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ATV crash injures 12-, 15-year-olds

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WOOD COUNTY – The Wood County Sheriff's Department is investigating a crash that left a 12-year-old and 15-yearold injured, with one taken to a hospital.

The crash happened just after 8 p.m. May 15 on Seneca Road near the Range Road intersection. Deputies say the two were traveling westbound on Seneca Road when the driver lost control of the ATV, which then landed on both people, trapping them.

Deputies did not say which person was driving, but one was taken by Aspirus MedEvac helicopter to an area hospital. Because the two are minors, their names will not be released.

The sheriff's department was assisted by the Nekoosa Police Department, Wood County Rescue, Port Edwards First Responders, Port Edwards Fire Department, Aspirus MedEvac, United Ambulance, Wood County Dispatch and Nieman's Tow Service.

Sheriff: At least 1 tornado touched down in Clark County

SIRENA MANKINS EDITOR

CLARK COUNTY – At least one tornado touched down in Clark County during Thursday night's storms, taking down power lines and trees, damaging buildings and sending a baby to the hospital.

Clark County Sheriff Kerry Kirn said the baby sustained some lacerations, but was treated and released and will be fine.

A storm spotter saw the tornado in the area of Me-

ridian Avenue and Highway 98, the sheriff said.

The National Weather Service said at least five tornadoes touched down in the state on May 15. Damage reports are still

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Thank you for being a part of the 2025 NFL Draft. I could not be prouder of the Packers organization and our community for this incredible event. There were countless memorable moments and special experiences throughout the whole week. It was a privilege to be a part of it.

As I approach my retirement in July and look back at my time with the Packers, the 2025 NFL Draft is certainly among my proudest accomplishments. But the credit for hosting this event so successfully belongs to our entire community and I want to express my gratitude to so many who contributed:

- To the NFL, for believing Green Bay and our community could host this event. You understood our vision and helped bring it to life.
- To Discover Green Bay and PMI for being our partners on the local organizing committee. We were proud to work alongside you.
- To our host committee who helped raise the funds to bring the Draft to Green Bay. Thank you to our donors for your unwavering support.
- To Governor Evers, Travel Wisconsin and our elected officials at the state level. You appreciated the impact the Draft could have as a statewide event and your support was instrumental in making it happen. We look forward to seeing the impact of this event for years to come.
- To our local municipalities: the City of Green Bay. Village of Ashwaubenon and Brown County. So many
 departments played a critical role in ensuring a smooth, safe event, especially public safety and first
 responders. We appreciate all you do.

Most of all, thank you to Packers fans, Wisconsinites and visitors from near and far. You showed your pride in this team and this region. You showed up, provided a warm welcome to new friends (even those cheering for other teams) and created an unforgettable atmosphere here at Lambeau Field and Titletown. We're grateful to have the greatest fans in sports.

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Mark Murphy. President & CEO







A screen grab from a video shot by Kris Meyer of Loyal shows a tornado on May 15 that moved through central Wisconsin.

TORNADO

FROM PAGE 1 coming in, but Kirn said power lines are down throughout the area

He said people should

avoid the area while crews restore power, especially in the Highline Avenue and Overdale Road areas.

The National Weather Service out of La Crosse will be assessing the damage, and

it's unclear just how strong the tornadoes were. In Wood County, Sheriff

Shawn Becker said while no tornadoes touched down, a few trees were toppled.

DNR names milkweed Plant of the Year

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is declaring milkweed as the Rare Plant Monitoring Program's 2025 Plant of the Year and encourages planting milkweed to help monarch butterflies.

Milkweed is an important plant for monarchs, and when combined with other native plants that bloom throughout the spring and summer, it can support a variety of pollinators.

"Monarch butterflies face several major threats, including habitat loss, pesticides and climate change," said Jay Watson, DNR insect ecologist. "Planting milkweed can help create habitat for monarchs, other butterflies and bumble bees."

Monarchs breed in Wisconsin throughout the spring and summer, and they need milkweed to sur-

cate, record and update the presence of rare plants throughout the state. The plant of the year becomes a focus for volunteers who can request rare milkweed

surveys and contribute to a

statewide status update on

Of the 13 native milkweed varieties in Wisconsin, five are listed as endangered, threatened or special concern. Showy milkweed is the state's only nonnative milkweed.



State monitoring spongy moths in Wood, Clark counties

SIRENA MANKINS EDITOR

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will be setting approximately 8,000 traps for spongy moth this year.

The traps will be placed in 36 counties, including Wood and Clark counties, now through early July. Most traps will be set along public roadside rights-ofway, but some will require placement on private property in areas where new infestations are suspected. DATCP requests that all traps remain undisturbed once they are in place.

"Traps are used both to monitor known spongy moth populations and to identify new populations in previously uninfested areas," said Amanda Miller, DATCP's spongy moth trapping coordinator. "Even though spongy moth populations drastically decreased last season, the total male moth catch still set a record as the second highest in recent program history."

The data collected from traps this season will help pinpoint new populations and hopefully limit the moth's spread before they can damage trees, she said. Spongy moth traps are



The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will be setting approximately 8,000 traps for spongy moth throughout the state, including in western Wood County and all of Clark County. DATCP photo

small green boxes stapled or tied to trees. The trap emits the scent of flightless female spongy moths to attract and catch adult male spongy moths.

Trapping staff will monitor traps until male moths stop flying – usually around Labor Day – at which time the traps will be removed. DATCP trapping staff wear fluorescent vests and carry identification. Traps are labeled with a phone number and QR code, and property owners can use that if they have questions, want to report a damaged trap or would like to request the trap be removed.



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vive. It's the only plant that monarchs lay their eggs on, and it's the only food that monarch caterpillars eat. Once a monarch reaches adulthood, it may still use milkweed for nectar, but a variety of native plants that bloom from spring to fall are also important.

In late fall, monarchs migrate south to Mexico, where they overwinter in tight clusters. Each year, scientists estimate monarch populations by how much space they occupy, measured in hectares, while overwintering. While 2024-25 numbers found 1.79 hectares up from .99 hectares the prior season, both are part of a decades-long decline in their population.

The Rare Plant Monitoring Program is a group of trained volunteers who work with the DNR to lo-

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Showstopper: A swelling business

BY KRIS LEONHARDT MMC SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from previous week

As J.P. Adler struggled to keep customers flocking to his opera house, film makers struggled over rights and patents.

Focusing on the widely popular action films, production groups flocked to the beautiful weather of southern California to film their own westerns and other outdoor action narratives.

"By mid-1908 motion pictures were emerging as a form of mass entertainment. The Edison licensees standardized their release patterns. Each production company released its films on a specific day of the week. Exchanges customarily placed standing orders with a production company and agreed to purchase a given number of prints of each release. These films were then distributed to theaters at a price determined by the amount of time a subject had been on the market — the newer the film, the more costly the rental. Distribution thus became standardized and rationalized. Similar developments occurred in film production as methods utilized by largescale industry were adopted. Methods of motion picture story-telling were also transformed," the Motion Picture



A young J.P. Adler.

Catalogs by American Producers and Distributors, 1894–1908 stated.

These changes in motion picture practices occurred within a context of commercial warfare between the Edison and Biograph interests. In late December 1908, after months of negotiation, the Edison and Biograph groups formed the Motion Picture Patents Company. This corporation licensed nine producers and one importer: Edison, Biograph, Vitagraph, Lubin, Selig, Pathé, Essanay, Kalem, Méliès and the Kleine Optical Company. With ten constituent

members, the group's

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Adler. North Wood County Historical Society photo American Pro- purpose was to eliminate

competition between its members, keep others from entering and command the supply.

The group issued licenses and collected royalties for member production companies, exhibitors, distributors and the manufacturers of film and equipment.

The limitations on production, however, were not enough to meet the demands of the distributors and exhibitor and independent production companies began producing multi-reel dramatic feature films to fill the gap.

Many films were repro-

ductions of well-received Broadway plays and masterpiece literature, which appealed to the well-to-do public that could afford a ticket. MPPC's control became

further hindered when the Kodak company split away from the group and made film commercially available. New distribution companies developed to serve the production companies.

The higher rental rates of the more elaborate films posed a problem for the exhibitors; however, theater owners found a way to deal with the increased costs: they increased the seating.

Adler moved quickly to make this change, renovating the hall to increase capacity to 800 seats.

In addition, Adler redid the opera house floor, sloping it toward the stage, and added plush seating to the venue.

He reopened his doors as the "New Adler Opera House."

To supplement his income during this time, Adler worked as a volunteer fireman, sometimes sleeping in the fire barn.

On other nights, Adler took up residence in the theater that would engage a great deal of his time and thought.

But, that would soon change. *To be continued*

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Wisconsin is home to the world's largest population of the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly. Becky Roth / Wisconsin DNR photo

Volunteers sought for yearly endangered butterfly count

CITY TIMES STAFF

MARSHFIELD – Volunteers are wanted in Wood County to help the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with its annual Karner blue butterfly monitoring program.

The data collected helps determine the species' population state, distribution and trends. It then goes to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Karner Blue Recovery Plan, which has the goal of delisting Karners as an endangered species once it reaches a certain population.

The Karner blue butterfly's habitat once ranged from Minnesota to Maine and into Canada. Threats to Karners include habitat loss, fragmentation and climate change. Wisconsin has the largest remaining population of Karner blues, with an abundance of habitats that support this species, including open barrens, savannas and prairies that contain wild lupine (Lupinus perennis). Wild lupine is the only food source for Karners' pale green caterpillars.

Online training is available; or, you can register for inperson field training sessions:

• 1-3 p.m. June 6, Beaver Creek Reserve – Wise Nature Center, Fall Creek

• 1-3 p.m. June 13, Hartman Creek State Park, Waupaca For more information, go to the DNR's website, dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/karner

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Click It or Ticket starts ahead of Memorial Day

CITY TIMES STAFF

MARSHFIELD – Motorists likely will see more law enforcement on the roads as the Memorial Day holiday nears and the annual Click I



nears and the annual Click It or Ticket campaign gets under way.

No matter what type of vehicle you drive, one of the safest choices drivers and passengers can make is to buckle up. In 2022 alone, 11,302 killed in vehicle crashes were not wearing seat belts. Those numbers are even higher for people ages 18 to 34. Of those killed, 60% were unbuckled one of the highest percentages for all age groups.

Click It or Ticket aims to cut that number by reminding drivers and their passengers of the importance of buckling up and the legal consequences – including fines – for not wearing a seat belt. This year's campaign runs May 20 to June 2.

Local youth, artists collaborate







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on 'Mural of Hope'

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Rise Up Central Wisconsin Inc. has unveiled its latest public art initiative: the "Mural of Hope." The project, located in Wisconsin Rapids on the 300 block of Grand Avenue, is a collaborative effort between local youth and artists, aiming to transform personal challenges into a collective message of optimism and strength.

The mural was brought to life through the active participation of teens from the Wood County Human Services Youth Program. Guided by a professional artist, these young individuals contributed their personal stories and creative visions, resulting in a powerful visual narrative that reflects their journeys and aspirations. The artwork serves not only as a testament to their experiences but also as an inspiration for the broader community.

"This project embodies the essence of community engagement and the transformative power of art," said Jacquelyn Tolksdorf, program coordinator at Rise Up Central Wisconsin. "By involving teen youth directly in the creation process, we've fostered a sense of ownership and pride that resonates throughout the mural."

The "Mural of Hope" is part of Rise Up's broader mission to use public art as a catalyst for social change and healing. Previous projects, such as the "Now I See in Color"

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Visitors learn about the different types of baskets used in the 1800s during the annual Pioneer Fest at Historic Point Basse. This year's festival will be June 7 and 8 in Nekoosa. **Photos courtesy Historic Point Basse**

Annual Pioneer Fest kicks off June 7

CITY TIMES STAFF

NEKOOSA - The history of central Wisconsin will come to life next month, when Historic Point Basse holds its annual Pioneer Festival.

Historical interpreters will portrav open-hearth piemakers, fur traders and more as they transport festival-goers to the 1800s. They can tour the Wakely House, built in 1841, and visit a trading post, blacksmith shop and lumber camp bunkhouse.

Food and beverages will be available. The event will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 7 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8 at Historic Point Basse, 364 Wakely Road, Nekoosa. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 5 and older; children younger than 5 and Point Basse members get in free.

For more information, go to historicpointbasse.com



Visitors can get a taste of life in the 1800s during the annual Pioneer Fest at Historic Point Basse. This year's festival will be June 7 and 8 in Nekoosa

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER Memorial Day: Honoring the Ultimate Sacrifice

Dear Reader,

As Memorial Day approaches, we pause to remember and honor those who gave everything for our nation. Each Memorial Day, we stand in solemn gratitude for those who never returned home. The empty chairs at family tables. The children who grew up without a parent. The spouses who



faced life alone. Their sacrifice echoes through generations and forms the foundation of the liberties we often take for granted.

My own father was among those who answered the call of duty, serving our country in World War II to keep the world free from tyranny and oppression. He was fortunate to return home, but many of his comrades-in-arms did not. My family's military tradition continued with my cousin, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army until recently. He earned the distinguished Ranger tab, representing the pinnacle of military training and excellence. Men and women like him stand ready to defend our nation at a moment's notice, prepared to make the same sacrifice as those we honor on Memorial Day.

As we honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our country, we must also recognize the silent battles many of our veterans continue to fight long after their time on the battlefield has ended. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, affects a significant number of those who have served, and it is a reminder that the cost of freedom is not always visible. These men and women carry wounds that can't be seen-a burden of trauma, memory, and sacrifice that continues well beyond their return home. Their courage does not end with deployment; it continues every day as they strive to heal and find peace. As a nation, we owe them not only our gratitude but our unwavering support.

As we gather with family and friends this Memorial Day weekend for barbecues and celebrations, let us take a moment-a dedicated, mindful moment-to remember why this holiday exists. Let us teach our children about sacrifice and service. Let us bow our heads in gratitude for those who died defending our values, our freedoms, and our way of life.

May we prove worthy of their sacrifice by being citizens who honor their memory not just on Memorial Day, but every day—by living with purpose, protecting the freedoms they died for, and building a nation worthy of their profound sacrifice.

They gave their tomorrows for our todays. We will never forget.

PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher

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Swedish folk musician Sofia Talvik will perform May 22 at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids.

Submitted photo

Library welcomes Swedish folk singer for concert

CITY TIMES STAFF

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The McMillan Memorial Library will welcome Swedish folk singer Sofia Talvik for a free concert as part of the library's concert series.

Talvik has performed at venues both small and large, including Lollapalooza and SxSW, and her sound has been compared to Joni Mitchell and Buffy Sainte-Marie. Her ninth album, "Center of the Universe," was released in 2023 and has landed on the Top 20 of the Folk Radio Charts.

On this tour, Sofia will be traveling through 16 states, bringing her ethereal folk sound to 47 cities. The concert will be at 7 p.m. May 22 at the library, 490 E Grand Ave., Wisconsin Rapids.



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EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

Wisconsin Rapids Rafters 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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• Wed. 5/28, Witter Field, 521 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids. Wisconsin Rapids vs. Wausau Woodchucks. Starts at 6:35 pm. https://northwoodsleague.com/ wisconsin-rapids-rafters/

Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Baseball Game • Fri. & Sat. 5/30 & 5/31, Witter Field, 521 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids. Wisconsin Rapids vs. Rockford Rivets. Starts at 6:35 pm. https://northwoodsleague.com/ wisconsin-rapids-rafters/

Wisconsin Rapids Area Retired Educators Association Meeting • Mon. 6/2, Bullseye Country Club Restaurant, Wisconsin Rapids. Program by Jeff & Joan Johannes, Artist & Poet. Collection for Food Pantry. Reservations due before 5/24. Starts at 11:30 am. \$20 for lunch. 715-887-3448

Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Baseball Game • Tues. & Wed. 6/3 & 6/4, Witter Field, 521 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids. Wisconsin Rapids vs. Fond du Lac Dock Spiders. Starts at 6:35 pm. https:// northwoodsleague.com/wisconsin-rapids**Christian Women's Connection Ladies** Brunch • Wed. 6/11, Elk's Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Karen Blankenship, Peculiar, MO will share "The Power of Journaling: Write it Down". Miss Wisconsin Rapids Teen & Miss River Cities Teen will be our special guests. Reservations are essential. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations by 6/3

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Sunday Brunch on the Farm • Sundays from 5/11 thru Oct., Lonely Oak Farm, 11946 County Rd S, Milladore. No reservations. Please no pets. Starts at 10 am. lonelyoakfarm.net

Lectures/Workshops

Wood County Master Gardener Meeting • Tues. 5/27, Everett Roehl Public Library, 105 S Maple Ave, Marshfield. Master Gardener Donna Streiff will present growing, harvesting, preserving & cooking with herbs. Starts at 6 pm. Free. wood-county-master-gardeners.org

Arts/Exhibits

The Alexander House • Opens Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1131, Wisconsin River Drive, Port Edwards. Art gallery and historical museum with a focus on lumbering and papermaking exhibits. Opens 1 pm-4 pm. http:// alexanderhouseonline.org/

Central Wisconsin Cultural Center

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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/

"Becoming the United States: Colonial America To Reconstruction" • now til Thurs. 6/26, 540 3rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. It explores our past, from our first interactions with American Indians, Europeans, & Africans to Civil War Reconstruction. http://www.swchmuseum.com/

"The Real War Will Never Get in the Books" • Sun, 6/1, 540 3rd St. S. Wisconsin Rapids. Brett Barker: Professor of History & Chair, Department of History & International Studies will present "The Real War Will Never Get in the Books": Recovering the Civil War through Letters & Diaries. http:// www.swch-museum.com/



Works by artists Tammy Rae Wolter and Jeanine Blank will be on display May 16 to June 24 at Alexander House in Port Edwards. **Contributed photos**

Alexander House exhibits feature mixed media, glass art

FOR CITY TIMES

PORT EDWARDS - Two new exhibits will take the spotlight at Alexander House, featuring mixed media and glass art from Wisconsin artists.

The first, "Out From Under the Bed," highlights the mixed media of Jeanine Blank. Often created in solitude, the

MURAL **OF HOPE** FROM PAGE 4

mural in Wausau, have addressed themes like addiction recovery, emphasizing the organization's commitment to tackling pressing community issues through artistic expression.

Community involvement has been integral to Appleton artist's drawings and prints include pencil, pen and the printmaker's press.

"I was born an artist. Art has always been with me-my way to process, to calm and to remember beauty," Blank said in a release. "There is so much beauty we miss. Art helps me see it."

"A Touch of Glass" by Amherst's Tammy Rae Wolter features jewelry from Borosilicate glass. Wolter creates her work in a repurposed 1888 church, where she also offers classes and open studio hours.

The exhibits run through June 24 at Alexander House, 1131 Wisconsin River Dr., Port Edwards.

the success of these initiatives. Local organizations, including Renaissance Learning, have provided sponsorship, while volunteers and Wood County Sheriff's Department are participating in a community paint day on July 24, where teens of the youth program, local teens and the sheriff's department will gear up in Tyvek suits

and googles to throw a paint balloon or two. The splatters will dictate the background of the mural by artist Olivia Majernik, who will impose painted teen faces on the design.

For more information on upcoming projects and opportunities to get involved, visit riseupart.org or contact Tolksdorf at art@riseupart.org.



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Pioneer Fest • Sat.-Sun. 6/7-6/8, Historic Point Basse, Nekoosa, Taste homemade ice cream, smell the campfires, see life the way it was lived in the past, hear stories & sounds of nature the way the Wakely family did. Starts at 10 am. \$5 adults, \$3 students, free for preschoolers & members. historicpointbasse.com

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This sale has a nice blend of vin-tage and new items. Located just off of Kellner Rd and 64th, this sale offers a variety of items for everyone from the crafty to the audiophile to the outdoorsy. A small sampling of those items includes: Jewelry: Costume and fine. Furniture: La-Z-Boy recliner, Catnap-per Lift Chair w/ heat & massage, Glass Curio Cabinet, sofa table desk, drop leaf dining table wardrobe, lamps, Variety of mid-century pieces including end ta-bles, wicker high back chairs, dresser **Decor/Collectibles**: Glassware and pottery including Haeger, Frankoma, Fenton, McCoy, holiday inc vintage, Ducks Unlimited, Las Vegas souvenirs inc. vintage, vintage toys, Kitchen: Haier under counter fridge, Toshiba microwave, Electric Meat Grinder NIB, Food Processor NIB. Several unopened Parini items, vintage Tupperware, Cutco Fish & Fillet knife, small appli-ances, Pyrex, bakeware **House-hold:** Books inc. vintage, craft/sewing supplies, Eureka & Oreck vacs, Pioneer stereo system & speakers, record albums & 45's, inc. Beatles, Michael Jack-son, Springsteen, GE Spacesaver CD/Radio, Hunting/Fishing: Fish-ing rods incl Heddon Mark IV 6906, reels, several tackle boxes, lures, nets, decorative antique minnow traps, vintage snap traps, bows, arrows, archery supplies, insulated coolers, anther wounts, Garage/Outdoor: gardening /landscape tools, flower pots, hand tools, hardware, Makita Cordless drill, bench vise, patio chairs, step stools, shop vac, power tools,

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Thank you for Spring Gathering support

The Friends of Powers Bluff would like to thank those who contributed to the Spring Gathering and Homecoming on May 3. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation provided a significant grant which made this event possible, including a feast for all attendees. The Forest County Potawatomi also provided generous

support. Burnett Transit and drivers ensured safe shuttle transportation to the hilltop, and Power Pac Equipment & Motorsports furnished UTVs for volunteer and emergency transit. Thanks are also due to the

many people who donated items for the feast and the potlatch, the speakers and presenters who shared their

wisdom, and all the volunteers who made sure the event ran smoothly. Special thanks to Fred and Germaine Pidgeon whose tireless efforts to protect the hill culminated in this celebration.

SIGNED, **KRIS RUED-CLARK** ON BEHALF OF THE FRIENDS OF POWERS BLUFF

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The City Times welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Send them to smankins@mmclocal.com. Letters to the Editor must include the writer's full name, address, telephone number and other contact information (only your name and town will appear in print and online). Letters appear as space allows; our editorial staff determines what content is published and there is no guarantee of publication.

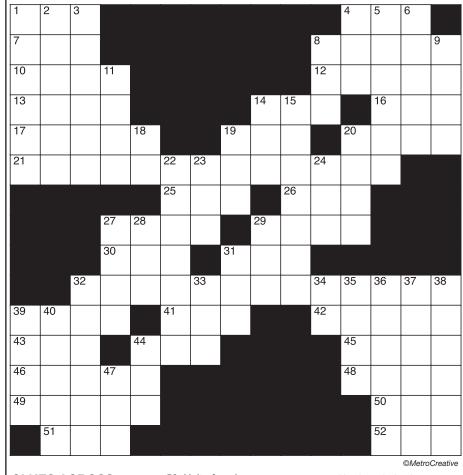
Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids earns CMS 5-star rating

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS -Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Hospital has earned a 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), placing it among the top hospitals in the nation recognized for excellence in patient-reported cleanliness.

The rating is based on survey data released in January by the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS), and Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids is one of only 30 hospitals in Wisconsin to receive the top rating.

Hospital officials said in a release that the ratings serve as an important resource for patients and families, offering transparency accountability. For and more information about Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Hospital and Aspirus Health, visit aspirus.org.



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Name Change

BY THE COURT: Honorable Nicholas J. Brazeau, Jr. Circuit Court Judge, Branch II

Date: 4/25/25 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WOOD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

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Madison Laine Perez By (Petitioner) Madison Laine P 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 From: Madison Laine Perez To: Antalya Laine Perez Birth Certificate: Madison Laine Perez 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, 6/13/2025 at 2:15 p.m. WI 54494

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. Publish May 14, 21 & 28, 2025 WNAXLP

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Arpin man faces child porn charges

SIRENA MANKINS EDITOR

WOOD COUNTY - An Arpin man is facing child pornography charges after deputies say they found him in possession of photographs of nude children.

Jason Parrish, 52, was arrested Thursday, May 15, at his place of employment in Marshfield while deputies with the Wood County Sheriff's Department were searching his home in the town of Arpin. Officials say they had gotten a cyber tip



Jason Parrish

from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children, which said he was in possession of child pornography.

Deputies said in a release Parrish was in possession of "numerous" nude photographs of prepubescent and pubescent children. They say he admitted to visiting websites, where he would view nude photos of children ages 3 to 12 years.

The investigation is ongoing, and Parrish is being held at the Wood County Jail.



Members of the Wood County Association for Home & Community Education display their awardwinning Cultural Arts projects that will move on to the state conference in Green Bay this fall. Contributed photos

HCE County Day filled with inspiration

DEEDEE MANCL FOR CITY TIMES

On May 6, members of the Wood County Association for Home & Community Education gathered to celebrate County Day 2025. We were all greatly inspired by the quilting group The Material Girls, as they told us about their selfless work making quilts for both past and current members of the military.

They brought many quilts to show us, and they were all stunning. We were greatly inspired by the hard work that they do. Our members donated red, white and blue fabrics for them to use for future quilting projects.

We enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by the Rudolph Pines group. It was truly a Wisconsin feast of bratwurst, potato salad, deviled eggs and many other delicious entrees.

Our members also brought crafts to be judged for Cultural Arts across several categories. Our judge this year was Becky Lancour.

Five blue ribbons were



The Material Girls quilting club makes what they call Quilts of Valor for active military members and veterans.

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Those interested in Redford can fill out an adoption application online at https://www.swchs.com/ adopt/adoption-application/

South Wood County Humane Society can be reached at office@swchs. com or 715-423-0505

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- Old Quebec Christmas Market

raise funds for Wood Coun- been about caring for our

awarded, and the winning projects will now move on to our state conference, which will be held in Green Bay this fall.

We also were introduced to Ben Eberlein, Wood County's new human development and relationships educator. We were very pleased to meet him and wish him well in his new position.

There were a variety of terrific baskets donated by ty HCE projects.

Our next event will be a brat fry fundraiser May 21 at Piggly Wiggly in Nekoosa. It will start at about 10:30 a.m., featuring brats, chips, drinks and homemade sweets.

HCE will use the profits to support local programs like the Wisconsin Bookworms, Backpacks for Kids and more.

HCE first began in 1928 as the Homemakers Club,

families and communities. If you have an interest in joining our group, or if you just have questions that you would like to ask, please feel free to contact me.

Deedee Mancl is the membership coordinator for the Wood County Association for Home & Community Education, formerly known as the Homemakers. She can be reached at deedeemancl@ gmail.com.

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Assumption Royals running strong at Nekoosa meet

FOR CITY TIMES

NEKOOSA - The Assumption Royals track and field team competed May 13 at Nekoosa, with several runners placing in the Top 3.

Those include junior Bella Thomas, who won three events, the 100and 200-meter dashes and the 1600m relay with teammates Lucy Dolan, Brooklyn Schoenick and Emily Mrozek.

Dolan also took first in the 1600m run and second in the 3200m, while Brooklyn Schoenick took first in the 800m and second in the 1600m.

Another first-place win went to Leire Sainz De Rosa in the 3200m, while Callie Schoenick took second in the 800m and third in the 3200m. Meanwhile, Lyla Fisher took third in discus.

On the boys side, Owen Daliege took a win running the 800m and placed second in the 3200m relay with teammates Owen Hernandez, Harrison Zacher and Aaron Jacoby.

Owen Hagen with teammates Cullen Thomas, Trey France and Joseph Johnson won the 800m relay and second in the 400m relay.

Freshman Reed Hartjes took first in the 1600m run and third in the 800m, while Charlie Kuhn placed third in the 3200m.

Aaron Jocoby placed first in high jump, and Brennan Morbacher placed third in discus.

The team looks strong heading into next week when they'll run Conference on Monday, May 19, at Marathon High School. Top finishers:

Girls

- 100m: Emily Mrozek 8th
 200m: Emily Mrozek 8th
 1600m: Leire Sainz De Rosa
- 4th
- · Shot Put: Lyla Fisher

Boys

- 100m: Aiden Daliege 6th, Garrett Pavloski 7th, Calen Ott 10th
- 200m: Thomas Hannum 4th, Aiden Daliege 5th, Will Rifleman 11th
- 400m: Garrett Pavloski 6th, Calen Ott 8th, Will Rifleman
- 300 Hurdles: Aaron Jacoby 5th, Quan Tran 8th, AJ Plummer 11th



Assumption High School's Leire Sainz De Rosa races May 13 at Contributed photo the track and field meet in Nekoosa.



Assumption High School's Reed Hartjes races May 13 at the track and field meet in Nekoosa. Contributed photo

5 area scholar-athletes honored by WIAA

SIRENA MANKINS EDITOR

MARSHFIELD - More than 30 student-athletes have been chosen to receive the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) 2025 Scholar-Athlete Award - including five from central Wisconsin.

To determine the 32 award recipients, four boys and four girls were selected based on both athletic and academic achievement from each of the four WIAA divisions. This year, 806 seniors were nominated for the award by 415 high schools throughout the state.

In central Wisconsin, they are:

· Jack Tubbs, Stratford, Stratford High School --Division 3 boys

• Reese Grimm, Arpin, Pittsville High School -Division 3 girls

· Isaac Scheer, Marshfield, Columbus Catholic High School - Division 4

bovs · Sarah Shaw, Port Edwards, Assumption High School – Division 4 girls

• Kendall Weiler, Owen, **Owen-Withee High School**

- Division 4 girls Scheer is the first student at Columbus to earn the award.

"Each of these outstanding student-athletes has excelled in academics and athletics," WIAA Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said. "Twenty-one of this year's 32 Scholar-Athlete finalists have maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA.

"Together they hold an impressive cumulative GPA of 3.96. Collectively, they've already earned 306 varsity letters - an average of 9.56 per athlete - with spring sports still underway. Their dedication both in the classroom and in competition is inspiring," she said.

More than 1,245 Scholar-Athlete recipients have been recognized since the program began in 1984.

The WIAA is a private, voluntary nonprofit orga-

MEET THE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Jack Tubbs, Stratford High School – Division 3 boys

Tubbs is a three-time football State champion and was named conference Most Valuable Player in football his senior year. The 4.0 student earned first team all-conference honors in wrestling, football and baseball, and he helped the Tiger's wrestling team make two State appearances. As a senior, he was recognized



Jack Tubbs

as his team's Most Valuable Player in football. Tubbs will attend St. Mary's University of Minnesota to study finance and play baseball.

Reese Grimm, Pittsville High School - Division 3 girls

A 4.0 student, Grimm is a three-time, first team allconference selection in both volleyball and basketball, and she earned the title of **Central Wisconsin-South Conference Basketball** Player of the Year as a junior. On the track, she is an eighttime conference champion and three-time State qualifier in the 400-meter



dash. Grimm will attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to play basketball and study nursing.

Isaac Scheer, Columbus Catholic High School -**Division 4 boys**

A four-time Cloverbelt Conference first team cross country runner and three-time first team all-conference track and field athlete, Scheer holds three school records in the 1600-meter, 3200 and 5000 races. He has earned five State medals between cross country and track and field, and he won

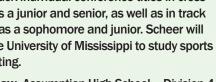
back-to-back individual conference titles in cross country as a junior and senior, as well as in track and field as a sophomore and junior. Scheer will attend the University of Mississippi to study sports broadcasting.

Sarah Shaw, Assumption High School - Division 4 girls

Sarah was named conference soccer Player of the Year as a junior. She was a member of the state championship basketball team her senior season and was voted conference **Basketball Player of the** Year both her junior and senior seasons. She and her Sarah Shaw doubles partner were voted conference MVPs her senior season while qualifying for state tennis twice. She intends to study business at UW-Madison.



Isaac Scheer





- 1600m: Charlie Kuhn 7th
- 3200m: Harrison Zacher 5th
- Long jump: AJ Plummer 6th
- Shot Put: Bryson Drollinger 7th, Christian Statz 9th
- Discus: Brennan Morbacher 4th, Bryson Drollinger 6th, Gabe Hauke 8th

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nization. The membership oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 513 senior high schools and 36 junior high/middle level schools in its membership.

Donation supports United Way nutrition program

CITY TIMES STAFF

MARSHFIELD – Prevail Bank has donated \$3,500 to the Marshfield Area United Way in support of its Nutrition on Weekends, or NOW, program addressing childhood hunger.

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.

childhood Targeting hunger, NOW provides healthy, ready-to-eat foods for children during the weekend, providing a safety net for children when they are not in the classroom and able to access school meals.

The program was created in response to data collected in 2012 from Marshfield students as part of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. In this survey, 20% of students indicated they had gone to bed hungry at least once in the past 30 days because there was not enough food in the home. To directly address this issue, Marshfield Area

United Way launched a pilot of the program in October 2013 serving 29 children in the Marshfield School District. Today, NOW serves 400 to 450 students each week throughout central Wisconsin, including virtual and homeschool students.

Sponsorships for the program are available. For more information, go to www.marshfieldareaunitedway.org or call (715) 507-5005.



Kendall Weiler, Owen, Owen-Withee High School -**Division 4 girls**

Kendall was the Eastern **Cloverbelt Conference** champion in the 300m hurdles her junior year, is a four-time all-conference selection and is a threetime team MVP in the sport. During her senior basketball season, she and her team earned a trip to the state tournament as sectional



Kendall Weiler

champions. She ranks first in her class with a 4.0 GPA. She will attend Concordia University to study biology.



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Corporate mergers and your retirement

I was speaking with a longtime client recently who was reminiscing about what it was like to go through a corporate merger, as an employee.

Change is not easy, and the unknown can be flat-out unnerving. He reminded me how the longer he waited for answers, the more his anxieties intensified.

Since he has a highstress job, preparing for retirement has been a high priority. He said that of all the things he had to worry about, among the top were the future of his 403(b) and 401(k) defined contribution retirement account and his 457.

The silver lining of the corporate merger cloud came when it was announced that employees were given options as to what they could do with their retirement accounts. For most of the retirement funds, employees were told they had a window of time to decide whether they would keep the accounts where they were, roll them into the new company's plan, cash out or go another direction with a direct rollover into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

For him, the choice was clear. He saw options he hadn't had in the past, nor would he have had without this opportunity to redirect custody of his money which, as he articulated, is what his retirement is dependent upon.

With change comes opportunity, even with corporate mergers and your retirement.

LouAnn Schulfer of Schulfer & Associates LLC Wealth Management can be reached at (715) 343-9600 or louann.schulfer@lpl.com. Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment adviser.



Admit Day attendees who have committed to attending Mid-State Technical College upon graduating from high school are shown May 2 on the Wisconsin Rapids Campus along with Mid-State's mascot, Grit, and president, Shelly Mondeik, center. Contributed photo

Mid-State hosts Admit Day event, presents \$5,000 Big Decision Scholarship

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS Nearly 180 graduating high school seniors and their supporters attended Mid-State Technical College's annual Admit Day event on May 2 to celebrate their decision to enroll as Mid-State students.

Grayden Rode of Chili, a graduating senior from Marshfield High School, was also announced as the recipient of Mid-State's \$5,000 Big Decision Scholarship at the event.

"Mid-State can help me because it will allow me to

commute to a campus closer to home," said Rode, who will be starting the Fire Service Certification program this fall. "Since it is closer to my home, it allows me to save money and have the benefits of a great college life. My mom and dad both attended Mid-State and have had great careers."

At Admit Day, students received a certificate of admission, toured campus, met with their adviser and got to know their program instructors. Some of the high schools represented at the event were AdamsFriendship, Charles F. Fernandez Center, Lincoln, Marshfield, Nekoosa, Pittsville, River Cities, Stevens Point Area Senior, Tomorrow River and Tri-County.

"Admit Day is more than a celebration-it's a moment that affirms a student's path and potential," said Jackie Esselman, dean of Recruitment and Admissions. "We're proud to recognize their decision and honored to play a role in their future success, especially with opportunities like the Big Decision scholarship that can help

turn uncertainty into excitement."

Rode is one of more than 1,500 local high school students automatically accepted to Mid-State through its Direct Admission program. Through Direct Admission, Mid-State partners with local high schools in its district to advance the 60 Forward initiative by removing admissions barriers to the college by admitting all 2025 and 2026 seniors. Learn more about Direct Admission at mstc.edu/ direct-admission.

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