up, Speak Out has been a resource for students and others to report concerns about safety and student well-being," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "As the numbers show, this resource is being used a lot, helping to make schools safer."

SUSO received 6,946 tips during the 2024-2025 school year, a more than 30 percent increase from the previous school year. Since the inception of SUSO in 2020, bullying has consistently been the number one tip. It is also common nationally for bullying to be the most reported tip. Awareness of these incidents helps schools intervene early, before grievances and upsets can lead children down a pathway to violence.

SUSO has received more than 17,000 tips as of August 31, 2025. Numerous students across Wisconsin have contacted SUSO

each year since its inception, reporting concerns, resulting in early intervention opportunities and safer school communities. The significant increase in tips and the rich dialogue that many students have with SUSO staff indicate that SUSO has earned a reputation among youth as a safe, accessible, and credible source.

The 2024-2025 annual report reflects OSS' comprehensive approach to prioritizing and preventing violence in our schools and when crisis events do arise, responding appropriately to mitigate trauma and get students back to learning more quickly. OSS has





CANDY CANE LANE leads to this home located on North Avenue in Sheboygan as the front pathway is lined up with the sweet treat. A waving Santa also greets onlookers as they pass the home. - Beacon photo by Ben Yang



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resources available to assist Wisconsin schools during all phases of crisis response and recovery. OSS assisted several schools with crisis response and recovery during the 2024-2025 school year.

Along with crisis response and recovery, OSS also offers a vari-

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ety of free trainings concerning violence prevention, protection, mitigation, crisis response, and recovery. These include trainings for Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM), Standard Response Protocol (SRP), and the Standard Reunification Method (SRM). During the 2024-2025 school year, OSS provided SRP and SRM training to 1,170

people from 123 school districts and private schools, 41 law enforcement agencies, and 16 other agencies across 44 Wisconsin counties.

To report school safety concerns or to access OSS's comprehensive school safety resources, please contact SUSO at 1-800-MYSUSO-1 or visit speakup.widoj.gov.



mended the teamwork involved in the operation, stat-

"This interdiction effort demonstrates the strong collaboration between local and state law enforcement agencies. Our shared commitment to proactive drug enforcement continues to improve public safety and protect the residents of Manitowoc County."

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### Dependable and durable houseplants

by Bruce Spangenberg Outreach Specialist

Now that winter has arrived, outdoor gardening activities are at a bare minimum for the next several months. However, houseplants can help brighten indoor environments and provide some indoor gardening activity. Selecting plants suitable for the indoor environment is the first key step in success with houseplants.

Light requirement usually



tops the list of criteria when choosing houseplants. Houseplant lists are often organized by the amount of light needed; typically listed as high, medium, or low. Many, but not all, of the more durable and easier to grow houseplants have low or medium light requirements. Also consider needs such as humidity, watering, and enough space. Flowering plants are more demanding to grow indoors than foliage

Do some background research on plants before deciding to purchase and bring home to assure they are good fits for the site to be placed. For low light conditions and little maintenance required, snake plant (Sansevieria trifasciata) is always at the top of suggested plant lists. These tall, slender leaved plants will tolerate adverse conditions. need infrequent watering, and seldom need repotting. Like many houseplants, overwatering is their main enemy.

Another extremely easy to grow and durable indoor plant is pothos (Epipremnum aureum), one of the most popular houseplants that survive a range of conditions. Filtered medium light is best. Pothos is a climber, so can be grown as a vine growing up diverse types of support or let it cascade down from hanging baskets. Selectively prune vines to control size and promote new, fresh leaf growth. New plants readily root and grow from cuttings. Cultivars vary in color and variegation pat-







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A JOLLY SNOWMAN LIFTS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT as it stands tall in front of this home on Lake Court in Sheboygan. A festive owl dressed with a Santa hat and beard also keeps the snowman company during the holiday season. -Beacon photo by Ben Yang



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**PLATES** from 9

ter" license plate harkens back to the 1970s, featuring the familiar black letters on a sharp, yellow background.

"Some call it the butter plate, others call it the Retro plate but if you had one in the 1970s, it was just the Wisconsin license plate," continued Secretary Boardman. "We put in some effort to get just the right shade of yellow. It's nos-talgic, it's familiar to many, and I am planning to order one myself

According to WisDOT, both license plates will feature the state name on top like all current Wisconsin plates, and the slogan "America's Dairy-land" will display beneath the numbers and letters on the Retro plate. Standard-issued plates will have a sequence of numbers and letters that

are also unique. The Blackout plates will begin with ZAA 1001, and the Retro plates will begin with YAA 1001. The simplified design allows for up to seven characters for those wanting to personalize their plates.

**Fees And Ordering Process** 

Both plates come with a one-time \$15 issuance fee, plus a \$25 annual registration fee. The income generated from the registration of these plates will help finance infrastructure improvement projects all across the state.

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**HOUSEPLANTS** from 16

Spider plant (Chlorophytum comosum) is also extremely easy to grow and propagate additional plants. Grass-like leaves may be solid green or variegated with white or yellow. Spider plant prefers medium to bright light and does well in pots or hanging containers. Long, wiry stems will produce flowers and new plants, or "spiders," that can be removed and planted to propagate more plants.

Jade plant (*Crassula ovata*) is a popular, easy to grow succulent that stores water in its leaves, stems, and roots. Jade plant needs more light than other easy to grow species, but are tolerant of neglect and like warm, dry conditions typical of many indoor settings. If light is too low, plants will be darker in color and stems may droop, but they will survive. Well drained soil mixes intended for succulents and cacti are best.

These are just a few of the better choices for interest and ease of growing indoors, especially for beginners. Take time this winter to explore the opportunities!

Bruce Spangenberg is Horticulture Outreach Specialist with UW-Madison Division of Extension. Get answers to your lawn, and landscape, garden questions anytime at www. go.wisc.edu/GardenQuestions



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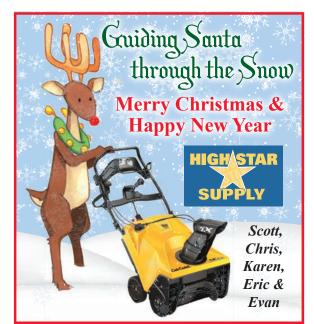
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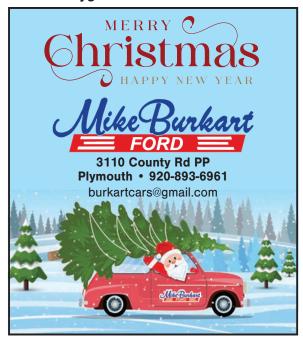




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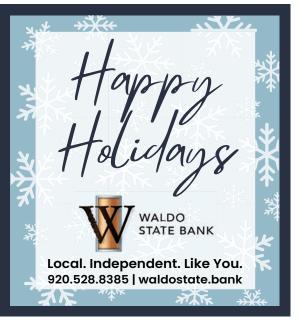


















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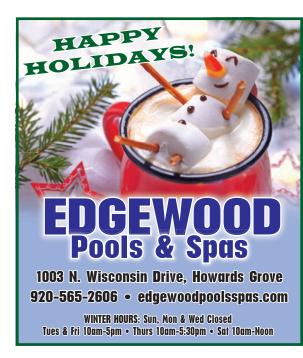














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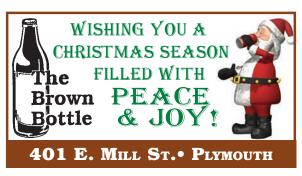






















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1837 North Ave, Sheboygan 3sheepsbrewing.com Check events on our Facebook Page 920-395-3583

**EVERY TUESDAY: 3 Sheeps** Food Truck Rally: 4-8pm. Join us every Tuesday night as our parking lot turns into the best kind of dinner party—one where you don't have to cook, and the menu changes every week. We're talking rotating local food trucks, cold beer, and the kind of patio vibes that make you forget you ever owned a kitchen. Come hungry, grab a pint, and see which trucks roll in each week

WEDNESDAY: EVERY **Sheeps Bingo:** 7-9pm. Dust off your daubers, Bingo is back at 3 Sheeps! Each Wednesday, we'll be playing ten rounds of one of Wisconsin's favorite past times. Prizes awarded throughout. Free to play.

> **EVENTS AT JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER**

608 New York Ave. Sheboygan 920-458-6144 Tue, Wed, Fri: 10AM-5PM Thu: 10AM-8PM Sat and Sun: 10AM-4PM generalinfo@jmkac.org www.jmkac.org

THURSDAYS NIGHTS: Art Center Social STUDIO: 4:00-8:00 p.m. Did you know the Arts Center and Art Preserve are open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday nights? Take a moment to relax, unwind, and connect with others as both places host drop-in social hours from 4:00–6:00 p.m.

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1020 Beach Park Lane Sheboygan For more info. call 920-451-4080 \*VEHICLE ADMISSION **REQUIRED\*** or check website: dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/

SATURDAY, **DECEMBER** 20: Cabin Fever Series: Talking Turkey: 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Sanderling Nature Center. Bring the kids and join naturalist Kim Drost to learn all about wild turkeys hens, toms, and jakes. Vehicle admission required.

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Cabin Fever Series: Ornament Crafting: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sanderling Nature Center. Drop in at the nature center to create holiday ornaments, cards, and more. Vehicle admission required. 920-451-4080

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1: First Day Hike at KohlerAndrae State Park: 10:00 a.m. Bathhouse near South Beach parking lot. Join naturalist Laurie Hylen for a hike along the shore of Lake Michigan. Vehicle admission required.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27: Sheboygan Felters: 9 a.m.-noon, Imaginarium. Felters can work on their own projects and share ideas

**EVENTS AT** 

and conversation.

### **ELKHART LAKE** PUBLIC LIBRARY

All of these events take place at Elkhart Lake Public Library 40 Pine Street, Elkhart Lake 920-876-2554

elkhartlakepubliclibrary.org **EVERY WEDNESDAY:** 

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

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

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: Fiber Arts Circle: 1:00pm. All needlework and fiber arts welcome, bring a project and join us for conversation and crafting camaraderie.

### **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.

TÚESDAY, DECEMBER 16: Tech Help: 10:30 am. Reserve a time to work with our librarian and get some basic tech help. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17: Teen Gaming Hour: 3:00 pm. For ages 11-18. Play on our Nintendo Switch, bring your own, or try on of our games. No registration required.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18: 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20: Storytime with the Fairest of the Fair: 10:00pm. Join us for a special children's storytime with Sheboygan County's Fairest of the Fair, Payton Vorpahl.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29: Movie Showing: 10:00am. Come enjoy the unforgettable story of your favorite green witch on our

big screen. Bring friends, snacks, and settle in for wonderful time.

### **EVENTS AT GENERATIONS**

Generations Center 1500 Douglas Dr., Plymouth For more info, call 920-892-4858

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16:** GenT Open Hours - Free Tech **Help:** 11:30am – 1:30pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

**History on the Move:** 12:00pm. Plymouth Then & Now: A look at vintage Plymouth photos from an earlier time compared to those same spots today. Presented by the Plymouth Historical Society.

THURSDAY, DECEMBÉR 18: Nutrition Talk with Dr. Dan Francis: 11:30am. Dr. Dan Francis will discuss the health benefits of Red Light, White Light, and Blue Light therapies and their ties to aiding seasonal depression. Please call 920-892-4858 to **RSVP** 

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23: GenT Open Hours – Free Tech Help: 11:30am – 1:30pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

### GENERATIONS CENTER MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Generations Center 1500 Douglas Dr., Plymouth For more info, call 920-892-4858

Parkinson's Support Group: 3rd Friday of the month at 1:00pm. Call 920-892-4858 for more information.

**Parkinson's Focused Exercise:** Wednesday at 12:30pm. Friday at 12:00pm.

**Ping Pong Parkinson's:** Wednesday at 1:30pm.

Advanced Parkinson's Mat Fitness: Thursday at 10:30am Energizing Flex & Flow Monday

& Wednesday, 9:30am **Dance Fusion:** Tuesday & Thurs-

day, 9:30am. **Chair Dance:** Monday & Wednesday, 12:00pm

Wednesday, 12:00pm **Activator Pole Class:** Tuesday, 12:00pm

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

Movement for Brain, Body, & Balance: Monday, 11:00am.

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

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

Cardio Fit: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00am.

Walk Fit 2-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30am.

Super Striders Walk Fit 3-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:15am Arthritis Exercise Class: Tues-

day & Thursday, 9:30am & 11:00am.

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

Strength Training: Monday & Wednesday 7:20am.

Yoga Flow: Monday & Wednesday, 9:00am.

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Knitting & Crocheting Club: 2nd Friday, 11:00am Wii Bowling: Tuesday & Thurs-

day, by appointment.

Ping Pong: Monday & Wednes-

day, 10:00am.

Writing Club: 2nd Thursday,

1:00pm Book Club: 4th Monday, 3:00pm

**Garden Club:** 2nd Thursday, 6:00pm

Plymouth Bird & Nature Club: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

Kettle Karvers: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm
Plymouth Rotary: 2nd & last

Wednesday, 12:00pm

Cribbage: Monday, 1:00pm. Hand and Foot Canasta: Mon-

day, 1:00pm. **Duplicate Bridge:** 1st & 3rd

Monday. 2nd & 4th Tuesday.

Monday, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1:00pm. Must pre-register. 5 10 15 Sheepshead: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00am.

Tuesday, Thursday at 1:00pm. **Farkle:** 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1:00pm.

**Bonco:** 2nd Monday, 4:30pm. **Party Bridge:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:15pm

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

Bingo: Wednesday, 1:30pm. Scrabble: Thursday, 9:30am. Mah Jongg: Thursday, 1:00pm. **TOPS Club:** Monday. Weigh-in at 8:30am. Meeting at 9:00am.

### **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: Winter hours 4pm starting Dec 1st-March 30th, Summer hours 6pm April- November 30. Rightway Club,4627 S. 12th Street, 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, 4627 S 12th St, Sheboygan. Call 1-888-425-2666 or visit al-anon.org for more information.

### SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Compassionate Parents: For Parents who've lost a child: 6:00-8:00PM. Location: MHA Lakeshore, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth

**THRIVE:** *Women's Chronic Pain Support:* 6:30PM. Virtual. Contact info@mhalakeshore.org for more information.

### THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Christian Women Connect After 5: Fountain Park Global Methodist Church, 828 Erie Ave, Sheboygan, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., light meal, features a business or organization in our county, and an inspirational speaker affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries. Call or text Lynn at 920-918-2604 for a reservation, cancellation, or more information.

### **EVERY TUESDAY**

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

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

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

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

T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support:  $\frac{62}{gr}$ 

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

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### 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.

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**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 alanon.org for more information.

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

Christian Science Reading Room: 5:30-6:00pm. 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: 6:00 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: Log Cabin Restaurant, 633 Madison Ave, Howards Grove, WI. 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.

### SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Fostering Support: Support for parents and guardians in the Fostering, and Kinship Care world: 6:00-7:00PM. Virtual through ZOOM.Fill out the form at https://bit.ly/4eV5TsS to receive ZOOM link.

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appointment or send an email to mary.kempf@sheboygancounty.com.

Suicide Loss Support: *Grief support for family and friends who've lost someone to suicide*: 6:30-7:30PM. Virtual. Contact info@mhalakeshore.org for more information.

### **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.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: 4:00-5:00pm. 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.

**GriefShare Support Group:** Evangelical Free Church, 1710 N.





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15th St., Sheboygan. 6:30-8pm. Support for those who have lost a loved one. 920-452-6520.

### **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: Grief support for mother's who've lost a child to suicide: 6:00-7:00pm. MHA Lakeshore, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

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

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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@

### SECOND & LAST **SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

Women Within: 11AM. Rogers Behavioral Health, Community 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.

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November 24 to November 26,

2025 \*Court was not held on Nov. 27 or 28 due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Revoke Probation

Davis, Brian L., 8/21/1988, Sheboygan, Jail 12 months, Still owes \$451.96.

Forfeitures

Gilles, Olivia, 9/29/1973, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer,

**Reynolds, Daniel J.,** 10/9/1975, eboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Sheboygan, \$661.00.

Traffic Herriges, Janelle L., 5/1959,

Herriges, Janelle L., 5/1959, Sheboygan Falls, Standing/Stopping at High. Excavation, \$134.50. Patel, Ankur K., 6/1981, She-boygan, Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), \$276.10. Thomas, Calayah M., 2/2000, Sheboygan, Fail/Yield Right/Way from Stop Sign. \$175.30

Sheboygan, Fail/Yield from Stop Sign, \$175.30.

Operate w/o Carrying License
Moreno, Rudolph N.C.,
11/13/1980, Elkhart Lake, Operate w/o Carrying License (2 counts),

Quesinberry, Michael 8/4/1978, Cascade, \$217.10.

Misdemeanors and other charges Goff, Joshua M., 2/15/1991, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine (Felony), Theft-Moveable Property <=\$2500 (Repeater), Bail Jumping (Misdemeanors), Jail 76 days, Prison 2 years, 6 months (imposed/stayed), Extended Supervision 3 years (imposed/stayed), \$1442.40.

Saeger, Jackson N.T., 12/26/2005, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse) (Misdemeanors), OWI (1st w/Passenger <16 years old) (Traffic), Jail 40 days, License Revoked 13 months, Ignition Interlock 13 days \$2.614.00

Interlock 13 days, \$2,614.00.

Wenzel, Kimberly J., 8/17/1962,
Cascade, Possession of Cocaine/Coca-2nd (Felony) Resisting or Obstructing an Officer (Misdemeanor), Prison 1 year, Extended Supervision 2 years, Jail 6 months, \$1,017.80.

December 1, 2025-December 5, 2025

Klunk, Jeffrey J., 7/6/1970, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse-Misdemeanor)-1 year.

Conviction vacated-DCA

Pacheco, Ruben A., 8/14/1987, Sheboygan, Jail 60 days, License Revoked 2 years, Ignition Interlock 2 years, Still owes \$1,756.00.

Forfeitures

Drews, Brett A., 4/1967, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$326.50.
Simplot, Desarae D., 3/21/1982,

Sheboygan, \$150.00. Disorderly Conduct,

Fail to Submit POWTS Maintenance Report-1st

Alexander Bruyette, Registered Agent, Sheboygan, \$389.50.

Albright, Ravyn A.L., 4/1996, Sheboygan, Hit and Run-Unattended Vehicle, \$263.50

Arentz, Thomas J., 6/11/1996, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License,

Hoeppner, Elizabeth C., 10/2006, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$767.50.

Kuehne, Kameron S., 11/2006, Sheboygan, Vehicle Tires w/less than 2/32 in Tread, \$175.30.

Little, Colin L., 1/2005, Sheboygan, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed,

Martinez Mayorga, Jose Luis, 10/9/2025, Sheboygan, OWI (2nd), Operate w/o Valid License (3rd within 3 years), Jail 20 days, License Revoke 17 months, Ignition Interlock 17 months,

Ramirez, Julian M-R, 8/1999, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Speeding on Expressway (20-24 mph), \$476.60.

**Riel, Ryan J.,** 2/1977, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$175.30.

Schwarten, Marcel A., 1/1993, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt,

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### Mark Walters • OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

We build a 36-by-18 pole barn on public land in The Meadow Valley Wildlife Area in northern Juneau County that we take down the last day of Wisconsin's deer gun season. This is my 54th season in a row in which I have never missed an opener. Very bad luck came our way when my daughter, Selina, who drove all the way from Missoula, Mont. became ill at 2:45 a.m. She had pretty serious health issues last May and June, and we thought and hoped that had passed – especially after seeing a ton of specialists in

I'm writing about the deer

camp that I am a member of,

"The Red Brush Gang," and all

Saturday, November 22nd

High 47, low 28

Hello friends,

the fun that we have

Montana. I had no choice but to take her home, get the woodstove rocking and then had enough time to drive, hike in 1.5 miles and start hunting. I got to my stand 11 minutes before the season opener. I did not see a deer today; my buddy Ryan Moll dropped a real pretty 7-pointer and was the only member of our group to pull the trigger.

Well after dark, I picked up Selina because was better and took her back to camp.

I assured her that Sunday morning would be her opening day, as I have never seen another hunter where Selina and I hunt.

### Sunday, November 23rd **High 45, low 27**

Selina was better this morning, and so we were up early and 1.5 miles later we were in our stands. I might add that the last 500 yards to our stands is real tough swamp country, and hip boots are mandatory because falling comes easy in dense swamp

I told Selina that at 9:30, if we had not seen any deer, I was going to do a drive to her which would cover about 40 acres of tag alders and marsh grass.

Just before I started the drive, I received a text from my brother, Mike, that he had dropped a real nice 7-pointer that was bigger than Ryan's (which would put him in the lead for our big buck contest).

Last year, we only harvested one deer in the first three days of the season. I had not been doing the push for more than 5 minutes when

I heard the beautiful sound of Selina's BAR 30:06 in action. A minute later, she called me and said buck down.

I cannot tell you the joy that I felt, after a tough fall for both my bear hunt and Selina and myself on our elk hunt. I finished the drive and we began searching for her buck which had been traveling in a swamp with marsh grass as tall as a human. After 30 minutes, Selina found it and it would be one of our camp's top bucks in our very long history: a beautiful 10-point with good mass and a body and face that told us it was at least a 4-year old. I would not let Selina help with the drag, and I will admit, it about killed me, but had zero cares as I would have died with a smile on my face.

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### Monday, November 24th High 44, low 29

Today we start doing deer drives for the rest of the season and we would not be disappointed. I think there were 12 of us, we cover areas about a square mile in size and it is all hip boot travel.

I kicked up a beauty right away and could not bring myself to shoot it, as the only shot was the back of the head and he was running in the right direction to see him again. The action was nonstop for the next 2 hours, with

deer being kicked up.

Four times the same buck I kicked up was spotted heading towards the standers.

In the end, the beautiful 8-pointer gave Nate Moll and Doug Cibulka a shot, and they both fired kill shots at the same

Riley Schuster was confident that he had hit a broken horned 4 pointer, but we could not find it. We started our next drive, and Derick Cibulka saw movement and found Riley's buck just as it died.

This is a prime example of, just because there is no blood trail, it does not mean that you missed.

The mood in camp is excellent, as we have a dozen hunters between the age of 21-36 who have been bummed that we see less deer and more wolf.

The action we had so far this season will keep this camp strong.

Sunset



Doug Cibulka and Nate Moll

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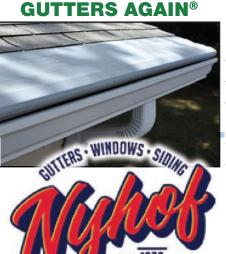
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# **COURT REPORT**

Strauch, Lillian M., 4/2004, Sheboygan, Possession of Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicle-Passenger, \$200.50. **Taylor, Barbara J.,** 7/1953, Sheboy-

gan, Speeding on Freeway, (16-19 mph), \$276.10.

Tovar, Jr., Salvador, 5/1984, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$175.30.

Wilcken, Kathryn R., 1/1963, Sheboygan, Operator Violate Red Traffic Light, \$175.30.

Operate while Suspended
Arteaga, Rafael T., 8/1988, Sheboygan, \$200.50.
Martinez-Marin, Luis F., 9/1998,

Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate w/o Valid License
Alderson, Austin T., 3/2002, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Barojas Parra, Octavio, 5/25/2005, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$528.00

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insur-Lor, Nelson, 9/2005, Sheboygan,

**Porter, Isaah J.,** 9/2000, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Thao, Saengla, 5/1983, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone
Jones, Della D., 8/1984, Sheboygan,

Jones, Della D., 8/1984, Sheboygan, (1-10 mph), \$250.90.

Roland, Noah W., 1/2009, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Rose, Austin M., 3/1999, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Thiel, Shawn R., 9/1977, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Exceeding Speed Zones

**Frias, Carmen,** 1/1960, Sheboygan, (1-10 mph), \$175.30. **Hurst, Brenda Lee,** 12/1962, She-

boygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Olson, Selena Ann, 9/1998, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Trumm, Matthew J., 2/1980, Sheboygan, (1-10 mph), \$175.30.

Xiong, Tyler 1-Leng, 3/1998, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Misdemeanors

Cintron Jr., Gabriel E.J., 4/25/20001, Sheboygan, Carry Concealed Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Jail 10 days, \$2,116.00.

10 days, \$2,116.00.

Hutchinson, Cory R., 11/10/1980,
Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Jail 20 days, \$455.00.

Long, Cody A., 12/6/1992, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (2 counts), (Domestic Abuse), Jail 90 days, \$1098.00.

Miller, Stephanie G., 1/11/2001,
Sheboygan, Hit and Run, \$843.00.

Olson, Bruce A., 5/22/1970, Sheboygan Carry Concealed Knife, \$906.00

gan, Carry Concealed Knife, \$906.00. Steward, Andrew J., 7/30/1986, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Jail 15 days (stayed), \$1,010.00.

Felonies

Demers III, Robert C., 5/28/2002. Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Flee/Elude Officer, Jail 3 months, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.40.

Ringel, Jalen M., 7/6/1992, Sheboygan, 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (Repeater), Possession of Firearm/ Convicted of Felony, Prison 4 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, \$5,914.07.

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# Holiday Gift Guide

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# The Sartori Big Cheese Drop rings in the new year with local flavor and festivities

Plymouth Recognized nationally as one of the most unique New Year's Eve traditions, the Sartori Big Cheese Drop, presented by the Plymouth Arts Center, will celebrate its 19th annual event this year. This highly anticipated celebration, held in Plymouth the official Cheese Capital of the World—has drawn thousands of visitors over the past 18 years, bringing the community together to ring in the New Year. The event, sponsored by the Sartori Company, will feature the iconic lowering of a giant wedge of Sartori's award-winning Sarvecchio Parmesan Cheese at 10:00 p.m. Please join us New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, at the Plymouth Arts Center.

The celebration will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Greatroom, with a live performance by the String Along Band. Guests will enjoy a Sartori cheese tasting station and a cash bar. Outside, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., complimentary hot cider (courtesy of Scott & Julie Overby of Log Cabin Orchard) and hot cocoa will be served as attendees gather around the bonfires to warm up.

As a family-friendly event, the Big Cheese Drop will take place promptly at 10:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring party noisemakers and festive cheese hats. The first 250 families to attend the Cheese Drop, will receive Sartori Cheese gift bags, which will be distributed between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00

**p.m.** Following the Big Cheese Drop, the celebration will continue with music and dancing until **10:30 p.m.** 

Donna Hahn, Executive Director of the Plymouth Arts Executive Center, commented, "The Sartori Big Cheese Drop, first initiated by our Center in 2007, honors Plymouth's rich cheese-making heritage and the ongoing success of our local industry. We are deeply grateful for the Sartori Company's continued support, as well as for the assistance of the Plymouth Fire Department. A special thank you also goes to Greg and Deborah Heberlein for their invaluable contributions. The Plymouth Arts Center extends its best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to all!'









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In addition to an evening of heartwarming holiday music, guests will enjoy a delectable buffet catered by Ronna and Patrick O'Toole from The Fig

and The Pheasant Catering/ Moxie Coffee and Wine Café.

Ronna and Patrick said, "At The Fig and The Pheasant we were honored to keep the Tuba Christmas tradition going. We looked forward to this event all year and are super excited to be celebrating at the Plymouth Arts Center again this year. Our menu is a holiday buffet that includes Pasta with Tomato Basil Cream, Chicken Cutlets with Herbed Mushroom Sauce,

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The chefs at Moxie and The Fig and The Pheasant Catering

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Reservations are requested by December 13th. Please order early as seating will be limited to the first 150 guests. Tickets are \$55 per person which includes the entertainment and the buffet. A cash bar will be available. Call or visit the Plymouth Arts Center at 520 E. Mill Street, downtown Plymouth, WI; call: (920) 892-8409; email: info@plymoutharts.org; or purchase online: www.plymoutharts.org.

### Winter solstice night hike

Adventure out on Sunday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate the beginning of a new solar year and explore one of the longest nights of the year! Meet at the Kettle Moraine State Forest - North-ern Unit's Zillmer Trails shelter building. The trailhead is located at W833 County Road SS, Campbellsport, which is just west of New Prospect. A Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker is

required for parking.
In the warmth of the blazing fire, join Jackie Scharfenberg, Retired Forest Naturalist, as she explains some of the many winter solstice traditions from around the world. After everyone bundles up, Jackie will lead about a one mile walk through the peaceful, dark winter woods to explore how nature copes with the longest night of the year. After the hike and back at the shelter, people can make a solstice pledge for the coming year.

more information about this fun-filled night hike or directions, contact the Friends of the Kettle at (920) 313-1566 or via email at friendsofthekettlemoraine@ gmail.com. People do not need to pre-register for the hike. Hope you can join us as we honor the Winter Solstice!

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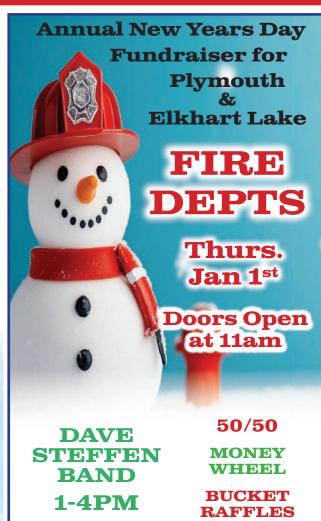
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### True holiday spirit

by Bryan Golden Guest column

Among other things, the holidays are a time of giving and receiving gifts. The question most often asked of people is, "what did you get?" Much less frequently asked is, "what did you give?" Invariably, the inquiries concern material gifts. Purchasing a gift can certainly be thoughtful and a wonderful gesture, especially when it's backed up by your actions.

However, the most valuable presents are those that aren't sold in stores. When you give your love, your time, help someone in need, aid another in solving a problem or overcoming an obstacle, you give something priceless.

The true spirit of the holidays is giving. When you give, you receive. You can get anything in life you want by helping enough others get what they want. But only if you give without expecting anything in return. The impact of giving isn't limited to just the holiday season, it's something that has value all year.

The power of giving is often underestimated. When you give unconditionally, you don't just impact the recipient; you start a chain reaction. By brightening the life of one person you also affect all those who they then touch.

No gesture of giving or kindness is too small. Holding the door open at a store, helping someone carry groceries to their car, letting another car in front of you, saying please and thank you, and saying hello to a stranger you pass on the sidewalk, are some of the many things you can do daily.

For family and friends, your time is one of the most precious gifts you can offer. Are you there for others when they need you? Do you offer a hand without being asked? Do you help out when

Too often, people get caught up in their own desires, thus losing sight of the needs of others. A person who tries to get through life by looking out for himself or herself first is invariably frustrated. Often this person views life as a competition to determine who can accumulate more.

On the other hand, those who are concerned for the wellbeing of others are happier, more content, and more satisfied. By giving without expecting, they in turn receive the things they need.

Giving is a simple concept that works every time it is applied. There will be people who don't appreciate what you do, but it doesn't matter. You are giving without anticipating anything in return. Besides, there will be many more who are thankful for your efforts.

If you don't treat others well, buying a gift won't compensate for your behavior. The recipient might like what you give them but it won't make up for your actions. You can't bribe someone to forgive the way you treat them with a present.

The best gift you can receive is the joy of making someone else happy. Being unselfish is a wonderful way to live. When you give with no ulterior motives, your actions are seen as genuine. Should you expect something in return, your behavior is always suspect. We all know people who do nice things only when they want something in return.

Make giving a daily routine. Don't start and end with the holiday season. Every day is a good day to do something nice. When people feel good due to your actions, you can't help but feel happy yourself. And that is priceless. The most significant action you can take is having a positive impact on the lives of others.

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Tradition is a big part of the holiday season. Families lean into tradition each December, and perhaps no people participate in holiday customs with more enthusiasm than children. Whether it's decorating the family Christmas tree or baking cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, children look forward to various holiday season traditions once the calendar turns from November to December.

Parents of young children can make this unique time of year even more special by engaging in various kid-friendly traditions that are sure to produce lots of fun and even more lasting memories.

• Advent calendars: The precise origins of Advent calendars are unknown, but historians believe the tradition was started by German Lutherans in the nineteenth century. More than a century later, roughly 50 million Advent calendars are sold across the globe each year, according to Marketplace.org. Advent is a nearly monthlong period of preparation for the celebration

of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25. Each day during Advent, children open a flap, window or door and find a small gift, poem, candy, or another item that adds to the excitement of the season.

• Matching pajamas: Though the tradition of wearpajamas: ing matching holiday pajamas may not have the same lengthy history as Advent calendars, it's nonetheless a very fun custom for families. Parents can decide how frequently their families dress up in matching pajamas at bedtime during the holiday season, but doing so on Christmas Eve is a popular way to make a fun day even more special. Another idea is to host weekly holiday movie nights during the season, which presents a perfect opportunity to don matching PJs.

• Holiday lights tour: Holiday lighting displays have come a long way in recent decades. Whereas it might once have been popular to string a few strands of lights around the exterior of a house, many

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holiday celebrants now beckon their inner Clark Griswold and turn their properties into areas with enough illumination to land a small plane. Holiday inflatables for the yard add to the awe of such displays. Kids tend to be especially fond of these types of displays, so parents can make a point to pick a night each holiday season to go on a tour of their neighborhoods and towns to see this year's offerings.
• Christmas dance party:

Sweets are another staple of the holiday season, and what better way for kids to burn off some of that extra sugar than to dance it away to a holiday music playlist curated by Mom and Dad? Cue up some holiday classics but let kids dance to a few of their own fa-

vorites as well. Holiday traditions help to make the season a special time of year. Families can embrace various kid-friendly traditions to ensure children have even more fun this December.

### Tips for first-time holiday hosts

The holiday season is a busy time of year. From holiday shopping to readying the home for guests, there's no shortage of things to accomplish in a relatively brief amount of time. Seasoned holiday enthusiasts may be ready to put their game faces on and tackle tasks with ease. But for first-time holiday hosts, the prospect of crossing items off to-do lists may require a little extra assistance.

According to Dr. Vanessa Kennedy, a clinical psycholo-gist at Driftwood Recovery, holiday hosting can "lead to the pressure to curate picture-perfect moments, creating stress and anxiety." The following are pointers those new to holiday hosting can employ to simplify the process and enjoy the holidays a little more.

- Do as much prep work in advance as possible. Giving yourself extra time to get things done can help immensely. Grocery shop one day, prepare food the next, clean the house one day, and set the table or arrange decor on another. Minor task can be left for the morning of the day guests arrive.
- Cook and freeze items. Utilize recipes that enable you to cook in bulk and then store foods until you need them. Casseroles, baked pasta dishes, freezable soups, and ready-tobake cookie doughs made in advance will save a lot of time closer to the holidays.
- Stock the pantry. If holiday hosting involves overnight

guests, be sure to keep easy items on hand so guests can help themselves. Dry goods or pre-packaged muffins for breakfast, chips or pretzels for late-night snacks, granola bars, or store made croissants can fit the bill. Put everything in a dedicated basket so guests can grab items as needed. Stock the refrigerator with water, seltzer, iced teas, and sodas, and make a full pot of coffee in the morning so guests can pour their own.

- Avoid complicated cocktails. You don't want to be stuck mixing drinks all evening. Instead, make it simple for guests to help themselves. Wine, beer, premade punches, or even one specialty drink are ideal.
- Consider hiring a caterer. If the idea of a homecooked meal feels like climbing Mount Everest, swap out some items for store-bought alternatives, or work with a favorite restaurant or caterer to secure foods that only need to be reheated and served.
- Free up closet and room space. Guests will be coming with a lot of stuff, particularly if you live in a cold climate. Make room in the entry closet for guests' coats and boots. Be sure you can accommodate suitcases or overnight bags. Set aside an area where guests can deposit their wrapped gifts.

Holiday hosting can be a whirlwind of activity, but novice hosts can quickly get into the swing of things.



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