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26 year old man arrested in connection to father's murder

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--On Jan. 28, 2025, Nekoosa police officers arrested Jason W. Tourtillott – age 26, in connection with the 2021 murder of his father, Thomas S. Tourtillott – age 58.

On July 22, 2021, a Nekoosa police officer responded to a 911 call reporting an unresponsive male at the residence. First responders attempted life-saving measures but were unsuccessful. The investigation revealed that Thomas Tourtillott

died from injuries consistent with foul play. Jason Tourtillott was identified as a person of interest, then determined to be involved in the death of his father.

Jason Tourtillott has been charged with 1st Degree Intentional Homicide by the Wood County District Attorney's Office and is currently being held at the Wood County Jail on a one-million dollar cash bond.

The Wisconsin Department of Criminal

Investigation assisted with the investigation. Jason Tourtillott was taken into custody in Wisconsin Rapids with the assistance of Wood County Sheriff's Department, Marshfield Police Department, and Wisconsin Rapids Police Department.

Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Nekoosa Police Detective Brian Machon at (715) 886-7896.



Jason W. Tourtillott

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MACCI announces 2025 small business and firm of the year

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry announced their 2025 selections for small business and firm of the year. NextHome Hub City was named 2025 Small Business of the Year. Mid-State Technical College was named 2025 Firm of the Year.

Wisconsin AACTFest 2025 showcases community theatre talent

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--The Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre (WACT) invites you to experience community theatre excellence at the 2025 Wisconsin AACTFest, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Southern Door County Auditorium in Brussels, Wisconsin. This event is part of the biannual American Association of Community Theatre (AACTFest) cycle, where participating theaters have the opportunity to progress from state to regional and ultimately to the national festival through adjudication and advancement.

The Wisconsin festival will feature performances by four outstanding Wisconsin community theatre groups, all vying for the chance to advance to the Regional Festival in Michigan. From Wisconsin AACTFest, two productions will earn the honor of representing the state at Regionals.

Productions advancing to the Regional Festival in Michigan will compete for the opportunity to perform at the national AACTFest in Des Moines, Iowa, in June 2025.

Performance Schedule:
 Session 1: Saturday, Feb. 8 at 1:00 PM
 Love, Loss, and What I Wore by Verona Area Community Theatre
 Time for Father by Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre
 Session 2: Saturday, Feb. 8 at 6:00 PM
 Under Control by Kettle Moraine Players
 Tiny Beautiful Things by Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre Inc.

Each session promises to deliver powerful storytelling and showcase the incredible talent of some of Wisconsin's vibrant community theatres. Whether you're a theater enthusiast, a supporter of local arts, or simply looking for an inspiring day of live performance, the Wisconsin AACTFest 2025 is an event you won't want to miss.

For ticket information, go to www.sdauditorium.org and for additional festival details, please visit the Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre website at www.wact.org. For specific inquiries, contact Lynn Ruhl at 414-839-8116 or via email at lynnrtheatre@gmail.com.

Enjoy music concerts at UW-Stevens Point in Feb.

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is hosting a variety of music concerts on its campuses in Stevens Point and Marshfield this month.

UW-Stevens Point concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Noel Fine Arts Center Michelsen Hall, 1800 Portage Street, Stevens Point. Tickets are \$17 for the general public, \$15 for seniors (62+), \$10 for youth (under 18) and UWSP employees. Events are ticketed unless noted otherwise. Tickets are available for purchase online, at the Information and Tickets desk in the Dreyfus University Center or by calling 715-346-4100.

UWSP at Marshfield concerts also begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Helen Connor Laird Theatre, 2000 W. Fifth Street, Marshfield.



UW-Stevens Point will host performances on its Stevens Point and Marshfield campuses in Feb.

Tickets are \$10 per person unless noted otherwise. The Marshfield Box Office is currently not staffed. Tickets for all performances can be purchased online.

Concerts include:
 Friday, Feb. 7 - 33rd Annual Jazz Fest
 Friday, Feb. 14 - UWSP at Marshfield Hub City Winds Concert
 Thursday, Feb. 20 - Wind Symphony and Symphonic

Wind Ensemble Concert
 Thursday, Feb. 27 - Symphony Orchestra Concert
 Friday, Feb. 28 - Faculty Recital: Jessica Dodge-Overstreet, saxophone, (free)

Marshfield accepting sealed bids for logs

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The City of Marshfield will accept sealed bids for the sale of ash tree logs until 4:00 P.M. Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at City Hall, 207 West 6th Street, Marshfield, Wisconsin. The bids will be opened immediately and open to the public thereafter and read in the Public Conference Room.

The ash logs are located in the northeast part of Braem Park and can be viewed starting Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025. The entrance will be marked on E. Grant St., following an access road to the north. Bids will be on a "per pile" basis, and logs must be removed by the end of the day on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Log-cutting in the park is not allowed. The conditions of the sale and

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Childcaring offers grants to strengthen early childhood support

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - In a unanimous vote of the Wood County Board of Supervisors, \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were approved to support child care. The Wood County Child Care Task Force has been working on this initiative for the past two years thanks to a Dream Up strategic planning grant received by Wood County Health Department. Task Force members have been meeting regularly, gathering input from child care providers and families, requesting funding to support a variety of strategies and keeping county board members and others informed of the child care crisis.

"This funding is a game-changer for child care in Wood County", said Sue Smith, Wood County Health Officer. "By working with Childcaring and investing in child care capacity, we're not only supporting providers—we're strengthening families, businesses, and our entire community. Access to quality child care is essential for a thriving workforce and a strong local economy."

In an effort to build back capacity and increase regulated child care, Childcaring, Inc. is offering one-time Child Care Capacity

Building Grants to individuals interested in expanding or starting a regulated child care program:

Family Child Care (typically in the providers home):

\$5,000 - \$10,000 grants available

Family Child Care applications are accepted (while funding is available), until October 31, 2025.

Group Child Care Center:

Up to \$100,000 grant for a newly regulated or expansion of an existing Group Child Care

Group Child Care applications are competitive and due by March 28, 2025.

A virtual Informational Session will be held on Feb. 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM for anyone interested in learning more about this application process.

"We are thrilled to offer these grants to help expand and establish regulated child care programs. This investment will provide much-needed support to providers and families, ensuring more children have access to safe, high-quality early education opportunities," said Kelly Borchardt, Childcaring Executive Director.

Jerry Litwaitis promoted to Senior Vice President of Lending at Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--MMCCU announced the promotion of Jerry Litwaitis to the role of Senior Vice President of Lending, effective Jan. 1, 2025.



As Vice President of Lending since 1998, Jerry has been instrumental in the growth and success of MMCCU's lending division. He has cultivated strong relationships with members and led efforts to improve lending services, aligning with the credit union's mission of "people helping people." In his new role, Jerry will take on expanded responsibilities, including oversight of the credit union's IS&T program and serving as the primary decision-maker in the event President David Murphy is absent.

President David Murphy praised Jerry's promotion, stating, "Jerry's leadership, experience, and commitment to our members make him the ideal choice for this role. His contributions over the past three decades have been vital to our success, and I am confident his expanded responsibilities will further propel our credit union's growth and enhance the services we provide to our members."

Jerry joined MMCCU in April 1992 and quickly found his passion in lending after a brief stint as a teller. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a comprehensive Finance Degree, Jerry's expertise has been a cornerstone of MMCCU's lending success.

Reflecting on his career, Jerry shared, "We have a great staff that makes coming into work every day a joy. The credit union concept of people helping people is something I truly believe in and strive to achieve each and every day."

Jerry has been a Wisconsin resident since the age of four. He moved to Marshfield in 1992, where he built a life rooted in family and community. Jerry and his wife, Crystal, have two daughters, Sierra and Sydney. Jerry credits his late father as a significant influence on his personal and professional life.

In his free time, Jerry enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time outdoors. A passionate sports fan, Jerry embodies the balance of dedication to work and personal fulfillment that MMCCU celebrates.

As Senior Vice President of Lending, Jerry will lead the charge in advancing MMCCU's strategic goals, fostering deeper relationships with members, and driving innovation within lending operations. His leadership will continue to shape the future of MMCCU as a trusted partner in the financial well-being of its members.



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OBITUARIES

DONALD D. BAASCH

Donald D. Baasch, age 87, of Marshfield, passed away on Jan. 27, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center is assisting the family.

GREG KIDWELL

Greg Kidwell, 51, of Shawano died unexpected at his home on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2024. Greg was born to Rosemary Kroening March of 1973. He grew up in Marshfield, WI and graduated from MHS in 1991. Greg went on to earn an Associates Degree from UW Marshfield in 1993 and Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from UW Whitewater in 1995. Greg spent his career managing various fast-food restaurants around central and northcentral Wisconsin.

Greg spent his non work time as an avid football and a Packer supporter throughout his life. He also enjoyed working on computer games and loved fishing.

Greg is survived by his mother, Rosemary Kroening and step father Eugene Kroening of Spencer, WI. He is survived by his step siblings, Terry (Donna) Kroening of Wausau, Trine (Richard Allen) Skime of Prairie du Chein, Todd (Peggy) Kroening of Wisconsin Rapids, Trent Kroening of Owen, Timothy Kroening of Neillsville, and Tasha (Peter) Dettmann of Neillsville. Also many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Greg was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents and beloved aunts and uncles.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Lions Club in Colby. Fellowship will start at 10:30am with a Spiritual Prayer Service at 11:30am. A Lunch Buffet will follow the service. Greg will be dearly missed by his family.

JEAN HASKE

Jean Haske, age 82, of Marshfield, passed away on Jan. 26, 2025. The memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Marshfield. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m.

LORRAINE M. ROGERS

Lorraine M. Rogers, age 80, of Marshfield, passed away on Jan. 25, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.

MICHAEL D. PHILLIPS

Michael D. Phillips, age 77, of Marshfield, passed away on January 25, 2025. The Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home & Cremation Center assisted the family.



KEITH ROBERT OSWALD

Keith Robert Oswald, 58, of Chicago, IL passed away on January 24, 2025. He was born in Neillsville, WI on June 25, 1966 to Gary Warren and Jeanette Ann (nee Noeldner) Oswald.

Keith was an environmental consultant with V3 Companies for 35 years. He enjoyed music, fishing, and sports of any kind.

Keith is survived by his loving wife of 26 years Marguerite (nee Langill); his adoring children Nick and Noah Oswald; his beloved parents Gary and Jeanette Oswald; and his cherished siblings Doug (Wende) Oswald and Jen (nee Oswald) (Jeff) DuMez; and many other loving extended family and friends.

A visitation for Keith will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Drake and Son Funeral Home, 5303 North Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to The Sandy Hook Foundation at <https://www.sandyhooknj.org/> Fond memories of Keith may be expressed at www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com



PETER T. FRANCKOWIAK

Peter T. Franckowiak, 79, Marshfield, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, February 7, 2025 at Rembs Funeral Home in Marshfield with Rev. Dan Thelen officiating. The service will be streamed online at www.facebook.com/rembsfuneralhomes. Visitation will take place from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 6 and from 10:30 am until the time of service on Friday, all at Rembs Funeral Home. Burial will follow at St. Adalbert's Cemetery, Town of McMillan, Marathon County.

Peter was born on September 5, 1945 in Marshfield to Donald and Margaret (Jost) Franckowiak. He graduated from Stratford High School in 1963. He was united in marriage to Karolyn Kay Kickbusch on July 13, 1974 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford.

He is survived by his wife, Karolyn, daughters, Beth (Eric) Carlberg of Marathon, Patti (Donny) Krautscheid of Pasco, WA, Shelli Franckowiak of Wasilla, AK, and Helen (Heath) Swanson on New Richmond WI, and five grandchildren: Hannah and Grant Krautscheid, Matthew Franckowiak, and Frank and Owen Swanson. He is further survived by his brother, Jerome "Jerry" (Bernie) Franckowiak of Ham Lake, MN, Susan (Doug) Rendall of Lawrence, KS, and Sara (Steve) Gabel of Golden Valley, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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MARSHFIELD AREA PET SHELTER PET OF THE WEEK

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My adoption fee is \$100. BOGO adoptions! Adopt one cat or kitten and the second is FREE! Marshfield Area Pet Shelter does not have open hours for public viewing of adoptable animals, rather are by appointment only. Marshfield Area Pet Shelter can be reached by call or text at (715) 486-5140 to make an appointment.

If interested in adopting, please complete the adoption application. Once your application is approved, an appointment will be scheduled to visit with your desired pet. Online application can be found at: www.marshfieldpetsHELTER.org/adoption-application

All animals are vet examined, spayed/neutered, blood tested and microchipped. If old enough, they receive routine vaccinations.

CLARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PET OF THE WEEK



Clark County Humane Society accepts surrenders of dogs and puppies from local farms and breeders who have too many puppies and can't sell them, or have no use for the adults any longer. Giving them the care they need and a fresh start is definitely a big part of our mission. Two of the most precious rescues received recently are Lady and Tramp. These two are Mini Aussies and are 8 weeks old. They are quite tiny, with Lady weighing just 4 pounds and Tramp weighing 4.2 pounds. Tramp is all white, and Lady is white with a little bit of gray. They are adorable, with sweet and gentle personalities. They are also quite special in that both of them are blind. They are doing very well, but they do depend on each other so will need to be adopted together. We hope to find them the perfect home where they will be happy, safe, and loved. Clark County Humane Society can be reached during open hours of 12-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Phone number: 715-743-4550. Email: petshelter@email.com Mailing Address: CCHS, P.O. Box 127, Neillsville, WI 54456 Located at W3926 State Hwy 73, Neillsville, WI 54456

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MCPL Spencer to host presentation on local genealogy



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MARSHFIELD – Adults interested in learning more about genealogy local to Spencer are invited to the Marathon County Public Library's Spencer Branch (105 South Park St., Spencer) on Feb. 13. This program will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

A member of the Spencer Historical Society will lead the presentation,

introducing some of the early pioneers in Spencer and discussing their importance to the village. There will be time to ask questions and for local families to receive genealogical help.

This event is free and open to the public, no registration required. Call the Spencer Branch at 715-659-3996 or visit <https://mcpl.us/event/>

spencer-discussion-on-local-genealogy/ for more information.

Women's Health Education on Wheels and Round Table to hold upcoming round table talks

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Tomah VA Women's Program will offer a series of in person education on what matters to you and a round table. Round tables are a perfect time to have your voice heard. The Tomah VA wants to hear what you need and how we can work together to improve your healthy living goals. Each of us has the power to impact our well-being. The Women's Health Education on Wheels (WHEoW) and Round Table offer different topics and times to talk about what is important to you.

- Feb. 26, 2025, at La Crosse VA Clinic - Mental Health and Happiness
- April 23, 2025, at Wisconsin Rapids VA Clinic - Financial Health
- May 28, 2025, at Wausau VA Clinic - Stress Reduction and Movement
- Aug. 27, 2025, at La Crosse VA Clinic - Environmental Health

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| POLICE CALLS |

On Jan. 23 at 7:17 in the morning a Pittsville caller reported a school crossing sign and no parking sign had been run over, the caller noted it appeared as though a driver had swerved in the snow which caused the vehicle to strike the signs.

On Jan. 23 at 1:32 in the afternoon Wood County Sheriff's Department reported to a call regarding cows in the roadway blocking traffic.

On Jan. 23 at 5:45 in the evening a caller from Sherry reported a residence that was believed to be keeping an alligator inside. The caller states they saw this on Facebook and saw the alligator was being kept in a bathtub and being restricted from movement and proper nutrition.

On Jan. 24 at 1:42 in the afternoon a Saratoga caller described their neighbor had been cutting down trees on the callers property without permission and took the trees to their own property once cut.

On Jan. 25 around 2:00 in the afternoon two callers called to report the same event in Marshfield. The first caller reported a man had tried was trying to sell her steaks which she was not interested in. The first caller reported that the man trying to sell steaks than got upset and left, laying on his car's horn, which woke up the first caller's children. The second caller called ten minutes later, describing trying to sell things but the potential buyer started cursing at him, which he describes led him

to laying on his car's horn.

On Jan. 26 at 8:36 in the morning a caller in Saratoga requested a welfare check to a local store. The caller described a note was taped to the front door saying the employee was in the bathroom and would be back shortly, but that the note had been hung and doors had been locked for 45 minutes despite all the lights being on inside. The caller also noted there was a gas pump laying on the ground of the business.

On Jan. 27 at 8:30 in the morning a caller from Vesper described possible identity theft through online gaming websites. The caller was concerned about the possibility of swatting.

On Jan. 27 at 1:22 in the afternoon a Grand Rapids caller reported having a screenshot of a Facebook post from an individual who had created a list of people

they believed should be in jail.

On Jan. 27 at 2:20 in the afternoon a caller from Saratoga reported a possible vehicle break in due to finding pliers near their car. The caller also stated concern that their house could be wired and their phone could be bugged.

On Jan. 29 at 6:55 in the evening a Grand Rapids caller reported two residents in a complex had attacked each other, but no weapons were involved. One of the residents involved in the altercation was noted to be crying.

On Jan. 29 at 8:50 in the evening a caller in Saratoga described getting a notification from their Ring Camera that someone was in their yard, then the caller's house light turned on. The caller noted no cars were on the property.

The Marathon County Historical Society presents Moonshine in the Northwoods

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Join Marathon County Historical Society for a program by Jim Bokern from the Manitowish Waters Historical Society to hear stories of moonshine in the northwoods of Wisconsin. Learn more about clever moonshine production, extortion plots, kidnapping, hideouts, and Al Capone's activities in northern Wisconsin. Jim has worked with numerous collections from Hurley to Glandon and beyond, and will share what this correspondence, photographs, and memorabilia tells us about the influence of moonshine in Wisconsin before, during, and after prohibition.

Jim Bokern taught high school American history during his 34-year career as an educator and completed his Master's Degree in History at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in 1987. Bokern also has led two archeological surveys on

the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes, digitally archiving numerous historic documents, worked as project historian on two fur trade survey grants with the Lac Du Flambeau Tribal Historic Preservation Office, while continuing active cultural and historic research in the Northwoods. In 2022, he received a Historic Preservation Award from the Board of Curators at the Wisconsin Historical Society. In 2023, Bokern received the Fixmer Award from the Forest History Association of Wisconsin for historic preservation and education.

This History Speaks program will be presented live at 2pm, Saturday Feb. 22 at the Woodson History Center (410 McIndoe Street, Wausau). History Speaks is presented in conjunction with the Marathon County Public Library and is sponsored by Janke Book Store. This is a free program, no RSVP required.

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The Hub City Times has revamped our Word Search puzzle! We have chosen one sponsoring business for each word search. The theme will revolve around the participating business. Our plan is to have one word search each month throughout the year, normally the 1st Wednesday of the month, instead of around the holidays. *This means more puzzles and more chances to win! We hope you like our new format!*



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Note: There will be a drop box outside our office door, or you can mail your entry.

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Food processing distributor Nelson-Jameson shares 2024 Corporate Responsibility Report

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Jan 30, 2025 – Nelson-Jameson, a leading distributor in the food processing industry, has issued its 2024 Corporate Responsibility Report, a comprehensive update on its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals and community investment. Since 1947, the company has been a trusted source of food and dairy industry processing supplies, driven by a steadfast commitment to exceptional service. The 2024 report shares updates across five key areas: Meaningful Partnerships, Food Safety & Quality, Community Enrichment & Engagement, Sustainable Supply, and Thriving Employees.

“Transparency is key to our commitment to corporate responsibility, and we’re proud to share our latest report showcasing the strides we’ve made toward our ESG goals,” says Mike Rindy, President of Nelson-Jameson. “As a company dedicated to both excellence and sustainability, we remain committed to safeguarding the integrity of America’s food supply.”

Nelson-Jameson’s commitment to sustainability and community impact is evident in its 2024 efforts, which include over \$237,000 in community investments, a \$10,000 increase in educational contributions, and advancements in sustainable sourcing. The company also conducted its first greenhouse gas (GHG) baseline study to evaluate Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, a critical step in setting actionable targets to reduce its climate impact and achieve carbon

neutrality (Scope 1 and 2) by 2035. Additionally, Nelson-Jameson earned its first EcoVadis award, a globally recognized sustainability assessment, securing a bronze medal that places the company in the top 35% of those evaluated. This recognition highlights meaningful progress in sustainable sourcing, GHG measurement, and broader environmental initiatives.

Nelson-Jameson has also achieved a perfect 100% combined average in its Safe Quality Food (SQF) scores, underscoring the company’s unwavering commitment to food safety. This achievement reflects its dedication to partnering with customers to ensure that all products are received, handled, stored, and delivered with the highest standards of quality and safety. The company also offered over 2042 hours of essential training and development for its employees, a 57% increase from the previous year.

“We are proud to share our continued development in building a thoughtful, committed corporate responsibility program. Though there is much yet to accomplish, we have made great strides in advancing sustainable operations with environmental, social, and governance principles in mind,” says Mat Bartkowiak, Vice President of Corporate Responsibility and Development at Nelson-Jameson. “At the end of the day, we want to be a company that our stakeholders feel good about doing business with and where our employees take pride and find purpose in what we accomplish together.”

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Current Spaces and Empty Chair Echoes

Dear Reader,

Yesterday afternoon was bitterly cold, yet the sun shone brightly—a fitting reflection of the emotions in my heart. As I walked into the memory care unit of a Senior Living home I’d been visiting regularly to see my father-in-law Francis for the past two years, the familiar faces greeted me like old friends. They were scattered around the big room, watching yet another rerun of Mary Tyler Moore—or maybe it was The Dick Van Dyke Show. Their smiles, warm and welcoming, made me feel that despite not living there, I still belonged.



Lark stood up the moment she saw me, her arms outstretched for a hug. “You just made my day!” she exclaimed. “Where have you been these past few weeks?” I laughed, feeling a rush of appreciation for her words. Jimmy, wearing the black fedora I’d finally given him after months of promises, tipped it with a grin. I was wearing one too. We traded stories about “the good old days,” and he launched into a tale I’d heard before. I didn’t mind. I never did.

But my visit was more subdued this time because not everyone was there anymore including Francis, whose presence had always been both tender and sharp. Nick and Jack were also gone; their chairs, once as familiar as their faces, sat empty around the tables. I had been there to say goodbye to Nick, holding his hand and asking him to watch over his family, who clung to one another in quiet grief around his bed. Those goodbyes leave a mark, even as they remind us of the beauty in connection.

for my hand. She launched into a vivid story about her days as a nurse in the ER. Her eyes sparkled with pride as she spoke. Beside her, Mary Lou motioned for me to come closer to her wheel chair. When I asked how she was doing, she lifted her hands like she was holding onto an invisible ledge. “Just hanging on,” she said with a wry smile.

The aides began rounding everyone up for dinner so I made my last rounds, shaking hands, giving hugs, and sharing brief, meaningful exchanges. Lark pulled me into one last embrace before I pushed the buttons at the exit door to let myself out.

As the door clicked shut behind me, I couldn’t help but reflect on the inevitable. Someday, I’ll be in a place like this. Everything will be taken care of—meals, medications, and all the needs of a frail body. But even with all the care in the world, the loneliness lingers. Most of the residents were waiting, one step away from the reunion that comes when the spirit departs a worn-out body. Still, there was beauty in that waiting. It wasn’t despair but a quiet anticipation of something more—a peace I could almost feel as I walked to my car.

Driving away, I thought about the rest of my day and all my tomorrows. I made a promise to myself: I’ll savor the moments, big and small; I’ll hold tight to joy, squeezing every drop from the time I have left. And one day, when I find myself in a room like that, I hope someone will walk through the door to remind me then of the life I’m living now.

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GRANTON AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



The Fall 2024 semester art classes displayed all their hard work from the semester at the K-12 Granton Gallery Show. The three photos are 1st place Andrea with Green Eyed Lady. Second place Emma with a Resin jewelry set and third place Brittany with a crocheted turtle. Check out Granton School website to find out when our Spring Gallery Show is scheduled.



Sometimes science can be fast and simple! In just 15 minutes and with a few household materials, students in the Food Science class extracted DNA from strawberries. The floating material in the test tube is strands of DNA.



This is a woods project that Hunter made and then we engraved the scene on it. It took about 5 hours for the laser to engrave this.



The 7th and 8th grade STEM class is beginning their semester with a coding exploration activity. The "Code and Go" kits allow students to work together to problem-solve and determine the steps needed to program the mouse to follow a path to the block of cheese.



Congratulations to our Granton Spelling Bee participants! We are so proud of all of you! Samiyah Modjewski (1) and Nathan Schoessow (2) will go to Chippewa Falls on Monday, February 3rd to compete at the next spelling round.



Students in 4th grade at Granton are diving into the world of circuitry through hands-on exploration in the SmartLab. Using engaging circuitry kits like the Circuit Maze, Snap Circuits, and Squishy Circuits, these young innovators are building problem-solving skills and discovering the power of electricity.

The SmartLab provides students with the opportunity to experiment, collaborate, and think critically while creating functional circuits. With Circuit Maze, they tackle logic puzzles to complete electrical pathways. Snap Circuits allow them to design and build working models of real-world electrical systems, from simple light circuits to alarms and fans. Squishy Circuits bring creativity into play, as students use conductive and insulating dough to build imaginative, illuminated creations.

The hands-on nature of the SmartLab's circuitry kits makes complex STEM concepts more accessible and exciting. By exploring electrical engineering in a fun and interactive way, students are gaining confidence in their ability to solve problems, think creatively, and apply scientific principles. The students are looking forward to continuing their learning in the SmartLab throughout the school year.

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Ms.Woller's 4k kiddos painted salt snowflakes! It was super fun!



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NEILLSVILLE AREA SCHOOLS SCHOOL NEWS



Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for an exciting second semester. We have so much to share about our recent activities and upcoming events. Let's dive in!

Fantastic Field Trips



We ended our first semester with some fun-filled field trips:

- 5K-2nd graders enjoyed a movie and popcorn at Rogers Cinema
- 3rd-5th graders had a blast with games and pizza at Action City Penny Wars for a Great Cause

Get ready for our upcoming Penny War fundraiser at the end of January! This event will help fund the construction of an inclusive playground. The winning class gets a special prize: the opportunity to tape Principal Kunze to the wall! Start saving those pennies!

Parent-Teacher Conferences



Mark your calendars for parent-teacher conferences at the end of February. It's a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the rest of the year.

Secret Teacher Dress-Up Week

Before winter break, our teachers had a secret dress-up week. Each day had a different theme, and our students had a fantastic time trying to guess what it was. It was a fun way to bring some extra joy to our school days!

We're excited for all that the new year will bring. Your support and involvement make our school community truly special. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.



From Our Garden to Your Plate

Our amazing Elementary Student Council has been busy in our hydroponic garden. They've successfully grown lettuce and are now nurturing tomato plants. The best part? All this fresh produce is being used in our school lunch program. Talk about farm-to-table!



Teachers take down Students in Basketball Showdown!

For the first time in Neillsville Middle School history, the students got a chance to play against the teachers on the big stage in Neillsville School District's field house gymnasium. With the final hours of the semester ticking away, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teachers all felt it would be best to have some fun after the long first semester of classes! The 8th grade boys and girls basketball team played in the game, senior basketball players on the varsity basketball team reffed and coached the game, and other students cheered on in the stands. At halftime, students were invited down to play minute to win-it challenges designed to include all the students who wanted to play. At the start of the second half, the teachers trailed by ten points. They would begin a full court press and defeat the students by a score of 45 - 37.

A Medieval Knight!



Students in Ms. Zickert's 7th grade geography class hosted a fun event as a side show to the high school's annual academic and career planning night. Students were tasked with learning about culture in medieval Europe for the month of January, each student was assigned a 'job' that they would display in the auditorium on ACP night. Students baked homemade bread, pies, set up puppet shows, and even hosted a tutorial on goose hunting, medieval style! Guests paid a five dollar entry fee which got them five shillings, the shillings could be traded for baked goods, or games within the auditorium. It was a fun night and a very successful first attempt at what will become an annual tradition for the 7th grade geographers.

Planning for the Future

On the aforementioned ACP night, eighth grade students began planning for their next educational journey into high school. Students met teachers on January 9th, moved from classroom to classroom, spent time learning about what each elective course had to offer and how academic core classes work.

Shortly thereafter, students are assigned an advisor, who they meet with their families on the academic and career planning night. By the end of the night, students have made their plans for the next school year, and begin looking at middle school as a memory!



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Columbus Catholic boys' basketball secures a victory against Three Lakes

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--Columbus Catholic boys' basketball came out with close win against Three Lakes, with a score of 62-57. Columbus Catholic led 38-26 at halftime.

Three Lakes Scoring:

Eli Erickson 3, Easton Lurvey 19, Owen Liebscher 11, Charlie Liebscher 0, Peyton Pitlik 16, Levi Lurvey 8, Zach Weavers 0.

Columbus Catholic Scoring:

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MMS girls gymnastics wins B Division Team Title at Lakeland's quadrangular meet

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--In their first invitational meet of the season and competing against Antigo, Lakeland, and Rhinelander in a close competition, Marshfield girls' gymnastics came out with a victory. Marshfield came

home with the B Division Team Title scoring 131 points, just edging out Rhinelander who came in with a tight 2nd place finish with 129.35 points. Antigo finished 3rd with 76.85 points.



Marshfield's athletes placed well in the All-Around B Division: Quinn Miller captured All Around Championship - scoring 35.2, Kaidence Keding 3rd, Maci Kuehmichel 4th, & Emi Tippen 5th.

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Mid-State Technical College to host Wisconsin Technical College System Ag Day Celebration alongside annual Farm Tour

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – Mid-State Technical College will host this year's Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Ag Day Celebration in conjunction with its annual Farm Tour on Tuesday, March 11. The events will be held in the Marshfield area from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. Exact times vary based on Farm Tour pick-up location. The public is invited to register for a day of exploring the latest technology and



Alice in Dairyland, Haley Heinzel. Carrie Chase



Heeg Brothers Dairy, LLC, in Colby, Wis., one of the featured farms on the Mid-State Technical College Farm Tour on March 11, 2025.

combining their father's 120-cow stanchion barn and Mark's 140-cow barn. Over the years, they have expanded the operation, adding buildings and increasing the herd size to over 1,700 cows, milking over 1,500 currently.

"We are honored to host the WTCS Ag Day Celebration this year and excited to welcome farmers, educators and community members to the Marshfield area," said Mid-State President Dr. Shelly Mondeik. "Farm

Tour and the WTCS Ag Day Celebration complement each other perfectly by showcasing innovative agricultural practices and fostering meaningful

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Romadka View Holsteins in Granton, Wis. The farm is a featured stop on Mid-State Technical College's Farm Tour on March 11, 2025.

agricultural practices designed to enhance farming operations.

In honor of the WTCS Ag Day Celebration, the day will start with a free full breakfast at the American Legion in Marshfield. Attendees will hear from special guest speakers, including WTCS President Layla Merrifield, Mid-State President Dr. Shelly Mondeik and State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski.

"It's important for all of us to be reminded of how integral agriculture is to Wisconsin's economy and culture," said WTCS President Layla Merrifield. "Technical colleges are always working to better support the industry's future development and sustainability. I look forward to connecting with members of the agriculture community and meeting students studying ag programs at Mid-State

Technical College. Their stories of how committed they are to the industry, and to the land, are a highlight of the day."

"Technical colleges support the agricultural industry throughout Wisconsin, with specialized programming and expert faculty with relevant industry experience," added Merrifield. "We are committed to sustaining and supporting farmers with the skills and education they need to succeed."

After breakfast, attendees will tour Romadka View Holsteins

and Heeg Brothers Dairy, LLC. Romadka View Holsteins, owned and operated by Mark and Kelli Elmhorst, is a fifth-generation dairy farm located in Granton. The farm has been in continuous operation since 1897. The Elmhorsts focus on cow comfort and longevity, using modern technology to enhance efficiency while maintaining their traditional farming values.

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- Cook
- Manning and Wallach are two
- Chameleon
- A way to fill up
- What MLBers hope to play in
- Unhappy
- Indefinite period of time
- Excites
- Males
- Mongol leader Genghis
- Turfs
- Soda comes in them
- Not nice
- Professional organization
- Part of a play
- Sea eagle
- Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
- Beige
- Mental sharpness
- Valley
- Alcyone's husband
- A place to gamble
- Flightless Australian birds
- Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
- US spy group
- Pancakes from buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Disfigure
- Have surgery
- Formal withdrawal
- Early English council
- Square measures
- 2,000 lbs.
- Siskel and __, critics

CLUES DOWN

- Mouths
- Buffalo
- You plug it in
- Each
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- King of Thebes
- English name meaning "mythical hunter"
- Indicates near
- More herbaceous
- Gas-powered cars need one
- Dishonest individual
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- The woman
- The whole of one's holdings
- Witnesses
- Doctor
- Paul __, Swiss painter
- Kids look for him on December 24
- Single
- Competitions
- Predict the future
- Cage for trained hawks
- Musician Clapton
- Frozen water
- Semiformal men's evening attire
- Most worn
- Common soap ingredient
- Former EU monetary unit
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- Book parts
- Republic of Ireland
- Partner to "Pa"
- Sammy __, songwriter
- Dutch colonist
- Clare Booth __, American writer
- Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
- Minute arachnid
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UW-Eau Claire fall dean's list announced

FOR CITY TIMES

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Michaela Dick, College of Health and Human Sciences
Lizzy or Liz Gruenloh, College of Health and Human Sciences
Olivia Heinzen, College of Nursing
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Eliana Kanitz, College of Nursing
Grace Krenn, College of Business
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Elaina Kirschnik, College of Health and Human Sciences

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DMV offers information on obtaining an ID for voting

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--Ahead of the Wisconsin Spring Primary Election on Feb. 18, 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds citizens how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

Valid identification for voting purposes includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate "voter ID." A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.

Begin online to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls: wisconsinidmv.gov/idcards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

Anyone with questions related to obtaining an ID that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov.

Start the application now at wisconsinidmv.gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center. To find a DMV, check hours, services and wait times, visit wisconsinidmv.gov/centers.

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discussions. This event not only highlights the vital role agriculture plays in our daily lives, but it also offers a unique opportunity for collaboration, learning and connection."

The day will also include lunch and networking featuring Alice in Dairyland. As Wisconsin's 77th agriculture ambassador, Halei Heinzel's goal is to educate audiences about the importance of Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry, how it impacts our daily lives and the \$104.8 billion economic impact it has on the state's economy.

Registration is required by March 4. Attendees can choose to attend only the WTCS Ag Day Celebration, only Farm Tour or the full event. Find full details and register at mstc.edu/farmtour.

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DNR seeking public comment on trail concept plan for Rib Mountain State Park

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comment on a trail network concept plan at Rib Mountain State Park.

The Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership, in collaboration with the DNR, has developed a trail network concept plan for Rib Mountain State Park that is consistent with the park's property master plan. The trail network plan includes concepts for a multiuse community path, shared use trail, hiking trail refinements, bike-optimized trail, ski area expansion and snowmobile trail realignment.

The public can provide feedback on the proposed trail network concept plan through March 2, 2025. The trail network concept plan and information on how to provide input are available on the Rib Mountain State Park webpage.

The department encourages the public to submit feedback using the online public input form. Additionally, one public informational meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 at Northcentral Technical College's Professional Conference Center in Wausau.

This informational meeting will run from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 7:00 p.m. and will include a presentation from department staff starting at 6:00 p.m. Doors to the venue will open at 5:45 p.m. Staff will present a brief property history and share the trail concept plan in more detail.

The public may provide comments in person at the public engagement opportunity on Feb. 13 or by using the



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Wisconsin DNR

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A hard copy of the trail network concept plan is available to view at the Rib Mountain State Park office and the Marathon County Public Library Headquarters (300 N. First Street, Wausau, WI 54403).

Comment cards are also available at the park office. Please call the park office prior to arrival to ensure the facility is open.

Columbus Catholic Middle School travels to La Crosse to compete in Brains and Brawn



FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD--On Jan. 25, Columbus Catholic middle school students participated in the Diocese of La Crosse "Brains and Brawn" Competition in La Crosse. "Brains" was a trivia competition

and "Brawn" was a basketball tournament. The Columbus Middle School Brains team took first place, the Columbus boys Brawn team took second place and won the Sportsmanship Award, and the Columbus girls Brawn team took third.



Benjamin Goodreau appointed Wisconsin Rapids Fire Chief

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--The City of Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission announces that Deputy Chief Benjamin Goodreau has been appointed to serve as Fire Chief for the City, succeeding former Chief Todd Eckes, who retired on Dec. 31, 2024.

Chief Goodreau has been with the Department for 18 years, advancing to Deputy Chief in Oct. 2024 after serving as Battalion Chief since 2019. Chief Goodreau is certified as a Chief

Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety Excellence and is currently attending the National Fire Academy to attain Executive Fire Officer certification. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Villanova University.

Police and Fire Commission President Bruce King said, "We are happy to announce Chief Goodreau's appointment as Fire Chief. We are fortunate to have had such a strong and qualified internal candidate. This speaks well of the Fire Department and the personnel that we have. We look forward to working with Chief Goodreau to maintain the excellent emergency medical and fire services that our City currently provides."

Chief Benjamin Goodreau said, "There is something truly special about the men and women who dedicate themselves to serving our community within this fire department. I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside them and lead this incredible organization. Together, we will work to enhance our services, ensuring we meet the evolving needs of our community with professionalism, proficiency, and compassion. I am honored to step into this role and continue building on the department's commitment to excellence."



Ben Goodreau



Photos by Columbus Catholic Schools

UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield Production of

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Wisconsin Rapids Family Center announces 2025 "Chefs for Change"

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS--Wisconsin Rapids Family Center, a leading voice in ending domestic and sexual violence, announced Chefs for Change, a reimagined and exciting fundraising event replacing the beloved Men in the Kitchen.

For over 40 years, Wisconsin Rapids Family Center has been a beacon of hope, empowering victims through essential services and advocating for a safer community. Men in the Kitchen was a community tradition that played a vital role in supporting Wisconsin Rapids Family Center's critical mission.

Now, after a brief hiatus, Wisconsin Rapids Family Center is excited to unveil Chefs for Change on Feb. 27, 2025. This event will feature an appetizer competition between local culinary talents, a delicious plated dinner highlighting locally sourced ingredients,



signature cocktails, a silent auction and much more.

The excitement begins at 5:00PM with cocktail

hour while you bid on items in the silent auction and savor the appetizers from our competitive chefs.



Dinner and program will begin at 6:00pm at Nekoosa Community Center, 416 Crestview Lane, Nekoosa WI, 54457.

"We are thrilled to invite guests to take part in the appetizer competition showcasing the talents of local chefs highlighting the vibrant flavors locally sourced," says Tricia Fancher, Executive Director. "The evening will also feature live music, signature cocktails, and a

silent auction, affording guests the opportunity to enjoy a memorable evening while supporting the essential work of our organization and gaining valuable insights into its mission."

All proceeds from the event will directly benefit Wisconsin Rapids Family Center, supporting its expansive programs, including emergency shelter, legal advocacy, 24/7 crisis line and community

outreach.

Tickets for Chefs for Change can be purchased at www.familyctr.org or by calling 714-421-1511. Wisconsin Rapids Family Center can be reached at 715-421-1559. For support in domestic or sexual violence situations, contact Wisconsin Rapids Family Center's 24/7 crisis line at 715-421-1511 for confidential and free services.

DMV releases new Wisconsin County Forests Association special license plate

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY--The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers a new specialty license plate from the Wisconsin County Forests Association.

The Wisconsin County Forests Association is a non-profit organization

that works to educate and sustain more than 2.4 million acres of healthy and productive forests for recreation and to provide materials to the state's forest product's industry. To receive this special plate, Wisconsinites will need to commit to a \$25 annual donation which will be used

to help advocate for and promote sustainable forest management in the State of Wisconsin.

Fees for these special license plates include:

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fee.

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