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The Beacon obtains county herbicide spraying records

by Ian Johanson
for The Beacon

The Beacon's reporting in the July 28 edition on the county's roadside herbicide spraying program prompted what seemed like a natural question: where specifically were these various chemicals sprayed, and when? Beyond a single county webpage describing the spraying program, the county did not provide any public notice of these specifics.

After more than six weeks of back-and-forth with Sheboygan County Transportation Department Director Bryan Olson on a public records request, there are now some answers. The county provided The Beacon with 26 maps of routes the spray trucks took on the days the herbicides were applied, along with the corresponding GPS data of the routes. The spraying occurred on 21 days from May 5 to July 14.

All of these records will be published online with this article on sheboyganbeacon.com. Olson initially told The Beacon that "Sheboygan County does not

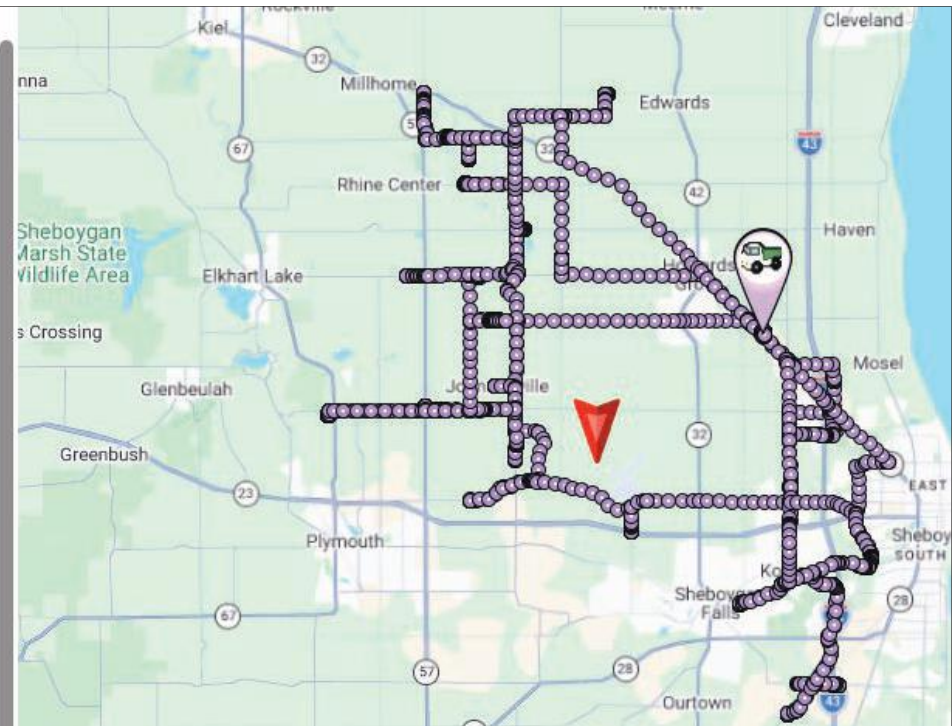
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ONE EXAMPLE OF 26 PROVIDED MAPS shows the route a county truck followed on June 16, when herbicide spraying activity was recorded in an employee activity log. Spraying did not necessarily occur at all points on the map. Each dot is a logged GPS location. Dots spaced closely together indicate the truck was moving slowly, around 10 mph, which is consistent with, but does not definitely prove, where spraying occurred. More widely-spaced points indicate higher speeds more likely to be transit from point to point. All of the maps and GPS data are available on The Beacon's website sheboyganbeacon.com.

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Online speculation prompts city to clarify purpose of data center presentation series

City of Sheboygan
press release Aug. 24

The City of Sheboygan is eager to clarify the genesis and intention of the data center speaker series due to significant speculation circulating online regarding the purpose of these events. The series was established after the Common Council adopted a 12-month Data Center Moratorium. As discussed during the adoption of the moratorium, this temporary pause provides the City with the opportunity to better understand the real issues surrounding data centers and identify what zoning provisions may be beneficial to the city and our citizens should a project ever be proposed in Sheboygan. Rather than bringing subject matter experts directly to a Council meeting for discussion solely among elected officials, the Council chose to offer a public

engagement series so residents can hear directly from experts with firsthand knowledge of data centers. This approach ensures transparency, community involvement, and access to reliable information.

The purpose of this series is to inform the development of thoughtful zoning code updates that protect the City. It is not designed to either support or oppose any specific data center project. To responsibly protect the community after the moratorium lifts, the City must proactively develop zoning standards

addressing potential impacts of data centers that may seek development within the City in the future. While the City is prohibited from banning a lawful business type, it can regulate certain aspects through zoning which is why expert guidance is essential.

Council President, Alderperson Susie Boorse stated, "I wel-

come the opportunity to gather valuable input from a variety of speakers through this series. It's important that we explore expert insights on areas that we may not yet have anticipated as a community. The benefits of these sessions and the resulting zoning code impacts will likely have a long-lasting positive impact on Sheboygan for many years to come."

These speakers will share insights into challenges other communities have faced and identify proactive measures communities can take to prepare. We encourage all residents to review the Speaker Series Focused on Data Centers and explore each session's focus area, listed under the main caption for each event.

Members of the public and local stakeholders are welcome to attend the sessions in person at Uptown Social or virtually. Each session will be available

to live stream on WSCS and Teams.

The series is scheduled for Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

For more details visit the

City's Website at <https://www.sheboyganwi.gov/681/Data-Centers-Educational-Speaker-Series>

Sheboygan Police Dept. to request contract termination with Flock Safety

City of Sheboygan
press release Aug. 25

SHEBOYGAN — Sheboygan Police Chief Kurt Zempel and City Administrator Casey Bradley will ask the Sheboygan Common Council to end the city's contract with Flock Safety at the next Common Council meeting

on September 8th.

Flock Safety provides a network of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras that capture still images of vehicles and their license plates as they drive past the cameras. The Sheboygan Police Department has used

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ALPR technology for more than 10 years and has had 15 Flock cameras in operation since early 2024. ALPR technology and Flock-captured data have been successfully used to solve several serious criminal cases in the City.

In July, the Sheboygan Police Department became aware of actions by Flock Safety believed to be inconsistent with the terms and expectations of the City's contract and which undermine trust in the services provided. The Police Department confirmed the circumstances and will therefore ask the Common Council to terminate the contract. Beginning this week, City staff will cover the 15 Flock cameras in operation while staff and the Common Council work through the termination process. This will prevent the collection of vehicle license plate data.

The Sheboygan Police Department continues to rely on other current and emerging technologies to increase its effectiveness at solving crime and ensuring public safety. Any new system considered for approval will be

thoroughly vetted with the involvement of the community's elected representatives to address privacy, civil rights, and transparency concerns.

"We believe that the use of modern technology is an important part of our effectiveness in providing justice and safety for our community," said Chief Zempel. "But as with any system that involves access to powerful technology or sensitive information, strong internal controls and community trust are vital. That trust must extend to the partners who provide those services."

"The Sheboygan Police Department constantly evaluates the effectiveness and reliability of its technology providers, and while Flock Safety's technology has been instrumental in removing violent offenders from our community and recovering stolen vehicles and other property, we believe that ending the relationship with Flock Safety is necessary at this time."

The Common Council will consider Chief Zempel and Administrator Bradley's request at its regularly scheduled September 8th meeting.



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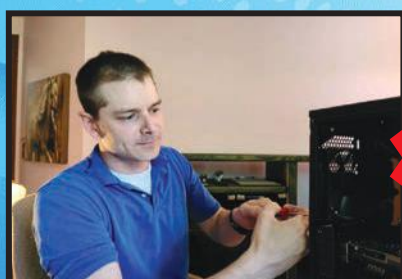
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Troubles with a horse named Ed spurs special physical therapy practice for animals

by **Dave Boehler**
for The Beacon

It all began with a horse named Ed.

"He was the whole reason I started this business, actually," said Plymouth resident Megan Krump.

Since 2022, the Random Lake native has been running Hands in Healing for small animals, equine, livestock and humans with a MagnaWave machine that uses Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) therapy deep into the body's tissues.

People use it to reduce inflammation, relieve muscle soreness, and support relaxation.

And it improves recovery, eases joint stiffness and boosts athletic performance in animals.

"I absolutely love it," Krump said. "I get to help animals, and share the love that I have for animals, with them."

"I've always wanted to have like my own business doing body work with other people's animals because I'm such an animal lover."

Krump, who's been around horses since she was a child, noticed Ed seemed sore physically and had someone come to the barn to check him out about five years ago.

The women used MagnaWave, and Krump became interested in doing it herself.

She now finds herself working on German Shepherds that have hip dysplasia.

"It's a preventative to help them as they get older," she



Megan Krump and her love for animals led to the creation of Hands in Healing. - photo by Blessed to Bless

said. "If you have a show animal, it's going to be great preworkout and post-workout. It's going to help your body recover a lot faster and it's going to help the animal perform at its best."

"Actually, a couple of the past Kentucky Derby winners are MagnaWave users."

Krump has also helped dogs who've had anterior cruciate ligament tears, and others who can't walk.

"One dog in particular was seven years old and developed some type of disc disorder that they didn't know of, and the dog just stopped walking one day," she said. "I went there, and just from what I did - and my client doing basically physical therapy at home with her dog - it's now running perfectly fine."

Krump is also in the midst

of developing a pet loss/grief support group through Hands in Healing, because a lot of her clients are senior animals.

Those interested in contacting Hands in Healing can call her at (920) 479-0615.

She tells clients improvement will be seen in three to four sessions.

And by that time? "They love it," Krump said.

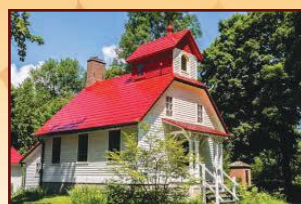
"A lot of people are skeptical, actually. I would say a lot of people are very skeptical about it until I actually do it. ... Then we'll try a couple sessions, and they're like, 'oh, my God! I see such a big difference.'"

That, Krump says, makes her feel awesome.

"I'm happy that I got to help them and their animals feel better," she said.

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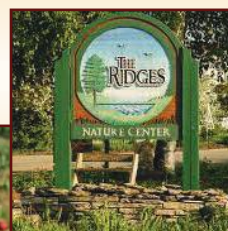
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BlomWillis has blast as Bucky

■ South grad spends four years as University of Wisconsin mascot

Being Bucky Badger is definitely something to brag about.

But until Nolan BlomWillis graduated from the University of Wisconsin a few months ago, no more than 30 people knew the 2021 Sheboygan South graduate was the mascot because of school rules.

"There was video on ESPN of the court storming against Marquette (in 2023)," said BlomWillis, who lives in Milwaukee and is a biomedical engineer for GE HealthCare. "I saw myself getting crowd surfed on TV, and I was like, 'oh my gosh, that's me!' But who can I tell, right? Other than like my mom and dad, and some of my friends."

"Then there's people in class that would show me the video, and they're like, 'dude, did you guys see the game over the weekend? I helped crowd-surf Bucky.' And they have no idea, no clue it was me."

"It was the funniest thing." BlomWillis also got hoisted above fans who charged the Camp Randall Stadium turf after UW upset No. 23 Washington in football last season.

But again, no bragging allowed - even if it was his last time ever on the field.

"That was the coolest thing ever," he said. "To look up into the sky - I think rain was coming down - and just getting surfed across the field, feeling like you're floating. It was so cool, so surreal. I think there was a moment where I was kind of laying there in one of those 'how-did-I-get-here' moments."

But not every Bucky story was worth sharing.

BlomWillis once climbed up a pyramid of band members at a football game and was roughly 20 feet high when he came



those big garbage bins. Then he couldn't get out, and all his friends are laughing.

"But holy smokes, you know what that area hurts like. ... So I taught him a lesson, but it came at a cost of a lot of pain."

It's not easy doing the traditional pushups after every UW touchdown, either. Especially if it's hot, because count on adding 20-30 degrees to the actual temperature when wearing the costume.

The eyes, according to BlomWillis, are super small, too (he actually looks out through Bucky's mouth).

And he even has to clean Bucky when he gets home, which can be comical because he spent his last two years living with four other people that were also the mascot.

"There were hilarious times, like when the maintenance guy would come over and he'd see five decapitated Bucky's and lose his mind," BlomWillis said.

So how does one with no prior experience as a mascot get to be one of the most famous ones in the country?

It all started when BlomWillis was a freshman and his friend, a cheerleader at UW, told him the school was holding tryouts to be the next Bucky.

"Then, I thought it was kind of funny and was like, 'I'll do it as a joke,'" he said.

BlomWillis didn't tell anyone his intentions, and he checked it out that spring.

BlomWillis was one of around 35-40 wanna-be mascots at the three-day tryout. He ended up being picked - with six others - as a future Bucky.

"My parents didn't know I was trying out," BlomWillis said. "So that phone call was a little bit confusing, a little bit of a shock for them. They obviously know who Bucky is - they grew up big Badger fans - and they thought I was pranking them or messing with them."

See BUCKY/7



Whether Nolan BlomWillis was with his parents (top photo), atop a pyramid (left), or crowd surfing (right), he enjoyed his time at Bucky Badger. - Submitted photos

crashing down to end up with a concussion.

There was also this birthday party when a kid with a mohawk (BlomWillis estimates

he was 7 years old) walks up to him with a message:

"He's like, 'Bucky, take this,'" BlomWillis said. "And he puts a punch right into the

no-no square. I just picked him up, grabbed him by the legs - the parents were totally okay with me doing this - and I just dropped him right into one of

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Every car should have this playbook

Sometimes, the car ride home can make or break a young athlete.

That's why Sheboygan resident and former coach Josiah Pledl created a Facebook page entitled Ride Home Playbook to help parents navigate youth sports without "losing their kid, their money, or their mind."

Development over drama, and perspective over panic, is what the father of two hockey-playing children posted on his new site about two months ago.

"I came up with this because our kids are rapidly falling in love with sports, and sports were a huge part of me," Pledl said. "The car ride home is the reason a lot of kids quit sports, because they get in the car and parents are yelling at them about mistakes and it's just not fun anymore. It's hypercritical, and your parents, who you expect to be loving and caring, are now coaching and criticizing you for something that you're doing as a 7-year-old because you love it, right?"

"And so what could I do to maybe impact some type of change or positive impact in this? I started with writing just a blog and social media posts, and am looking to potentially grow it to like an online community for parents looking for support. And the strength of the community isn't necessarily me, but the collaboration of getting these parents together on an online platform that I would moderate.

"The car ride home is the reason a lot of kids quit sports."

- Josiah Pledl

"Then looking at potentially speaking to parent groups and youth organizations and those types of things on just how can we keep this fun, and allow kids to develop at the same time in a way that is much more sustainable than knowing that seven out of 10 athletes are going to quit at the age of 13."

Pledl, who played sports at Cedar Grove-Belgium and was the basketball manager at UW-Milwaukee when Bruce Pearl coached the Panthers to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, says the average family spends \$1,300 a child per year on youth sports.

It's just one of the reasons he wants people to follow his Ride Home Playbook page - it already has 60 of them - and he seeks comments or messages from anyone at anytime.

"I'm learning and growing as much as this, too," he said. "I don't have all the answers for all of this. But I think that the power in it is connection and collaboration of parents that are living this and trying to raise their kids and support their kids in a loving and caring way. And so that's the purpose of people get-



Josiah Pledl (right) likes to enjoy car rides with his two hockey-playing children. - Submitted photo

ting together and engaging and discussing.

"There's been quite a few private messages ... and a lot of good discussions from mainly outside of Sheboygan County. Like people in the Stratford area. There's a dad that's reached out to me down in the Cedarburg area. A guy that's up by like Marshfield who trains athletes and offers strength and conditioning.

"From his side, he's got parents paying him to train them. But it's very evident that the kid doesn't even want to be there. And then the parents are mad at him because they're spending money, and the kid's not getting stronger. But the kid doesn't have the intrinsic motivation to do this. And so without consistency and effort, it's tough to get results, right?"

Ristow doesn't act her age

Seventy-year-old Denise Ristow has some advice: "I think it's important that people, as they age, still follow their dreams, still move their body, still are active," the Sheboygan resident said.

Ristow would know, as she recently finished sixth in the world in her age group at the CrossFit Games in San Jose.

Ristow was a long-distance runner about 13 years ago when she got involved in CrossFit at the urging of her daughter and a friend.

"She was yammering in one ear and my daughter was in the other ear," she said. "They just said, 'Denny, you would love this. You've got to try it.'"

Ristow first volunteered at a local competition to see what it was all about.

"It was exciting and something new," she said. "They had all these things going on at the same time. And I'm like, 'yes, I think I can do this.'"

Ristow, who used to coach CrossFit in Plymouth (she still does at her home gym in Sheboygan called Midwest Grit) and was employed at Ink-Works Printing, had to survive three rounds of on-

line competition to qualify for the CrossFit Games.

It was the first time she advanced that far since taking 16th place when the Games were held in Madison in 2021.

"I always underestimate myself, so I'm good (with sixth)," Ristow said. "I finished just about where I thought I was going to. I didn't think I'd win, but I didn't think I'd be at the bottom. So I ended up pretty much right where I thought I would."

Ristow didn't have much time to celebrate her three-day accomplishment - not that many people do after a high-intensity fitness competition that uses constantly varied functional movements like weightlifting, running and bodyweight exercises.

"Well, in this case, I had to fly home," she said. "But, yeah, it took me about a week to (recover). It's a lot. There's multiple workouts every day. So your body gets a little tired and beat up. It took a full week before I felt like myself."

However, that isn't stopping Ristow from trying to qualify against next year.

"Oh, sure," she said.



Denise Ristow continues to excel in CrossFit. - Submitted photo

PLEDL'S ORIGINAL FACEBOOK POST

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And last Tuesday at UW-Parkside, Giebler survived 95-degree temperatures and high humidity to finish in 17:39.07 (57 seconds ahead of the competition).

"He is motivated, talented, a very hard worker, and we are looking forward to a great season from him," coach Jeff Jurs said.

"He has emerged as a leader and is a great example of humility and hard work. Cross country isn't easy, and while he has talent, he still has to work extremely hard.

"He wants to run against other fast guys ... and other Division 3 powerhouse teams. He knows running against other fast guys will make him better as we head throughout the season. He would really like to do his best at the state meet, which could mean a Top 10 finish."

BUCKY/from 5

Shortly after tryouts, BlomWillis made his debut as Bucky at the UW's School of Economics graduation.

His first sporting event came his sophomore year when Washington State visited the Badgers at Camp Randall Stadium.

"That was an unreal experience, to come out of the tunnel on the Bucky Wagon and you wave a flag around," BlomWillis said. "Then when you get done, you look up and everything's filled in the stadium. ... You're just like in almost shock of how many people are looking down at you."

Other highlights BlomWillis's first year as Bucky included the football game at Nebraska, the Big 10 Men's Basketball Tournament in Chicago, and a national mascot competition in Florida.

Once the school year ended, however, BlomWillis had to attend tryouts again to remain Bucky.

"There was no question, no thought, about that," he said. "I was doing it again. ... I'd never heard of somebody stopping after the first year - maybe it's happened in the past - but I had no thought in my mind of not doing it again."

Junior-year highlights included a trip to Minneapolis, where the Badgers defeated the

Teammate Titus Gottschalk ended fourth (18:25.46) at Kettle Moraine Lutheran and came in sixth at UWP.

Another winner

South junior Owen Schaefer opened his cross country season with a first-place finish in the Grade Level Challenge in Mitchell. His time of 16:48.52 was well ahead of runner-up Colin Courtney's 17:01.96.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Red Raiders' junior Cooper Gould came in sixth (17:45.22).

Among freshmen and sophomores, South 10th grader Aaron Moore placed second in 18:09.30.

Rautmann takes fifth

North sophomore Aidan Rautmann ended fifth with an

18:24.8 in the Shorewood Invitational on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL

Punt return for TD

In North's 14-6 win over West Bend East on Aug. 28, junior Jack Knudtson returned a third-quarter punt for a touchdown.

The other one came on a TD pass from Rylan Buhr to AJ Steward.

Revenge is nice

KLC beat Oostburg, 30-14, Aug. 28 after losing by four to the Flying Dutchmen in the season-opener in 2025.

Aiden Oldenhoff completed 12 passes for 207 yards and four touchdowns, including two caught by Connor Barts.

McCoy Michael and Carter Zimmermann had the other two.

Golden Gophers in football.

"We took back (Paul Bunyan's Axe)," BlomWillis said. "That was really cool. 'I chopped down the goalpost, did that whole thing. ... I remember snow falling, running onto the field meeting the players out there and going nuts. That was so cool, especially because I watched that game growing up every year as a kid.'"

Blomwillis was also on hand when the volleyball team took down No. 1-ranked Nebraska.

And that men's basketball game against nationally-ranked Marquette at the Kohl Center?

The Golden Eagles' mascot just happened to be his good friend from high school, Dylan Timm.

BlomWillis was in New York for March Madness, too.

After two years as Bucky, the school does not make you try out anymore, so BlomWillis did it again as a senior.

There was a seven-day trip to Florida for a basketball tournament, a return visit to Nebraska for football, and a stop in Indianapolis for another Big 10 Conference Tournament.

Because BlomWillis was a fifth-year senior, he remained as Bucky through last spring.

That meant BlomWillis got to be Bucky when the football team visited powerhouse Alabama in September.

"That was the one of the

coolest football games I've ever done," he said. "To see SEC football, be on the field - the atmosphere right in front of my face - and hear Alabama fans calling me obscenities was awesome. It was hilarious to mess with them. ... I got to hear Dixieland Delight sung by like 80,000 Alabama fans. That was unreal."

So, too, was the past Memorial Day Parade in Monona, because it was the last time BlomWillis donned the costume.

He believes it was his 425th to 430th event as Bucky, and perhaps a lady he once met crossed his mind that day.

"The last thing that she wanted in her life was to meet Bucky," BlomWillis said. "She had a traumatic brain injury when she was 18, so she didn't have much memory. But she knew she loved Bucky, and she made sure she knew that by having a tattoo on her ankle of Bucky. She was in her last month, and I got to visit her in the hospice center.

"Yeah, that is probably the one that sticks out the most in my head of my coolest or favorite story to tell. ... I also always thought of all the different types of smiles that I got to see and got to put on people's faces. I tell people I've probably seen every variation and kind of smile through Bucky's eyes."

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ELIZABETH DIAMOND

Betts Diamond passed away peacefully on August 27, 2026, at the age of 94, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 14, 1932, in Waldo, to Dala and Chester Harrison. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, of 55 years; her sister Shirl Laske, and brothers William Harrison and Chester Harrison.

She is survived by her loving children: Deborah Diamond (Mark Kupsch) of Madison, Wisconsin; Dawn Valencia (Ricardo) of Palatine, Illinois; Kevin Diamond (Sarah) of Elmhurst, Illinois; Mary Diamond of

Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and Tim Diamond (Sue) of Griffith, Indiana. Her 12 grandchildren, Courtney, Charles, Chelsea, Ricky, Kristina, Melissa, Elizabeth, Katie, Jenny, Zach, Jake, and Sarah Grace; and her 10 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her best friend, Marilyn Daane, and caring goddaughter/niece Roxanne Pauls; her many nieces and nephews from the Harrison and Diamond sides of her family, her many friends and neighbors.

Betts graduated from Waldo High School and worked as a Navy stenographer in Milwaukee, before marrying her husband, James, in 1954. They lived in Winneconne prior to moving to Sheboygan in 1957. She was a stay-at-home Mom until her children were in school, when she began working at Maurices for 17 years.

She was a devoted lifetime parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church; member of Sheboygan Elks Club Lodge 299; played in the Riverdale Golf Course Women's League; the Red Hats Women's group, Christian Women's Club, and swam at the Senior Center for over 35 years.

Betts' family was everything to her. She loved being together with her entire family for the special holidays of Christmas, Easter and especially Thanksgiving where there was much laughter, storytelling, games and shenanigans. She is famous for baking her Betts' Banana (Grandma) Bread enjoyed by all who love her.

She also enjoyed sitting outside on her patio, times with her many friends at the Elks, playing Bridge, card and board games, parades, the beach, and church picnics. She was an enthusiastic fan of the Green Bay Packers, Bucks, Brewers, Wisconsin Badger football, basketball, and volleyball, as well as golf.

Betts will be remembered by her warm heart, radiant smile, her kindness and forgiveness to all, and her welcoming hospitality to her always "open door" to all who liked to visit.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1305 Humboldt Ave., Sheboygan. Fr. Paul Fliss officiated. Family and friends gathered at the church on Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Mass at 10:30 a.m. Entombment took place at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6706 Superior Ave. Town of Sheboygan.

Special thanks for her final days of care to Sharon Richardson Community Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choosing in her name.

The Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.reinboldfh.com.

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HERBICIDE from 2

have a list or map showing the roads treated with herbicides or plant growth regulators.”

Regardless of one's level of concern about these chemicals, it seemed to The Beacon that county residents should at least be able to know where and when the spraying took place. People could then make their own evaluations about potential risks to pets, aquatic life, pollinators, groundwater or desired plants such as crops or gardens at the specific places where they were applied. The labels for the chemicals used - 2,4-D LV6, Plotter, TerraVue, Panoramic and Length EXT - do warn of risks to all five.

The risk to crops from roadside spraying is not hypothetical. Accidental damage to soybeans from township-applied herbicides was reported by the Town

of Lyndon's public works director to the town board at its August meeting, and covered by The Review in the August 21 edition. A determination about compensation to the farmer for the damage will take place following the harvest. The director did not specify which herbicide was used for controlling right-of-way weeds, however he said that he had consulted an agronomist in advance.

While the overall routes the trucks followed on spraying days are now available, Olson told The Review that “The county does not have a map or record showing the locations where the herbicide and growth inhibitor were sprayed on individual roads.”

According to the county, different chemical sets are used at different locations. “The growth inhibitor is applied to most county rights-of-way, whereas the product targeting invasive species is used only in areas with

known issues,” a reply from a Transportation Department representative said.

The county classes Panoramic as a “growth regulator,” and Length EXT as a “drift prevention product.” The others are used by the county for treating broad-leaf invasives.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (ATCP) has extensive administrative rules governing the use of pesticides, including rules for licensing and record-keeping. These agency-issued rules have the force of state law.

As the chemicals the county uses are classed as “general use,” the licensing and record keeping rules differ from those required for pesticides classed as “restricted.” According to the ATCP rules, county highway and road crews are treated differently than commercial spray businesses.

Private contractors must maintain detailed records of every pesticide they apply, and are required to post warning signs on landscaping applications. Government employees using over-the-counter or “general use” herbicides are not bound by the state-mandated logging requirement unless they deploy federally restricted-use chemicals, and are not required to post signage on rights-of-way.

The route maps, one of which is included with this article, require some interpretation. The dots which are closely-spaced indicate a slow-moving truck, consistent with spraying activity,

while the widely-spaced dots indicate higher speeds more likely to be transit between points. The maps do not specifically indicate where the spraying occurred.

The GPS data, while difficult to interpret on its face, can be correlated with GPS points available on online maps, or used to calculate speed between points with online tools.

The log of employee hours shows a total of 238.75 hours engaged in spraying activity this year. The county has two employees who have completed annual training and are licensed as commercial pesticide applicators, according to Olson.

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What's in the Beeps and Tones? The Story of an Audiogram

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During a hearing test, those simple tones may not seem like much. You sit quietly, listen through headphones, and press a button or raise your hand when you hear a sound.

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By the time your hearing test is finished, those beeps have created a story—one that is drawn out on a graph called an audiogram.

An audiogram is a picture of your hearing. It shows the softest sounds you can hear at different pitches, giving your audiologist or hearing instrument specialist a way to see how your ears are detecting sound.

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The tones you hear are presented at different pitches and different loudness levels. Some are low and deep. Others are higher and more like the sounds found in everyday speech. You simply respond when you hear them, even if the sound is very faint.

Your responses become marks on the audiogram.

Across the bottom of the graph are different pitches, measured in Hertz. Lower pitches are on one side, while higher pitches are on the other. The vertical side of the graph represents loudness, measured in decibels. The higher up a mark appears, the softer the sound you were able to hear.

The marks for your right and left ears create a pattern across the graph.

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But an audiogram isn't the entire story. Your audiologist also considers what you are experiencing in everyday life and how your hearing is affecting communication with family, friends, and coworkers.

So the next time you hear those familiar beeps during a hearing test, remember that they are doing more than making noise.

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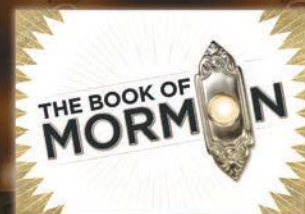
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River Fest is a free, family-friendly event that showcases the heart of Sheboygan's Harbor Centre through music, activities, food, and fun for all ages. Guests can discover local businesses and organizations through interactive booths, enjoy live entertainment, and take part in hands-on experiences throughout the day.

Festival highlights include:

- Live Music: Minor Worries (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) and Buffalo Joe (1:30-4:30 p.m.)
- Kids Entertainment: Randy Peterson's show (1:00 p.m.)
- Family Fun: Jean the Balloon



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- On the Water: U.S. Coast Guard boat tours
- Food & Drinks: Food trucks and local vendors
- Shopping: Vendor booths from Sheboygan's Downtown, South Pier and Riverfront businesses

"We're thrilled to welcome the community back to the riverfront for a day filled with music, family fun, and local flavor," said Kristin Bahr, Harbor Centre BID execu-

tive director. "River Fest is a celebration of what makes Sheboygan such a vibrant place to live, work, and visit."

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"Last year we made a 'very big' splash with our inaugu-

ral festival, and we're excited to do it again this year," said Beah Travis, Founder and Executive Director of Belladonna Film Project and Director of the SFF Committee. "Our festival truly has something for everyone from family-friendly screenings to late night horror to thought-provoking dramas."

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A new take on a popular breakfast favorite

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Those who want to prepare a delicious dish with soy instead of more traditional recipes can create a host of beloved foods, including waffles, a breakfast table staple that few can resist. This recipe for "Vegan Soy Milk Waffles With Blueberries" from Lines+Angles may be less traditional, but the result is a delicious plate of irresistible waffles.

**Vegan Soy Milk Waffles
With Blueberries**
Makes 4 servings

2 cups whole wheat
self-raising flour

2 teaspoons baking powder
 4 tablespoons brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 pinch salt
 1 1/2 cups soy milk
 5 1/2 tablespoons vegetable oil,
 plus extra for greasing

To serve:

2 blood oranges
 4 tablespoons almond butter
 1 handful blueberries
 1 1/2 ounces dried mulberries
 Mix the flour and baking powder in a bowl. Mix in the sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, salt, soy milk, and oil and mix until smooth.

Heat a waffle iron and brush with oil. Cook the batter in batches to make 8 waffles.

To serve, peel the oranges, removing the white pith and cut into slices. Place the waffles on plates, drizzle with the almond butter and garnish with oranges, blueberries and mulberries.



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Stacey Whitton Summers is a singer/songwriter /actress that hails from Reno, NV and comes from a musical family of eight. She has been entertaining audiences since age seven. Her adolescence was filled with studies & performances of classical voice, theater, saxophone. When entering her college years she decided to pursue a singing and acting career.

After pursuing her Degree in Opera and Theater, she was cast in the role of "Marilyn Monroe" for the Las Vegas based show, "Legends in Concert." Since then she has used her talents in makeup /wig design, comedy and voice manipulation to recreate other icons for the stage and TV.

During the last twelve years Stacey has been meticulously recreating icons such as Shania Twain, Pat Benatar, Martina McBride Marilyn Monroe, Gretchen Wilson, Katy Perry and "The Judds" for live stage shows such as world-renowned Legends in Concert as well as her own one woman show. She has starred on TV shows such as ABC's "The Next Best Thing," E! Television's "Country's most Shocking" along with appearing as a featured artist on over 40 variety TV shows. She has shared the stage with original greats such as Dolly Parton and Dom DeLuise.

Stacey toured internationally and received media praise from Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Florida, Myrtle Beach, and Branson to the Bahamas, Singapore, Australia, Canada, and many parts of South and Central America. She has spent the last decade in Las Vegas where Shania Twain herself paid a visit to the Vegas strip to see Stacey perform. She has enjoyed singing for Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Birthday Bash and the National Rodeo in Las Vegas; however, one of Stacey's highest honors was to perform for the U.S. Troops at the U.S. Naval Base on the private island of Diego Garcia. Stacey is a seasoned professional in many genres of music and has released 4 of her own CDs.

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A Look Back... on a sad occasion 107 years ago



by **Sarah Hall**
for The Beacon

The funeral of 36-year-old Elizabeth Marie Hermann on September 9, 1919 at Sheboygan's Lutheran Cemetery drew a large cross-section of the city's tight-knit Volga-German community.

Floral offerings were profuse and much effort must have gone into propping up the open coffin and carefully arranging the scene so photos could be taken to commemorate the event and send to relatives who could not attend.

According to Hermann's obituary, she had died at 1 a.m. that Sunday, following an operation at St. Nicholas Hospital.

Both her maiden and married surnames were Hermann, and she left behind three sons aged 17, 15 and 11.

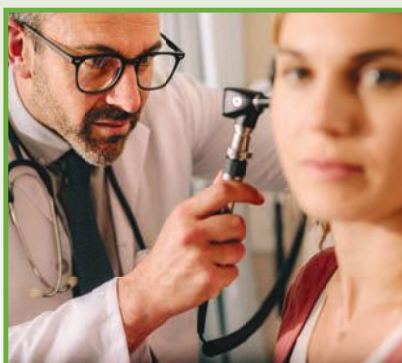
She and her husband John (Johannes) Hermann were originally from Schaefer, Russia, married there when they were both teenagers in 1900 and immigrated to the United States with their sons and settled in Sheboygan in 1912.

John remarried in 1920 to a widow, Sophia (Klunk) Kraemer, who was also from the same Russian hometown. He established Hermann & Son Grocery Store at 1228 North 14th Street in 1927, continued

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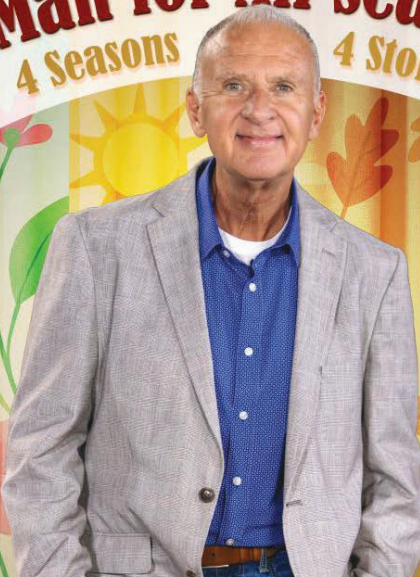
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to run it until he was nearly 80 years old and died in 1966 at age 85, outliving his second wife and one of his sons as well.

His middle son, John, and his wife continued to operate the grocery store near the corner of 14th Street and Michigan Avenue for many years.

Photo provided by Tom Hermann, 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.

FILM FESTIVAL from 12

and feature the 2026 dark comedy crime film Chili Finger, which stars Judy Greer, John Goodman, Sean Astin, and Bryan Cranston. Described as a Cohen-esque thriller set in Wisconsin, the film is sure to entertain. Following the screening, the party continues with live music by Community Playlist.

The line up for the rest of the weekend includes short and feature films of all genres from around the world with special attention to the Midwest.

Screenings will run from 10 AM to 10 PM all day Friday and Saturday at John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Blue Harbor Resort hosts screenings all day Saturday; and Paradigm Coffee & Music hosts the Saturday night screening and afterparty. Specialty screenings such as the Sips & Cinema Wine Dinner and the Mutant Graveyard Midnite Picture Show provide more immersive opportunities for viewers.

The festival brings in film professionals from across the Midwest to lead workshops on film producing, writing, and craft. The workshops take place at area venues such as Work-Haven BookHouse and The Sheboygan Collective. SFF partners with local children's organizations, Above & Beyond Children's Museum, Mini Mocha Cafe, and Mead Public Library, to program the Family Program for the festival. The Family Program offers screenings and workshops for ages 0 to 17. It also includes play time at both Above & Beyond and Mini Mocha. The Family Program Pass is only \$20/person for the entire weekend.

Weekend passes for the festival are on sale now on the Sheboygan Film Festival website. Passes include access to film screenings, creative workshops, festival socials, and discounts to stay at Blue Harbor Resort.

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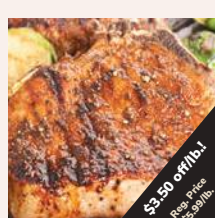
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Autumn's Hourglass

The Veg Patch Dispatch



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Whatever the sun touches, it turns to gold. Such is autumn in our part of Wisconsin, and nowhere more than beneath the canopy of a woodland thick with

maple and oak trees.

The path between our pack shed and our main vegetable field winds through this sort of woods. Traveling along the path to and

from these two central areas of the farm provides a display of each season's magic.

In winter I'll ski beneath the bare trees and out to the snow-covered fields, to visit my favorite sections of the previous season's vegetable patches, and to reminisce about the people and plants that thrived on the frozen earth just a few months earlier. In ski season the trees in the woods trade their canopy of leaves for snow, which scatters off the branches in no particular pattern and floats silently down around me. It feels like being in a snow globe, especially when I find myself suddenly sprawled on the ground, skis tangled beneath me,

as though my world has just been shaken by an overeager child. I prefer the magnitude of this image to the reality of the small rock or root which caught my skis and sent me toppling over like a tipsy snow angel.

In spring the wood is awash with purple flowers. They throng the edges of our path like spectators, watching as we parade past

on our tractors and golf carts, heralding the new season and celebrating the life which is about to begin. The path itself is often a muddy mess in spring, making a golf cart ride seem like a real life version of the Mario Kart race course "Moo Moo Meadows."

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minus the giant roving cows. For this reason we name our golf carts after Nintendo characters: Bowser (a thug of a cart with monster-tread wheels, best for carrying big loads), Princess Peach (a diva who has no room to haul anything and whose batteries are always dead anyway), and Yoshi (a four-seater champion of carts that never seems to run out of energy).

I relish the challenge of driving Yoshi home through a spring rain, fishtailing my way out of mud holes on the track and then racing up the straightaway, tires spinning as I launch up the final steep hill that leads out to the gravel driveway. On the way

back to the field, we sometimes call out the Nintendo game's opening tag line, "Here we go! Here we go!" as we plunge down among the trees. Occasionally someone will toss a banana peel on the path too, for added effect.

In summer the woods' greatest gift is shade. We drive slowly with our heavy loads of produce. There is no racing when we are carrying the harvest because we are tired and because the ruts make it all too easy to spill our loot. As I commute to work on groggy summer mornings, I'll crane my neck back and look up past the foliage. The towering tree trunks reach toward the sky and as I follow them with my eyes I am filled with an energy that my cup of coffee never quite imparts. And on summer nights, when

coyote song ripples through the trees, I think about the path and am glad that I'm not on it.

But it's in autumn that I love the path most. Yellow leaves adorn our wooded haven, and the sun shines through the branches, adding light to the festive air and turning our path into a golden road for the final weeks of harvest. But like grains of sand in an hourglass, each leaf that settles underfoot is one less bit of life sustained above our heads. The slow shift each day is a reminder that now is the time to make the most of this year's growing season, before it is gone forever.

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GENEALOGY CLASS: Monday, September 14, 2026: 1:00pm. Sheboygan County Historical Research Center. Using AI in Genealogical Research with Mary Parrish. This class explores how artificial intelligence can be used to support genealogy research and enhance photographs, while also emphasizing the importance of using AI carefully and responsibly. Participants will learn about different types of AI tools, how they may help with tasks such as organizing research, reading text, and improving images, and where they can fall short. Cost: \$15 for members / \$20 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Register at schrc.org or call (920) 467-4667. Please be aware of road closures in She-

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HISTORY ON THE MOVE: Tuesday, September 15, 2026: 12:00pm - Generations, 1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth. 175 Years of the Sheboygan County Fair with Katie Dippel. Open to the public, no charge, no reservations needed.
HISTORY BOOK CLUB: Wednesday, September 16, 2026: 1:00pm - SCHRC, 518 Water Street, Sheboygan Falls. Wrecked: The Edmund Fitzgerald and the Sinking of the American Economy (2025) by Thomas M. Nelson with Jerald Podair. Tony Gentine, moderator. Participants supply their own book. Please read ahead of time. (upper level-no elevator access), free of charge. No registration is needed. Please be aware of road closures in Sheboygan Falls.
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DCA and other charges

Saunier, Marshal J., 7/1/2004, Sheboygan, 1st degree Recklessly Endangering Safety-Felony-DCA-2 years, Possession of THC, Disorderly Conduct, Endangering Safety-Use of Dangerous Weapon (Misdemeanors), Jail 120 days (stayed), \$1,357.40.

Revoke Probation

Gall, Colin T.O., 5/23/2007, Sheboygan, Jail 130 days, Still owes \$455.00.

Pippert, Jonathan R., 1/14/1979, Sheboygan, Jail 1 year, Still owes \$34.00.

Seelye, Chantel C., 2/26/1971, Sheboygan, Jail 90 days, Still owes \$555.00.

Forfeitures

Boyle, Derek A., 5/1976, Sheboygan, Fail/Carry Boat Floatation Devices, \$232.00.

Traffic

Bierman, Kyle P., 2/2010, Sheboygan, Fail/Allow Headlamp Selection/at Will, \$175.30.

Bohman, Chase T., 8/2008, Sheboygan, Deviation from Designated Lane, \$175.30.

Bravo Rodela, Raul, 9/26/1989, Sheboygan, OWI (2nd), Jail 30 days, License 15 months, Ignition Interlock 15 months, \$2,007.00.

Fox, Monica J., 9/1961, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop for Unloading School Bus, \$767.50.

Gray, Damion D., 10/1995, Sheboygan, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, \$213.10.

Kream, Matthew I., 9/1999, Sheboygan, Hit and Run-Property Adjacent to Highway, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$476.60.

Krueger, Ian H., 12/2001, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Lueck-Kloster, Kayla N., 12/1990, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$200.50.

McKinley, Claus K., 5/1988, Sheboygan, Speeding on Freeway (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$301.30.

Ramos Rivera, Cristal M., 3/2002, Sheboygan, Reckless Driving-Endangering Safety, Passing into Oncoming Traffic, \$1,326.00.

Ward, Curtis R., 10/2000, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, \$200.50.

Operating while Revoked

Bury, Austin M., 10/10/2002, Sheboygan, (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), \$654.00.

McGettrick, Brandon A., 1/10/1996, Sheboygan (due to alcohol, controlled substance/refusal), \$591.00.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Gutoski, Gabriel J., 5/2003,



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Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.
Vang, Isaac Mingmoh, 7/2009, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.
Misdemeanors
Amador, Christopher J., 11/19/1995, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Bail Jumping, Jail 6 months (imposed/stayed), \$910.00.

Ashford, Tywan L., 7/22/1988, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, \$1,170.00.

Graskamp, Delbert Lee, 11/30/1980, Sheboygan, Battery (Repeater), Bail Jumping (Repeater), Prison 1 year, Extended Supervision 1 year, \$898.00.

James Bailey, Sequarion, 9/8/2007, Sheboygan, Theft-Moveable Property <\$2500, (2 counts), Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Jail 30 days (stayed), \$1,373.00.

Disorderly Conduct
Aguilar, Anthony A., 3/22/2004, Sheboygan, (Domestic Abuse), Jail 45 days, \$555.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges
Castro Moguel, Angel L., 3/6/2001, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License (3rd within 3 years), (Traffic), Bail Jumping (Misdemeanor), \$1,182.00.

Husak, Spencer J., 2/4/1998, Sheboygan, 2nd degree Sexual Assault of a Child, Mistreatment of Animals-Cause Death (Felonies), Intentionally Fail/Provide Food for Animal, (Misdemeanor), Jail 27 months, Prison 20 years, Extended Supervision 17 years, Sex Offender Registry-Lifetime, Not to own, possess or train animals 5 years after Extended Supervision, \$6,297.33.

Ortega, Lee R., 6/8/1984, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, (Domestic Abuse-Repeater)-Misdemeanor, Possession of Cocaine/Coca (2nd+ offense, Repeater)-Felony, Jail 60 days (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,073.00.

Seim, Daniel Y., 7/10/1969, Sheboygan, Substantial Battery-Intend Bodily Harm (Repeater-Domestic

Abuse-Felony), Battery (Repeater-Domestic Abuse-Misdemeanor), Prison 3 years, Extended Supervision 3 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,189.40.

Felonies
Prieto Perez, Edgar A., 12/20/1988, Sheboygan, Manufacture/Deliver Cocaine (>15-40 g), Jail 90 days (stayed), Prison 5 years, Extended Supervision 5 years, (imposed/stayed), \$4,976.40.
 August 24 to August 28, 2026

DCA
Daniels, Kevin J., 4/13/1969, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse-Crime against Elderly or Disabled Person), DCA-1 year.

Felbab, Jesse U., 2/14/1981, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct (Misdemeanor-DCA-18 months).

Revoke Probation
McKenzie, Jamie M., 6/12/1977, Sheboygan, Jail 9 months, Still owes \$455.00.

Forfeitures
Mitchell, Jasmine D., 5/12/1999, Sheboygan, Battery, \$393.50.

Failure to Submit POWTS Maintenance Report-1st
Plantz, Cassandra, Sheboygan, \$398.50.

Traffic
Abraham, Xzavior M., 6/2008, Sheboygan, Unsafe Backing of Vehicle, \$175.30.

Bohenstengel, Shari L., 8/1963, Sheboygan, Automobile Following too Closely, \$200.50.

Casas Sr., Nicholas A., 5/1980, Sheboygan, Fail/Allow Headlamp Select/at/Will, \$263.50.

Denson, Owen A., 2/2004, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.

Green, Rashon E., 9/11/1997, Sheboygan, Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), \$843.00.

Griffith, Raven J., 9/2001, Sheboygan, Operate Motor Vehicle by Permittee after Dark w/o Person over 25, \$200.50.

Gutoski, Gabriel J., 5/2003, Sheboygan, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$213.10.

Kalk, Thomas J., 7/1979, Sheboygan, OWI (1st), License Revoked 7 months, \$993.00.

Kazik, McKenna E., 6/2003, Sheboygan, Driving too Fast for Conditions, \$213.10.

Newcomb, Shirley J., 1/1967, Sheboygan, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, \$213.10.

Oberst, Jonathan S., 4/1988, Sheboygan, Failure to Yield Right of Way, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$388.40.

Roethel, Douglas J., 8/1989, Sheboygan, Operate Motorcycle w/o Valid License, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Adequate Muffler, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, Non-Registration of Other Vehicle, \$1,052.90.

Siefert, Patricia L., 3/1954, Sheboygan, Failure to Yield Right of Way in Roundabout, \$175.30.

Strouf, Christopher M., 11/2005, Sheboygan, Failure to Yield Right of Way, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$363.20.

Townsend, Allene K., 2/6/1991, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$217.10.

Yang, Steve H., 2/1980, Sheboygan, OWI (1st), Operating while Suspended, License Revoked 7 months, \$1,225.00.

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance
Quiroz Murillo, Oscar E., 5/1994, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Windsorski, Trista Jo-Marie, 6/1984, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Exceeding Speed Zones
Mlejnek, Hunter J., 3/1999, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Misdemeanors
Lee, Kenyana K., 6/19/1978, Sheboygan, Financial Transaction Card-Fraudulent Use <=\$2500, Jail 90 days (stayed), \$1,551.08.

Lopez Bautista, Fabian, 4/4/1990, Sheboygan, Possession of Cocaine/Coca, Bail Jumping (4 counts), Jail 90 days (stayed), \$2,227.00.

Polk Jr., Ronnie Lee, 4/27/1985, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Jail 200 days, \$471.40.

Siebert, Dayton J., 2/5/2005, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$1095.00.

Summit, Terryon M., 9/22/2005, Sheboygan, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Jail 20 days (stayed), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.40.

Thorson, Erika E., 11/6/1980, Sheboygan, Retail Theft-Intentionally Take (<=\$2500), Jail 30 days, \$1,800.00.

Velez, Lilibeth, 7/12/1971, Sheboygan, Negligent Handling of Burning Materials (Domestic Abuse), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$646.40.

Ward, Byron M., 3/9/1997, Sheboygan, Operate Firearm w/Controlled Substance, \$652.64.

Misdemeanors and other charges
Viglietti, John E., 9/7/1996, Sheboygan, Neglecting a Child-Specific Harm did not Occur, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse)-Misdemeanors, Bail Jumping-Felony, Jail 60 days (stayed), 60 days, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,572.80.

Felonies
Sommer, Brandon A., 4/15/1989, Sheboygan, Resisting Officer-Substantial Bodily Harm/Soft Tissue Injury (Repeater), Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 2 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.40.



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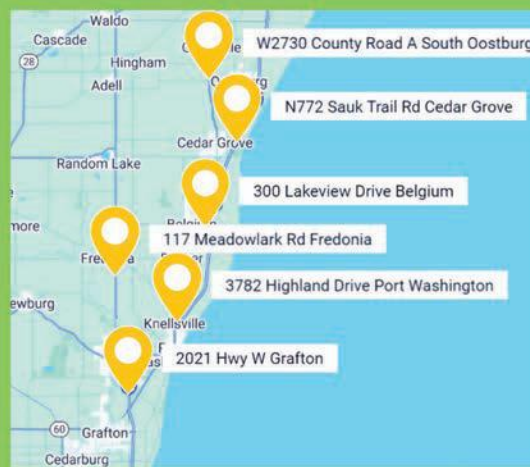
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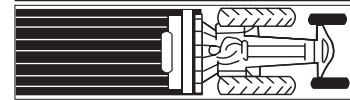
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A home should be a place of comfort and security. But homes can be targeted by thieves who are eager to make off with people's hard-earned possessions.

Securing a home isn't about making it an impenetrable fortress; it involves layers of deterrence that compel burglars to move on to an easier opportunity. ADT says the average thief takes less than 12 minutes to burglarize a home, and most thieves can use screwdrivers, pliers, and hammers to enter a property. By addressing the vulnerabilities of a home and making some changes, homeowners can beef up security in no time.

• **Upgrade locks.** The majority of burglars enter a home through front or back doors. Strengthening these access points is one of the most effective upgrades homeowners can make. Most security experts suggest installing an ANSI Grade 1 or Grade 2 deadbolt with a minimum one-inch throw bolt, as standard spring-latch locks are easy to bypass. Also, a heavy-duty lock is ineffective if the surrounding

door frame is weak. Replacing short screws on door plate strikes with 3-inch hardened steel screws that drive into the wall's underlying studs is much more secure.

• **Mind sliding doors.** Glass sliding patio doors let lots of light in and offer easy access to decks and yards. Yet, they are notoriously easy to force open, according to Boss Security Screens. This can be remedied by placing an adjustable security bar or a heavy wooden dowel in the interior track. Adding shatter-resistant security film to glass panes also beefs up security.

• **Stop blind spots.** Thieves prefer to work in the dark or out of sight of the street and neighbors. Strategic lighting and landscape management will remove blind spots. Homeowners can trim shrubs and bushes below window height and cut tree branches so that the home is not concealed. Motion-activated floodlights positioned eight to 10 feet off the ground can light up driveways and pathways. LED or solar-powered landscape lighting will brighten up dark

perimeter corners.

• **Use home security technology.** Modern smart home devices can serve as deterrents to burglars. Exterior cameras and video doorbells will capture clear facial features and let thieves know they are being watched. Smart plugs or bulbs can be programmed to turn on and off at various times to simulate an active household. Also, wireless contact sensors installed on ground-floor windows and secondary entry doors will send instant smartphone alerts if an entry point opens.

• **Lock up.** One of the best ways to make a home more secure is to be mindful of locking up each time when leaving the house. It seems simple, but homeowners should always lock doors and windows, as well as the garage, even when stepping out for a short errand. Never leave an automatic garage door remote exposed in a car parked outside, either.

Making a home more secure takes a little effort, but it will be paid back with an added sense of security and comfort.

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Optimum time for fertilizing lawns

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Labor Day is the optimum time for fertilizing lawns in Wisconsin. Regardless of the maintenance level program followed on a lawn, it will benefit from an early fall application of nitrogen.

Nitrogen is the primary nutrient lawn grasses need on an annual basis. Nitrogen not only contributes to green color but promotes grass plant development that helps maintain a thick stand of grass. Not only do thicker lawns look better and hold up to foot traffic, but they also resist encroachment of weeds. Thus, sound lawn care practices, including timely nitrogen fertilizing and proper mowing, can reduce the need to use herbicides.

When fertilizing lawns, there are three key decisions to make: when to apply, what kind of fertilizer to purchase, and how much is needed. Early September should always be included in the annual nitrogen fertilizer schedule for lawns. For minimal maintenance lawns this might be the only application made all year. Nitrogen

applied in this period is used for key fall growth and development, including root systems.

Focus on the nitrogen content, specifically the type of nitrogen, when choosing fertilizers. Nitrogen fertilizer categories include fast (quick) and controlled (slow) release. This refers to the rate of conversion from nitrogen stored in fertilizer products to nitrogen available for plant uptake through roots. Providing a small amount of available nitrogen over an extended time is much better for lawns than having a large amount available in a brief time frame.

Controlled release nitrogen products are suggested for use on lawns. Product names may help, but the guaranteed analysis section found on the package indicates what kinds of nitrogen a product contains. Whether organic or synthetic fertilizer, the term *water insoluble nitrogen* refers to controlled release. This is often abbreviated *WIN* on labels, especially organic nitrogen fertilizers, including compost-based products and activated sewage sludge (Milorganite®). Specific controlled release nitrogen ex-

amples include sulfur or polymer coated urea, ureaform, and isobutylidene diurea (IBDU).

Individual fertilizer applications should supply about one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn area. The higher the nitrogen percentage in the product, the less material it takes to supply this rate. Most lawn fertilizer manufacturers use this rate when indicating how many square feet packages cover. Adjust fertilizer spreader settings to ensure proper amounts are applied.

Finally, always use extreme care when fertilizing lawns so all fertilizer lands on the lawn. Avoid dropping fertilizer on impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets, as it may end up moving with surface water runoff into waterways. Directly applied to lawns at the proper rate, nitrogen will be used by the plant as intended.

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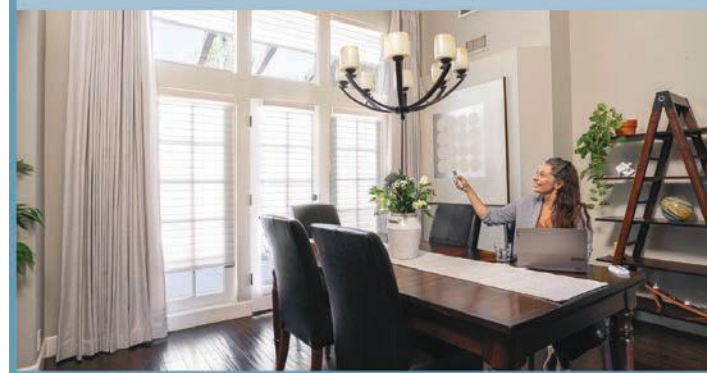
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The most likely spots where mold will grow in a home

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, moldy environments may cause stuffy nose, wheezing, red or itchy eyes, and even skin conditions. The Institute of Medicine reports there is sufficient evidence to link indoor exposure to mold with asthma symptoms, as well as hypersensitivity pneumonitis in certain individuals. Certain molds are toxigenic, meaning they can produce toxins, says the CDC. Though there are very few reports of toxigenic molds found inside homes, when present, they can cause rare health conditions.

No one wants mold in their homes, as it's not only unhealthy, but also unsightly. The Environmental Protection Agency says there is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in an indoor environment. Certain rooms and spaces warrant careful inspection since they are more vulnerable to mold growth. Mold spores take root in areas where there is ample moisture. Control-

ling moisture indoors is key to controlling mold. Here are some mold-vulnerable spots that merit some extra attention on the part of homeowners.

Bathrooms

Bathrooms generate a lot of moisture through showering and bathing. Bathrooms need to be vented to the outdoors with an exhaust fan. If there is no fan, one should be installed. If that's not possible, open a bathroom window to air out the room after bathing. Wipe down surfaces in the bathroom to dry them and keep mold at a minimum.

Laundry area

Clothes dryers are moisture-generating appliances that should be properly exhausted to the outdoors. Homeowners also should make sure that washing machines and utility sinks are working properly and there are no leaks that can cause mold growth behind or underneath the structures.

Kitchen

Mold also may grow in kitchens. Look under the sink and by the dishwasher for any leaks and areas susceptible to mold. Ventilating cooking areas can help reduce moisture in the area as well, says the CDC.

Basement

Homeowners who have basements or crawl spaces could be breeding mold down there unknowingly, particularly if the areas are unfinished. Moisture, warmth and darkness are prime conditions for mold growth. A dehumidifier can be utilized in the basement to help reduce the moisture saturation in this space. Also, check for leaky pipes or windows that may contribute to mold growth. Humidity levels in a home should be kept between 30 and 50 percent to help limit mold formation.

Attic

Although an attic may not be a spot homeowners frequent regularly, it's a good idea to get up there and look for potential mold problems. According to the North Carolina Department of Health, in the winter when buildings are heated, mold often grows in cold, uninsulated exterior walls where building surfaces are relatively cold compared to the indoors. Attics without proper insulation could be vulnerable to mold growth. Roofs also may be compromised by weather, causing leaks into the attic.

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Tips to winterize a home as cold weather approaches

It's not uncommon to spend a lot of time out of the house when the weather outside is warm. The popularity of outdoor living spaces has made it easier than ever to enjoy nature without leaving home, which can generally be done from late spring to mid-fall each year in many regions. But as fall creeps toward winter and temperatures drop, it's time to head back indoors.

As millions prepare to go back inside with winter approaching, it can be beneficial to winterize a home so interior spaces are more comfortable and exterior spaces are better able to withstand potentially harsh winter weather.

• **Check your carbon monoxide detectors.** Fall is a great season to open the windows in many regions that feature prototypical autumn air. But the crisp air of fall will eventually give way to much colder air, at which time the windows will be closed and likely remain shut for months to come. The Minnesota Department of Health notes that carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that cannot be detected by the senses. When windows remain closed for long periods of time, such as in winter, the buildup of

CO, which can come from sources like water heaters, gas stoves, fireplaces, and clothes dryers, can poison residents over time. CO detectors are a safety net against such a fate, but they must be operating at peak capacity in order to be effective. As fall winds down, check all CO detectors to make sure they're working properly and replace any that are not.

• **Check for drafts.** Check around windows and doors throughout the home to see if there are any gaps that are allowing air from outside to enter the home. If daytime temperatures are mild well into the fall, then it can be difficult to see if there are any drafts before the sun goes down. Conduct this check in the evenings when temperatures are a little more chilly and leaks are easier to detect. If drafts are detected, apply weather stripping around doors and windows that do not require replacement. If there's drafts around aging windows and doors, consider replacing them.

• **Call a chimney sweeping service.** Cozying up beside a fire can make anyone forget the cold weather outside. But fireplaces should be subjected to a thorough

cleaning by a skilled professional before each winter. Animals might have nested in the chimney since the fireplace was last used, and you will want any nests cleared prior to lighting your first fire of the season. In addition, the tar-like substance creosote, which forms when wood is burned in a fireplace, can build up and harden over time. That's a dangerous prospect, as creosote is highly flammable, which can lead to chimney fires. Creosote also can block the flow of air through a chimney, and that can trap gasses, including CO, in a home.

• **Reverse your fans.** It's a simple step but one people may not even realize they can make. In homes with ceiling fans, residents can reverse the fans so the blades spin clockwise. This simple step pushes trapped warm air hovering around the ceiling into the living space below. This can make home interiors warmer without requiring residents to turn up the thermostat and increase their energy bill.

• **Replace your HVAC air filter.** Replacing the air filter on your HVAC prior to winter can make the unit operate more efficiently, which can help reduce your win-

tertime energy bill. Replacing the filter prior to winter also improves indoor air quality, which is a notable benefit during a time of year when the windows typically remain closed for months.

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Homeowners who stay in a home for many years will likely need to replace a roof at some point. Choosing when to replace the roof may come down to selecting the right season. Experts typically consider fall the prime time to upgrade a roof for a variety of reasons.

• **Moderate temperatures:** Fall weather tends to be comfortable in many regions of the country. Magnolia Home Remodeling Group says fall temperatures are better suited for roofing and allow materials to work the best. When temperatures are too hot, shingles can become soft and prone to scuffing, while cold temperatures can make materials brittle and difficult to seal.

• **Comfort for workers:** The same moderate conditions can make it easier for roofing contractors to get the work done. It can be extremely hot on a roof during summer, necessitating frequent breaks for workers. Winter weather conditions are not ideal for working on a roof, with snow and ice making things slippery. Fall weather can help workers feel more comfortable.

• **Avoid the rush:** Earl W. Johnston Roofing, LLC says spring and early summer are peak seasons for roofing contractors due to post-winter repairs. Homeowners may experience shorter wait times, better pricing and flexible scheduling if they opt for a fall roof replacement.

• **Prepare for winter:** Getting a roof in the fall means having a new and functional barrier against winter storms that can be hard on old roofs. It also means the roof will be ready for rainy, spring weather.

Fall is an ideal time to replace a roof for many reasons. Homeowners can use the summer to vet various roofing contractors and come up with a package that fits their schedules and budgets.

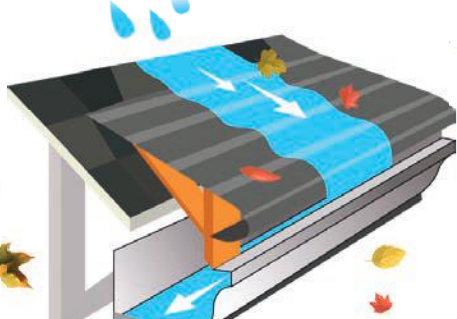
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The tour is a perfect opportunity for those looking to build or renovate their homes, as well as for anyone who appreciates fine architecture and design. Advance tickets are available for \$8, while tickets at the door cost \$10. Children

aged three and under can enter for free.

The Sheboygan County Home Builders Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the building industry and providing support and resources to its members. The association represents build-

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