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Sheboygan Fire Department launching prehospital blood administration program

SHEBOYGAN — The City of Sheboygan Fire Department (SFD) will officially launch its prehospital blood administration program on April 15, 2026, representing a significant advancement in emergency medical care for the community. With this implementation, the SFD will become the first EMS service in Sheboygan County to carry and administer

blood products in the field.

This program allows paramedics to begin life-saving blood transfusions at the scene of an emergency or while enroute to the hospital—bringing hospital-level care directly to patients when minutes matter most. Severe bleeding remains one of the leading causes of preventable death in trauma patients, and early access

to blood has been shown to significantly improve survival.

The program has been developed over the past year in collaboration with the Department's Medical Director Dr. Erin McGlynn and Aurora Regional EMS, following approval by the Wisconsin State EMS Office to allow paramedic-level services to administer blood products. A limited number of EMS agencies across Wisconsin have begun implementing similar programs, placing the SFD among a small but growing group of advanced EMS providers statewide.

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Planning Department to host Saturday Open House on Comprehensive Plan Draft

Press release from the City of Sheboygan- Mar. 27

SHEBOYGAN – The City's Planning and Development Department has released an updated draft of the Comprehensive Plan, reflecting valuable

feedback received from residents both prior to and during the open house sessions held on March 19th.

Based on additional community feedback and preferences regarding scheduling, the Department has added a final com-

munity engagement session to better accommodate residents.

The final open house will be held on:

Saturday, April 11th
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers

This session will feature large-format displays of maps, data, and key elements of the updated Comprehensive Plan, similar to those presented at the March open houses. Staff will be available to answer questions and gather feedback. A limited number of printed copies of the updated draft will be available on-site, and the full document is also accessible online here.

The purpose of this session is to identify any remaining updates or refinements needed before the plan is finalized. Community members are encouraged to attend, review the materials, and share their input to help ensure the plan reflects the community's priorities and vision for the future.

The Planning and Development Department thanks all residents who have participated in the process thus far and looks forward to continued community engagement.

Community members who were unable to attend or who would still like to provide feedback are encouraged to contact the Director of Planning and Development at tz1388@sheboyganwi.gov or 920-459-3383.

The Life of Wilma & Roxy Gordon



Wilma (St Bernard) could make a bad day better when walking through the door just by her smile. She loved car rides, belly rubs, and watching the birds in the backyard. She was a one-of-a-kind dog & will forever be a good girl. She was one day shy of her 6th birthday.

Roxy (Jack Russell/Rat Terrier) was our dog for 18, almost 19 years. She was small but mighty. She loved playing fetch and chasing bubbles. She helped raised the kids & was the dog you could bring anywhere. She truly was the Betty White of all dogs. A legend.

Wilma & Roxy were the best dogs and are greatly missed by everyone they knew. They were full of unconditional love, loyalty, and endless snuggles. The girls joined us on our vacations & camping trips. They saw buffalo in South Dakota, bears in The Great Smoky Mountains, & chased waterfalls on our hikes.

The girls crossed the rainbow bridge together on March 20th, 2026. Their last day included going for one last car ride, taking one last walk, enjoying one last pup cup, and even eating cake for Wilma's birthday. They were reunited with their brothers Axle (German Shepherd) & Hunter (Yellow Lab) on the other side.

We would like to say thank you to Dr. Alexa Bertz at Healthy Paws Veterinary Clinic, The Hayat Pharmacy staff, Grace Fisher at Links Grooming, Hannah Jayne photography & our friends and family.

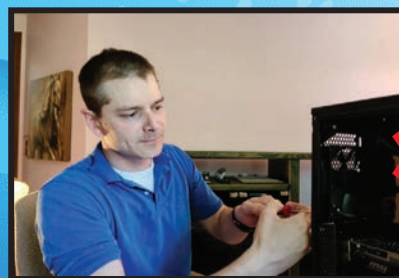
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Sheboygan South grad giving bowling lessons; how mental health can improve your game

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Kelly Whipple is now offering bowling lessons, and one look at her resume will likely win anyone over.

The 2021 South graduate helped the Redwings win a state championship as a senior after claiming four conference crowns. She's been named the Division III Bowler of the Year two times before graduating from UW-Whitewater last spring.

Whipple then coached the team at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill.

She has 64,000 followers on TikTok and 13,000 on Instagram.

And Whipple just happens to be on the Professional Women's Bowlers Association Tour.

So why not offer lessons?

"We meet a lot of people who look up to us, and I've gotten a lot of inquiries - even just for tips - 'I'm a high schooler. What would you recommend for me to get better,'" Whipple said. "And I was like, 'Oh, well, I think I could make something out of this.' Just knowing a lot of bowling alleys in the area, I knew that they would let me have lessons there. They like when I bring people into their centers, and so I decided that I would make something of it, make some extra money on the side because tour life isn't a guaranteed paycheck like the NFL or something like that."

Whipple, who is also an event and social media coordinator for



Sheboygan South graduate Kelly Whipple is now offering bowling lessons. - Photo by PWBA media team

a few bowling alleys, announced last week she is giving lessons.

She offers personalized and skill-specific lessons, including the mental aspect of bowling.

"Bowling is really 70% mental, 30% physical," Whipple said. "There's a lot of bowlers who are physically very talented, but their mental game may be holding them back. So, if they feel they throw it pretty good and are getting a lot better but they're not scoring better, that could really be coming from their mental game. So learning the importance of taking care of your mental health, especially college kids or high school bowlers, they'll go through a whole season and they'll be super burnt out. And then during the summer, they're like, 'oh, my gosh, I'm not good anymore.'"

"So learning the importance of confidence and stuff like that, really learning your mental game and knowing how to let that cor-



Kelly Whipple, who bowled at Sheboygan South and UW-Whitewater (above), is now offering lessons. - Photo by Carrie Ogle

relate with your body, so that they can go hand in hand."

Whipple not only offers in-person lessons, but online as well.

One of her sponsorships is an app that inputs videos, if the bowler has any, so she can find out how fast the person throws the ball or how much they're able to spin it.

Whipple would create a lesson plan off of that, as well as what the bowler wants.

And although Whipple still lives in Whitewater, she has no problem driving back to the area she grew up in to give lessons.

"Definitely. All my family still lives in Sheboygan, so I try to get back there a couple times a month," Whipple said. "Especially in the summer, I try to get back to Sheboygan a lot more."

For more information, send an email to bowl815kelly@gmail.com.



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Local students advance to state solo and ensemble music festival

SHEBOYGAN – On Saturday, March 14th, students from Sheboygan North and South High Schools participated in a Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) sanctioned District Solo & Ensemble Music Festival hosted at Sheboygan South High School.

WSMA music festivals support school music programs as part of a comprehensive education by encouraging the study of quality music literature, motivating students to prepare and perform to the best of their abilities, improving students' understanding of music concepts and literature, and providing performance assessment to improve individual and group achievement.

Manitowoc School District, Valders High School, and Gibraltar High School and also brought musicians. During the festival, students performed roughly 475 events of vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios and ensembles before an adjudicator. Each event received a rating. Students accomplishing an outstanding performance at the highest skill level of event (class A) received a 1* rating. These students advance to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at UW-Milwaukee on Saturday, April 25, 2026. This event is free and open to the public. For more information on WSMA, go to www.wsmamusic.org.



Top photo: Sheboygan North High School Students advancing to State: (no specific order) Jonah Brashaw (jazz keyboard percussion solo), Mark Martinez (clarinet solo), Ian La Fave and Sam Marten (euphonium solos), Nic Vue, Emily Allard and Sydona Evenson (vocal solos), Oliver Andrews (jazz strings improvisation solo), Reegan Cantrall, Alyssa Schubert and Ellie Turcotte (piano solos) and the Alternative String Ensemble (30 students).

Bottom photo: Individual Sheboygan South Students advancing to state. From left to right: Cecilia Richter (parade drum solo), Gwendelyn Harder (tenor sax-trombone duet), Brynn Heinen (trumpet solo), Sawyer Lopez (jazz woodwind improvisation solo), Nathan Nguyen (violin solo), Madelyn Steinbacher, Isabel Montes and Angelena Xiong (vocal and musical theater solos), Georgianna Vang (vocal solo).

Other students from South advancing to state that are not pictured: Carter Culp (guitar solo), Rebecca Hall and Kaeley Xiong (vocal solos), Madelyn Steinbacher/Ailey Holtz and Rebecca Hall/Sawyer Lopez (vocal duets), Yarel Roman-Sanchez/Jacquelyn Dominguez/Casey Procek (saxophone trio), Carter Culp/Olivia Knowles/Sawyer Lopez/Nozomi Nichols/Kyle Heiling (jazz combo), Saxophone Choir (7 students), Mixed Vocal Jazz Ensemble (16 students), Jazz I (23 students). - Submitted photos



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Sheboygan restaurant in the running for WI Best Burger Contest

The Wisconsin Beef Council is thrilled to announce the Elite Eight in the 3rd Annual Wisconsin's Best Burger Contest, a statewide celebration of mouthwatering 100% beef burgers served at Wisconsin restaurants, bars, and grills. Now in its third year, the contest continues to draw strong engagement from burger fans across the state who eagerly nominated their favorite burgers.

After tallying thousands of nominations submitted through the Wisconsin Beef Council website, the following establishments rose to the top to earn a coveted spot in the Elite Eight:

- Brew and Oles, 597 N. Pine Street, Burlington
- Brothers on Oak, 412 Oak Street, Baraboo
- The Dump Bar & Grill, 105 W. Edgewater St, Cam-

Kaiser returns after hitting .500

The Lutheran/Christian softball squad no longer can count on Gretta Rick, who made all-conference the last two seasons. Infielder Gabriella Fredericks also graduated after getting honored as a senior.

But at least two-time, first-team all-Big East South Division catcher Courtney Kaiser returns after batting .500 last season.

“We are a very young team but have the building blocks to build and move forward,” coach Jen Stricker said. “I’m really looking at Courtney to move into more of a leadership role, which she has wholeheartedly embraced. Her humbleness and humility really make it fun to share her God-given talents. She will be strong this season both at and behind the plate. Big things for her on the horizon.”

AT A GLANCE

Lutheran/Christian

■ Two of three all-Big East Conference players have to be replaced.

Glad to be back

Courtney Kaiser: Junior catcher, for second straight time, earned first-team all-South Division. ... Led the Crusaders with .500 batting average, 23 hits, seven doubles, three triples, four home runs and 18 RBI.

Lyla Thompson: Junior played center field but is stepping into roles in circle and infield. ... “I’m actually excited

SOFTBALL PREVIEWS

about Lyla as well,” coach Jen Stricker said. “I think she has found her niche.”

South

■ Moved to Glacier Trails Conference.

Glad to be back

Bianca Schneiderwent: Senior infielder was lone Redwing to make all-FRCC (honorable mention). ... “Bianca is poised for another strong season, sharing her softball knowledge and positive attitude with the younger players,” coach Mike Heling said.

Kylie Mendez: Another se-

nior infielder who returns with varsity experience.

Anna Seeboth: And this senior is also an infielder who played last year.

North

■ Two all-conference players graduated in outfielder Jady Jetzer (earned second-team status for second straight season, got honorable mention as sophomore) and infielder Bella Wagner (made second team, received honorable mention in 2023).

Glad to be back

Haley Bergstrom: Senior pitcher received all-Fox River Classic honorable mention last year. ... Also hit .422.

into the outfield when needed,” she said.

Ava Brashaw: Sophomore infielder hit .273 after being converted to slap hitter. ... “I expect a huge jump this season,” Lenz said. “With a year of experience, I am confident that she will see a big jump.”



North needs a new catcher after Madeline Ashworth graduated. - Photo by Anna Adamavich



Courtney Kaiser returns for the Lutheran/Christian softball team. - Photo by Dave Jablonski

The sports world we live in ...

The first canine inducted into the Surfer’s Hall of Fame, who spent her days outside the water comforting veterans as a dedicated therapy dog, recently died after battling cancer.

Sixteen-year-old Sugar The Surfing Dog lived in Huntington Beach, Calif. and was a five-time world champion.

Sugar wore a life jacket and

rode a surfboard on her own, or with her owner by her side, to the delight of spectators.

Time’s up

A softball game between Oregon and Northwestern ended with the Wildcats' tying run at the plate in the seventh inning because of drop-dead time for the Ducks' flight back to Eu-

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gene. The official ruling was an Oregon win in six innings.

Poor Duke (sarcasm)

Duke is the first No. 1 seed in NCAA Tournament history to lose after leading by 15-plus points at halftime. No. 1 seeds were 134-0 before UConn rallied for the win.

Baseball begins

The Mariners are the first team in Major League history

to start a season without a single win in their first two games. ... The Angels started 2-0 for the first time since 2007 (the first iPhone hadn’t been released yet).

Basketball ends

Oregon, Utah, Texas-San Antonio and Air Force all won more football games than basketball games this season.

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A rarity: North returns every starter

North baseball coach Steve Goes was asked how rare it is to return every starter from a year ago.

"It's never happened," he said.

Until now, and that includes his top four pitchers, too.

"I could run out the same lineup that I ran out in the play-off game last year," Goes added.

The coach said it's nice because the Golden Raiders are working on things this year that are a lot different than in the past.

"In some areas, we're able to go a little bit more in-depth on some things just because we have a lot of guys that have started in some cases four years, in other cases three years," Goes said. "With that being said, we do have a couple of other kids that are pushing some of the guys that were starting. I mean, it's good that we have everybody back, but we also went 8-18 last year. So, there is room for improvement.

"But we'll be better, just because we're a year older, and a lot of these guys worked really hard this season."

AT A GLANCE

North

■ Every starter returns.

Glad to be back

Tristin Hundt: Senior infielder earned second-team all-Fox River Classic Conference. ... Led Golden Raiders in hits and walks, and ranked third in runs batted in. ... Will play at Upper Iowa University.

Mark Williams: Senior outfielder also got on second team. ... Was tops in RBI, runs and extra-base hits. ... Will play at Lake Erie College.

Brett Rybarczyk: Senior pitcher made all-FRCC honorable mention for the second straight time. ... Did not allow an extra-base hit in 48.2 innings. ... Will play at Illinois Springfield.

South

■ Moved to Glacier Trails Conference; was winless in 2025.

Glad to be back

Ryan Stephen: Second-year senior was lone Redwing to make all-Fox River Classic

BASEBALL PREVIEWS

(was unanimously selected as an honorary member). ... Infielder/pitcher will play at UW-Stevens Point.

"He can play any position with consistent defense," coach Tyler Zietz said. "He also will provide some gap-to-gap offense to our team as well. He has worked extremely hard over the past year to get back to where he is, and I'm confident he will have a successful season."

Owen Pflum: Four-year varsity member will pitch, play third and first base.

"He brings some power to our offense and I'm excited to watch him this year," Zietz said.

Kyle Heling: Senior infielder and pitcher is another versatile fielder, according to coach.

"He also gets on base a ton and will throw a lot of innings for us this year as well," he said.

Lutheran

■ Coach Tim Muth says this will be a developmental season.

"We will rely on the leadership of our experienced players to continue to help us move forward," he said.

Glad to be back

James Schulze: Junior earned second-team all-Big East South Division as first baseman by hitting .393 in league play with eight RBI.

Kothler/Christian

■ Outfielder Aiden Case has to be replaced; was picked first-team all-Big East (South Division) last season.

Glad to be back

Noah Mueller: Christian sophomore will be strong contributor up the middle defensively and bring an element of contact and speed to the lineup, according to coach Brett Huisman.

"I'm excited for his development over the next few seasons," he said.

Jackson Petrie: Kohler senior infielder earned all-division second team. ... Is four-year starter.

Nolan Kading: Kohler Junior pitcher received honorable mention.



North's Connor Mueller (right) graduated last season, but every starter returns this year. - Photo by Claire Mikkelson

Play ball!



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Leibham to anchor Lutheran's team

Chris Hirt has a plan to continue Lutheran's success.

"While we'll be leaning heavily on Oliver Leibham to be our anchor, I expect a lot of healthy competition as we round out the varsity roster," the golf coach said. "We know we have our work cut out for us to defend that conference title, especially with teams like Kohler looking strong, but we're eager to get on the course and see how this puzzle fits together."

The Crusaders are back-to-back Big East champs and reached the Division 3 State Tournament for the second time

in three years, but four of their top six golfers graduated.

AT A GLANCE Lutheran

■ Finished sixth at Division 3 State (third in '23); is two-time defending conference champ.

Glad to be back

Oliver Leibham: Junior tied for third at state.

Joe Vanic: Junior placed 10th at Big East Conference.

Tough to replace

Jack MacGillis: Tied for 18th at state. ... Took third in conference (first in '24).

GOLF PREVIEWS

North

■ Took 12th at state after qualifying for fifth straight time.

"We have a group of guys that have worked extremely hard and push each other to get better," coach Ryan Schmitz said. "It's a fun group that will hope to improve throughout the season and compete on a daily basis playing a very tough schedule."

Glad to be back

Jack Gielow: Senior had a personal-best 79 in first round

of state, including five birdies.

Two others: Senior Marcus Calkins and sophomore Nolan Ten Pas return with experience.

Tough to replace

Ryder Miller: First golfer at school to play in state tournament all four years. ... Claimed Fox River Classic title.

Christian

■ Coach is hoping to finish in top half of Big East.

"Kohler, Lutheran, and Howards Grove will be strong, and Oostburg continues to improve," Todd Wagner said.

Glad to be back

Daniel Alsum: Senior took fourth at BEC Meet.

Josh Moeller: Senior ended tied for fifth.

South

■ No Redwing with varsity experience returns.

"We're just looking to see if some of the new guys going out for the team this year, and the incoming freshmen, can compete at some varsity meets and to hopefully build off of that going forward," coach TJ Pitsch said.

North looks to repeat

Mike Vorpahl returned as tennis coach at North this season, and the boys rewarded him with the program's first conference championship since 2008.

The Golden Raiders return three key players in Sawyer Brault, Aiden DeRuyter, Frankie Quasius and Colby Smith.

AT A GLANCE North

■ Reigning Fox River Classic Conference champs.

Glad to be back

Sawyer Brault: Senior made state doubles last two times, but partner was senior last season.

Tough to replace

Alex DiStefano: Graduated after competing with Brault.

South

■ Seven Redwings return and there are eight new players.

■ Glacier Trails is new conference.


Glad to be back

Two seniors: Ryan Binversie and Matt Wigg will be counted on.


Tough to replace

Ty Smith: Then-senior advanced to first-round of state singles.

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Sheboygan North High students top 2026 JA Titan Business Challenge

SHEBOYGAN — In a record-breaking turnout, 59 student teams representing nine Sheboygan area high schools went head-to-head in a hotly contested business competition last week at Acuity Insurance headquarters in Sheboygan. The annual JA Titan® Business Challenge by Junior Achievement takes place in a virtual marketplace where teams work together as CEO's in the cell-phone industry. Acuity Insurance in Sheboygan hosted and sponsored the statewide competition.

The nail-biting, winner-takes-all event brought out southeast Wisconsin's shrewdest business and marketing-minded students who experienced first-hand the high

stakes that come with pursuing winning – and losing – business strategies. Although the companies were simulated, there was real money on the line with the two top winning teams taking home scholarships and a spot at the state-level competition in May.

First place and second place honors went to teams from Sheboygan North High School where the top finishing team members will each receive \$1,000 scholarships and second place team members will each receive \$500 scholarships. Both teams now advance to state.

"It's inspiring to see so many students step into the role of business leaders for the day where they build con-

fidence, teamwork, and real-world financial skills," said Sara Larson, General Manager of Staff Claims at Acuity. "It was an unforgettable day of learning and competition. It's a privilege to partner with Junior Achievement and the many community sponsors who help make opportunities like this possible for new generations of leaders."

In addition to Acuity's Title sponsorship, the event was made possible with support from Johnsonville, Sargento, Sartori, Masters Gallery, Oostburg State Bank Johnson Financial Group, BMO and United Way of Sheboygan County and emceed by Jerry Jones of O'Hare Wealth Management.

City of Sheboygan unveils new website and resident reporting platforms

Press release from the City of Sheboygan- Mar. 24

SHEBOYGAN — The City of Sheboygan is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website through CivicPlus and a suite of new digital tools designed to make interacting with city services

easier, faster, and more transparent for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The new website provides a modern, mobile-friendly design that improves navigation and makes it easier to find city services, meeting information, permits, and community resources. Enhanced accessibili-

ty features ensure that all residents can interact with the site comfortably and effectively.

"This is an exciting step forward in how the City connects with our community. These tools will make it easier

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for residents to access information, request services, and share feedback with their local municipality,” said City Administrator Casey Bradley. “This investment reflects the City’s ongoing commitment to transparency, accessibility and responsiveness. I’m incredibly proud of the effort and time that staff have devoted to making this launch a success.”

Alongside the website, the City is introducing three major digital engagement platforms:

- **Mass Notification System** — A citywide alert service that delivers timely updates on emergencies, public safety, weather events, road closures, and community notices. Residents can choose their preferred communication channels, including text, email, and voice alerts.

- **NextRequest Public Records Portal** — A centralized online system that simplifies the process of submitting, tracking, and receiving public records requests.

- **SeeClickFix Reporting Tool** — A user-friendly platform that allows residents to report non-emergency issues such as potholes, graffiti, streetlight outages, and other neighborhood concerns. Users can submit photos, track progress, and receive updates as city crews address reported issues.

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“These Elite Eight restaurants truly represent the best of Wisconsin’s burger scene,” said Tammy Vaassen, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Beef Council. “They’re now being visited by a secret panel of judges who will be scoring a burger from the menu to determine who wins the 2026 contest. It’s exciting to see the enjoyment of this contest as the Elite Eight welcome cu-

rious burger lovers, and new customers, through the door.” The judges will evaluate the burgers on taste (50 points), appearance (30 points), proper doneness (10 points), and overall enjoyment (10 points). Up to five bonus points may also be awarded for the overall dining environment, atmosphere, and experience.

The winner of the 2026 Wisconsin’s Best Burger Contest will be revealed on April 24, kicking off May Beef Month in Wisconsin.

To be eligible for the contest, the hamburgers on the restaurant menus must have met the following guidelines:

The burger must be 100% beef (other ingredients may be added to the patty such as spices, vegetables, etc.)

All burgers must be com-

posed of a formed ground beef patty/patties served on a bun or other bread product (such as biscuits, focaccia or tortillas). Burgers may include any combination of condiments (such as ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard), sauces (such as barbeque or hot sauce), cheeses and toppings (such as bacon, onions, tomatoes and lettuce). Every component of the burger must be placed between the bun or bread pieces or served open-faced on a bread product.

For more updates, visit Wisconsin’s Best Burger Contest on Facebook and Instagram. You can find a map of Wisconsin’s 2026 Elite Eight Best Burger restaurants at <https://www.beeftips.com/events/best-burger-contest>.

ating transfusions in the prehospital setting, paramedics can begin definitive resuscitation earlier, improving patient outcomes before arrival at the hospital.

Each SFD ambulance will carry one unit of packed red blood cells. The SFD has partnered with Aurora Medical Center Sheboygan County EMS Office and Transfusion Services, along with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin to facilitate weekly exchanges of blood units, ensuring proper storage, rotation, and minimal waste while maintaining patient safety.

To support the program, specialized temperature-controlled storage coolers equipped with remote monitoring technology have been placed into service. These systems ensure that blood products remain within strict temperature ranges required for safe administration. The equipment and startup costs for the program were fully funded through State EMS grant support, minimizing financial impact to the community.

Community Blood Drive - April 15

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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(Enter through the west-side door on back of building)

Community members are encouraged to donate, as blood remains a critical and limited resource that cannot be manufactured. Donations support trauma patients, surgical procedures, and life-saving medical treatments throughout the region.

Appointments are encouraged for blood donations ahead of time. Appointments can be made by visiting https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11637152. For additional information or assistance with donor registration, please contact SFD at 920-459-3327 or fire.department@sheboyganwi.gov

Strengthening Emergency Medical Care in Sheboygan

The implementation of pre-hospital blood administration represents a major step forward in the level of care provided by SFD. By delivering blood directly to patients in the field, paramedics can intervene earlier in life-threatening situations, reducing delays and improving survival.

“This program is about bringing the highest level of care directly to our patients when they need it most,” said Assistant Chief Michael Lubbert. “By carrying blood on our ambulances, our paramedics can begin critical treatment minutes earlier, which can make the difference between life and death.”

The SFD remains committed to advancing emergency medical services, strengthening partnerships with local healthcare providers, and improving outcomes for critically ill and injured patients throughout the community.

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Career open house for manufacturing, agriculture, and automotive careers

CLEVELAND - Lakeshore College is hosting the Career Showcase Open House: Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Automotive event on April 8, 2-7 p.m., on its Cleveland campus, 1290 North Avenue, beginning in the Nierode Building. Guests may enter through the main entrance. Prospective students interested in a career in agribusiness science & technology, CNC automation, electro-mechanical automation, HVAC, manufacturing engineering technology, welding and other related fields is invited to attend. Instructors will be available to provide information about the various academic programs available.

Engaging activities will include machinery demonstrations and hands-on engineering technology activities, hands-on activities related to animal and soil science, robotic automation demonstrations and activities, and more. Facility tours also will be provided.

Staff will also be available to answer questions about academic, financial and personal resources, how to pay for college, enrolling, and credit for prior learning.

Details and registration, which is requested though not required, can be found at lakeshore.edu/program-showcases.



Photo courtesy of Lakeshore College

County seeks advocate for public and specialized transportation

Sheboygan County is seeking a resident to fill a Consumer Advocate position on the Transportation Coordination Com-

mittee. The selected individual will serve a two-year term. The Committee meets quarterly at the Sheboygan County Aging

& Disability Resource Center, located at 650 Forest Avenue in

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The Transportation Coordination Committee works to improve and coordinate transportation services across the county, particularly for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and those with limited

access to reliable transportation. The Consumer Advocate member plays a key role in representing the needs and perspectives of those who rely on these services, helping to ensure transportation options are accessible, efficient, and responsive to the community.

To qualify, applicants must be a qualified elector and resi-

dent of Sheboygan County. Candidates should have an interest in community services and a desire to advocate for individuals who depend on public and specialized transportation.

The County Administrator is responsible for making citizen appointments to the Transportation Coordination Committee, which are then confirmed by the County Board. Those interested should submit a letter of interest along with a résumé or brief biography to County Administrator Alayne Krause at the Sheboygan County Administration Building, 508 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026.

Ocean and Great Lakes film festival to be hosted in Manitowoc

The Friends of Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary is bringing the world of film to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. On April 10th, attendees will be treated to ten international and regionally recognized films focused on the Ocean and our Great Lakes. Films are 5 to 25 minutes in length and will feature kiteboarding, deep ocean discoveries, ship-

wrecks, Great Lakes exploration, and more.

The event is hosted in collaboration with the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, International Ocean Film Festival, and National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

"We're thrilled to help bring this event back to coastal communities," says Russ Green, Superintendent of the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary. "The new slate of films is really fantastic, and we hope they will help inspire audiences to protect special underwater places in the Great Lakes - and beyond."

Where and When: April 10, 2026 at the Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance, 6751 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc, WI 54220

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New Lakeshore College scholarship for students studying higher education



Executive Director of the Lakeshore Foundation Courtney Donati, left, poses with Elsie Patterson, center, and Lakeshore College President Paul Carlsen at Lakeshore College. Patterson has made an initial gift of \$62,760.54 to establish the Eugene A. and Elsie E. Patterson Scholarship Fund. - Photo courtesy of Lakeshore College

CLEVELAND – A new scholarship fund has been established at Lakeshore Col-

lege to support students pursuing higher education, thanks to the generosity and vision of a recent donor. The Eugene A. and Elsie E. Patterson Scholarship Fund was created to honor the enduring legacy of Eugene and Elsie Patterson and their shared belief in the transformative power of education.

Elsie Patterson has established a \$150,000 scholarship fund to provide opportunities for students who demonstrate determination, perseverance, and a passion for learning.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide encouragement through financial support to students at Lakeshore College who have already demonstrated commitment to their education. Applicants must have completed at least two semesters of coursework

at Lakeshore College. The fund is intended to assist U.S. citizens who are experiencing financial challenges in pursuing their college education.

Eugene and Elsie Patterson's story reflects resilience and a deep appreciation for education. Both were born during the Great Depression, a time when access to higher education was limited, particularly for women. Eugene attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and went on to build a successful career as a salesman.

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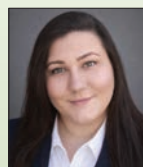
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44, she enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where she graduated magna cum laude—an achievement that speaks to her determination and lifelong commitment to learning.

Through the establishment of this scholarship fund, Elsie honors both her own journey and Eugene's legacy. The Eugene A. and Elsie E. Patterson Scholarship Fund aims to inspire and support students who may face obstacles in their educational pursuits, reinforcing the belief that it is never too late to achieve one's academic goals.

"This scholarship reflects a lifelong belief in the power of education to change lives," said Courtney Donati, executive director of the Lakeshore Foundation. "We are deeply grateful for this generous gift, which will open doors for students for years to come."

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LOOK BACK from 17

Yet Noll led an active social life and appears often in old news clips detailing Sheboygan gatherings, parties and other events. After all, her profession led her to being acquainted with many local families at pivotal times in their lives.

She married her second husband, widower Emil Noll – a cabinet maker ten years younger than she was – at the age of 40 in 1888, and they had daughter Helen in 1891. But around 1902, according to his obituary, “he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, which lamed his entire left side and rendered him practically helpless,” so Rosalia ended up taking care of him for the last 15 years of his life.

Emil died in 1917, just a year before their daughter, 27-year-old wife and mother Helen, succumbed to the flu. Given Rosalia’s role as a caregiver to many, it is not too surprising that as of the 1920 federal census, Helen’s children and widower had moved in with her at 1230 Michigan Avenue.

As Rosalia’s obituary notes, “she was a nurse ever since she was a young woman and devoted her life to the service of others.”

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Birthing Season



The Veg Patch Dispatch

Stephanie Bartel • OLD PLANK FARM

My experience with farmer, not a dairy farmer like birthings on a farm is next to the majority of my neighbors in nil. I am, after all, a vegetable this region. When Moose and

Lucy—my two milking goats during a brief and unsuccessful stint as a dairy farmer—had babies many years ago it was unwitnessed and, thankfully, uneventful. One evening there were two goats in the pen and the next morning there were two goats plus two baby goats in the same pen. Voila. Like magic. Although the mothers probably would not agree that giving birth was a voila sort of activity.

Other than the goats, the closest I get to any birthing season at Old Plank Farm is when, upon germination, I shout Happy Birthday! at the

new seedlings that have poked out of a tray of potting mix in the greenhouse. Occasionally there are germination struggles, like when the larger seeds, such as zucchini or pumpkins, send their first green shoot out of the soil with the seed hull still attached. Pinched and trapped inside the half-open pod are two tiny leaves. It looks like when you've tried to pull a sweater off over your head and are stuck in it with your arms up in the air, elbows protruding out from both sides of your head. When I see a seedling in this state of plant breech-birth distress, I use my thumb and index finger to

gently rock the seed shell back and forth until it loosens from the newborn leaves and I can pull it carefully away without disturbing the taproot. At that point I can shout happy birthday, if I want. This is the extent of my assistance with farm births.

But births are not the only rhythms that bring a farm to life in spring. Returns and rituals also guide us into the start of the season here. New is exciting, but the return of familiar life and old routines can be

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VEG PATCH from 20

equally invigorating, and comforting, too. First there is the return of Fritz and Donna, two resident sandhill cranes that have been arriving at Old Plank Farm around the time of onion seeding every March since...let me think, it was the year we put eggplant in the farthest beds of the home field and we'd watch the birds wander between the plants, picking off potato beetles for a snack, which helped keep those bugs from destroying our crop...2014. How do I know that the current couple are the same two cranes who we named Fritz and Donna years ago? I don't, for I am not an expert on the habits or lifespans of migratory birds. My expertise trends more towards efficiently seeding onions and other vegetables while imagining the avian adventures going on around us as we work.

On the heels of Fritz and Donna comes the first wave of returning farm crew members. Our spring greenhouse work is marked by any number of corresponding rituals we carry back with us, things that we routinely do or at least talk about doing: making onion soup, to celebrate the first seeds we put in the soil; listening to "Little House on the Prairie" audio books, to stir our pioneering spirits; getting Chester's burgers and cheese fries for a team lunch party, because not every day needs to be pioneer day; and, on one of those rare, perfectly calm and pleasant spring afternoons where the work just seems to do itself, someone inevitably looks up from their tray of seeds, sighs, and offers up the yearly refrain, *we should get goats*, as if that's the one thing that could keep the present tranquility from tipping over into boredom; to which I invariably respond, *no goats!*, knowing full well that it won't be long before I'll be begging for a little tiresome tranquility on the farm.

Yes, I usually look forward to the returning rhythms over the newness of spring. But I'd be remiss not to mention that on our first seeding day this season I found the most delight in the new baby who came along to the greenhouse with her mother. Happy gurgles and babbles wove through the chatter of the crew members who hadn't seen each other since last fall, making an already sunny morning feel almost like a holiday, even if we did start over twenty thousand vegetable seeds that day.

Our season is underway now. Dirt is under our fingernails, the new seeds have begun to sprout, the new baby has been offered the job of full-time cutie patootie, and so far no one has mentioned anything about getting goats.

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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Essentials to vegetable gardening success

by Bruce Spangenberg
UW Horticulture
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Growing your own vegetables is a popular and rewarding gardening activity for the entire family. Getting started is not difficult, and addressing some essentials helps ensure successful harvests throughout the season.

adequate sunlight is the essential first step to success when growing vegetables. Consider 6 hours of sunlight as a minimum, and more is better. Nearby trees not only block sunlight, but underground roots may compete with vegetables for water. Avoid areas near black walnuts, as they release juglone, a chemical that is toxic to many crops, in particular tomatoes. Having



an irrigation source nearby is also key for quality crop growth.

Good soil conditions, in particular good drainage, lay the foundation for healthy vegetable plants. Adding organic matter, such as compost, improves drainage and workability of high clay soils. Likewise, adding organic matter to sandy soils improves water holding capacity for

plant use. Various raised bed structures or container gardens filled with higher quality soils provide additional options in dealing with adverse sites, or gardening on decks or patios.

When choosing specific vegetable cultivars, prioritize using characteristics or features of each, starting with disease resistance. Disease resistant cultivars are the simplest and most effective disease management tool. Days until harvest is also high priority for vegetable gardening in Wisconsin. Look for cultivars often designated for northern gardens or having shorter days from planting to harvest. In addition, cultivars

with space saving characteristics are quite useful, especially in containers or smaller gardens.

In addition to compact varieties, other techniques maximize available space. Consider successive plantings or following a crop that has a brief time until harvest with a second crop that same season. Vertical gardening—using trellis, cages, or fencing—is ideal for vining crops that traditionally use lots of space. Make sure structures are solid to hold weight of developing plants and be aware more frequent irrigation might be needed.

Another factor to consider when choosing crops, especially when just starting out or involving children, is the likelihood of experiencing insect problems. Cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, potato, cucumber, cantaloupe, eggplant, squash, and sweet corn are highly likely to encounter insect pests. In contrast, carrots, green onions, lettuce, peas, and radish rarely encounter serious insect issues; while beans, peppers, spinach, and tomatoes fall in-between.

Finally, mulching vegetable gardens is essential. Weeds are inevitable and controlling them tops the list of reasons to mulch. Mulches also conserve soil moisture, maintain uniform soil temperature, improve plant growth and yields, keep vegetables clean, and reduce disease from soil splashing. Straw is often used for most crops. Black plastic is good for warm-loving crops like tomatoes and melons.

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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WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

Free Film: "Wicked - For Good": 6 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. The epic conclusion to the story of the witches of Oz (PG). Free, but pre-register. www.plymouthwi.myrec.com, 920-892-5068.

SUNDAY APRIL 12

Pine Haven Men's Chorus Concert: 9:00am. Celebrate 75 years of faith-filled music with the Pine Haven Men's Chorus. Faith Lutheran Church, 255 West Roosevelt Street, Valders.

FRIDAY APRIL 17

Friday Playgroup: 9:30-11 a.m. Plymouth Youth Center, 609 North St. Parent-supervised free play, with a brief activity. Free, but register with Community Ed & Rec by April 13. www.plymouthwi.myrec.com, 920-892-5068.

SATURDAY APRIL 18

50th Annual Midwest Crane Count: 5:30 to 7:30 am. Sponsored by the International Crane Foundation. If interested in partic-

ipating contact Janet at jraddatz@wi.rr.com.

SUNDAY APRIL 19

Kettle Karvers Carving Show: 10am-4pm. Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, Sheboygan, WI. Free Admission. Contact Jim

Rooker, 920-918-8512, jrooker49@gmail.com.
Pine Haven Men's Chorus Concert: 10:15am. Celebrate 75 years of faith-filled music with the Pine Haven Men's Chorus. St. Johns UCC, 98 Random Lake Road, Random Lake.
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Hello friends,

This week I am going to write to you about my final winter, ice camping and fishing trip and it was a dandy. My pals since before middle school at Poynette, Jeff Moll and Doug Cibulka would make up our crew along with my golden retriever Red and her older sister Luna.

Tuesday, March 17th
High 36, low 25

How much gear can you get into seven Otter Sleds and pull it out on the ice with a 2004 Polaris "Sportsmen" and a 1996 Artic Cat "Bearcat 440?" Well, it took two round trips, and all went well. Then there was the drive from Necedah to Ashland. From my house to Medford was a task as the roads were covered with about 1.5 inches of packed snow/ice, which made for very touchy driving while pulling a trailer. Next was the boat landing at the RV park in Ashland which is a pretty cool place to meet hardcore ice warriors who really got a kick out of our caravan. After a long haul of over 2 miles we were at what is one of my favorite places in the world, our home for 3 nights, after we built it, of splake, brown

trout, walleye, perch, smelt, northern pike and coho paradise. To put it simply, it does not matter if it is on a tip or a jig pole, you do not know what you are catching till you see it. We got camp built just before dark, caught some smelt but nothing else. After dark the guys wanted me to give them several classes on how to harvest monster bucks, drop ducks and most of all catch fish. These "lectures" took until the wee hours of the morning and were very enjoyable.

Wednesday, March 18th
High 34, low 26

We made a new buddy that we met yesterday and gabbed with a bit today and that is local guide Tommy Hicks who is a big timer in the area and a whole bunch of fun. If I was

going to fish in the area and I was going pursue a guide, I would check out Tommy. Then there was the fishing, it was fun but slow. I caught 4 perch, several smelt and a 27-inch gator, my buddies must have been sleeping when I gave my almost all-night class last night as other than smelt they had a slow day. About midday I had something strange happen and I got real sick from like 3 to 7, my comrades took good care of me and by 8 I was ready to try to teach them how to fish.

Thursday, March 19th
High 44, low 31

The fish catching improved today and our mega species fish bets woke up quite well. Mr. Moll caught an extremely overweight 36-inch gator and a coho. Mr. Cibulka caught

a burbot, lots of smelt were caught and at dark it was time for me to give my young students another class and this one went till well into the morning. Our evenings are spent

cooking, enjoying a great meal, tonight's was chicken thighs and home grown taters from my garden, listening to classic rock and perhaps quenching our thirst with a malt beverage. The next day we had to pull the plug but were in no rush and I iced a 23-inch walleye, and a coho which would beat Mr. Moll's by 1/8 of an inch, it was painful to beat my buddy by such a paltry amount but very fun. Jeff did catch our only brown trout of the trip, and I put the horse in the barn about 9:00 pm after four days of 100% living life to its fullest. Life is a gift, live it!

Sunset



School Cafeteria, 125 S. Highland Ave. Foreign-exchange students share information about their homelands. Free and open to the public. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

MONDAY
APRIL 20

Around Our Town tour of Plymouth High School: 5:30 p.m. at 125 S. Highland Ave. This "field trip for adults" offers a walk through PHS. Free, but pre-register with Community Education & Recreation. <https://plymouthwi.myrec.com>, 920-892-5068.

SUNDAY
APRIL 26

Pine Haven Men's Chorus Concert: 10:15am. Celebrate 75 years of faith-filled music with the Pine Haven Men's Chorus. Emmaus Bible Church, 220 North 6th Ave, West Bend.

MONDAY
APRIL 27

PHS Percussion Ensemble Concert: 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, 125 S. Highland Ave. Featuring Plymouth High School band students. Free and open to the public. www.plymouth.k12.wi.us, 920-893-6911.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29

Understanding Medicare: 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School Library, 125 S. Highland Ave. Learn about the U.S. health insurance program for seniors. Free, but pre-register with Community Education & Recreation by April 20. www.plymouthwi.myrec.com, 920-892-5068.

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get ready: prepare trails, campground, and nature center for the season ahead. Free Volunteer Admission.

Cabin Fever Series: Great Lakes Piping Plover Recovery: 1:00 p.m. Sanderling Nature Center. Join Logan Lasee to learn more about Piping Plovers and recovery efforts in the region.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25: Games and Trivia Drop-in: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Indoor Shelter. Bring the family and join the fun as we play trivia and games around the fire.

EVENTS AT MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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For a complete list, including storytimes, book clubs, movies

and workshops, and to register visit our website or call.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11: Shakespeare Club: 1-4 p.m., The Loft. Discuss, explore, and read through Shakespeare's best-known works with Seven Ages Theatricals' Artistic Director Tom Berger. This month's meeting will focus on "MacBeth."

TUESDAY, APRIL 14: Book to Art Club: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Imaginarium. Enjoy hands-on creative projects while discussing the book "Paper Things, by Jennifer Richard Jacobson. Extra book copies are available in advance for attendees at the library's first-floor desk.

MONDAY, APRIL 20: Fiction Book Discussion: 6-7 p.m., The Loft. Join our discussion of the book "The Paris Library," by Janet S. Charles. Extra book copies are available in advance for attendees at the library's first-floor desk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22: Visit with Pawsitism Service Dogs: 4-5 p.m., Story Garden. Kids can visit with and read to service dogs. Recommended grades K-6.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23: Myths & Mistakes in Estate 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 designations, wills, trusts and power of attorney documents.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24: Sheboygan County Memory Cafe: 10-11:30 a.m., Rocca Room. Mead will host a themed social gather-

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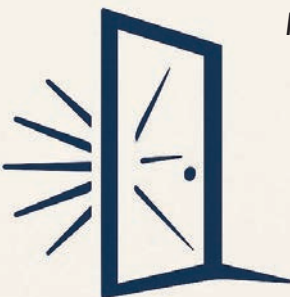
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EVENTS AT ELKHART LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

elkhartlakepubliclibrary.org
EVERY WEDNESDAY: Coffee Hour: 10 a.m. Enjoy a cup of coffee, conversation, and a preview of the week's new 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 elcire@monarchlibraries.org for more info.

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

EVENTS AT PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7: Tech Help: 10:30 am. Reserve a time to work with our librarian and get some basic tech help. Registration

required.
Library Renovation Open House: 5:30 pm. Join us at an upcoming open house to review the plans, ask questions, and share your feedback on our library renovation plans.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8: Medicare 101 - Are You Ready?: 5:00 pm. An informational event to learn about the retirement and Medicare resources available to Sheboygan County residents age 60 and older.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9: Game Night: 4:30 pm. For all ages. A fun place to play your favorite board games or a new one. No registration required.

MONDAY, APRIL 13: Talks That Bring Us Closer: 2:00 pm. Join us at for a monthly discussion where we watch thought-provoking videos and explore the ideas that connect us.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15: Teen Gaming Hour: 3:00 pm. For ages 11-18. Play on our Nintendo Switch, bring your own, or try on of our games. No registration required.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16: Lego Club: 4:00 pm. For ages 6+. Show us your LEGO skills and creativity, as you create your LEGO masterpiece with friends. No registration required.

MONDAY, APRIL 20: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club: 6:00 pm. Join us to read a new fantasy or science fiction book each month. Copies available for pick up.

TUESDAY, 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:

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quested.
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
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TUESDAY, APRIL 7: Golf & Pickleball Prep: 10:30am. Build core strength, enhance coordination, and improve mobility in ways helpful to golf and pickleball players. Prepare for an active season ahead.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8: Preparing for Home Ownership w. BMO: 5:30pm. BMO bank representatives will be at Generations to discuss preparing for home ownership. Perfect for first time home owners of all ages.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9: Nutrition Talk w. Dr. Dan: 11:30am. Learn about the Heart Sound Recorder and what you can learn from its info. RSVPs are required. First 15 to sign up will get

a free scan. Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

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.

MONDAY, APRIL 13: Veterans' Chat: 11:00am. All Veterans are welcome to join us for lunch and conversation. The special will be Chicken Salad Croissant 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 14: Plymouth Bird & Nature Club: 6:30pm. April's Topic: Janet Radtatz: Bats of Wisconsin. Please call Gina at 920-528-7430 for more information.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16: Are Your Ducks in a Row?: 11:30am. Christina Wilke-Burbach, PhD, from Greenlawn Memorial Park will be at Generations to discuss the importance of end-of-life cemetery pre-planning.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17: Movie Matinee: 1:30pm. We will show Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (rated PG). Movies are sponsored by Palo Popcorn.

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 available 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.

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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
PingPongParkinson'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: Wednesday, 4:30pm
Chair Dance: Monday & Wednesday, 12:00pm
Activator Pole Open Hour: Tuesday, 12:00pm
Silver Sneakers Circuit: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8:00am & 10:00am.
Movement for Brain, Body, & Balance: Monday, 11:00am.
Chair Pilates: Wednesday & Friday, 11:00am.
Chair Yoga: Monday & Wednesday, 1:30pm.
Cardio Fit: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00am.
Walk Fit 2-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30am.
Super Striders Walk Fit 3-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:15am
Arthritis Exercise Class: 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.
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Foot Clinic: Various Thursdays & Fridays. Call 920-892-4821 for appointment.
Widow or Widower Support Group: Friday, 10:00am.
Veterans' Chat: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 11:00am.
Ceramics: Wednesday, 9:00am.
Knitting & Crocheting Club: 2nd Friday, 11:00am
Wii Bowling: Tuesday & Thursday, by appointment.
Ping Pong: Monday & Wednesday, 10:00am.
Pool Tables: Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Writing Club: 2nd Thursday, 1:00pm
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 Tuesday, 1:15pm.
Dominoes: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1:00pm.
Bingo: Wednesday, 1:30pm.
Scrabble: Thursday, 9:30am.
Mah Jongg: Thursday, 1:00pm.
TOPS Club: Monday. Weigh-in, 8:30am. Meeting, 9:00am.
Winter Cornhole League: Thursday, 2:15pm
Watercolor Painting: Wednesday, 9:00am.

EVERY SUNDAY
Stronger Together CoDA Meeting: 1907 Club, 2908 N 21st St, Sheboygan, 4 PM. Learning together to develop healthy and loving relationships with others and ourselves. All are welcome. No cost or need to register. Any questions, call or text Jill at 920-609-5151.
Al-Anon Meeting: Winter hours 4pm starting Dec 1st-March 30th, Summer hours 6pm April- November 30. Rightway Club, 4627 S. 12th Street, Sheboygan. Contact Jennie 920-901-4550.

EVERY MONDAY
T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support: 9:45am-11:00am (please arrive before 10am). St Paul's U.C.C., Sheboygan. Call Noreen for info 920-467-1248.
T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support-Chapter WI 1363: 10:00am-11:15am. Fountain Park UMC,

Sheboygan. Call Doreen for more info: 920-893-8118.
Al-Anon Meeting: 4-5pm. Do you worry about someone else's drinking? Help and hope are available. Al-Anon meeting for those affected by another's alcoholism. Rightway Club, 4627 S 12th St, Sheboygan. Call 1-888-425-2666 or visit al-anon.org for more information.

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Compassionate Parents: Grief support for families that lost a child: 6:00PM. Mental Health America, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.
THRIVE: Women's Chronic Pain Support: 6:30PM. Virtual Zoom. Contact info@mhalakeshore.org for more information.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Christian Women Connect After 5: Fountain Park Global Methodist Church, 828 Erie Ave, Sheboygan, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., light meal, features a business or organization in our county, and an inspirational speaker affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries. Call or text Lynn at 920-918-2604 for a reservation, cancellation, or more information.
BRAVE TOGETHER: Support for those caregiving for someone with mental illness: 6:00-7:00PM. Mental Health America, 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

EVERY TUESDAY
Camo Quilt Project: 439 Factory St., Plymouth. 9am-3pm. Quilts are donated to soldiers. Linda, 627-3460, linda.camoquilt@gmail.com.
GriefShare Support Group: Evangelical Free Church, 1710 N. 15th St., Sheboygan, 9:30am-

11am. Support for those who've lost a loved one. 920-452-6520.
Plymouth Food Pantry: 2225 Eastern Ave., 2-5pm. Elkhart Lake & Plymouth school districts. Call 893-2989 for information.
Knight Chess: Sheboygan Falls Library, Lower Level. 4-7pm. Information 920-234-2010.
T.O.P.S. Weight Loss Support: 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 1st Presbyterian Church, 1429 N. 5th Street, Sheboygan. Call Jane for info: 1-414-698-6346.
LGBTQ+ 12 Step Recovery Program: 6:00pm. The Right Way Club, 4627 South 12th Street, Sheboygan. Ask for Dan L. 920-226-8145.
Al-Anon: 6:30pm. Alliance Church, 1203 Fairview Dr, Plymouth, 6:30pm. Use the south door. 920-254-2097
The Sheboygan Railroad

Museum: 6:30 to 9:00 PM. 1001 North 10th St., Sheboygan. Home to 8 train layouts in various scales and many railroad antiques. Open for your viewing pleasure.
Concordia Singing Society: Rehearsals 7:00-8:30pm, 1130 N. 9th St, Sheboygan. Knowledge of German not required. Info: 815-883-0035. concordiasingerswi.org

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
Alliant Energy Wives and Widows of Retirees Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. Sheboygan Family Restaurant. 2704 S. Business Drive.
Lemonade: Widow's Support Group: 6:00-7:30pm. Rogers Behavioral Health, (Main Entrance), 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

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SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Going Further: Mental Health Recovery Support: 5:00pm. Rogers Behavioral Health, (Main Entrance), 1108 S. Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081.

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Christian Women Connection: Sheboygan Yacht Club, 214 Pennsylvania Ave, Sheboygan, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., brunch, features a business, organization, or interest in our county, and an inspirational speaker affiliated with Stonecroft Ministries. Call or text Ann for a reservation or more info at 920-946-3898.

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

There is Hope Suicide Loss: Support for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. 6:30pm. Hosted by MHA Lakeshore at Mental Health America 410 S. Milwaukee St., Plymouth.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): Weight Loss Support Meeting: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Sheboygan Falls Library. 9-10:30 a.m. First meeting is FREE! For more info, please call Riki at 920-946-2425 or check out www.tops.org.

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

Al-Anon Wednesday Winners: 1907 Club, N 21st St., Sheboygan, 9:30am. Call 920-838-5249 for more information.

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

Al-Anon Meeting: 9:30-10:30am. Do you worry about someone else's drinking? Help and hope are available. Al-Anon meeting for those affected by another's alcoholism. Rightway Club, 4627 S 12th St, Sheboygan. Call 1-888-425-2666 or visit al-anon.org for more information.

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

Christian Science Reading Room: 5:30-6:00pm. A quiet place to pray & read the Bible. Christian Science publications and to study other books, pamphlets and materials. All are welcome! First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2512 N 9th St., Sheboygan. 920-458-2673.

Christian Science Testimony Meeting: 6:00 pm. We invite

you to share testimonies of healings, experiences, and/or remarks on Christian Science. All are welcome! First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2512 N 9th St., Sheboygan. 920-458-2673.

see divorcecare.org for program information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Vollrath Company Retirees Breakfast Club: Log Cabin Restaurant, 633 Madison Ave, Howards Grove, WI. 8:15 am. Call 920-918-9981 for more details.

Over 60+ in our county?

(AACC) Adell Area Community Center, 510 Seifert St, Adell (920) 994-9934, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mary Kempf your Elder Benefit Specialist from the Aging Disability Resource Center. Please give Mary a call at 920-467-4076 before stopping to make sure she has an open appointment or send an email to mary.kempf@sheboygancounty.com.

Overdose Loss: Support

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

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Suicide Loss Support: Support for family and friends who've lost someone to suicide: 6:30-



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SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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EVERY THURSDAY

Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry: 529 Giddings Ave, Sheboygan Falls. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: 4:00-5:00pm. Our Redeemer Church, 1808 Eastern Avenue, Plymouth. OA is a fellowship of individuals who through shared experiences, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. Please use back door with key coder. 920-889-3719.

GriefShare Support Group: Evangelical Free Church, 1710 N. 15th St., Sheboygan. 6:30-8pm. Support for those who have lost a loved one. 920-452-6520.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Plymouth Area Garden Club: 6 pm September thru May in the Craft Room at Generations in Plymouth to discuss garden related topics. Contact Sandy for more information. 920-912-3817.

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Free Parent-Tot Skate: 9:30-10:30am. Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center, 1202 S Wildwood Ave, Sheboygan. FREE for Kids ages 5 and under. Skate rental included. Helmets are strongly encouraged. 920-458-3111.

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10am-Noon. Plymouth Library, 130 Division Street, Plymouth. Learn about and marvel at the history and beauty of buttons. All are welcome who are also intrigued by these little pieces of art. Questions? Email btplywi@gmail.com.

text Jill at 920-609-5151.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

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

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

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SECOND & LAST SATURDAY

Women Within: 11AM. Rogers Behavioral Health, Community Room, 1108 S Wildwood Ave., Sheboygan. Making our wellbeing and need for connection a priority in our lives. All women are welcome. No cost or need to register. Any questions, call or

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EVERY SATURDAY

Let it Begin with Me Al-anon Meeting: 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan, 9:30am. Call Debbie, 207-2774 or Mark at 920-374-9302 for information.

Plymouth Food Pantry: 2225 Eastern Ave., 10-noon. Elkhart Lake & Plymouth school districts. Call 893-2989 for information.

The Way Youth Group: The Upper Room, 1125 N 8th Street, Sheboygan. 6:00-8:00pm. Looking for something fun for your kid to do this weekend? The Upper Room in downtown Sheboygan is hosting a Youth Group for ages 12-18 years old on Saturday nights. Come join us

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Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry: 529 Giddings Ave, Sheboygan Falls. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags.
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COURT REPORT

March 16 to March 20, 2026
Court was not held on March 16 due to the snowstorm.

Revoke Probation
Johnson Jr., Wayne L., 11/23/1979, Sheboygan, Prison 18 months, Extended Supervision 2 years, Jail 9 months, Still owes \$1,875.90.

Forfeitures
Caicedo, Jane M., 3/28/1989, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$217.10.

Chapman, Tyler D., 4/1991, Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, \$200.50.

Tate, Troy W., 3/5/1973, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$217.10.

Wojculis, Layla C., 8/1982, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, Trespass to Land, \$653.00.

Traffic
Aponte, Krisa M., 10/1984, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$210.50.

Arenz, Steven J., 4/1991, Sheboygan, Fail/Properly Maintain Exhaust System, Fail/Yield to Stop for

Emergency Vehicle, \$501.80.

Avina, Nicholas J., 7/2006, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$375.80.

Barts, Kaitlyn R., 8/2007, Sheboygan, OWI (1st), Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, License Revoked 7 months, \$1237.10.

Bitter, Nathan D., 3/1994, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Bowie, Darin D., 8/1997, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, Operator Fail/Have Passenger Seat Belted (2 counts), \$230.50.

Carroll, James Lee, 3/1980, Sheboygan, Exceeding Speed Zones (25-29 mph), Operate Motor Vehicle by Permittee w/o Instructor, \$426.20.

Dean, Kassandra L., 9/1995, Sheboygan, Failure/Yield Right/Way from Stop Sign, \$200.50.

Deckert, Timothy J., 7/1983, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, Dealer Misuse/Dealer License Plates, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance,

Operating while Suspended, \$814.60.

Downey, Seriah K., 4/2006, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle by Permittee w/o Instructor, \$200.50.

Hoepfner, Rickie Lee-Ann, 10/2004, Sheboygan, Speeding on Expressway (16-19 mph), Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$451.40.

Kaltenbrun, Joseph A., 12/1971, Sheboygan, Fail to Properly Construct and Load Vehicle, \$200.50.

Newcomb, Thomas B., 4/2006, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$375.80.

Orellana, Cristian N., 6/1998, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$375.80.

Ourada, David P., 8/1962, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Phebus, William E., 12/1948, Sheboygan, Driving too Fast for Conditions, \$213.10.

Randle, Daejjon D., 3/2004, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt,

\$210.50.

Sanders, Italo L., 10/1982, Sheboygan, Hit and Run-Property Adjacent to Highway, \$263.50.

Sawicki, Jadwiga A., 8/1958, Sheboygan, Place Injurious Substance on Highway, \$200.50.

Vang, Ku, 1/1995, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Operating while Suspended
Bower, Lauren M., 11/1997, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Lee, Chloe M., 6/2001, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Schmidt, Rocky R., 2/1990, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Shanklin, Deshun K., 6/1997, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

William-Davis, Dylan D., 6/2000, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate w/o Valid License
Burrell, Kewan X., 1/1999, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Perez Garcia, Jose A., 10/1999, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Sandoval Hernandez, Ramiro, 5/26/2003, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$591.00.

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance
Bennett, Nicolas R., 7/2002, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone
Ferch, Madison G., 5/2001, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$225.70.

Speeding on Expressway
Crane, Penny J., 10/1977, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Exceeding Speed Zones
Flores, Moises, 6/2003, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Hernandez, Julian A., 1/1992, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Mentink, Mason J., 6/2008, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Payne, Dean E., 8/1973, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Misdemeanors
Greatens, Erik E., 10/24/1971, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Jail 68 days, \$455.00.

Felonies
Addison, Matthew A., 5/12/1993, Sheboygan, Burglary-Building or Dwelling, Possession of Methamphetamine, Bail Jumping, Prison 5 years, Extended Supervision 5 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$36,271.72.

March 23 to March 27, 2026
Revoke Probation
Brotz, Paul A., 9/6/1988, Sheboygan, Jail 6 months.

Forfeitures
Bustamanate Zelaya, Cesar M., 12/1995, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, \$389.50.

Traffic
Green, Janice A., 1/1961, Sheboygan, Improper Signal for Stop/Turn, \$175.30.

Grusznski, Dennis A., 9/18/1956, Sheboygan, Hit and Run-Unattended Vehicle, \$330.50.

Howard, Nashon D., 10/14/1997,

Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, Possess Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicle-Driver, \$780.60.

Nennig, David M., 5/1973, Sheboygan, Inattentive Driving, \$187.90.

Rey, Jonathan, 7/2003, Sheboygan, Automobile Following too Closely, Reckless Driving-Endangering Safety, \$1,187.40.

Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus
Carlson, Aidric L., 9/2006, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

Haddix, Janna M., 8/1941, Sheboygan, \$767.50.

Lopez, Benjamin, 3/2005, Sheboygan, \$676.50.

Operate w/o Valid License
Gutierrez-Perez, Abel, 10/5/1978, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$717.00.

Exceeding Speed Zones
Lopez Osorio, Glenda T., 1/2001, Sheboygan, (25-29 mph), \$250.90.

OWI
Lee, Pao, 9/1979, Sheboygan, (1st), License Revoked 9 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$1,169.00.

Misdemeanors
Brewer, Eric J., 7/30/2005, Sheboygan, Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct, (Repeater-Domestic Abuse), Jail 60 days (stayed), \$1,255.62.

Brown, Bill T., 4/11/1985, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse), \$691.00.

Heinle, Maria D., 5/10/1979, Sheboygan, Resisting/Obstructing an Officer, Community Service 40 hours, \$455.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges
Arsenyevictz, Logan M., 1/28/1999, Sheboygan, Possession of Firearm-Convicted of Felony (Repeater), (Felony), Endanger Safety/Use/Dangerous Weapon (Repeater), Disorderly Conduct (Repeater-Domestic Abuse-Use of Dangerous Weapon), Bail Jumping (Repeater), (Misdemeanors), Prison 4 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, \$1,959.00.

Felonies
Bayer, Ryan A., 9/26/1978, Sheboygan, Take and Drive Vehicle w/o Consent, \$1,007.40.

Giles, Edward J., 12/30/1970, Sheboygan, Attempt Robbery w/Threat of Force, Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 2 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$556.40.

Mcgregory, Trayon D., 9/9/2001, Sheboygan, Misappropriate ID Info - Avoid Penalty, Jail 80 days (imposed/stayed), \$540.00.

Shaw, Andrea M., 3/2/1989, Sheboygan, Manufacture/Deliver Amphetamine (>10-50 g), Possession with Intent/Amphetamine/Methamphetamine (>50 g), Possession of Narcotic Drugs, Maintain Drug Trafficking Place, Neglecting a Child (No Harm and Child <6 years or Disability), \$3,120.00.

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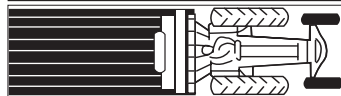
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As winter finally loosens its grip across Wisconsin, many drivers are ready to move on from snowbanks, salt-covered roads, and subzero mornings. But while spring brings longer days, bad sledding, and more comfortable driving conditions, it also marks the time of year to uncover what surprises winter left behind on your vehicle.

Cold temperatures, road salt, potholes, and constant moisture take a toll on nearly every part of a vehicle. While some damage is obvious, like a new clunk after hitting a pothole, much of it develops slowly and goes unnoticed until it becomes a bigger issue.

Steering and suspension components are among the most common areas to show wear after winter. Potholes, chunks of ice, and the occasional slide into a snowbank

can knock a vehicle out of alignment, damage shocks and struts, and affect steering components. Drivers may notice their vehicle pulling to one side, uneven tire wear, or new clunks and clicks, but these warning signs are often easy to ignore until they lead to more costly repairs.

Don't forget about road salt. While it plays a critical role in keeping winter roads safe, anyone who has spent time under a Midwest vehicle understands just how corrosive it can be. Over time, salt leads to rust forming on brake lines, exhaust components, and undercarriage parts. Left unchecked, this corrosion can compromise both safety and longevity.

Spring is the ideal time for a comprehensive vehicle inspection. At a full-service repair shop like Van Wyk Auto, this goes well beyond a quick oil change. A proper inspection includes checking brakes, tires, suspension, fluids, battery health, and looking for leaks or

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For many drivers, the challenge isn't knowing what to look for, but finding the time and a shop they can trust. That is why shops like Van Wyk Auto are focused on making the repair process more transparent, convenient, and collaborative. With clear communication, digital insights, shuttle service, and free loaner cars, what is typically an inconvenience becomes a far more manageable, even positive, experience.

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According to S&P Global Mobility, the average age of a vehicle on the road hit a record high of 12.8 years in 2025. Although major mechanical failures concern drivers of older vehicles, it's actually much smaller things that can affect vehicle longevity. There are small actions anyone can take to significantly extend a car's life.

• Use caution on cold starts. When a vehicle sits, oil settles at the bottom of the engine. To help combat damage that can occur, drivers can wait about 30 seconds before shifting into gear, as this will allow the oil pump to circulate the lubricant to the upper valve train and help prevent extra wear on the engine. Modern fuel-injected engines warm up faster and more safely by being driven gently rather than sit-

ting still, so it's not necessary to idle for a long while with the vehicle in the driveway, says Smart Motors Toyota. In fact, long idles actually can strip away oil.

• Treat fluids wisely. According to EngineeringCivil.org, checking and replacing fluids is cheaper than replacing hardware. Recent data suggests that consistent oil changes can add between 50,000 and 100,000 miles to an engine's lifespan. It's important to follow a vehicle's manual for time-based intervals for fluid replacement, rather than just going by mileage.

• Drive faster on occasion. Oil will never get hot enough to evaporate internal condensation for those who primarily drive short distances under 10 miles. Once every few weeks, it's important for drivers to drive at least 20 minutes at highway speeds to help get rid of contaminants.

• Drive smoothly on roads. Aggressive driving will not just burn more gas; such driving also creates heat, which can impact longevity. According to Kia, hard braking generates immense heat that can warp rotors and stress suspension bushings. Likewise, it's key to ease into

acceleration. Rapid acceleration forces the transmission to downshift abruptly, increasing wear. Reports from The Zebra, an insurance shopping company, indicate that mindful driving can reduce mechanical strain by up to 30 percent.

• Fight corrosion. Rust can kill a car before the engine actually fails. People who live in areas where roads are treated with salt in the winter should use a winter car wash that includes an undercarriage spray. Auto Recycling World says road salt can eat through brake lines and fuel lines. In addition, applying a coat of wax twice a year can prevent UV rays and other damage to the clear coat, which protects the metal body from the elements.

• Address engine lights promptly. CarMD says addressing a "check engine" light immediately is 20 percent cheaper than waiting until the vehicle has a driveability issue. For example, ignoring a \$150 oxygen sensor can eventually destroy a \$1,500 catalytic converter.

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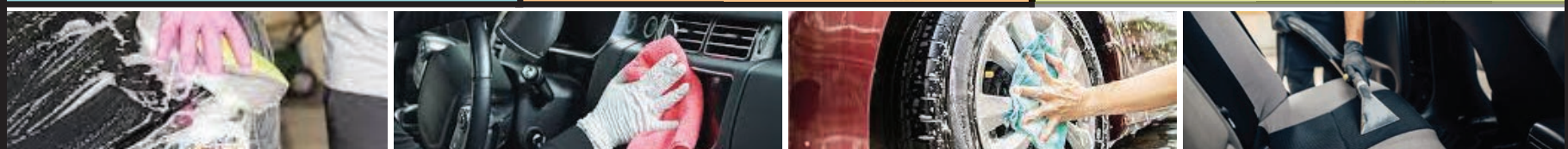
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Many spring breakers may fly to their destination, but that can be costly for families paying for multiple flights. Indeed, spring break can be one of the more costly times to travel by air, as it's considered a peak travel period. Families who want to get away but don't want to spend thousands of dollars on flights alone can take to the road and drive to their destinations. If a road trip is in the cards, families can consider these strategies to ensure a safe and fun excursion.

- **Have your vehicle fully serviced before your trip.** Winter can be hard on a vehicle, particularly when a car is parked outside in locations

where harsh weather is the standard between December and March. A full checkup that tops off fluids, tests the brakes (and replaces them, if necessary), inflates the tires (and again, replaces them, if necessary), tests the battery, and checks headlights and wiper blades to ensure they're operating at peak capacity can prepare a vehicle for the journey to your spring break destination.

- **Make some pit stops along the way.** If it's an especially long trip to your destination, extend your travels by a day or two and make an extra stop along your way to your destination and on your return home. Find a fun activity along the way, such as a trip to a local indoor water park or a must-see hiking spot, so everyone can spend a day moving around before getting back in the car.

- **Don't be a motorized martyr.** When your ultimate destination is a warm, sun-soaked beach, it can be tempting to make the trip in a single day. But fatigued drivers are dangerous drivers, so it's best

to build in some time to take a break and even share driving duty with another licensed driver. Moms and dads can switch halfway through the trip. If you already know the trip will take multiple days on the road, then stop driving no later than sundown to ensure you and your fellow drivers get a good night's rest.

- **Line up some in-vehicle entertainment.** A long road trip with young children will require some in-vehicle entertainment. Load up a tablet with movies to keep the kids occupied during the drive but also arrange for some non-device game play as well. A book of puzzles, a family sing-along, a round or two of I spy, the license plate game, and even some kid-friendly trivia can provide some fun distractions on the way to your destination.

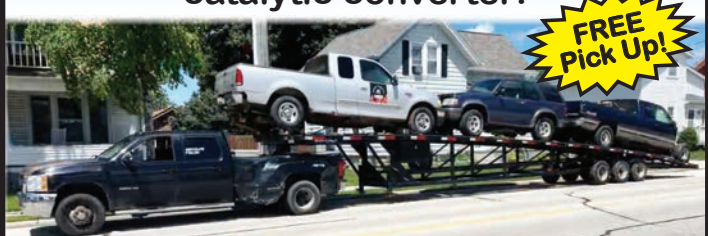
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While there's no denying that modern vehicles are safer than ever, the human element remains an unpredictable variable. Even in an era marked by vehicles with greatly enhanced safety features, distracted or impaired drivers can compromise the well-being of everyone on the road. Age is another variable unique to each driver that

merits consideration when considering road safety. The National Institute on Aging notes that certain conditions associated with aging, including increased stiffness of muscles and joints, can make it difficult for seniors to safely operate motor vehicles. Seniors who want to ensure they're safe to drive can take various steps to ensure they are not compromising their own safety or the safety of others when getting behind the wheel.

• **Have your driving skills assessed by a trained professional.** The NIA notes that the American Occupational Therapy Association maintains a database of driving specialists who can help seniors assess their skills behind the wheel. These trained professionals may assess existing skills and offer advice

about how to overcome any issues aging drivers might be having.

• **Take a driving course.** Safe driving courses can help drivers of all ages stay up-to-date on the latest safety protocols and advice on how to drive safely. Modern driving is vastly different than it was when many current seniors became licensed drivers. A safe driving course can refresh drivers' memories about safety protocols, and some may even offer advice on how to navigate modern roadways, which may be marked by distracted drivers and feature vehicles with brighter headlights that can make it more difficult for older drivers to drive at night.

• **Speak with your physicians about your medications.**

A recent study from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found that the average adult age 65 and older now uses roughly four medications. Medications produce side effects that can affect every area of a user's life, including their ability to drive. Those effects might be heightened when taking more than one medication, and interactions also can lead to side effects that might not manifest if individuals were taking just one prescrip-

tion. Aging drivers can maintain an honest and ongoing dialogue with their physicians to ensure they're aware of the effects their medications might be having on their ability to drive safely. Report any new side effects the moment they appear.

Aging can compromise seniors' ability to safely operate motor vehicles. But aging adults can employ various strategies to improve their skills behind the wheel.

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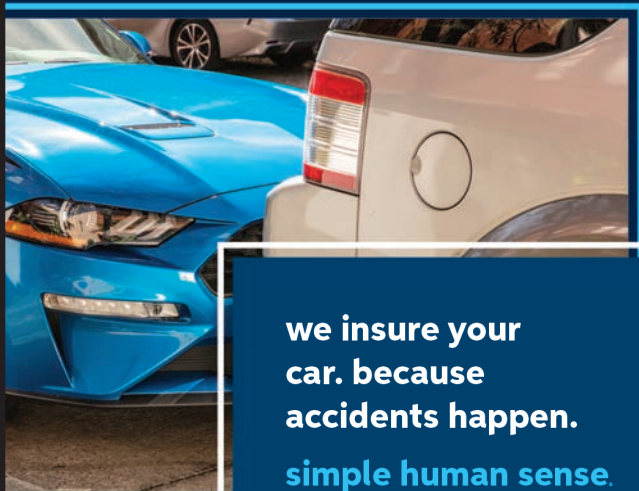
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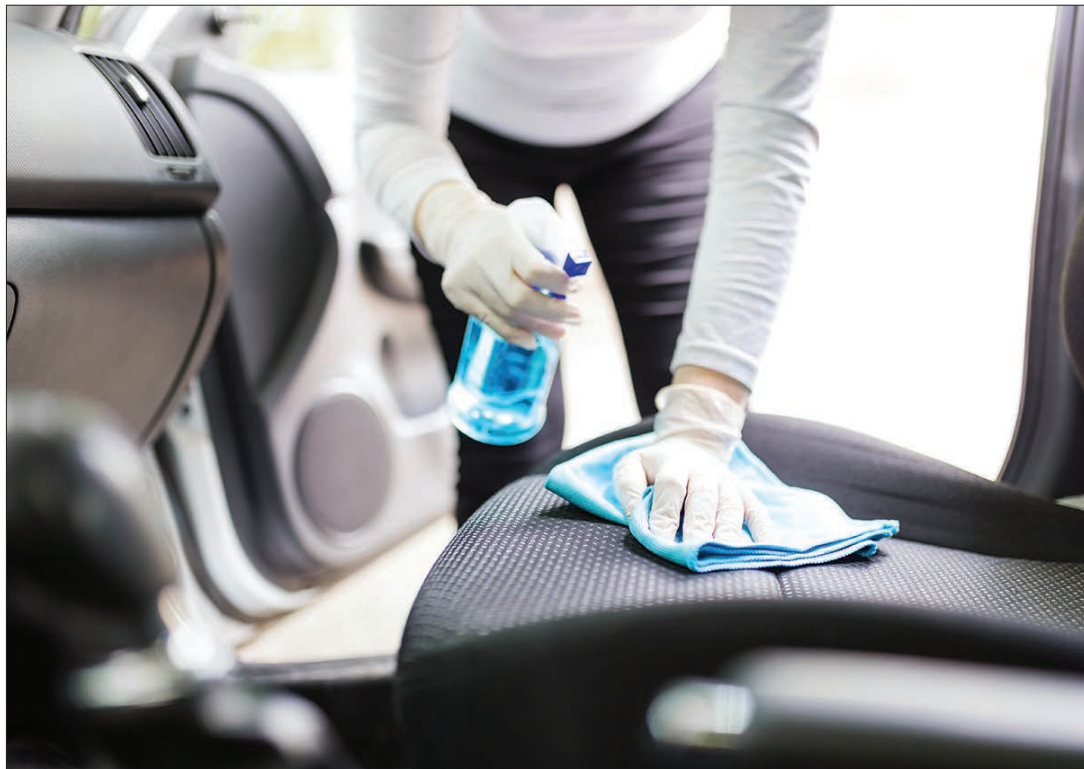
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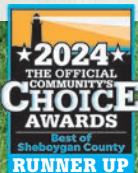
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