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Area couple pushing for EpiPen legislation after son's death

SIRENA MANKINS
EDITOR

ROME – A central Wisconsin couple is pushing for a new state law that would require all first-responders to carry EpiPens, which are used for the emergency treatment of severe allergic reactions. af-

ter their son died from an unknown peanut allergy.

In November, Mark and Cristin Mueller's 20-year-old son, Andrew, called them, saying he wasn't feeling right.

"We had him come home. If you Google it, everything says, 'Take Benadryl.' Well, we gave him two tablets of Benadryl.

and it just progressed so quickly,” Cristin said. “We started to pull out of our driveway (to take Andrew to the hospital), and I had to call 9-1-1 right there, knowing I’m not going to make it to the hospital.”

When the first police offi-

EpiPen Legislation
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Mark and Cristin Mueller speak about their son, Andrew, who died in November from an unknown peanut allergy. The Wisconsin Rapids couple are pushing for a new state law that would require all first responders to carry epinephrine.

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In the town of Rome, all first responders now carry epinephrine to counteract allergic reactions. From left are Police Chief Jason Lauby, Fire Chief Mark Kane and officer Jasmine Aldrich.

EPIPEN
LEGISLATION

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cer got to their Wisconsin Rapids home, Cristin said Andrew was still conscious but struggling to breath. They started CPR, but first officer didn't have epinephrine to reverse the allergic reaction. It took about another seven minutes for it to arrive, but by then Andrew's body had already started shutting down.

"That extra seven minutes really did cost him his life," she said.

The Muellers reached out to state Sen. Patrick Testin and state Rep. Scott Krug, and the two are working on legislation that

would require all first responders to carry epinephrine. They also would be required to undergo training to recognize the signs of severe allergic reactions and understand the proper procedures for administering epinephrine. The training would cover how to safely store the medication, how to administer it, and what steps to take after the injection to ensure the individual receives the proper follow-up care.

The bill has made it out of the state Senate and now is working its way through the Assembly. Some communities aren't waiting for it to pass.

"Communities all over the state see the mandate



Mark and Cristin Mueller speak with Rome Fire Chief Mark Kane about their son, Andrew, who died in November from an unknown peanut allergy. In Rome, all first responders now carry epinephrine to counteract allergic reactions.

Sirena Mankins / City Times photos

“We don’t want anyone else to go through what we went through, assuming that when you call for help, that someone’s going to be there right away with everything that you need,”

Cristin Mueller

SON DIED FROM ALLERGIC REACTION

from the state as a bill, and they decide, well, let's get ahead of it," Krug said. "Places like Rome here and other parts of my district – Grand Rapids, Fort Edwards – have all taken the initiative to do it on their own, without the state telling them you have to do it."

When it comes to public health, Krug said moving

fast is important.

"We are as slow as you can possibly be when it comes to statewide legislation. Communities can do this in a matter of weeks," he said.

That's the case in the town of Rome. There, all first responders now carry epinephrine.

"It's a very comfort-

ANDREW MUELLER'S BENEFIT SHOW
WHAT: Mark and Cristin Mueller are planning a benefit in their son Andrew's memory. The car and truck show will have awards and raffles, and proceeds will go toward starting a scholarship fund in Andrew's name and raising epinephrine awareness.
WHERE: Golden Sands Speedway, 11000 State Highway 54 E, Wisconsin Rapids
WHEN: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 21
COST: \$5; children 12 and younger get in free
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ing feeling to know that so many of the communities are backing us," Mark said.

Police Chief Jason Lauby said having epinephrine on-hand is another tool they can use to keep their community safe.

"It was simple decision for me to make, to just get it and implement it sooner than later," he said. "And you never know when we're going to need it. We could need it tomorrow. We could need it 10 years from now."

The legislation making its way through Madison builds on Dillon's Law, which also was born out of tragedy. In that case, Dillon Mueller (no relation to Andrew) died after being stung by a bee. The law, signed in 2017, allows anyone to be certified epinephrine use, so they can carry it and administer it in the case of a severe allergic reaction, and it protects those who do

use it against civil liability.

Versions of the law have been passed in Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana, and there's an ongoing effort in Congress to pass a federal law.

The Mishicot teen's parents, George and Angel Mueller, started the Do It for Dillon Epinephrine Training Program. The state-approved course takes about an hour, and it's free.

"We don't want anyone else to go through what we went through, assuming that when you call for help, that someone's going to be there right away with everything that you need," Cristin said. "It's very bittersweet. You know, we would rather not have to be in this situation right now, but it's wonderful that the community has really taken to our initiative and our mission to get epinephrine to everyone that needs it."

Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield welcomes founding leadership team

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – The Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield has named two people to its founding leadership team: Chris West, joining as the Marshfield Center director; and Kaitlyn Konrardy, stepping into the role of director of community outreach.

Their arrivals mark a pivotal milestone as the Boys & Girls Club, or BGC, prepares to open its doors to local youth on June 16 at

Grant Elementary School, in partnership with the Marshfield School District's summer school program.

As director, West will oversee day-to-day operations, programming and staff development at the Marshfield Club. Having previously served as the center director at the Jefferson Elementary location in Stevens Point, West brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for

youth development to his new role, the BGC said in a news release. He is committed to advancing the BGC's mission to inspire and empower all young people to reach their full potential in the Marshfield area.

Konrardy, a Marshfield native, will focus on building relationships with families, local organizations and community supporters, the BGC said. Konrardy is passionate about giving back to the community she calls home and is committed to the long-term success of the Marshfield Club. Her focus will include building community awareness, strengthening financial sustainability and expanding the Club's reach and im-



Chris West
Director, Marshfield Boys & Girls Club

pact throughout Marshfield and its surrounding areas.

"This is a defining moment not just for the Boys & Girls Club of Portage Coun-



Kaitlyn Konrardy
Director of community outreach, Marshfield Boys & Girls Club

ty, but for the Marshfield community," said Danielle Belsky, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Portage Coun-

ty. "With Chris and Kaitlyn at the helm, we are launching with heart, vision and strong leadership. I truly believe Marshfield's youth and families will feel the impact of this Club from day one."

The Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield will officially open its doors on June 16 at Grant Elementary School, operating in conjunction with the Marshfield School District's summer school program. The Club will provide high-quality programming and a safe, supportive environment where youth can learn, grow, and thrive, the news release said.

To learn more, go to: www.bgclubpc.org/marshfield

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Boys & Girls Club plans anniversary picnic

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Five years ago, the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area stood on the edge of a bold dream — to create a permanent space where more youth could be served, supported and inspired to reach their greatest potential. Together the Boys & Girls Club and the South Wood County YMCA have made that dream become a vibrant reality, and both organizations proudly invite the community to celebrate five years of impact, growth and partnership.

"Our current space has been transformative," said Erin Hess, branch executive director of the South Wood County YMCA. "It's not just a building, but rather it's proof that when a community comes together, we can do great things."

From 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 12, the Club and its

partner, the South Wood County YMCA, will host a 5th Anniversary Partnership Picnic and Open House. Community members are invited to tour both the Club and YMCA; enjoy food, games, and prizes; and experience firsthand the difference that dedicated youth spaces make in the lives of children and teens.

The Club's permanent home has allowed for the expansion of programs, increased access for more young people, and a deeper embodiment of the Boys & Girls Club mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

"We are proud to be able to provide a place where anyone, regardless of age, income, and social status, can find encouragement, support and

IF YOU GO
WHAT: 5th Anniversary Partnership Picnic & Open House
WHEN: 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 12
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community," Hess said.

This milestone also celebrates the power of partnership. The Club's growing collaboration with the YMCA represents a shared vision for stronger communities and brighter futures. Together, both organizations are committed to putting youth development front and center, providing safe, supportive and enriching environments that children and families can count on.

As the Club marks this five-year anniversary, it also looks to the future with renewed energy.

"We are just getting started," said Jennifer Allen, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area. "The past five years laid the foundation — now we look ahead to what's next, with the same bold vision and deep community support that got us here."



Phillip and Margaret Adler. NWCHS photo

Showstopper: Tragedy strikes, not just once

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
MMC SENIOR EDITOR

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“Smile, a while, and while you smile, another smiles

And soon there’s miles and miles of smiles

And life’s worthwhile, because you smile.”

-The Monarch of Mirth

As the newlyweds winded their way through America’s countryside in J.P.’s touring car, they stopped to take in many of the country’s most illustrious sights. Oblivious to the peril brewing at home, the joyous couple made a layover in the environs of Chicago. They lingered in the city a while unaware relatives were frantically trying to reach them.

That previous Sunday evening, J.P.’s mother Margaret had asked her husband if they could go see the show at the Adler Opera House. Having suffered from a paralytic stroke, Margaret had difficulties getting around and rarely was able to bring herself to

go out for an evening.

Quickly to oblige her, Philip made arrangements for the evening show. A night of laughter might be just what she needed, as Arthur Clamage, known as the “Monarch of Mirth,” would be producing the evening’s show.

The night was a potpourri of beauty, laughter and song and dance, as Clamage and his chorus put on an entertaining show worthy of “Big Broadway.”

As Margaret returned to her home on Adler Road, she was more tired than ever and asked to immediately retire to her bed. The family obliged her, taking Margaret to her room.

As loving hands guided her to bed, Margaret was overcome by another stroke and was taken suddenly from their grasp.

After feverishly trying to reach the newly-married couple by telephone and telegraph, J.P. and Rosa were found in Chicago. In shock, they packed up their car and returned to Marshfield with heavy hearts.

What should have been

a happy time for the couple was filled with sorrow as they lay J.P.’s mother to rest at just 57 years of age.

Just two weeks later, J.P.’s father made plans for a car ride with three other Marshfield business men. Peter Daul, proprietor of the Eagle Hotel and local Jeffrey automobile agent, was eager to try out the new 1915 Jeffrey touring car. He had just received the new demonstration model and made plans to visit a Dorchester, Wis., hotel owner —a former Marshfield resident and Wood County Sheriff.

Philip Adler met Peter Daul that Sunday afternoon in the Eagle Hotel, joined by Marshfield real estate dealer, C.A. Githe-na, and Robert Schroeder, a Marshfield blacksmith who served the city as assistant fire chief and alderman.

The four prominent businessman enjoyed a leisurely visit in Dorchester and returned on the road which would become today’s State Highway 13.

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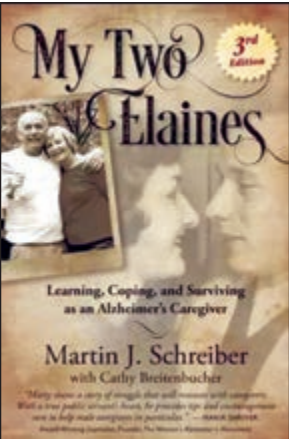
Former Wisconsin Gov. Marty Schreiber will speak about his book, “My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer’s Caregiver,” during an event at Renaissance by Rennes-Wisconsin Rapids on June 16. Contributed photo

Former governor shares Alzheimer’s journey

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Former Wisconsin Governor Marty Schreiber will speak about his book, “My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer’s Caregiver,” during an event at Renaissance by Rennes-Wisconsin Rapids on June 16.

In “My Two Elaines,” Schreiber shares his story of love, life, learning and caregiving for someone who has Alzheimer’s. As two-thirds of those with Alzheimer’s are women, Schreiber offers special guidance for anyone thrust into this unexpected job. This presentation is ideal for



Former Wisconsin Gov. Marty Schreiber’s book, “My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer’s Caregiver.”

caregivers, family members and loved ones who want a greater understanding of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s.

With patience, adaptability and even a sense of humor, Schreiber shows how love continues for his “Second Elaine.” Following the presentation, Schreiber will stay for a question-and-answer period with the audience.

Light refreshments and books will be available. Admission is free to the public.

The talk will be from 6 to 7 p.m. June 16. Register in advance at: www.rennes-group.com/events

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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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Lincoln High's Stoffel honored by Northwestern University

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Teachers teach a curriculum. Many change lives. This year's honorees for the Morton Schapiro Distinguished Secondary School Teacher Awards do both and then some.

The award, named for Morton Schapiro, Northwestern University's 16th president, honors outstanding high school teachers for their commitment to students. The teachers are chosen from nominations submitted by graduating Northwestern seniors. The awards carry a stipend of \$5,000 for each teacher and \$5,000 for each of their high schools.

Among this year's award winners is Julie Stoffel, a performing arts teacher and choir director at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids.

"A great education begins long before a student's first day of college," Northwestern President Michael Schill said. "It starts earlier, with the teachers who challenged them, guided them and put them in a position to succeed



Julie Stoffel

at the highest levels of academia. I am proud to honor the transformative educators who laid the foundation for our students during this year's commencement activities."

At Lincoln High School, Stoffel conducts more than melodies. Over the last several years, she has composed a sanctuary of growth and self-discovery through her work as a performing arts teacher and choir director.

Stoffel takes choral groups to numerous musical festivals where they consistently earn top ratings. While passionate about music, Stoffel's true measure of success lies in the transformative jour-

neys of her students.

"I firmly believe that the arts provide invaluable opportunities for growth, not only in musical skills, but also in students' understanding of the world around them," Stoffel said in a news release. "Whether through singing songs that reflect different cultures, historical periods or current events, students expand their horizons as they engage in music making."

What distinguishes Stoffel's classroom is its dual nature as both sanctuary and challenge.

"This passion is most evident when you step foot in her class and see her students shed their anxiety, come out of their comfort zone and shine in ways they may not have thought possible," Principal Rodrick Watson said.

For many students, particularly those in the LG-BTQ+ community, Stoffel's classroom has become a safe haven, said Adrienne Scheide, a senior at Northwestern and a former student of Stoffel.

"She created a place for

us to thrive. Mrs. Stoffel is one of the toughest people I know," Scheide said.

That held true even while Stoffel herself was facing personal challenges, Scheide said.

"Mrs. Stoffel still showed up for us and was a caregiver that many of us needed," she said. "She continues to spend an unimaginable amount of time devoting herself to others."

Stoffel isn't just an educator, she's also a student, pursuing a Master of Music Education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Through musical productions, choir performances and daily interactions, Stoffel demonstrates that teaching excellence isn't just about perfect pitch — it's about hitting the right notes in students' lives and creating harmonies that resonate long after graduation.

Stoffel and the other award winners — Stephanie Hill, Jennifer Neff and Rita Thompson — will be honored during the Northwestern commencement ceremony on June 15.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Father's Day!

Dear Reader,

Father's Day is just around the corner — a perfect time to reflect on the men who raised us, guided us, and helped shape who we are. Fathers, notably, were there at the very beginning of our lives—and have hopefully stood by us ever since. Everyone needs a good father. A good father takes his responsibilities seriously, especially the profound responsibility of raising children.

We can learn so much from a good father. He teaches, he walks with us through the victories and tribulations of life. He is there when we need him most.

I remember when I was heading off to school, I asked my father for advice I could carry with me. He shared something timeless — essentially the advice Polonius gives his son Laertes in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*: "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." Simple words that carry profound wisdom: authenticity and integrity serve as the foundation for a life well-lived.

The best fathers provide both roots and wings — stability to know where home is and confidence to venture into the world. They teach us to face challenges with courage, to treat others with respect, and to understand that character matters more than achievement.

My father taught me that listening is often more important than speaking, that keeping promises builds trust that no amount of explanation can restore once broken, and that showing up—consistently and reliably — speaks volumes about what we truly value.

To all the fathers who show up day after day, who balance guidance with freedom, who demonstrate love through both words and actions — thank you. Your legacy lives on in the lives you've touched and the values you've instilled.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.



Thomas receives PEO Star Award

FOR CITY NEWS

The Wisconsin Rapids P.E.O Chapter O recently presented a \$1,000 local STAR AWARD to Nekoosa High School graduate Leah Thomas. The presentation was made during the Nekoosa Scholarship Night program by Rosemary Felice, a member of Chapter O's Scholarship Committee.

P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization of women dedicated to motivating, educating, and celebrating women. Their goal is to help women around the world advance through edu-

cation. P.E.O. Chapter O has been active in the Wisconsin Rapids area for 101 years.

Leah has been a member of the National Honor Society, Link Crew, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and F.B.L.A president, plus multiple volunteer opportunities at school and in the community. During high school she has worked as a CESA 5 Youth Apprentice in the Business Program helping manage the school concession stands and is a current employee of Walmart. She will attend the Mid-State Technical College University Transfer Program in Associate of Arts after which she plans to transfer to University Wisconsin-Stevens Point to continue her education towards a law degree.

Leah is the daughter of Brent and Bonnie Thomas of Nekoosa.



Leah Thomas, left, accepts a \$1,000 STAR Award from Rosemary Felice of the Wisconsin Rapids P.E.O Chapter O. Thomas is a Nekoosa High School graduate and will attend Mid-State Technical College. **Contributed photo**

Marshfield Medical earns recognition for women's health services

FOR CITY TIMES

MARSHFIELD – Marshfield Medical Centers, including in Marshfield, have been recognized as Birthing-Friendly hospitals by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Birthing-Friendly designation is part of CMS's broader Maternity Care Action Plan, which aims to improve maternal health outcomes nationwide. Hospitals that receive this recognition must participate in a statewide or national perinatal quality improvement collaborative and implement evidence-based practices that enhance maternal safety.

In addition to the CMS designation, Marshfield Medical Centers in Eau Claire and Marshfield earned accolades for maternity care excellence. Each location received High Performing in Maternity Care (Uncomplicated Pregnancy) by U.S. News & World Report. This recognition is based on outcomes such as low C-section rates, strong breastfeeding support and access to midwife-led care.

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Yacht Rock Gold Experience • Sun. 8/10, Performing Arts Center of Wisconsin Rapids, 1801 16th St S, Wisconsin Rapids. 70's & 80's rock. Starts at 4 pm. \$43 adults, \$15 students. savortheararts.com

EVENTS/SPECTATOR SPORTS

“Longest Day” Brat Fry Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Awareness • Fri. 6/20, Renaissance by Rennes, 1500 Pepper Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Enjoy food, music & community spirit, all in support of a vital cause. Proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Brats are \$3. Live music by Terry's Music Ministry. Cheesy Ways food truck on site. Bring a lawn chair. Starts at 11 am. rennesgroup.com

Cranberry Blossom Fest Parade • Sun. 6/22, West Grand Ave, downtown Wisconsin Rapids. Expect a parade full of vintage flair, classic cars, retro-inspired floats & throwback tunes that will transport you through the decades all while paying tribute to the iconic cranberry industry that shaped our community. Starting at the South Wood County YMCA, going down West Grand Ave, crossing the bridge onto East Grand Ave, East Grand Ave & 8th St. Starts at 12 pm. business. wisconsinrapidschamber.com/events/details/cranberry-blossom-festival-parade-blast-from-the-past-30559

Community Pancake Breakfast at the Wisconsin Rapids Airport • Sat. 6/28, hosted by EAA Chapter 706 at South Wood County Airport, Wisconsin Rapids. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. Come see fire trucks, police cars, medical helicopters & lots of airplanes. Starts at 8 am. \$10. \$6 for kids 7 & under. chapters.eaa.org/ea706

Christian Women's Connection Ladies Brunch • Wed. 7/16, The Elk's Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Speaker, Barbara Hoffer will present “Are You Ready for Adventure?” Special feature will be Becky Mischnick & her therapy dog. Reservations are essential. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations by 7/8

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Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Parents Twelve Step Meeting • Every Tues., First Congregational Church, 311 2nd St S, Wisconsin Rapids. Hilltop lot entrance. Starts at 6 pm. 920-475-6202

Lunch by the River • Thursdays from June-Aug., Veteran's Memorial Park, Wisconsin Rapids. Enjoy live music, local food trucks & outdoor games. Starts at 11:30 am. Free. wisconsinrapidschamber.com

OUTDOORS

Uses for Cattails • Sat. 6/14, Sandhill Wildlife Area, Babcock. Learn about various uses of cattails ranging from edible, non edible & how to harvest. Knee boots, hip boots or waders are likely to be needed. Starts at 10 am. \$20. vpalen@tds.net or 715-652-3131

Annual Chamber Golf Outing • Tues. 7/22, The Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids. Enjoy playing golf outdoors while connecting with other fellow members & promoting your business. Starts at 10 am. \$125/ golfer. Includes 18-holes of golf with cart, a grill/grab & go lunch and a buffet dinner. business.wisconsinrapidschamber.com/events/details/42nd-annual-lucky-s-summer-golf-classic-july-22nd-2025-30561

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Power of Business Luncheon: All About AI! • Tues. 6/24, Mid-State Technical College, Wisconsin Rapids. Join us for an engaging luncheon focused on the power of Artificial Intelligence in business. Learn how to apply AI tools in your workplace-including prompt engineering, building your own bot, instant organizing & more. Register by 6/17. Starts at 11 am. \$35 members, \$45 nonmembers. business. wisconsinrapidschamber.com/events/details/power-of-business-luncheon-30554

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 • 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/>

“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.swch-museum.com/>

Material Girls Quilt Club 2025 Quilt Show • Fri.-Sat. 6/20-6/21, hosted by the Material Girls Quilt Club at Assumption High School, 445 Chestnut St, Wisconsin Rapids. Come enjoy the beautiful quilts! Vote for the Viewer's Choice, get in on the Raffle Quilt & Raffle Baskets & check out Something Old/Something New Shop. This year's special display is “Log Cabin” quilts. There will be classes, vendors & food available & machine cleaning and scissor sharpening. Quilts of Valor presentation on Sat. at 11 am. Starts at 9 am. blossomfest.com or 715-421-2028

LIFELINES

Blood Drive • Fri. 6/13, South Wood County YMCA, 601 W Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

Blood Drive • Fri. 6/20, McMillan Library, 490 E Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Starts at 10 am. Redcrossblood.org

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City Times photos**



Lady Royals head to state track meet

BY KATHERINE MAZUREK
FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS
– The Assumption Track and Field team competed at the Marathon Sectional on May 30, with Top 4 finishers advancing to the state tournament. The whole team performed very well in a tough sectional; however it was the Lady Royals who punched their ticket to state meet next weekend.

The girls were lead by sectional champion Bella Thomas in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and sectional champion Lucy Dolan in the 3200m run and sectional runner-up in the 1600m run. Also advancing is Brooklyn Schoenick with a fourth-place 1600m run. The 1600m relay team of Emily

Mrozek, Brooklyn Schoenick, Lucy Dolan and Bella Thomas placed fifth but ran a time fast enough across the division to earn an extra qualifier spot.

Four school records were also broken that night: Bella Thomas in the 100M (11.94) and 200M (24.71) dashes; and Lucy Dolan in the 1600M run (5:02.09) and the 1600M Relay (4:07.88)

Brooklyn Schoenick also ran the 800m placing 10th. Callie Schoenick placed 14th in the 800m and 13th in the 3200m run, and Leire Sainz De Rosa placed 7th in the 3200m run.

The boys 400m relay of Joseph Johnson, Owen Hagan, Trey France and Cullen Thomas just missed advancing, placing fifth. The 800m relay of that same team of boys placed seventh.

The 1600m relay of Cullen Thomas, Aiden Daliege, Thomas Hannum and Joseph Johnson narrowly missed advancing by placing sixth in a very close finish.

Reed Hartjes placed eighth in the 1600m run and seventh in the 3200m run.

The 3200m boys relays placed 15th.

MSOE names Dean's List for spring

FOR CITY TIMES

MILWAUKEE –Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) has named the following students to its Spring Semester 2025 Dean's List.

- Julia Drewiske of Wisconsin Rapids, High Honors. Drewiske is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.
- Ruby Semenchuk of Marshfield, High Honors. Semenchuk is pursuing a Bach-

el of Science in Architectural Engineering.

- Daniel Venegas of Wisconsin Rapids, High Honors. Venegas is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

MSOE is a nonprofit university with about 2,800 students. It offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing.

Ripon College names Spring Dean's List

FOR CITY TIMES

RIPON – Ripon College has announced its Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester, recognizing academic excellence. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 cred-

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- Ryder Ebbe of Nekoosa
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Planning for retirement can seem intimidating and is often filled with ambivalence.

On the one hand, we fantasize about how great it would be to have a schedule filled just with our own personal activities, not having to report to work anymore. On the other hand, it’s often scary to think about a life without the paycheck we’ve received and relied upon for our entire adult lives.

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These rules are not necessarily bad as long as you fully understand and build your strategy around them. Pair that with one or more accounts in your strategy that have full liquidity so

that money is accessible in lump sums for things like a new vehicle or a vacation.

If you are analyzing investments that produce income, consider the flexibility to start and stop income when you want. Sometimes in retirement, people end up not spending all of the inflows that they are receiving. It’s great to have the ability to stop the income, reinvesting into new shares and/or deferring to avoid withdrawals that result in income taxation.

Consider the flexibility to completely sell out of your investment. How do you liquidate when you want to? Your “best” investment today may no longer be desirable in the future. Markets change. Interest rates change. Your needs will change.

Your sources of retirement income should be diversified, complimentary to each other and have a degree of flexibility. You’ll know in your stage of planning when you reach this point because the outlook for the future is less daunting and is often replaced with a sigh of relief.

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