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Wood County sheriff warns of crypto scams

SIRENA MANKINS
EDITOR

WOOD COUNTY – The Wood County Sheriff's Department is urging people to be cautious when it comes to using cryptocurrency kiosks.

The kiosks, often found in gas stations or other public places, can be used to buy large amounts of crypto for a fee. But those transactions fees can run

as high as 30%, which officials say is “completely ridiculous” when crypto currency can be purchased for free on a cell-phone or home computer.

"Scammers have taken full advantage of these kiosks and trick people into putting large quantities of U.S. currency into the kiosks," Lt. Scott Goldberg said in a release. "When cryptocurrency is purchased, a digital wallet is created and quickly

stolen from sometimes the most vulnerable individuals within our community.”

Much like a traditional bank account, digital wallets store your financial information. But instead of physical cash, they hold virtual currency. In some cases, crypto can be exchanged for cash at some kiosks. Right now, there are few regulations about how the kiosks work.

Sheriffs officials say that leaves

them open to money laundering and other financial crimes.

Goldberg said they've executed numerous warrants on area kiosks, seizing physical currency from them. They then hold the cash in evidence until proper court channels are used to obtain the money. However, one company, Bitcoin Depot, is now refusing to give refunds in Wisconsin when someone is scammed.





"We believe Bitcoin Depot is taking part in these scams/ crimes because they know the kiosks are being used as a tool for scammers and they fail to prevent the crimes from taking place," Goldberg said. "Bitcoin Depot could hold the transaction for a few days like banks do with large checks or put daily

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CRYPTO SCAM

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maximums on cash deposit in the kiosks, but Bitcoin Depot knows that restrictions would cut into their profits even though it's at the hands of criminals.”

On its website, Bitcoin Depot says it “does not offer custody services for any customer bitcoin wallets; and therefore, would not be able to retrieve any funds from another party or the beneficiary wallet.”

But it's not just money laundering. According to

the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, citing a 2024 U.S. Treasury Department report, crypto kiosks have also been tied to human trafficking and child sexual exploitation.

They say the lack of regulation is contributing to the issue.

As for the Sheriff's Department, they're pushing for change.

“We invite (Bitcoin Depot) and other cryptocurrency companies to work with us in creating a long-term solution,” Goldberg said.



The Wood County Sheriff's Department is urging people to be cautious when it comes to using cryptocurrency kiosks.

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Heating help still available

FOR CITY TIMES

People who may be struggling to pay their gas or electric bills can still apply for help through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP).

“WHEAP benefits are still available to help households with their heating and electricity bills and reduce their energy burden,” said Kathy Blumenfeld, secretary of the state Department of Administration (DOA). “We urge Wisconsin residents who need assistance to contact your local WHEAP Agency or apply online before May 15 to determine your eligibility.”

Benefits are income dependent, and households may be eligible if the gross household income is 60% of the state median income

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Income limits for heating help		
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5	\$6,828.58	\$81,943
6	\$7,770.50	\$93,246
7	\$7,947.08	\$95,365
8	\$8,123.67	\$97,484

level or less.

While the opportunity to apply for this heating season's energy assistance benefits ends May 15, crisis assistance to help restore service or prevent disconnections is available year-round. Some recipients also may be eligible for other

Home Energy Plus services such as repair or replacement of their HVAC system or help with home weatherization.

Households can apply for WHEAP online at energy-benefit.wi.gov, or be referred to their local agency to apply by calling (866) 432-8947.

Youth lawn mowing safety webinar set

FOR CITY TIMES

Mowing grass is a common chore for young people, and it is one of the first jobs they may have.

But it does involve serious hazards. Each year, almost 10,000 children are injured in mower-related accidents – and about 5% of those result in amputation.

Despite improvements in engineering and safety features, pediatric lawn mower-related injury rates have remained constant over the past 40 years. Injuries include lacerations, burns and eye injuries. On farms, mowing is often the first job involving machinery that is assigned to young people.

To help cut the risk, the



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Childhood Agricultural Safety Network (CASN), along with the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute, will hold a webinar to help

parents learn how to assess, train and supervise youth to do the job safely.

Registration is free: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81QnOCBc2wRoYJig>

Marshfield Clinic invests \$700K in opioid fight

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Marshfield Clinic region of Sanford Health has invested \$700,000 in 31 communities across Wisconsin to address the negative impact of opioid and stimulant misuse.

The funds, which come from Wisconsin Department of Health Services opioid response and opioid settlement funds, are dispersed through the Northwoods Coalition,

www.northwoodscoalition.org. Formed through a partnership between Marshfield Clinic and several community coalitions in 1995, Northwoods Coalition is the largest and oldest network of coalitions dedicated to substance use prevention in Wisconsin serving 34 counties and 11 Wisconsin Tribal Nations.

The investment in the 31 communities is part of the Northwoods Coalition's plan to fight the opioid epidemic

through evidence-based prevention and harm reduction strategies. Wisconsin, like many other states, has been significantly affected by the opioid crisis

“The human, societal and financial toll the opioid crisis has in our communities is tragic,” said Jay Shrader, vice president of Community Impact and Social Accountability. “This funding is vital and is one small but important step in supporting our communities in our ongoing battle against opioid and stimulant misuse. Our communities and community partners are on the frontline and know how to best use these funds in their communities.”

Funding supports evidence-based practices like drug takeback events, Naloxone distribution, sharps disposal events, community awareness and anti-stigma campaigns, and drug checking technology distribution (fentanyl test strips, xylazine test strips).

Communities also can participate in an opioid academy led by CADCA, a nonprofit organization committed to creating safe, healthy and drug-free communities. The goal of this training academy is to help coalitions create plans for implementing evidence-based practices in their communities using opioid settlement dollars.

Legislative roundtables

Opioid Fight

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How a Crypto ATM Works

A crypto ATM resembles any other cash machine, but it works very differently.

1 Users put in cash and convert it to cryptocurrency for high fees, often over 9 percent.

2 Some licensed operators require identification, but others ask only for a phone number.

3 From the ATM, the cryptocurrency is sent to an existing digital wallet or to a new digital wallet created on the spot.

4 Identification is generally not required from the recipient, depending on transaction amount, location, and operator.

5 Crypto ATMs usually recommend users manage the public and private keys to their wallets, unique codes that locate and authorize transactions.

6 This is unlike centralized crypto exchanges, which hold users' private keys and act as custodians of their funds.

7 Scammers can take control of funds inside wallets created at ATMs by persuading victims to share the keys with them.

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Red Cross urges blood donations ahead of summer

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FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Year-end school ceremonies, sporting events and celebrations are expected to fill evenings and weekends, and patients are counting on donors to also make blood donation a priority. That’s why the American Red Cross is encouraging people to schedule their May donation appointment before summer gets into full swing.

Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time. By giving blood to the Red Cross, donors can help ensure blood is ready for patients in the most critical situations.

Type O blood donors and donors giving platelets are especially needed right now:

Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to any person, no matter their blood type. This makes it essential in the most dire situations.

Type O positive blood is the most used blood type because it can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.

Platelets are often needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding.

People who donate through May 18 will receive a \$20 e-gift card, while those who donate May 19 to 31 will receive an American Red Cross solar lantern, while supplies last. Plus, all who come to give in May will be automatically entered for a chance to win a U.S. trip of their choice for two. Full details can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/May.



Now is the time of the year when the Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin would like to see new donors bringing a fresh supply of much-needed blood to the area.

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- 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 6, Nekoosa High School, 500 S. Cedar St., Nekoosa

To schedule an appointment or for more information, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to RedCrossBlood.org, call (800) 733-2767 or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other

forms of identification are required at check-in.

People who are 17 or older, or 16 with parental consent; weigh at least 110 pounds; and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

OPIOID FIGHT

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will give coalitions a chance to showcase their plans to their county-level legislators, in the hopes of getting access to the opioid settlement dollars and putting them to use.

“Additionally, our hope is for state legislators to attend this roundtable and be reminded of the importance of continuing to advocate for opioid prevention and harm reduction funding,” Shrader said. “This is an amazing opportunity for communities to organize around the opioid settlement dollars available to them and will be for years to come.”

Among the organizations receiving the funding are Marshfield Area Coalition For Youth (DTF), Healthy People Wood County and Marathon County AOD Partnership.

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Doctors urge skin awareness to cut cancer risk

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and doctors are encouraging people to check their skin and recognize the warning signs of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Melanoma arises from the uncontrolled replication of melanocytes, the cells responsible for skin pigment, transforming them into cancerous cells. And while some forms of melanoma can take years to spread to other parts of the body, the American Cancer

“Melanoma doesn’t discriminate, but people with lighter or less pigmented skin face a higher risk.”

Dr. Patrick Kehoe

BOARD-CERTIFIED DERMATOLOGIST AT ASPIRUS HEALTH



Society (ACS) says some forms — like nodular melanoma — move much more quickly, taking just weeks to spread.

Melanoma might form within an existing mole or

emerge on previously unaffected skin. Although areas frequently exposed to the sun are more prone to melanoma, it can develop anywhere on the body.

“Melanoma doesn’t discriminate, but people with lighter or less pigmented skin face a higher risk,” said Dr. Patrick Kehoe, a board-certified dermatologist at Aspirus Health. “The most avoidable risk factor is long-term sun exposure. Ultraviolet light from the sun or tanning beds can cause mutations in skin cells, potentially leading to melanoma.”

Monitoring for new or changing moles, spots that grow quickly, or alterations in existing skin marks is crucial.

Detecting melanoma early significantly diminishes

the risk of it metastasizing to other body parts, potentially saving lives.

For early melanoma detection and to safeguard yourself and your loved ones, remember the ABCDE guide:

A – ASYMMETRY: One half of the mole doesn’t match the other.

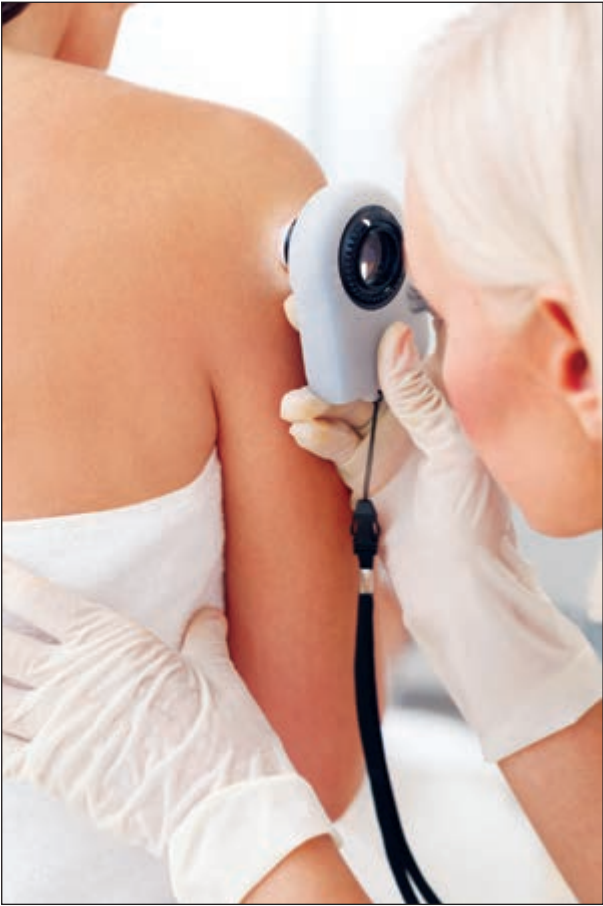
B – BORDER: Edges are uneven, blurred, or notched.

C – COLOR: The mole has multiple colors, including black, blue, white, or gray.

D – DIAMETER: Larger than a pencil eraser.

E – EVOLVING: Changes in size, shape, or color over time.

“Preventing melanoma effectively means protecting your skin from solar radiation,” Kehoe said. “I



advocate using sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30, offering broad-spectrum protection. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, more so after swimming or perspiring, and consider

wearing sun-protective clothing.”

Early detection saves lives. If you notice any suspicious skin changes, contact your doctor.

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SKINCARE TIPS

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Dermatologists, including those from the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), share tips on how to care for and protect the skin so it functions properly.

- Stay away from tanning beds. They can be just as dangerous as being in the sun because they emit harmful UV radiation that can cause skin cancer. The AAD says one indoor tanning session can increase the risk of developing melanoma by 20 percent.
- Quit smoking or never begin. Smoking makes the skin look older and contributes to wrinkles. It also depletes oxygen in the skin and can damage collagen and elastin, the fibers that give skin its elasticity and strength.
- Avoid an overload of products. Many dermatologists suggest sticking to the basics daily, which includes a mild cleanser, moisturizer and sunscreen. Exfoliating the skin once a week can help remove dead skin cells, but don’t overdo it, which can lead to excess oil production and breakouts.
- Select the right products for your skin type.

Choose products that pertain to your skin type, which may be sensitive, normal, dry, oily, or a combination thereof.

- Don’t forget the lips. Skin cancer can form on the lips, so use a lip balm that has an SPF of 30 or higher. Petroleum jelly can add moisture to the lips if they feel dry.
- Visit a dermatologist. A dermatologist is an expert in many conditions of the skin, hair and nails. He or she can perform an annual examination to look at the entire body and determine the health of skin, and identify any moles or spots that may be of concern.
- Check your own skin. Look out for new spots; spots that are different from other spots on the body; moles that itch, bleed or change color; and any other things that seem not quite right.

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Many have turned to hospice care for emotional, physical and spiritual support for themselves and loved ones.

But the national landscape of hospice care is changing, including in Wisconsin. Once run primarily by mission-driven nonprofits, the industry is increasingly privatizing, with private equity playing a growing role.

Wisconsin Watch is partnering with the Multimedia Channels publications Green Bay Press Times, Northwoods Star Journal, Waushara Argus, Merrill Foto News, Marshfield Hub City Times and Wisconsin Rapids City Times to better understand how our communities access hospice and other end-of-life services.

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Former Rapids youth pastor pleads guilty to child sex assault

SIRENA MANKINS
EDITOR

MADISON, Wis. – A former Wisconsin Rapids youth pastor has pleaded guilty to repeated sexual assault of the same child. James Lane, 53, pleaded guilty on April 8 to the single charge. Officials say Lane,

then a youth pastor at Faith Reformed Church in Wisconsin Rapids, admitted to assaulting the victim in Lane’s vehicle when he was driving the victim home. They say the assaults occurred between September of 2002 and December of 2003. The victim in this case had not reported the as-

sault to either church or legal authorities prior to reporting through the website for the Wisconsin Department of Justice Clergy and Faith Leader Abuse Initiative. “As this conviction shows, the Clergy and Faith Leader Abuse Initiative is continuing to have an im-

pact,” Attorney General Josh Kaul said. “Thank you to the courageous survivor whose decision to make a report has led to accountability for the defendant.” Lane faces up to 40 years in prison at his sentencing hearing, which is set for June 3. The Clergy and Faith Leader Abuse Initiative was launched in April 2021 and recently marked its fourth anniversary. It has encouraged survivors of faith leader abuse, their friends

and family, or anyone who has information about the response to such abuse to report to Wisconsin DOJ. The initiative has now resulted in criminal charges against three alleged abusers. Two of these cases resulted in a conviction of the accused child assailant, with the third ending in dismissal after the defendant died. Another report resulted in the addition of a priest’s name to a diocesan list of individuals with substan-

tiated allegations of child sexual abuse. In addition, the initiative has helped connect many survivors with victim services. Wisconsin DOJ will continue to work with survivors and their loved ones to follow up on information reported to Wisconsin DOJ and to provide support to those who have been impacted by clergy and faith leader abuse. The Clergy and Faith Leader Abuse Initiative will ultimately result in a final report.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Unto Dust...

Dear Reader,

In the final accounting, when the ledger of our days closes and the last breath escapes like a whisper into the void, what remains of us? We who once walked with purpose, loved with abandon, and dreamed beyond the confines of our mortal shells—what becomes of all that we were?

The body, once a vessel of consciousness and desire, returns to its elemental state. Skin that felt the warmth of summer suns and the tender touch of loved ones dissolves. Bones that carried us through decades of striving and stumbling crumble into the same dust from which all life emerges. We are reduced to our most basic components, indistinguishable from the earth that receives us.

Our possessions, those objects we accumulated and cherished, outlive us for a time. Books with dog-eared pages. Photographs fading at the edges. Heirlooms passed down with stories attached. But eventually, these too deteriorate, are discarded, or lose their connection to those who once gave them meaning. The material monuments to our existence erode under time’s relentless passage.

The institutions we built, the companies we labored for, the organizations we championed—these may persist beyond our individual spans, but they transform, merge, dissolve, reinvent themselves until our fingerprints upon them become unrecognizable. Even civilizations, those



grand collective projects of humanity, rise and fall like tides, leaving only fragments for future archaeologists to piece together.

Is this, then, the final word on human existence? A brief flare of consciousness between two infinite darknesses? A temporary arrangement of atoms that, once scattered, can never be reassembled in quite the same way?

Perhaps not.

For in the spaces between particles of dust and grains of sand, something intangible persists. The ideas we contributed to the great conversation of human thought; the stories we told that shaped how others understood themselves and their world; the kindnesses we extended that altered the trajectory of another’s life in ways we may never have witnessed; the children we nurtured—whether our own or those who simply crossed our path—who carry forward not just our genetic material but our values, our perspectives, our ways of seeing; these invisible legacies ripple outward through time, touching lives we will never know,

in places we will never visit, in eras we will never witness.

We are, in the end, both less and more than we imagine ourselves to be. Less permanent in our individual identity, more enduring in our collective impact. Less significant as separate beings, more powerful as contributors to humanity’s shared story.


When we return to dust and sand, what remains is the echo of our humanity—not preserved in stone but alive and evolving in the hearts and minds of those who come after us. Our brief moment of consciousness, our fleeting dance of atoms, becomes part of the endless transformation of matter and meaning that is the universe knowing itself.

And in that continuation, there is hope. For while we may not persist as we are, something of what we gave to the world—something essential and true—remains.

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Honorable Nicholas J. Brazeau, Jr.
Circuit Court Judge, Branch II
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WOOD COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE NAME CHANGE OF
Madison Laine Perez
By (Petitioner) Madison Laine Perez
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 25CV173

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
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IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Wood County, State of Wisconsin by Honorable Timothy Gebert, Branch 4, 400 Market Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 on 6/13/2025 at 2:15 p.m.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-421-8400 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Wisconsin Rapids City Times, a newspaper published in Wood County, State of Wisconsin.
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To submit calendar events, please email information to entertainment@mmclocal.com

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Wisconsin Rapids Rafter's Baseball Game • Mon. 5/26, Witter Field, 521 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids. Wisconsin Rapids vs. Green Bay Rockers. Starts at 6:35 pm. <https://northwoodsleague.com/wisconsin-rapids-rafters/>

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Central Wisconsin Cultural Center • Opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2651 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids. Open from 10 am-5 pm. Free admission. <http://www.culturalcenterarts.com/index.html>

South Wood County Historical Museum • 540 3rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. Museum opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays from 1 pm-4 pm Office will be open Tues.-Thurs. from 10 am-3 pm. <http://www.swch-museum.com/>

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I had a client retire from her career at an early age, when she was in her mid-50s. It was a big decision, as both her employment and her financial circumstances changed within the same year. Since she'd been at the same company for decades, continuing to work at another full-time job would have been a substantial shift from the position she'd held for much of her life.

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When she came in for a review, this happy lady relayed how she was enjoying her new freedom to embrace a passion of hers from which she earns a part-time income. She also said it was awkward at times telling friends she'd retired, both because of her young age as well as the fact that she is still working, just not at her traditional job. She went on to tell me, "So now I don't tell people that I've retired, I tell people that I've rewired."

It's because their individual financial circumstances allow them to do so. Consider whether in your future, you may be able to proudly say, "I'm not retired, I've rewired." LouAnn Schulfer can be reached at (715) 343-9600, louann.schulfer@lpl.com or TheWealthInformationLady.com. Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment adviser.

Prevail bank raises funds for United Way programs

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Prevail Bank recently donated a combined \$5,000 for United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties programs. During the annual Shred Day, both Prevail Bank and Bank-A-Count pledged to donate \$1 for every pound of paper shredded, up to a \$1,000 each. The community rose to the challenge, bringing in a whopping 1,715 pounds of documents to be safely destroyed and recycled. The public chipped in an additional \$227 in donations, bringing the total gift to \$2,227. "This event was a win-win," said Taylor Doescher, Prevail Bank branch manager. "We helped people protect their personal information while supporting a cause that makes a real difference right here in our community."



Prevail Bank raised \$4,000 for the United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties' financial literacy programs. From left are Taylor Doescher, Prevail Bank branch manager; Tari Jahns, United Way CEO; and Nathan Quinnell, Prevail Bank CEO/president.



Prevail Bank raised \$1,000 for the United Way of South Wood and Adams Counties' programs through the bank's Shred Day. From left are Taylor Doescher, Prevail Bank branch manager; Tari Jahns, United Way CEO; and Nathan Quinnell, Prevail Bank CEO/president.

Meanwhile, an additional \$4,000 was donated to United Way in support of its financial literacy programs and to help people and families who are employed but don't earn enough to achieve basic financial stability. The United Way was one of 29 nonprofit organizations selected to receive funding through Prevail Bank's Charitable Contributions program this spring. The program awarded a total of \$82,500 to nonprofits that serve low-to-moderate income households, stimulate local economies, offer financial education or work to improve the quality of life for underserved populations in the communities Prevail Bank serves.



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