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The Henry Christopher Hotel timeline shifts as historic reviews continue

Community Update
by Lee Gentine

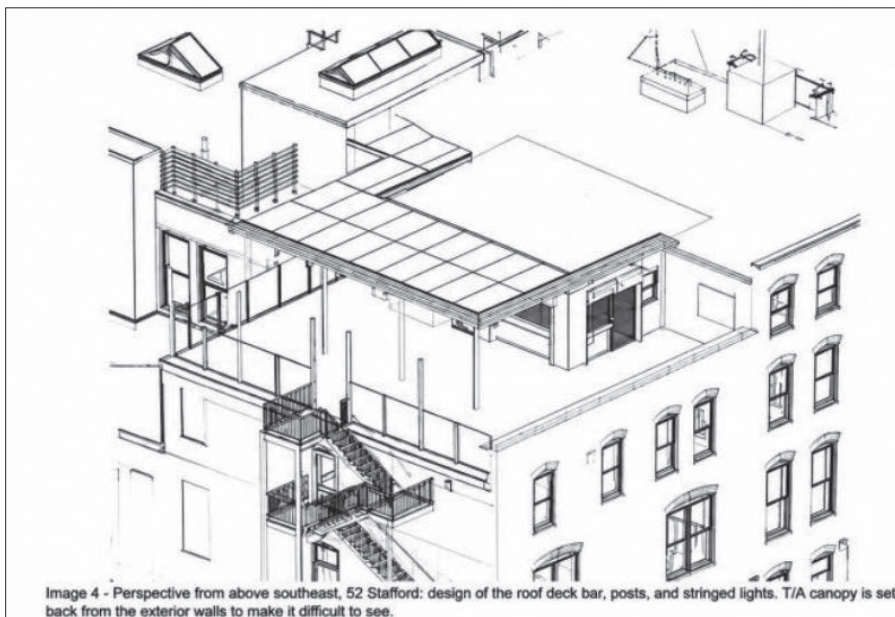


Image 4 - Perspective from above southeast, 52 Stafford: design of the roof deck bar, posts, and strung lights. T/A canopy is set back from the exterior walls to make it difficult to see.

PARTY IN THE BACK – The hotel's rooftop bar, called 'The Mullet' will feature views of its namesake river and downtown, with space for acoustic live music. – submitted sketch

The new and exciting downtown Plymouth development of the H.C. Laack Block is making steady progress. Restoration of the 19th century buildings is moving forward, yet slower than anticipated due to a combination of engineering challenges, design changes and required historic reviews.

"We're encouraged by the progress being made now that those challenges are mostly resolved. Nevertheless, We anticipate the hotel will open mid to late 2027," said Lee Gentine, one of the family members participating in the project.

"We thank the community for their support and patience. I've received so many positive comments about the project and how people can't wait to see it open. We share that enthusiasm!"

"Historic preservation is a privilege and we appreciate collaborating with our partners at the Wisconsin Historical Society and the National Park Service. The review process may take as long as 60 days which keeps the building history and importance of historic details front and center," said Louie Gentine, CEO of

LAG Family LLC.

Entertaining Elements: A Peek Inside

When the opening day arrives next year, the community is in for a real treat. The Henry Christopher Hotel will be a welcoming space with a down-to-earth vibe where everyone, from those who call Sheboygan County home to visitors, will feel comfortable. It will be like stepping into a familiar place with today's touch.

"It's been a fun challenge to figure out how everything flows; how the lobby flows to the elevators and then to the rooms. But my favorite part - and what I get asked about the most is the rooftop bar," said Mike McEvoy, another Gentine family member leading the project. "It will be called The Mullet after our river in town. We're thrilled to add this amenity to downtown Plymouth. You'll be able to order appetizers and beverages overlooking the river and downtown. There's also space for a duet or solo acoustic live music."

Like the 80s hairstyle, The Mullet will certainly be 'the party in the back' for those wanting to kick off the weekend or their staycation getaway. The Pharmacy is the hotel's street-level restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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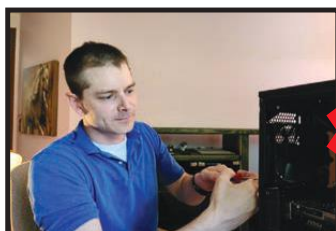
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Plymouth man charged with two counts of First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child

Press release from Plymouth Police Dept. - Jun. 8, 2026

Criminal charges have been filed against Christopher Rentmeester, of Plymouth, Wisconsin, alleging two counts of First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child Sexual Intercourse with a Person Under the Age of 12.

According to the criminal complaint, the charges arise from allegations involving a child victim under the age of 12. First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child is a Class B felony under Wisconsin law and is among the most serious criminal offenses prosecuted in state court.

These state charges are separate from a federal criminal case recently filed against Rentmeester in the United States District Court. In that matter, federal prosecutors have charged Rentmeester with Production of Child Pornography. The state and federal cases

are distinct proceedings and will be handled independently by their respective courts.

The filing of these charges follows an investigation conducted by the Plymouth Police Department, Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office, FBI and prosecutors. Authorities continue to emphasize their commitment to protecting children, supporting victims, and pursuing criminal accountability when evidence supports prosecution.

The public is reminded that criminal charges are allegations only. Christopher Rentmeester is presumed innocent



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High school junior finds instant demand for his new mobile car detailing service

Dave Boehler
for The Beacon

Some teenagers' only focus is video games. Then there's Plymouth junior Joshua Watkins.

"So since the age of like 14, I've always wanted to start a business and it's just always been a thought in my mind," the 17-year-old said. "I just didn't really have the resources then. ...

"But I've always cleaned my parents' cars. And then I figured, why couldn't I make that into a business? And I did. And it's going great for me. I'm just happy with the support from the community. And I'm so happy that I have the resources now to do it."

Watkins' Driveway Details – mobile car detailing services throughout Sheboygan County – officially started just last week.

"It's crazy, honestly," he said. "Like, within this week, I've scheduled over 20 cars. Just this week, I think I have 15 jobs,



Plymouth junior Joshua Watkins opened his Driveway Details starting June 2. – submitted photos

see CAR DETAILING, page 21



PUBLIC HEARING Open Public Participation Health & Human Services Proposed 2027 Budget

Date: Monday, June 22, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Locations:

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(for remote meeting access web link or dial phone number)

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***Public comments via Zoom must be pre-registered (see below)**

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The Sheboygan County Health & Human Services Department delivers a continuum of services through Economic Support, Child Support, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Child & Family Services, Aging & Disability Resources, and Elder Services.

Members of the public are invited to attend the hearing and offer comments in preparation for the 2027 Budget of the Sheboygan County Health & Human Services Department.

*Pre-Registration for public comments via Zoom requires submission and registration (including name and phone number) with the recording secretary prior to the meeting. To register for public comment via Zoom, please email wendy.gorges@sheboygancounty.com

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Spring sports end with trips to state

■ Track, tennis and golf athletes compete in tournaments in La Crosse, Madison



South's State Track participants were: Jayden Wesaw (from left to right), Olivia Knowles and David Venegas. - Submitted photo



North senior Marcus Calkins ties for 16th in the 100th State Golf Tournament at University Ridge. - Submitted photo



Elijah Lee (from left to right), Colby Smith and Sawyer Braults competed at State Tennis for North. - Submitted photo

A few weeks after breaking a school record from 1990, South's David Venegas finished fifth in the 400 meters at the Division 1 State Track & Field Championship at UW-La Crosse.

"I was completely okay with fifth, because last year I also made the state final but I took last (10th place)," he said.

"Just simply making the podium and earning a medal this year with fifth was such a big accomplishment for me, since it was something I couldn't do previously. It was almost like redemption for myself, so I was completely okay with it - although I wish I could have competed a bit harder and placed higher."

The senior's time was 48.55 in his final race, and his 48.33 at the regional meet erased the previous mark of 48.64 set by Chris Shore.



"To be honest, I did not expect it at that moment because my personal best had been a whole second slower than it was," Venegas said. "Although I hadn't been doing the best throughout the season, that one day I felt good again, and I expected to drop a few tenths of a second - but not a complete second to break the record. It was unbelievable. I ran straight to my coach."

That's Kevin Herber, who also added: "I'm so proud of him, and his sprint coach Kaila Jones for pushing him to reach his goal (of a state medal)."



Venegas will attend the University of Wisconsin and will try to be a walk-on in the Badger track program.

"I'll try training there," he said. "But if I cannot, I would join the club track team and try to improve my time so that in my future years in college, I can walk-on. That would just be a dream. And I think I can do it."

South junior Olivia Knowles ran in three events, highlighted by 10th-place showings in the 100 (12.45) and 200 (25.33).

She was also 14th in the prelims of the 300 hurdles (46.92). And senior Jayden Wesaw

took 13th in the long jump (21-5.75) and 18th in the triple jump (41-2.5).

North results

Two seniors got to Division 1 State in Ian Willemsen (13th in the 1,600 in 4:19.15) and Kasey Levinsohn (19th in the 3,200 in 9:48.10).

Giebler comes close

No athlete from Lutheran or Christian made state, but Crusader sophomore Eddy Giebler nearly qualified by taking fifth in the 1,600 in the Division 3 Hilbert Sectional.



BOYS GOLF

The 100th Championship was held, and North senior Marcus Calkins finished tied for 16th in Division 1. He shot a two-day 147 after rounds of 72 and 75 at University Ridge.

BOYS TENNIS

Three North players competed in Division 1 and advanced to the second round in Madison.

Senior Sawyer Brault, who reached state twice in doubles, opened the singles tourney with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Jaxon Grant of Burlington. He was then eliminated to finish with a 19-14 record.

Seniors Elijah Lee/Colby Smith made their debut at state and defeated Bay Port's Brady Wells/Porter DeGroot, 4-6, 6-4, 10-3. They followed with a loss to end with a 19-9 mark.

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A's open season with highlights

The Sheboygan A's opened Wisconsin State League play in impressive fashion, winning three of four games against the Addison Braves at Wildwood Park.

They finished the four-game series behind a dominant stretch of pitching that allowed a total of just seven runs.

Jared Reklaitis, Gavin Gawronski, and Shaun Gavin combined to throw three complete-game victories while allowing just five earned runs over 19 innings.

Reklaitis tossed a complete-game three-hitter with eight strike outs and no walks in a 4-1 victory.

And Chase Hanselman provided insurance in the fifth with a solo home run.

In a 13-1 nightcap victory, Gawronski earned the complete-game win by allowing just one hit in the five-inning affair.

Harry Steldt highlighted the

offense with a three-run home run and finished with five RBIs.

Jimmy Juergensen added a home run, double, and three RBIs.

In a 4-3 extra-inning loss the following day, Eric Schmitz struck out six in seven innings and Brad Rindfleisch was sharp in relief in his first appearance of the season.

Sheboygan won the nightcap, 5-1, as Gavin scattered three hits over seven innings while striking out seven.

Juergensen lined a two-run double into right field for all the runs the A's needed.

Win by walkoff

Juergensen delivered the biggest swing of the young season by launching a three-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Sheboygan to a 7-5 victory over the Appleton Legends at Wildwood Park.

Jacob Neese and Chase Han-



Jimmy Juergensen hits a walkoff home run for Sheboygan. - Photo by Sheila Syrjala

selman had hits before scoring on Juergensen's drive over the right field fence.

Nick Tenny's solo homer to left got the A's within a run in the seventh to set the stage for the late-game heroics.

Hanselman finished 4-for-4 with two runs scored.

Tenny went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Rain, rain, go away

Sheboygan had back-to-back rainouts late last week.

The home contest against Menasha cancelled on Friday will be made up on July 10 at Wildwood Park.

The Thursday game against Kewaskum in West Bend was postponed, too, but a makeup date will be announced soon.

A look ahead

Youth Hockey Night is 7:30 p.m. Thursday when the A's host Appleton. It's free general admission tickets for youth wearing their hockey jersey.

And next Tuesday at 6 p.m. is Plymouth Dirt Track Night, as race cars will be in the parking lot before the game against Kewaskum.



Looking ahead

The Beacon will feature spring all-conference teams in the next edition, which includes Lutheran's James Schulze in baseball. - Photo by Carla Solle

Opel Memorial registration is near

The Sheboygan County Tennis Association's Doug Opel Memorial/Junior Championships has a new home this year.

The tournament, which will be held July 24-25, will take place at Kohler High School at Ebben Field and the nearby village courts.

This tournament is open to any boy or girl who is 18 years old or younger, and two matches are guaranteed for all divisions.

Players of all skill levels are encouraged to participate, as divisions are separated by age/ability.

The registration deadline is July 17 at 5 p.m.

There is also an early bird registration special available for preferred pricing and guaranteed t-shirt size if the registration form is received by July 7.

In addition, there is also family discount pricing for registering more than one child within a family.

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Hardcopy registration forms are available at the tennis bulletin boards at Sheboygan North and South tennis courts, Sports Core, Sheboygan/Kohler/Sheboygan Falls/Plymouth Recreation Departments, and the local YMCAs.

Electronic registrations are available to print from the SCTA's website at SheboyganTennis.weebly.com, the SCTA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sheboygantennis/>, or by sending an email to SCTA@live.com or calling 920-207-9349 to request one be sent to electronically.

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Palou looks to win again at Road America

The IndyCar Series returns to Road America this weekend for the Grand Prix, one of the most anticipated events of the summer.

Defending Road America winner Alex Palou returns, along with a deep field expected to include Pato O'Ward, Will Power, Josef Newgarden, Scott Dixon, Kyle Kirkwood, and newly-crowned Indy 500 champion and 2020 Road America winner Felix Rosenqvist.

The featured race is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m. and will air live on FOX.

Fans can also follow the weekend through FOX Sports coverage, including practice and qualifying sessions across

FS1, FS2, and FOX One.

Radio coverage is available via SiriusXM channel 218 and the IndyCar app.

Indy NXT will race twice at Road America, with the first one scheduled for Saturday at 11:30 a.m. on FS1, and the next set for Sunday at 11 a.m. on FS1.

Vintage Indy will bring historic machines back to the facility for displays and on-track activity, giving fans a rare look at the cars that helped shape the sport.

The weekend also gives a close look at the next generation of racing talent, as many drivers in the open-wheel developmental series continue their climb toward the IndyCar Series.

Away from the racing, Road America will offer a full week-end experience.

Guests can enjoy public karting at the Motorplex, the Disc Golf Course and the Family Fun Zone.

Tickets are available at roadamerica.com or by calling 800-365-7223.

What happened last year?

Scott Dixon, who held the lead late in the race, had to hit the pit stop with two laps to go. That allowed Alex Palou to pick up his sixth win of the season.

Felix Rosenqvist finished second and Santino Ferrucci took third (before chugging a beer from a fan).

SCHEDULE

Friday	
IndyCar Autographs	12:30
Indy NXT practice	2:00*
IndyCar practice	3:00*
Saturday	
Indy NXT qualifying	9:00^
IndyCar practice	10:00^
NXT Grand Prix	11:30^
IndyCar qualifying	1:00^
Indy NXT Autographs	2:45
Sunday	
IndyCar warmup	10:00^
NXT Grand Prix	10:30^
IndyCar Grand Prix	12:30#
*FS2	^FS1
	#FOX

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State Hockey Tourney is on the move

The WIAA announced the State Hockey Tournaments will be held at LEGACY20 Arena at DeForest Yards next season.

The venue is scheduled for completion this summer, with the Madison Capitols of the United States Hockey League also relocating to the facility for the 2026-27 season.

The venue will have a seating capacity of 3,000 and is equipped with two ice surfaces.

The main one will be indoors and used for state, and the second will be a covered outdoor ice surface that will operate as

an arena during winter months.

The boys tournament was held at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Madison from the inception of the event in 1971 until 2022.

The only exceptions during that span was in 1974 and 1975 when it was held in Green Bay, and in 2021 when state was held in Wisconsin Rapids during the pandemic.

It relocated to the Bob Suter's LEGACY20 Arena (formerly named the Capitol Ice Arena) in Middleton from 2023-26.

Girls state has been held in conjunction with the boys since the sport was added in 2002.

"(This) marks an exhilarating new chapter for state hockey, bringing a world-class facility to our teams and fans," WIAA Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said.

"We are thrilled that the incredible team that we've worked with the past four years from Bob Suter's Arena is managing this new venue, ensuring the exceptional dedication and support foundational to the success of this event."

Green Bay to host Pro Bull Riders Series

The Professional Bull Riders Series will return to Green Bay's Resch Center on Sept. 18-19, as some of the top bull riders in the world face the sport's rankiest bovine athletes in the ultimate showdown of man against beast. The Series made its inaugural stop in Green Bay this past September.

Each competing rider will attempt one bull in Rounds 1 and 2. The top 10 riders will then advance to the championship round for one final ride and a chance to be crowned the event champion.

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Youth Hockey Night presented by Curt G. Joa

Saturday June 20th • 1:00 pm vs Kenosha

(Doubleheader) - Meijer Family Day

Tuesday, June 23rd • 7:30 pm vs Kewaskum

Plymouth Dirt Track Racing Night

Wednesday, June 24th • 7:30 pm vs Green Bay

Bud Light Night presented by Larry's Distributing

Friday, June 26th • 7:30 pm vs Chicago Rockies

Saturday, June 27th • 11:00 am vs Milwaukee

Tropics and @ 4 pm vs Milwaukee Beavers

Tuesday, June 30th • 7:30 pm vs West Allis

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items that fit the everyday, but also a special day with family and friends. The food and beverages will reflect the history of the buildings and at the same time, what people like to enjoy today,” said Louie.

Just like in days gone by, guests will be able to order shakes and malts from the soda fountain as well as crafted cocktails, mocktails and wine late into the afternoon and evening.

The first floor of the original Laack Hotel is being planned for event use. It will include a pre-event space for cocktail hours and a banquet room, perfect for small weddings, family reunions and special community events.

“Seating is currently planned at roughly 120 people. The Phar-

macy restaurant will seat up to 90 people, and the bar area can seat about 30 more,” said Lee. “Final construction and design elements are subject to change, but that’s basic overview. The hotel will have 34 rooms with most of the rooms planned with king-sized beds. There will also be adjoining room configurations for families or groups. Most guest rooms will have fireplaces and the bathrooms will be like a spa with body-spray and handheld fixtures.”

Downtown Impacts & What’s Next

The development team understands the parking impacts caused by the project and asks for continued patience. The re-opening of Stafford street is important to the team and the community, but this can only be done when it is safe for contrac-

tors and other service personnel.

This project is poised to create significant, positive economic impact for the city of Plymouth and represents the Gentine family’s commitment to the place they call home. The family plans to share more regular updates as milestones are reached, including photos. In the meantime, follow the “The Henry Christopher Hotel” Facebook and Instagram pages for photos and more and the “Plymouth Laack Block Restoration” on Facebook to go behind-the-scenes of the construction.

“It’s an honor to be able to restore this property in our hometown,” said Louie. “Our family has such fond memories of what it once was, and we look forward to transforming it into something meaningful and enjoyable for the community and hotel guests.”



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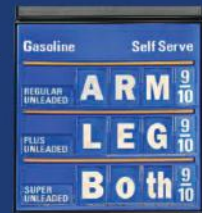
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Maywood's 'Walk on the Wild Side' to raise funds for park

SHEBOYGAN – On June 20, Maywood Environmental Park will host its annual Walk on the Wild Side at the park. The 3-mile trail walk raises funds for the park's programs and park improvement projects. A shorter prairie will also be offered. Registration opens at 8:30 am with activities beginning at 9 am and running until 12:30 pm.

New this year is a walk kick-off program at 9 am with live bird ambassadors from Open Door Bird Sanctuary. The program will be followed by a meet-and-greet opportunity.

The theme for this year's walk focuses on resident and migratory birds at the park. Along the 3-mile route, participants can engage in learning spots. Topics will include birding, what birds eat, protecting our birds from hazards, nests, eggs, and bird dances.

Participants in the walk will explore the park's six habitats: pine forest, hardwood forest, ponds, river, wetlands, and prairie. The walk offers a casual pace that encourages participants to explore nature as they travel the route.

After the walk, guests can enjoy snacks and time in the Ecology Center that includes hands on activities, live box turtles, and other displays.

Advanced registration is available online, via the mail, or in person at Maywood's Ecology Center. Registration will also be available with cash at the door on June 20.

More information about Maywood's Walk on the Wild Side and registration options, visit gomaywood.org/walk-on-the-wild-side/

Lakeland to Host Immersive STEAM Summer Youth Camps

A new Lakeland University partnership is bringing immersive, hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) summer camps to families in the Sheboygan County area beginning the week of July 27.

Club SciKidz is launching its inaugural year of full-day, week-long camps hosted on Lakeland's Sheboygan County campus, offering students ages 6-15 the opportunity to explore robotics, science, engineering and medicine in a collegiate setting.

Camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with extended camp care options available. With a 10:1 staff-to-student ratio, students receive personalized instruction in a small-group environment.

Each week, campers complete 15 or more hands-on projects — building, testing, designing and

experimenting using real tools and materials. Programs are fully immersive and designed to move beyond worksheets and passive learning.

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**Rhubarb
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I am ready to start on my bucket list of new rhubarb recipes to try. I saw one on Facebook for "Rhubarb Hummingbird bread". I have made traditional hummingbird bread several times and even a hummingbird cake. This one is just an added level of adding a veg-

etable with the fruit. We liked it so much I made it a second time with a little variation to the frosting. Because I am allergic to hibiscus flowers- I was a little cautious on using the hibiscus tea. The first time I tried it with peach tea, which does have hibiscus as one of the ingredients. The second time I used some of the pineapple juice -excellent. I also made a rhubarb bread pudding today and can't wait to

have summer for supper.

With the wet weather, and now the heat, the rhubarb should really take off for a bumper crop this year. That is good, because my list is long!

As always have fun making the recipes your own, by adding or subtracting ingredients your family likes. I know many of my readers substitute different flours, and even add flaxseed or other healthier options.

Before we get started, I want to congratulate my niece who graduated with distinction from U of Minnesota with a major in Psychology and a minor in English as a 2nd language. She has made us so proud over the years. It has been a privilege to watch her mature and blossom into a confident young woman. Best wishes in all of your future plans Janna.

This will be one of my extra items to take along to a few picnics we are invited to.

Sweet Dreams!

Rhubarb Hummingbird Bread

Tasty Recipes (facebook)

Preheat oven to 350° (325° if using a dark pan). Grease and flour a 9x5 loaf pan.

Mix in large bowl:

1 ½ c. flour
¾ c. brown sugar
½ t. baking soda
½ t. baking powder
½ t. salt

1 t. cinnamon

In another bowl whisk:

2 large eggs
½ c. oil
1 t. vanilla
1 ripe banana. Mashed*

Combine:
wet ingredients into dry, mix until just combined.

Fold in:

1 c. rhubarb, chopped small
½ c. crushed pineapple, drained

1/3 c. shredded coconut
1/3 c. chopped pecans*

Pour into pan and bake 45-55 min. until toothpick comes out clean.

Cool in pan for 15 min. and dump out to cool completely

Mix:

¾ c. powdered sugar
1-2 T. hibiscus tea, strongly brewed and cooled *
¼ t. vanilla

Pour over and spread on top of cooled loaf. Let harden and serve. Store in Refrigerator.

Note #1: I used a frozen banana and it worked well.

Note #2: you can use walnuts instead of pecans if you wish

Note#3: I used ½ c. boiling water with 1 Bigelow perfect peach tea bag steeped 5 min.

Note #4: This bread freezes really well. As always- you could make 2-3 small loaves and reduce the baking time.



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Summer events aim to bring community together

SHEBOYGAN — Discover a summer of belonging at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center (JMKAC), a season of free public programs, music, and festivals designed to bring artists and community members together through shared creative experiences.

The summer kicks off with the opening concert of the 2026 Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series on Thursday, June 25, 2026, featuring headliner Lindsay Lou taking the stage on Sheboygan's City Green. The Levitt AMP series continues throughout the summer with a lineup of musicians and groups representing diverse cul-

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tural traditions and contemporary sounds.

This year's lineup includes a global mix of artists and regional favorites, such as Plenazo Tribe, bringing the rhythms of Puerto Rican plena; Insun Park & Generals, blending rock with Korean traditional music and mask dance traditions led by a master of the Gangnyeong Mask Dance; and Tuvergen Band, known for fusing Mongolian throat singing with folk rock and blues.

Performances take place at Sheboygan's City Green, with the season finale held at the Arts Center's Art Preserve during Wayside Days in September.

Each concert offers more than live music, featuring food trucks, a beverage tent, free art activities in the STUDIO Tent, and opportunities for community engagement. Guests are welcome to bring their own food; outside alcohol is not permitted.

To view the full concert lineup visit: jmkac.org.

The summer of belonging continues with the 56th Midsummer Festival of the Arts, taking place July 18–19, 2026, on the streets surrounding the John Michael Kohler Arts Center and Sheboygan's City Green. This highly anticipated free event brings thousands of attendees together with more than 100 juried artists, including returning award winners from last year. Artists present original works across ceramics, painting, photography, metal, fiber, watercolor, wood, jewelry, and more.

The weekend also features live music, as part of the Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series, and performances, exhibitions, hands-on artmaking, demonstrations, food, and family-friendly activities. The Emerging Artist area offers collegiate and rising

artists opportunities to explore professional pathways in the arts.

Across the season, the summer of belonging invites audiences to gather, create, and connect through music, visual art, and shared experiences that reflect local and global artistic traditions.

The Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series is supported in part by the Levitt Family Foundation, which partners with changemakers and nonprofits to strengthen the social fabric of communities in America through free, live music in outdoor public spaces. In 2026, the Levitt Family Foundation is supporting over 900 free concerts in 90+ towns and cities across the country, bringing joy to over a million people.

Mayor Sorenson continues conversation with Amtrak

City of Sheboygan press release - Jun. 9, 2026

SHEBOYGAN – On June 6, Mayor Ryan Sorenson met with a regional representative from Amtrak to discuss opportunities for restoring historic passenger rail service to Sheboygan. This conversation builds on previous discussions the Mayor has held with Amtrak officials regarding the potential for improved rail connectivity and expanded transportation options for the

community.

Momentum for passenger rail expansion continues to grow across Wisconsin, with several communities actively

advancing rail initiatives and exploring future service opportunities. At the state level, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is also developing its Rail Plan 2050, a long-range strategy focused on strengthening rail infra-

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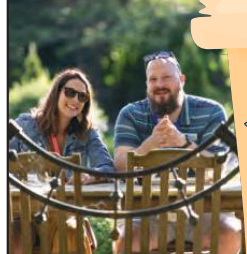
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A Look Back... on summertime frolic in Amsterdam

by **Sarah Hall**
for The Beacon

In this circa 1895-1900 photo,

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one of the “Lost Places of Sheboygan County” featured in the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center’s book and periodic

presentations with the same title. Navigating the pier’s uneven boards must have been quite the challenge for women in full-

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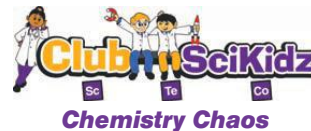
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Don't Miss the Moments: How Hearing Loss Affects the Whole Family

Summer is a season of celebrations. Graduations, weddings, family reunions, backyard barbecues, and vacations bring us together to create memories with the people we love most.

For someone living with untreated hearing loss, these special occasions can be difficult. Conversations become harder to follow, especially in noisy environments. A grandchild's graduation speech may be missed. Wedding vows may sound unclear. Stories shared around the picnic table can become fragments of conversation rather than meaningful connections.

What many people don't realize is that hearing loss affects more than the person experiencing it—it affects the entire family.

Loved ones often notice the signs first. They find themselves repeating what they've said, speaking louder, or rephrasing conversations. Over time, communication can become frustrating for everyone involved.

A spouse may feel ignored when comments go unheard. Children and grandchildren may wonder why Grandpa doesn't respond when they speak. Family members may become discouraged when conversations require so much effort. What begins as a hearing problem can gradually create emotional distance between people who care deeply about one another.

Many families also notice a loved one withdrawing from social situations. They may sit quietly during gatherings, smile and nod rather than participate, or avoid events altogether because keeping up with conversations has become exhausting. While everyone else is sharing stories and laughter, they may feel isolated in a room full of people.

Summer gatherings often highlight these challenges because they combine large groups, background noise, and multiple conversations—all situations that can be especially difficult for someone with hearing loss.

The good news is that hearing loss is one of the most treatable health concerns. A hearing evaluation can identify hearing difficulties and help individuals reconnect with the people and moments that matter most. At **Hear Again America**, we see every day how improved hearing can strengthen relationships, restore confidence, and help people fully participate in family gatherings and life's important milestones.

If your family has expressed concerns about your hearing, consider that they may not simply be asking you to hear better. They may be asking you to be part of the conversation again.

Because the memories that matter most aren't just the moments we see—they're the conversations, laughter, and stories we share with the people we love.



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Food/News Recipes, tips & nutrition

Try seafood for a super supper

Just because it is a weeknight, that doesn't mean home cooks have to compromise in regard to flavor and presentation. Scampi is a quick-cooking recipe with easy-to-find ingredients that are very flavorful. Try this recipe for "Greek-Style Scampi" from "Cooking Light Dinner's Ready!" (Oxmoor House) from the Cooking Light Kitchens.

Greek-Style Scampi

Yield: 4 servings

6 ounces uncooked angel hair pasta
1 teaspoon olive oil
1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
2 teaspoons bottled minced garlic
1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano, undrained
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 pound peeled and deveined medium shrimp
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
6 tablespoons (about 1 1/2 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
1. Cook pasta according to package directions, omitting



salt and fat. Drain and keep warm.

2. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add green bell pepper to pan; saute 1 minute. Add garlic, and tomatoes; cook 1 minute. Add black pepper and shrimp; cover and cook 3 minutes or until shrimp reach desired degree of doneness. Stir in red pepper; remove from heat. Place 1 cup pasta on each of 4 plates. Top each serving with 1 cup shrimp mixture and 1/2 tablespoons cheese.



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and mutton sleeves alone are a study in late 1800s fashion. Others in the photo stroll the beach and pose on boats, with one young boy showing off by dangling from the edge!

Once a bustling settlement with several hundred inhabitants on the Lake Michigan shore east of Cedar Grove in the Town of Holland, Amsterdam was the only real fishing village in Sheboygan County, according to the SCHRC.

“At its height, the village had four stores, three saloons, one

blacksmith shop, one barrel factory and a schoolhouse,” the Lost Places book states.

Gilbert H. Smith acquired a tract of government land and established a fishing business there soon after he came to the Town of Holland in 1847, at the age of 20.

“Having partially cleared and

improved his first piece of land, he kept on buying additional tracks until at one time he owned some 900 acres,” according to the book. “Accumulating a small fortune, he was considered one of the wealthiest men in the township. In addition to his fishing business and the sale of building lots, he

operated a lumberyard.”

But Henry Walvoord holds a competing claim as the founder of the settlement and is believed to have named the place after the city in the Netherlands.

A number of fishermen, primarily from Ohio and reputed to be “a rough, hard-drinking set of fellows,” had been drawn to Amsterdam’s plentiful fishing grounds and moved there by the mid-1800s.

“For decades, as you strolled along the beach, you could see protruding above the water quite a distance out in the lake the tops of numerous wooden piles, or pound sticks, driven into the lake bottom and holding nets vertically in place,” the book notes.

But “the dwindling supply of fish and timber, the disappearance of lake shipping and the construction of the railroad through Cedar Grove all contributed to doom the town’s growth.”

Photo courtesy of the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. Visit their Facebook page, their website at www.schrc.org and their headquarters at 518 Water Street in Sheboygan Falls.



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Mayor Ryan Sorenson elected to US Conference of Mayors' advisory board

City of Sheboygan press release - Jun. 8, 2026

On June 7, Mayor Ryan Sorenson was elected to a leadership position on the US Conference of Mayors' advisory board, joined by the mayors of Milwaukee, Denver, Miami, Mesa, and Bakersfield.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) is the official nonpartisan organization representing cities with populations of 30,000 or more. The organization includes 1,407 mayors and other chief elected officials from across the country.

"Sheboygan has earned a seat at the national table, amplifying our voice," said Mayor Sorenson. "This role gives us an opportunity to advocate for the investments, partnerships, and policies that will help our city continue to grow and thrive. I am deeply honored by the confidence my fellow mayors have placed in me, and I look forward to ensuring that Sheboygan's perspective helps shape the future of America's cities."

The USCM's key functions include developing effective urban policy, building federal-city relationships, and creating a shared forum for urban leadership. Mayor Sorenson's election to the board ensures Sheboygan's voice is highlighted in national discussions surrounding cities and local communities.



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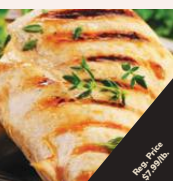
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Venetian Boat Parade

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Analyzing reasons for yellow leaves



by Bruce Spangenberg
 UW Horticulture Outreach Specialist

Yellow leaves appearing on green plants raise concerns for gardeners. It could just be a simple normal process, or it may signal a more complex problem needing to be addressed. Taking a closer look by analyzing the situation is suggested.

Green leaves contain chlorophyll and are going through the process of photosynthesis, producing energy that plants need to function and develop. Since all living cells require energy, plants will occasionally get rid of older, unproductive leaves in favor of new growth. This is often the case when houseplants drop a yellow leaf or two. Likewise, bedding plants set out in the garden this spring, such as tomatoes, frequently experience the same symptoms. Older leaves on plants started indoors typically turn yellow and drop off establishing plants as new growth develops.

When larger amounts of leaves turn yellow, especially including newer growth, other causes need to be investigated. Nitrogen is the primary nutrient involved with green color in plants, so a deficiency will show as pale green or yellowing of foliage. Adding nitrogen fertilizer often solves the problem, especially with hanging baskets or herbaceous plantings. Follow fertilizer label directions and apply the low end of suggested rates, as more can be added later, rather than risk overfertilizing.

Yellow leaves with green veins on trees and shrubs may involve a more difficult problem known as chlorosis. Iron and manganese are micronutrients which influence green color in leaves, and when the soil pH is out of balance, they become unavailable to the plant and leaves become yellow, or chlorotic. Soil pH induced chlorosis tends to be a chronic issue for trees and shrubs, with susceptibility varying among species. Pin oaks top the list of trees susceptible to chlorosis.

Soil test results will accurately determine exact soil pH values. Alkaline soils (above pH value of 7) can often lead to chlorosis problems. Soils can be amended

June is National Dairy Month! In America's Dairyland, this is the perfect opportunity to recognize, honor, and highlight our state's hardworking dairy farmers and processors. One of my favorite things about National Dairy Month is having the opportunity to visit farms around the state for dairy breakfasts and farm tours. No two farms are the same, and their diversity is exactly what makes our state's agriculture industry so strong. While each farm is unique, all farmers are focused on providing the best care possible for their land, their animals, and their local communities, all while producing the highest-quality products possible.

This month-long celebration of dairy has a proud heritage in Wisconsin. It started in 1937 when National Milk Month was established nation-wide in response to a surplus in milk from spring calving. By 1939, National Milk Month grew to encompass all dairy products,



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Sarah Hagenow, 78th Alice in Dairyland

and in 1940, Wisconsin Governor Julius Heil proclaimed June as Dairy Month in Wisconsin.

In Wisconsin, 99% of dairy farms are family owned, and our state's dairy farmers have dedicated their lives to feeding communities across the state, country, and globe. During National Dairy Month, numerous farms open their gates to visitors at breakfasts and tours, while grocery stores and other businesses feature locally produced dairy products. Many counties coordinate a dairy breakfast or brunch that features Wisconsin dairy products such as milk, cheese, butter, and yogurt. Each of these products contain

13 essential nutrients, ranging from protein and phosphorus to calcium and selenium, and many more! Dairy breakfasts often take place right on one of Wisconsin's nearly 5,000 dairy farms, which allows attendees to mingle and meet some of the farmers who work to maintain our title as "America's Dairyland."

The dairy industry contributes more than \$52 billion to our state's economy, which is nearly half of Wisconsin agriculture's total economic impact. Producing high quality dairy products like milk, cheese, yogurt, butter, and ice cream is what our farmers and processors do best. I

encourage you to watch your local news for more information about June Dairy Month celebrations near you and show your appreciation for the dairy community by attending these local events this summer.

You can also celebrate June Dairy Month and support local dairy farmers by including dairy products in your diet and looking for Wisconsin dairy products in stores. To identify genuine Wisconsin dairy, all you need to do is look for the Proudly Wisconsin Cheese® and Proudly Wisconsin Dairy® badges on packaging. Learn more at <https://wisconsinmilk.org/>.



It's June Dairy Month, which is a very special time in America's Dairyland. This month is a time to meet farmers across the state, enjoy delicious dairy products, and celebrate the rich heritage of Wisconsin dairy!

(Credit: Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin)



Dairy breakfasts are a very popular activity during June Dairy Month in Wisconsin, allowing community members to visit our farming families while enjoying a meal and learning about the legacy of Wisconsin's rich dairy community.

(Credit: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection)



Many counties coordinate a dairy breakfast or brunch that feature Wisconsin dairy products such as milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, and ice cream. Some breakfasts also feature other locally produced agricultural products as part of their meal!

(Credit: Alice in Dairyland)



The Proudly Wisconsin Dairy® and Proudly Wisconsin Cheese® badges can help you identify genuine Wisconsin dairy products. Be on the lookout for these symbols when shopping for dairy at your grocery store or retail location to know that you are supporting Wisconsin's dairy farmers and processors.

(Credit: Alice in Dairyland)

My term as the 78th Alice in Dairyland will finish on July 6, when our 79th Alice in Dairyland, Anastasia Poull, will officially take over as our state's agriculture ambassador. In the meantime, I am so excited to return to my roots and finish out my time as Alice in Dairyland with the celebration of June Dairy Month. I look forward to traveling across Wisconsin and attending countless dairy-centered events to showcase one of the characteristic parts of our beloved state!

You can find me at National Dairy Month events across the state this June, and you can keep up with Alice in Dairyland's journey in every season on social media by searching for Alice in Dairyland on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Thank you for following along during this incredible year and for supporting Wisconsin farmers, ranchers, food producers, and processors at every step of the journey. They are the reason we can enjoy such abundance every day, and it has been the most rewarding experience of my life thus far to have served them as Wisconsin's 78th Alice in Dairyland.

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to lower the pH with sulfur as a long-term solution, although this is difficult to do over entire root zones of established trees. Spe-

cial fertilizers providing plant-available iron and manganese are also an option.

Adding to the complexity of solving yellowing foliage is when chlorosis symptoms are brought on by some other fac-

tor. For example, waterlogged soils may damage roots, which may lead to yellowing of foliage. Other root and stem issues interfering with water and nutrient uptake can create similar symptoms. These include soil com-

paction, drought stress, misuse of chemicals, wilt diseases, insect borers, and physical injury to tree roots or trunks, among others. Each requires careful inspection of the plant and analysis of all the site factors that may be involved.

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The Veg Patch Dispatch

Stephanie Bartel • OLD PLANK FARM

Did you plant your garden? I am asked this question over and over again every season, sometimes starting as early as March. Most people ask around Memo-

rial Day weekend, the prime planting weekend for home gardeners. Some people wait and ask in late June, no doubt expecting yes as the answer this late in the

season. Others ask every time they see me throughout spring and summer. But no matter when it is asked, I am not a fan of the question (even if I am a fan of the people who ask it), because it doesn't have a straight yes or no answer when you are talking about a CSA farm. The answer is always yes, but no, or no, but yes. And isn't that annoying.

We start planting in April and we end in August or even September. Before the last frost in spring we are out planting our garden, because yes: some vegetable plants are frost hardy and can be put in the ground before Memorial Day weekend. We will start harvesting the earliest vegetables (like lettuce) in June, but

no: we are not done planting our garden, even after we start harvesting it. Twelve successions of lettuce later, then yes, we will be almost done planting. And let's not forget a September-seeded crop of arugula, whose peppery leaves will be sweetened by frost and ready for cutting as our last deliveries head out in October, long after those Memorial Day plantings have tapered away and home gardens have been tucked into hibernation. Then the answer is yes, I have planted my garden. But by then nobody is asking.

Planning (and planting) this kind of garden—one with the goal of almost five months of continuous and consistent diversified vegetable harvests for

every CSA member who has put their faith in us and their yearly subscription fee into our hands—is like composing a symphony out of seeds. If Beethoven had been a farmer, no doubt he would have thrived on the vibrant and intricate structure of a CSA garden. The score is miles long and composed of thousands of notes—each seed a single note that grows into an orchestra of vegetables. Players come and go from every page: lettuce and beets are the lead instruments in spring, while tomatoes, zucchini, and sweet corn hold the melody in August. Thirty different types

see VEG PATCH, page 21

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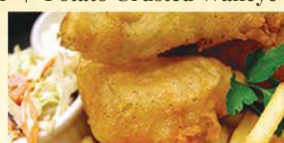
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of vegetables, most planted more than once and some planted as many as a dozen different times, make the symphony a dynamic and often surprising experience every week all season long.

Sometimes I like to think that I can see the whole season all at once in my head, but the vision is too large and too swiftly changing to really grasp. Right now I can't quite see the beauty and bounty of the fall boxes, when the butternut squash and red cabbages will overlap with the beets, red peppers, kale, arugula, pie pumpkins, onions, parsley, poblanos peppers, jalapeno peppers,

rutabagas, sweet potatoes, and radishes, to take a few measures from last October's score as an example. I can't see it yet but I know it is written in the seeds that are germinating right now, in the careful timing and placement of each vegetable that I have growing in our fifteen acre garden. I wonder if Beethoven could see whole symphonies in his head while he worked to create his masterpieces? And I wonder if he worried about deer taking a bite out of every violinist the night before a big performance?

Stephanie Bartel is the owner of Old Plank Farm in Plymouth, WI. She writes a weekly column for subscribers at plymouth-review.com.

CAR DETAILING from 4

which is insane. Just seeing all these people texting with constant support, it's crazy. And I love that I can do this. I don't even have words for it."

What Watkins does, according to his website and social media posts, ranges from deep interior stain removal to a showroom-quality exterior shine in your driveway.

He says he uses professional grade equipment and chemicals to make every car "look brand new."

Watkins even offers free quotes and discounts if booked the same day or for multiple vehicles.

He brought the idea of Drive-

way Details to his parents nearly two months ago, and he's been working on their cars as well as others owned by family friends and acquaintances.

Watkins previously worked as manager at Jimmy John's for a bit, but ...

"I left there for this," he said. "I love that job, but this is just such a better opportunity. And I love the idea of running my own business and being my own boss."

But if anyone sees Watkins driving his 2013 Honda Civic around town and it isn't the cleanest, best-looking car around, there's a reason for that.

"You know what's funny about that? Ever since I started my own detail business, I don't want to do



my own car," he said. "It's clean. I try and keep it clean, but yeah, it's weird. You own your own business, and you don't even want to do your own service in your own car."

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Lakeshore College launches new commercial truck driving program

CLEVELAND — Lakeshore College has launched a new commercial truck driving program designed to prepare students for high-demand careers in the transportation and logistics industry. The in-person program provides students with the training needed to meet federal Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements and pursue a Commercial Driver License (CDL) in Wisconsin. By offering this program locally, students will no longer need to travel to Fond Du Lac, Milwaukee, Appleton, or Green Bay for commercial truck driving training.

The new program is offered in an eight-week traditional format and features four start dates each year, allowing students to quickly enter the workforce. Students will receive hands-on, behind-the-wheel training using industry-standard equipment while learning from instructors with extensive professional driving and teaching experience.

“Truck drivers play a critical role in keeping the economy moving, and the demand for qualified professionals continues to grow,” said Lakeshore College President Paul Carlsen. “This program provides students with practical skills, safety-focused instruction, and career-ready training that can lead to stable, well-paying employment opportunities.”

According to the college, the program is designed for individuals who enjoy hands-on learning, working with equipment, and pursuing careers that offer strong

earning potential and job stability.

The Truck Driving program is a one-term technical diploma consisting of nine credits and is delivered entirely in person at the college's Cleveland campus.

For more information about the Truck Driving program, and to register, visit lakeshore.edu/truck-driving.

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Sorenson continued to state, “This project is going to

be a long-term initiative that is going to require a lot of advocacy from businesses, community leaders, and residents if we are able to get this to the finish line. It will truly need to be a community effort.”

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"As individuals lose weight, preserving muscle mass is essential for long-term health and longevity," says Danielle Witbro, Prevea Prescription for Wellness Health & Wellness Specialist. "It is important to closely monitor muscle changes throughout the weight loss process and support

patients in maintaining, or building, muscle as appropriate."

Ideally, GLP-1 patients would have the option to receive this scan prior to their treatment to identify their existing body fat and muscle mass. They would then receive a second scan toward the end of their treatment to identify any potential muscle mass loss and ensure their body is responding to the weight loss in a healthy way.

According to Dr. Lara Powers, a Prevea Family Medicine physician board-certified in Lifestyle Medicine, muscle loss is one of the main risks for individuals using GLP-1s.

"By monitoring this parameter, we make sure that the weight

loss is sustainable and maintain the health of the patients," says Dr. Powers.

Currently, these scans are available in Green Bay, Sheboygan, Grand Chute, and Manitowish. For anyone interested in scheduling a body analysis MRI appointment or consultation, call (920) 272-3510.

For anyone interested in learning more about the science behind GLP-1s and how they are changing the way physicians approach weight loss, Prevea is hosting a free panel discussion at Honor Bound Fitness in Ashwaubenon on Jan. 29. Registration is required. To learn more about this event and register, visit: prevea.com/GLP-event



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Habitat Lakeside announces 2026 Rock the Block location and date

SHEBOYGAN - Sheboygan's End Park neighborhood is the site of Habitat for Humanity's 2026 Rock the Block event. The event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Headquarters for the 2026 Rock the Block will be the pavilion in End Park.

"We are thrilled to bring the excitement of Rock the Block to this beautiful Sheboygan neighborhood," says Habitat Lakeside Executive Director Le'Shay Guy. End Park is adjacent to the plot of

land slated to eventually hold 21 Habitat for Humanity affordable homes. (The process of acquiring and building on the land is in the preliminary stages.)

"Last year's Rock the Block in Plymouth drew more than 300 volunteers and involved 50-plus organizations, from churches to businesses," Guy says. "We are looking forward to working with the End Park community during this year's Rock the Block. Together, we build homes, communities, and hope."

Rock the Block, one of Habitat Lakeside's signature events, aims to elevate the Sheboygan community with well-maintained neighborhoods where people and families thrive. During Rock the Block, volunteers, along with Habitat Lakeside staff, address critical home repair projects such as yard maintenance and cleanup; repairing and painting porches and railings, windows, and doors; painting garages and trim; and overall neighborhood beautification projects.

Homes (must be owner-occupied) eligible for repair are in the area bordered by Main Ave. on the north, Geele Ave. on the south, 10th St. on the east, and 15th St. on the west. To request a home-repair application, homeowners can call Penny Rayfield, Habitat Lakeside volunteer services manager, at 920-458-3399, ext. 307, or email prayfield@habitatlakeside.com. Applications must be completed by July 1, 2026.

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Out with Invasives!: 6:00 p.m. Black River Trail. Grab your gloves and help remove invasive plants to encourage native wild-

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17: Ink Fish Printing: 10:00 a.m. Bathhouse. Try the art of ink fish printing. Bring a T-shirt if you would like to print one. Vehicle admission required.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20: Out with Invasives!: 9:00 a.m. Black River Trail. It's Invasives Species Weekend! Grab your gloves and help remove invasive plants to encourage native wildflowers in the woods. Vehicle admission required.

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Trail. Vehicle admission required. **SATURDAY, JUNE 27: Water or Sky Dragonfly?** 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Closed Gate at campground entry. Use nets and scoopers to learn how dragonflies survive above and below the water's surface. Vehicle admission required.

Music in the Park: Brew Brothers and Sister Band: 7:00 p.m. Amphitheater. Grab your friends and enjoy an evening of Pop Rock, New Country, and Classic Rock Greatest Hits. Vehicle admission required.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30: Discovery Bird Walk: 8:00 a.m. Friends Pond. Join Master Naturalists Janet & Andy Raddatz for a guided bird walk. Age 12 and up. Vehicle admission required.

Firefly Watch: 8:30 p.m. Outdoor Shelter. Join in a search for blinking fireflies. Best for ages 8 and up. Vehicle admission required.

GLACIAL LAKES CONSERVANCY

We're looking forward to a full season of hands-on stewardship at our preserves! Volunteers are invited to join upcoming spring and summer workdays.

These gatherings are a great opportunity to enjoy time outdoors, care for protected

lands, and connect with others who share a passion for conservation.

RSVP to Miriam at miriam@glaciallakes.org to sign up or reach out to learn more!

Hunner Preserve – Tisch Mills
• Saturday, July 18 9-11 a.m.
Broad-leaved helleborine pulling.

EVENTS AT MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

710 N 8th Street, Sheboygan
www.meadpl.org
920-459-3400

Mead Public Library has announced its events and classes featuring educational, cultural and social activities for children, teens and adults.

For a complete list, including storytimes, book clubs, movies and workshops, and to register visit our website or call.

All programs are free and open to the public, with funding provided by the Friends of Mead Public Library and the Mead Library Foundation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16: Bitty Book Club: 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., The Loft. Join staff from the Family Resource Center and Progressive Beginnings as they bring stories to life. Free book copies are available while supplies last.

Recommended for ages 2-5.

Teen Summer Reading Program Kickoff Carnival: 5:30-7:30 p.m., ACUITY, Sheboygan. Mead Library invites Sheboygan students entering grades 6-12 to ACUITY headquarters for the Acuity Cool Picks Summer Reading Program Kickoff Carnival. Teens can sign up for the program, enjoy video games on the big screen, play board games and enjoy free food.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26: Sheboygan County Memory Cafe: 10-11:30 a.m., Rocca Room. Mead will host a themed social gathering for people living with memory loss and for their families, friends or care partners. These social-engagement events are an opportunity to have fun, share experiences and stay connected. Register at meadpl.org or call 920-459-3400.

EVENTS AT ELKHART LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

All of these events take place at Elkhart Lake Public Library
40 Pine Street, Elkhart Lake
920-876-2554

elkhartlakepubliclibrary.org

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Coffee Hour: 10 a.m. Enjoy a cup of coffee, conversation, and a preview of the week's new releases.

EVERY THURSDAY: Story Time: 9:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: First Friday Matinee: 1:00 pm at the Grashorn Civic Center. Movies & popcorn for grownups on the first Friday of the month at 1pm. See our website for movie selection.

SECOND THURSDAY OF

THE MONTH: Ukulele Club: 1:00 pm at the Grashorn Civic Center. All levels welcome! Contact elcirk@monarchlibraries.org for more info.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Book Club: 1 p.m. To be placed on our book club list, email elcirk@monarchlibraries.org.

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH: Fiber Arts Circle: 1:00pm. All needlework and fiber arts welcome, bring a project and join us for conversation and crafting camaraderie.

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 1: Summer Reading Challenge: Register at the library and track your reading on paper logs. Return your completed logs to the library to collect your earned rewards. For all ages.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16: Boba Bonanza: 1 pm. Make this popular Taiwanese drink along with other boba-inspired activities. For 5th grade and up. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17: Mischief and Magic: 12:30 pm performance. Recommended for ages 4 and up.

Summer Mocktails: 6 pm. Workshop with Sommelier and mixologist Jaclyn Stuart. Civic Center. For adults. Registration required.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19: Exploring Music: Join us for musical exploration and play. 5 and under with parents. No registration required.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23: BLOCK BOTS: 1 pm. Build a robot out of a block of wood and practice your hammering and screw-driving skills. For 5th grade and up. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24: Cat-tail Critters: 12:30 pm performance. Recommended for ages

4 and up.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26: Exploring Music: Join us for musical exploration and play. 5 and under with parents. No registration required.

EVENTS AT PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

All of these events take place in the Plymouth Public Library's Meeting Room: 130 Division Street, Plymouth, WI 53073 and are free and open to the public. 920-892-4416. See our website www.plymouthpubliclibrary.net for full details.

NOW thru SATURDAY, AUGUST 1: Summer Reading Program: For all ages. Join us for a summer of fun! Read books to win prizes and goodies.

BY APPOINTMENT: Tech Help: Reserve a time to work with our librarian and get some basic tech help. Registration required. 920-892-4416

EVERY MONDAY: Baby & Me Storytime: 10:00 am. Babies from newborns and 24 months are invited to bring their parent or caregiver for storytime! No registration required.

EVERY TUESDAY: Family Storytime: 10:00 am. Get ready for fun songs, dances, and exciting stories! Most appropriate for preschoolers, but all are welcome. No registration required.

EVERY FRIDAY IN JUNE: Friday Flicks: 10:00 am. Bring a blanket and cozy up to watch a FREE movie at the library! Check website for list of movies.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16: Manga Book Club: 5:00 PM. For ages 13 and up. Read and discuss a popular manga series with us and other fans all summer long.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17: Super Smash Bros. Book Camp: 4:00 pm. Come to our first boot camp and learn new tips and tricks. Registration required. 920-892-4416.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18: Lego Club: 4:00 pm. For ages 6+. Show us your LEGO skills and creativity, as you create your LEGO masterpiece with friends. No registration required.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23: Time to Ship Another Steer: 1:30 pm. Bill will share simple ideas on how to save your family's history and share stories that will touch your heart.

Dice Quest: 4:00 pm. For ages 14 and up. Gather with other tabletop RPG enthusiasts and play



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Coho on the Big Pond

Hello friends,

Three annual trips for me every May are inland trout fishing, generally remote, Green Bay for walleye, always full of hope and usually very rewarding and possibly the most challenging and fulfilling is paddle trolling my canoe for coho salmon on Lake Michigan at Port Washington.

Alewife come into the harbor at Port Washington to spawn as the water is warming and the coho follow. For about 25 years I have tried to catch salmon out of my canoe, and I average 0 to 3. Last year I hit the jackpot and caught my limit, 5, two days in a row. As you can guess, I was extremely excited to evade death and catch some coho.

Thursday, May 28th

High 56, low 41

Here is the plan: hit the harbor/boat landing and get intel, drive to the beach, a very cool place, prepare my canoe and gear and paddle out to sea.

Bad news came from the two people I spoke with.

First was a local fisherman that keeps his boat at a slip in the marina. This gentleman told me that he does not fish with a northeast wind, which is what was blowing. I walked over and spoke with another fisherman that told me the coho are 2-3

fun adventures.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24: Comedy Science Show with Jim Lenz: 10:00 am & 1:30 pm. This high-energy comedy science show mixes hilarious demonstrations with cool experiments that make science exciting and fun for all ages.

Mystery & Horror Book Club: 6:00 pm. Come and discuss books from the mystery and horror genre with other members of the community.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25: Coffee Hour and Book Chat: 10:00

miles from shore in 140 to 200 feet of water.

First physical adventure was paddling against a solid wind from the beach to the harbor entrance, which is maybe a 900-yard jaunt. I put out three lines with a flasher fly combo, which in simple terms, is a steel flasher about 2x4 inches painted red or orange in my case.

In front of it, I had a 2-ounce weight and the fish catcher would be a peanut fly which is a treble hook with about 1-inch strips of what looks like tinsel wrapped around it and green with flashes of white and blue seem to be common colors. I run one line straight back with a spinning rod and then I use a left and right planer board to pull the other two away from my canoe. I made it to the harbor and on the end of each break wall there was about a half dozen shore fishermen throwing spoons for

coho. Over the next two days, I am quite sure that I showed these guys and gals quite the real life reality fishing show. I am paddling around the inside of the harbor, the US Coast Guard is having a training mission with about six guys in the water plus boat handlers. One of my poles starts bending backwards and it is fish on, long story short I landed a very hefty coho and everything was perfect in the world of MGW and the naysayers at the boat launch were a distant memory. An hour later I caught another coho, paddled back to my truck with most daylight gone and headed to a you know what parking lot to sleep in The GMC Hotel.

Friday, May 29th

High 58, low 40

If you are not aware of this, Wisconsin's east coast as well as north coast "Lake Superior" are much colder in the spring

than inland because of the massive amounts of cold water that they border.

I was paddling my canoe at 6:00 and knew I should have been at it at 5:00, but I have to admit that yesterday's adventure had me hurting a bit - non-stop paddling, you stop paddling and your three treble hooks are dragging bottom and picking up leaves etc. etc. and you are no longer fishing. If you don't check your lines, you're not catching fish. I paddled by a lady that was shore fishing "breakwalls" and she told me she was not having any luck. Just like that, a coho hit my right line and was jumping out of the water as they often do and she was able to witness the entire experience.

That first fish came at 6:30. I squat on a milk crate with my knees on the floor of my rig. It kicks my butt, but this is the

best method for leverage and keeps your body lower which is best for not dumping the canoe.

Today there was probably 20 shore fishermen and like last night it was slow for them but they had the MGW Fishing Show to watch, as did every charter and regular fishing boat as they either came back to the harbor or went out. I had a total of seven strikes from 6 to noon, and in the end I caught my limit of five cohos. I did not have a motor; I did not use electronics. I have a very nice fishing boat and when it comes to coho, I prefer the danger, simplicity and adventure of a canoe. I will be 65 in July; by the time I turn 90, I might not be able to fish with this method. Live till you die!

Sunset



am. Drop by for a cup of coffee and connect with fellow book lovers. No registration required. **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament:** 12:00 pm. Prove you're the ultimate champion at this exciting tournament filled with fast action, and fierce competition. Registration required.

EVENTS AT GENERATIONS

Generations Center
1500 Douglas Dr., Plymouth
For more info,

call 920-892-4858
TUESDAY, JUNE 16: GenT Open Hours - Free Tech Help: 11:30am - 1:30pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community. **Urban Poling Workshop:** 12:00pm - 1:30pm. Wispect Foundation is supporting an Activator Pole Urban Poling workshop, designed to help you use Activator Poles for better posture, balance, and coordination. Up to

25 participants with Parkinson's disease will receive a free set of Activator Poles, courtesy of the

Wispect Foundation grant. **History on the Move:** 1:30pm. Learn about the origins of the



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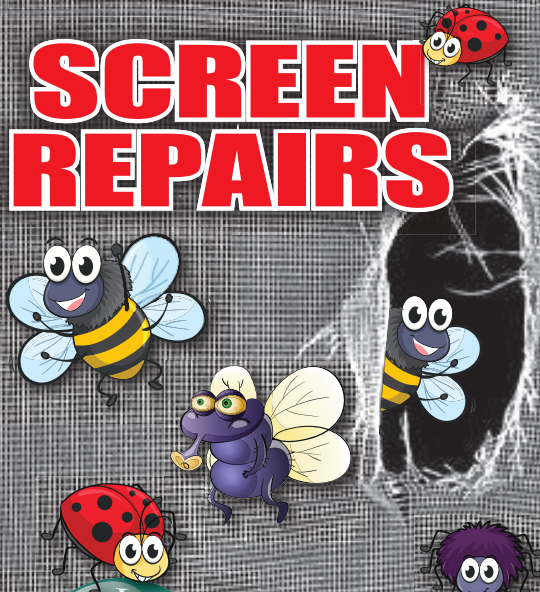


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Summer Concert Series: Brent Bel & the Boys: 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Generations' Summer Concert Series kicks off the season with Brent Bel and the Boys! The brat fry and 50/50 raffle begin at 5:00pm. The cash bar opens at 5:30pm. Music begins at 6:00pm. Join us for a fun night out as we celebrate the first concert of the summer!

THURSDAY, JUNE 18: GenT Open Hours – Free Tech Help: 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

MONDAY, JUNE 22: Veterans' Chat: 11:00am. All Veterans are welcome to join us for lunch and conversation. The special will be Meatball Sub for \$9. For anyone 60 and older, you can register through the Meal Site to get your lunch for a suggested donation. Visit Susan Wenzel for more information.

Summer Solstice Evening: 4:30pm. Join us on the patio as we celebrate the longest day of the year with yoga, snacks, and a succulent bar. Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23: GenT Open Hours – Free Tech Help:

11:30am – 1:30pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25: GenT Open Hours – Free Tech Help: 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Help with tech (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) will be offered in the Generation Library. No appointment needed. Tech help is free and available to the community.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30: GenT Group Talk: 1:30pm. This month we are covering password management. Learn how to pick passwords that are strong and how to keep track of them all. Please call 920-892-4858 to RSVP.

GENERATIONS CENTER MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Generations Center
1500 Douglas Dr., Plymouth
For more info,
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Parkinson's Support Group: 3rd Friday of the month at 1:00pm. Call 920-892-4858 for more information.

Parkinson's Specific Exercise: Wednesday & Friday, 12:30pm
Ping Pong Parkinson's: Wednesday, 1:30pm.

Advanced Parkinson's Mat Fitness: Thursday, 10:30am
Energizing Flex & Flow: Mon-

day at 9:50am & Wednesday, 9:30am

Line Dancing: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am

Dance Fever: Tuesday & Thursday, 2:15pm
Activator Pole Open Hour: Tuesday, 12:00pm

Silver Sneakers Circuit: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8:00am & 10:00am.

Movement for Brain, Body, & Balance: Monday, 11:00am.

Chair Dance Express: Monday & Wednesday, 12:00pm

Chair Pilates: Wednesday & Friday, 11:00am.

Chair Yoga: Monday & Wednesday, 1:30pm.

Cardio Fit: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00am.

Walk Fit 2-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30am.

Super Striders Walk Fit 3-mile: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:15am

Arthritis Exercise Class: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am & 11:00am.

Tai Chi Chih: Tuesday & Thursday, 1:15pm.

Strength Training: Monday & Wednesday, 7:30am.

Yoga Flow: Monday & Wednesday, 9:00am.

Yoga for Balance and Stability: Friday, 9:00am.

Pickleball: Monday through Friday, starting at 7:00am.

GenT Tech Help: Most Tuesdays at 11:30am – 1:30pm; Most Thursdays at 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Call 920-892-4858 for more information.

Foot Clinic: Various Thursdays & Fridays. Call 920-892-4821 for appointment.

Widow or Widower Support Group: Friday, 10:00am.

Veterans' Chat: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 11:00am.

Mini Golf at Tom & Jerry's: Thursday, 10:00am

Ceramics: Wednesday, 9:00am.

Wii Bowling: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00am and 1:00pm

Ping Pong: Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Pool Tables: Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Writing Club: 2nd Thursday, 1:00pm

Book Club: 4th Monday, 3:00pm

Kettle Karvers: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm

Plymouth Rotary: 2nd & last Wednesday, 12:00pm

Cribbage: Monday, 1:00pm.

Hand and Foot Canasta: Monday, 1:00pm.

Duplicate Bridge: 1st & 3rd Monday, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 1:00pm. Must pre-register.

5 10 15 Sheephead: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00am.

Tuesday at 1:00pm.

Sevens: Tuesday, 1:00pm

Farkle: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1:00pm.

Bonco: 2nd Monday, 4:30pm.

Party Bridge: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:00pm.

Dominoes: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1:00pm.

Bingo: Wednesday, 1:30pm.

Scrabble: Thursday, 9:30am.

Mah Jongg: Thursday, 1:00pm.

TOPS Club: Monday. Weigh-in at 8:30am. Meeting at 9:00am.

Watercolor Painting: Wednesday at 9:00am

COURT REPORT

May 26 to May 29, 2026

No court on Monday due to Memorial Day holiday

Revoke Probation

Heitzman, Magnus J., 4/28/2005, Sheboygan, Prison 18 months, Extended Supervision 24 months.

Forfeitures

Avina, Nicolas J., 7/2006, Sheboygan, Possession of Marijuana (<25 gm), \$389.50.

Daniels, Kevin J., 4/13/1969, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$330.50.

Traffic

Arredondo Martinez, Porfirio, 9/1964, Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$227.10.

Castro Moguel, Angel L., 3/2001, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway, (20-24 mph), Operating while Suspended, \$476.60.

Deckert, Timothy J., 7/1983, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, \$200.50.

Ervasti, Matthew L., 12/15/1978, Sheboygan, Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), \$591.00.

King, Emily A., 10/1994, Sheboygan, Failure of Operator to Notify Police of Accident, \$389.50.

Kramer, Alexis M., 3/1995, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$676.50.

Radke, Violet K., 2/2005, Sheboygan, (35-39 mph), Exceeding Speed Zones, \$358.00.

Schultz, Jasmine Nevaeh, 1/3/2008, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$217.10.

Yang, Liana N., 6/1989, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$175.30.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Meindl, Kyleigh A-J., 4/2005, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Tabbert, William G., 2/2004, Sheboygan, (1-10 mph), \$175.30.

Speeding on Freeway

Anderson, Charlie R., 12/2005, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Hernandez, Consuelo G., 8/1995, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Qandeel, Mariam, 1/2003, Sheboygan, (30-34 mph), \$326.50.

Ristivojevic, Boris, 1/1997, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Sears, Aaron M., 11/2003, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

Thao, Pangfoua Cindy, 4/1994, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Wilbert, Megan C., 1/1978, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Zelaya, Antonio E., 2/1996, Sheboygan, (35+ mph), \$515.50.

Misdemeanors

Burt, Randy Lee, 9/11/1967, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$229.00.

Johnson, Ethan R., 11/22/2002, Sheboygan, Theft-Moveable Property (<=\$2500), \$1,121.40.

Misdemeanors and other charges
Ward, Byron M., 3/9/1997, Sheboygan, Operate Firearms w/Controlled Substance, (Misdemeanor), Operate w/Restricted Controlled Substance (1*)-Traffic, \$1,622.00.

Felonies

Richard, Amya M., 7/26/2006, Sheboygan, 2nd degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (Domestic Abuse), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$646.40.

June 1 to June 5, 2026

Forfeitures

Anderson, Carlan R., 9/2002, Sheboygan, Possession of Marijuana (<25 gms), \$389.50.

Fish w/o License-R

Schaefer, Kaden J., 9/2006, Sheboygan, \$222.90.

Traffic and other charges

Kaat, Stephen K., 12/1970, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, (Forfeiture), Failure of Operator to Notify Police of Accident, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, (Traffic), \$992.10.

Traffic

Aguilar, Alixandria Y., 11/2001, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle by Permittee w/o Instructor, \$200.50.

Ayers, Deseree M., 6/19/1998, Sheboygan, Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), \$654.00.

Garcia Garcia, Alexis A., 4/2009, Sheboygan, Violate GDL Restraints-Passenger, \$200.50.

Howard, Angel S., 10/1998, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, \$200.50.

Lopez, Denise A., 10/1991, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Exceeding Speed Zones (11-15 mph), \$375.80.

Rahe, Trevor H., 10/1992, Sheboygan, Speedometer Violations, \$250.90.

Tercero Pablo, Miguel A., 12/1992, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.

Toniolo, Adoni P., 1/1992, Sheboygan, Speedometer Violations, \$200.50.

Voight, Ty M., 1/2005, Sheboygan, Truck following too Closely, \$200.50.

Operate w/o Valid License

Valor-Morales, Angel, 1/27/1988, Sheboygan, (2nd within 3 years), \$528.00.

Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto

Gottsacker, Daniel J., 11/1999, Sheboygan, \$175.30.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Ojeda Vera, Susana A., 2/1975, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Exceeding Speed Zones

Eigenberger, Hanna L., 6/1999, Sheboygan, (25-29 mph), \$250.90.

Lopez, Alex E., 8/2007, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Talero Castillo, Fernando A., 8/1977, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Willis, Danesha C., 7/1991, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Misdemeanors

Day, Dayshann D., 7/6/2004, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Jail 60 days, \$455.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Blackshear, Marvin T., 7/20/1967, Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (Repeater-Misdemeanor), Possession of Cocaine/Coca, (2nd+Off-Repeater-Felony), \$973.00.

Cusic, Leonard C., 4/18/1974, Sheboygan, Retail Theft-Intentionally Take (<=\$500), (Misdemeanor), Obstructing an Officer Causing Soft Tissue Injury to an Officer, Manufacture/Deliver Amphetamine (<=3 g), (Felonies), Prison 4 years, Extended Supervision 4 years, Jail 246 days, \$1,513.00.

Helling, Christi L., 12/13/1984, Sheboygan, Possession of Controlled Substance, Financial Transaction Card-Fraudulent Use (<=\$2500), (Misdemeanors), Bail Jumping (Felony), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$6,375.77.

Mojica, Darian A., 2/28/2006, Sheboygan, Battery (Domestic Abuse)-Misdemeanor, Strangulation and Suffocation (Domestic Abuse), False Imprisonment (Domestic Abuse), Felonies, Jail 203 days, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,807.40.

Felonies

Block, Frederick J., 11/20/1970, Sheboygan, Stalking, Jail 60 days (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$530.00.

Her, Jonathan Yee, 6/21/1999, Sheboygan, Possession of Child Pornography (2 counts), Prison 5 years, Extended Supervision 5 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, Sex Offender Registry, \$2,064.40.

Jurena, Holly Ann, 10/25/1984, Sheboygan, Misappropriate ID Info-Obtain Money (Increased Penalty for Elder Person Victim), Jail 1 day, \$5,417.80.

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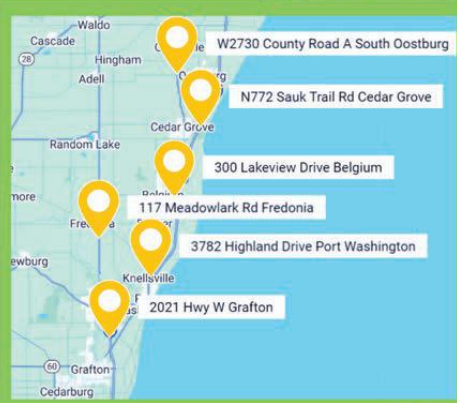
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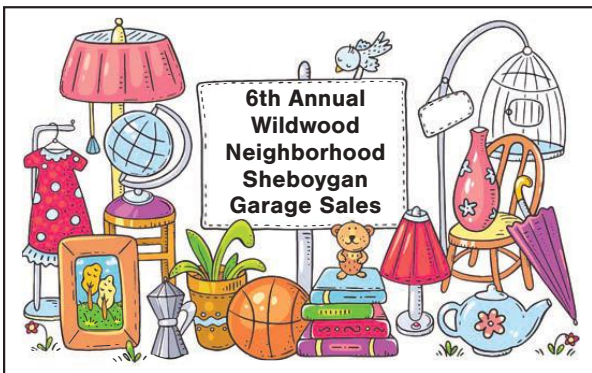
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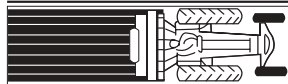
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The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the continuation of our Cheese Capital Festival to celebrate and honor our rich cheese history!

The festival kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26th. Enjoy dinner from a wide variety of food and drink vendors, take in live music from Doozey, and stay for the excitement of the Road America Car Procession! Up to 40 cars from the Trans Am Series and late model Porsches and Ferraris will roar to life as these powerful machines depart Road America at 5:45 p.m., escorted by the Plymouth Police Department, arriving at Stayer Park by approximately 6 p.m. Cars will travel from Road America on Hwy 67 into Plymouth, down Mill Street, and turn into Stayer Park off Stafford Street. Fans will have an exclusive opportunity to see the cars up close, meet the drivers, and soak in the excitement before engines fire up again at 8 p.m. for the return trip to the track. Tickets for the race weekend at Road America will be available on-site Friday evening and are on sale now at www.roadamerica.com. The night will wrap up with continued high-energy music from Doozey!

Day 2 begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday with our popular Cheese Parade. Parade-goers can expect to see over 20

cheese-themed floats by local businesses, nonprofits, and organizations make their way down Mill Street. At the conclusion of the parade, the Sheboygan North High School Drumline, sponsored by Hartman's Bakery, will lead attendees to Stayer Park, where they will perform. Food and drink vendors will be available throughout the entire festival, keeping guests fueled all day long!

Starting at 11 a.m. will also be the Mac & Cheese Contest, where several Plymouth Chamber member restaurants will go head-to-head for the Judge's Choice and People's Choice Awards. Festivalgoers can purchase a ticket to receive samples from all participating entries and cast their vote for the People's Choice Award. Local VIPs will also sample each mac & cheese to determine the Judge's Choice winner.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Kids Zone will be buzzing with excitement featuring strolling magic, a balloon artist, face painting, a petting zoo, and more—making it a must-visit stop for families! Make sure to stay for the Magic Show at 1 p.m.!

The fun continues with Cheese Talks beginning at 2 p.m., featuring local cheese and storage manufacturers sharing insights and stories from the industry. Immediately following at 2:30 p.m. is the always-popular Cheese Eating Contest, sponsored by The Big Cheese. Space is limited for participants, who will attempt to eat a 16 oz. block of cheese! Following the contest, two additional Cheese Talks will take

place before spectators gather along the Mullet River for the Cheese Wedge Race at 4 p.m., where four lucky winners will receive cash prizes: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250, and 4th place \$100.

Rock out with the Dave Steffen Band at 4:30 p.m. as they bring your favorite rock hits to Stayer Park. Then at 7 p.m., the festival concludes the night with headliner Smart Mouth, closing out Saturday with a can't-miss performance.

Let's get cheesy, Plymouth!

This event is supported by all of our local cheese companies including Sargento, Mas-

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For additional information, please contact Amanda Brandt, Executive Operations Director at the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, at 920-893-0079 or chamber@plymouthwisconsin.com.



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For 2026, the Cheese Capital Cup continues its high-horsepower concours into nearby Plymouth featuring race cars from the Trans Am Series. On Friday evening, June 26, the concours will roar to life as these powerful machines depart Road America's Gate 6 at 5:45 PM, escorted by Plymouth Police Department, arriving at Stayer Park in nearby Plym-

Cheese Capital Cup featuring Racing America's Trans Am & International GT June 26-28, 2026

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When someone passes away without an estate plan, state laws take over, deciding who gets what and when. This legal process may not reflect your wishes. That's why taking control of your assets through a personal estate plan should be a top priority.

At its core, estate planning is about clarifying your wishes and making things easier for your heirs. It ensures your assets are distributed according to your preferences, designates who will make decisions on your behalf if you can't and provides guidance for your care in a medical crisis. Most plans include four key components:

A Will – This document outlines how your assets should be distributed after your death and names an executor to oversee the process in probate court. It can also designate guardians for minor

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Power of Attorney – If you become incapacitated, you'll want someone you trust to be able to make decisions on your behalf. A durable power of attorney designates such a person, helping to ensure your bills are paid, your business continues (if you have one) and your wishes are honored.

Health Care Directive – Sometimes called a living will, this document spells out your preferences for medical treatment if you're unable to speak for yourself. It can also designate someone to make health care decisions for you.

Beneficiary Designations – Accounts like 401(k)s, IRAs, and life insurance policies transfer directly to the people you name, regardless of what your will says. It's essential to review these beneficiary designations regularly, especially after significant life events such as marriage, divorce, death of a spouse or the birth of a child.

One common myth is that a will is all you need. But wills only take effect after death; they don't help if you're alive but unable to make decisions. Another misconception is that

estate planning is only for the wealthy. In truth, planning is about more than money — it's about making things easier for the people you love during difficult times.

An effective estate plan can prevent costly legal battles, reduce confusion and give your loved ones a clear roadmap to follow. It also allows you to leave a legacy that reflects your values and priorities.

As your life changes, your estate plan should change along with it. Review your documents every few years or after major life events. It's often a good idea to seek help with such reviews. Your financial advisor or attorney can guide you through the process, ensuring your plan fits your unique circumstances.

In the end, estate planning isn't just about planning for what happens when you are gone. It's about feeling confident, knowing that what matters most — your family, your purpose, your legacy — is protected.

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Planning for your future includes smarter hearing technology

Submitted by
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When people think about planning for your future, they often focus on retirement savings, health-care decisions, and maintaining an active lifestyle. One area that deserves equal attention is hearing health—and the incredible tech-

nology now available to support it. Today's hearing aids are no longer simple sound amplifiers. Leading manufacturers such as Starkey, Phonak, Oticon, ReSound, Signia and Widex, have transformed hearing aids into sophisticated communication and wellness devices powered by artificial intelligence (AI).

AI technology allows hear-

ing aids to automatically analyze listening environments and adjust settings in real time. Whether you're attending a family gathering, meeting with friends at a restaurant, or participating in a community event, these intelligent devices help prioritize speech while reducing background noise. The result is clearer conversations and less listening fatigue.

For many adults, planning for your future also means planning to maintain independence. Some of the newest hearing aids now include fall detection technology. If a fall occurs, the hearing aid can send an alert to designated family members or emergency contacts through a connected smartphone. This added layer of safety provides peace of mind for both users

and their loved ones.

Communication technology continues to advance as well. Modern hearing aids can stream phone calls, television audio, music, and other media directly to the ears. Emerging technologies such as Auracast will allow hearing aid users to connect directly to public sound systems in airports, theaters, places of worship, and community venues, making it easier to hear announcements and presentations clearly.

One of the most exciting developments is language translation. Paired smartphone applications can provide near real-time translation during conversations, helping users communicate more effectively while traveling, attending appointments, or interacting with people who speak different languages.

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For high-net-worth (HNW) individuals, retirement is not about stopping work, it is about gaining flexibility and control. The focus shifts from income replacement to optimizing wealth across tax, investment, and estate strategies to support both lifestyle and legacy goals.

The most critical period is the 10-year window surrounding retirement—five years before and after. During this time, proactive planning can materially improve outcomes. Rather than remaining on autopilot, individuals should stress-test their financial plans against market volatility, tax changes, inflation, and longevity. The emphasis often shifts from growth to tax efficiency and wealth preservation.

Concentrated stock positions, which are common among executives and entrepreneurs, can create significant tax exposure. Strategies such as tax-efficient repositioning or loss harvesting can reduce risk without sacrificing market participation. For business owners, early exit planning is especially important; engaging an advisor years in advance of a sale can

significantly lower tax liability and improve wealth transfer outcomes.

Effective tax strategy goes beyond deductions. It requires structuring income and assets intentionally. This may include leveraging donor-advised funds or family foundations, utilizing family partnerships, and evaluating Roth conversion opportunities. Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), when available, offer a powerful triple tax advantage and should be fully funded.

Timing decisions also matter. Delaying Social Security can increase benefits and enhance survivor income. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) allow retirees to give directly from retirement accounts while reducing taxable income. For multigenerational planning, tools like 529 plans can serve both education and

estate planning objectives.

Despite these strategies, common pitfalls remain. Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), beginning at age 73, can push retirees into higher tax brackets and increase Medicare premiums if not planned for early. Similarly, failing to prepare for liquidity events, such as selling a business or real estate, can result in unnecessary tax erosion.

Many retirees also overlook aligning investment strategy with legacy goals. While retirement portfolios often prioritize income and stability, legacy assets should emphasize long-term growth. Long-term care planning is another frequently missed component that can materially impact financial outcomes.

Retirement at this level requires ongoing engagement, disciplined planning, and co-

ordination across advisors. When approached intentionally, it becomes not just sustainable, but fully aligned with your long-term vision.

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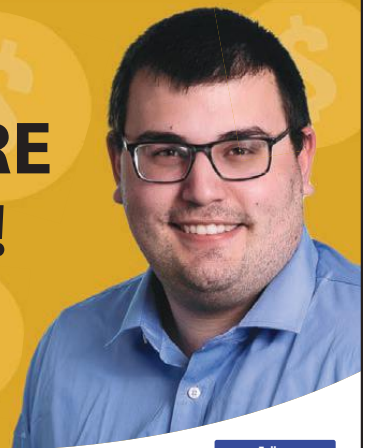
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Exterior maintenance projects to protect your home from Wisconsin weather

Submitted by
Schwaller's Painting

Wisconsin weather subjects our homes to huge swings in temperature, sunlight and humidity between seasons, so regular maintenance and weatherization are critical to prevent expensive damage.

Weather seal windows. Clean the windows, sills and trim inside and out. Look for damage, cracked or peeling paint, and damaged or missing weather stripping or caulking. Make repairs before painting

trim.

Clean and repair rain gutters. Ensure gutters are clear and downspouts are directing water away from your home's foundation. Clogged gutters can lead to water in your basement, foundation damage, and winter ice dams on your roof.

Repair siding damage. Inspect house siding and trim for cracks, holes and other damage, and repair before painting. Scrub or pressure-wash to remove dirt, mold and mildew that can stain and corrode surfaces. If you're not experienced

with a pressure washer, hire a pro to avoid damaging surfaces.

Exterior house painting is about more than curb appeal. All exterior wood (even pressure-treated) needs to be moisture sealed to protect from dry rot. A poor-quality paint job doesn't look good or last, so DIY house painting isn't recommended. Good professional painting contractors have the experience, skills and equipment to paint a house correctly and efficiently.

Your garage door needs maintenance. Scrub or power wash it to remove winter grunge and salt, check for damage and gaps in weather stripping. Wood, metal and vinyl garage doors can be painted to protect them and make them look new.

Wood decks need regular moisture sealing. Prolonged moisture exposure will rot a wood deck, even pressure-treated wood. Annual deck maintenance is a reasonable DIY job but a professional painter can

power wash, sand, prep, and reseal or repaint a deck quickly and affordably.

Whether you DIY or hire a pro, it's important to stay ahead of weatherization issues to help prevent expensive repairs. The "weather window" in Wisconsin for exterior home maintenance is short, so don't procrastinate. Call for an estimate as early as possible.

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When is the right time to start talking about the future?

Submitted by
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For many families, conversations about future care and living arrangements don't happen until a health change, hospitalization, or unexpected event forces important decisions to be made quickly. While these situations can't always be avoided, planning ahead can help reduce stress and provide peace of mind for everyone involved.

Talking about the future isn't about expecting the worst. It's about making sure your wishes are known and giving yourself and your loved ones the opportunity to make thoughtful decisions together.

Taking time to reflect on a few simple questions can be a helpful place to start:

- What matters most to me as I age?
- What kind of support might I want in the future?
- Where would I like to live if my needs change?
- Have I shared my wishes with the people who matter most?

These conversations may feel difficult at first, but they often bring comfort and clarity. Family members gain a better understanding of what is important to their loved one, and individuals can feel confident knowing their preferences have been heard.

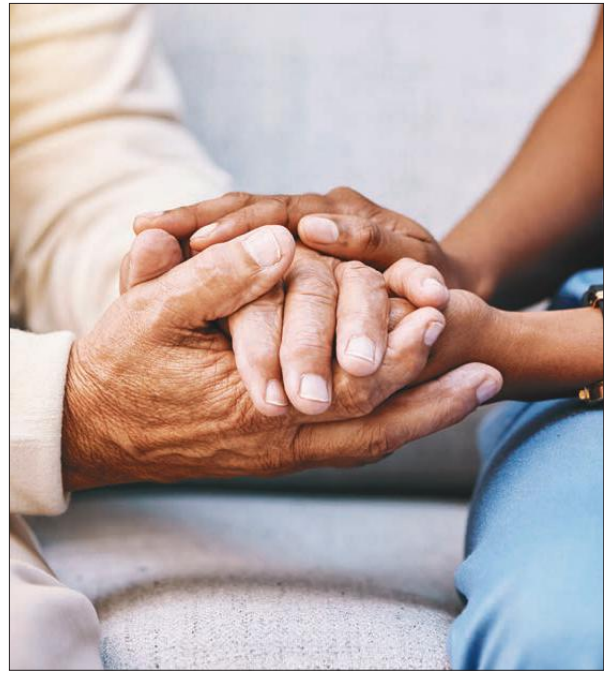
The future doesn't have to be planned all at once. Some-

times it begins with a simple discussion around the kitchen table, during a family gathering, or over a cup of coffee. What matters most is starting the conversation before a crisis makes the decisions feel rushed or overwhelming.

Whether you're planning for yourself or helping a loved one navigate the aging journey, having open and honest conversations today can make tomorrow feel more manageable.

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