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Sheboygan native launches family vacation planning website

DJ Dave Boehler
for The Beacon

Wherever families are traveling, Tyler Heilberger wants them to go with Rosie.

Don't know anyone by that name?

The 2012 Sheboygan South graduate and Plymouth resident would like to introduce her – actually, his website – so families have an easier way to make vacation plans.

GoWithRosie.com launched about a month ago, and is a family trip planner built on a simple idea: recommendations from families, for families.

Every ranking, every review, every suggestion comes from parents and caregivers who have actually been there with kids in tow. But who's this Rosie, anyway?

"The name came from a tradition at New Year's where you talk about your rose, your bud, and your thorn (as a way to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the upcoming one)," Heilberger said. "So that's really like one of the main frameworks we use throughout the technology, we allow people to mark things that they love, synonymous with their rose. Things they dislike, which would be synonymous with the thorn. And then things that they want to do more of, which would be synonymous with the bud."

"We loved the rose idea, and had a good logo with it. So we kept that concept when we formulated and went with Go With Rosie; the verb of going, doing something, and Rosie being that thing you love, that thing you can rely on."



TYLER HEILBERGER

Heilberger, who works full time as a staff product manager at an InsurTech company called Thimble, says he's been working on his "side project" for about a year and a half.

He got the idea after co-workers were seeking recommendations for what to do with the kids when they were traveling to Denver.

So Heilberger – with the help of six others – figured out a way to create itineraries for any United States destination.

The Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation, Accelerate Sheboygan County, and the Sheboygan County Innovation Council played a direct

role in helping them, too.

"You could go in and type Chicago, Ill. or Waldo, Wis., if you wanted," he said. "We'll ask a couple questions about the uniqueness of your family, how many kids you have, if you need nap times, any of those types of things. We ask what you like to do on trips, so we can know a little bit more about you. And then we give you different venues from the area that we've scored on an algorithm that is looking for family-friendly specific things."

"From there, it can create an automated itinerary for you. But really, where most of our time has been is in the itinerary builder. You can change things around, you can find different activities or events that might be great for your family. We can help replan. So if it's raining and you're at the beach, you can find different things to do in the city, all of those types of things."

Sites like Hotels.com measure success by bookings.

Go with Rosie measures it by discovering and planning first, helping families find the right destination and build itineraries.

And anyone can use the internet to find a 4.7-out-of-5-star review.

But Heilberger asks, what does that actually tell people?

"It's telling you it's a high-

quality place, but it's not really telling you anything beyond that," he said. "So what we're trying to do is go to a much deeper layer than a Google review or a Yelp review for any restaurant, any hotel, any park, any activity. It's actually scored on things that parents would care about, or want to know, before going. And so that is an algorithm or a foundation to our platform that speaks to families."

More than 600 people have checked out Go With Rosie, roughly 100 itineraries have been created, and zero dollars have been spent on marketing.

Go With Rosie already won People's Choice at the Midwest Regional Startup World Cup.

And global travel website PhocusWire recently featured Go With Rosie as well.

"So that's very exciting," Heilberger said. "Right now, we're just letting it run, seeing what people come and do, learning from it, getting feedback, improving everything that we can."

"I would say it's definitely a success. Obviously, we'd love hundreds of thousands of people coming every day. But you have to start somewhere, you have to build and get there. And this is just step one in the direction of where we want to be in a couple of years."

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Hearing care services opens in Sheboygan

Hear Again America officially opened their doors April 14th with the support of Sheboygan County Chamber ribbon cutting. "We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Sheboygan County community for the warm wel-

come we received during our grand opening. The support from our residents, businesses, and community leaders made the day truly memorable and reinforced our excitement to bring better hearing to our hometown," says

Rich Klemme, Owner.

Our mission is simple: to help people hear better and live better. We are proud to bring that mission to Sheboygan by offering

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on April 14 to celebrate the opening of Hear Again America. - Submitted photo

Community shares input on Sheboygan Comprehensive Plan

by **Ben Yang**
for The Beacon

The City of Sheboygan held an open house at City Hall on Saturday, April 18, to take community input on its updated draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

"It serves as a state mandated thing the city has to do each 10 years. The plan basically serves as a tool when the Planning and Development Department thinks about future developments," said Taylor Zeinert, Director of Planning and Development with the City of Sheboygan.

The plan consists of a variety of topics to elevate the future of the city including housing, transportation, economic development, agriculture, land use, and more. During the open house event, community members were able to voice their opinions on the plan and talk with city officials about what they like and dislike about the draft.

"Housing is the number one thing that we hear most about and making sure that it is affordable housing. The staff and I always like to share that the average age of a first-time home buyer now is 41 years old, which is a lot older than what I think any of us had an-

anticipated to buy our first home at," said Zienert.

The open house event included large displays of maps, data, and key elements of the Comprehensive Plan. There were also boards for public input, where community members could write what changes they'd like to see.

"Prioritize housing development across all types. Families are moving here and need places to live," wrote a community member.

Another critique from the public was transparency from city officials and outreach to the community.

"I think a lot [of the feedback] was a lack of community engagement and the status of the plan," said Zeinert. "I think the community is frustrated because they've heard about the plan for so long, yet nothing's been passed. The hope is to get it across the finish line."

"Need more transparency about future developments, especially TIDs," read a comment on the community input board.

Other areas of concern from the public include sustainability practices, investing

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Man struck, killed after stepping out of vehicle on side of I-43

On Sunday, April 12, at approximately 4:12 p.m., the Sheboygan County Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call advising of a semi versus pedestrian crash on Interstate 43 northbound South of Garton Rd, located in the Town of Mosel.

Preliminary investigation indicated that the operator of a

Ford Explorer had pulled over to the side of Interstate 43 South of Garton Road. The operator exited his vehicle and was struck by a passing semi tractor trailer that was northbound on Interstate 43.

The operator / victim, 48-year-old Jason T Landgraf of Sheboygan, was declared deceased on scene after life saving measures were attempted.

Incident reconstruction is being performed by the Wisconsin State Patrol. At this point in the investigation this incident had nothing to do with the current road construction on I-43 in Sheboygan County, police said. Additionally there is no evidence at this time of alcohol, drugs, speed or weather being a factor.



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Kiwanis Clubs invite community to 5K Fun Run/Walk for Autism

SHEBOYGAN FALLS — The Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club and Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheboygan are inviting the community to lace up their running shoes for the 12th Annual Kiwanis 5K Fun Run/Walk for

Autism, taking place Saturday, April 25 at River Park in Sheboygan Falls.

Held during National Autism Awareness Month, the family-friendly event raises funds to provide iPads and specialized

communication apps for children on the autism spectrum in Sheboygan County and throughout the region.

The morning will begin with a Youth Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K Run/Walk at

9:00 a.m. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome to run, walk, or simply cheer on friends and family.

Registration fees are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 11-16, and free for children 10 and under.

Proceeds from the event support the Kiwanis "iPads for Autism" initiative, which helps provide communication tools for children with autism who may struggle with verbal communication. Across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, the Kiwanis Autism Project has raised more than \$900,000 and distributed more than 1,875 iPads to children and families in need. Kiwanis clubs have provided nearly 250 iPads to support Sheboygan County families.

Locally, demand for the devices continues to grow.

"Each year we see more families who can benefit from this technology," said Dean Perronne, Chairperson of the Run/Walk Committee. "An iPad loaded with the right apps can become a powerful communication tool for

a child with autism. The number of devices we're able to distribute continues to increase year after year, and events like the Fun Run/Walk make that possible for families right here in Sheboygan County."

The event is coordinated in partnership with the Sheboygan Falls YMCA and brings together community members, families, businesses, and volunteers in support of children on the autism spectrum.

Participants can also support the cause by collecting pledges from friends, family members, or coworkers to help expand the reach of the iPads for Autism project.

Community members interested in participating, sponsoring the event, or learning more can register online at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/SheboyganFalls/FunRunWalkforAutism>

Whether running, walking, or volunteering, organizers say the event offers a simple way for the community to come together and make a meaningful difference.

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THE SHEBOYGAN FALLS Kiwanis Club and Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheboygan will hold the 12th annual Kiwanis 5K Run/Walk for Autism on Saturday, April 25 at River Park in Sheboygan Falls. - Submitted photo

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The incredible turnout and encouragement we received on April 14th confirmed that Sheboygan values quality care and community connection as much as we do. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our hometown and look forward to building lasting relationships with our patients.

This is just the beginning, and we are honored to be part of the Sheboygan community.

Plymouth races start Saturday

by Jeff Pederson
Sheboygan Falls News Editor

If variety is your thing, the Plymouth Dirt Track is the place to be this spring, summer and fall.

Plymouth Dirt Track Racing is set to present a 20-race schedule, packed with almost every type of dirt track racing machine on the planet during the upcoming campaign.

Kicking off on Saturday, April 25, and continuing through Saturday, Sept. 26, the season features no less than 12 different racing divisions, along with an array of national, regional, and local touring series and sanctioning bodies scheduled to compete on the venerable third-mile clay oval.

For the fourth straight season, the program will include a



steady rotation of guest divisions competing alongside the 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals and B Mods, which will serve as the three core PDTR divisions.

“Along with consistency in the three main classes – 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals and B Mods – we will also have several guest divisions again this season,” PDTR Sales and Marketing Director Bill Weinaug said. “In addition to our regular divisions, we again have great variety in the visiting divisions that will be racing at the track from week to week.

We also have World of Outlaws Sprint Cars, IRA Sprint Cars, Dirt Kings Late Models, Wisconsin wingLESS Series, Midwest Legends Dirt Series, Street Stocks and A Mods.”

One touring series is set to return after an absence.

“The Badger Midgets will be back for three nights,” he said. “Fans and the series have been asking for them for a long time.”

In addition, the Super Six Late Model Series is on the schedule for the fourth consecutive season with seven events on tap.

Super Six Late Model Series events are slated for May 2, May 9, June 27, July 11, July 18, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22.

The Dirt Kings Late Model Tour will make its traditional stop on Aug. 28.

The new Independence 30 event is on tap Thursday, July 2 with Late Models, 360 Sprint Cars, Wisconsin wingLESS Sprint Cars, A Modifieds and Street Stocks on the card.

The Wisconsin Legends Dirt Series (April 25) and Wisconsin wingLESS Sprint Cars (June 20, Aug. 15) will also make stops.

Dirt Devil Grand National Series races are also slated for July 11 and Aug. 28 with the latter date paying \$1,000 to win.

After the highly successful return of the NOS Energy Drink World of Outlaws 410 Sprint Car Series in 2025, it comes

back June 6.

A sold-out, standing-room-only capacity crowd greeted the series' first event at Plymouth in 20 years. To order advance tickets for this year's event, visit sls.showware.com

Fans will have three additional opportunities to see 410 Winged Sprint Cars, as the Bumper to Bumper Interstate Racing Association is set to visit May 16, Aug. 1 and Sept. 26 for the popular Wisconsin Sprint Car Championships.

Wall of Fame Nite

Vintage Modifieds are set to join the regular PDTR divisions on July 11, which also serves as the fifth annual Plymouth Racing Wall of Fame Induction Night.

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Crusader named all-state



Lutheran senior Brennen Hackbarth (3) was named to the WBCA Division 5 All-State Team. He averaged a team-high 22 points on 62.2% shooting while grabbing 8.0 rebounds per game in leading the Crusaders back to state. - Photo by Alan Kretschmar

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The Plymouth Wall of Fame Class of 2026 inductees include drivers John Born, Brian Gilles, Terry Marten, Lanny Schirmer and Gib Wiser, along with the Sippel racing family.

Dedicated to racing inductees include Dale Baumann, Kim Baumann, Dave Bohrmueller and Brian Triphan.

In addition, all past Plymouth trophy queens and past Wall of Fame inductees are invited to attend the event in recognition of their contributions to the racing program over the years.

Fans will have a chance to interact and share memories during a Plymouth Racing Wall of Fame meet-and-greet and memorabilia display session prior to the start of the July 11 racing program.

"The Wall of Fame Night paired with the Vintage Modifieds always provides a great race down memory lane with many past drivers, owners, sponsors, track workers and fans in attendance," Weinaug said.

The track will again host the annual Dairyland Classic motorcycle race on May 29.

No racing will take place at

The Plymouth Dirt Track on Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend and on Aug. 29 (leading into the Sheboygan County Fair).

Other highlights

Several special promotions and kids' events are on tap.

Free admission for all police, fire, EMS and military members will be in place as part of "You're Our Heroes Night" on May 9.

The program on May 30 will feature Autograph Night and include a checkered flag giveaway.

The June 27th event will include Hot Wheels Races and an American flag giveaway.

Christmas in July activities are set for July 25.

The annual candy and coin drop and coloring contest will take place Aug. 8.

Driver introductions are set on May 2 (360 Sprint Cars), May 9 (B Mods), June 13 (Grand Nationals) and June 27 (Late Models).

"We are bringing the fan favorite driver introductions back," Weinaug said.

Seats are added

To deliver a top-notch experience for both fans and racing teams, several improvements are in store at the track.

"The big thing is an additional 1,500 seats on the backstretch," Weinaug said. "We bought the bleachers from Beaver Dam Raceway. They were originally at the Milwaukee Mile. More clay was added again to the track. Victory lane is being re-configured to allow teams and crews to celebrate better."

Price updates

After debuting more friendly grandstand admission prices for older and younger fans a year ago, the season will stay status quo.

Admission for seniors age 65 comes with a \$2 price break, with the \$7 student ticket price extending to all middle and high school students between the ages of 12 and 18.

Gate admission prices for the season are: adults \$15, seniors 65 and over \$13, students ages 12-18 \$7,

children 11 and under free if accompanied by an adult, and children 11 and under \$7 if unaccompanied by an adult.

Pit passes are \$30. The listed ticket prices are

for 10 regular PDTR events only and not for special events including the World of Outlaws Sprint Cars, IRA Sprint Cars, Badger Midgets, Independence 30, Dirt Kings Late Model Tour and Dairyland Classic Motorcycle races.

"If you haven't been to the track for a while, please come back and see the changes that have been made to the program and facility both on and off track," Weinaug said. "If you have never been to track, racing is a spectator sport that is best when seen in person. We invite everyone to come out and get your senses going."

"From hearing the roar of the cars and fans, variety of smells of the cars and food, to the feeling of the cars going past and the action are highlights of the evening," he said. "It all makes for a night of excitement and fun. Most of all, come hungry. We have the best dirt track food hands down at a great price."

Akright Auto returns as the PDTR 360 Sprint Car division sponsor, along with returning division sponsors Oostburg Automotive (Grand Nationals), Sheboygan Flooring (B Mods) and 106.5 The Buzz (Late Models

and guest divisions).

Time changes

Start times for the first four programs will move up one hour, with pit gates opening at 2 p.m., grandstand gates opening at 4 p.m. with qualifying at 4:30 p.m. and racing to follow.

Beginning on May 30, pit gates will open at 3 p.m., grandstand gates will open at 4:30 p.m. with qualifying at 5:30 p.m. and racing to follow.

Advance tickets for regular PDTR race nights can be purchased at plymouthdtr.com/purchase.html

"We are looking for more businesses to get involved in the program," Weinaug said. "Sponsorships are available in a lot of different ways, including signage, nightly setups, nightly sponsorships, division bonuses and hard charger awards. If anyone has another sponsorship idea, we'd love to hear about it and make it happen."

For more information about Plymouth Dirt Track Racing or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, call Weinaug at (920) 627-1217, send an email to bweinaug@shebcofair.com or visit www.plymouthdtr.com.

PDTR SCHEDULE

- April 25** - Opening Night Weekly Program featuring 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, Midwest Legends Dirt Series, 4:30 p.m.
- May 2** - Super Six Late Model Series opener with 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 4:30 p.m. (360 Sprint Car driver introductions).
- May 9** - Super Six Late Model Series with 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 4:30 p.m. (You're Our Heroes Night - free admission for police, fire, EMS, military members, American flag giveaway, B Mod driver introductions).
- May 16** - Interstate Racing Association 410 Sprint Car Series, PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, on-track 5:30 p.m. (special event ticket price).
- May 23** - No Racing.
- May 29** - Dairyland Classic Motorcycle Race (special event ticket price).
- May 30** - Badger Midget Series with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m. (Autograph Night, Checkered Flag Giveaway), (special event ticket price).
- June 6** - World of Outlaws 410 Sprint Car Series with Plymouth Dirt Track Racing 360 Sprint Cars, gates open 4 p.m., hot laps 6:30 p.m., racing 7:30 p.m. (special event ticket price).
- June 13** - Badger Midget Series with 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m. (Grand National driver introductions), (special event ticket price).
- June 20** - Wisconsin wingLESS Sprint Car Series w/ PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m.
- June 27** - Super Six Late Model Series with 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m. (Late Model driver introductions, Kids' Hot Wheel Races, free American flags).
- July 2** - Independence 30 Late Models with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, wingLESS Sprint Cars, A Modifieds, Street Stocks (special event ticket price).
- July 4** - No Racing.
- July 11** - Plymouth Racing Wall of Fame Night, Super Six Late Model Series with 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, and Vintage Modifieds, 5:30 p.m.
- July 18** - Super Six Late Model Series, PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m.
- July 25** - Badger Midget Series with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m. (Christmas in July Kids' Activities), (special event ticket price).
- Interstate Racing Association 410 Sprint Car Series with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Lightning Sprints, on track 5:30 p.m. (special event ticket price)
- Aug. 8** - Super Six Late Model Series with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, (Kids Candy and Coin Drop, Coloring Contest, glowstick giveaway, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15** - Wisconsin wingLESS Sprint Car Series with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22** - Super Six Late Model Series with PDTR 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, (championship night for Late Models) 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 28** - Dirt Kings Late Model Series with 360 Sprint Cars, Grand Nationals, B Mods, (championship night for Grand Nationals and B Mods), 6 p.m.
- Sept. 26** - Wisconsin Sprint Car Championships with Interstate Racing Association 410 Sprint Cars, 360 Sprint Cars, Wisconsin Wingless Sprint Cars, Lightning Sprints championship night, on-track 5 p.m. (special event ticket price)
- Oct. 24** - PDTR Awards Night at Racer's Hall, 7 p.m.

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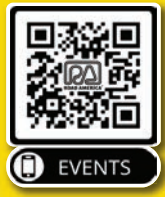
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Three seniors lead Lutheran/Christian squad



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Four Christian volleyball players signed their letter of intent, with three attending Marian (from left to right): Sofia Rodriguez, Gabbi Bulkow, Brielle Claerbaut, Lydia Neeb (Wisconsin Lutheran). - Submitted photo

The Lutheran/Christian girls soccer team has some solid returning starters and new young talent, but is still trying to find its rhythm, according to coach Liesa Blattner. The Crusaders, who play four times in the next eight days, rely on three seniors in Keeran Blattner, Naomi Doss and Katie Richardson.

“Keeran has always been our standout player every year,” the coach said. “Keeran does a great job of penetrating and putting

pressure on other team’s defense. Every team looks to mark her, and try and take her out of play, however Keeran still always manages to be able to put herself in positions where she can possess the ball and get shots off on goal.

“Naomi came in her freshman year never really having played soccer before. I knew she was a really good volleyball and basketball player. Immediately, I told her she was our new starting keeper. Never having played keeper be-

fore, she didn’t disappoint. She stepped into the role and every year just keeps getting better and better. She’s not afraid to step her line and challenge a forward taking them on one vs. one.

“Katie has been a player that I have known and coached for a very long time at Lakeshore United FC. Watching her grow as a player in high school has been great. She is a defensive midfielder that stays calm and composed, looking to make smart decisions.”

A’s run/walk is cancelled

The Sheboygan Athletic Club Board Members have made the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming 5K Home Run/Walk. Due to low registration numbers and limited sponsorship funding, moving forward with the race is unfortunately not feasible, according to race director Sheila Syrjala’s social media post. Board Members remain hopeful about the future and welcome the opportunity to bring the event back in the years ahead. For those that have already registered, the athletic club will be in contact with additional details.

Boxing championship to be held May 30

The fourth annual Sheboygan County Boxing Championship will be held on May 30. The event, hosted by Midwest Boxing Champions, will be held at 1817 North 8th Street and costs \$20. To pre-order tickets or for sponsorship information, call (920) 287-9768. Doors open at noon and the first bout is at 1 p.m. Multiple golden gloves winners will compete, and gyms from multiple states will be represented.

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by Sarah Hall for The Beacon

The legend of Louis Eisold – who died 140 years ago, one week after he was clocked on the head with a beer glass in a fight near closing time on a Sunday night at Sheboygan's Hermann & Kroos Saloon – lives on in a popular beer named after him.

The Milwaukee Brewing Company's flagship beer brand, an amber ale called Louie's Demise, is named after the infamous incident which back in 1886 made statewide news and was followed by the likewise widely-covered trial of his attacker. The Beacon's last Look Back featured the story of Eisold's long-suffering yet resilient widow and mother of their seven children, the incredibly prolific and well-known Sheboygan midwife Rosalia (Mais) Eisold Noll.

Mike Bieser, Louie's great, great nephew and co-founder of the former Milwaukee Ale House, would toast one of the old family photos on the right when he and business partner Jim McCabe of the Milwaukee Brewing Company were back in their home brewing days, according to interviews and news articles.

The photo that inspired them was taken soon after Louie's death – reportedly at his wake –



LOUIE EISOLD

and shows his father Cristoph and seven younger brothers (Gustav, Emmerick, Charles (Carl), Richard, Demas (Tom), William and Edward), all in suspenders and somberly hoisting dimpled beer mugs.

It has been used extensively to help market the beer dubbed Louie's Demise. A series of sailing fundraisers also named in his honor, "Louie's Last Regattas" on the Milwaukee River, have also raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

The actual story of Louie's last bar fight and his attacker's subsequent trial emerges from a mix of documented fact, old newspaper

accounts, modern perspectives and oral history and rumor passed along over generations.

According to 1886 news stories in the Sheboygan Herald

which the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center recently transcribed in a Facebook post about the brawl, "Louis Eishold and Wm. Schaezter quarreled about some trifling matter and during a struggle that ensued Schaezter struck Eishold over the head with a beer mug" on the night of Sunday, September 26, 1886.

A German immigrant, Louie was 39 years old and working as a carpenter to support his growing family at the time. Another photo on the left, excerpted from a family portrait, shows him just several

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Sheboygan ReStore offering Earth Day promotion

SHEBOYGAN - Habitat for Humanity Lakeside ReStore will celebrate Earth Day 2026 by offering shoppers a 10% discount in exchange for accepted donations. The promotion runs from April 22 to 25 and encourages community members to recycle their gently used items.

This promotion rewards recycling and the fight for sustainability, says ReStore Manager Rachel Hartlaub. "Donating your used items to us gives them a second life," Hartlaub says. "Recycling items that would otherwise be thrown away is what the ReStore is all about."

Donated items also make shopping in the ReStore a thrill for bargain hunters and treasure seekers. In addition to new items (sinks, faucets, paint and painting supplies, to name a few), the ReStore regularly gets donations of vintage furniture and like-new appliances and kitchen cabinets.

Earning your 10% off coupon is easy. When considering what to donate, please check our donation guidelines located at sheboyganrestore.org to see if your items will be accepted. Then bring them to the Sheboygan ReStore, 1911 N. 8th St. in Sheboygan, Wednesday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Have a bunch of items or a few big ones? Schedule a pickup by calling 920-452-4175 or visiting sheboyganrestore.org.

To close the loop, use your coupon to purchase an item from the ReStore. The store

has new paint and painting supplies for spring projects, plenty of lawn and garden tools to get your yard ready for planting, and furniture galore. There's pretty much something for everyone at the Sheboygan ReStore. The coupons will be valid through June 30, 2026.

Earth Day, which always falls on April 22, was established in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. Earth Day's purpose is to raise global awareness of environmental issues and inspire action toward sustainability.

Habitat for Humanity Lakeside, founded in 1993, is the Sheboygan County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, a global nonprofit dedicated to eradicating substandard housing. The organization's mission is to bring people together to build homes, community, and hope. For more information, please visit www.habitatlakeside.com.

Carbliss founders to share 'real story' behind their journey at free entrepreneurship event

The Sheboygan County Innovation Council will host a free to the public evening of entrepreneurship, innovation, and community as Carbliss founders Adam Kroener and Amanda Kroener take the stage at Road America on April 24.

Held at the Road America Tuft Center, the event is part of the organization's annual Innovation Speaker Series and is not only free, it is also open to all ages.

Adam and Amanda Kroener, CoFounders of Carbliss, one of the fastest growing beverage brands in the United States, will share the real story behind their entrepreneurial journey. Founded and still proudly operated in Sheboygan County, Carbliss is rooted in hard work, grit, and community.

Attendees can expect an honest conversation about building a business from the ground up, the wins, the challenges, and the lessons learned along the way.

"This is about giving back to the community that supported us from the beginning," said Adam Kroener, CEO of Carbliss. "We're excited to share

what we've learned and connect with people who are build-

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LOOK BACK from 8
 years before his death.
 “Eishold was taken to Dr. Bock’s drug store, the wound dressed and the next day went to work; but Tuesday he complained of pain in his head and quit work

about noon; his head grew worse and he died the Sunday following at 3 o’clock p.m. Schaezter was then arrested and placed under \$500 bond, and is now out on bail. Drs. Bock and Gunther held a post-mortem examination and a coroner’s jury brought in a verdict to the effect that he came to his

death from the effect of the blow upon his head,” the 1886 Sheboygan Herald accounts continued.

The conflict may not have been over such a trifling matter. After Bieser and McCabe’s business grew and they researched old, handwritten court transcripts from the subsequent trial, they reported in a 2016 USA Today interview and other news coverage that “Louie had it coming” and was picking a fight over another man’s wife. The brawl had moved outside the tavern and a bruised-up Louie was scuttled off. Then near closing time he came back, the quarrel resumed and Schaezter struck Louie with the beer mug.

“The bottom line is, if you go back to a bar after after you’ve been kicked out, go back after midnight, nothing good is going to happen,” McCabe said in the interview.

A myth oft repeated is that an onlooker pried a beer from Ei-

sold’s dying hands and toasted his lustful life, but he did not succumb until one week later and had returned to work in the meantime.

Witnesses, experts and fellow German immigrants and beer drinkers who were much-mocked in news stories for their language difficulty and foggy recollections – with one Sheboygan Telegram account complaining that they “exhibited about as much comprehension as an oyster” – testified at the two-day trial.

At least six physicians weighed in and determined that Eisold died not from his injury itself but from traumatic erysipelas, a bacterial infection caused by Strep A.

According to the historical research center’s post, erysipelas also known as “St. Anthony’s Fire. The bacteria enters the body through a cut, then into the bloodstream and leads to septic shock and organ failure.” Louie must have had a prior wound or picked

up a nasty bug somewhere, and in an era with no antibiotics, it could be a death sentence.”

Schaezter was acquitted and the verdict was front-page news across Wisconsin.

“In Louis’ honor, the guys from Milwaukee Ale House created Louie’s Demise, a rich and malty amber ale,” the research center’s post concludes. “They felt it is a fitting tribute for a man who loved a good saloon and a good beer.”

Cheers to a robust man who died in his prime, is buried along with many of his kin in Sheboygan’s Wildwood Cemetery and whose real story is a bit more complicated than his legend lets on.

Photos courtesy of the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. Visit their Facebook page, their website at www.schrc.org and their headquarters at 518 Water Street in Sheboygan Falls.

For many people, addressing hearing loss can feel overwhelming—but it doesn’t have to be.

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What truly sets Hear Again America apart is the personalized care that follows the evaluation. Our provider, Mariah, will take the time to walk patients through their results, carefully explaining the audiogram in a way that is easy to understand. Rather than rushing through the appointment, she will focus on educating patients about their hearing health and answering any questions along the way.

Equally important is the emphasis on lifestyle. Hearing needs are not one-size-fits-all, and Mariah will make it a priority to understand how each patient lives, works, and interacts socially. Whether it’s enjoying conversations with family, participating in community events, or staying active in the workplace, recommendations are tailored to fit real-life situations.

Using this information, she can suggest the most appropriate hearing technology for each individual’s specific type and degree of hearing loss. Patients leave not only with answers, but with confidence in their next steps.

This is just the beginning of each patient’s hearing journey. Hear Again America remains a trusted partner long after the initial fitting, ensuring hearing aids continue to perform at their best. The team offers in-house cleaning and maintenance, and when more extensive repairs are needed, they handle the process from start to finish. Patients can trust that every effort will be made to keep their devices functioning properly and their lives sounding clearer.

At its core, Hear Again America is committed to removing barriers and simplifying the journey to better hearing. Getting started is easy—simply book online, call the office, or stop in. The team is always happy to welcome visitors and help them take the first step toward better hearing.

**Dreaming
 of Baking
 Apple
 Spice
 Cake**



**Myra Stokdyk Eischen
 Certified Advanced Baker**

This month really seemed to forge ahead, despite the lamb into lion hopefully ending in leaving like a lamb again. This was a March that was more typical of what I was used to growing up.

I am looking forward to Spring as most of you are too. The fresh newness of everything waking up from its deep winter slumber is a miracle I love to watch year after year. The older I get, the more blessed I feel, living in this beau-

tiful area of the world.

I am still reaping benefits from last year’s apple crop. I was looking to free up some space in our refrigerator so thought I’d try this new recipe for apple spice cake.

Note#1: The recipe calls for Granny Smith apples, I used a few kinds of medium tart apples I had on hand. It turned out very good, but the tart apples are important to have a more intense apple flavor. Next time I will use them.

Note #2: I plumped ½ c. raisins that I had on hand and added when I stirred in the apples. Next

time I will plump 1 c. to add. ½ c. coarsely chopped walnuts would be a wonderful addition as well if you want to add some crunch.

Note#3: I made the frosting as written, but next time I would cut back on the powdered sugar by a cup. It was almost too much frosting and also way too thick. The frosting came off the top of the cake when we tried to eat it. I think adding a little pure maple syrup or maple flavoring to the frosting would be delicious as well. I would adjust the Milk in the recipe accordingly to how much syrup I added. Maybe 1/2 syrup, ½ milk

Note #4: I cut back on the nutmeg and only used ¼ t. Next time I would add another ¼ t. cinnamon to make up for the spice. It all depends what spices you like. You can adjust to your taste. It wasn’t overly spicy.

Note #5: The next time I try this I will make the same recipe and put it in a 9x13 pan and bake for 25-30 min. This could then be served for dessert or as a coffee-cake. I will frost it in the pan without dumping it out.

Sweet Dreams!

Apple Spice Cake
Credit: Taste of Home

- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 9x9 baking pan. *
- In large bowl beat:
 - ½ c. softened butter
 - 1 c. sugar
 - ½ c. packed brown sugar
- Add:
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1 t. vanilla
- Stir together:
 - 2 c. flour
 - 1 ½ t. baking powder
 - ½ t. baking soda
 - 1 t. ground cinnamon
 - ½ t. ground nutmeg*
 - ¼ t. ground cloves
 - ¼ t. salt
- Alternately add:
 - 1 c. sour cream
- And
 - flour mixture

- Starting and ending with flour mixture.
- Stir in by hand:
 - 2 c. chopped Granny Smith apples*
- Pour batter into prepared pan. Smooth top. Bake 350° for 45-50 min. Until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 15 min. Dump out of pan and let cool.*
- Top with frosting
- In medium saucepan combine:
 - ½ c. softened butter
 - 1 c. packed brown sugar
 - ¼ c. milk*
- Bring to boil stirring constantly. Boil 1 min. Remove from heat and add:
 - 3 c. powdered sugar*
 - 1 t. vanilla
- Stir until smooth and frost top and sides of cake.



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COMMUNITY from 3

in community spaces, and improving roads and parks.

“Sustainability and climate change should be front and center in the document. It should incorporate the principles stated in the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force Resolution Res. No. 151-21-22, which I don’t believe has been rescinded. The city needs to be proactive, not reactive to climate issues,” read a note from a community member.

Along with the main objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, it also targets other elements of improvement for the city such as highlighting cultural events, enhancing local entertainment, strengthening tourism and waterfront activities, and bettering the walkability and bikeability of the city. The plan also includes a Future Land Use map for the city as a guide to what it would look like in years to come.

“The map is supposed to serve us through 2046 to answer ‘what does the city look like? Does it prioritize housing? Does it prioritize industrial parking?’ The Comprehensive Plan has a list of goals and objectives that’s also mandated by the state, but the city chooses the goals that go beyond that. Those are also some things we are soliciting feed-

back on,” said Zeinert.

The next steps for the Comprehensive Plan is to use the community’s input and update it before passing it onto other city departments for review and approval.

“We’ve done a lot of community engagement and we’d like to thank the community for coming out and providing feedback,” said Zeinert. “We will update the Comprehensive Plan based on community

feedback. It has to be presented to the Plan Commission and then it has to be voted on by the Common Council. The plan is to get it at the end of

the month, which would be April 28.”

To view the Comprehensive Plan draft, visit <https://tinyurl.com/42hnd67p>.



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by **Mahsa Alimardani**
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Today, Donald Trump threat-
ened to end Iranian civiliza-
tion by nightfall if the Islamic
Republic did not concede. By
late evening, that threat had
been suspended. A two-week
extension, a short ceasefire, the
diplomats buying time. And I
watched myself feel something
that should never have to pass
for relief: gratitude that nuclear
annihilation did not happen to-
day.

Let me be precise about what
that feeling is. It is not hope. It is
the specific exhaustion of people
who have been denied hope for
so long that the mere postpone-
ment of catastrophe registers as
reprieve. We celebrated nothing.
We simply exhaled.

My family in Iran has been
living under this arithmetic for
decades: a psychotic regime that
surveils and harasses them, im-
prisons their neighbors, shoots
their children in the streets. And
now, on top of that, the spectacle
of foreign leaders treating their
annihilation as a negotiating po-
sition. There are people in Wash-
ington and Tel Aviv who speak
of bombing Iran the way they
discuss a policy option. There
are influencers and commenta-
tors who find Iranian suffering
legible only when it confirms
what they already wanted to do.
The Islamic Republic's atrocities
(and they are real, they are
ongoing as I write this) have
become license for others to be
monstrous in turn.

This is the trap our people are
caught in. Not a binary between
the regime and its foreign en-
emies, but a vise. The boot of the
Islamic Republic against their
necks has not loosened; if any-
thing, it makes dissent harder,
gives the regime new reasons

to tighten, to quietly murder po-
litical prisoners, as it has done
since its founding. And the caval-
ier rhetoric of annihilation from
those who claim to be on the
side of freedom does not liberate
anyone. It just adds new terrors
to an already terrorized people.

What Iranians deserve is so
ordinary it is almost embarrass-
ing to say aloud. They deserve to
not spend their mornings calculat-
ing whether they will survive
until evening. They deserve to be
seen as people, not as collateral,
not as acceptable losses, not as
the unfortunate human context
around a geopolitical problem.

The ceasefire is two weeks.
The talks may go nowhere. The
regime endures. And in various
cities in Iran, my family will go
to sleep tonight in clothes they
chose for comfort, not for dy-
ing in, which is, I suppose, what
passes for a good day.

We are still here. We are still
owed so much more than this.

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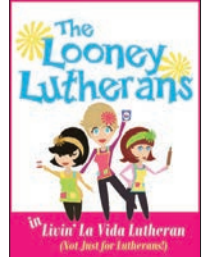
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Food/News *Recipes, tips & nutrition*

Grilled kebabs made a flavorful addition to any backyard barbecue

Grilling enthusiasts are always on the lookout for something new to cook over an open flame. While traditional staples like steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs will never lose their favor among lovers of grilled food, expanding one's grilling repertoire can open doors to new flavors and ensure meal time is always something to look forward to.

Fans of foods cooked over an open flame who want to try something new and flavorful can try this recipe for "Grilled Pork and Mango Kebabs With Chili Sauce" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Grilled Pork and Mango Kebabs With Chili Sauce *Makes 4 Servings*

For the chili sauce:
1/2 cups rice wine vinegar
1 tablespoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon caster sugar
2 red chilies, sliced

For the kebabs:
2 tablespoons whole grain mustard
1 cup pineapple juice
1 lime, juiced
1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black peppercorns
1 1/4 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed of silver skin and cut into chunks
1 large ripe mango
Olive oil, for brushing
1 handful small mint leaves

1. For the chili sauce: Whisk together all the ingredients for the chili sauce in a small saucepan. Warm over a low heat, stirring until the sugar and salt have dissolved. Set aside until needed.

2. For the kebabs: Preheat a grill to a moderately hot temperature.

3. Stir together the mustard, pineapple juice, lime juice, salt, and pepper in a large mixing bowl. Add the pork, stir well to coat, and set aside until the grill is preheated.

4. In the meantime, halve and pit the mango. Cut away the skin before cutting the flesh into cubes.

5. Thread the pork onto the skewers, alternating with the mango flesh. Brush the grates of the grill with some olive oil.

6. Lay the kebabs onto the grill and leave to cook, turning occasionally, until the pork and



mango are lightly charred all over, about 8 to 10 minutes.

7. Remove from the grill to a plate and let rest for 5 minutes, covered loosely with aluminum foil.

8. Scatter with mint leaves and serve with the chili sauce on the side.

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Former Junior 4-H Dairy Project treasurer charged with theft

by **Ian Johanson**
for The Beacon

Plymouth farmer Stacy L. Limberg was arrested coming out of her barn Feb. 26 in front of her "dumbfounded" husband

and daughter and charged with theft of \$23,350 from the Sheboygan County Junior 4H Dairy Project, where she was previously treasurer. Limberg admitted to the theft, according to a criminal complaint, and said

she used the money for farm costs, repairs to farm machinery, and medical costs.

The newly-elected treasurer of the group, who had just won the position Feb. 22, had informed police two days prior to Limberg's arrest that she discovered discrepancies between what Limberg reported and the bank statements. There were multiple checks to Limberg's husband and her daughter, and altogether the checks believed to be fraudulent totaled \$29,600, the treasurer told police.

The treasurer "explained that these funds were intended to support scholarships and a trip to Scotland for members of the dairy project. She said the dairy project's parent organization had offered the group a loan to ensure members would not miss these opportunities," the complaint says. Deposits totaling \$6,250 "appeared to be an attempt to repay a portion of the amount stolen," she told police.

When police came to the family farm, "Stacy and her husband, [Witness 3], and her daughter were walking out of the barn. Stacy immediately told her husband that the police were there for her, and [Witness 3] was dumbfounded. Stacy reassured him that it was her fault, and the police were there for her," the complaint says.

At a subsequent interview with police, the officer "asked Stacy about the checks that were made out to the businesses and to her husband, [Witness 3], and her daughter, and she said the checks were made out and cashed by her at their bank. Stacy said that both [Witness 3] and her daughter didn't know anything was going on, in regards to the money that she was taking. Stacy said that she was adamant she was going to pay the money back when she received a government check in the fall, but the check and grant had been pushed back, and she panicked."

Limberg is free on a \$7,500 signature bond. The charge of Theft - Business Setting is a class G felony with a maximum sentence of 10 years and/or \$25,000 fine.

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Sarah Hagenow, 78th Alice in Dairyland

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Dairy farmers in Wisconsin emphasize cow health as a top priority, starting with nutrition. Dairy cows are ruminants, meaning their specialized four-part stomachs allow them to digest grasses and forage that humans cannot, converting these into nutrient-rich milk. Their diets are carefully planned with the help of professional nutritionists to ensure a balanced mix of protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals, which is tailored to each stage of milk production. This diet often consists of a Total Mixed Ration, or TMR, which can be compared to a "cow casserole," where all ingredients come together in a complete package of nutrition that cows enjoy on a daily basis.

Beyond feed, farmers provide clean, comfortable living environments with proper ventilation and fresh bedding. Access to clean water 24 hours a day and regular veterinary care help cows stay healthy, productive, and comfortable. Just like humans, cows can get sick too,

and farmers have many tools in their toolbox to help their beloved bovines get on the mend quickly and comfortably. Antibiotics are one of those tools, and if a cow requires antibiotics, her milk is immediately removed from the supply until it is verified safe. All milk is routinely tested at both the farm and processing levels to guarantee antibiotic-free dairy products on store shelves.

Humane animal care is more



Cow nutrition is a key priority on Wisconsin dairy farms. Professional nutritionists work hand in hand with dairy farmers to develop a well-balanced diet so that cows get the right nutrients in every bite. This often comes in the form of a Total Mixed Ration, or TMR, which can be compared to a "cow casserole."

(Credit: Paul Gero Photography and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin)

than a saying; it's a certified commitment. Over 90% of Wisconsin dairy farms participate in the National FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) Program, which independently evaluates farms to ensure ethical treatment and animal welfare standards are met. This level of certification brings transparency and trust to consumers who want to know where their dairy comes from and how it was produced.



Farmers provide clean and comfortable living environments for cows, including proper ventilation and fresh bedding. Whether that bedding is sand, straw, shavings, mats, or a combination of these options, all farmers want to ensure their cows can rest comfortably!

(Credit: Alice in Dairyland)

Wisconsin is home to more than 12 million dairy cows, distributed across approximately 51,000 dairy farms, 90% of which are family owned. These cows are the backbone of an industry that contributes \$10 billion to the state economy each year and supports thousands of jobs statewide.

While rooted in tradition, Wisconsin dairy farms are far from static. Farmers continuously adopt sustainable and scientific



The National Dairy FARM Program, a collaboration between the National Milk Producers Federation and Dairy Management, Inc., is a commitment to ensure ethical treatment and high animal welfare standards are met on dairy farms.

(Credit: National Dairy FARM Program)

approaches to improve herd health and environmental stewardship. Feed regimens, barn designs, and health protocols evolve with the latest research to optimize cow welfare, productivity, and sustainability. These innovations help ensure that dairy farming remains viable for future generations.

Wisconsin's dairy cows are viewed as members of the family on the farms where they reside because without them, we wouldn't have the wholesome, safe, and nutritious dairy products that help us live vibrant lives. From the fields and barns of family farms to kitchens nationwide, the milk they produce nourishes millions and reflects the dedication of the farmers who raise them. To dive deeper into the high level of care that dairy cows receive on our Wisconsin farms and learn about farmers' commitment to responsibly produced products, visit wisconsinmilk.org.

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The Veg Patch Dispatch



Stephanie Bartel • OLD PLANK FARM

A farm crew member once asked what we would do if the plastic blew off one of the seeding greenhouses? Could we get through a disaster like that, she wondered, and if so, how.

Disaster? I'd replied, scoffing, *that's not a disaster, that's a Tuesday.*

Which is not to say that I schedule the situations involving high winds and gigantic sails billowing over the farmyard. I don't pencil in any of our problems here, and if I did I wouldn't put them down for a Tuesday anyway, which is our busiest harvest day in summer.

And I definitely have no influence over the weather's plans, although there are times when I amuse myself by finding coincidences involving weather patterns and

my thought patterns. But even those times never involve naming the wind. Only the rain.

Well if it's not a disaster and it's not on the Tuesday to-do list, what is it?

A farm provides a vast territory for the Universe's creative expression of not-fun surprises, which I'll define as "moderately tragic, inconveniently serendipitous, resilience building exercises initiated by the chief commanders of farm chaos, Mother Nature and tractors."

But this is not the definition of 'disaster,' according to Merriam Webster. (I looked it up). (While I was there in the D's I probably should have looked up 'denial,' too). The above definition is not listed in a dictionary; so let's call it Disastoral Art.

Examples of disastoral art at Old Plank Farm have included things as simple as the deer eating a whole batch of lettuce the night before harvest (one bite out of the center of every head is their usual demolition style, a depressingly

artistic pattern), and things as unlikely as a live mouse clogging an irrigation sprinkler.

I know the mouse was alive at the time of clogging because when I finally diagnosed the nonworking sprinkler, fresh blood was dripping out where

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Lopez on alto saxophone and clarinet (Sheboygan South High School).

The students were chosen from a field of talented musicians by judges Anthony Bauer, who teaches band and orchestra in the Manitowoc Public School District, and Steven Paul Spears, Associate Professor of Music

and Chair of the Voice Department at Lawrence University. Contestants were evaluated for musicianship, rhythm, style, tone quality, interpretation, and stage presence.

The Senior Honor Recital will also feature special guests Drake Wappler, an alumnus of Sheboygan South High School who per-

formed in the 55th Senior Honor Recital, and Paolo Gonzalez, an alumnus of Sheboygan North High School who performed in the 54th Senior Honor Recital. They will be joined by additional musicians in ensemble and duet performances, highlighting their ongoing dedication to pursuing their passion for music.

The Senior Honor Recital will be held in the John Michael Kohler Arts Center Theatre, 608 New York Ave., Sheboygan. Tickets are \$5 (\$4 JMKAC members/students). To purchase tickets, visit jmkac.org/events, call (920) 458-6144, or stop at the Arts Center's Reception Desk. Reservations are required.

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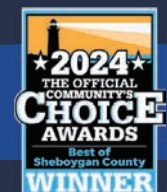
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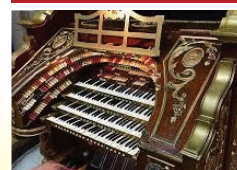
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snapping off the tractor, a situation that really keeps you on your resilience building toes when it breaks off while you're trying to get the darn thing out of gear in order to stop because you've reached the end of the bed and you have riders sitting on the cultivating machine on back who are expecting you to stop so they can get off and stretch, but you don't stop because

the clutch pedal is lying in the grass and you point to it to let them know to *hang on*, 'cuz stopping has just become terribly inconvenient.

And of course there's that greenhouse plastic, which can blow off of a structure at any time.

There are so many things that can, and do, go wrong on a farm. To expect otherwise is to invite true disaster. Was it not the expectation of smooth sailing that led to the sinking of the Titanic? A green tractor

driver once asked me what he should do if he sees a big rock in the field when he's driving with the planting crew in tow.

I put on my best stoic face and told him the only option is to yell out *Iceberg Ahead!* and then jump off the tractor to save himself.

I don't seek disastoral art (I made sure the green tractor driver knew I was joking), or anything on the disaster spectrum that ranges from nuisance to apocalypse, but I've learned to expect it from time

to time.

Say the greenhouse plastic does blow off. As long as we have our hands, our heads, and our health, it seems ungrateful to claim a disaster. It's just one more thing to work on, as we try to make the most of whatever Mother Nature offers us, which is my definition of farming.

Stephanie Bartel is the owner of Old Plank Farm in Plymouth, WI. She writes a weekly column for subscribers at plymouth-review.com.



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- **Saturday, May 30** 9-11 a.m. Trash cleanup, plug planting, spring invasive removal, and trail checking.
- **Saturday, July 18** 9-11 a.m. Broad-leaved helleborine pulling.
- **Grasshopper Hill Preserve - Elkhart Lake**
- **Thursday, June 4** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Buckthorn clearing.
- **Saturday, June 13** 9-11 a.m. Buckthorn clearing.
- **Christel Preserve - Valders**
- **Tuesday, May 5** 6 p.m. Trash pickup and brief preserve update.
- **Willow Creek Preserve - Sheboygan**
- **Wednesday, May 27** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Plug planting.

EVENTS AT MEAD

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22:
Visit with Pawsitism Service
Dogs:** 4-5 p.m., Story Garden.
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service dogs. Recommended
grades K-6.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23:
Myths & Mistakes in Es-
tate Planning:** 6-7:30 p.m.,
Rocca Room. Join attorney
Tracy Gibson and learn about
the perils of probate, and the
proper use of beneficiary des-
ignations, wills, trusts and
power of attorney documents.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24: She-
boygan County Memory
Cafe:** 10-11:30 a.m., Roc-
ca Room. Mead will host a
themed social gathering for
people living with memory
loss and for their families,
friends or care partners. These
social-engagement events are
an opportunity to have fun,
share experiences and stay
connected. Register at the
www.meadpl.org events cal-
endar or call 920-459-3400.

**SATURDAY, MAY 2: Mead
Con:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit the
library for free comics and
swag, a cosplay contest, retro
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EVENTS AT ELKHART LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

All of these events take place at Elkhart Lake Public Library
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EVERY WEDNESDAY: Coffee Hour: 10 a.m. Enjoy a cup of coffee, conversation, and a preview of the week's new releases.

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23: Poetry Reading and Author Talk: 6:30 pm. With local author Maryann Hurtt. Adults.

FRIDAY, MAY 1: Nature's Treasures: 10 am - 11 am. Crafts using items from nature. Kids first grade and up. Registration required.

FRIDAY, MAY 12: Historic Wisconsin Barns: 1 pm. Join Jim Draeger for a slide tour of some of Wisconsin's most historic barns. Adults.

EVENTS AT PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21: Tech Help: 10:30 am. Reserve a time to work with our librarian and get some basic tech help. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22: Wizard Book Night: 4:00 pm. Join us for games and activities inspired by the magical world of Harry Potter!

MONDAY, APRIL 27: Yoga for Everyone: 6:00 pm. For all ages. Join us as our certi-

fied yoga instructor shows us how yoga can be for everyone. Registration requested.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28: Dice Quest: 4:00 pm. For ages 14 and up. Gather with other tabletop RPG enthusiasts and play fun adventures.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29: Mystery & Horror Book Club: 6:00 pm. Come and discuss books from the mystery and horror genre with other members of the community. 920-892-4416

EVENTS AT GENERATIONS

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21: GenT Open Hours - Free Tech Help: 11:30am - 1:30pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and avail-

able to the community.
History on the Move: 12:00pm. Lost Places of Sheboygan County: Take a trip back in time to reconnect with local mysteries.

FIT4MOM Stroller Striders: 12:00pm. Try out this sample class with FIT4MOM. You'll work on strength, cardio, and core while interacting with your little ones in a stroller. RSVP to Karlee at 920-946-9375 or sheboygan@fit4mom.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23: GenT Open Hours - Free Tech Help: 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25: Drug Take Back Day: 10:00am - 1:00pm. Officers from the Plymouth Police Department will be at Generations to collect old and/or expired medications for dis-

posal.
MONDAY, APRIL 27: Veterans' Chat: 11:00am. All Veterans are welcome to join us for lunch and conversation. The special is a Fish Fry for \$9. For anyone 60 and older, you can register through the Meal Site to get your lunch for a suggested donation. Visit Susan Wenzel for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28: GenT Group Talk: 1:30pm. This month we are covering Artificial Intelligence (AI). Learn what it is and how best to use it.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30: GenT Open Hours - Free Tech Help: 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

Live Zena Presentation: 6:00pm. Miki Eaton with Live Zena will present on Pelvic Floor 101. Get information,

learn exercises to do at home, and ask any questions you have. This event is free but donations are welcome.

GENERATIONS CENTER MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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

Parkinson's Focused Exercise: Wednesday & Friday, 12:30pm

PingPong Parkinson's: Wednesday, 1:30pm.

Advanced Parkinson's Mat Fitness: Thursday, 10:30am

Energizing Flex & Flow: Monday, 9:50am & Wednesday, 9:30am

Dance Fusion: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am.

Cardio, Core, & More:



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2026 Plymouth Dirt Track RACING SCHEDULE

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Sat., April 25	Opening Night SP-GN-BM-LEG Pits open 1pm, Gates open 4pm, Qualifying 4:30pm	
Sat., May 2	Sprint Car Driver Intros SP-GN-BM-LM Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4pm, Qualifying 4:30pm	
Sat., May 9	You're Our Heroes Night SP-GN-BM-LM Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4pm, Qualifying 4:30pm	
Sat., May 16	IRA-SP-GN* Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4:30pm, "On Track Action" 5:30pm	
Fri., May 29	Dairyland Classic Motor Cycle Race	
Sat., May 30	Autograph Night Checked Flag Give-Away SP-GN-BM-MID* Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., June 6	World of Outlaws with 360 Sprints* Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4pm, Hot Laps 6:30pm, Racing 7:30pm	
Sat., June 13	GN Drivers Intros SP-GN-BM-MID* Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., June 20	IRA, SP, WL Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4:30pm, "On Track Action" 5:30pm	
Sat., June 27	L.M. Driver Intros, Kid's Hot Wheel Races/American Flag Give-Away SP-GN-BM-LM Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Thurs., July 2	INDEPENDENCE 30* Late Models-MSA Sprints-WingLess-A Mods-Street Stocks 10 Pack tickets not valid for Pits or Grandstand	

***Special Event Pricing**

The following divisions will race at PDTR this season.

Divisions racing that night will be noted by the following on the schedule:

SP = PDTR 360 Sprints	IRA = IRA 410 Sprints
LM = PDTR Late Models	LEG = INEX Legends
GN = PDTR Grand Nationals	LS = Lightning Sprints
BM = PDTR B Mods	WL = Wisconsin WingLESS Sprints
MID = Badger Midgets	

Sat., July 11	Wall of Fame & Dirt Devil Series SP-GN-BM-LM-Vintage Mods Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., July 18	SP-GN-BM-LM Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., July 25	Christmas in July SP-GN-BM-MID* Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., August 1	IRA-SP-LS* Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4:30pm, "On Track Action" 5:30pm	
Sat., August 8	Candy and Coin Drop, Coloring Contest, Glowstick Give-Away SP-GN-BM-LM Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., August 15	SP-GN-BM-WL Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Sat., August 22	Late Model Championship SP-GN-BM-LM Pits open 3pm, Gates open 4:30pm, Qualifying 5:30pm	
Fri., August 28	Dirt Kings/Championship Night* for Grand Nationals and B Mods SP-GN-BM (GN Dirt Devil Series)* Pits open 3pm, Gates open at 5pm, Qualifying 6pm	
Sat., Sept 26	Wisconsin Sprint Car Championships* IRA-PDTR/MSA 360 Sprints-WL-LS "Championship Night for all Divisions" Pits open 2pm, Gates open 4:30pm "On Track Action" 5pm	
Sat., Oct 24	PDTR Awards Night Racer's Hall 7:00pm	

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Hello friends,

Last week I wrote to you that I had to lay low and stay out of the sun for a bit as I was going through a treatment for Actinic Keratoses, which is potential precancerous skin cancer cells.

A chemical was put on my face, ears and the top of my head. It was there for 2 hours, then I underwent BLU-U therapy for 16 minutes, 40 seconds.

In other words, my head was baked, I could not go outside or be near a window. Four days later my face fell off and now I am looking and feeling good.

I have been dealing with pre-cancer and skin cancer for 25 years. Wear a hat, long sleeve shirt and sunscreen, none of the process dealing with it is inexpensive or painless.

Monday, March 30th
High 64, low 36

I would be getting my treatment 24 hours after returning from this expedition, and one of the stipulations was that I could not have sunburn.

My plan around that was to paddle troll for monster walleye on the Fox River below the dam at De Pere near Green Bay.

Each spring, from early March to the spawn around mid-April, this 2-mile stretch of river attracts fishermen in large numbers from all over the Midwest who try to catch a walleye over 28 inches (which is how large they have to be to keep, in reality almost all that size are released).

I used to fish from shore at

Voyageur Park in De Pere and did catch a 30-incher one year. In all honesty, I do not like fishing that close to people that I do not know.

Next, I fished from my boat for a few years but simply wanted the challenge to be increased. So then I started fishing out of my 17-foot canoe about 10 years ago and have caught several walleye 28 inches or larger (even to catch a 23 is a heck of a thrill in hard current while in a canoe).

Back to the skin/sun thing. My fishing would be for the most part after dark to prevent problems and because there is less boat traffic and wind. I would use three rods rigged with crankbaits and one with a left planer board, another with a right and one straight back.

Another tidbit that I was told several times at a very busy landing at Brown County fairgrounds is, they are not biting.

I started setting lines while paddling down river and when I had three out, headed upriver towards the dam. If a person

can tell when people are talking about you, this was one of those times.

I have never seen anyone in a canoe doing this and I paddle by many fishermen. The art of the game is to keep a distance from fellow humans and if you get a snag while going upriver react, but do not panic.

In other words, turn your rig around, do not drift into anyone and hopefully retrieve your quarry.

Folks, I paddled for 8 hours, until 1 a.m. I did not see a fish caught nor did I get a hit. I took a snooze in The GMC Hotel and then paddled until 10 a.m., and did not get a hit or see a see a fish caught. I started the 140-mile drive home and was fine until the last 10 miles, and holy moly it was like I had drank a quart of whiskey, but hadn't. I made it home, walked in the house and went to bed.

Tuesday, April 9th
High 41, low 28

I have never been totally skunked on this mission and returned tonight.

The BLU-U treatment caused a bit of discomfort, mostly fatigue and my face falling off on Easter Sunday, but now I look 21 again. The reports at the landing were not good, as I rigged my canoe but my excitement just to paddle, explore, challenge myself and hopefully catch a fish exceeded the slow catching stories.

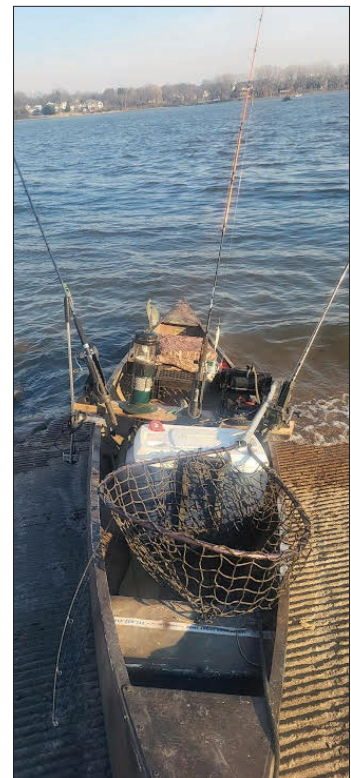
There are a heck of a lot of pelicans here on the Fox and my guess is that they must eat hundreds of pounds of fish a day, maybe even thousands, I wonder what kind of fish they eat on the Fox. In my journey I witnessed two walleye being caught. It was very much a challenge to maneuver between the fishermen, but I do not think I ticked anyone off.

For the most part I sit on my knees squatting, I sit lower this way and have more control of all situations. I am good for about 2 hours and then everything goes numb from the knees to my toes but all I have to do is straighten out for 5 minutes and I am fine.

I tried every crankbait in the box and did not get a strike. I have friends that fish here in boats that are very good at catching, all my reports this spring for this stretch of river have been of slow catching. For me, I killed two birds with one stone, got a story out while working vampire hours and hopefully killed some potential skin cancer.

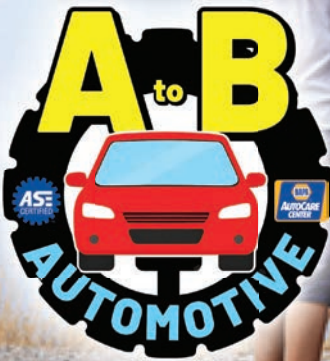
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Chair Pilates: Wednesday & Friday, 11:00am.
Chair Yoga: Monday & Wednesday, 1:30pm.
Cardio Fit: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00am.
Walk Fit 2-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30am.
Super Striders Walk Fit 3-mile: Tuesday & Thursday,

7:15am
Arthritis Exercise Class: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am & 11:00am.
Tai Chi Chih: Tuesday & Thursday, 1:15pm.
Strength Training: Monday & Wednesday, 7:30am.
Yoga Flow: Monday & Wednesday, 9:00am.
Yoga with Weights: Monday, 5:30pm
Yoga for Balance and Stability: Friday, 9:00am.
GenT Tech Help: Most Tuesdays, 11:30am - 1:30pm; Most Thursdays, 3:00pm - 5:00pm.
Foot Clinic: Various Thursdays & Fridays. Call 920-892-4821 for appointment.
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Group: Friday, 10:00am.
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 Wednesday, 10:00am.
Writing Club: 2nd Thursday, 1:00pm
Pool Tables: Monday through

Hiking Club: Thursday, 1:00pm. Location emailed each week.
Book Club: 4th Monday, 3:00pm
Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 6:00pm
Plymouth Bird & Nature Club: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm
Kettle Karvers: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm
Plymouth Rotary: 2nd & last Wednesday, 12:00pm

Cribbage: Monday, 1:00pm.
Hand and Foot Canasta: Monday, 1:00pm.
Duplicate Bridge: 1st & 3rd Monday, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1:00pm. Must pre-register.
5 10 15 Sheepshead: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00am. Tuesday, 1:00pm.
Farkle: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1:00pm.
Bonco: 2nd Monday, 4:30pm.
Party Bridge: 1st & 3rd Tues-

day, 1:15pm.
Dominoes: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1:00pm.
Bingo: Wednesday, 1:30pm.
Scrabble: Thursday, 9:30am.
Mah Jongg: Thursday, 1:00pm.
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 Court was not held on April 3 due to holiday.

Revoke Probation
Andrews, Daniel R., 5/19/1978, Sheboygan, Prison 14 months, Extended Supervision 2 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, Still owes \$175.00.

Forfeitures
Koenig, Michael R., 3/1954, Sheboygan, Hunt w/Improper License-R., \$169.00.

Traffic
Adullahi, Ismail Ahmed, 11/18/1996, Sheboygan, OWI (4th), Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), Ignition Interlock Device Tampering/Fail to Install/Violate Court Order, Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 2 years, License Revoked 36 months, Ignition Interlock 36 months, \$4,904.40.

Bruss, Brandon N., 7/2003, Sheboygan, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$223.10.

Foth, Jessica L., 12/1993, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$175.30.

Goggins, Sue Ann, 7/1972, Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, Fail/Have Passenger Seat Belted, \$20.00.

King, Tyson M., 10/1985, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$676.50.

Kolasain, Balam, 7/1989, Sheboygan, Violate Child Safety Restraint Requirements-Child under 4 years old, \$175.30.

Milatz, Leah R., 8/2008, Sheboygan, Operate Violate Red Traffic Light, \$175.30.

Padilla, Brian A., 10/1998, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Xiong, Susan, 11/1992, Sheboygan, Exceeding Speed Zones, (16-19 mph), Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$210.50.

Xiong, Thao Yang, 8/1985, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Operating while Suspended
Bates, Aprice D., 5/2006, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate w/o Carrying License
Check, Emily C., 6/2/1988, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone
Caelwaerts, Anthony T., 6/1993, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Speeding on Expressway
Bell, Mikia M., 9/1992, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Misdemeanors
Mercure, Bonnie R., 11/17/1971, Sheboygan, Retail Theft-Intentionally Take (<\$500), \$1,255.00.

Felonies
Bardin, Anthony J., 11/19/1998, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping, Jail 90 days (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$530.00.

Calkins, Nathan J., 5/16/1976, Sheboygan, 1st Degree Child Sexual Assault-Sexual Contact or Sexual Intercourse w/ Person under age of 13, Prison 20 years, Extended Supervision 20 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, Sex Offender Registration-Lifetime, \$614.40.
 April 6 to April 10, 2026

DCA
Bredesen, Nichole A., 3/8/1978, Sheboygan, 2nd degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (DCA-Felony-1 year).

Forfeitures
Sirvio, Joseph J., 3/1980, Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$200.50.

Traffic
Coisman, Brock G., 4/2005, Sheboygan, Driving too Fast for Conditions, \$213.10.

Fenske Jr., Luke E., 1/2001, Sheboygan, Driving too Fast for Conditions, \$213.10.

Judy, Christopher N., 9/1993, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.

Leitch, Marlette C., 5/1992, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$676.50.

Siebenlist, Stephanie L., 12/1986, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Speeding on Freeway (16-19

mph), \$426.20.

Operate while Suspended
Nourse, Tiffany A., 3/1984, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Saeger Jr., Shawn C., 4/1988, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Williams, Thomas H., 12/1999, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate while Revoked
Jeske, Timothy S., 8/1980, Sheboygan, (1st), \$200.50.

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance
Alcater, Mariajose M., 6/2005, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Speeding on Freeway
Bell, Colleen F., 9/1978, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.

Blais, Hannah Y., 6/1997, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Carmody, Justin J., 9/1989, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Erby, Shacoda M., 4/1983, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$200.50.

Exceeding Speed Zones
Gosh, Brittany N., 6/1986, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Higge, Julius L., 12/1985, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Koene, Justin C., 2/1998, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Roeh, Robert M., 11/1973, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

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Brown, Roberta S., 10/22/1970, Sheboygan, (1st w/Passenger <16 years old), Jail 50 days, License Revoked 17 months, Ignition Interlock 17 months, \$2,448.50.

Yang, Narong, 5/1/2000, Sheboygan, (2nd), Jail 30 days, License Revoked 15 months, Ignition Interlock 15 months, \$1,858.50.

Misdemeanors
Campos, Guillermo, 2/10/1973,

Sheboygan, Endanger Safety/Use/Dangerous Weapon, Jail 6 months (imposed/stayed), \$455.00.

Dietrich, Jamie N., 8/26/1982, Sheboygan, Intentionally Abuse Hazardous Substance, \$780.00.

Fleisner, Aaron J., 5/28/1988, Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (Repeater), \$591.00.

Hayes, Markivous A., 7/20/1988, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), \$1,206.00.

Pernell McGinnis, Anthony W., 2/6/2001, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), Criminal Trespass to Dwelling (Domestic Abuse), \$555.00.

Trost, Scane O., 10/15/1977, Sheboygan, Lewd, Lascivious Behavior-Exposure, Community Service 10 hours, \$455.00.

Weiss, Steven S., 1/16/1990, Sheboygan, Retail Theft-Intentionally Conceal (<=\$500), \$684.65.

Misdemeanors and other charges
Hume III, James F., 3/9/2006, Sheboygan, Theft-Movable Property-Special Facts (Felony), Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct, (Misdemeanors), Jail 4 months (stayed), 6,227.39.

Reise, Ryan R., 12/26/1992, Sheboygan, 1st degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, (Felony) Cause Injury while Operating under the Influence (1st), Sex Registry Violation, (Misdemeanors), Prison 4 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, Jail 4 months, License Revoke 14 months, Ignition Interlock 14 months, \$4,349.87.

Sixel, Samuel R., 3/21/2000, Sheboygan, Strangulation and Suffocation, Bail Jumping (Felonies), Possession of THC, Battery, Disorderly Conduct-2 counts, (Misdemeanors), \$3,318.75.

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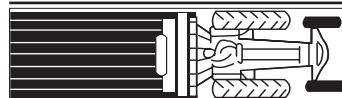
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One way to keep unwanted items from polluting the world: Donate them to one of Sheboygan's many nonprofits. Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, Goodwill, Love Inc., St. Vincent De Paul Society thrift stores in Sheboygan and Plymouth, Richardson Hospice Resale Store in Sheboy-

gan Falls, and Neat Repeats Thrift Shop in Plymouth are just a few of the organizations that give new life to gently used goods.

To make sure that your donated clothes, home goods, furniture, and other items do end up with a new lease on life, consider taking the following steps.

Check donation guidelines first. Goodwill in Sheboygan, for instance, does not accept furniture. Sheboygan ReStore, Habitat for Humanity Lakeside's resale store, accepts furniture, tools, and even kitchen cabinets, but does not accept used mattresses or appliances more than 8 years old, to name a few. The ReStore also is likely to reject furniture with rips, stains, odors, or a coating of pet hair. "We try to accept as many donations as we can, but ultimately, we need to be able to sell the items," says ReStore Manager Rachel Hartlaub.

Make sure the items are clean. Wash clothes, dust and/or clean furniture, and make sure tools and other appliances are in good working order. If an item does not work, let the organization know as it might be able to sell the un-

workable item for scrap metal.

Don't use the resale store as a trash can. If the item is truly too smelly or worn out to be reused, then grit your teeth and throw it away. One rule of thumb some thrifters use: If you wouldn't give the item to a close friend, then don't give it to a resale store. Sometimes, one person's trash isn't another person's treasure — it's just plain old trash.

Buy intentionally. One way to keep items out of the landfill is to shop more carefully. Think of new purchases as "needs" versus "wants," and do consider buying from one of Sheboygan County's many thrift stores. The prices can't be beat and there's a lot to be said about the thrill of thrifting and finding a treasure (a designer sweater, a vintage dresser or table) priced at a fraction of its real value.

Donate money, too. Thrift stores around town have overhead costs just like other stores. When you drop off your donated items, consider making a monetary donation, too, to help cover rent, salaries, and the other costs of giving your donations a second chance.



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that might be vulnerable to spills or puddling. The NIA also recommends fixing all carpets firmly on the floors, which may necessitate the removal of all area rugs. Adding handrails on staircases so there's something to grab onto on each side the staircase also can enhance the safety of these potentially risky spaces in a home.

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Repurposing rooms in a home comes down to aligning the space a person has with their lifestyle needs. Here are a few ways to rethink interior spaces and make a switch to improve utility.

- **Identify unused or under-used rooms.** Take note of spaces that are cleaned but rarely used. For many people, this is a dining room or a guest suite. Either of these rooms can be transformed into something new.

- **Invest in multipurpose furniture.** Even people short on space can transform their homes. Replacing a traditional bed with a murphy bed or a daybed can make a room more suitable for a home office or yoga studio, but still provide a space for the occasional houseguest to sleep. A pull-down shelf desk in a bedroom or even a walk-in closet can turn an area into a compact home workstation.

- **Claim dead space.** The area under the stairs or another small spot often is used to collect junk. Instead, it can be turned into a built-in wine rack, a reading nook for kids or even a pet sanctuary with

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just a few modifications. Analyze areas around the home that seem like they don't serve a purpose, and then figure out a way to make them more functional.

• **Establish room zones.** Some people simply cannot transform an entire room into something else. Visual partitioning makes it possible to create rooms within rooms. An area rug can be used to define a border of a space. Open bookshelves can serve as a wall to separate a sleeping area from a lounging spot. Lighting can add dimension to areas in a space. A pendant light over a crafting or work table can be used to define the space.

• **Look at utility areas.** Unless you are a do-it-yourselfer or have a hobby that takes up much of the garage

or basement, utility areas are major spots in a home to consider repurposing. A garage can be turned into a home gym, kids' play area or even a hobby shop. Modular flooring and insulated walls can make the room comfortable. Attic lofts are the ultimate quiet zones, and can be serene spots for reading, meditating or doing homework. An unfinished basement can be converted into a finished space to serve many different purposes. From media rooms to a teen lounge to a hobby cave, the opportunities are endless.

A good rule of thumb before converting any room is to give it a test run. Move in a piece of furniture and test how it works with its intended function. Assess lighting, noise and foot traffic for a week, and then move ahead with changes if the result is positive.

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to reduce stress, anxiety and even built-up anger. Gardening also helps a person connect to the current moment and not be caught up in their mind. Nearly all forms of exercise, gardening included, can lighten mood and lower levels of stress and anxiety. Also, routines, such as spending a certain portion of the day weeding or tending to gardening needs, creates a soothing rhythm to ease stress.

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• **Fire safety features:** The National Fire Protection Association notes that the death rate in home structure fires is approximately 60 percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms than in homes with no alarms or in homes where alarms are not working. The NFPA adds that smoke alarms monitor for smoke and control the speaker that emits the sounds that notify occupants of the presence of smoke. The NFPA recommends both ionization smoke alarms and photoelectric smoke alarms, as each employs a different type of sensor. The combination of both in a home ensures

people are alerted in the case of both flaming fires (ionization alarms) and smoking, smoldering fires (photoelectric alarms). A functioning fire extinguisher also is a must (disposable extinguishers typically last between 10 and 12 years), as is a carbon monoxide detector.

• **Lighting:** Sufficient lighting in a home and around the exterior of a home and even the property can be another important safety and security measure. Exterior lighting deters intruders because it makes them more visible to residents while they're awake and makes them easier to see on overnight security cameras, which can be enough to keep them away. Interior

lighting makes it easier to navigate a home at twilight and at night. Hallway night lights can make trips to the bathroom safer, and lighting alongside stairways can make these spaces easier to navigate when the rest of the home is dark.

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