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Local therapist developing app to help people find connections and community

by **Ben Yang**
for The Beacon

SHEBOYGAN - Psychotherapist Laura Roberts of Sheboygan is making it her mission to help those who are longing for connection and community, one ping at a time.

Roberts is the founder and CEO of PingMe, an upcoming social wellness app that will be available next year.

"PingMe is born out of a response to a need. There are billions of mental health searches across Reddit, TikTok, and Instagram every year. It's social media, and it's fragmented. They're not really forming a connection," said Roberts. "PingMe is an organized home for people that are searching. I think this is why PingMe is going to go national because people are already out there, but there's no home for them."

The app welcomes teens and adults to share their story in hopes of finding a community that understands and connections that matter. PingMe will also have forums and videos for supportive spaces as well as guided wellness content including short prompts, conversation starters, and coping tools.

"There aren't any other apps like PingMe. You can go

to the App Store and find other mental health apps. They're called 'silos', you're in there and you're alone. I get a lot of complaints about them from my clients," said Roberts. "They all want to connect. What sets PingMe apart is that its main focus is connection."

Roberts has more than 20 years of experience as a therapist and says the idea to launch PingMe came from listening to her clients' needs.

"I've been a therapist for a long time and have been talking with people for a long time. I also follow mental health trends. The number one concern for mental health in the U.S. is loneliness and isolation," said Roberts. "Along with what I'm hearing from my clients, all these people are searching actively on TikTok and Instagram and not really getting connected, and so I thought I should develop an app."

In her years as a therapist, Roberts has worked in multiple places such as hospitals, schools, as well as private practice.

"It is so surreal. My job is really humbling," said Roberts. "The fact that people invite me into their life and make changes, I take that really seriously."

As Roberts and her team continue to work on the app, she hopes PingMe is able to help users create meaningful connections online and reduce the trend of loneliness within the nation.

"I hope that it fills the gap so people can feel more connected. Like women going through post-pardon depression or women with fertility problems. It's hard for people of that population to find others who get them," said Roberts. "Sure, they can talk to their family about this, but they can also go on PingMe and find women who are having fertility problems too. That's their tribe."

PingMe will be free to use and is set to hit the app stores in the Spring of 2026.

"My ultimate goal for this app is that it's successful and that will be measured by people getting benefit out of it,"



SHEBOYGAN PSYCHOTHERAPIST LAURA ROBERTS expects her social wellness app PingMe to be available in the spring of 2026. Roberts is collaborating with an app development company in Irvine, California to create the app. -submitted photo

said Roberts.

For more information about PingMe, head over to the website at www.pingme.world.

Former Sheboygan mayor, Mike Vandersteen, dies at age 73; organizations pay tribute

Former Sheboygan Mayor Mike Vandersteen passed away at the age of 73 on December 18, 2025 after a brief battle with cancer, according to his obituary.

Vandersteen served two terms as the mayor of Sheboygan from 2013 to 2021. He held a variety of public service roles

before becoming mayor, including alderman, county supervisor, and county board chairman.

Multiple local organizations have come out with statements to honor the legacy Vandersteen leaves behind.

A Facebook post from the City of Sheboygan reads:

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lost a passionate and dedicated servant in former Mayor Mike Vandersteen. He was also a father, friend, leader, and advocate to Sheboygan. The City of Sheboygan offers its condolences to his family, friends and

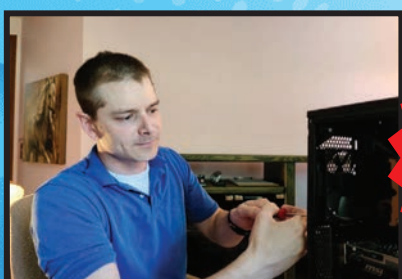
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CHEESE CAPITAL WINTER PARK PRESIDENT Joe Van Derven sends Nutty the Nutt Hill mascot down the slopes in a race against the Plymouth Panther mascot. The race marked the first rides down the newly re-opened winter park. - Review photo by Ben Yang

Upgraded ski hill, now with tubing runs, reopens after 14-year hiatus

by **Ben Yang**
for The Beacon

PLYMOUTH - Community members and winter activity enthusiasts gathered at the top of Nutt Hill Winter Park as officials commemorated its grand re-opening on Tuesday, December 16. Cheese Capital Winter Park President Joe Van Derven kicked off the event with opening remarks and welcomed the community back to the park after it closed in 2011.

"Nutt Hill is truly your community ski hill. As a community, we are dedicated to making sure that it's operational and we're super excited for you to visit," said Van Derven. "None of this would be possible without you. Together

we're making a positive impact on our community and the people who call east central Wisconsin home."

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held after the opening remarks, followed by a tubing race between Nutty the Nutt Hill mascot and the Plymouth Panther mascot.

Community members were eager to hit the slopes after the race as they strapped on their skis and snowboards and slid down the hill on snow tubes.

The \$2.3 million revitalization project funded by the community features a chalet, indoor and outdoor fireplace, six tubing lanes, 2 skiing/snowboarding runs, conveyor lift system, snow making machines, and groomer.

See page 4 for more photos

Early tax payments advised for Sheboygan County residents

The Sheboygan County Treasurer and Real Property Listing Office is advising property taxpayers to mail their tax payments to their municipality earlier than usual this year.

Recent changes to United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarking procedures have impacted the timeliness of property tax payments.

A property tax payment is considered timely if it is cor-

rectly addressed, postmarked by the due date, and received on time, according to Wisconsin state law.

"We want to ensure residents avoid unnecessary late fees especially with the recent

USPS postmarking changes," said Laura Henning-Lorenz, Sheboygan County treasurer.

She also highlighted that tax bills have a new, more streamlined and easy-to-understand look.

"Our office is grateful for the positive feedback that we have received on the new tax bill format," she said. "We

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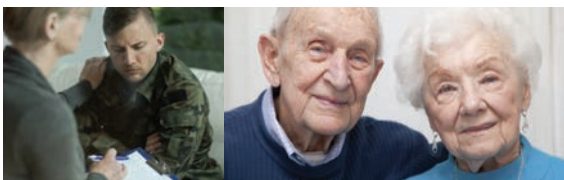
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TOP: A SKIER GLIDES OFF THE CONVEYOR LIFT at the top of Nutt Hill. The kid-friendly conveyor lift replaces the previous tow rope to help people get back to the top of the hill.
 BOTTOM: A FAMILY POSES FOR A PHOTO as they get ready for another round down the ski/snowboard runs. The park has two different tracks, a beginner and intermediate run.
 – Review photos by Ben Yang



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have been looking forward to rolling it out and are glad that it can be part of our continued service advancements for the property taxpayers of Sheboygan County."

To avoid mailing issues, taxpayers should refer to their tax bill for the correct first-in-installment mailing address for their municipality. Many municipalities also included this information as an insert with the new tax bill.

Additional payment options are available on the Sheboygan County website at www.sheboygancounty.com by selecting "Departments," then "Treasurer and Real Property Listing," and then "Property Tax Payment Options." There, taxpayers can access the 2025-2026 First Installment Tax Payment Options for Municipalities document.

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So long, farewell

■ From A's winning championship to plenty of historical moments, here's a look back at 2025

JANUARY

Verhagen tops list: Lutheran senior **Addy Verhagen** became the school's all time leading girls' scorer. The four-year varsity starter already has the most assists and steals in Crusaders' history.

Milestone for Buboltz: North's **Cale Buboltz** reached the 1,000-point plateau in a 69-58 victory at Green Bay Preble last Tuesday.

Scoring spree: Sheboygan defeated Manitowoc, 11-2, on Jan. 3 by scoring its most goals in at least 16 seasons. North's **Ethan Wilke** recorded his second hat trick and classmate **Eric Zimmermann** added a season-high five points.

FEBRUARY

Lloyd joins short list: South's **Alayna Lloyd** became just the second girl at her school to score 1,000 points. She joins 2008 graduate Amy Selk (1,277).

Dancers win state: North won the the Division 1 Hip Hop state title for the eighth time, and it's their third championship in the last four seasons.

South makes it, too: The Redwings recorded an eighth-place finish in Division 1 Hip Hop.

One thousand it is: Lutheran's **Taylor Brigham** scored her 1,000th point - on Senior Night - to become the eighth girl at her school to accomplish the feat.

McKnight picks Ripon: **Ethan McKnight** will play football at Ripon next season.

A helping hand: Handrails have been installed at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds and will aid Plymouth Dirt Track fans as well as those attending other events.

MARCH

Crusaders take second: Lutheran's boys basketball team finished as state runner-up after a loss to Cochrane-Fountain City in the Division 5 championship game.

Terrazas nearly takes title: North's **Aadin Terrazas** almost became his school's fifth all-time state champion in swimming. The Golden Raiders have never had a champ in the 200- or 500-yard freestyles, although he came close. Terrazas finished as state runner-up in the 500 free and he also came in third in the 200 free.

Ognacevic shines: For the first time since 2019, Lipscomb has the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year thanks to Lutheran graduate **Jacob Ognacevic**. He also helped Lipscomb get to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2018.

Duesterbeck does it: North senior **Destiny Duesterbeck** became the first girl at her school to bring home a medal from the state wrestling championship. She also an-



Aadin Terrazas of North finishes in the top three twice at the Boys State Championship Swim Meet. - Photo by Isabelle Torres



NORTH'S DANCE TEAM wins another state championship in Division 1 Hip Hop, and now has three titles in four years. - Submitted photo

nounced she will compete on the track and field team at UW-Parkside next season.

Victory for Verhagen: Lutheran four-year starter Addy Verhagen not only finishes as her school's all-time leader in points, steals and assists, she also made all-state and all-conference every season. As a senior, Verhagen was named first-team all-state (Division 5) and all-Big East(South Division).

Announcement by Nienhuis: North's **Vince Nienhuis** has not only been picked for the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game in July in Oshkosh, he recently announced he's going to play for the Titans next season.

Mind made up: Christian senior **Chase Konitzer** will play football at UW-Stevens Point next season.

One of the best: Lutheran senior basketball player **Taylor Brigham** made all-state honorable mention as well as first-team all-Big East for the second straight season.

APRIL

Pair set to transfer: Senior forward **Jacob Ognacevic**, a Lutheran graduate, has transferred from Lipscomb to Washington. And junior **Miles Barnstable**, who attended Lutheran and graduated from Howards Grove, has transferred from St. Thomas to Tulsa.

No-no for pitcher: One way to throw a no-hitter is to not let the other team get the ball out of the infield. That's what North junior pitcher Brett Rybarczyk did in a 10-0 victory over Waukesha Catholic Memorial.

College choices: Christian senior **Jackson Kiel** will play soccer at Dordt University after starting the last three seasons on defense for the Eagles' co-op team with Lutheran. ... **Cale Buboltz**, the fourth-leading all-time scorer at North, will play basketball at Carroll University next season. The three-year starter finished with 1,275 points. ... **Addy Verhagen**, a senior at Lutheran, announced she will play basketball at UW-Stout next season. ... South track and field teammates **Nate Moore** and **Owen Murphy** will continue the sport at UW-Stevens Point next season. The two, who will be roommates as well, were part of the 1,600 relay team that set a school record. ... North's **Blake Buhr**, a junior, announced he will play football at the University of North Dakota.

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MAY

History for Zylstra: Christian senior **Brock Zylstra** became the first track and field athlete at the school to win a conference championship when he claimed the Big East title in the high jump.

Another title: Lutheran's golf team won the Big East Conference championship for the second straight time, and North's **Ryder Miller** claimed the Fox River Classic title.

Golden Raiders take first: **Mike Vorpahl** returned as tennis coach at North this season, and the boys rewarded him with the program's first conference championship since 2008. They went 9-0 in Fox River Classic play.

JUNE

Good news for golfers: **Ryder Miller** became the first golfer at North to play in the state tournament all four years. The Golden Raiders ended up competing in their fifth straight state championship and finished in 12th place in Division 1. ... Lutheran's **Oliver Leibham** tied for third place in Division 3 in Verona. The sophomore had a total score of 156, which put him four strokes behind the



Three local women (left to right) Julie Bieber, Dana Fenili and Dawn Breuer - and their friend Lisa Knutson (far right) - attend the NFL Draft at Lambeau. - Submitted photo

medalist. The Crusaders placed sixth as a team after advancing to the tournament for the second time, and first since 2008.

Regional champs: The North boys track team won its first regional championship since 2000 and then broke four school records – including one from the '80s – at the Division 1 State Meet. Senior **Ryan Lang** took fourth place at state in the 800 meters with a time of 1 minute, 53.67 seconds to erase Kraig Ceasar's school record that stood since 1984. Lang was also on the record-setting third-place 3,200 relay with freshman **Jovan Sanders**, and juniors **Ethan Willemssen** and **Ian Willemssen** that crossed in 7:51.44.

Whipple wins again: UW-Whitewater's **Kelly Whipple**, a South grad, was named Division III Bowler of the Year for the second time - something that has never happened at UWW.

Headed to state: North's doubles team of **Sawyer Brault** and **Alex DiStefano** advanced to the State Tennis Tournament for the second consecutive time. ... South senior **Ty Smith** also made it.

JULY

Honors for Golden Raiders: Two girls from North's soccer squad landed on the all-state honorable mention team: senior

defender **Brielle Hamilton** and junior forward **Mya Grams**.

Martin is inducted: **Mike Martin** has spent his lifetime in local sports, beginning in 1960 and '61 as the bat boy for the Sheboygan Kingsbury. On Saturday, he will be inducted into the Sheboygan Athletic Club Hall of Fame as its latest 'contributor' during an on-field ceremony between the A's double-header against Chicago

AUGUST

A's win championship: A win in 14 innings, a nine-run loss and a good old-fashion butt kicking - all in three days. That's the recipe the Sheboygan A's used to win the best-of-three Northeastern Wisconsin League Championship Series over Menasha.

A first for school: For the first time, Christian has been named a recipient of the WIAA Award of Excellence. The Eagles are one of just 39 high schools statewide - and one of only 11 first-time recipients - to receive this recognition. The award highlights schools that demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship, leadership, character, integrity, and administrative excellence across their athletic programs.

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SEPTEMBER

A pair of A's picked: Two former Sheboygan A's standouts, **Ben Stanczyk** and **Jason Bischoff**, have been selected for induction into the Wisconsin State League Hall of Fame.

Believe in Bach: **David Bach** of Sheboygan, who works at Whistling Straits, pulled away for a comfortable five-stroke victory in the Wisconsin PGA Professional Championship at Ozaukee Country Club. He also qualified for the PGA Professional Championship in April in Oregon.

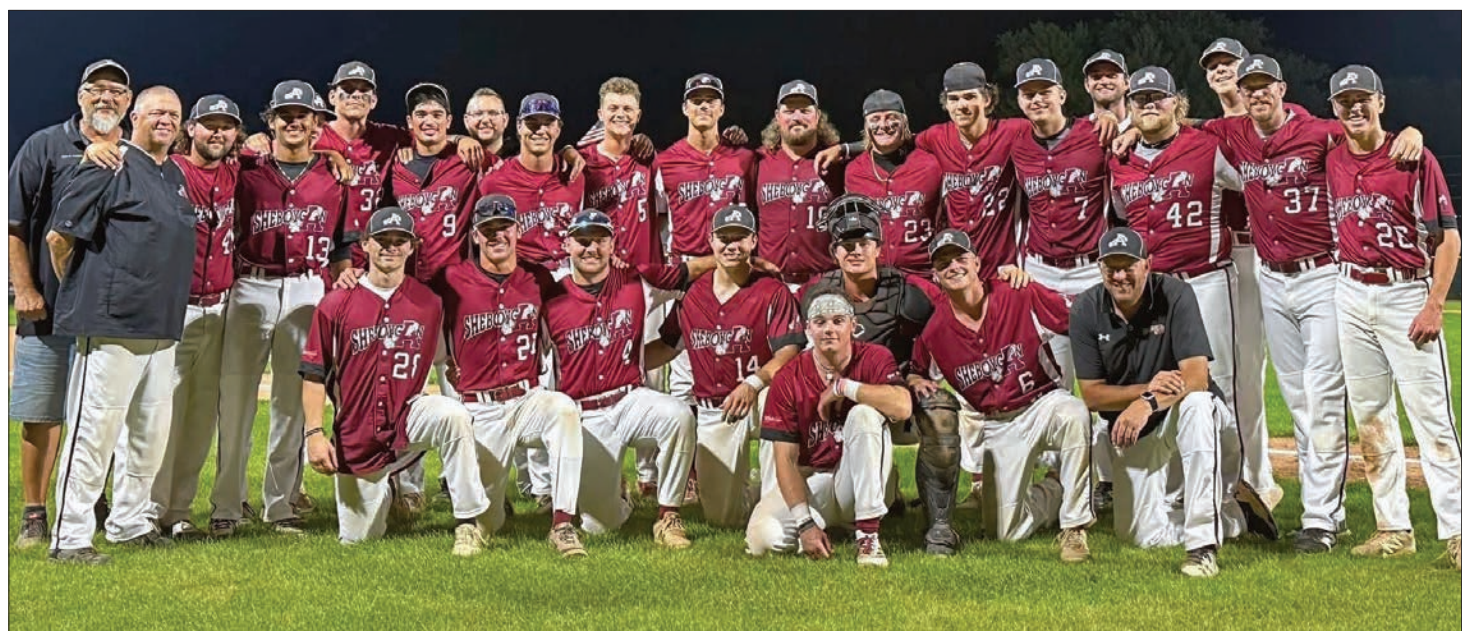
Christian believed, too: For the first time since the early 1990s, Christian's volleyball team won the Sheboygan County Classic by beating Howards Grove in the final. The Eagles also advanced to the final a year ago but lost to Sheboygan Falls.

DeRoehn does it: **Mike DeRoehn** will be part of the 49th George Martin Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

It's been awhile: For what is believed to be the first time since 1980, South's boys won the 48th annual Sheboygan County Cross Country Meet. The Redwings, who came in sixth a year ago, finished eight points ahead of runner-up North.

OCTOBER

Diener passes: **Don Diener**, one of the founding fathers of the Eastern Wisconsin Stock Car racing era at The Plymouth Dirt Track who was



SHEBOYGAN CELEBRATES after winning the Northeastern Wisconsin League Championship. - Submitted photo

inducted into its Wall of Fame in July, died on Oct. 4. The Hilbert native was born in 1934 and graduated from North in '52. Six years later, according to his obituary, he received an old clunker for free and turned it into a race car. Diener won his first race in Plymouth. He was a front runner in the Modified Division in the 1960s and '70s, highlighted by a third-place showing in the '66 point standings.

College announcements made: Two North football players announced where they will play in college, and the schools are in the same conference. **Noah Blaha** committed to UW-Eau Claire and **Owyn Ahles** picked UW-Stevens Point.

Top honors: In addition to being named the defensive player of the year in the Fox River Classic, North's **Blake Buhr** was picked as co-linebacker of the year and also made second-team all-conference as a tight end. ...

Christian's **Lydia Neeb**, a senior, was named the Big East Conference Blue Division player of the year. ...

Eight boys soccer players who helped North take first place in the conference for the second straight season were voted all-Fox River Classic.

NOVEMBER

Alabama it is: It's pretty rare an athlete from Wisconsin

let alone Sheboygan County competes in sports at the University of Alabama.

But that's where North swimmer **Aadin Terrazas**, a junior, is headed.

More awards: North soccer player **Aaron Cortez** made first-team all-conference for the second time and also landed on the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association's all-state honorable mention team.

Making headway: Sheboygan United juniors **Olivia Knowles** and **Kennedy Goes** became the first swimmers in the program since 2020 to reach state. Goes finished 20th and Knowles took 23rd in the 100-yard breaststroke.

DECEMBER

Good news for Stephen: **Ryan Stephen** is now cancer free, which means he'll be able to attend - and play - in South's basketball game/fundraiser. Last year, only Stephen's family and friends could be there because he wasn't feeling well.

Names to be added: Four local drivers will be inducted into the Plymouth Racing Wall of Fame on July 11 at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds. 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.

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community."

Federal grant opens for nonprofit organizations facing security risks

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profit Security Grant Program
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grant program is for nonprofit
organizations that may be at
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mission.

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• Tuesday, January 6: 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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A Look Back... on an icy waterfront and renowned conservationist

by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon

These wintry scenes from

early 1900s postcards of the Sheboygan lakefront feature not only dramatic ice formations, but also a locally famous game warden

who championed wildlife all over the county.

From the time he became a conservation officer around 1890 until his death on February 2, 1930, Deputy Fish and Game Warden Henry C. Gruebner was frequently in the news for his energetic efforts to boost fish and game populations as well as his vigorous enforcement action against illegal trapping, bird hunting and fishing.

"Warden Gruebner has taken great interest in protecting fish, game, harmless birds and fur-bearing animals ever since he was appointed 24 years ago under the (Governor) Peck administration and is considered by all sportsmen one of the very best wardens in this state," a March 7, 1914 article in the Sheboygan Telegram contended.

At the time, Gruebner was heavily involved in educating the public about insect-catching birds such as seagulls and advocating against their slaughter, in part to help naturally control the local insect population for the benefit of farmers and others.

The day after his death, this

editorial tribute appeared in the February 3, 1930 Sheboygan Press and explains why this game warden was more broadly admired for his environmental action than reviled for the countless arrests he made:

"Henry Gruebner, pioneer game warden and a lover of the great outdoors, passed to his reward Sunday morning, following a operation, hopeful of prolonging his life. Holding a position where it becomes necessary to apprehend law violators, one naturally makes enemies, but it can be said that he always used diplomacy. He never abused his authority, and closed his earthly career enjoying the confidence of his employer, the state of Wisconsin and the general public. He knew every foot of ground in this county, the haunts of fish and game, and in closed seasons this information proved of value in locating illegal trappers. He never went into court unless he was sure of his ground, and in almost every instance the alleged violator entered a plea of guilty. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of those who believed in conser-

vation, and that was testified to repeatedly in the assignments that were given him. Recognizing that years of service merited recognition, the Wisconsin Conservation Commission some months ago promoted him to the position of game observer as well as that of warden. One of his last major acts was to accompany a member of the state advisory board to the proposed wildlife refuge near Millhome (what presumably became the Sheboygan Marsh State Wildlife Area) and make a favorable recommendation on this natural beauty spot, and at the last meeting of the commission it was permanently established. The writer had known Mr. Gruebner for a great many years, and can bear witness that a true conservationist has passed on to that other world. The beauty of Wisconsin has been enhanced through his devoted efforts."

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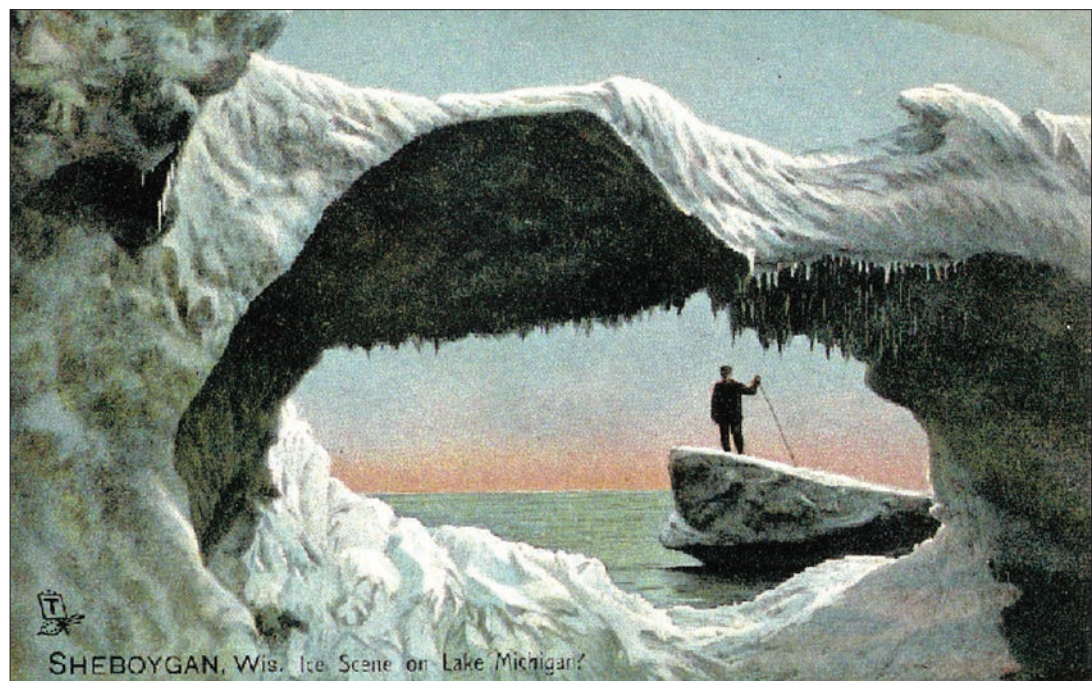
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Wisconsin company introduces milking robot that analyzes each cow's milk

MADISON - BouMatic, a global pioneer in dairy innovation, unveils a major upgrade to its Gemini UP milking robot, equipped with the MilkGenius InLine Milk Analyzer. Two groundbreaking features are introduced, that redefine herd health management. For the first time, dairy farmers can rely on a system that not only detects metabolic disorders but also acts automatically, while providing smart mastitis indications based on advanced data analysis.

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Warm up one spoonful at a time

People who live in cold climates understand that it can sometimes be challenging to warm up after a day spent combating snow, wind or freezing rain. Luckily, eating hot soup is a very effective means to returning the body to a less-chilled temperature. Soup also tends to be easily digested and nutrient-dense, making it an ideal meal at any time.

This recipe for "Sweet Potato and Peanut Soup" from "The Culinary Institute of America Book of Soups" (Lebhar-Friedman Books) by The Culinary Institute of America is thick, creamy and full of savory flavor.

Sweet Potato and Peanut Soup Makes 8 servings

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 celery stalk, coarsely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1 onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)
1 garlic clove, minced (about 1/2 teaspoon)
1/2 leek, white and light green parts, coarsely chopped (about 3/4 cup)
1 1/2 sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick (about 3 cups)

1 quart chicken broth
3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
1/4 cinnamon stick
1 1/3 cups heavy cream, divided
Salt to taste
2 tablespoons molasses
Freshly grated nutmeg, to taste
3/4 cup peanuts

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Melt the butter in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the celery, onion, garlic, and leek. Stir to coat. Cook, stirring frequently, until the vegetables are softened, 4 to 6 minutes.

Add the sweet potatoes, broth, peanut butter, and cinnamon stick. Bring to a simmer and cook until the potatoes are fully tender, about 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, spread the peanuts in a single layer in a pie pan. Toast the peanuts in the oven until light brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Shake the pan occasionally and watch carefully (nuts can burn quickly). Let the peanuts cool, chop coarsely, and set aside.

Remove the cinnamon stick and discard. Puree the soup and strain it. Return the soup to the soup pot and place over low heat. Add 1/2 cup of the cream. Season with salt. Keep warm,



but do not boil.

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by Bruce Spangenberg
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Planning ahead is one of the keys to gardening success. To keep your yard and garden in top shape in 2026, add some gardening goals to your New Year's resolutions. Refine the process by choosing a theme, such as following environmentally friendly gardening practices in 2026.

Improper use of pesticides is a major concern when growing plants. Resolve learning more about pests, diseases, weeds, and other problems your landscape plants, lawn, or food crops are susceptible to. Once problems have been identified, examine all management options, both chemical and nonchemical. If chemicals are needed, choose those with the least potential to cause any type of environmental issues. Read, understand, and follow

all product label directions before purchasing and using any pesticide.

Fertilizers can also cause issues when improperly used, both for plants and the environment. Once again, resolve to learn more about the nutrient needs of plants you will be growing and maintaining, including types of nutrients needed, amounts (fertilizer rates), and proper timing of fertilizer application. Once these details have been determined, use extreme care when applying so fertilizers do not end up in ponds, streams, lakes, or other waterways.

Soil test results provide extremely valuable information when fertilizing plants. These results include the levels of major nutrients such as phosphorus and potassium, along with the soil pH. Soil pH influences all nutrients and is simply a measure of how acidic (low pH) or alkaline (high pH) your soil is.



This in turn dictates the need, if any, for adding either limestone (if soil is too acidic) or sulfur (if soil is too alkaline). The only way to know soil pH is through soil testing, so consider it for the upcoming growing season.

Further assist your plants obtaining nutrients and having healthy roots by providing good soil conditions. If your soils are high in clay or high in sand content, growing plants can be difficult. Amending these problem soils with organic matter will lead to significant improvements in plant growth. Compost is an excellent organic soil amendment you can make using yard and garden waste through backyard composting. This will solve two problems; what to do with the plant waste and how to improve problem soils!

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arise. In addition, learn how to access labs for diagnosis of insects, diseases, and other plant problems that may occur; plus find more details on soil testing. Happy New Year!

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



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Since being selected as the 78th Alice in Dairyland in Crawford County six months ago, I have been constantly motivated, challenged, and inspired by Wisconsin agriculture. Every day has been an adventure, and I've thoroughly enjoyed the chance to learn something new about Wisconsin agriculture and the stories behind the products we all enjoy. As I reach the halfway point of my journey as Alice, it is time to begin the process of finding the next amazing individual who will proudly embody Wisconsin's \$116.3 billion agriculture industry.

For interested candidates, the role of Alice in Dairyland offers a few unique opportunities. The



The Search for the 79th Alice in Dairyland Begins

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Sarah Hagenow, 78th Alice in Dairyland

position has allowed me to gain many different professional and life skills that I will carry with me throughout my career. These include participating in high-profile media campaigns, putting my public speaking skills to use, building strategic communications to reach new audiences, and traveling all over the state of Wisconsin. Serving as Alice has also allowed me to build a vast network with different agribusinesses, academic groups, non-profit organizations, media outlets, and dedicated volunteers who make the agriculture industry exceptional. Some of my favorite memories from this year have come from meeting the people behind the products and places that make Wisconsin so special, and these cherished memories are ones I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

The search for the next Alice in Dairyland begins on January

2, 2026 when applications become available on the Alice in Dairyland website. By January 30, those interested in the role of Alice must apply with a resume, cover letter, references, personal biography, and application form. Qualified candidates will then go through an individual interview on February 21, 2026. After these interviews, up to six Top Candidates for the 79th Alice in Dairyland will be selected and officially announced publicly at a press conference in early March, hosted by Marathon County.

With a focus on learning more about the agriculture industry and professional development, Top Candidates will undergo months of rigorous marketing and communications training; connect with Wisconsin agribusinesses; and complete assignments related to media interviews, speeches, writing skills, and more. The applica-

tion process culminates at the three-day Alice in Dairyland Finals, held from May 14-16, 2026 in Marathon County, where the 79th Alice in Dairyland will be formally announced.

After being selected, the 79th Alice in Dairyland will begin her term on July 6, 2026, serving as an agriculture spokesperson, and providing public relations and communication services for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) from its Madison headquarters for the contract year. A special thank you goes to the Alice in Dairyland team and all those involved at DATCP, as well as the Partnership for Progressive Agriculture in Marathon County that is serving as the 79th Alice in Dairyland Finals Host Committee. This year's Alice in Dairyland Finals process would only be a mere thought without all the hard work and dedication

they have put forth.

The first six months of representing Wisconsin agriculture as the 78th Alice in Dairyland have held so many memories and experiences, whether attending the entirety of the Wisconsin State Fair, answering questions from fourth grade students about specialty crops, traveling overseas to Shanghai to promote Wisconsin ginseng, sharing more about agritourism across the state, or developing unique media campaigns. If this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity sounds like a great fit for you, I would love to see your application for Wisconsin's 79th Alice in Dairyland! The application will be available on DATCP's website from January 2-30, 2026. Visit datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/BecomingAlice.aspx to apply!



Attending events, such as World Dairy Expo, provide a wonderful opportunity to connect consumers with Wisconsin agriculture and represent Wisconsin's farmers, ranchers, and food processors. (Credit: Alice in Dairyland)



Serving as Alice in Dairyland is the experience of a lifetime! Apply by January 30, 2026 for the chance to be Wisconsin's official agricultural ambassador. (Credit: Crawford County Alice in Dairyland Finals Planning Committee)



From traveling to local communities to promoting agriculture in a foreign country, the opportunities to explore as Alice in Dairyland are never-ending! (Credit: Alice in Dairyland)



Each year, six outstanding women across Wisconsin gain new skills in marketing and communications as Top Candidates for Wisconsin's Alice in Dairyland. This could be you! (Credit: Crawford County Alice in Dairyland Finals Planning Committee)



Alice in Dairyland will conduct hundreds of speeches, interviews, and presentations during her year of service, such as the milking demonstrations that the 78th Alice in Dairyland Sarah Hagenow presented at the Wisconsin State Fair. (Credit: Alice in Dairyland)

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dered brings a warm, soulful
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a laid-back style that's easy to
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16:
LIVE MUSIC: Stolen Side-
kicks:** 7PM. This rock duo
blends country, blues, alterna-
tive, and pop-rock into their
own unique sound. Expect a
mix of covers and originals - so
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tle in for a night you won't want
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18:
Murder Mystery Dinner:**
6:30-9PM. Join Laughable Pro-
ductions for an evening of mur-
der, mystery, and a whole lot
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and will include a three-course
meal, a drink ticket, and inter-
active entertainment all night
long. Come hungry, curious,
and ready to play along!
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20:
Pixel Party:** 5:30-8:30 PM. Join
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team up with FreakToyz to turn
our upstairs lounge into a cozy
little gaming zone. Each month
will feature a rotating video
game tournament, plus casual
setups for anyone who'd rather

button-mash. Registration: 5:30
pm. Tournament: 6:00 pm.
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23:
LIVE MUSIC: Jay Edward
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based, harmonica-driven group
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Andrae State Park:** 10:00 a.m.
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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6: Ge-
nealogy Club:** 6-7 p.m., Public
Conference Room #2. Share tips
on genealogy research and meet
other researchers. All experi-
ence levels are welcome.
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY
7: Lego Club:** 4-5 p.m., Chil-
dren's Activity Room. Kids can
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 20: Sheboygan County Writers Club Small Group Critique: 6-7 p.m., Public Conference Room #2. Writers can bring copies of their writing and receive and offer constructive feedback.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27: Kindermusik: 9:30-10:15 a.m., Story Garden. Sing, dance, socialize, and explore new music instruments through interactive play and storytelling guided by an expert in music and child development. For ages 5 and under. Register at the www.meaddpl.org events calendar or call 920-459-3400.

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

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

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

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

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15: Myths and Mistakes in Estate Planning: 1:30 pm. Join attorney Tracy Gibson to learn about the perils of estate planning. Adults.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16: James the Magician: 10 am. A Winter Kids' Performance. School age kids.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24: Schnee Days at the library: 10 am - 1 pm. Hot coco and crafts to go. All ages.

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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.

STARTS MONDAY JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 28: Adult Winter Reading Program: All Month. Read to earn raffle tickets towards amazing prizes. Register at the library.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6: Tech Help: 10:30 am. Reserve a time to work with our librarian and get some basic tech help. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7:

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, JANUARY 8: Morning Book Club at Devour: 10:00 am. Devour, 1611 Eastern Ave. Join the Morning Book Club to discuss a new book each month. Copies available for pick up.

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

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EVERY TUESDAY STARTING JANUARY 13: Family Storytime: 10:00 am. Get ready for fun songs, dances, and exciting stories! Most appropriate for preschoolers, but all are welcome. No registration required.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13: Doggy Tales: 4:30 pm. For grades 1- 8. Registration required. Get some read-aloud for practice with Gus, a trained therapy dog!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14: Doggy Tales: 5:30 pm.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15: Lego Club: 4:00 pm. For ages 6+. Show us your LEGO skills and creativity, as you create your LEGO masterpiece with friends. No registration required.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament: 12:00 pm. Ready to Smash your way to victory? Prove you're the ultimate champion at this exciting tournament. Pizza provided. Registration required.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20:

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21: 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, JANUARY 22: Reading Dragons Monthly Meet-Up: 4:00 pm. Join us in the library's meeting room to play games with fellow Dragon Trainers, eat snacks, and socialize.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26: Yoga for Everyone: 6:00 pm. For all ages. Join us as our certified yoga instructor shows us how yoga can be for everyone. Registration requested.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27: Dice Quest: 4:00 pm. For ages 14 and up. Gather with other tabletop RPG enthusiasts and play fun adventures.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28: Mystery & Horror Book Club: 6:00 pm. Come and discuss books from the mystery and horror genre with other members of the community.

COURT REPORT

December 8 to 12, 2025

DCA

Thiel, Nigel A., 7/23/2004, Sheboygan, Strangulation and Suffocation, (Felony-2 years), Owes \$2,000.00.

Xiong, Jou Tou, 10/10/1946, Sheboygan, Battery, (Misdemeanor-1 year).

Revoke DCA and other charges

Campbell, Theodore W., 6/4/1990, Sheboygan, Jail 90 days (imposed/stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, (Revoked DCA), Bail Jumping (Felony), Bail Jumping (Misdemeanor), Community Service 15 hours, \$973.00.

Revoke Probation

Pommerening, Paul H., 6/9/1957, Sheboygan, Jail 9 months.

Forfeitures

Ignacio Parra, Antonio, 12/1985, Sheboygan, Fail to Release Foul Hooked Fish, \$231.65.

Johnson, Aaron D., 4/22/1984, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$393.50.

Pugh, Micheal L., 12/1995, Sheboygan, Battery, \$389.50.

Steward, Andrew J., 7/1986, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, \$389.50.

Vang, Tou Kong Meng, 10/1983, Sheboygan, Hunt/Fish/Trap after Revocation, \$745.50.

Operate Vehicle w/o Park Admission Sticker

Aschenbach, Kelly L., 11/1977, Sheboygan, \$162.70.

Cucinello, Michael B., 11/1977, Sheboygan, \$162.70.

Korth, Melissa D., 7/1984, Sheboy-

gan, \$162.70.

Traffic

Aguirre Mejia, Rony F., 10/1983, Sheboygan, Operator Violate Red Traffic Light (2nd), \$213.10.

Chapman, Sarah B., 8/1988, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Deckert, Timothy J., 7/1983, Sheboygan, Dealer Misuse/Dealer License Plate, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$413.60.

Flores, Elmer E., 4/1980, Sheboygan, Pedestrian/Bike on Expressway/Prohibited, \$175.30.

Frias Rubio, Juan M., 11/1984, Sheboygan, Fail Change Lanes-Passing Stopped Emergency Vehicle, \$263.50.

Hudson, Shanquena S., 6/1994, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle by Permittee w/o Instructor, Fail/Yield while Making Left Turn, \$375.80.

Neese, Dustin L., 6/1989, Sheboygan, Failure to Obey Sign or Signal, \$175.30.

Oehldrich, Crystal D., 10/1993, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, \$286.10.

Pabon, Billy J., 3/13/2001, Sheboygan, Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), OWI (2nd), Jail 60 days (stayed), plus 35 days, License Revoke 14 months, Ignition Interlock 14 months, \$2,261.00.

Pfister, Chuck A., 11/1964, Sheboygan, Passing in No-Passing Zone, \$213.10.

Stadler, Jaida K., 10/1/1999, Sheboygan, Hit and Run, \$843.00.

Struve, James H., 4/1952, Sheboygan, Hit and Run-Unattended Vehicle, \$263.50.

Wilson, Diamond D., 9/1994, Sheboygan, Exceeding Speed Zones (11-15 mph), Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$185.30.

Volkman, Elizabeth S., 9/1995, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Xiong, Michael Chapao, 2/1946, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, Deviate from Lane of Traffic, \$375.80.

Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus

Cavitt, Fallyn R., 10/1992, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

Manier, Erica L., 9/1997, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

Santacruz, Dioseline G., 12/2005, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

Wishman, Nicholas M., 5/2003, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

Operating while Suspended

Clavelle, Philip A., 9/2000, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Sanchez Botello, Alejandro, 10/1998, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

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Misdemeanors

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Mackin, Lorenzo S., 8/31/2007, Sheboygan, Battery, Disorderly Conduct (2 counts), 60 days (stayed), \$1,341.00.

Progar, Victoria L., 3/14/2006, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Bail Jumping (2 counts), Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal)-2 counts, OWI (2nd), Jail 60 days (stayed) plus 20 days, License Revoked 14 months, Ignition Interlock 14 months, \$4,468.00.

Schirmer, Shaun M., 5/17/1982, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Jail 86 days, \$455.00.

Schoen, Chelsea M., 11/12/1997, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (2 counts), \$1,089.40.

Skebba, Todd A., 8/28/1992, Sheboygan, Criminal Damage to Property (Domestic Abuse), \$565.00.

Wilburn, Misty R., 8/5/1980, Sheboygan, Violate/Harassment Restraining Order, \$455.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Young, Joshua, 11/3/1982, Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (Misdemeanor), Bomb Scares, Possession of Methamphetamine, Receiving Stolen Property (>\$5000-10,000), Receiving Stolen Property (>\$2500-5000), (Felonies), Jail 256 days, Prison 3 years (imposed/stayed), Extended Supervision 3 years (imposed/stayed), \$3,770.09.

Felonies

Martinez, Justin D., 8/4/2000, Sheboygan, Manufacture/Deliver THC (<200 g), Prison 18 months, Extended Supervision 18 months, \$5,546.40.

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Daniel, Jacob D., 3/24/1988, Sheboygan, Stalking-Felony-DCA-18 months, Disorderly Conduct, Bail Jumping, (Misdemeanors), Jail 12 months, \$1,014.40.

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Forfeitures

Mata, Megan K., 6/1995, Sheboygan, Possession of THC (Ordinance Violation), \$263.50.

Traffic

Esselmann, Jason, 7/1987, Sheboygan, Speeding in 55 mph Zone (16-19 mph), Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$210.50.

Higgins, Elizabeth A., 10/1978, Sheboygan, Fail/Yield Right/Way from Stop Sign, \$175.30.

Ilcera, Guesline, 10/1997, Sheboygan, Speeding in 55 mph Zone (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Lyon, Joshua W., 3/1980, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$408.60.

Pennebecker, David M., 3/1963, Sheboygan, License Restriction Violation-Class D or M Vehicle, \$200.50.

Perez, Kimberly Z., 6/2005, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$150.10.

Perez Negron, Jassmin, 9/1999, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle by Permittee w/o Instructor, \$200.50.

Xiong, Udom, 9/1989, Sheboygan, Unlawful U/Y Turn-Erected Signs, \$175.30.

Yang, Jim J., 12/5/1983, Sheboygan, OWI (1st), License Revoke 8 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$1,179.50.

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Herman, Karen L., 8/1958, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

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Hainzinger, Emma, 2/1985, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

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Adamavich, Steven T., 4/1992, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Speeding on Freeway
Kyles, Jaivion L., 10/2003, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Nash, Moriah H., 11/2004, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Schuld, Rachael A., 6/1989, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Taliedo Navarro, Alberto N., 6/1990, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Yang, Brittany, 12/2000, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.

Speeding on Expressway
Bushi, Habibe, 7/1973, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.

Daehnert, Kristine A., 10/1968, Sheboygan, (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$301.30.

Espinosa, Christopher S., 7/1994, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.

Shinn, Alice A.M., 10/2005, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

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Misdemeanors
Grudzielanek, Michael T., 11/12/1980, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (2 counts), Jail 60 days (stayed), \$898.00.

Hooks, Floyd L., 5/1/1977, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Repeater-Domestic Abuse), Operate while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), \$1,209.00.

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First Winter Camping/Ice Fishing Trip

Hello friends,

Sometimes I mess up, but I learned a long time ago to make do with what I have. You will see that as you read this week's column.

I hope each and every one of you has a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!

Tuesday, December 10th
High 30, low 23

Last December, I camped and fished on Otter Lake, which is just north of Stanley, for the first time. I forgot a lighter and my fish locator, and so the only way I could tell depth was to drill holes and drop a line with a weight.

Because I did not have a lighter, I had no lights, heat or a cookstove.

I found 12 feet of water, and my goal was to catch walleye. Over the course of the night, I did get a bit chilly, but caught a 22- and 28-inch walleye.

This year, because I knew what I was doing and have been planning this first winter camping trip in my mind for about two months. I would haul all of my gear in 300-500 yard trips by Otter sled, with the first with fishing gear and I put out three Beaver Dam tip ups, over 12 feet of water.

I might add that a solid snowstorm with 40-mph winds gusts was planned to start at 3:00 in the afternoon, but it was no problem, as I had my Eskimo “Fatfish 949” portable cabin on the lake, pop-up shack.



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When I am alone, I prefer the Fatfish as it is light weight, you can stand in it, its insulated and I can fit a cot a small table and still have room to fish.

My dog Red, waits until the cot is up and then I put a sleeping bag inside of another and she then claims her turf. My heater and a propane light help to create an excellent home.

I am living in paradise with three lines in the water, and just got the Fatfish up, when I was punched in the gut really hard - I had forgot my 20-lp cylinder and that meant it was going to be cold and dark.

I did find two, one-pound propane cylinders that were both half full that I had bought along for my cook stove. With reasonable rationing, I could still cook and at times, run my light on as dim as it would go. At about 3:00, my daughter called. Just yesterday, I had taken her to Madison to start her journey to New Zealand and she was calling from Auckland to tell me she had landed and all

was well.

Selina asked me how the fishing was, and I said nothing yet, but it was just a matter of time. As we were talking, the snow started and I had my first flag of the year.

I actually put my phone on speaker and she was able to hear what one heck of a tussle with a good fish was. I might add that Selina also advised me to go to town and get a 20-pounder, but that was not happening. I needed to be punished.

Long story short, my fish was not a walleye but a very hefty 34-inch gator. I was all smiles and excited for the walleye bite as I existed in a world of blowing snow and basically wandered the ice like an Eskimo. Folks I love wandering the ice.

Something kind of bad started by dark and that is that I was getting damp as the snow was really blowing and had a way of getting me damp from the inside out and the outside in.

I had no cares, as I had caught a good fish and maybe more would make the mistake of trying to steal my shiner.

I made a point of checking my lines once an hour and they were always snowed/blown in and naturally I just kept getting wetter. I had lights on my tip-ups and in all reality was into what was happening. Because I had so many clothes on and heavy boots, I could not fit into my sleeping bag, so I would lay on my cot and cover up with it.

Red was upset with me for forgetting the propane tank and by

midnight I was realizing that it was going to be a long night, especially since the local flock of fish did not seem to be real hungry.

At 2:30, I realized in a harsh way that I had made another error: there was now 8 inches of new snow on the ice and also on my Fatfish, and this is no fault of the design - it was simply a weight issue.

My home and propane lantern collapsed on top of me as fast you can blink an eye, and I called myself a name that I cannot write for not knocking off the snow as it accumulated; generally, the heater and lantern melt it off.

I did some work and cleared off my shack, raised it and discovered the glass lens had broken on my lantern, as well as the mantles.

By 3:00, the shack was up, I was really damp and Red gave me a look like, “dude you are old, turn on the flipping heat!” Long story short: I fished until noon, only had the flag from the lucky Selina call, and I cannot describe the beauty of heating up my core temperature on the 120-mile ride home.

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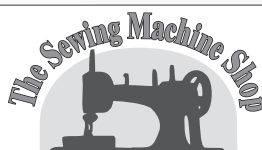
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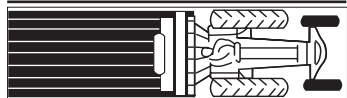
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Health & Fitness

Did you resolve to improve your wellness in 2026?

Plymouth School District Community Education & Recreation is offering 26 ways – more than half of its winter offerings! – to help you meet your healthy New Year's goals!

Pre-registration is required for all of the following except Hall/Track Walking. You can register online anytime via MyRec at <https://plymouthwi.myrec.com>, or from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays beginning Jan. 5 in the office on the south end of Plymouth High School (Door 18). Senior discount is available to Plymouth School District residents ages 62 and above.

Community Fitness Center
Community members can purchase memberships to the Fitness Center located on the south end of Plymouth High School (enter Door 18). The facility features Matrix circuit training, cardio machines, and free weights. An adult staff member is available to explain how to use the equipment.

Hours:
Monday-Friday: 5-7:30am and 3-7pm (note: 3-4pm is student hour)
Saturday: 7-11am
Fees:
Individual district resident: \$27/month, \$142/half-year, \$252/year
Couple (2 adults at same district address): \$205/half-year, \$357/year
Senior/Military, Veteran resident: \$21/month, \$95/half-year, \$163/year
Senior couple: \$132/half-year, \$226/year
Young adult resident (ages 18-22): \$50/year
Non-resident: \$37/month, \$189/half-year, \$331/year
Punch cards with 10 visits are available online or in the office for \$50 each, and day

passes can be purchased in the Fitness Center for \$5 in cash.

Register online via MyRec for a Fitness Center membership.

Hall/Track Walking

Looking for a free, simple way to keep moving this winter? Community members can walk the hallways and indoor track at Plymouth High School for free during designated times!

The following options are available on regular school days:

- Before school:**
• Track: 5:30-7am through March 6
After school:
• Track: 5-6pm through March 6
• Halls: 3-8pm (3-6pm Fridays) through May 21

No pre-registration is necessary and walking is free, but be sure to sign the roster located outside the Fitness Center each visit. Park in the visitor lot in front of the south end or in the student lot south of the building and enter Door 18 (Community Ed & Rec/District entrance).

Group fitness classes Fitness Launch

Join us for this FREE opportunity to sample fitness classes, try the latest Les Mills BodyPump release with new music & choreography, and meet class instructors. Bring a friend!

Details: Saturday Jan 3 at Plymouth High School

-8-8:30am: Les Mills BodyPump #135 in the Studio

-8:45-9:15am: Everyday Athlete in the Studio

-9:30-10am: Women's Weightlifting in the Fitness Center

Fee: Free, but pre-register and please bring deodorant or hair accessories like new headbands, scrunchies or hairbrushes for Panther 'Fits Closet

30-Minute Essential Fitness

Experience a dynamic blend of strength and conditioning designed to elevate your fitness level, whether you're just starting out or an advanced athlete. In 30 minutes, we combine bodyweight exercises

with diverse accessory equipment to tone your muscles, boost your metabolism, and enhance calorie burn throughout the day. This full-body workout leaves you feeling stronger and more energized!

Instructor: Julie
Details: 5:30-6am Thu Jan 8-Mar 26 in PHS Studio

Fee: \$33 (seniors \$26) through Jan 5, then \$43 (seniors \$36)

Beginner/High Beginner Line Dancing - NEW!

Have fun and increase heart rate with low impact line dancing!

Instructor: Mikki
Details: 9:15-10:15am Sat Feb 7-28 in the PHS Studio

Fee: \$32 (seniors \$25) through Feb 2, then \$42 (seniors \$35)

Core Conditioning

This 30-minute Pilates-inspired class will take you through core-strengthening exercises to enhance overall flexibility. Get strength training for your core, with varying abdominal and low-back exercises.

Instructor: Jessica
Details: 5:15-5:45pm Thu Jan 8-Mar 26 in the PHS Studio

Fee: \$33 (seniors \$26) through Jan 5, then \$43 (seniors \$36)

Cycle & Core

Enjoy an endless variety of intervals of high cardio bouts on the bike and core strength exercises off the bike to improve strength and endurance.

Instructor: Jessica
Details: 4:15-5pm Tue Jan 6-Mar 24 in the Riverview Fitness Center

Fee: \$50 (seniors \$40) through Jan 5, then \$60 (seniors \$50)

Empower: Women's Weightlifting

Join an empowering journey into strength training designed specifically for women. Whether you're new to lifting or looking to refine your technique, this class offers a small group and a supportive environment to build confidence and strength. Learn to use fixed-range-of-motion machines, cable machines, squat racks, and free weights. Embrace the benefits of weightlifting – improved metabo-

lism, increased bone density, and enhanced muscle tone – while fostering a sense of community with like-minded women.

Instructor: Caitlin, BS Kinesiology, CPT

Details: 6-7pm Tue & Thu Jan 6-Feb 26 in PHS Fitness Center

Fee: \$125 (seniors \$100) through Jan 5, then \$135 (seniors \$110); includes 2-month Fitness Center membership

Everyday Athlete - NEW!

This all-levels class blends functional mobility work with

strength-building exercises to help prepare your muscles and joints to move more efficiently and safely – in your workouts as well as in daily life.

Instructors: Josh of Reforge Fitness, CSCS, USAW, CPT; and Tom of Trailhead Sports and Recovery PT, DPT

Details: 6-6:45am Wed Jan 7-Mar 25 in the PHS Studio

Fee: \$56 (seniors \$44) through Jan 5, then \$66 (seniors \$54)

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Instructors: Carly, Emily, & Julie
Details: in the PHS Studio
• 5:30-6:30pm Mondays Jan 5-Mar 23
Fee \$74 (seniors \$59)
• 5:30-6:10am Fridays Jan 16-Mar 27
Fee \$42 (seniors \$33)
• 8-9am Saturdays Jan 10-Mar 21 (except Jan 31)
Fee \$62 (seniors \$49)
Les Mills BodyPump Heavy™ - NEW!

A tempo-based weightlifting that switches on your metabolic engine to build lean muscle like nothing else. Drawing on traditional

lifting techniques, each class challenges strength, builds lean muscle, and drives measurable performance gains. It's simple to do, and the slow tempo with lots of recovery periods allows for expert coaching, so you master form and technique. Driven by iconic music and group energy, it turns traditional weightlifting into a fun, social, and addictive experience!

Instructors: Emily or Julie
Details: 5:30-6:30pm Wed Jan 7-Mar 25 in the PHS Studio
Fee: \$74 (seniors \$59) through Jan 5, then \$84 (seniors \$69) OR take any 24 BodyPump classes: \$138 (seniors \$110) through Jan 5, then \$148 (seniors \$120)

SHINE

This dance fitness workout utilizes current hit music and choreography to help participants feel confident and strong. High-cardio exercise combines jazz, ballet, and hip hop moves with calisthenics in a HIIT format for a full-body workout. Come dance with us!

Instructor: Hailey
• 5:30-6:15pm Tue Jan 6-Mar 24 in the PHS Studio
Fee \$55 (seniors \$44) through Jan 5, then \$65 (seniors \$54)
• 6:00-6:45pm Thu Feb 19-Mar 26 in the PHS Studio
Fee \$28 (seniors \$22) through Feb 9, then \$38 (seniors \$32)
• Fee for all 18 classes: \$77 (seniors \$61) through Jan 5, then \$87 (seniors \$71)

Total Body Training

Increase heart rate with low-to medium-impact intervals using weights, bosu balls, resistance bands, and stability balls, while strengthening the muscles of the core.

Instructor: Josette
Details: 4:30-5:30pm Mon & Wed Jan 5-Mar 25 in the Horizon Gym

Fee: \$103 (seniors \$82) through Jan 5 then \$113 (seniors \$92) OR any 12 classes for \$55 (seniors \$44) through Jan 5, then \$65 (seniors \$54)

Gentle Yoga

This class focuses on calming the mind and body. Slowly and mindfully move through poses, emphasizing breath and alignment, while building core muscle and relieving stress. Appropriate for all levels.

Instructor: Kim
Details: 4:15-5pm Thu Jan 8-Mar 26 (except Feb 19 & 26) in the Horizon Gym

Fee: \$63 (seniors \$50) through Jan 5, then \$73 (seniors \$60)

Vinyasa Yoga

This all-levels yoga class focuses on breath and movement. Challenge your body by toning muscle and building core strength through a sequence of poses. Some yoga experience is recommended, although modifications will be suggested.

Instructor: Kim
Details: 4:15-5pm Tue Jan 6-Mar 24 (except Feb 24) in the Horizon Gym

Fee: \$69 (seniors \$55) through Jan 5, then \$79 (seniors \$65)

Sunrise Yoga

Sunrise yoga gently awakens the body with smooth and energizing movements. This uplifting morning practice builds warmth, clarity, and grounding to set a positive tone for the day ahead.

Instructor: Tanya
Details: 5:30-6:15am Tue Jan 6-Feb 10 in the PHS Studio
Fee: \$25 (seniors \$20) through Jan 5, then \$35 (seniors \$30)

Yoga Nidra

A guided meditation practice that takes you into a state between wakefulness and sleep. Yoga Nidra is practiced lying down, allowing the body to fully relax while the

mind remains conscious and aware.

Instructor: Megan
Details: 6:40-7:40pm Wed Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 25 in the PHS Studio

Fee: \$18 (seniors \$14) through Jan 5, then \$28 (seniors \$24)

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Details: 9:30-10:15am Tue & Thu Jan 6-Feb 19

Fee: \$33 (seniors* \$26) through Jan 5, then \$43 (\$36)

Deep Water

This motivational class uses water resistance for a great workout. You must be comfortable in deep water. You can use noodles or cuffs.

Instructor: Beth
Details: 6-6:45pm Mon & Wed Jan 5-Mar 25

Fee: \$87 (seniors \$69) through Jan 5, then \$97 (\$79)

Water Walking

This self-paced, self-directed class in shallow water is perfect for those with limited mobility. Just walk at your own pace! Held at the same time as Deep Water, so help is nearby.

Details: 6-6:45pm Mon & Wed Jan 5-Mar 25

Fee: \$57 (seniors \$45) through Jan 5, then \$67 (\$55)

Lap Swim

Get regular exercise swimming laps in the Plymouth High School Pool!

• 7-8pm Mon & Wed Jan 5-Mar 20 (except Mar 30, Apr 1); fee \$76 (seniors \$60) through Jan 5, then \$86 (seniors \$70)

• 7:30-8:30am Sat Jan 17-Apr 25 (except Apr 4); fee \$32 (seniors \$25) through Jan 12, then \$42 (seniors \$35)

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Hear's to a New Year: Ring in Better Hearing!

By: Joelle Steffen

The New Year is upon us, and with it comes the usual chorus of resolutions. Whether it's eating kale (again), hitting the gym (for real this time), or finally reading that book everyone's talking about, the New Year offers a clean slate to better ourselves. But for those with hearing loss, here's a sound piece of advice: make this the year you prioritize your ears.

Sound Resolutions for 2026

Let's face it, life is better when it's heard clearly. Whether it's catching every note of your favorite song, catching every joyful noise of your grandchildren, or simply enjoying the satisfying crunch of snow beneath your boots, better hearing amplifies life's joys. If you've been putting off dealing with hearing loss, let's turn that resolution into reality—no more "I'll hear you later" excuses!

Don't Tune Out—Turn It Up

The first step to better hearing is simple: acknowledge the problem. Whether it's muffled conversations, needing to ask people to repeat themselves, or turning up the TV until the neighbors complain, these signs shouldn't fall on deaf ears. Denial might feel like the easy way out, but ignoring hearing loss only cranks up the volume on bigger challenges down the road, like social isolation or missing important moments.

Sound Investments for Your Future

Once you've resolved to tackle hearing loss, it's time to explore your options. A visit to **Welsch Hearing Aid Co.** is a great way to get a clear idea of what your hearing loss looks like. From there, you'll find a range of solutions, from sleek hearing aids to captioned phones. And before you ask, today's hearing aids aren't your grandpa's clunky contraptions; they're stylish, discreet, and so advanced they'd make James Bond jealous.

Don't Let Hearing Loss Cause Confusion

Better hearing doesn't just help you catch the punchline of a joke; it also strengthens connections. Studies show that untreated hearing loss can impact relationships, leading to misunderstandings and frustration. But by addressing it, you'll be dialing up the volume on laughter, love, and connection with those who matter most. That's the kind of harmony we should all strive for in the New Year.

Tuning Into Your Wellness

Hearing health is part of your overall well-being. Research has linked untreated hearing loss to dementia, balance issues, and even depression. By taking care of your ears, you're tuning up your brain, boosting your mental health, and improving your quality of life. Think of it as a resolution with surround-sound benefits.

A Clearer Future Starts Now

If better hearing isn't already on your resolution list, consider adding it—it's music to your ears and your life. Take the first step by calling **Welsch Hearing Aid Co.** at 920-452-0213 and scheduling your hearing evaluation today!



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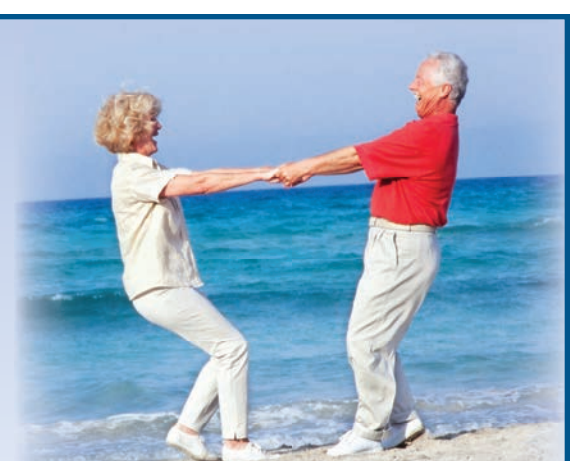
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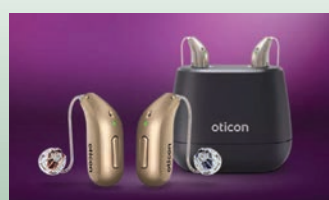


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EXERCISE from 24

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Wellness & nutrition classes
Happy Healthy Hearts - NEW!

Improve your heart health while reducing the risk of stroke or heart attack with evidence-based medical information, practical lifestyle strategies, and interactive cooking & learning activities. Be empowered to understand risks, adopt healthier habits, and recognize warning signs early.

Instructor: Kate Pearce, RN, Nutrition Specialist, Wellness Coach

Details: 6-8:15pm Thursday February 5 in PHS Room C105

Fee: \$54 through January 26, then \$64

Sourdough Bread Baking 101

Learn the skills of baking sourdough bread in this hands-on class. You will be guided through a beginner-friendly recipe covering the basics of a true sourdough starter through mixing and proofing, plus shaping and scoring techniques. You will leave with bread dough in progress and a sourdough starter.

Instructor: Amanda Strojinc of Hopefully Homesteading

Details: 5:30-8pm Tuesday March 3 in PHS Room C105

Fee: \$46 through February 23, then \$56

Medicine of the Grandmothers: Stocks & Broths

Our grandmothers knew the healing benefit of incorporating long-cooked stocks and broths into their daily lives. This nourishing make-and-take hands-on workshop is filled with information about the benefits of healing stocks. It will offer participants inspiration for maximizing the nutritional value and flavor of homemade stocks and broths, as we include vegetables, mushrooms, beef, and chicken bones as well as herbs in our broths. Includes recipes, samples, and the base ingredients to make your own stock/broth at home.

Instructor: Linda Conroy of Moonwise Herbs

Details: 6-8:30pm Tuesday March 10 in PHS Room C105

Fee: \$58 through March 2, then \$68

Introduction to Herbal Medicine

Dive into the healing power of nature in this introductory course on botanical medicine, learning the medicinal properties of a variety of herbs and how to best prepare them. Make infusions, teas, tinctures, and a simple oxymel syrup in this hands-on class.

Instructor: Linda Conroy of Moonwise Herbs

Details: 6-8:30pm Wednesday March 11 in C105

Fee: \$58 through March 2, then \$68

Introduction to Fresh Pasta - NEW!

This hands-on workshop focuses on crafting fresh pasta at home. You'll learn the time-honored techniques of mixing, kneading, rolling, and shaping fresh pasta from scratch - no fancy machines required. We will work through two simple pasta recipes from start to finish, create a simple tomato sauce, and share a meal together of our fresh pasta.

Instructor: Amanda Strojinc of Hopefully Homesteading

Details: 5-8pm Tuesday March 17 in PHS Room C105

Fee: \$39 through March 9, then \$49

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Howards Grove Chiropractic: providing high quality care for patients and the community

For over 30 years, Howards Grove Chiropractic has provided high-quality, innovative chiropractic care for patients of all ages, offering services like dry needling, rehab, laser therapy, orthotics, physiotherapy, and nutritional consultations. Led by Dr. Wendy Varish, Dr. George Varish, and Dr. Zachary Brocker, the clinic is actively involved in both local and professional communities. Now, the practice is expanding with the addition of two new local doctors: Dr. Makayla Kulow and Dr. Nicholas Broder.

Dr. Makayla Kulow, DC, BS attended the University of Wisconsin - Stout where she obtained a B.S. in Applied Science with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Science. She then went on to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa to achieve a Doctorate Degree in Chiropractic. She succeeded in chiropractic school graduating with Summa Cum Laude Honors and Salutatorian of her class. During her time on campus, she was a tutor for the Anatomy Cadaver Lab, and she participated in technique clubs, including Gonstead and Motion Palpatation.

Dr. Kulow's primary interest is caring for the entire family spanning multiple generations, with a special interest

in pediatrics. Dr. Makayla is a member of the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association and is certified in the Webster Technique which is a specialized chiropractic technique primarily used during pregnancy, but it can be used on anyone with pelvic dysfunction! This technique is designed to balance the mother's pelvis into an optimal position to reduce discomfort and improve pelvic function. Additionally, Dr. Makayla is certified in Dry Needling and Nutritional Counseling.

In order to provide optimal individualized treatment for her patients, Dr. Makayla Kulow utilizes a variety of techniques including pediatric, Diversified, Thompson, Gonstead, and Activator Techniques. At Howards Grove Chiropractic, we have the ability to include the use of passive and active care modalities such as Class IV Laser, red and NIR light therapy, ultrasound, interferential current, therapeutic exercises, orthotics, and Protec Spine Floating Manipulation Therapy unit. Dr. Makayla is very familiar with each of these adjunctive modalities thanks to her many years working at Howards Grove Chiropractic as Chiropractic Technician prior to attending graduate school.

When she is not in the office, Dr. Makayla volunteers at Camo Quilt Project of Plymouth, WI on Tuesdays. She has been an active member of Camo Quilt Project since the age of 12 by attending every chance she had during her school breaks. Camo Quilt Project consists of a group of men and women who create military quilts for soldiers being deployed and lap quilts for veterans in our local nursing homes. Besides sewing, Dr. Makayla enjoys kayaking, going to dirt track races, reading, and crocheting. As a Howards Grove alum, Dr. Makayla Kulow is excited to re-join the welcoming and supportive environment of Howards Grove Chiropractic – this time as a provider of exceptional care for patients of all ages.

Dr. Nicholas Broder, DC, BS, attended Lakeland University in Plymouth, Wisconsin, where he earned over 90 credits towards a Bachelors of Science degree in Exercise Science and Kinesiology. During the curriculum, he was a college athlete, playing football for the university. He used his time during undergraduate study doing research on topics related to; ground reaction forces (GRF) and their effects on osteoporosis, as well as quadriceps-to-hamstring

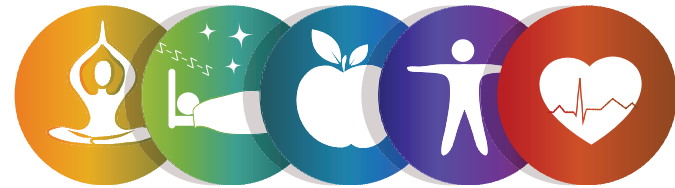
ratios in female athletes with the proclivity for ACL rupture. He then transferred to Palmer College of Chiropractic early to finish earning his Bachelors degree while simultaneously earning his Doctorate of Chiropractic degree. During his time at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Dr. Broder hosted lecture sessions in which he tutored neurophysiology. He gained additional experience adjusting patients of all ages in Palmer College's clinic system and dove into elective course work related to Advanced Soft Tissue Approaches. Dr. Broder recently graduated Magna Cum Laude in June of 2025 from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Dr. Broder has over 5 years of experience using passive care and active care modalities as a previously licensed Chiropractic Technician (CT). He displays special interests in sports injuries, athlete well-being, as well as family care. Dr. Broder will provide a well-balanced approach using the Palmer Package, Protec Spine Floating Manipulation Therapy

unit, exercise intervention and instrument assisted soft tissue mobilization (IASTM). Dr. Nick is also certified in Dry Needling and has advanced training in rehab techniques, especially for athletes of all ages and abilities.

Outside of the office, Dr. Nick enjoys snowboarding, weightlifting, researching and spending time in nature. As a native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Dr. Broder is very familiar with all that the area has to offer and knows the population well. He is often spending time with his friends and family, whom also call Sheboygan County home. Dr. Broder is ready and eager to help serve the community that provided him the opportunities he has to this day.

No matter your age, condition, or goals, all of the doctors at Howards Grove Chiropractic are committed to creating personalized treatment plans to help you achieve lasting pain relief and optimal wellness. Call (920) 565-3922 today to start your journey to better health!



Transform your body & mind



Community Fitness Center

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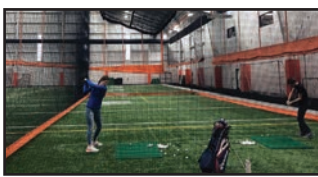
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Rec options

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Just enter Door 18 & sign the roster on the table outside the Fitness Center each time. Halls open 3-8pm Monday-Thursday & 3-6pm Friday. Track open 5:30-7am weekdays & 5-6pm Wednesdays.



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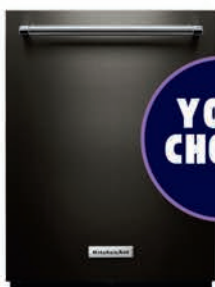
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