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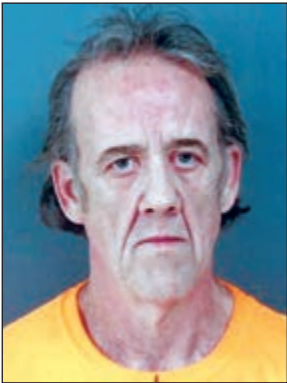
# Marshfield man faces reckless homicide charges

SIRENA MANKINS  
EDITOR

MARSHFIELD – A Marshfield man is facing multiple charges, including first-degree reckless homicide, after police say he attacked his neighbor.

Police say Cyril J. Granahan, 60, assaulted his 61-year-old neighbor and cut her with a knife on April 25 at the neighbor's apartment on Veterans Parkway in Marshfield. That assault put her in the hospital, where she died two weeks later.

Granahan appeared virtually for his initial appearance in Wood County Court today, May 27, where Judge Timothy Gebert said there was probable cause to move forward with the case.



Granahan

Granahan is charged with three counts:

- First-degree reckless homicide, a felony that carries a sentence of up to 60 years in prison if convicted
- Physical abuse of an elder person, intentionally causing bodily harm and use of a dangerous

weapon, a felony that carries a sentence of 12 years, with an additional five years possible because of the weapon

• Disorderly conduct, with an increased penalty for elder-person victim and use of a dangerous weapon, a misdemeanor that carries a 90-day sentence with an additional two years possible because of the victim's age

Gebert set a \$250,000 cash bond for Granahan and also ordered him not to possess any dangerous weapons and to take all his prescribed medications.

According to court records, Granahan went to his neighbor's house in the early morning hours of April 25 looking for his cigarette case. She

told him she didn't know where it was, and Granahan got upset and said he was going to break her neck. He threw her to the ground and stomped on her chest, which left a "large" area of bruising on her left side. She also had bruises on the left side of her face.

Granahan then took a "big, long steak knife" and started cutting at the back of her neck, leaving a single large cut, the neighbor said in a statement to police. She tried to stop him, and her thumb also was cut.

She told officers he was sawing at her neck and told her he was "going to cut (her) head off." She said he stopped when he realized he couldn't cut through the bone, put the

knife down, then started looking for his cigarette case again.

He left the apartment, and his neighbor's caretaker found her later that afternoon. The caretaker took her to the emergency department, where she was treated for her injuries.

On April 29, the neighbor's daughter told police her mother had to have emergency brain surgery and that her "health declined extremely fast." They were doing surgery to try to stop bleeding on her brain and she entered a "coma-like" state.

She died on May 8, and a forensic autopsy found the preliminary cause of death was blunt-force traumatic head injury.

Court records show

this wasn't the first time Granahan and his neighbor had a run-in. A few weeks before, Granahan told officers he had hit her in the head with a cigarette rolling machine, leaving a large bruise on the left side of her face. And in 2023, the two had dated.

After the April 25 incident, officials said Granahan was committed to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, a psychiatric hospital near Oshkosh, for at least six months. There, doctors prescribed medications that Granahan's attorney said in court have "stabilized" him.

His next court date has been set for June 3.

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# Bikers gather for annual veterans rally at The Highground

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EDITOR

NEILLSVILLE – Hundreds of people turned out to honor U.S. service members who gave their lives in service to our country during a Memorial Day ceremony at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park.

Among them were veterans of those same wars, including Doug Mauritz of Marshfield, who served in the Air Force from 1995-2000. Now the former senior airman leads the Seventh District Riders Group, bringing other veterans and bikers to The Highground for the annual Memorial Day Honor Ride Motorcycle Rally.

Mauritz lead his group from Appleton, making stops along the way including in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield, before joining

other bikers at The Highground. He said altogether, he counted about 250 bikes for the rally's 15th year. Those bikers, combined with others who traveled by car, brought the total turnout to about 500 people.

Mauritz said the veteran and biker communities are interconnected, sharing many of the same values. That goes for bikers who aren't veterans.

"We always look out for one another," he said. "We always try to make sure that our loved ones and our friends are taken care of."

And nobody gets left behind, a mission The Highground also takes on. The park offers veterans space to reflect and connect with others as well as retreats, workshops and more. It's all done at no cost to veterans and their families.

It's the connections vet-

erans make with one another that can really make a difference.

"We come together to places like this and remember people who have given their last effort and their last bit of devotion to the country," Mauritz said.

He added that, no matter the branch of service or the war they fought in, the veterans share stories and treat each other like old friends.

The support from the greater community is "amazing," he said.

"Events like this really shows the support that a lot of a lot of veterans from the Korean War all the way up through Afghanistan and the Global War on terrorism really, really appreciate," he said. It "helps make their sacrifices that much more worthwhile."



Legacy Stones honoring the service of U.S. military members from Wisconsin line the walkways at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville. At 2 p.m. June 14, The Highground will hold a Legacy Stone ceremony.

### DID YOU KNOW ...

Memorial Day first was known as Decoration Day, and it originated in the years following the Civil War.

One of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of former slaves in Charleston, S.C., in 1865.

In 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, N.Y., as the official birthplace of Memorial Day; that city first commemorated the day in May of 1866.

Memorial Day originally honored only those killed in the Civil War, but eventually evolved to honor all U.S. military members who died in all wars.

It officially became a federal holiday in 1971, observed on the last Monday in May, after Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Source: History.com



More than 250 bikers took part in the 15th annual Honor Ride Motorcycle Rally, converging at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville on Memorial Day. The ride began in 2010 as a way to inspire camaraderie among veterans on Memorial Day.

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Police chaplain moves on

Wisconsin Rapids Police Chaplain Shores “Trey” Turner is saying goodbye to central Wisconsin, after being elected the executive director of the Minnesota Wisconsin Baptist Convention. Turner served as the police chaplain in Wisconsin Rapids for 11 years.

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Downtown farmers market opens June 12

**CITY TIMES STAFF**  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers’ Market will open for its seventh season June 12, featuring a variety of local products.  
At the market, on 1st Avenue from West Grand to Goggin Street, shoppers can find locally grown produce, handmade goods, food vendors and crafts. This year, the market continues its commitment to accessibility by accepting FoodShare (SNAP), credit and debit cards through a Market Token program. Shoppers swipe their card at the market booth and



receive tokens valued at \$1 increments to use with participating vendors. Credit and debit users will incur a \$1 transaction fee, which helps the market’s operations and programming.  
In addition to SNAP, the market also accepts WIC and Senior Farmers Market

Nutrition Program vouchers as well as Aspirus Fruit & Vegetable Rx vouchers, making fresh, nutritious food more accessible to all members of the community.  
“Every dollar spent at the market goes directly back to our hardworking farmers, food vendors, crafters and local entrepreneurs,” said Mai Thao, the market manager. “We are thrilled to be entering our 7th year and look forward to another season of good food, great people, and community connection.”  
There is still room for more vendors, and volunteers are always needed.

Motorcycle ride raises funds for students injured in car crash

**CITY TIMES STAFF**  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS – A motorcycle ride is planned to help raise funds for three Adams-Friendship High School students injured in a car crash.  
Rev for Recovery is being organized by Cassidy Raymer, and she said all the

funds will go to the boys’ families to help with their medical expenses.  
Riders will meet at 2:30 p.m. June 21 at the Necedah Area School District parking lot, ending at the Junkyard Bar and Grill in Wisconsin Rapids. The route is a total of 1 hour 20 minutes, with two planned rest stops, one at the Corner Pump and the other at Rome Kwik Trip.  
Segments of the ride will have a police escort to block off some intersections, and there will be a raffle at the

Junkyard Bar following the ride.  
The cost is \$20 per bike and an additional \$10 to bring a passenger. Cars are also welcome for \$25.  
For more information, see the Rev for Recovery Facebook page.

Grant could boost area farmers markets

**CITY TIMES STAFF**  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS – A federal grant could help boost farmers markets in central Wisconsin, especially in rural areas where access to fresh, nutritious food can be limited.  
The Wood County Health Department, in partnership with the Central Wisconsin Farmers Market Collaborative (CWFMC), said in a release the three-year grant is focused on supporting farmers markets in utilizing technology and being more organized and easier for everyone to use. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP).  
“We are excited about the opportunity to enhance food access and collaboration at Central Wisconsin farmers markets through this USDA grant,” said Kristie Egge, the Health Department’s supervisor of strategic initiatives. “Farmers markets are a cornerstone of healthy communities, but many in our region face barriers when it comes to technology and capacity to grow and expand their customer base. This grant will help address those challenges and create a more co-

ordinated, sustainable food system.”  
The CWFMC spans five counties and serves about 350,000 people, with just over a dozen farmers markets spread across nearly 5,000 square miles. Many of these markets struggle with limited resources, a lack of paid market managers, and insufficient outreach to low-income communities, including food assistance recipients, health department officials said.

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The application can be found on the “Apply to Serve” page on Gov. Evers’ website at: www.evers.wi.gov.  
Applicants with questions about the judicial selection process may contact the Governor’s Office of Legal Counsel at (608) 266-1212.

UW-Whitewater announces Dean’s List

**CITY TIMES STAFF**  
More than 3,500 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater earned a spot on the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester, including several from central Wisconsin.  
The following local students were named to the UW-Whitewater Dean’s List for the 2025 spring semester:  
Quinn Barton, Port Edwards; Will Domine, Hewitt; Nicholas Gabriel, Nekoosa; Gracie Holland, Marshfield; Braxton Kurth, Marshfield; Danielle Long, Hewitt; Trevor Martin, Wisconsin Rapids; Alex Mikes, Marshfield; Aiden Neduzak, Nekoosa; Aidan Phillippi, Marshfield; Talhah Sarnaik, Marshfield; Anna Schaeffbauer, Nekoosa; Teagan York, Wisconsin Rapids.  
These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.  
“We’d like to congratulate all the students who were recognized on our Dean’s List for the spring semester,” said Robin Fox, UW-Whitewater’s interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. “Making the Dean’s List is a tremendous honor and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students – their success is paramount to the strength of our university.”  
The university’s Registrar’s Office reports 3,506 students were selected for the Dean’s List for the spring semester. More than 11,700 students are currently enrolled at the university’s Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

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# Free weekend waives park, fishing, trail pass fees

FOR CITY TIMES

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to head outdoors for the 13th annual Free Fun Weekend happening June 7 and 8. State Park admission fees, fishing licenses and trail passes are waived for all visitors.

With 50 state parks, 15 state forests, 44 state trails, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams and roughly 15,000 inland lakes, Wisconsin has something for everyone to enjoy.

“Free Fun Weekend is a great opportunity to join us to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System,” said Steve Schmelzer, DNR bureau director of Parks and Recreation Management. “If you like to hike, bike, camp, paddle or even just enjoy a good book in a beautiful place, we hope you will join us for Free Fun Weekend.”

Free Fun Weekend is also an opportunity to try fishing for food or fun before purchasing an annual fishing license.

“This is a great chance to try fishing or catch a meal,” said Justine Hasz, DNR bureau director of Fisheries Management. “Even if you don’t have fishing gear, you can still get involved. The DNR has tackle loaner sites across the state, and if you need to locate a place to fish, the Wisconsin Fishing Finder can help you do just



People can get into Big Foot Beach State Park and other state parks during Free Fun Weekend. Wisconsin DNR photo

that.”

Free fishing clinics are held during Free Fun Weekend at state and municipal properties to instruct beginning anglers. Visit the DNR Events calendar and Wisconsin State Parks webpage for a list of events and more information on state properties.

Before heading to a state park, trail or waterbody near you, there are a few helpful things to know:

State Parks

- Vehicle admission stickers will not be required.
- 2025 is the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System. Some Free Fun Weekend events may feature state park system history, special outreach items or 125th anniversary merchandise available for purchase.
- A 125th anniversary “pop-up” sale will be held at the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest (NHAL) on June 7. Stop by the NHAL Centennial

Celebration Event to purchase your 125th anniversary merchandise at the DNR Parks & Recreation booth.

- Most state parks and trails will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Programs and events are posted on the DNR Events calendar.

Trails

- All linear/rail trails, including ATV and horseback riding trails, will be open to the public.
- ATVs, UTVs and OHMs are exempt from registration requirements. Resident and nonresident all-terrain vehicle operators do not need a trail pass to ride state ATV trails.

Fishing

- Residents and nonresidents will not be required to have a fishing license or trout/salmon stamps.
- All 2025-26 fishing regulations apply, including bag and length limits and species restrictions.
- There are lots of great

places to fish in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Fishing Finder helps anglers find the fishing spot they are looking for.

- New to fishing? Check out free clinics hosted at state and local properties.
- This is the perfect time of year for small and large-mouth bass, panfish and northern pike to be active.
- Locate launches and shore fishing access points near you.

Invasive Species

June is Invasive Species Action Month in Wisconsin. Here are a few things you can do to make a difference while you’re out enjoying Free Fun Weekend and throughout the month.

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Safety

- Always wear a life jacket when fishing from a boat, kayak, canoe or paddleboard.
- Use boat lights after sunset.
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- Wear a helmet and protective clothing such as eye protection, gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt while riding an ATV.
- All children under the age of 18 must have a minimum Department of Transportation standard motorcycle or ATV helmet. Bi-

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- Keep your speed in mind as weather and terrain conditions vary or change.

Boat Launches

- DNR boat launches are open.
- Boats must be registered, which can be done either online or by mail.



Tsunami Express Car Wash has opened its newest location in Wisconsin Rapids, with two others set to open in central Wisconsin. City Times staff photo

## Tsunami opens three new sites

CITY TIMES STAFF

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Tsunami Express Car Wash has opened its newest location in Wisconsin Rapids, with two others set to open in central Wisconsin.

During the grand opening, from May 14-25, Tsunami offered free car washes and other specials. People who sign up for a membership onsite will also have their signup fees donated to Special Spaces

Wisconsin, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating dream bedroom makeovers for children battling cancer.

In addition to car washes, the new locations offer free vacuums, complimentary air for tires, mat cleaners and DIY detailing tools including interior cleaning spray and microfiber towels.

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Life’s Meaning

Dear Reader,

There’s something about growing older — about all the experiences we gather, the places we’ve been, and the people we’ve met along the way — that helps a person gain perspective. With time, our thoughts, wisdom, and knowledge begin to intertwine, forming a clearer picture of life’s meaning.

Now that I’ve reached this stage, it all makes sense. Everything that has happened — both the joys and the chaos — has happened for a reason. Even in the midst of life’s turbulence, through moments of struggle and uncertainty, there was always a way forward. And in the end, there is always something better waiting on the other side.

So take heart, my fellow travelers on this journey! Take heart because, despite the challenges, we shall prevail. Instead of dividing and marginalizing, we will embrace and uplift.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



Showstopper: It’s in the stars

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
MMC SENIOR EDITOR

*Continued from last week*

As Adler was wooing his future wife, trouble began brewing again in the theater industry.

What began as a humble business venture in 1912 ballooned into a massive force.

Adolph Zukor, who owned a New York nickelodeon, released the first full-length drama film in America — Queen Elizabeth, starring Sarah Bernhardt — and created the Famous Players Flim Company.

He then began distributing films through a company called Paramount Pictures.

“In 1916, Zukor’s Famous Players merged with The Jesse L. Lasky Company, which was producing films in Hollywood (including the first feature-length film ever produced in Hollywood – The Squaw Man) and also using Paramount Pictures as a distributor. The newly formed Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, soon consolidated with the distribution company (in which Zukor was a major stockholder) and all three companies became what you now know as Paramount Pictures,” a Paramount Studios history stated.

“After the merger, audiences first began seeing the iconic logo with the mountain and stars, which was created by Paramount



Rose on the Adlers' wedding day.

Adler family files

(the distribution company) founder W. W. Hodkinson. Hodkinson had borrowed the Paramount name from an apartment house that he frequently passed in his neighborhood. A mountain peak he remembered from his childhood in Utah inspired the logo, which he designed.”

The company began producing their own feature length films, while changing the fee structure of film rental from a flat rate to a percentage of the box office receipts. Others soon followed Paramount’s lead.

Feature films became costly and took more time

to produce, so they were slowly released. While second-rate movies were more accessible, they were not a huge draw for the theaters. Exhibitors faced off over the limited features.

In response to this, the block-booking system of rentals was created. Now, in order to obtain the newest feature films, the theater owner had to rent the entire season from the production company.

To make matters worse, once independent producers found unknown actors and actresses with a great deal of public appeal, they began featuring them in

multiple productions while signing them to huge studio contracts.

The method became the most productive form of promoting new films, while creating huge celebrities. Everything revolved around the star: the setting, the lighting and the writing.

The lucrative contracts made acting the highest paid profession.

Box office prices rose to cover the increasing cost that were a direct reflection of the star system they had created.

But, none of this was on the young Adler’s mind as he prepared to walk Rosamond Bille down the aisle.

Beginning a pattern of coinciding important events with his birthday, J.P. planned the couple’s nuptials for the Tuesday morning of his 28th birthday.

As attendees threatened to spill onto the street from the packed church, his bride entered wearing silk crepe over a Swiss satin gown. Surrounded by Easter lilies and gladiolas the couple said “I do.”

Following a breakfast at the bride’s fathers house on Cherry Street, the newlyweds left for a three-week trip that would include visits to Niagara Falls, New York City and Washington, D.C.

The honeymoon trip would be stopped short; however, when the couple received devastating news from home.

*To be continued*

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# Milltown Coffee, Boys & Girls Club launch joint business venture

## FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Teens and tweens attending the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapid Area this summer will have an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of running a business.

The new entrepreneurship program is a collaboration between the Club and Milltown Coffee Co. Milltown staff will work with the teens to find a product, package it, market it and then sell it at the Farmers Market this summer.

“This collaboration is really exciting for us,” Club CEO Jennifer Allen said. “We are always looking for ways to help our club members find their way to a great future. These opportunities help to create a positive environment for



our kids and a chance to find what interests them.”

Working collaboratively in the community is the foundation the Club has grown on and its new partner, Milltown Coffee, plans to invest in. Jen Oswald, owner of Milltown Coffee, believes in pouring back into the community. She knows firsthand the importance of strong nonprofits.

“If service organizations and small businesses are flourishing, then communities will flourish,” Oswald said.

The entrepreneurship program will begin as the summer programming kicks

off at the Club. The teens will start with some lessons first to understand key concepts in business and service. Then they will get to work in a variety of ways.

“The teens will get to work with me on selecting the product and preparing it to sell,” said Tahnee Mueske, catering manager from Milltown Coffee. “I want the kids to see all that goes into the success of a business. They will get to do some of the hard work but also the fun things, like being creative in the kitchen and in marketing. Those are the things that will help them find what they are passionate about.”

The first products to be sold will include granola and fresh roasted coffee beans. Keep an eye out at

the Farmers Market this summer to find the Milltown and Boys & Girls Club tent. In the meantime, visit Milltown Coffee Company at its new location, 4231 80th St. S. in Kellner. The café will open June 2.

“We are excited to be a part of the Kellner community and continue our support of the greater Wisconsin Rapids area,” Oswald said. “The summer will be filled with lots of exciting activities and fun collaborations.”

Milltown Coffee will remain open through the summer, 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. daily, but closed on Sundays. They will have occasional evening events, and the space is available to rent for private parties.



Signs at the Wildwood Park & Zoo remind visitors not to feed the animals because it cause illness or death.

Wildwood Park & Zoo photos



Malakai, the wolf at Wildwood Park & Zoo, is shown in its enclosure. Zoo officials say a visitor tossed seasoned fries into Malakai's enclosure, endangering the wolf's health.

# Reminder: Do not feed zoo animals

## Officials say wrong food could harm, kill them

SIRENA MANKINS  
CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Wildwood Park & Zoo officials are reminding people not to feed the animals because it could harm or even kill them.

In a Facebook post, the zoo said a visitor threw seasoned french fries into the wolf exhibit on May 26.

“Thankfully, Malakai, our wolf, wasn’t interested and did not eat them,” the post said. “While this may seem like a small act, it can have serious consequences. Many human foods – especially those with garlic, onion, or other seasonings – can make our animals very sick.”

Kyle Kirk, the zoo manager, said it’s a common occurrence even though there are multiple signs reminded visitors not to do feed the animals. It could even have legal consequences, including animal abuse or destruction of property charges, and a possible \$300 fine.

Zoo animals are on closely managed diets, mimicking what they would find in the wild, and the diets are created to meet their spe-



A visitor to the Wildwood Park & Zoo tossed seasoned fries into the wolf enclosure on May 26. Zoo officials say human foods can cause zoo animals to become sick or even die.

cific needs.

“We know it can be tempting to share a snack, but the best way to help is by supporting us through approved donations,” the Facebook post said. “If you’d like to provide treats or enrichment items, we’re happy to accept donations at our staff building.”

People can donate freezer meat – except for pork – and the zoo also has an Amazon wishlist.

The zoo does have cameras, and Kirk said if people see others feeding the animals, they should speak up.

“It’s more of a common

## WHAT TO DONATE

People can drop the following off at the zoo:

- Wax paper
- Ziploc plastic bags (gallon and quart)
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- Boomer balls
- Catnip
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- Silicone molds (for popsicles)

sense thing,” he said. “Stop doing it and tell people to stop if you see them doing it.”

In addition to donations, people who want to support

the zoo can adopt an animal for \$35 or purchase a commemorative stone (prices vary from \$300 to \$2,000, depending on size).





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## Prevail donates \$3K to Junior Achievement

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MARSHFIELD – An area bank is helping to support financial literacy and career planning for area students. Prevail Bank, through its Charitable Contributions program, has donated \$3,125 to Junior Achievement of Wisconsin – Portage and Wood Counties.

Junior Achievement (JA) offers a variety of programs for students in kindergarten through grade 12, introducing them to financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness. JA was one of 29 nonprofit organizations selected to receive funding through the 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.

## Signup underway for youth Learn to Hunt program

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The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting applications for the 2025 Learn to Hunt Deer program at Sandhill Wildlife Area. Applications will be accepted through July 1. Sandhill's Learn-to-Hunt workshops include classroom instruction, hands-on field experience and a mentored hunt on thousands of acres of intensively managed wildlife habitat. This unique opportunity provides partici-

pants with a rich educational experience while achieving deer management objectives on the 9,150-acre property. The program is open to young hunters ages 12-15. People 16 and older without previous experience hunting deer with a firearm may also apply. A chaperone must accompany all hunters. Registration for the program is \$40. All participants (and accompanying mentors) must attend one of the work-

shops. This year's in-person workshop dates are Aug. 20, 22 and 23. There, participants will learn about deer biology and management; hunting rules and regulations; ethical hunting; firearm safety; and more. The program will culminate with a two-day hunt Nov. 8 and 9 at Sandhill. Applications can be found on the DNR's website, and the deadline to apply is midnight July 1.

## Retirement can be like a Rubick's Cube



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We meet with a substantial number of people each year who are preparing for retirement. If you are planning on retiring, the thought of structuring your retirement income plan can feel like trying to solve Rubick's Cube. On one side of the cube is your 401(k). On another, your pension. Flip the cube over and there is your social security. The other sides of the cube are your spouse's 401(k), IRA and Social Security benefits.

Solving for one color can feel daunting in and of itself. For example, you typically have four options when trying to decide what to do with your 401(k), each having different rules and tax implications. You may open the availability of choices to investments that did not exist in your 401(k). Distribution rules vary depending upon the type of retirement account, something you may not have considered during the accumulation phase when you didn't have to concern yourself with anything other than contributions and rates of return. Just when you solve for the 401(k) color, flip over to another side and you have decisions to make for social security, another color.

What is the best age to begin social security? What is the best way to claim? On your own benefit, your spouse's benefit, on a divorced spousal option or widow or widowers' benefit? Then there are pension decisions representing another color: Is it best to select a joint option that covers both lives, or take the larger single-life option and purchase a life insurance policy in the event that the pension recipient dies before their spouse? It is obviously important to know the options, consequences and rules of each "side" of your retirement Rubick's Cube. Your and your spouse's 401(k), IRAs, pension and Social Security are important each and of themselves. But the best retirement plans are put together solving for the entire puzzle. How and when you take your social security, for example, will definitely affect when and how much money you will use from your own personal investments. My professional pet peeve is when a source of so called "advice" gets people to focus on only one of these sides of the cube. Articles written on the mathematics of Social Security and potentially how to get

the most out of the program are great if that is all you are concerned with. Seminars selling a one-size-fits all investment to everyone who shows up for a free dinner obviously dismiss the fact that circumstances are different from one individual to the next. Co-workers who will tell you that a particular pension option is always the best, really have no clue how that benefit election will affect individuals differently based upon the other sides of their cube. In fact, that is entirely the reason that different options exist. Options were put into place not to try and trick you, but to give you the opportunity to calculate what is best for you. It's much easier to solve for only one side of the cube than it is the entire cube. My point has become obvious by now. About the only retirement advice that I can give to everyone unequivocally, is to make sure that you are not messing up "blue" when you are paying attention to the "red" or "yellow" sides of your retirement Rubick's Cube. *LouAnn Schulfer can be reached at (715) 343-9600, [louann.schulfer@lpl.com](mailto:louann.schulfer@lpl.com) or [TheWealthInformationLady.com](http://TheWealthInformationLady.com). Content in this material is for general information only and not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual. Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment adviser.*

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