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Third generation takes the helm at The Beacon

Ian Johanson, former Associate Publisher along with his wife Attorney Christa Johanson, purchased Wisconsin Newspress Inc., from former Publishers Barry and Christie Johanson, Ian's parents, effective Jan. 1, 2026.

The family-owned business publishes The Review, The Sheboygan Falls News, The Sheboygan Beacon, The Xtra, and The Plymouth Review Current. Ian, 55, will assume the title of publisher while maintaining his responsibilities as managing editor of the papers.

Robert Johanson, Barry's father, purchased The Review in 1963, and ran the paper with his wife Margaret until 1985. Barry started working for the paper in 1969 and soon after his wife Christie joined them. Subsequently, Barry and Christie purchased and operated the business from 1985 through 2025. This was the only time in the newspaper's history that ownership passed to a second family generation. Ian and Christa now bring a third generation's experience to the 130-year-old newspaper.

Established in 1895, The Review is Plymouth's oldest continuously operating business, and the legal newspaper of record for Sheboygan County and many of the county's school districts, cities, villages and townships.

"Christa and I are enthusiastic and proud to continue the Johanson family's stewardship of our community's newspapers," Ian said. "While someone has to have financial and legal responsibility for a newspaper, I hope people in some sense think of their local newspaper as belonging to them."

"It is, after all, your government, your schools, your work, your play, your businesses and your organizations that we report on," Ian continued, "and it is only with the community's appreciation, involvement, and support that these community papers continue not just to survive, but thrive."

"The cities, villages and towns of Sheboygan County continue to grow in strength and vibrancy, and we are grateful for the opportunity and challenge for these papers to reflect that in ev-



IAN AND CHRISTA JOHANSON purchased Wisconsin Newspress Inc. Jan. 1 from Ian's parents Barry and Christie Johanson. The company publishes The Review, The Sheboygan Falls News, The Sheboygan Beacon, The Xtra and the Plymouth Review Current. The couple are the third Johanson family generation to lead the papers. –Beacon photo by Laurie Suhre

ery issue," Ian said.

Ian has been involved with every aspect of the business since starting full time in 1997, initially as data analyst. He oversaw the installation of the paper's

full-color press unit in 2000, eventually learning to operate the 6-unit press line when filling in as pressman. Over the years, the company printed numerous small newspapers for other pub-

lishers, including ones for Russian, Spanish, Welsh, Mohican and county school readers.

Ian also oversaw the ending of printing operations at the paper's facility at 113 E. Mill St. Plymouth in 2017. The papers are now printed on state-of-the-art presses in Janesville, WI by Adams Multimedia.

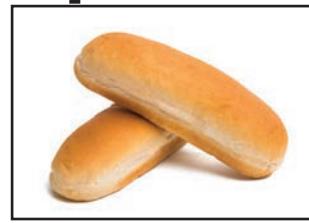
Ian adopted the role of managing editor in 2018, overseeing the full and part-time reporting staff as well as writing for the paper, specializing in crime and legal reporting.

Ian is a graduate of UW-Madison with a B.A. in philosophy and will continue to oversee the day-to-day operations of Wisconsin Newspress Inc. Christa has a B.S. from UW-Milwaukee in Health Sciences, and an MBA and J.D. from The Ohio State University. She will continue her law practice in Sheboygan while also serving in a supporting role as co-owner of the business with Ian. Barry and Christa will continue to provide their insights and perspectives gained from 56 years of commitment to community journalism.

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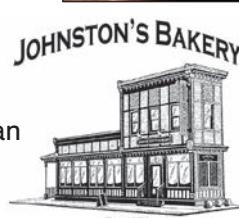


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As Sheboygan County records one of the highest increases in homelessness in the state, the Warming Center helps with critical needs

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Plymouth Rotary

Plymouth Rotary welcomed Lyric Glynn from the Sheboygan County Warming Center and Community Cafe to their December 10th meeting. She presented an informative talk about the Center which is summarized below.

The Sheboygan County

Warming Center is a low-barrier emergency shelter for adults experiencing homelessness. The shelter operates seasonally from November through April, with closing dates dependent on weather conditions. Intake begins nightly at 6:30 PM, and guests depart by 7:00 AM each morning. During their stay, guests receive a warm, safe place to sleep, a hot meal, and support-



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ive staff assistance. Currently, the Warming Center serves an average of 60 individuals each night, reflecting the growing need for emergency shelter in Sheboygan County.

In 2025, the Warming Center assumed operation of the Herb Kohler and Natalie Black Community Cafe, previously run by the Sheboygan County Food Bank. Now in its third year, the Cafe provides a free community meal Monday through Saturday, year-round, and is open to anyone in the community. The Community Cafe is currently serving an average of 80-90 people daily for lunch. While it is frequently used by individuals experiencing

Gaming center offers virtual reality and racing simulator fun for the whole family

by **Ben Yang**
for The Beacon

If you're looking for a family-friendly escape from this cold, snowy winter, look no further. PowerPlay Arena is Sheboygan's latest hub for gaming and entertainment, including virtual reality (VR) gaming that can transport you to different realms.

"My goal is to create a space where you can come in, have fun, and let loose. Where parents can be a kid again and where kids can have fun with their parents at the

same time," said Olufemi Tomori, owner of PowerPlay Arena. "It's not really limited to a certain age group, it's for everybody."

PowerPlay Arena offers a variety of different VR games including shooting games, sports, horror, kids games, escape rooms, and experiences like deep sea diving and aerospace flight.

The Arena allows for solo playing, but groups can also play alongside each other as well.

"We can put everyone in the same virtual space. Everybody can play together and you will

be able to see each other in the other world," said Tomori. "[The headsets] are all wireless. It's free movement so you're not limited, as long as you stay within the boundaries. You don't have to worry about wires or anything like that. When I was putting this together, I wanted people to have that premium experience."

Tomori, originally from Nigeria, moved to Sheboygan five years ago after residing in Mil-

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PowerPlay Arena offers two racing simulators that take gamers behind the wheel of an F1 racecar driver. The simulators are equipped with haptic feedback, making gamers feel every bump, brake, and hit on the racetrack. - Beacon photo by Ben Yang

Sheboygan native appears on TV game show

by **Dave Boehler**
for The Beacon

There's keeping secrets, and then there's keeping secrets for a year and a half after being a contestant on a TV game show.

"It was really hard because of the fact that it's such a great experience to talk about," said 2023 Sheboygan North graduate Jonah Weinfurter. "So I had to keep it very quiet until a couple days before it aired, which I made an announcement to all my friends and family."

Weinfurter, who lives on Fond du Lac, appeared on an episode of *Name That Tune* on Jan. 5 - that was taped a year and a half ago.

"I only told (the results) to my family, like my mom and my dad, and their significant

others," he said. "That was it. So I told four people in total."

Weinfurter did not win, but it was well worth the experience.

It all started in early 2024, when he and his father watched the weekly show on television.

Weinfurter was naming tunes faster than the contestants, and his dad suggested he should try to be one of them.

Later that night, Weinfurter applied.

In April of '24, Weinfurter was interviewed via Zoom to see if he was show-worthy.

He advanced for two more interviews, which were actually mock rounds of the game show.

"I won by a landslide,"

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Jonah Weinfurter appears on the TV show *Name That Tune* on Jan. 5. - Submitted photo

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First babies of 2026 announced at county hospitals



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HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital is pleased to introduce the first baby born in 2026. Declan was born at 4 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2026, weighing 8 lbs., 13 oz. and measuring 21.5 in. long. She and her parents are from Sheboygan.

Declan and her mom are healthy and recovering well!

HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital wishes Declan, her parents, their loved ones, and all in the community a happy and healthy new year.



Submitted photo

Aurora Health Care is excited to welcome the first babies of 2026, including at Aurora Medical Center – Sheboygan County. Anne and Jacob welcome the newest addition to their family, Alice. Alice was born at 5:53 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2026, weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz. and measuring 20 in. long.

“On New Year’s Day, we feel an extra burst of excitement as we join in welcoming the very first babies of the year,” said Dr. Frank Belmonte, senior vice president, Women and Children’s service line at Advocate Health, of which Aurora Health Care is a part.

Maywood Park to host Trivia Night

SHEBOYGAN – Maywood Environmental Park will host its annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday, February 7. The event features ten rounds of general knowledge trivia.

Team of up to eight players are invited to register for the event. Proceeds help support the programs held at the park as well as park improvement projects.

The trivia play begins at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Teams are welcome to bring their own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy during the event. Maywood will provide popcorn and hot chocolate.

The cost to participate is \$80 per team of eight. Advanced registration is required.

Additional information about the event can be found at <https://gomaywood.org/trivia-night-february-7-2026/> or by calling Maywood at (920) 459-3906.

News Briefs

Sheboygan mayor to speak at county chamber

Sheboygan Mayor Ryan Sonnen has been confirmed to be one of the speakers at the Sheboygan County Chamber 2026 Economic Outlook Breakfast & Annual Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15.

The event will take place at Pine Hills Country Club at 7:30 a.m., where leaders will share what's to come for 2026 and important updates on relevant developments throughout Sheboygan

County.

Other confirmed speakers include leaders from Sheboygan Falls, Plymouth, and Howards Grove. Registration for the event is available online at sheboygan.org.

Rotary Making Spirits Bright meets collection goal

The spirit of giving was evident throughout Sheboygan County as the Rotary Making Spirits Bright organization shared that they met their food collection goal. In a

Facebook post, the group stated they collected 132,979 pounds of food for the Sheboygan County Food Bank during their Making Spirits Bright light show at Evergreen Park in Sheboygan. In the post, the group expressed their gratitude to volunteers, donors, sponsors, and the community that made this achievement possible.

Christmas tree pickup continues through January

The City of Sheboygan Department of Public Works is reminding community members that Christmas tree pickup will continue until the end of January.

What you need to know:

- Trees are collected on your regular garbage day
- No alley Pickups - curbside only
- Remove all ornaments, lights, and decorations
- Do not place trees in plastic bags
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You can also drop your tree off at the Recycling Center located at 2026 New Jersey Ave. Trees will be recycled into wood chips that will be available and free to the public.

Nine-O-Two to host episode premiere event

Nine-O-Two on the Avenue will be hosting a watch party on Tuesday, January 13 for the restaurant's feature episode on America's Best Restaurants, a YouTube roadshow that highlights restaurants from across the nation.

The episode will premiere at 1 p.m. CT, but the event will be happening all day long.

In a Facebook post shared by the restaurant, happy hour will be celebrated all day during the event, along with free champagne and half-price mac n' cheese.

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South grad wins title

■ **McKenzie, UW-River Falls get first national crown**

Playing in his last football game, South graduate and UW-River Falls senior Connor McKenzie helped the Falcons win their first Division III National Championship.

“It’s a very storybook ending,” the senior defensive lineman said.

McKenzie finished with three tackles for UW-River Falls, which knocked off defending champ North Central 24-14 in the Stagg Bowl on Jan. 4 in Canton, Ohio.

The Falcons trailed by 11 points midway through the second quarter but scored the next three touchdowns en route to halting North Central’s 29-game winning streak.

“I made so many memories,” McKenzie said. “Those were really impactful times. ... The hugs and the high fives, and just everybody talking after the game. It was just very heartfelt, and I will cherish those type of memories forever.

“It was a lot of hard work and a lot of long nights of workouts that finally paid off. So after the game, it was just very surreal standing around some teammates and finally getting some recognition; people can actually talk about us now. We’re not just hearsay and it’s not just in our heads now. It’s finally a true thing.”

McKenzie made second-team all-Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Conference after finishing with a total of 40 tackles, three sacks and one forced fumble, helping the Falcons end with a 14-1 record.

But did he really think UWRF had this kind of potential when he signed with the program?

“I mean, I always felt like, especially with the guys that I was coming in with, that we had the chance to do something,” McKenzie said. “But when I first committed here, we were coming off a 2-8 season. We hadn’t had a winning season, hadn’t been close to a WIAC Championship for over a decade. So after all the hard work and stuff that was put in, I believed that this team was able to do it.

“But nowhere from where we are now? I didn’t think we would come this far.”



Connor McKenzie is a senior on the UW-River Falls football team. - by Zvarg Photo



South grad and UW-River Falls senior Connor McKenzie is a Division III National Champion. - Submitted photo

Boxing event to honor Kirchner

■ “Classic” will be held Jan. 31

The first Barbara Kirchner Classic presented by Midwest Boxing Champions will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at Lakeland University.

Kirchner, an attorney who graduated from North, was 58 when she passed away in June.

She sponsored the Midwest Boxing Association and provided it a boxing ring, which is one of the reasons Michael Thomas organized the event in her name.

“Barbara was my first sponsor that I ever had and biggest supporter of my gym,” he said. “So when she passed away, I wanted to put on something to honor her memory. This event is actually happening on her birthday.”

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling (920) 287-9768.

Thomas, who runs Midwest Boxing Champions in Sheboygan, says the goal is to have 20 matches and there will be athletes from all over the midwest.

“Barbara was monumental in my life,” he said. “When I was a kid, I got into some trouble, and I hired her as a lawyer.

She helped me get a felony expunged off my record, which basically changed my life. And years later, when I started my boxing gym, she was the first to step up and be a great supporter.

“When I held my first sanctioned event, she sponsored championship belts that we could give away. ... This time, I want to be able to give belts in honor of her ... because she was a giant. Not just as a great lawyer, but she was a great supporter of professional wrestling and boxing in Sheboygan.”

Hackborth scores 1,000th

Brennen Hackborth became the 12th boys basketball player at Lutheran to score 1,000 points.

The senior did it last Tuesday in an 86-66 victory over Living Word Lutheran. He shot 12 of 16 from the floor for 28 points to go with eight rebounds.

Hackborth ranks 11th on the Crusaders’ all-time scoring list with 1,018 points (as of last week). James Leibham (1,051) is 10th.



Brennen Hackborth holds a sign commemorating his 1,000th point on Tuesday. - Submitted photo

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Mauk walks around world

■ **Seventy-year-old surpasses more miles than circumference of earth**

Allen Mauk definitely found something to do after retiring from a 38-year career at Sheboygan's Georgia-Pacific: walking.

And more walking.

So much walking, it's surprising he doesn't do it from his home in Elkhart Lake to the various restaurants he still meets former co-workers at once a month.

When Mauk's insurance offered \$10 a month for walking a certain amount of steps, he did. And when a complete stranger later suggested he surpass the circumference of the earth (24,901 miles) he did that, too, recently reaching the milestone - less than two weeks before his 70th birthday.

"A lot of people told me I was crazy for walking 18 miles a day," he said.

Mauk's excursion began in 2020, when he learned he could get paid for walking 5,000 steps a day.

Mauk walks in his neighborhood everyday, including holidays, and will even walk in his basement to get his miles in if it's too cold outside.

A few years ago, Mauk was doing his routine when Grace Hameister's dogs approached him in her front yard.

The two of them got to chatting, and Mauk explained to Hameister why he's walking past her house every day.

"At that time, I was only walking maybe 10 miles, and she encouraged me to walk more to get the circumference of the earth miles in," he said. "When she said that, this was now a goal. I wanted to do this no matter what it took."

The two kept in touch whenever they crossed paths, and up-

Dave Boehler

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A sign was made by Grace Hameister to keep track of the miles walked by Elkhart Lake's Allen Mauk.

- Submitted photos

dates on Mauk's mileage became more and more regular the closer he got to finally 'walking around the world.'

Hameister even made a sign on her lawn that kept track of Mauk's distance so he could update it each time he passed by.

Mauk accomplished his goal in September, and it wasn't until that morning he learned what Hameister had in store.

"She can see when I go through in the morning, and says she'd appreciate it if I could do



Mauk often walks past one of Hameister's dogs.



It was Hameister's idea for Mauk to keep walking until he surpasses the circumference of the earth.

my afternoon walk a little later today; be here at 6:00 because we're going to have a little celebration for you," Mauk said. "She had a big celebration at her house for me. An Elkhart cop shook my hand and congratulated me on it. And quite a few people from the village came to her house, and they had balloons and stuff there to celebrate my walking the circumference of the earth.

"It gave me a really good feeling, that people acknowledge when you're heading for a goal

and you hit it. It gives you a really good feeling that a perfect stranger like that - although I walk by her house sometimes three times a day - lets her dogs out so I can pet them."

Mauk has learned, however, that not all dogs are as friendly.

He's been bit twice, including once on his left arm that sent him to the emergency room about 15 months ago.

"I was bleeding pretty good," Mauk said.

Nevertheless, there Mauk was

over the holidays, adding to his total of over 26,000 miles walked in the last 5 years, 3 months and some odd days.

Surprisingly, he goes through a pair of Skechers Hands Free Slip-In shoes only every six months.

Though doctor's checkups probably aren't as frequent, especially since Mauk's told him to "back off" two months ago because he's going to wear out his joints.

"I didn't back down. I still walk the same," he said.

Participation in - and cost of - youth sports rises, again

Families in the United States spent an average of \$1,016 per child on their main sport in 2024, and youth sports costs have soared by 46% in the last five years, according to the annual report by Project Play.

The youth sports initiative by the Aspen Institute also found that parents now spend more than \$40 billion annually on their children's activities, an amount that exceeds the total revenue of the NFL.

Hockey is the most expensive, with an average annual cost per

child at \$2,583.

Track and field is the most affordable at \$191.

Where's the state rate?

The report also found that 62.1% of those aged 6-17 in Wisconsin played on a team or took lessons in 2023, and that ranks 17th in the country.

Vermont (72%) is first and Nevada (43.3) is last.

When narrowed down to female sports, Wisconsin was fifth in the nation at 62.6%.

Football numbers

Flag football was the only team sport tracked that experienced growth in regular participation among kids ages 6-17 from 2019-24 (tennis and golf increased as individual sports).

Baseball was down 19%.

Tackle football? Down 7%.

Soccer and basketball fell about 2.5%.

But flag football was up 14%.

For those kids 6-12, 4% played flag football in 2024 compared to 2.7% who played tackle.

However, those 13-17 competed on tackle teams at a 6.4% clip compared to 2.8% for flag.

And the number of high school 11-man tackle participants increased in three of the past four years – a trend not seen since the mid-2000s.

Tackle football is not the only sport impacted by flag.

In 2012, soccer participation exceeded flag participation among kids ages 6-12 by 6.4%.

By 2024, soccer's advantage was down to 3.5%.

Don't forget volleyball

Among boys, volleyball participation is growing faster than any other high school sport, with a 13% increase in 2024-25.

Boys roster numbers increased by 51% over a six-year period, and volleyball is nearing the top 10 of the most-played high school sports by boys, trailing No. 10 swimming and diving by 23,000 roster spots.

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Plymouth track releases race schedule

The Plymouth Dirt Track is hosting a new event this summer: Independence 30.

It will be held Thursday, July 2, featuring late models racing for a first-place check of \$3,000.

Also on the event card are the MSA Sprints, Wisconsin wing-LESS Sprints, A mods, and Street Stocks.

The 2026 schedule includes 20 nights of racing, starting with the season opener featuring the Midwest Legends Dirt Series on Saturday, April 25, and concluding with the annual Wisconsin Sprint Car championships on Saturday, September 26, featuring the Bumper to Bumper IRA Sprints 410 Sprint Cars, PDTR/MSA Sprints 360 Sprint Cars, Wisconsin WingLESS Sprint Series and IRA Lightning Sprints.

In addition to the PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals and B Mods, the Super Six Late Model Series is set for seven events (May 2, May 9, June 27, July 11, July 18, August 8, August 22).

The Dairyland Classic Motorcycle Race is set for May 29, and the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series event with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars is the following weekend.



Ho, Ho, hockey
The Sirens, a 10-and-under hockey team with girls from Sheboygan County, had a special practice over the holidays at the Lakers Ice Center thanks to Santa Claus (coach Greg Peckels) and his elf (assistant Miranda Vogtman). - Photo by Rachel Wiegand

Lutheran's Walz gives tip on when to take tree down

Lutheran fourth-year point guard Megan Walz, who plans on studying speech pathology at Bethel University in Minnesota in the fall, is up next for another installment of 20 Questions:

Q: When is the right time to take down the Christmas tree/decorations?

A: After New Year's day because it gives you time to enjoy Christmas til the end of December.

Q: What was the highlight of your Christmas or New Year celebration?

A: Having school off for two weeks. I got to spend time with my friends and family without having to worry about homework.

Q: What is a secret talent you have?

A: I can say the alphabet backwards. I learned it in a choir warmup when we had to sing it backwards.

Q: Favorite teacher of all-time?

A: Thee Mr. Jurss (Geography and Christian Leadership). His teaching style sticks with students and he also interacts with them getting to know them better and building a good relationship with everyone.

Q: What scares you the most?

A: Spiders, because the way they have so many legs and can move so fast, creeps me out.

Q: What's the one item you can't live without?

A: My phone because I love taking pictures and it has a GPS because I get lost easily.

Q: You won the lottery; what's the first thing you buy?

A: A new car so I have all the safety features.

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

A: Tripping at half court on my own feet.

Q: Do you prefer warm or cold weather?

A: Warm weather because there's a lot more activities to do outside.

Q: What last made you laugh until you cried?

A: An inside joke with my best friend.

Q: What's your favorite joke?

A: What does a DJ name their son? ERRRIC.

Q: What's the most random fact you know?

A: Butterflies taste with their feet.

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

A: Outer Banks because it's

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WALZ

a good summer show. It also has a lot of good plot twists.

Q: Favorite movie?

A: Tangled because you can never go wrong with a Disney movie.

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

A: If Only from Descendants. It's such a good song to scream in the car with people who know Disney.

Q: What is the best restaurant in the area?

A: Olive Garden because the pasta and salad are so good, and I always can count

on taking home leftovers.

Q: You can have dinner there with any three people, who are they?

A: Caitlin Clark and Paige Bueckers because they are the two GOATS of basketball. My third person would be Alex Warren because he's my favorite artist.

Q: What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?

A: Lamb. I didn't like it at all. The texture is so bad.

Q: What period would you travel to if you were given a time machine?

A: The 70's because I would want to experience Disco, being without your phone and advanced technology.

Q: What was your favorite toy when you were a child?

A: Barbies. I liked playing house with them and my American Girl Dolls.



Megan Walz (right) answers 20 questions. - Photo by Ally Morelle

Former Muskie Schweitzer hired at Ripon

Lakeland University graduate Madison Schweitzer has been named volleyball coach at Ripon College.

She competed for the Muskies as a setter before serving as an assistant coach for the program.

While at Lakeland, Schweitzer was named the 2019 Most Outstanding Student Success and Engagement Advocate while helping the Muskies win the Northern Athletic Collegiate Conference title that same year.

Schweitzer comes to the Red Hawks after serving as head coach for Kenyon College, where she led the Owls to a North Coast Athletic tournament berth.



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Kohler Foundation announces 2025 Gingerbread Festival winners

KOHLER – Exciting news from the 29th Annual Gingerbread Festival! The Kohler Foundation has tallied the votes, revealing the winners of this year's festival. 49 entries were viewed and voted on by more than 4,000 visitors to the Waelderhaus. Securing the title of the festival's highest vote-getter is "Two by Two" inspired by Noah's Ark and created by Suzette Schermacher's 3K class from St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Plymouth.

Prizes, based on tallied votes, have been awarded in seven categories.

The first-place winners in each category were awarded \$500. They include:

Pre-school: St. John the Baptist Catholic School "Two by Two"

Grades K-2: Lake Country Academy "Snowmen at Night Play Reindeer Games"

Grades 3-5: Sheboygan Christian School "Evergreen Lodge"

Grades 6-8: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth "Candyland"

Grades 9-12: Cedar Grove-Belgium High School "Elsa's Ice Castle"

Community Groups: Comfort Dogs "Biscuit Bay Re-



"Two by Two" by the preschool class from St. John the Baptist Catholic School. - Submitted photos

tirement Island for Service Dogs"

Open: Lindstrom Family "The Frozen Tundra in Frosting"

Second-place winners earned a \$250 cash prize. They include:

Pre-school: John Michael Kohler Arts Center Preschool "Sweet Dreams"

Grades K-2: Girl Scout Troop 9662 "Daisy Garden Cottage"

Grades 3-5: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth "Riot at the Colosseum"

Grades 6-8: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth "Circus"

Grades 9-12: AFS Intercultural Exchange Sheboygan "Cultures of the World Holiday Train"

Community Groups: RCS Empowers "Dairy Queen Winter Wonderland"

Open: Watershed Hotel "Peppermint Point Light-house"

Third-place honorees and recipients of a \$100 award are:

Grades K-2: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth – 1st Grade "Winter Wonderland"

Grades 3-5: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth - 4th Grade "Donut Lake Hideaway"

Grades 6-8: St. John Lutheran School Plymouth "Snow Hill"

Grades 9-12: Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School "Lambeau Field"

Community Groups: Willing Workers 4H Club "Christmas Tree Farm"

Open: AFS Cultural Exchange Plymouth & Elkhart Lake "Santa Delivers Around the World"

Award winners that are not already associated with a school or a non-profit are able to choose a 501c3 organization to donate their winnings to. The Lindstrom Family is donating their winnings to Kohler School Foundation. The Watershed Hotel will support Comfort Dogs, an organization dedicated to serving aspiring therapy dog handlers, individuals seeking service dogs, healthcare facilities, and the communities they support by providing comprehensive guidance, training, and networking opportunities.

Everyone at Waelderhaus extends thanks to everyone who joined for the 29th year! Mark your calendars for the 30th Annual Gingerbread Festival, happening from November 27 to December 30, 2026. Stay in the loop about all things Waelderhaus, including Arts at the Waelderhaus, by visiting KohlerFoundation.org and follow Kohler Foundation on Instagram and Facebook for the latest updates!

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waukee. He said he fell in love with the city, but knew it could use more avenues for family entertainment.

"As a parent of four, one thing that I noticed was that Sheboygan is a beautiful city. We loved the city when we moved here, but there's not much stuff to do around the area, especially for teenagers or something where kids and parents can actually get involved together," said Tomori. "Whenever my wife and I took the kids places, I noticed the parents were there, bored. The kids would play, but you can't really join the kids because it's a kids' thing. I thought 'Is there a thing where kids and parents can actually get involved at the same time?' And so I started searching."

Tomori says he's always seen himself as an entrepreneur and wanted to create a space for families to come together and have fun. That's what led him to start

his family entertainment business here in Sheboygan.

"About seven years ago, I got introduced to VR by my brother. I remember us saying it would be so cool to have a giant space where people can walk around in the VR world," said Tomori. "When we moved to Sheboygan, one of my goals was to build with the city. I love this city, it's improving and building and I want to build with it."

"I think family time should be about fun and that's what this place is," said Tomori. "It doesn't matter if you're old or young, just come here and have a blast and leave happy."

With multiple headsets at the ready for families to use, PowerPlay Arena sets the tone for family fun. But even if some people want to sit out for a few games, they can still monitor what players are seeing on their headsets.

"The system that we use can bring everyone together where everyone can have fun at the same time, so kids can have fun with

their parents. If the parents decide they just want to sit and watch their kids, they can see everything the kids see on the TV screens," said Tomori.

At PowerPlay, the fun doesn't stop with VR headsets. The Arena also has two racing simulators that put players in the seat of an F1 racecar driver, feeling every bump on the road.

"They're racing simulators that professionals use. You'll feel the road. If you smash on the brakes, you'll feel the belt pull. Two people can race against each other and see each other as well. If you want to have a little fun and want to hit the other person, they will feel it."

Tomori says the simulator will also have race cars that reflect those at Elkhart Lake's very own Road America.

The Arena also has a party room for rent with multiple stationary gaming systems and TVs for those who want to play together as a larger group.

As PowerPlay Arena contin-

ues to settle into the community, Tomori is hoping to offer more experiences in the future.

"The future plan is to add more entertainment. VR, racing simulators, bounce houses, laser tag, arcade machines," said To-

mori. "Think of a giant building full of nothing but fun."

PowerPlay Arena is located at 2927 N. 15th Street. For more information, head over to the website at www.powerplayarena.co.

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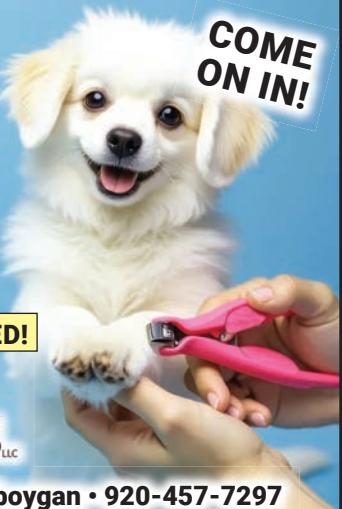
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homelessness, its purpose is broader: to bring people together over a shared meal, reduce isolation, and build stronger community connections.

Sometime in January, the Sheboygan County Warming Center will be leasing a Shower Bus from Street Angels, a mobile unit that was created and donated by Kohler Co. to help communities provide dignified access to hygiene. Currently, there is only one public shower available in Sheboygan County, located in The Salvation Army. In a community with an estimated 110 individuals experiencing homelessness, one shower is simply not sufficient. Access to regu-

lar showers is critical not only for health and dignity, but also for employment opportunities. When individuals are unable to shower consistently, it becomes significantly more difficult to present themselves professionally, and employers are far less likely to offer jobs. The Shower Bus will help remove this barrier and support individuals in taking steps toward stability and employment.

Growing Need in Sheboygan County:

Sheboygan County is currently among the top five counties in Wisconsin for the sheer increase in homelessness, excluding the state's larger metropolitan areas.

Several factors contribute to this rise:

• A severe shortage of afford-

able housing, creating a highly competitive rental market

• Many households being forced to choose between rent, groceries, utilities, childcare, and health insurance.

• While Sheboygan County offers strong entry-level wages through amazing local employers, transportation remains a major barrier. The local bus system does not extend far enough and does not operate 24/7, making second- and third-shift employment difficult for many residents who do not have reliable transportation.

As a result, employment alone does not always prevent housing instability.

Financial Donation Information:

Operating an emergency shelter and a daily community meal program is expensive. On average, it costs \$25 per person per night to operate a shelter when accounting for food, rent, staffing, security, supplies, and facility maintenance. With approximately 60 guests each night, these costs add up quickly. The Community Cafe also carries

ongoing food, staffing, and operational expenses year-round. Because of these realities, financial donations are critical to sustaining both programs. Monetary gifts help cover food costs for what is not donated, staffing needs, rent, and essential services. Even small donations make a meaningful difference in keeping doors open and services available.

Checks can be made out to the Sheboygan County Warming Center and dropped off at St. Luke United Methodist Church (623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan WI 53081) or mailed to 623 Ontario Ave., P.O. Box 63, Sheboygan WI 53081.

Volunteering:

Warming Center Volunteers

• Volunteer Shift:
o Evening Shift (6:00-9:00 PM): Requires 6-7 volunteers to assist with meal service, intake, and check-in (supported by staff).

o Morning Shift (5:30-8:00 AM): Requires 2 volunteers to help serve a light breakfast, assist guests as they exit, and clean (supported by staff).

• The Warming Center is always in need of meal donations.

Community Cafe Volunteers

• Monday-Saturday, 10:30 AM-2:00 PM
• Requires 6 volunteers daily to assist with cooking, serving, and cleanup

If you would like more information, you can contact Lyric Glynn at the Warming Center at 920-254-4924 or lyric.glynn@scwarmingcenter.org.

Plymouth Rotary is a fun, dedicated, community-minded service club that meets from Noon-1PM at Plymouth's Intergenerational Center on the second and last Wednesday of each month. We have a speaker at each meeting from the area to learn about all the great things that are happening here in Sheboygan County and conduct other Rotary business. Lunch is available for purchase. If you would like more information, please contact Teresa Van Horn, Membership Chair at thvh88@aol.com or check us out on Facebook - PlymouthWiRotary.

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Myra Stokdyk Eischen
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What a beautiful day this turned out to be. Snow on the ground, sun in the sky, chili on the stove, bread in the oven, it is beginning to feel like Christmas.

My original thought for this month was to make a light fruitcake with no citron or candied fruit. I grew up with Grandma's fruitcake, and love it, but not many people in my family do. I thought I'd develop something with dried,

not candied, fruit and no spices like I did for Easter a few years ago for those who don't care for the taste. What I came up with instead was a fruit and nut bread. Don loves it, and in 2 days we ate $\frac{1}{2}$ of the loaf. While not cheap, it is well worth it. I was a little disappointed that it didn't have more color, but the taste is wonderful.

This bread held up well when cooled and sliced. It was wonderful with some butter and a cup of coffee.

Note #1: You can use regular pecans or a combination of walnuts and pecans for this. I

am not sure if the salted caramel pecans are going to be seasonal or a regular item at our local farm store.

Note #2: You can choose to create your own mixture of dried fruit, maybe you only like dried raisins, cranberries, blueberries, or maybe you want to try chocolate covered raisins in this bread instead of a mixture of fruit- that would be good too I bet. The fruit medley I found at the local farm store.

Note #3: Always remember to experiment- make the recipe what your family enjoys.

Note #4: This would be a great bread to make and give as a hostess gift when you are invited by friends or family during the holidays. You could also make smaller loaves- just remember to cut your baking time to 30-45 min.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy Christmas and remembers the reason for the season.

I am already excited about my idea for January's column which I'll be testing on New Year's Eve.

Sweet Dreams!

Dried Fruit Bread

Developed 11-30-25 by Myra Eischen

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 8x4 loaf pan.

Beat: 1 egg

Add: 1 c. dark brown sugar

2 T. melted butter

Add dry ingredients alternately with wet, starting and ending with dry.

2 c. flour

1 t. baking powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ t. baking soda

$\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt

1 c. sour milk (mix: 2 T. lemon juice and fill cup with milk)

Stir in by hand:

1 c. coarse chopped salted caramel pecans*

1 c. dried fruit medley* (mine had golden raisins, raisins, papaya, pineapple, mango flavored cranberries)

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. fresh or frozen orange zest

Bake 350° for 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean.

Cool on wire rack for 15 min.

Run knife around edge of pan and dump out and finish cooling on wire rack.

Store in plastic bag or airtight container. Slice and serve.

This bread freezes well.



GAME SHOW from 3

Weinfurter said. "But they're not just testing you on your ability to name music. They're also testing you on how you act and how you would look on TV, because obviously they're worried about numbers and ratings and everything like that."

Weinfurter was told he made the cut about a month later.

"I was at my house in my kitchen, and I was just overcome with emotion because I was really excited and happy that I was actually picked to be on the show," he said.

The filming was done for three days in June of '24, all the way in Dublin, Ireland.

Weinfurter had to go alone, but the flight, hotel, and food were paid for.

The show finally aired last week, and he had a watch party with family and close friends.

"It was weird, I'll say that for sure," Weinfurter said. "Seeing how I actually looked on TV is just something I never thought I'd see."

He correctly named Eye of the Tiger by Survivor and Espresso by Sabrina Carpenter in the first round, but was wrong on another song.

The second round was a mistake by guessing a song by Blondie that was actually done by Billie Eilish.

Weinfurter was eliminated, and the other contestant went on to win about \$80,000.

"The day of (filming), I was really sad because I had hope

and I had expectation," he said. "But looking back at it, I got a free flight to Ireland out of it, so I was able to take a mini-vacation to a new country. So I didn't lose in my eyes. I just didn't win the grand prize. I took second in a raffle of two."

"I wish it was me, but he beat me fair and square, and he was a very great opponent. I'm really glad that I got to have the opportunity to do it, and it was fun for sure. And getting out of my comfort zone was awesome. It was amazing."

City of Sheboygan receives clean water funds

On January 8, 2026, Governor Tony Evers' office, along with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, announced that more than \$484 million has been allocated to the state through the Clean Water Fund Program. The City of Sheboygan was one of 82 municipalities selected and will receive over

\$31 million.

The City will use these funds to construct an upgraded sewer interceptor on the City's south side. An interceptor sewer is a large underground pipe that collects wastewater from many smaller neighborhood sewers and carries it to the Wastewater

Treatment Plant. It functions as the main "trunk line" of the system, efficiently conveying wastewater to the Sheboygan Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility for proper treatment. The City began coordinating this project with the DNR in 2022.

The Southside Interceptor Sewer will provide the City with additional capacity to

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A hot breakfast for relaxed weekend mornings

A hot breakfast can be just what the doctor ordered on weekends. Weekday mornings might be too hectic to whip up a hot breakfast, but that's often not the case come Saturday and Sunday. For those with time to cook breakfast over the weekend, this recipe for a "Peasant Omelet" from Lines+Angles is delicious and simple to prepare.

Peasant Omelet Makes 1 serving

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small potato, peeled and chopped into small pieces
1 clove minced garlic, peeled and minced
2 slices cooked ham, cut into bite-size pieces
2 teaspoons fresh parsley, finely chopped, plus extra for garnish
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons milk
3 fresh eggs
Salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 pickle, sliced lengthwise (optional)

1. Heat the oil in a skillet set over medium-high heat. Add the chopped potatoes and saute until almost fork tender. Add the garlic and continue cooking until the potatoes are tender. Add ham and fresh parsley, stirring until heated through. Remove from heat and cover to keep warm.

2. Melt butter in an omelet pan or saute pan. Beat milk



and eggs together. Pour egg mixture into the omelet pan. Cook over medium heat, gently move the eggs by sliding a spatula under the eggs, to promote even cooking. Cook until eggs are set.

3. Slide cooked omelet onto plate. Season with freshly ground black pepper and top with potato and ham mixture. Garnish with fresh parsley and sliced pickle. Serve immediately.

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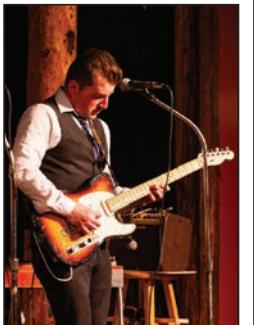
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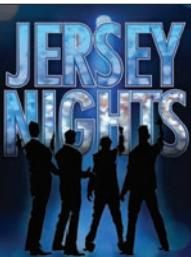
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This 1910 postcard shows a wintry scene on the grounds of Born's Park Sanitarium, a popular, private mineral water spa and retreat once located at the corner of 14th Street and Michigan Avenue in Sheboygan. Established by Charles Born, the spacious and handsome facility offered mineral baths and other treatments, fresh air, rest and relaxation for patients with tuberculosis and other chronic maladies, as well as anyone seeking health benefits. The main building and attractive grounds were a source of local pride and often appeared on old postcards. Photo courtesy of the Sheboygan County Museum. Visit their Facebook page, their website at <https://sheboygancounty.org/> and their facility at 3110 Erie Avenue in Sheboygan.

Guidelines for using gardening catalogs

by Bruce Spangenberg
UW Horticulture Outreach Specialist

With the New Year comes a new crop of gardening catalogs. Inviting descriptions and color



photos make it very tempting to order without considering all

see **GARDEN**, page 14

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factors, especially in the middle of winter. Follow some general guidelines to ensure plant materials ordered are the right ones when the growing season arrives.

First, it sounds simple but make sure you know exactly what the plant is. Descriptions can be great to read, but common names may vary. Look for what is called the Latin, scientific or botanical name to be listed, especially with perennials, shrubs, or trees. All three terms refer to the

same thing and are considered the universal language, or identity, when classifying plants. This nomenclature includes the genus and specific epithet, or species. If a Latin name is not given, you may not get the plant you think you are ordering.

Most vegetables and annual flowers typically do not need Latin names to be used, but cultivars or varieties become particularly important. For all types of plants, cultivars (developed by crop breeding) or varieties (natural variants) have characteristics making them unique within the

species.

With vegetables in particular, disease resistant cultivars, although not immune to disease, are the single most useful tool for preventing serious disease outbreaks. Look for disease resistance first, then choose other features of interest. Cultivars and varieties with a shorter time to harvest are good choices when growing longer season crops like pumpkins, squash, and melons in northern gardens. Likewise, space-saving or bush cultivars of traditional vining crops are useful for smaller gardens or containers.

Another important guideline: plants may have outstanding characteristics but should fit into your yard and garden plan. Flowers, shrubs, or trees need to be good matches for growing conditions of the site where they will be planted. Consider sun or shade level, soil conditions, and fitting into the scheme of the landscape. For size, consider both height and width or spread. For fruits and vegetables, make sure to have a use for the crop once harvested.

Last but certainly not least, for all perennial garden and landscape plants, make sure they are

hardy to your climate zone. The majority of Wisconsin is either USDA Zone 4 (most of north) or Zone 5 (most of south). The latest hardiness zone map shows just little pockets of Zone 3 left in northwest Wisconsin.

Mail order catalogs are great to start thinking about gardening; just use them wisely!

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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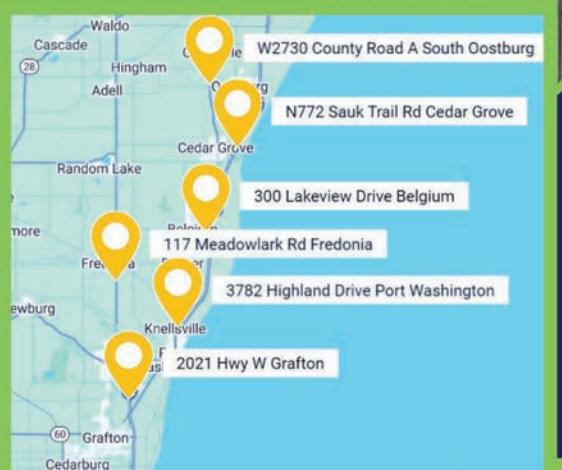
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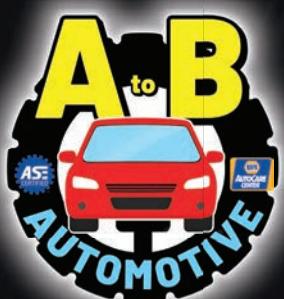
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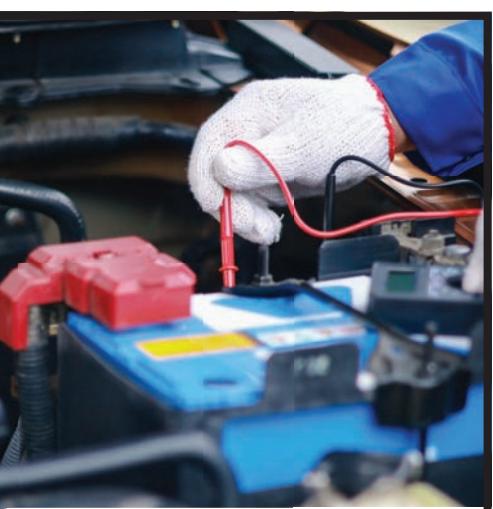
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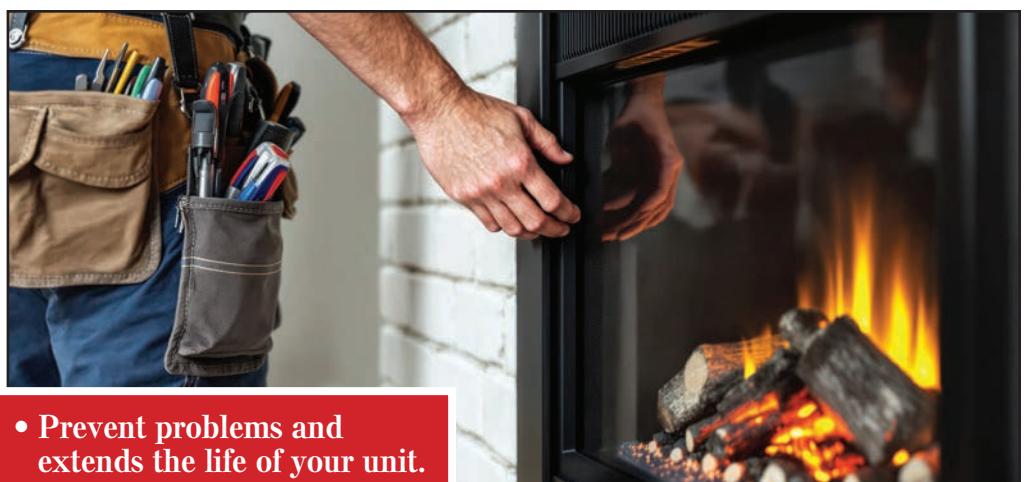
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 20: Sheboygan County Writers Club Small Group Critique: 6-7 p.m., Public Conference Room #2. Writers can bring copies of their writing and receive and offer constructive feedback.

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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.

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

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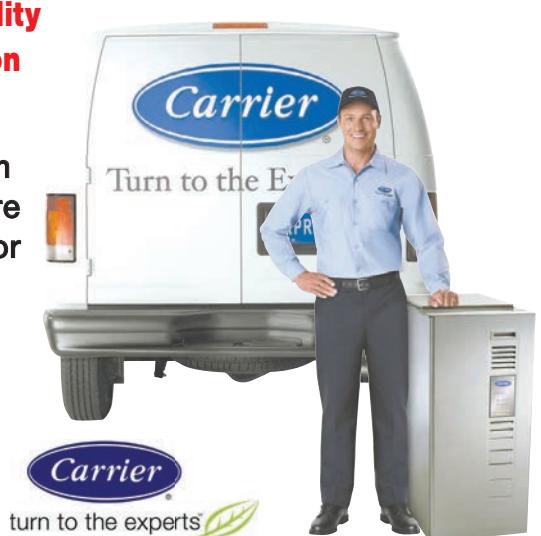
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Sosa, Irwin, 2/11/1995, Sheboygan, Jail 1 year.

Forfeitures

Jines, Dangelo D., 3/23/1990, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$393.50.

Traffic

Lee, Vernon R., 7/26/1992, Sheboygan, Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), Ignition Interlock Device Tampering/Failure to Install/Violating Court Order, \$1,659.00.

Operate w/o Carrying License

Grohahl, Chad M., 2/8/1976, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Misdemeanors

Davise, Tariq M., 3/1/2001, Sheboygan, OWI (1st), Operate Firearm while Intoxicated, Knowingly Violate Domestic Abuse Order, Jail 30 days (stayed), License Revoked 9 months, \$2,575.00.

Hill, Derrick J.L., 4/3/1992, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$528.00.

Winkel, Kylee L., 2/26/2006, Sheboygan, Battery (Domestic Abuse), Disorderly Conduct, \$914.40.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Jackson, John L., 8/20/1972, Sheboygan, Battery (Domestic Abuse-Repeater) (Felony), Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse-Repeater), Jail 18 months (time served), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,632.40.

Lee, Jack, 5/24/1980, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine (Felony), Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Bail Jumping (Misdemeanors), Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 1 year, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,428.00.

Felonies

Diaz Jr., Miguel A., 11/4/1990, Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Flee/Elude Officers, Prison 28 months, Extended Supervision 3 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.40.

Federer, Crystal M., 8/23/1989, Sheboygan, Possession with Intent-Cocaine (>5-15 g), (Repeater), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$580.00.

Kaesermann, Douglas L.

7/24/1964, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine, Jail 15 days (stayed), \$530.00.

Ybanez, Alejandro A., 9/16/1993, Sheboygan, Possession w/Intent-Amphetamine-Methamphetamine (>50 g) (Repeater), Prison 9 years, Extended Supervision 5 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$562.80.

Outdoor Marathon



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I was 13 was a flat-bottomed john boat and we were allowed to skip a lot of school and row dad out to the blind.

As crazy as this sounds, we could even store our shotguns in our lockers, there was a smoking area for kids which the girls always ignored as they smoked in the bathroom and if you were 18, or looked it, you could go down to the local pub and have a beer and a burger for lunch. Today, I made the mistake of wearing knee boots that have leaks, broke through some ice, got a wet foot, did not see a bird and then drove to Lake Puckaway, located in both Marquette and Green Lake Counties to slay some walleye.

I would be meeting my friend Seth Steinhauer at a public hunting ground parking lot in Dane County at 5 a.m. the next morning so I was pretty excited to make some fillets. When I arrived on the south-

west corner of the lake and despite failing health was very excited to catch a big fish. Puckaway is where the state record northern pike was caught and it stands at 38-pounds. Some bad luck struck again when I talked to some serious walleye anglers and everyone told me that they had not caught a fish yet this winter. Long story short, I had one flag, it was after dark and turned out to be a 20-inch gator. I was the last one off the ice and none of my 7 neighbors had had a flag when I headed south at midnight.

Saturday, December 18th

High 34, low 17

Today would be the second opener of Wisconsin's, Canada Goose Season.

Red and I would be on a go-for-it expedition with 35-year-old Seth Steinhauer, who is a hardcore outdoorsman and a person of the earth like me

and also very tied in with our huge group of friends. First, we had to trek what seemed like 20 miles, Seth was pulling a loaded kayak, I was over dressed, under slept and not healthy. Flower, who is 7, and Arrow, who is 13, are Seth's pups and this mother/daughter pair of Chesapeake's will teach any none believer what a tough dog is. After our trek, we had about 1.5 hours before legal shooting and we just shot the breeze. When night became day, we could see that our decoy spread of six Canada's was in the wrong spot. Seth ran, I waddled, and like him, my chest waders leaked

and I was using trash bags as inner liners.

My longies were kind of stuck in the wrong spot and running was not happening. This was about a 400-yard move, and we used a cattail marsh to hide in and were about 30 yards apart. Two geese were going to pass close to Seth but ended up just out of range.

We could hear another coming directly at me but did not see it due to the cat-tails. Folks, it's a good thing I was ducked down because the goose missed by inches and you had to see it to believe it. I did a quick 180, fired two shots, and it looked like the big bird was tickled as it did a 180 and vanished with our trusty pups in chase. Long story short, we had no idea where it was and an hour later went looking. Flower did a beyond incredible retrieve, it was the only bird that was fired at and that was one heck of a way to spend 28 hours in the outdoors!

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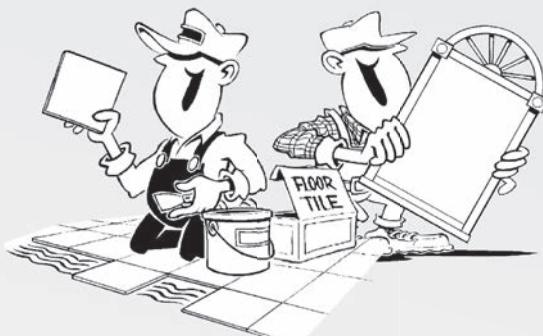
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It is estimated that every day about 9,500 people in the United States are diagnosed with skin cancer. Melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer with over 212,000 diagnosed in people last year. Melanoma will affect 1 in 29 men and 1 in 40 women in their lifetime while nearly 20 Americans die of melanoma every day. Skin cancers, when detected early, are highly treatable. The American Academy of Dermatology notes that skin cancer warning signs include changes in size, shape, or color of a mole or

other skin lesion, the appearance of a new growth on the skin, or a sore that doesn't heal. If you notice any spots on your skin that are different from the others, or anything changing, itching or bleeding, you should make an appointment with a board-certified dermatologist.

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Dr. Suzanne McGahey MD, MS, FAAD is a dual board-certified Dermatologist, certified by the American Board of Dermatology in both Dermatology as well as in Micrographic Dermatologic Surgery

and has lived in Sheboygan since 2016. She is a dedicated lifelong learner and offers innovative, patient centric care to patients of all ages. She founded McGahey Dermatology in 2022 to provide personalized, innovative care. As an independent, physician-owned and run practice, the patient is her priority. She believes it is important for the patient to have an enjoyable experience during their visit. Whether it is a changing spot on your skin or an itchy rash, timely access to a board-certified Dermatologist is impor-

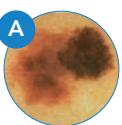
tant. Going to the doctor can be nerve-wracking and the goal at McGahey Dermatology is to make it a comfortable and enjoyable visit with great outcomes and price transparency. Dr. McGahey believes in a personalized approach to looking your best which starts with treating any underlying medical conditions, creating an individualized skin care regimen and tailoring cosmetic services exactly to your needs.

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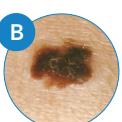
How to Spot Skin Cancer

The ABCDEs of Melanoma

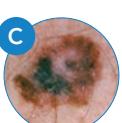
Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer. However, when detected early, melanoma can be effectively treated. You can identify the warning signs of melanoma by looking for the following:



A stands for **ASYMMETRY**. One half of the spot is unlike the other half.



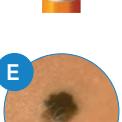
B stands for **BORDER**. The spot has an irregular, scalloped, or poorly defined border.



C stands for **COLOR**. The spot has varying colors from one area to the next, such as shades of tan, brown or black, or areas of white, red, or blue.



D stands for **DIAMETER**. While melanomas are usually greater than 6 mm, or about the size of a pencil eraser, when diagnosed, they can be smaller.



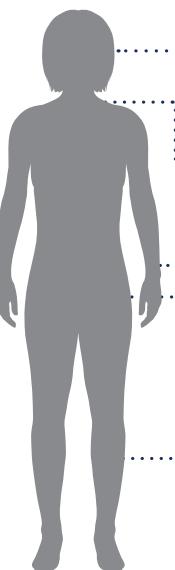
E stands for **EVOLVING**. The spot looks different from the rest or is changing in size, shape, or color.

Example: 

Skin Cancer Self-Examination

How to Check Your Spots:

Checking your skin means taking note of all the spots on your body, from moles to freckles to age spots. Ask someone for help when checking your skin, especially in hard-to-see places.



- 1 Examine your body front and back in a mirror, then look at the right and left sides with your arms raised.
- 2 Examine the back of your neck and scalp with a hand mirror. Part your hair for a closer look at your scalp.
- 3 Bend your elbows and look carefully at your forearms, underarms, fingernails, and palms.
- 4 Check your back and buttocks with a hand mirror.
- 5 Finally, look at the backs of your legs and feet, the spaces between your toes, your toenails, and the soles of your feet.

If you wear nail polish, remember to check your nails when the polish is removed.

If you notice a new spot or an existing spot that changes, itches, or bleeds, make an appointment to partner with a board-certified dermatologist.

Other Types of Skin Cancer

When checking your skin, please look for signs of these other suspicious spots.

Precancerous Growth

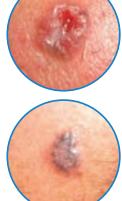
Actinic Keratoses (AK)¹



- Dry, scaly, rough patches or bumps
- Can be red, pink, the same color as your skin, gray, yellow, brown, tan, or white.

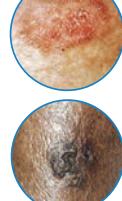
Skin Cancer

Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)^{2,3}



- Dome-shaped growth with visible blood vessels
- Shiny, pinkish patch
- Black or brown growth
- White or yellow waxy growth that looks like a scar
- Sore that heals then returns

Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)^{4,5}



- Crusted or rough bump
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Winter and Chiropractic Care

by **Dr. Wendy Varish, DC, DACO, FIANM(us), CCSP, /CCOHC**
of Howards Grove Chiropractic

Wisconsin winters bring a mix of fun and hard work. For many people, it means skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, and sledding. It also means shoveling driveways and sidewalks after heavy snowfalls. Both winter sports and shoveling put extra demands on the body, especially the back, neck, and joints. Paying attention to movement, posture, and recovery can help you stay active and comfortable throughout the season. This is where chiropractic care is often not only a great lifesaver, but also as a wonderful preventative option, for overall musculoskeletal health.

Winter sports are great for fitness. Skiing and snowboarding build leg strength, core stability, and balance. Cross country skiing can be enjoyed by all ages and without spending a lot of time and going to ski hills. Ice skating improves coordination and works muscles that do not always get used in daily life. These activities can boost cardiovascular health and help fight off the winter boredom that comes from spending more time indoors. However, they also involve twisting, quick direction changes, and occasional falls. These movements can strain muscles and joints, especially if someone is not warmed up or is getting back into activity after a long break.

Shoveling snow may not feel like a sport, but it can be just as demanding- and sometimes more! Lifting heavy, wet snow and repeatedly bending and twisting can put stress on the lower back, shoulders, and neck. Many people rush through shoveling in cold conditions, using poor posture or relying only on their arms instead of their legs. This combination can lead to soreness and stiffness that can last for days.

At Howards Grove Chiropractic, our doctors focus on the relationship between the spine, joints, and nervous system. Routine chiropractic adjustments help maintain mobility, improve posture, and support movement of our bodies. During winter, when many activities are more physically demanding, chiropractic check-ups are especially important. We help emphasize proper body mechanics, which can be helpful for both athletes and people doing everyday tasks like shoveling.

After shoveling:

- Take a few minutes to move gently
- Walk around and shake out your arms
- Perform gentle hip and back stretches
- Stand upright and take slow breaths to help your muscles relax and reduce stiffness later on.

• Be sure to REHYDRATE! During the winter it is easy to forget to drink enough water — make a special effort to drink water throughout the day.

• Consider quality supplements including magnesium, calcium, and D3 that help the muscles naturally recover. Ask your chiropractor for specific recommendations including dosages since there are so many different types of calcium and magnesium.

Although many of us know the “tips of the trade” of shoveling, many times we do not heed the advice until it is too late. Winter is meant to be enjoyed, not spent dealing with aches and pains. Staying active, warming up before physical activity, using proper techniques, and allowing time for recovery all matter. Chiropractic care is an excellent option to help stay comfortable and mobile during the colder months. By taking care of your body, it becomes easier to enjoy winter sports, handle seasonal chores, and stay active all season long. For those of you who like to stress yourselves and tend to ignore those tips and end up with pain that lasts more than a day, don’t wait to get help and prevent future injury and possibly even disability. From acute care including adjustments, laser and e-stim, dry needling, K-taping, ultrasound, and cupping to rehab exercises and so much more, we have individualized treatment options to help resolve and prevent injuries. Call Howards Grove Chiropractic today at 920-565-3922 to schedule your appointment to help YOU and your family beat Old Man Winter!

• Hold the shovel close to your body rather than reaching far out in front of you. The farther the snow is from your center, the more strain it puts on your lower back.

• Avoid twisting while holding a loaded shovel. If you need to toss snow to the side, turn your whole body by stepping with your feet instead of rotating through your spine. This small change can significantly reduce stress on your back and shoulders.

• Consider a shovel that “pushes” the snow instead of lifting and throwing. There are many different types of shovels that may be better suited for different body types and fitness levels.

• Be sure to wear proper footwear with good tread that will not slip on the ice (not to mention warm!)

If the forecast calls for snow for many hours, consider starting your round of shoveling before the snowfall gets too deep. You may need to shovel more frequently – but it will be lighter and easier (and a GREAT way to get some exercise and “steps” in!)

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Chiro-Health Chiropractic Care Center Welcomes New Doctor, Expands Care for Families

PLYMOUTH — Chiro-Health Chiropractic Care Center is welcoming a new doctor to its care team while continuing to emphasize its family-focused approach to chiropractic care for patients of all ages.

Dr. Klairice Schwartz, a Plymouth native, officially joined the practice this year after completing her residency at Chiro-Health in December. Her addition expands the clinic to three doctors, increasing appointment availability and allowing the practice to continue serving individuals and families throughout the community.

Klairice earned her undergraduate degree in biology from St. Norbert College in Green Bay and recently graduated from the National University of Health Sciences in Chicago. She graduated Salutatorian of her class with Summa Cum Laude honors, and received the NUHS Joseph Janse Outstanding Graduate Award.

Klairice has a special interest in women's health, pediatric care and family chiropractic, with a focus on supporting patients through every stage of life.

"I'm thrilled to officially join the Chiro-Health team," she

said. "I love helping families, women and kids feel their best, and I'm excited to build lasting relationships with patients in my hometown."

Dr. Cindy Munson, who has served the Plymouth community for more than 30 years, said Schwartz's caring nature and enthusiasm make her a natural fit for the practice.

"Dr. Klairice brings such a warm, positive energy to our office," Munson said. "Patients immediately feel comfortable with her, and that's so important when caring for families."

Chiro-Health Chiropractic Care Center focuses on helping the body function at its best by supporting nervous system health, mobility and the ability to adapt to everyday stress. While chiropractic care is often associated with pain relief, the doctors emphasize that it benefits patients even when they are not experiencing pain.

Patients frequently seek care for headaches, neck tension, stress, sleep concerns or simply to support overall wellness. Adjustments are designed to help the nervous system work more efficiently, which supports the body's natural ability to heal, manage stress and maintain balance.

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"Some days people come in because they're not feeling well, and other days they come in because they want to stay feeling well," Munson said. "Both are important. Chiropractic care isn't just about fixing a problem—it's about helping the body handle whatever life brings."

The clinic uses a variety of diagnostic tools to better understand each patient's needs. These include physical examinations, radiographic studies and the Insight Scanning System, which identifies areas of stress in the nervous system. Heart Rate Variability scans measure how the body responds to stress, while thermography scanning uses infrared technology to detect patterns of spinal stress that may affect nerve function, organs and blood vessels.

Munson said combining advanced scanning technology with personalized care plans allows the doctors to support patients more fully and track progress over time.

With an expanded three-doctor team, Chiro-Health Chiropractic Care Center looks forward to welcoming more

families, offering greater flexibility in scheduling and continuing its mission of helping patients feel and function their best—no matter their age or stage of life.

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How Diet Affects Your Hearing

By: Joelle Steffen

As the New Year begins, many Americans are using this fresh start to resolve employing healthier habits and goals for the months ahead. The New Year is a timely reminder that what we eat can influence more than just our waistlines; it affects our long-term health and wellbeing. Many people think of hearing loss as an inevitable part of aging, but emerging research shows that what you eat can play a meaningful role in protecting — or harming — your hearing. The auditory system is highly sensitive, relying on delicate hair cells, nerve pathways, and a steady blood supply. Because of this, diet influences hearing health more than most realize.

One of the strongest connections between diet and hearing involves cardiovascular health. The inner ear depends on tiny blood vessels to supply oxygen and nutrients to the cochlea. Diets high in saturated fats, excess sugar, and heavily processed foods contribute to high blood pressure, inflammation, and reduced blood flow. Over time, poor circulation can impair the function of the hair cells that convert sound waves into electrical signals. Once damaged, these cells do not regenerate, which makes diet-related hearing loss difficult to reverse.

Nutrient intake also plays a central role. Antioxidants — found in fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds — help combat oxidative stress, a major contributor to age-related hearing decline. Vitamins such as A, C, and E, along with minerals like magnesium and zinc, support healthy cell function and may help protect the cochlea from injury caused by noise exposure or inflammation. While diet alone cannot guarantee protection, consistently consuming nutrient-dense foods appears to reduce the risk of long-term hearing issues.

Another dietary factor is blood sugar regulation. People with poorly controlled blood sugar are more likely to experience hearing problems, possibly because high glucose levels damage blood vessels and nerves in the auditory pathway. Diets that emphasize whole grains, lean proteins, legumes, and fiber-rich vegetables help stabilize blood sugar levels and support overall metabolic health, which in turn supports hearing function.

Hydration matters as well. The inner ear contains fluid that helps transmit sound and maintain balance. Dehydration can alter these fluid levels, occasionally contributing to tinnitus or dizziness. Drinking enough water throughout the day helps maintain proper inner-ear function.

Sodium intake may be another piece of the puzzle. While the research isn't conclusive, excess dietary salt may lead to fluid retention and high blood pressure, both of which can negatively affect hearing. Some individuals, particularly those with Ménière's disease, notice that lowering sodium reduces episodes of tinnitus or vertigo.

Enjoying festive favorites is part of the season's joy, and there's no need to give up the foods you love. As the New Year begins, the focus shifts to balance — enjoying familiar comforts while making room for nourishing choices. Aim for balance: savor the classics, add colorful produce to your plate, stay hydrated, and keep portions moderate. With a mindful approach, you can celebrate the holidays while supporting long-term hearing health.

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Five Financial New Year's Resolutions Worth Making This Year

A new year brings a fresh start — a chance to reset, refocus and build healthier habits. And while many resolutions fade by February, financial resolutions you commit to now can shape your entire year (and beyond). These practical financial resolutions for the new year are designed to help you reduce stress, build confidence and create lasting stability.

1. Review and Refresh Your Budget

A new year is the perfect time to make a financial resolution to take control of your money. Revisiting your budget helps ensure it aligns with your current lifestyle and priorities. Start by taking a fresh look at your monthly income, essential expenses and typical spending patterns. This simple review can uncover habits you may not have noticed and reveal opportunities to reallocate money toward what matters most.

2. Build an Emergency Savings Fund

Assess your budget and channel some funds into an emergency fund. Unexpected expenses like car repairs, medical bills and other surprises can come up at any time. That's why setting a goal to build or strengthen your emergency fund is one of the smartest financial resolutions you can make. Saving money for emergencies now will help you save in the long run by not needing to use a credit card or other higher cost payment options.

Aim to save three to six months of essential expenses, but don't let that number feel overwhelming. What matters most is consistency.

3. Tackle Debt with a Clear Plan

A thoughtful budget can do more than track spending; it can help you take control of your debt. By knowing exactly where your money goes each month, you can free up funds to pay down balances faster and make a realistic plan for decreasing debt and increasing wealth.

If debt is part of your financial picture, whether it's credit cards, auto loans, student loans or personal loans, having a strategy can make all the difference.

Start by listing your debts, due dates and interest rates. Then choose a repayment approach that aligns with your goals.

4. Improve Your Credit Score

Your credit score plays a major role in your financial health, affecting everything from loan approvals to interest rates. The good news is that by managing your budget and debt wisely, you can take concrete steps to strengthen your credit over time.

Your trusted local bank may offer credit monitoring through online banking. Staying on top of your credit will help you maintain financial flexibility and avoid surprises while confidently working towards your financial

goals.

5. Raise Your Retirement Contribution Rate

Once your budget and debt plan are in place, consider boosting your retirement contributions — even a small increase can make a big difference over time. Automating contributions or increasing them incrementally each year helps you stay consistent and take advantage of compound growth, bringing your long-term financial goals within reach.

Increasing your retirement savings now is one of the most effective ways to secure your financial future. The earlier you start, the more time your money has to grow, turning even modest contributions into significant long-term savings. Consider opening an IRA to take advantage of tax benefits and grow your retirement savings even faster. Be sure to consult your tax advisor.

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Comfort is of the utmost importance to Heidi so prior to tattooing the procedure area is numbed with a topical lidocaine gel. Heidi collaborates with each client to discuss shape, size & placement of brows prior to numbing. Once the client approves the drawn on brows & numbing has taken place, tattoo pigment is skillfully placed into the dermal layer of the skin using a specially designed tattoo instrument. Liner is not drawn on ahead of numbing but design collaboration with the client is also part of the liner process.

Heidi has been a Licensed Practical Nurse for the past 45 years with the past 13 years as a hospice nurse. She has been a licensed tattooist for the past 23 years. Heidi presently has locations in Sheboygan & Two Rivers. Pricing is typically \$250-\$450, depending on the procedure being done.

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A New Year, A Healthier You: Mindful Steps Toward Wellness in Plymouth

The New Year offers a fresh opportunity to focus on health and well-being in ways that are realistic and sustainable. Rather than setting extreme resolutions, consider taking small, mindful steps that support your body and mind throughout the year.

Mindfulness plays an important role in healthy living. By slowing down and paying attention to how we feel—physically and emotionally—we can make choices that better support our overall wellness. Simple practices like deep breathing, gentle stretching, or taking a quiet moment each day can reduce stress

and improve focus.

Nutrition is another key piece of the wellness puzzle. Choosing balanced meals, staying hydrated, and enjoying more whole foods such as fruits and vegetables can boost energy and support long-term health. Eating mindfully—taking time to enjoy meals—helps turn everyday nutrition into an act of self-care.

Movement is essential, and it's even more rewarding when done in a supportive environment. The Generations Inter-generational Center in Plymouth offers a variety of fitness classes designed to improve

strength, balance, and flexibility for adults of all ages and abilities. These classes also provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and stay motivated in a welcoming community setting.

As the New Year begins, remember that lasting wellness comes from consistent, small choices. By practicing mindfulness, nourishing your body, and staying active—especially through local opportunities like those at the Generations Inter-generational Center—you can take meaningful steps toward a healthier, happier year.

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Exploring Hemp-Derived Wellness Options in Sheboygan County

Pain, anxiety, and sleep difficulties are common concerns for many people, and interest in hemp-derived wellness products has grown steadily in recent years. CBD and THC are chemical compounds found naturally in the cannabis plant. CBD, or cannabidiol, is one of many cannabinoids and, unlike Delta-9 THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), does not produce in-

toxicating effects.

Hemp-derived CBD and THC products are available in a variety of forms, including oils, edibles, drinks, topicals, vapes, and smokables. Many consumers report using these products to support wellness goals such as relaxation, stress reduction, pain management, and improved sleep.

While THC is often asso-

ciated with marijuana laws, hemp-derived THC products are completely legal under federal law when they comply with the 2018 Federal Farm Bill, which permits products containing up to 0.3% Delta-9 THC by dry weight. These products are derived from federally legal hemp and are available in Wisconsin. And no—it's not "diet weed." THC is THC, regardless of which cannabis plant it's derived from. Hemp-based drinks, especially those infused with THC, offer promising alternatives to alcohol, providing relaxation and a similar effect, without the hangover.

Experts recommend starting with low doses of cannabinoids and consulting a licensed healthcare professional before using any new dietary supplement, particularly for individuals who are pregnant or have pre-existing medical conditions.

Waldo Hemp Works, a locally owned business, has been part of Sheboygan County's hemp wellness community since 2018, when it began at the Waldo Farmer's Market. At the time, CBD was still relatively unfamiliar to many consumers

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but quickly gained attention as an alternative wellness option for those who had exhausted other approaches.

As interest grew, Waldo Hemp Works expanded into a storefront in downtown Plymouth and, in 2023, moved into a larger location in the Plymouth Commons, next to Fantastic Sam's and Neat Repeats. The business emphasizes education and guided customer experiences, aiming to help individuals make informed decisions about hemp-derived wellness products.

Waldo Hemp Works was voted Best CBD Store in Sheboygan County in 2023, 2024, and 2025 reflecting continued community support. They are located at 2621 Eastern Ave, Plymouth. 920-449-5546. Find them on the web, Facebook and Instagram.

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Financial focus: Look at your financial situation holistically

When you plan a trip, you consider not only the destination but also the climate, activities that interest you, transportation needs, anticipated costs, best time to go and coverage for your work, home or pets. It's a holistic approach — looking at your trip from a variety of angles.

It's wise to apply that same holistic thinking when you plan for your financial future — that is, bringing into the picture all elements of yourself.

Here are some things that may affect your financial strategy:

- *Your views on helping your family* — Your decisions about helping your family are clearly going to be a major part of your financial strategy, and this is true at virtually all stages of your life. When your children are young, you'll need to decide if you're going to save money for their college education, and if so, how much, and in what investments. When they're young

adults, you may also need to decide how much financial support you're willing to provide for major expenses such as down payments on a new home or a new car. And when you're drawing up your estate plans, you'll need to consider how and when to distribute assets to your children, grandchildren or other family members.

- *Your personal beliefs* — As someone with civic, ethical and

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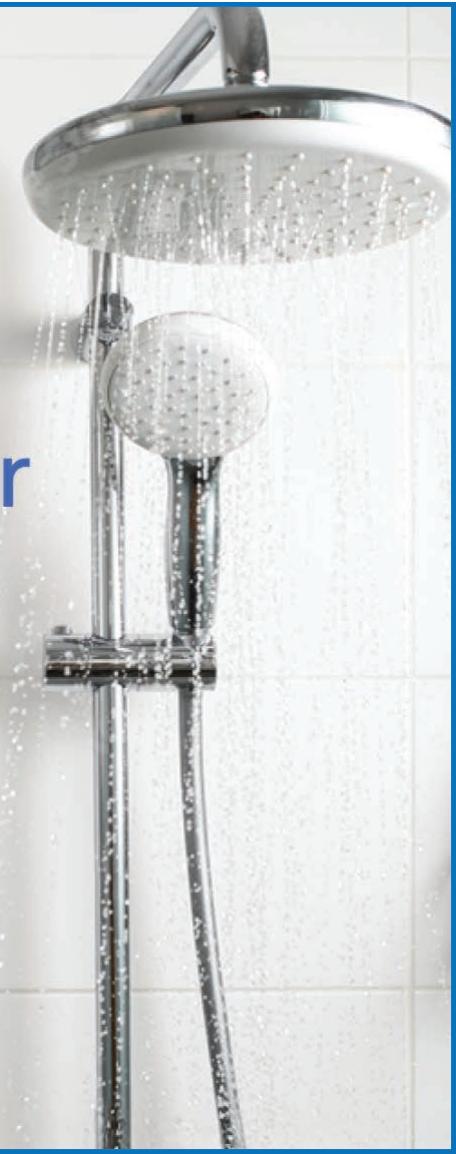
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moral concerns, you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you'll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate-planning component, you'll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.

• *Your purpose in life when you retire* – Having a purpose can bring fulfillment beyond financial security. Leading up to retirement, your purpose may involve providing for your immediate family, bringing value to your profession or contributing to your community. When you retire and step off your career path, you're entering a new world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your horizons by traveling around the world? Or spend more time volunteering? Can you pursue hobbies that give you a chance for self-expression? Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you'll need to accumulate for retirement and how much income you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).

• *Your health* — Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous — in fact, a private room in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

It can be challenging to weave all these elements into a single, unified vision, so you may want to get some help from a financial professional. But, in any case, be prepared to look at your situation holistically because, when putting together a lifetime's financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

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