

Incumbents lose school board seats, sweep council races

BY MIKE WARREN EDITOR

MARSHFIELD – While the membership of the Marshfield Common Council will not change following the April 2 spring elections, the School District of Marshfield's Board of Education will see three new faces.

Marshfield School Board

Retired MHS English instructor Karen Ott was the top vote-getter among the six candidates which remained in the school board race following the Feb. 20 Primary runoff.



Ott Forst Kizer Ott received 4,077 total votes and she won all but five of the 22 voting precincts. Nicole Forst, who ran unsuccessfully for the board in 2023, picked up 3,517 votes on April 2 to finish second in the balloting. Securing the third and final open seat was Steven Kizer, who received 3,403 votes.

Longtime incumbent and current school board president, Frances Bohon, finished fourth in the balloting, with 2,689 votes. Bohon is ending three consecutive terms following her reelection to the board in 2015, after serving six consecutive terms between 1996 and 2014, for a total of 27 years on the Board of Education.

Newcomer Richard Kranz picked up 2,492 votes as a fifth-place finisher in the polling. Two-term incumbent SAM Steiner received 2,290 votes and was unsuccessful in her second reelection bid, after first being elected in 2018.

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Pursuing fame and acclaim has been a long-standing desire, regardless of the avenue

whether it be academics, sports, or any other endeavor.

Unexpectedly finding success in an unanticipated field prompts reflection on the significance of any such recognition of this field or the others. While being acknowledged by faceless strangers may briefly



satisfy the ego, the transient nature of their attention underscores the insignificance of external validation.

In the end, true fulfillment lies not in the fleeting acknowledgment of others, but in the pursuit of personal growth and fulfillment for the ultimate good.

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FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Monday, April 15 brings the end of the moratorium on disconnection of electric service for customers who have gotten behind on their energy bills. Marshfield Utilities (MU) has sent customers multiple notices if they are at risk of disconnection.

It is important these customers contact MU to set-up a payment plan to get caught up on their bill to avoid disconnection. MU encourages at-risk customers to contact Energy Services, Community Action Agency



INCUMBENTS

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Incumbent Karen Shulman did not seek another threevear term on the board.

Marshfield Common Council

Three members of the city council defeated their challengers, while two incumbents essentially got free passes to new terms as uncontested candidates.

In District 1, 24-year incumbent Mike Feirer won a 13th term by defeating challenger Gina Morrell, 131-120. Feirer was first elected in 2000.

District 3 incumbent Natasha Tompkins beat challenger Mathew Samson by a nearly two-to-one margin, 411-250, for her second two-year term.

In District 7, recently-appointed incumbent Brian Giles held off a challenge from Tim Moen, winning that race 289-222, with three write-in votes. Giles was appointed to the Common Council last year to fill the unexpired term of Adam Fischer, who stepped down at the end of 2022 with 16 months left in his term.

Two incumbents did not have challengers and were reelected. They are Ed Wagner in District 5 and Mike O'Reilly in District 9. District 5 also recorded seven writein votes, while there were 12 such votes in District 9. Incumbent Mayor Lois TeStrake also won an unopposed reelection bid, although 74 voters wrote in other names.

Wagner, meanwhile, is giving up his seat on the Wood County Board of Supervisors. Wagner and fellow Marshfield Supervisor Adam Fischer had both filed statements of non-candidacy indicating their intentions to step down.

Russ Perlock ran unopposed for Wagner's District 4 seat, while Tim Hovendick won Fischer's District 5 seat.

Wayne Schulz will be another new face from Marshfield on the Wood County Board. He defeated longtime District 1 incumbent Supervisor Dave LaFontaine, 639-439.

Longtime District 9 Supervisor Bill Winch of Vesper gave up his seat and Scott Brehm ran unopposed.

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All other Wood County Board incumbents ran

or Marshfield Utilities Payment Assistance for more information on energy assistance programs.

MU offers a Deferred Payment Arrangement (DPA) plan that allows customers who have gotten behind on their bills to spread their outstanding balance over several months instead of paying it all at once. A Customer Account Specialists can be reached at (715) 387-1195 for details and questions. Lastly, MU has complied with Wisconsin State Statute and informed affected landlords of the possibility of disconnection at their rental properties.

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Feirer unopposed.

Also in Wood County, unopposed Branch 2 Circuit Court Judge Nicholas J. Brazeau, Jr. was elected to

another term. In the Village of Auburndale, Deb Stoflet was the top vote-getter among four candidates running for three Trustee seats. Stoflet picked up 94 votes, while secondplace finisher Terry Marten received 78 votes and David Klassy came in third with 49 votes. R.J. Curtin finished in fourth place with 43 ballot.

In the city of Pittsville, incumbents Mark Darr, Brian Kissner and Dennis Todd won reelection as the top three vote-getters among four candidates. Diana Schooley finished in fourth place with 100 votes. Kissner had been appointed to the council last May and was filling an unexpired term.

Total voter turnout in Wood County was 37.7 percent, or 15,837 of 41,933 registered voters.

The top three turnouts in the county were:

Village of Port Edwards - 50.8 percent (534 voters out of 1,051 registered voters);

Village of Rudolph - 47.45 percent (130 voters out of 274 registered voters);

Town of Lincoln - 46.69 percent (486 voters out of 1,041 registered voters).

In Marshfield, 43 percent of the city's registered voters went to the polls. The highest turnouts were for the races in Districts 3 and 7. In District 3, where Natasha Tompkins held on to her council seat, 58 percent of voters headed to the polls, on a snowy, wet and slushy day. Meanwhile, voter turnout hit 49 percent in District 7, where Brian Giles defeated Tim Moen by 67 votes.



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Shirley's House of Hope fundraiser set

BY MIKE WARREN EDITOR

MARSHFIELD -- Those who operate Shirley's House of Hope in Marshfield are hoping an upcoming fundraiser will go a long way in helping to sustain the nonprofit agency.

The 2nd annual Run For Hope will be held April 20 at Wildwood Park & Zoo.

"Originally our spring fundraiser was Strike Out Domestic Violence, but with the closing of the Marshfield bowling alley we couldn't do that anymore, so we kind of went back to Shirley's roots," Jessica Baker, Development Associate, told Hub City Times. "They used to do a 5K run and we decided let's do that again, so we have a 5K option and a one-mile option."

Baker says the Run For Hope is a peer-topeer fundraiser, meaning people register to become a fundraiser among their individual network of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers, then donate those funds to Shirley's House of Hope.

"The competition comes with who can raise the most funds," Baker says. "For every hundred dollars a participant raises, they receive one ticket into a drawing to win a Wisconsin Dells waterpark package."

As for the event itself, the run takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. on April 20, with registration opening up at 8 a.m. at the Wildwood Station pavilion. There is a 5K (3.3 miles) option and a one-mile option. The registration fee is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door on the day of the event. Kids 3 and under can participate for free.

We are completely community-funded," Baker told us. "We receive no government funding, which is good because no outside entities can tell us how to run the program or determine what each woman needs here when it comes to her case plan, but it does make it a little difficult because we rely completely on the generosity of our donors and our partners, so our spring fundraiser pulls in a bulk of what we do for the year, and then the Iron Chef really at the end (of the year) is what caps off our yearly goal every year, so it's really important that we have this funding so that we can continue to keep our doors open and provide services to women and children who are looking to escape from abuse and addiction."

Here's A Bright Idea

Shirley's House of Hope is a domestic abuse and drug-and-alcohol addiction recovery center that is focused solely on women and children.

"We have a nine-month recovery program that the women can come and participate in, and that's nine months where we request that they don't have a job. They focus entirely on their recovery," said Baker. "They take valuable classes to help them recover from the effects of abuse and addiction, like setting boundaries, how to have healthy relationships, how to manage finances, how to cope with addiction and recovery and the process that comes about from that," she added.

The Christian-based agency also has a transitional housing center which "graduates" can apply for.

"We offer a discounted monthly rent. They're not going to find rent any cheaper," Baker told us. "We provide accountability for them while they're in transitional housing, random drug testing to make sure that they are staying sober, financial planning, helping them find a job, get their driver's license back if it's been taken away, and they can stay in that transitional housing center up to two years."

The nine-month program shelter has eleven beds which are almost constantly full. The transitional housing center has another five rooms for women and their children, excluding boys over 12 years of age. And Baker says the need is off the charts, especially now.

"Whenever the weather gets worse, we always get more calls," she said. "We have so many women call every single day, and we can't take everybody. If we can't provide that help for them, we do try our best to refer them to somebody who may help."

Shirley's House of Hope works closely with similar agencies such as the PDC Orenda Center and the Hannah Center.

"We want to help those women to know that they are loved and they are cared for," Baker said. "We try really hard for our spaces that they live in to be beautifully decorated with high-quality items, too. We want them to feel safe and at home here."

Shirley's House of Hope's 2024 annual budget totals \$676,248. Their fundraising goal for the Run For Hope is just over \$53,000.



Many raffle items are up for grabs, at the 2nd annual Run For Hope, to benefit Shirley's House of Hope in Marshfield. The event is April 20 at Wildwood Park & Zoo.

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CAROLYN A. HILL Carolyn A. Hill, age 73 passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Colonial Health and Rehabilitation Center in Colby.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 pm on Thursday, Apri 2024, at Rembs Funeral Home, Marshfield, where the visitation will be from 10:00 am until service time. Deacor Ray Draeger will officiate. The service will be streamed online at www.facebook.com/rembsfu neralhomes. Burial will be in

Yolo Cemetery, Town of Fremont, Clark County. Carolyn was born on April 12, 1950, in Black River Falls, to Charles and Virginia (Harmon) Marek, Jr. She was a gradu ate of the Dells Dam School, Neillsville, and a 1968 gradu ate of Neillsville High School. She was united in marriage to Richard Miller on April 13, 1969, and he died on August 28 1969, in an automobile accident. She married Kenneth E Hill on December 5, 1970, at Christ the King Catholic Church, Spencer. He died on November 8, 2022

Carolyn had been employed at Gary's One Hour Cleaners Figi's Distribution Center, More Than Flowers, and Walmart all in Marshfield.

She enjoyed cross stitching baby blankets, camping with family and friends, snowmobiling, baking yummy treats and was heavily involved in fundraising for Special Olympics She loved spending time with her grandkids and great grand kids and using her skills to make wedding flowers for her

children and bickering with dad. She is survived by her children, Joseph (Stephanie) Hill, Lori (Scott Rueth) Hill and Heather (Troy) Butterbrodt. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Kylie (Brandon DeSmet, Katrina (Scott) Roth, Becca (Bobby Jungwirth) Kellner, Rayden Kellner, Kameron Kellner, Shae Kellner Nathan Butterbrodt, and Georgia Butterbrodt and five great grandchildren, Laney, Lexi, and Lincoln Roth, Ivory Watson and baby DeSmet. She is further survived by Siblings, Lee (Nancy) Marek, Tim Marek, and Carrie Ezzel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Richard Miller and Kenneth Hill, a brother, David Marek A special thanks to Colonial Health and Rehabilitation Cen

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KATHLEEN E. DIETSCHE Kathleen E. Dietsche, age 80 of Spencer, WI, peacefully of Spencer, WI, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Stoney River Assisted Living in Marshfield, WI. Funeral ser-vices will be held at 12pm on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Loyal, WI, with Rev. Daniel Zimmerman officiating. Visita-tion will be held at the church tion will be held at the church on Saturday, from 9am until time of service. Kathleen Edrie Kulibert was

(Blanchette) Kulibert. In 1948, her family moved to Marsh-

field where she was raised and received her education. Kathy was united in marriage to Marvin J. Dietsche on January 27 1962 at the Lutheran parsonage in Marshfield. They lived and farmed in the Loyal/Spencer area, where they raised their seven children. Kathy worked side-by-side with Marvin on the farm, where she often drove tractor and chopped a lot of hay over the years. She was also the "Queen of the Kitchen", whipping up fantastic meals for her family, and lunches for Marv and the boys and the hired help each day. Kathy enjoyed cooking so much that she went to work at the Amber Inn in Loyal, where she was a cook from 1982 until 1987. She was a caring person who donated to every local cause, and was very nurturing always looking out for everyone else.

Kathy had many interests, but especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and making breakfast for them, riding in the machinery with Marvin, history, reading, coffee every day, just sitting next to Marvin, their trips to Alabama and the ocean, birdwatching, her girl weekends, and spending time at their cabin up north on Soo Lake. In particular she looked forward every year when her brothers Bob and Bud would travel from Florida and South Carolina to their

cabin for opening weekend of fishing. She will be dearly missed by her husband, Marvin, of Spencer; her children: Cheri (John) Oblak of Spencer, WI, Vicki (Vern) Leffel of Colby, WI, Rick (Stephanie) of Loyal, WI, Chele (Tony) Boe of Chilton, WI, Lisa (Keith) Kettle-borough of Spencer, WI, Kerry (Sue) of Spencer, Jim (Kelly) of Loyal, WL: 10 grandebildren; 20 graet of Loyal, WI; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law: Dorothy Dietsche of Spencer, WI, Bonnie Di etsche of Marshfield, WI; one brother-in-law: Robert (Bar-bara) Dietsche of DePere, WI; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers: Richard, William, Robert, and Frederick "Bud" Kulibert. Kathy's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Stoney River and Heartland Hospice for their loving kind-ness and compassion shown to all of them while Kathy was under their care.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.cuddiefh com

Cuddie Funeral Home of Loyal, WI is assisting the family with arrangements.

RICHARD "Rico" SMITH

Richard "Rico" Smith, age 67, passed away on March 31, 2024. Marshfield, WI, Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home is assisting the family.

JOSHUA SCHUELLER

Joshua Schueller, 41, of Duluth, formerly of Marshfield passed away on March 27, 2024. Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.



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WANDA M. VENZKE Wanda M. Venzke, age 79, Marshfield, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Colonial Health and Rehabilitation of Colby. A memorial service will be

held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 13, 2023, at Grace Lutheran Church, Nasonville, where a gathering for family and friends will be from 9:00 am until service time. Rev. Tim Hinrichs will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery Rembs Funeral Home is assist

ng the family.

Wanda was born on October 4, 1944, in Bay City, MI, to William and Erna (Becker) Woltmann. She was a 1962 graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary High School in Sagi-naw, MI and a 1966 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, where she sang with the traveling choir. She was united in marriage to David H. Venzke on January 21, 1967, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Marshfield.

Together Wanda and Dave owned and operated a small dairy farm which was in the family for 100 years. She loved the farm and changed from a city girl to a farm wife. She learned to drive various machines along with handling the chores in emergencies by herself. She helped establish the Town of Rock volunteer Fire Department and later became a first responder.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David, Sr., their three children and eight grandchildren, David (Mary) Venzke of Appleton, and their children, Jackson, Nicholas and Bai-ley; Bill (Angie) Venzke of Stillwater, MN, and their children, Amelia, Ella and Melanie; and Krista (Dustin) Henderson of Marshfield, and their children, Riley and Annabelle She is also survived by a sister Wilma (Cecil) Maus of Radcliff, KY.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Carl in infancy

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Dr. Eiche and his wife Sandy saw the value in having an institution of higher education in Marshfield, so they have gifted \$2.7 million to the local university campus, to be used by area Submitted photo students for scholarships.

UWSP at Marshfield announces initial **Eiche scholarship** details

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- The initial scholarships made possible through a gift from the estate of a local dentist and his wife have been established. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at Marshfield campus announced in January it had received its largest gift to date - a donation of \$2.7 million from William Eiche and his wife, Sandra (Bump) Eiche. Now, the first scholarships from that gift have been announced.

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Anastasia coming to MHS stage



The MHS Drama Department presents, "Anastasia," April 11-13 in the Marshfield High School auditorium. **Don Patterson photo**

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- The new musical, Anastasia, will grace the stage of the Marshfield High School auditorium April 11-13.

The story is inspired by true events surrounding the fall of the Romanov Empire in Imperial Russia in 1917. In addition, a rumor engulfed Soviet Russia that a young daughter of the Emperor, Anastasia, survived, and perhaps could restore hope to their divided nation. The musical includes songs from the Disney film of the same title, released in 1996, but includes other new songs as well. Some beloved standards from the musical include, "Once Upon a December" and "Journey to the Past." The setting transforms into 1920s Paris, showcasing a range of costume styles, vocals, and dances through the course of the show.

The musical includes student performers, ballerinas, crew and musicians, representing close to 80 students across the district, including two elementary-aged performers. The show is a memory play, where sequences of dance and song help Anya, who people believe is Anastasia Romanov, to reconnect with her

past, as she tries to prove to the Dowager Empress - the only surviving relative of the family who had fled to Paris - that she is her granddaughter.

The musical is helmed by junior Maya Groth performing as Anya/Anastasia, senior Henry Johnson performing as Dimitry, senior Liam Kaplan as Vlad Popov, sophomore Campbell Cutlan as Countess Lilly, junior Makayla Schwantes as the Dowager Empress (Anastasia's surviving Grandmother), and senior Jaime Boero performing as the villainous Soviet Officer Gleb Vaganov. Supporting the performers include an ever-present ensemble of Russians, Soviet Officers, expatriots, counts and countesses, Parisians, and ballerinas.

Tickets are currently on sale online at our.show/mhsanastasia or by calling the MHS main office at 715-387-8464. There are three performances, one on Thursday, April 11, another on Friday, April 12, and a third on Saturday, April 13. The show begins promptly at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. All seats are reserved. Tickets are paperless and cost \$15 at the door, or \$10 if purchased in advance.

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Some of the nearly 200 participants and their pets, embarking on the 2 1/2-mile walk around Wildwood Park & Zoo, for the 9th annual "Paws For Brittany," held May 13, 2023 in Marshfield. Mike Warren photo

Annual event returns to honor Marshfield woman

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- April 2 marked the sixteenth anniversary of the death of Brittany Zimmermann. On that day in 2008, the Marshfield community lost a beloved daughter, friend, and compassionate advocate. In remembrance of her legacy, Marshfield Area Pet Shelter invites everyone to join the annual "Paws for Brittany" event on May 11.

"Paws for Brittany" is not just a walk/run; it's a heartfelt tribute to a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many. This year, the event will take place at Wildwood Park, where participants will gather to celebrate Brittany's life and passion for animals.

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from 10 a.m. to noon. Proceeds from the "Paws for Brittany" event will benefit rescued animals at Marshfield Area Pet Shelter, a cause that Brittany held close to her heart. For those unable to attend the event but who still wish to contribute, donations can be made in Brittany's memory at www.PawsForBrittany.

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LOYAL HIGH SCHOOL School News

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A weekly feature highlighting school news from around the area!



The CTE/Fine Arts Night on March 26th was a great night. Thank you to everyone who came to support our wonderful students! We are grateful for everyone who helped donate to the band fundraiser and to those who participated in it. With your help, we were able to raise \$4,250! We are still working towards our goal of purchasing our timpani, so if you missed the fundraiser and would still like to help out, please let us know! You can reach out to the high school office or Ms. Crox all at scroxall@loyal.k12.wi.us

We would especially like to thank the following people and companies for their donations: American Family Insurance, Atmus, Barb Shain and Walt Wesenberg, Bob and Coni Meyer, Brenda Lavengood, Colby Metal, Debbie and Steve McColley, Diana Hayes, Doug and Heather Luchterhand, Grassland Dairy, Hair We Are, Health Choices, IT Adventures,

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Financial Literacy News

BY MRS. JESSICA ZARNKE K-12 FINANCIAL LITERACY TEACHER

Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds have been a common theme within the financial literacy classroom as the SIFMA Foundation Stock Market Game is in full swing for our fourth and fifth grade and high school Finance & Investing students. The game began in mid-February and ends in late April. Through this stock market game experience, students are learning the importance of diversified portfolios, the history of the stock market, and reasons to invest.

Our Simplicity Credit Union school branch is less than 150 deposits away from reaching our 500-deposit goal by the end of May! When the goal is reached, Simplicity Credit Union will donate \$500 to our school! The Greyhound Conference rooms continues to be a busy place each Tuesday morning from 7:40-8:00AM.





An exciting event for students and their families will be taking place on Tuesday, May 7th titled Planting a Bright Financial Future in partnership with the Loyal FFA and Simplicity Credit Union. Families can drop in anytime between 4:00-7:00PM. This is a free event filled with activities and fun, but prior registration is required. Please email jzarnke@loyal.k12.wi.us to sign-up.

Students in grades K-2 have been mastering their coin identification, value, and addition skills through hands-on activities and movement throughout the classroom.

The Simplicity Credit Union school branch is full of smiles and fun each and every Tuesday morning in the Greyhound Conference room.



Spanish 4 students have been learning house vocabulary including rooms, furniture, appliances, and chores. They constructed "blueprints" of houses out of food to show off their knowledge. Their favorite part may have been eating their blueprints when they were done!



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Four-year-old kindergarten enjoyed a week full of hands-on learning activities discovering all about rocks and minerals - how they are formed, what they are used for and how they change through the rock cycle. Some of our favorite learning experiences were making a rock treasure box and using it to collect rocks, cracking open geodes and making necklaces with the pieces, and erupting volcanoes!!







High School Spanish students took a field trip to see "A Million Miles Away" at Broadway Theater in Medford, a biopic about José Hernández and his path from a farm worker to becoming an engineer and astronaut. After the movie, students enjoyed Mexican food at Mi Jovenaso 4, also in Medford.





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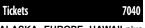
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His wife, Sandra (Bump) Eiche, was also a Marshfield native, graduating from Marshfield High School in 1955. She helped operate the Eiche dental office and was active at St. Alban's Episcopal Church and the Marshfield Elks Lodge. She died in April 2023.



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Marshfield Clinic adds military status to health records

Patient veteran status will also be used for research

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- Military experiences and exposures are well-known factors that affect individuals' health and wellbeing, both in the short and long term. This is especially true when active military personnel and veterans mobilize and deploy to hazardous environments, whether that means combat or natural disaster responses.

To better diagnose and treat current military and veterans, staff and physicians at the Marshfield Clinic Health System are now asking patients about having been in the military or are currently serving.

In the intricate tapestry of veterans' experiences, both domestic and international exposures play a significant role. From traversing the globe to confronting natural disasters at home, their journey encompasses austere environments, biological and chemical exposures, and the enduring legacy of traumatic events. As caregivers, it's imperative to recognize these multifaceted challenges to deliver holistic care. Understanding and facilitating access to the array of resources available is essential in honoring their service and ensuring their well-being.

Corey Cronrath, M.D., medical director of Marshfield Clinic Health System's Occupational Health service line, believes understanding a patient's military status and experience is crucial for enhancing their health care.

'As a physician and a veteran, I have been privileged to witness the dedication and sacrifice of our service members firsthand," Cronrath said. "They face a myriad of dangers - from the toxins of burn pits to enemy fire both at home and abroad. Some of these exposures lead to immediate health issues, while others manifest over time, posing unique challenges to their health. It's crucial for us, as the health care team, to understand these challenges. They affect not only our service members but also their families and communities. By understanding and being aware of the risks and hazards they have faced, we can better support them through the services available within and outside of the Marshfield Clinic Health System.'

The questions will be a regular occurrence for those patients aged 17 and older, repeating every three years or until the history is completely captured.

Many people likely already share with their care providers if they have military experience or are a veteran during a normal annual visit. That information is often

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recorded in typed notes called social histories. Given the advancement in information technologies, the Health System has designed a set of discrete questions to capture these facts more consistently, creating much more reliable and organized data. If patients respond "yes" to whether they have served in the military or are currently serving, additional questions will open, including:

Branch(es) of service; If they were deployed or mobilized; Years of service or if they are currently serving.

This improvement to the patients' medical records will

better inform health care providers about what may be affecting patients' health. It can provide more depth for diagnostics and can better inform treatment plans. This is critical for a state like Wisconsin where a number of the riskiest occupations are well-represented, including construction, transportation, and agriculture (both farming and forestry). Wisconsin is home to an estimated 350,000 veterans. Information about patients' military history, occupation and industry will not affect their health insurance costs or coverage.

These data regarding patients' work also places health researchers at a new cutting edge of possibilities.

"This innovation places our research team at a tremendous advantage and could change the game," said Bryan Weichelt, Ph.D., associate research scientist with the National Farm Medicine Center at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute. "We will be one of the few health systems in the country equipped to examine health data in light of someone's work and military history. And this new development is quite timely given recent federal legislative actions such as the PACT Act and its impact on veterans' eligibility and access to health care, including VA-funded Community Care, which veterans can receive at the Marshfield Clinic Health System, once enrolled."

This change will help us provide better care for our patients who are serving or who previously served in the military, and it will further our system-wide efforts to capture population health data and provide better care coordination for veterans. Adding this question into the registration process also allows us to better connect our patients to additional services of which they are eligible and helps our care teams identify possible exposures or risks that may have led to current ailments.

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Marshfield 150 for 150: Dr. Kamilla Jewell Buddemeier

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Dr. Kamilla Jewell Buddemeier joined Marshfield Clinic in 1994, moving with her husband and two small children. She is the clinic's first – and so far only – female interventional cardiologist.

Her journey began in Chicago, IL. Kamilla's father worked for a major manufacturing company, so every promotion meant a move every few years to another Midwestern city. Each move also meant a farewell to the familiar and a hello to the challenge of learning to navigate a new school and a new clique of kids who likely knew each other since "forever." These frequent moves taught her to be flexible, but also to cultivate a personal fortitude that equipped her to accommodate change. Mom and Dad were extremely supportive, planting the belief that she could become anything she wanted to be. Being a female child was never presented as any kind of obstacle, so Kamilla grew up knowing for certain that men had no advantage she herself did not have. She was capable of any task to which she might commit.

Her first degree was in Medical Technology, which



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granted ready access to a good job and financial independence. But after seven years, bigger challenges and the desire to make a bigger difference in the world started to call. Her first attempt to enter medical school was met with rejection because of having been outside of institutional learning for a few years. Rather than accept defeat, Kamilla dug deeper by taking a year of the most difficult medical science courses she could find, committed to acing each of them. She did. And Indiana University Medical School finally saw the jewel they were offered. Internal Medicine

residency followed in Madison, which introduced Kamilla to the charms of Wisconsin, one of which was Marshfield Clinic. But a Cardiology fellowship would come first, which meant another move, this time back to Chicago where this story began.

With her Cardiology fellowship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital coming to an end, Kamilla decided once again to dig deeper and seek one of two highlycoveted and very competitive fellowships in Interventional Cardiology. At the time, interventional cardiology was a rapidly-evolving science that treats patients by directly entering the arterial system with catheters to diagnose and open blockages in the heart's blood supply. It is a highrisk procedure that can literally save the life of a patient in the process of dying. Kamilla was advised that a noninvasive career would allow an easier schedule, especially for raising a family, but she decided to follow her passion. She was granted one of those two spots and excelled as St. Luke's first female Interventional Cardiology fellow.

Though the hospital in Chicago tried to retain her, Dr. Buddemeier chose Marshfield Clinic for its excellent reputation and family-friendly community. She quickly

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earned the respect of her colleagues and the love of her patients. Kamilla crashed the glass ceiling, as less than 5 percent of Interventional Cardiologists are female. She was a model for female residents and students, leading by example rather than activism. She recalls no patients being put off by her gender, rather they were encouraged by her confidence, expertise and compassionate approach to care. She was central Wisconsin's first Interventional Cardiologist to perform a complex case live during a webinar for an audience of medical professionals, an event previously seen only in major

national cardiology meetings.

Her most rewarding personal achievement was to develop the first heart attack transfer program in central Wisconsin. She led a team to organize "Rescue 1," a network of independent and normally competing regional medical institutions to minimize the time from a heart attack to treatment to maximize the life-saving benefits of cardiac catheterization. Many people are alive today because of this effort.

Kamilla saw a number of patients return with the same life-threatening symptoms, so she began a study of additional ways underlying disease can be treated. She explored meditation, which led her to a rigorous Zen practice, becoming a Zen monk in 2008. Retired from active medical practice since 2019, Kamilla continues to synthesize her entire experience, traditional and otherwise. More fully exploring the body's innate wisdom, becoming an ally of that wisdom, she sees the future is wide open as new possibilities emerge, and is working out how this can be offered to Marshfield and beyond. She remains dedicated to assisting her community in seeking the health and wellness of all.

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THE FREE PLAY Four things to know about the Brewers' season-opening sweep of the Mets

BY JALEN MAKI CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Break out the brooms.

The Milwaukee Brewers opened the 2024 season with a three-game road series against the New York Mets and left the Big Apple with a sweep for the first time since 2011.

The Crew kicked off their season March 29-31. In the trio of wins (3-1, 7-6, and 4-1), the Brewers were cooking in all aspects of the game.

In the series, Milwaukee logged 33 hits and scored 14 runs while giving up 20 hits and eight runs to New York. Notably, 12 hits and six runs for the Mets came in the March 30 matchup.

Here are four things to know about the Brewers' opening series:

Jackson Chourio: Future Rookie of the Year, **MVP.** and Hall of Famer

Ok, so that might be a bit of an overreaction, but folks... it looks like Jackson Chourio might be pretty good.

This, of course, should come as a surprise to no one. The Brewers' top prospect and the MLB's number two overall prospect quickly climbed through the Minor Leagues and put up remarkable numbers along the way: over three Minor League seasons, Chourio batted .286, had an OPS of .837, and hit 47 home runs, while being incredibly impactful on defense.

Chourio, 20, made his Big League debut in New York on March 29, the fourth-youngest Opening Day starter in MLB history. Brewers' legend Robin Yount is on that list twice: In his first MLB start in 1974, Yount was 18 years and 201 days old, and he was 19 years and 204 days old when he started on Opening Day a season later. Other than Yount, only Ken Griffey Jr. and Adrián Beltré were younger than Chourio when they first broke into the Bigs. Pretty good company.

Batting leadoff and playing right field in his first Major League game, it didn't take Chourio long to make his presence known. In his first at-bat, he drew a four-pitch walk off Mets starter Jose Quintana before swiping second base. He made a tremendous catch near the wall in right field in the fourth inning and logged his first Big League hit, a single, in the fifth. In the seventh, the speedster hit into a double play but beat out the throw to first, scoring a run and notching his first RBI, contributing to the Crew's Opening Dav dub.

In Game 2, Chourio had a pair of hits in five at-bats in the ninth spot in the lineup as the Brewers made it two wins in a row, but the biggest day of his young MLB career came on Easter Sunday. In the second inning, Chourio drove a ball deep into right field over the head of Sterling Marte and off the bottom of the wall, scoring Brice Turang on the rookie's first extra-base hit in the Majors. In the third, a





The Brewers made their 2024 American Family Field debut with a two-game home series against the Minnesota Twins April 2-3 Mike Warren photo and a three-game stretch versus the Seattle Mariners April 5-7.

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In his six superb innings, the Brewers' ace struck out

eight batters and walked one on his way to his first win of

the season. Sterling Marte's second inning home run was

the only hit Peralta allowed, and the Mets' only hit of the

Abner Uribe handled the seventh, eighth, and ninth

Trevor Megill, Joel Payamps and the hard-throwing

sliding catch by Chourio robbed Mets slugger Pete Alonso of a base knock. Chourio went on to add one more hit as Milwaukee clinched the opening series sweep in New York, and he went back to Milwaukee batting .417 and touting an OPS of .962.

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MILWAUKEE --In the years prior to the pandemic, Wisconsin's reported homeless population shrank. following changes in programs to serve that population. For the past two years, however. homelessness in Wisconsin has been on the rise.

In the pre-pandemic Wisconsin's vears. homeless population fell from an estimated 6.055 in 2014 to 4,237 in 2021. But more recently, it has increased, according to data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 2023, local agencies in Wisconsin reported 4,861 homeless individuals -- a 1.8 percent increase from 4,775 the previous year.

The recent rise in homelessness likely was driven - at least initially - by the layoffs and economic hardships accompanied that the pandemic. Another important factor appears to have been the recent sharp rise in housing costs.

During the period from 2014 to 2021, the decreasing homeless population was largely driven by trends in transitional housing

was spurred by a decrease in those who no longer sought aid, or turned to sources such as permanent housing programs, friends, or relatives.

The decrease in Wisconsin's homeless individuals also coincided with a shift in the types of programs addressing homelessness. Following the federal HEARTH Act of 2009, there has been a move away from programs that provide temporary shelter towards those that immediately place individuals in permanent homes without prerequisites such as sobriety. This Housing First approach is based on the premise that a permanent dwelling helps a person focus on the issues that led to their housing instability, such as substance use or unemployment.

Over the last decade, the number of housing facilities in the state used to address homelessness has grown, along with a shift in focus from temporary to permanent placement. Since 2014, Wisconsin facilities saw a reduction of 2,120 temporary beds but an increase of 4,720 permanent beds - for a

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programs. That in turn net increase of 2,600 beds overall.

> In recent years, with the homeless population climbing upward, officials may want to evaluate what steps they can take curb the increase. to If permanent housing programs are found to be an effective tool in the current environment, then efforts may be considered to expand them further.

> Such a step would mean overcoming obstacles to increasing the supply of permanent housing for individuals low-income and those with special needs. While this would not be easy, its potential to reduce homelessness makes it an important task for policymakers to consider.

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Malnutrition and food security

Here in North America we are comforted by the abundance of natural resources; water, fertile cropland, natural fuels, and a predictable changing climate to manage and hopefully prevent catastrophic events. However there are areas in the world (countries) that lack some of these necessary, natural components of our environment to sustain life. making it difficult at times to point to some level of optimism in the future.

BE OUR GUEST

Since 1945 a United Nations agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), has been gathering information on how climate change is affecting agriculture, specifically on food production and food security for future needs. It is an important international organization that evaluates and recommends novel farming methods to farmers in various countries in different locations predicated on climate changes in their region of the world. Food production is inextricably linked to the natural resources and climate that are necessary for agriculture, and as of 2022 approximately 25 percent of the population in many of these countries suffer from hunger, food shortage and malnutrition (undernourished), which has been much more apparent in children, and believed to continue, occurring in approximately 10 percent of the 8 billion people in the near future; it is the primary concern of the FAO to secure sufficient food supplies (food security) worldwide. With the world

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population continuing to increase, especially in the developing countries, it will require increases in food production and available water for irrigation (currently 70 percent of the accessible fresh water is used to irrigate cropland); the scarcity of water in many countries has precipitated a crisis situation concerning

health and infectious disease. However, government leaders are not always willing to adapt or incorporate the programs and new methods of farming based upon climate change into their policies and practices.

It is the FAO's consensus that climate is the greatest threat to interfere with food production and acquiring sufficient nourishment and food security. New methods of farming, temperatureresilient crops, fallowing the land, and changing irrigation practices are all vitally important as we assess the nutritional needs of populations and plan for food security in the future. But if food production falls behind the necessary nutritional needs of society and population continues to increase, and safe portable water is unavailable, this will result in major migrations from drought stricken regions, areas prone to flooding, unavailability of fresh water and increasing water levels on coastal cities; this will create survival tactics that will lead to violence and chaos and perhaps even war between those that have and those who don't have. J.J. Mazza, Marshfield

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The Hoskins Slide

Debacle I'm not sure if this is truly a scandal deserving of its own nickname, but regardless, things got a little tense in the eighth inning on Opening Day.

the Rhys Hoskins, Brewers' new first baseman by way of the Philadelphia Phillies, slid feet-first past second base on a potential double play, hitting the lower leg of Mets second baseman Jeff McNeil before he could attempt to make a throw to first. McNeil, who said in a postgame

and Hoskins have "a little bit of a past," proceeded to yell at Hoskins as he lay on the ground after the slide. Tensions escalated, the benches cleared, McNeil continued to holler at Hoskins, and the situation culminated with Hoskins making a crybaby motion at McNeil from the Brewers' dugout.

clubhouse interview that he

Each time Hoskins stepped up to the plate, Citi Field erupted into a chorus of boos. Hoskins, however, didn't seem to mind, and he got the last laugh: he went yard once and drove in four runs in the Crew's win the following day, a game Mets pitcher Yohan Ramírez was ejected from after throwing behind Hoskins while he was at the plate.

Yelich and Turang off to hot starts

Hoskins isn't the only Brewer who put in work

an RBI. Yelich didn't log a hit on Easter Sunday, but he drew two walks, stole two bases, and scored a run. Second-year second baseman Brice Turang had at least one hit in each game against the Mets. Although he wasn't in the starting lineup on Opening Day, he had one hit on a pair of at-bats. In Game 2, Turang had two hits in five plate appearances and three stolen bases, and he wrapped up the series on Easter Sunday by going 2-for-4 for with a double, scoring a run, and swiping a bag.

kept the pedal down the

next day, going 2-for-5 with

What's on deck

The Crew is currently on a seven-game road trip, visiting the Reds in Cincinnati and the Orioles in Baltimore, before returning to American Family Field for a three-

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with his bat in New York.

Veteran outfielder Christian Yelich started off his seventh season as a Brewer in classic fashion. In the fourth inning on Opening Day, the lefty ripped a solo shot to right, and he went 3-for-4 on the found online at www. day with a run scored. Yeli *medium.com/@jalenmaki*.

game set with the San Diego Padres April 15-17. Another seven-game road trip follows in St. Louis and Pittsburgh April 19-25.

Jalen's columns, "The Free Play" and "Movies You Gotta See," can be



Jepsen awarded Jack Kent Cooke college scholarship

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

LANSDOWNE, VA — The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has announced that 60 graduating high school seniors will receive the Cooke College Scholarship, including Will Jepsen of Marshfield High School.

This scholarship aims to help students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability, leadership, and persistence attend top universities and avoid student debt. The award, which is last dollar funding after all institutional aid, can provide as much as \$55,000 per year to complete a bachelor's degree at any accredited undergraduate institution in the United States.

In addition to substantial financial support, Scholars also receive ongoing

academic coaching and advising, graduate school and career advising, and an invaluable connection to a robust network of peers in the Cooke Scholar community. Scholars will also receive opportunities for internships and study abroad as well as eligibility to apply for graduate school funding.

"We extend a huge congratulations to the impressive new cohort of Cooke College Scholars," said Seppy Basili, Executive Director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. "This year, we saw a recordbreaking number of applications, and the remarkable achievements and resilience of these students have truly impressed us."

This year, students applied for the Cooke College Scholarship from all 50

states, as well as Washington, D.C., Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico – and represent more than 3,800 different high schools. The Foundation evaluated each submission, and selected Scholars based on their academic ability, persistence, leadership, and financial need. Scholars will go on to study in fields such as biology, engineering, computer science, fine arts, and political science. Jepsen will be attending Stanford University and majoring in bioengineering.

These 60 Scholars join the 58 current Cooke Young Scholars who were selected earlier this year to continue to receive the Foundation's support. Together, both groups form the 2024 cohort of 118 Cooke College Scholars.



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Slow Moving Vehicle signs available free for farmers

FOR HUB CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD -- To raise safety awareness and potentially save lives, Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) signs are being distributed to farmers free of charge through an expanded partnership involving Marshfield Clinic Research Institute's National Farm Medicine Center, Rural Mutual Insurance Co., H&S Manufacturing, and Nasonville Dairy.

The Wisconsin SMV Program, introduced in early 2023, is being re-launched with more participating businesses, including machinery repair shops, fire departments, lenders, and feed cooperatives.

"We are off to a new start, and excited to see growing interest in agricultural safety on our public roadways," said Bryan Weichelt, SMV program lead and Farm Medicine research scientist. "We are especially thankful for our financial supporters."

SMV signs are available at the following businesses (while supplies last):

Allied Cooperative (formerly known as ProVision Partners) locations at: Auburndale, Stratford Feed Mill and Tire Center;

River Country Cooperative locations at: Athens, Marathon, Owen; Marathon Feed in Marathon; Partners Bank, Stratford-Marshfield-Spencer; Pittsville Fire Company; Stratford Fire Department; Auburndale High School FFA (contact Mark Cournoyer).

In addition, Rural Mutual will distribute signs on social media in May and at Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Aug. 13-15, in Chetek. For a listing of distribution sites, please visit www.marshfieldresearch. org/nfmc/smv.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, there were 136 crashes involving motorists and farm vehicles in Wisconsin in 2022. The most recent Wisconsin Farm-Related Fatalities reports show roadway deaths accounted for 15 percent of all farm-related fatalities (6 out of 40) in 2019, while in 2020 they accounted for 18 percent of fatalities (5 out of 28).



The Slow Moving Vehicle sign project is intended to increase visibility of agricultural equipment on public roadways, especially during planting and harvest seasons. Submitted photo

A SMV sign is a reflective orange triangle bordered with red that warns other road users that the vehicle displaying the sign is traveling slower than the normal speed of traffic.

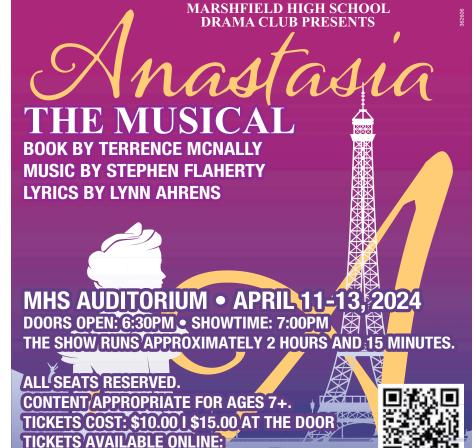
"It's imperative that farmers make their equipment as visible as possible on public roadways through the SMV emblem and functional lighting systems that include flashers and turn signals," said John Shutske, University of Wisconsin professor and agricultural safety & health specialist. Shutske has investigated hundreds of tragic farm-related incidents in multiple states during the past four decades.

"We owe it to our fellow motorists," added Weichelt. "Just like you'd have working taillights on your pickup or minivan, we should be well marked and lighted in farm equipment, too. This program is here to help folks get their hands on free SMV emblems across the state of Wisconsin."

If interested in supporting the program financially or as a distribution site, please contact the Farm Medicine SMV team at nfmcsh@marshfieldresearch.org.

For more information about lighting and marking recommendations and regulations for agricultural equipment in Wisconsin, visit: https://uwmadison.box.com/v/ LightingAndMarking2023.







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