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Sheboygan County schools welcome 15 exchange students this year; three join Sheboygan area schools

by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon

Joining the throngs returning to the classroom in Sheboygan County this September are at least 15 exchange students from 11 countries, who are now settling in at six different high schools.

The newcomers enjoyed a welcome picnic on Sunday, August 23 and have been experiencing such local wonders as the Sheboygan County Fair, football season and Lake Michigan. Although the students range from 15 to 18 years old, all are considered high school seniors here. Barefoot Photography introduced them to another American custom at the picnic by taking their senior photos, as a volunteer service.

The young visitors are marveling over the outsize sports culture, talkativeness of strangers and prevalence of air conditioning here – not to mention root beer floats, corn on the cob and the American propensity for generous portions, fast food and fried EVERYTHING – according to questionnaires the Review asked them to fill out. Their individual first impressions appear below and their responses have been edited for

space and clarity.

Nine of the student ambassadors, including six here through the American Field Service program and three through other sponsors, are at Plymouth High School – which traditionally hosts the biggest bunch in the county as the AFS chapter that sprang up in Plymouth 77 years ago has remained one of the most robust in the nation.

Two of the exchange students in the county are at Sheboygan South High School and one each is at Sheboygan North, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Howards Grove and Kohler High Schools.

This year's visitors hail from Spain, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Italy, France, Japan, the Czech Republic, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany and Sweden. In contrast to prior years, almost all the 2026-27 exchange students are from Europe.

"They are a terrific group of kids who are really getting involved in their schools and communities and being welcomed by other high school students," said Ann Weeden, AFS co-coordinator along with Patrick Gafney. "One student, Mada from Portugal, has already helped her host dad deliver Meals on Wheels. What



Twelve out of at least 15 exchange students attending six different high schools in Sheboygan County this year posed for a group photo at an AFS Welcome Picnic on Sunday, August 23 in Plymouth. In the front row, from left, are Karolina Konderlova (Sheboygan South-Czech Republic), Marie Schiemann (Plymouth-Germany), Zoe Sondermann (Sheboygan South-Germany), Madalena Azevedoi Messias (Plymouth- Portugal), Elisabet Pons Parera (Plymouth-Spain) and Sarah Dubreu (Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah-France). In the second row, from left, are Finya-Lyn Svea-Marit Schuler (Sheboygan North-Germany), Lea Mara Niederer (Howards Grove-Switzerland), Taiga Kingetsu (Plymouth-Japan), Moreno Buratti (Plymouth-Italy), Hjalmar Thimansson (Plymouth-Sweden) and Tomoki Kayo (Kohler-Japan). Photo courtesy of Barefoot Photography

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is different this year is that we don't have as great a diversity of home countries represented because funding for federally sponsored programs has been cut."

Weeden pointed out that exchange programs are important for promoting understanding, and yet finding host families is a growing challenge. Inquiries are welcome and for more information, email her at adrewryweeden@gmail.com or Patrick Gafney at patrickgafney@gmail.com.

The public is invited to a series of three upcoming exchange student presentations, all to be held at Christian Life Church at 300 Rustic Street in Plymouth (which is a new location):

- 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 1, 2026. Presenters will include students from Germany, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

- 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 7, 2027. Presenters will include students from Japan, Portugal and Italy.

- 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, 2027. Presenters include students from Spain, Sweden

and France.

Karolina Konderlova, 16
Sheboygan South High
School Senior

Home: Nydel, Czech Republic

Hosts: Sarah and Mikayla Engel-Streicher of Sheboygan

Biggest surprises: I feel like the grass is greener here, actually. Everything is prettier and better than I expected. I really like how different all the houses are and how Americans decorate everything. One thing that surprised me right from the start was root beer with ice cream – it was such a weird combination!

Will miss: My friends from back home

Looking forward to at school: I would love to go see football games and cheer the team on. I am excited to try all the new classes at school, hear them in English and see a different school system.

Looking forward to in general: EVERYTHING! I am really looking forward to Halloween – my family back home doesn't celebrate it so I am excited for the decorations and atmosphere.

Zoe Sondermann, 16
Sheboygan South High
School Senior

Home: Frankfurt, Germany

Hosts: Joanna Nelson of Sheboygan

Biggest surprise: The city in general – it's really pretty. People are very nice and polite here.

Will miss: My family and friends; the school system

Looking forward to at school: Making friends and all the school activities (homecoming, football games, Halloween)

Looking forward to in general: Holidays; meeting and getting to know people

Finya-Lyn Svea-Marit
Schuler, 17

Sheboygan North High
School Senior

Home: Koenigsbach, Germany

Hosts: Stephanie and Zachary Senger of Sheboygan

Biggest surprise: There's AC everywhere!

Will miss: German sparkling water and bread

Looking forward to at school: Meeting new people and trying out new things like prom

Looking forward to in general: The holidays and just having a great time!

Open house for new Kohler racquet sports facility set for October



Renderings by Kohler Wisconsin



**Press release by
Kohler, Wisconsin
Sept. 18 2026**

Kohler, Wisconsin announced the grand opening of The Serve, a premier racquet sports destination designed to bring together movement, competition, wellness, and connection through year-round pickleball, platform tennis, instruction, events, and social experiences.

The public is invited to celebrate the official opening on Thursday, October 1, during a complimentary open house from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., featuring leveled open play, demonstrations, challenges, refreshments, and an official unveiling ceremony at 11 a.m.

Located adjacent to Sports Core in Kohler, The Serve features six indoor pickleball courts, two heated outdoor platform tennis courts, and a social lounge, creating a vibrant setting for players of all ages and skill levels.

The facility was developed to meet the rapidly growing demand for year-round racquet sports and the belief that sport can create meaningful connections while expanding Kohler's commitment to helping people live gracious, healthy, and sustainable lives.

Programming will include private lessons, group instruction, clinics, leagues, tournaments, corporate outings, youth development opportunities, special events, and

destination retreats.

One defining feature of The Serve is access to an accomplished team of racquet sports professionals. Leading the racquet sports program is Connie Hsu, Racquet Sports Professional for The Serve and Sports Core. A 7.0 rated professional tennis standout, accomplished coach, and Olympian, Hsu brings extensive international playing and coaching experience. Through lessons, clinics, junior development programming, and special events, Hsu will help players of all levels elevate their game.

Pickleball Professional Brad Vaudt will also be part of the dynamic team at The Serve. Vaudt will lead pickleball instruction, drills, clinics, organized play opportunities, and player development programs, supporting everyone from beginners discovering the sport for the first time to experienced competitors looking to refine their skills.

In addition to pickleball, The Serve introduces players to the fast-growing sport of platform tennis, played outdoors year-round on heated courts.

Known for its social atmosphere and exciting pace of play, platform tennis provides a unique winter sport experience that is rapidly gaining popularity throughout the Midwest.

The facility will offer beginner clinics, demonstra-

A Look Back... on a remarkable beauty queen



**by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon**

"Sheboygan pays tribute to its favorite daughter," read the front-page Sheboygan Press headline on Monday, September 14, 1959, after weeks of excitement culminated in 20-year-old hometown girl Mary Alice Fox being named first runner-up in the Miss America Pageant.

She had just wowed the judges in Atlantic City with a clever, funny and unique "eccentric dance" performed in baggy old clothes and set to Dixieland music, won the swimsuit competition with her bronze tan and in a snow-white suit studded with rhinestones, stunned the audience with her organza evening gown with a giant bouffant skirt and only narrowly missed win-

ning the crown, which went to Miss Mississippi.

"Gracious," "friendly," "tiny" and "trim" were some of the adjectives local and national used to describe her in local and national news coverage, and she had of course brought Wisconsin cheese to the pageant as her gift to the other contestants.

The 1957 Sheboygan Central High School graduate arrived home with a \$3,000 scholarship to a hero's welcome at Manitowoc Airport, where she was greeted by a crowd of hundreds, serenaded by a band and presented with the keys to both Sheboygan and Manitowoc.

A festive parade immediately followed back in Sheboygan, and she is shown here atop a red convertible holding a spray of orchids and waving to fans in front of the Foeste Hoel, where

a reception followed.

"Although she was athletic, poised and striking, her ticket to Atlantic City was partly accidental," a 2009 retrospective in the Press pointed out. "She had just completed her sophomore year at Valparaiso University and was recruited to enter the 1959 state pageant in Kenosha only because Miss Sheboygan had gotten married. 'I wasn't even Miss Sheboygan; I had been Sheboygan's Bratwurst Queen of 1957,' she said."

Fox married Sheboygan North High School graduate Alton Schmitt in 1960, they had two sons together, he became a nuclear engineer and they moved to California, where she was a successful product

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tions, leagues, tournaments, and instructional programming to help introduce new players to the sport while supporting experienced enthusiasts.

Following the grand opening, The Serve will also host dedicated group retreats, kicking off with a destination Pickleball Retreat November 6-8, 2026, welcoming players for a weekend of instruction, competition, wellness experiences, and connection.

Designed for players seeking to improve their game while enjoying a memorable Kohler getaway, the retreat will feature coaching, drills, organized play, social events, and immersive wellness programming.

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Plymouth PD tightens Flock rules, doesn't cancel contract

by **Emmitt B. Feldner**
for The Beacon

PLYMOUTH – The Plymouth Police Department uses automatic license plate recognition cameras as an investigatory tool and has limits in place for their use. Police Chief Kenneth Ruggles

made that report to the City Council, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, Tuesday.

“The ... department is proactively bringing its contract before the Common Council to provide information, answer questions, and receive feedback,” Ruggles wrote in a memo to the council.

Controversy over the cameras and their use, and abuse, has led at least a dozen law enforcement agencies in the state to cancel their contracts with Flock, including the Sheboygan Police Department.

The city entered into a contract with Flock Safety to install four ALPR cameras around the city in 2025, with the cameras installed that July.

“We did something unusual for most communities,” in installing the cameras, Ruggles related, pointing them facing out of the city instead of coming into the city.

“The intent from the beginning was to use them for investigative

purposes. It was our position that we have an incident first, before conducting searches of vehicles or license plates,” Ruggles explained.

To that end, the cameras were placed at four points where offenders might be expected to exit the city after an incident, he continued.

With the controversy surrounding the ALPR cameras throughout the country, Ruggles said his department has adjusted its policies on the system.

Those changes, he said, include:

· Officers are required to enter a case report number when conducting searches in Flock.

· All searches performed by department personnel are audited each week.

· The department is no longer sharing data with out-of-state or federal agencies.

· The department does not share data with non-law enforcement partners, except Flock.

· The department stopped accessing out-of-state networks.

· The department does not use live streams or recorded video from Flock cameras.

· The department does not use Flock data for traffic volume or speed analysis.

· The department requested that Flock reduce video retention from 30 days to 7 days.

“We’ve been monitoring the situation across the state and country and making changes,” Ruggles said.

“This is a tool; this is tech our officers can use. It has been beneficial and instrumental not just for the Plymouth Police Department but also in partnership with other agencies. The appropriate thing is to have guidelines,” the chief explained.

He cited a number of cases ALPR data has helped solve, including several hit-and-runs, a bank fraud and theft, a sex offender attempting to live at an unregistered address, and a string of thefts from vehicles that were tied into similar incidents in other communities and led to arrests.

Ruggles admitted that his department has received several e-mails opposing use of the cameras.

Council member David Hermann asked if the department would seek more cameras.

Ruggles said it would be up to the council, but added, “Given the current situation, I don’t believe I would recommend it at this time.”

Council member Dana Hauke asked if Flock could share the data it collects for the department.

Ruggles responded that while Flock owns the cameras and hardware, the data on license plate numbers and vehicle descriptions belongs to the police department.

“We have not been sharing with private entities and we will not be sharing with any private entities,” he assured the council.

Council member John Binder noted that there are “hundreds” of private surveillance cameras throughout the city, which Ruggles said his department will ask to use in an investigation if needed, either by consent or search warrant.

The original contract with Flock was for two years at a cost of \$16,400 to install the cameras and store the data. It renews annually in July for \$12,000 a year.

It was a miscommunication over sharing other data, such as traffic volumes, which led the city of Sheboygan to cancel its contract with Flock for 15 ALPR cameras this month.

“There was a discrepancy in

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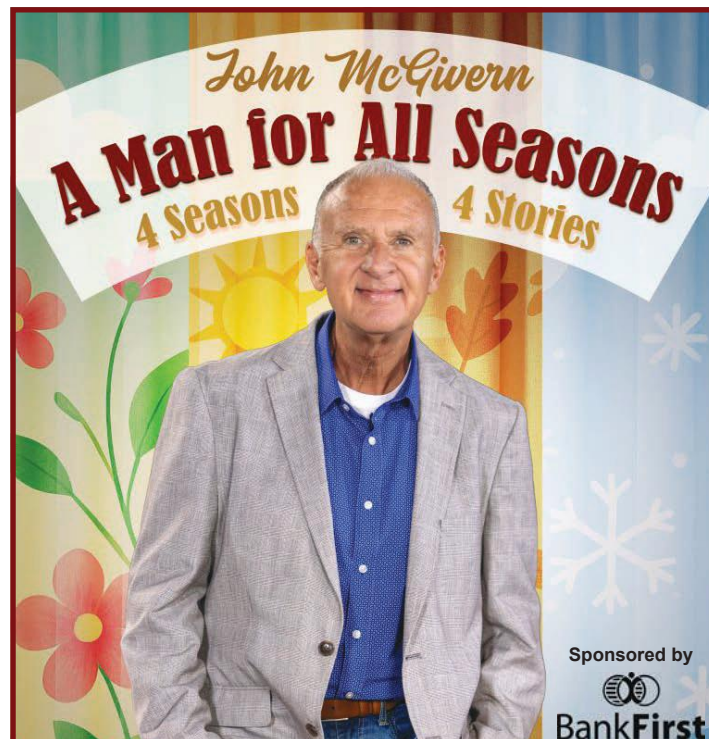
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Sheboygan A's get three top honors

■ Manager, two players are awarded

The Wisconsin State League announced its end-of-year awards, and the Sheboygan A's swept the top three honors.

Tim Moyer is the manager of the year, Harry Steldt is the

player of the year and Jared Reklaitis is the pitcher of the year.

Moyer led Sheboygan to the WSL championship for the first time in 26 years.



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Reklaitis led the league with a 2.10 earned run average and 47 strikeouts.

And Steldt was tops in total



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bases (44) and

slugging percentage (.667).

Two teammates also made first-team all-WSL in Jimmy Juergensen and Chase Hanselman.



STELDT

Hanselman's .381 batting average ranked No. 1, and Juergensen was second with 26 hits.

Cal Casper, Eric Schmitz and Brad Rindfleisch landed on the all-league second team.

Alex Ames was one vote shy of getting all-WSL.

And Gavin Gawronski finished third in voting for rookie pitcher of the year.

Roberson leaves Blizzard

■ Lakeland grad goes to New Mexico

Lakeland University graduate and Sheboygan resident Corey Roberson is the new Indoor Football League coach for the New Mexico Chupacabras after spending 14 seasons with the Green Bay Blizzard.

Roberson, who also helped several high school coaches in the area, led Green Bay to consecutive IFL Championship Game appearances (the Blizzard lost both).

"Leaving Green Bay was a tough choice, but the vision and commitment I found in Albuquerque reassured me that this is the perfect next chapter," Roberson said in a press release. "Our supporters can anticipate a fast-paced and physical style of football that reflects the resilience of our community. We are dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence that the state of New Mexico can take pride in. The chase starts now!"

The Chupacabras finished 2-14 last season.

"New Mexico deserves a champion, and Corey is a champion through and through, on and off the field," co-owner Mike Fietz said. "We know that a culture of excellence will serve our team and our franchise well, and we are excited for an incredible season under his coaching leadership."



North stops South

Samuel Olsen (right) and North's football team beats South, 38-12, on Sept. 4. Rylan Buhr and AJ Steward each scored twice, and Michael Kaquatosh and Blane Heinen also had touchdowns. - Photo by Lisa Reed

Still time to get Brewers' bar dice set

Miss out on the recent bar dice set the Brewers handed out as one of their many giveaways this summer?

There's still a few floating around the world wide web for about \$100.

They weren't the only Major League Baseball team with interesting promotions, either.

Texas featured a bloody Nolan Ryan jersey to honor his 1990 outing when he kept pitching even after his lip had been cut open.

The Angels issued a jersey that had SpongeBob SquarePants as a batter on the front, and pitcher Patrick Star on the back.

Minnesota gave away team-branded fishing lures.

Rockies' fans got a wearable flag as part of Colorado's 150th birthday.

One team issued a night light. It was in the shape of the red marquee outside of Wrigley Field's front entrance that says "home of the Chicago Cubs."

Dave Boehler

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The San Diego Padres gave fans team-branded ponchos.

Bobbleheads a favorite

On "Seinfeld," George Costanza had a job as the Yankees' assistant to the traveling

secretary." The theme of his bobblehead is from the episode in which he gets former owner George Steinbrenner hooked on local calzones.

The Orioles gave away a Tupac Shakur bobblehead, because the legendary rapper lived in Baltimore in the mid-1980s.

Another non-baseball-related bobblehead was handed out by the Red Sox: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, because the book series' author and wife live in Massachusetts.

On July 4, Kansas City handed out Bobby Witt Jr. bobbleheads. Witt, who played for Team USA in the World Baseball Classic, was standing next to a grill and wearing American flag shorts while holding a bat with an eagle atop it.

Oakland's unique offering was a Big Amish bobblehead. That's the nickname of First baseman Nick Kurtz, who is 6-foot-5 and grew up amid a large Amish population in Pennsylvania.

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New baseball club takes flight

■ *Sheboygan County Shorebirds, a 14-and-under traveling team, begins play next year*

PJ Boncher and Chelsea Friederichs say they wanted to better serve youth baseball players in the community, so they did - and are doing - something about it.

The Sheboygan County Shorebirds, a 14-and-under traveling team, will take the field next summer featuring players from Sheboygan Falls, Plymouth, Elkhart Lake and other nearby towns. That is also the same time

the Shorebirds plan to add squads for those ages 11-13.

"We want to focus on affordable, high-level baseball with good coaches, and a state-of-the-art facility with a welcoming family atmosphere," said Boncher.

The 14U team already has a full roster, and it consists of athletes who competed on various teams this year.

But Boncher, who lives in Falls, and Friederichs, who



resides in Plymouth, realized there was a lack of high-level - but still development-based - options locally.

"These kids are all like best friends, so they kind of decided they wanted to do something where they could play together," Boncher said. "They basically shuffle the teams every year. You don't know who your coach is. You don't know, like, kind of anything."

"So this was basically them coming together and saying, 'hey, we want to play together.'"

The Shorebirds, who will partake in a handful of tournaments next summer, begin offseason workouts in a month or two.

Those interested in the younger teams that will be formed next summer, send an email to Chelsea.Friederichs@gmail.com.

A milestone for you, and another for you ...

■ *Lutheran's volleyball team has reasons to celebrate*

In a span of 11 days, three Lutheran volleyball players will have reached milestones.

It all started Sept. 12 at the Sheboygan County Tournament, as Alisha Zeeveld notched her 500th kill and Giana Rainey recorded her 500th dig.

The junior Zeeveld is a very active hitter, according to coach Sharon Stellwagen.

"She loves to hit, and so she's aggressive," she said. "And she can jump really well, too. So she's just an all-around nice hitter. And if she gets a ball that she feels that she can hit,



Alisha Zeeveld (left photo), Aniya Zeeveld (middle) and Giana Rainey (right) will have reached milestones in a span of 11 days. - Submitted photos

she'll hit it.

"So I think that's why she's had that many kills."

The senior Rainey is called a

wonderful libero by her coach.

"She reads the ball really well," Stellwagen said. "She takes charge. If the ball doesn't

quite go where we want it to get to, then Giana steps in and she will either set it or bump-set it to our hitters. Giana's fantastic. I mean,

she's one of the few liberos I've had that really passes well, reads the hitters well, digs well, covers well. She helps out the team as far as a second hit.

"So, she's all around."

And senior setter Aniya Zeeveld needs five assists to reach 1,000 tonight against Oostburg. She's the older sister of Alisha.

"And I think that's part of why Alisha's gotten a good amount of kills, she has a great connection with her," the coach said. "Aniya knows what kind of ball she likes to hit and sets her really well. Aniya knows all the hitters. She's very good. She'll feed our middle hitters really well. She feeds our right side. She feeds our outsides. She does a really wonderful job of hustling and just making balls hittable."

A perfect 10 for soccer team

The Christian/Lutheran boys soccer team is now ranked No. 1 in the Division 4 state poll.

"The team is playing well," coach Keith Hendricks said. "Our record speaks for itself."

The Eagles, who were No. 3, are 10-0 following a 6-1 win over Random Lake/Ozaukee Thursday. Joseph Martin had a hat trick, and the three other goals came from Luke DeRoos, Enrique Zamora and Eoin Irish.

Christian/Lutheran recently won the Mike Karamalegos Memorial Invite at North for the first time, too.

The Eagles, who lose, 3-0, to North last season, scored a 1-0 victory over the Division 1 school Sept. 12 thanks to a goal by Zamora on assist from Arkely Lavictoire. Noah Mueller finished with three saves.

On Sept. 11, Christian/Lutheran beat Division 2 South, 2-1, as DeRoos scored twice (one on an assist from Isaac Holycross. Mueller also made 10 saves.



The Eagles are all smiles after winning the Karamalegos Invite. - Submitted photo

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South's Roman-Sanches explains a lot

South tennis player Yarel Roman-Sanches answers 20 Questions, and plays nearly as many instruments ...

Q: How or why did you start to play all your instruments?

A: I first started off with only playing clarinet in 5th grade, then alto saxophone in middle school when I started jazz. When I got into high school, I would try my friends' instruments, which lead me to want to learn more. So I picked up flute and oboe as well. I also tried to learn trumpet, but it's been sitting in my closet. I love playing them because I love the challenge of learning the different aspects each instrument, as well as then being able to help others learn it.

Q: What is on your 'to-do' list before you graduate?

A: I want to travel outside of the country, which I actually will get to do this spring when I go to France.

Q: What's the most random fact you know?

A: Sharks existed before trees.

Q: What is a secret talent you have?

A: I can fold my tongue into a clover.

Q: What's the one item you can't live without?

A: My AirPods because I'm constantly listening to music.

Q: If you could do anything for a living, what would it be?

A: Probably sleeping, because I love taking naps and I'm always falling asleep.

Q: What is the one TV show you always have to watch?

A: South Park because it's one of the few shows that doesn't make me fall asleep and is really funny.

Q: Favorite movie?

A: Any of the Tinker Bell movies because I loved watching them when I was younger.

Q: What scares you most?

A: Losing someone I love.

Q: What's your most embarrassing moment in any sport?

A: For tennis, at least, going for a full swing and completely missing the ball.

Q: What last made you laugh until you cried?

A: One of my really close friends trying to speak Spanish; he always makes me laugh when he speaks the very little Spanish he knows.

Q: If you got to choose



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Yarel Roman-Sanches is a senior at South.

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your name, what would it be and why?

A: I think Valeria, because I've always thought it's such a pretty name, and because it's a lot easier for people to pronounce than my name.

Q: What is a song you enjoy the most but are afraid to admit?

A: I'm not sure; every song I listen to I'm not afraid to admit it's good.

Q: What is the best restaurant in the area?

A: Olive Garden because I love pasta.

Q: You can have dinner there with any three people, who are they?

A: Malcolm Todd, Carlos Alcaraz, and Laufey.

Q: What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?

A: Probably goat, but it surprisingly didn't taste as bad as I thought it would.



Bohn to play in Orlando

Lily Bohn is one of 16 in the country selected to compete in the United States Tennis Association National Championship singles bracket for those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities Oct. 22-23 in Orlando. The 2016 North graduate, who has played tennis since she was around 5 or 6 years old, has competed in several Special Olympics Tournaments.

"I am very happy and excited," she said. "This is my first time being able to play in an invitational tournament in Florida."

- Submitted photo

Q: Are you more afraid of the doctor or dentist?

A: Doctor, even though I have passed out and threw up at both.

Q: If you could ask God a question, what would it be?

A: Did the chicken or the egg come first?

Q: Can you explain why you like (or dislike) social media?

A: I like social media because it's a quick way to keep up with some of my friends that live farther away. Like one of my close friends that's away in college.

Q: What was your favorite toy when you were a child?

A: Shopkins, definitely, because I loved how cute and small they are and I still have them somewhere in my room.



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**CAROL ANN
RITTENHOUSE**

Rittenhouse, Carol Ann, was born in Geneva, Illinois, on April 20, 1933, the daughter of John Wood and Angela Carr Rittenhouse. She passed away peacefully at the age of 92 years in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

She grew up on Franklin Street in

Geneva, Illinois until 1951. After graduating from Geneva (Illinois) Community High School in 1951 and Beloit College, Wisconsin, in 1955, where she majored in Vocal Music and minored in French, she took additional coursework at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Carroll University, Waukesha, to obtain her permanent State of Wisconsin Vocal Music teaching certification. In Wisconsin, she taught grade and high school music and freshman English at Valders, Wisconsin. In West Bend, she taught Grade and Junior High School vocal music, and the same in Milwaukee County at Badger, Country Dale (Franklin) and Valleyview (Hales Corners) schools.

Shortly thereafter, she met Frederick Hoppe, at the Wauwatosa YMCA. Their first game together was ping pong. They married six months later in 1956. Carol and Frederick (now deceased) were married for 32 years. They had three children, David, Catherine and Susan. Together they were very involved with many different interests, including American Youth Hostels, numerous real estate ventures in the Milwaukee area, and in Beloit, a farm in Eland, and a condo in Innsbrook, Florida, to name a few.

Gaining a real estate brokers licence in 1962, Carol has managed residential real estate all of her adult life. Most recently, she owned and managed 15 rental units in the Village of Franklin and Plymouth, WI areas. She taught

real estate at Waukesha County Technical College, Waukesha, Wisconsin. She worked in residential real estate sales at Merrill Lynch Realty and Prudential Real Estate, Brookfield, and attained sales of one million dollars in one year. In 1973, she became Executive Director of Hostelling International, American Youth Hostels, Wisconsin Council, working as a paid staff, and as a volunteer. She was in charge of nine Milwaukee "Midnight Madness" fundraising bicycle rides. In 1980, she was elected to the National Board of Directors of Hostelling International serving for nine years, several as National Secretary, also working to develop hostels along the National Scenic Ice Age Trail, in Wisconsin. She became a Life Member, and traveled to hostels in the USA and to many countries including Australia, Canada, Europe, Great Britain, Japan, and USA, attending many HI-AIH International Conferences.

As President/Project Leader of 501c3 nonprofit Wisconsin Ethnic Settlement Trail, Inc., beginning in 1991, she was instrumental in raising awareness of Wisconsin heritage in 14 counties along the Lake Michigan shoreline, and in saving an original riverside (1857) building.

As a member of Milwaukee's Arion Chorus, Sullivan Chamber Ensemble, Bel Canto Chorus, Plymouth Arts Center Singers, Sheboygan Symphony Chorus, The Concordia Singers, and The Raging Grannies (a political commentary choir),

she joyfully participated and found a host of loving friends. Throughout the years, she has participated in many concerts in the Milwaukee and Sheboygan areas.

She worked in the field of restoration of historic property. As a member and president of Wisconsin Ethnic Settlement Trail, Inc. she successfully raised awareness of the historic unincorporated Village of Franklin, as an original Sheboygan County, Wisconsin - Town of Herman Lippe Detmold (1847) German ethnic settlement. She was a member of the Ethnic Heritage Committee for the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial, member of the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bicycle Plan Advisory Committee.

Carol was Sargent-at-Arms, and Committee Chair for the Milwaukee Sunrise Rotary Club. She attended more than ten state Governor's Council of Tourism meetings. She was Vice President of Eisenhower Elementary School PTA, Wauwatosa, initiated and led the first school carnival, was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, Sheboygan County Research Center, National Scenic Ice Age Trail Park & Foundation, Inc, Sierra Club, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, and others. She ran for Congress with the support of the local Green Party.

In her pastime Carol loved to be outdoors, valued nature immensely, and especially enjoyed picking raspberries growing in her yard outside her home.

She also wrote multiple poems, often a reflection on the life she was living. She joyously participated in the Sheboygan Writers Club.

She was predeceased by her mother, Angela Mozier Carr Rittenhouse, her father, John Wood Rittenhouse Sr., her brother, John W. Rittenhouse Jr., and her niece, Carolyn Constant Haber.

Carol is lovingly remembered by her sister, Donna Jean Constant (Richard), her son; David Hoppe (Kristine), daughters; Catherine Rittenhouse, Susan Barth (Frank), grandchildren; Christie Hoppe, Jordan Hoppe (Avery), TeJay Hobbs (Bowen), Susan Checkie (Beau), Thomas Checkie (Foster), Jacob Barth, Carolyn Barth (Will), one great-grandchild; Callum Hoppe, and numerous other family, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, cards, or gifts, please consider a donation in Carol's name to: Hostelling International USA Attn: Resource Development 8455 Colesville Road, Suite 1225, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or Concordia Singing Society 1130 North 9th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

Celebration of Life will be held at the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 E. Mill Street, Plymouth WI 53073 on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Program Arrival 1:00PM, Program Departure 4:00PM. Requesting personal letters which share the Meaning of Carol's Life, for a memorial book, rather than flowers.

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Sheboygan ReStore announces date for 8th Street Thrift Crawl

SHEBOYGAN - Shoppers looking for fall attire, books, novelty items, vintage knick-knacks, hardware, or just a fun time are invited to the 8th Street Thrift Crawl on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This community event features five thrift stores on Eighth Street: The Sheboygan ReStore, City Vintage and Thrift, WordHaven Book-House, Nikki's Nex2New, and Revolution Resale.

"We are thrilled to share 8th Street with so many other thrift and secondhand stores," says Rachel Hartlaub, Sheboygan ReStore manager. "We thought a thrift crawl would be a great way to introduce new people to all the options and give seasoned thrifters a fun reason to revisit their favorites."

It's easy to participate in the 8th Street Thrift Crawl. First, pick up a punch card at any one of the five stores. Second, buy something from the store.

Third, get your card punched at the store, then make your way to the next location.

After you have visited and purchased something from all five stores, leave your card at the last store to be entered into a drawing to win one of three prizes. First prize is \$100 (a \$20 gift card from each store). Second prize is \$50 (a \$10 gift card from each store), and third prize is \$25 (a \$5 gift card from each store). The drawing will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the winners will be notified via email. Winners can claim their prizes at the Sheboygan ReStore.

Each participating store has something to fit every budget: Home décor, housewares, clothing and accessories, hardware, books, toys, shoes, and more. Grab your friends and family and celebrate the joy of thrifting at the 8th Street Thrift Crawl.

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disclosure in the city of Sheboygan,” Ruggles explained. “They found the (traffic volume) data was being made available, asked Flock for an answer and got an answer that wasn’t satisfactory. They felt it was an untruthful statement by Flock.”

Ruggles noted that one ALPR camera has been vandalized twice. The department is seeking a more secure location for the camera, which the council concurred with.

“Our use seems to be limited at this time,” Mayor Donald Pohlman said of the department’s Flock cameras. “We have another

year to review what’s being collected, how it’s being collected and used. There’s certainly value in using the system as we’re using it.”

He added that the issue requires monitoring, and he and council members agreed that Ruggles should update the council again in three months.



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By the time you read this my favorite time of year will be in full swing, Pre-fall. School will be going, and the Co. fair will be in our rear-view mirror. I love the smells of Autumn rain, damp Acorns, fresh pears, crab applesauce simmering on the stove, cinnamon, and many other smells and tastes surrounding cooler weather and bonfires.

One of my favorite memories of my Grandma Gertrude Stokdyk, is her fresh streusel pear pie. Several of my cousins said they don't remember it. When we were younger, my mom worked nights several years at the canning factory. My dad would take us about once a week to visit Grandma and Grandpa on the farm. We often stopped to buy an ice-cream cake roll to take as a treat. I guess we were lucky enough to stop on a night when Grandma made pie.

This pie has a short window of opportunity to make. Pears have a very short season and seem to be hard one day, ripe the next day, and rotten the following day. There is also the fact that you have to fight the wasps and deer to get first dibs at them. If you are fortunate to get them at the right time, this is really worth trying in my opinion!

While I was peeling the pears and thinking about what I wanted to say about my Grandma, a

male cardinal came by the patio and serenaded me for about 10 min. I guess he really had an opinion about it. My Grandma loved having family stop in to visit. She loved playing games with all the grandchildren and as we grew up loved to listen to us tell of our adventures, and even listen to our problems. She didn't always agree with our choices, and sometimes gave us a stern, much needed talking to. She even gave one to a few of the boyfriends that came around. We'll save that to share another time- maybe!

Note #1: I doubled the amount of pears I used from the original recipe, to make fuller pie.

Note #2: You may need to adjust the amount of thickening from year to year. This year I should have used 3 T. flour. The pears were really juicy. Some years, I have had to add ¼ c. water while cooking down the pears, due to the lack of moisture, so that there was sauce as wells cut back on the flour a little.

Note #3: I pulse the coconut if food processor to make finer, but you don't have to.

Note #4: I have often wondered if I could make this with canned pears- I know it won't be the same, but I plan to try it this winter. I will use a large can of pears in heavy syrup. I will slice the pears into the pie shell and just heat and thicken the syrup, I will not add the sugar, lemon juice, and salt. When I try it, I'll be sure to include a few notes in my arti-

cle that month how it turned out.
Note #5: Don likes to add Whipped Cream or ice cream to his, I like it plain.

Sweet Dreams!

Streusel Pear Pie

Credit Gertrude Stokdyk

In large skillet cook:

6 c. sliced pears*
1/3 c. sugar
1 T. butter
1 T. lemon juice
½ t. salt

Cook over moderate heat covered for 8 min.

Remove pears and place into:
unbaked 9" pie crust

To syrup add:

2 T. flour*

Cook and stir until smooth and thickened. Pour over pears in crust.

Bake in preheated 425° oven for 15 min.

Mix:

1/3 c. sugar
1/3 c. flour

Cut in:

3 T. butter

Stir in:

2/3 c. coconut*

Sprinkle over pie. Bake 425° for 10 min.

Cool completely in fridge before slicing. Store in fridge if you have leftovers.



LOOK BACK from 3

spokesperson, appearing in hundreds of commercials and on the TV shows Green Acres and Truth or Consequences.

"I've never thought of myself as a celebrity," she told the Press when she and Al returned to Sheboygan to celebrate her 70th birthday with

friends in 2009. "The Miss America contest was just a fun time for me and for Sheboygan."

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.

THRIFT CRAWL from 8

Here's more information on the participating stores (listed according to their location on 8 th St., from north to south):

Sheboygan ReStore

Sheboygan ReStore sells gently used and new furniture, building supplies, tools, hardware, lawn and garden items, and housewares. Sales support Habitat for Humanity Lakeside's affordable home-building and home-repair programs. The Sheboygan ReStore will celebrate its 15 th anniversary in its current location in April of 2027.

City Vintage and Thrift

City Vintage and Thrift, a curated vintage and thrift store, offers a safe place where people can express themselves through quality textiles, great brands, upcycled clothing, unique patterns, and vintage goods. The store, which opened in 2023, hosts a free community clothing store every month.

WordHaven BookHouse

WordHaven BookHouse, opened in April of 2022, is a safe place for words where people can gather and grow. It is an independent bookshop and writing center located in the heart of downtown Sheboygan, Wisconsin. WordHaven BookHouse sells both new and used books, cards, stuffed animals, candles, journals, pens, local art, etc. and hosts classes and events.

Nikki's Nex2New

You never know what you'll find at Nikki's Nex2New! It's a trendy consignment store offering shoppers' favorite brands, styles, and sizes at price points for every budget.

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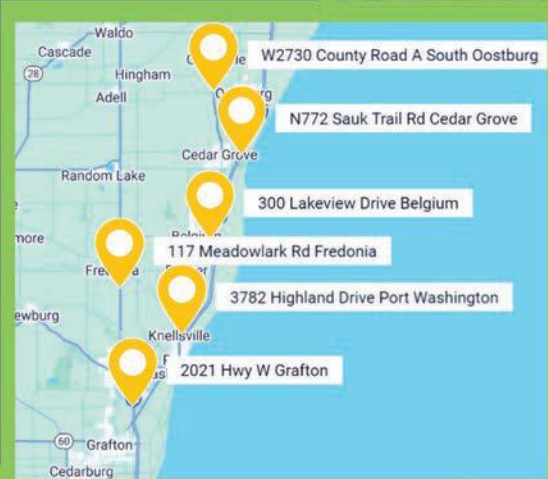


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Why New Hearing Aid Users Sometimes Struggle with Everyday Sounds

By: Joelle Steffen

For many people with untreated hearing loss, the day they receive hearing aids is life-changing. Suddenly, conversations become clearer, birds can be heard singing again, and the world feels more connected. Yet many first-time hearing aid users are surprised by an unexpected challenge: ordinary sounds that most people barely notice can seem overwhelmingly loud and distracting.

One of the most common complaints among new hearing aid users is the sound of their own breathing. After years of diminished hearing, many individuals have become accustomed to a quieter environment. When hearing aids restore access to a broader range of sounds, even the gentle rush of air moving in and out of the nose can seem intrusive. Some people also become acutely aware of the sound of their footsteps, chewing, swallowing, or rustling clothing.

The phenomenon extends beyond bodily sounds. Everyday noises that hearing individuals often tune out can suddenly become impossible to ignore. The hum of a refrigerator, the ticking of a clock, the beeps emitted by a car's dashboard, or the whir of a ceiling fan may appear startlingly loud. New users sometimes wonder whether their hearing aids are malfunctioning when, in reality, they are simply hearing sounds that have been absent from their auditory world for years.

This adjustment period occurs because the brain has adapted to hearing loss. Over time, the auditory system becomes accustomed to receiving less information. When hearing aids reintroduce sounds that have long been missing, the brain must relearn which noises are important and which can be safely ignored. This process, often called auditory adaptation, takes time. Most hearing aid users find that these bothersome sounds gradually fade into the background as their brains become more efficient at filtering them.

The experience highlights an important reason to address hearing loss sooner rather than later. The longer a person lives with untreated hearing loss, the more accustomed they may become to an unusually quiet world. As that silence becomes their normal, the contrast created by hearing aids can feel more dramatic and potentially more frustrating. Early intervention helps preserve the brain's familiarity with a full range of everyday sounds, making the transition to hearing aids smoother and more comfortable.

Hearing aids are not simply devices that make sounds louder; they help reconnect people with the acoustic environment around them. While the initial adjustment can be challenging, patience and consistent use usually lead to success. By seeking treatment early, individuals can reduce the shock of rediscovering everyday noises and enjoy a more natural hearing experience with less disruption and frustration.

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"Vegetables are my superpower," said the five-year-old who tagged along with her mom on a harvest morning a couple of weeks ago.

It's possible I misunderstood her, but then we all hear what we want to hear, from time to time. She definitely said something about having superpowers, although I may have inferred the vegetable part. She was wrestling a large orange bell pepper off of a plant that was nearly as big as she was. Two hands and a grunt and up she came holding the shiny vegetable like a trophy in her little arms. If that's not a superpower in today's world I don't know what is.

I like to imagine myself as a superhero, too, particularly during cabbage cutting season, which is nearly upon us. It would have been upon us already but I forgot to list cabbages on our members' order form last week. And so it is nearly upon us.

At which time my superpowered persona rises to the surface. Give me a clear blue sky, a chill in the air, and a benign battlefield full of red and green heads. In these conditions I will transform into a vegan Wonder Woman.

While I don't don a leotard or high heels, I have been known to strip off my flannel outer layer, leaving just a t-shirt beneath my overalls. My bare arms move without constriction, and they absorb the cool fall air, a welcome change for my toasty core once I'm moving at full speed.

To the untrained eye, it may appear I am using a simple, plastic handled knife as I charge through the field, but the trusty orange harvest tool is as good as a sword to me. I grip it loosely with my hand while holding it firmly in my mind, sometimes for hours at a time. In this state of flow, much like what athletes and artists attain, I can sever a heavy head from a cabbage plant with one swift, precise



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Bartel

flick of my wrist.

This cabbage cutting method is all about connecting my thoughts to the tip of the blade, using willpower to drive it through the head at the right point along the stem. Too high and the head gets shredded. Too low and the outer leaves are still attached, which includes worms on an organic farm. It's a delicate balance, and it takes more mental training than physical strength.

A safer but less captivating harvest method is to bend down, put your spare hand on the cabbage plant for stability, place your knife against the cabbage at the spot where you want to cut it, and then use physical force to push the knife through like you are cutting up vegetables on your kitchen counter. But this

way tires out the arms, stiffens the shoulders, and is clunky and lacking rhythm. On the contrary, my Wonder Woman method allows me to move fluidly from plant to plant, using the momentum of my swinging arm to carry me forward. Hundreds of heads per hour fall at the touch of my blade.

Cutting cabbage is my superpower. I thrive on the rare occasions to lead these tranquil battles, and I like to think that my heroic work brings—if not peace and prosperity to the surrounding lands—at least sauerkraut and coleslaw to its dinner tables.

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Bluestems enhance fall landscape



by Bruce Spangenberg
UW Horticulture
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As seasons change, different plants take center stage in the landscape. Now that fall is arriving, late-blooming perennials move into the spotlight. This group of plants includes warm-season native ornamental grasses. Two popular species across Wisconsin landscapes are little and big bluestem.

Although they have the same common name and both are native to Midwest prairies, they are entirely distinct species. Little bluestem is botanically known as *Schizachyrium scoparium*, typically reaching around two feet but up to four feet in height with flowers. Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) as the name implies is taller, growing between four to eight feet in height including flower stalks. Both are winter hardy to USDA Zone 3, so can be grown anywhere in Wisconsin.

Both bluestems share being warm-season grasses, meaning they actively grow in the warmest portions of summer and develop flowers towards the end of that growth period, thus reaching their prime as landscape focal points right now. Flowers will transition into seedheads that persist and provide winter interest. Each provide ecosystem benefits, including food and cover for birds, small mammals, and even native butterflies. Both have short creeping rhizomes, allowing them to gradually spread over time and help stabilize soil.

Little bluestem is native to both tall and shortgrass prairies, featuring erect clumps of medium-textured, arching foliage that can vary in height and form. Foliage will be blue in summer and transition to combinations of purple, red, and orange in fall with cultivars developed featuring specific colors. Flowers will have a silverish shimmer on them as they move in the wind. Full sun areas with average dry soils are best, and very fertile soils may



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lead to plants flopping over. Ideal planting locations are in the foreground or middle of landscape beds. Group or mass plantings of little bluestem are highly effective in landscape

settings, especially near water. Big Bluestem is best known for its distinct "turkey-foot" flower structures, with yellow or cream-colored floral parts that first appear in late summer and persist as seedheads into winter. Full sun areas are best, as is well-drained soil. Big

bluestem will tolerate heavier clay soils, however. With its taller height, consider planting in the mid or background portions of landscape beds, or even using as a natural screen.

Foliage of big bluestem is blue-green in the early season, transitioning to reddish as

fall approaches. The cultivar 'Blackhawks' features darker green foliage changing to purple and almost black in fall. This cultivar has more compact and upright form than typical for big bluestem and was named Perennial Plant of the Year® for 2026 by the Perennial

Plant Association.

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Bookworm Gardens brings spooky stories, sips, and dogs into October

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Boos & Brews, Happily Haunted Hounds, and Happily Haunted give visitors different ways to visit Bookworm Gardens after regular hours, whether they are planning a

night out with friends, bringing along a four-legged family member, or looking for Halloween fun that stays on the gentler side.

Boos & Brews begins the festivities on Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors ages 21 and older can make a night of it with themed cocktails, food from Harvest Street and Jamaica Mi Krazy, and live music in the Gardens after dark. Cold Soda Club takes the stage Friday with live rock, while Saturday brings pop-

punk and emo favorites from The Drugstore Cowboys.

First up, a stop at the bar provides seasonal drinks such as the Graveyard Old Fashioned, Witches' Brew, and Ghoulish Mule, followed by a warm up by the bonfire with a s'mores kit available for purchase. Costumes are encouraged.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., Happily Haunted Hounds gives dogs their one

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For over 25 years, Steve Fairchild has been captivated by Garth Brooks tribute artist, touring across the country at corporate events, fairs, and concerts. Steve's uncanny resemblance to Garth—both in voice and energy—makes every show an unforgettable experience. His performances aren't just concerts; they're high-energy, interactive events that draw the audience in from the very first song. In addition to his tribute concerts, Steve also brings the fun with "A Night with Garth & Friends", a one-of-a-kind variety show packed with music, comedy sketches, and surprises that keep audiences laughing and singing along. "I love to connect with the crowd and make them part of the show," Steve says. "After all, entertainment is all about creating moments people will never forget."

Marilyn Monroe & Martina McBride
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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 be performed 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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tumes, human and canine, encouraged.

Finally, Happily Haunted returns from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 9-11, Oct. 16-18, and Oct. 23-25. Families can walk through the Gardens after sunset, where more than 100,000 twinkling lights and enchanting décor set the scene for an evening of exploring together.

Along the way, visitors can stop for Halloween-themed storytime and keep watch for bats hidden throughout the Gardens during a playful

game of I Spy. Food, seasonal beverages, and s'mores kits will be available for purchase, and every child will receive a treat bag to take home.

"October at Bookworm Gardens has its own feeling," said Elizabeth Wieland, Executive Director of Bookworm Gardens. "Families arrive as the sun is going down, then settle into the evening together. Some come back year after year, and others are seeing the Gardens at night for the first time. We love being part of

both. My favorite thing is seeing the creativity of the costumes!"

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And here's another part of our challenge: **Bring a family member or a dear friend with you—someone whose voice you hear often.** Let us use that familiar voice as part of your evaluation. Hearing someone you know well can help us explore not only whether you hear sound, but how well you understand a voice that is important and familiar to you.

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There is also a common misconception that you need to have a hearing loss before you come in for a hearing evaluation. **We believe the opposite.**

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A classic comfort food with a twist

Comfort food may not have an official definition, but people tend to know which foods can hit the spot when they're seeking to get a little homemade reassurance at mealtime. Meatloaf certainly fits that bill for many people, especially those who recall childhood dinners with family where this popular dish was the main course.

Since comfort food is a loosely defined term, there's no shortage of ways to tweak recipes for popular dishes like meatloaf. This recipe for "Pork Meatloaf Stuffed With Spinach and Feta" from Lines+Angles, is a less traditional, yet tasty take on a popular comfort food.

Pork Meatloaf Stuffed With Spinach and Feta Makes 12 servings

23/4 pounds ground pork
2 eggs
3 1/2 tablespoons milk
2 cups quick oats
2 tablespoons oil
1 large onion, finely diced

3 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup fresh parsley, minced
1 teaspoon cumin
Kosher salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 bunch fresh spinach, chopped
1 egg, beaten
8 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
1/2 cup shredded provolone
1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Combine pork with 2 eggs, milk, and oats. Set aside.
3. Sauté onion in oil over medium to low heat for 10 minutes or until translucent and golden. Add garlic and cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until fragrant.
4. Combine meat mixture with onions, garlic, parsley, cumin, salt, and pepper.
5. In a 9" X 13" baking dish, shape 2/3 of meatloaf into a hollow shell.
6. Combine spinach, 1 egg, and feta cheese. Fill spinach mixture into the hollow cavity of the meat loaf. Cover filling with remaining meat mixture.



7. Sprinkle provolone over top; cover and bake for 1 hour. Remove cover and bake for another 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing and serve. PC26A196

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My experience at the 175th Wisconsin State Fair was an easy five-star review. Some may think that spending all 11 days of the Wisconsin State Fair walking the grounds and connecting with exhibitors and fairgoers would be tiring... and that would be correct, to an extent. However, the energy I gained from being at the State Fair, surrounded by agriculture and passionate advocates, made the miles I walked seem like nothing!

I spent the majority of my time visiting Dairy Lane or exploring the Wisconsin Building. In Dairy Lane, I talked with fairgoers about the importance of our dairy industry, not only with our dairy cows, but also our dairy goats. Each year, Dairy Lane has a beautiful educational exhibit about how our milk becomes cheese, the different breeds of dairy cattle, and so much more.

Dairy Lane also offers four dairy cow milking demonstrations per day and three dairy goat milking demonstrations per day. Wisconsin is home to 1.29 million dairy cows and nearly 80,000 dairy goats that provide high-quality milk for our favorite dairy products! I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be the spokesperson for a few of these demonstrations and teach fairgoers about the process of milking our dairy animals. An added benefit? Getting to share delicious Wisconsin cheese at the end of the demonstration!

In the Wisconsin Building, I visited with Something Special from Wisconsin™ members and enjoyed a few of our Wisconsin commodities. The Something Special from Wisconsin™ members I talked with included:



Alice's Adventures at the 175th Wisconsin State Fair

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There were tons of wonderful Wisconsin products and delicious Wisconsin food options. Every single time I walked into the Wisconsin Building, I took a deep breath and enjoyed the smell of Wisconsin. It's difficult to pick a favorite, but I'll share what I ate most often. If you met me in the Wisconsin Building, you probably met me with a

grilled cheese, a baked potato, or a shake.

In addition to these foods tasting good, they were often a highlight of my daily stage presentation in the Wisconsin Building. Each day I shared the story of our \$52.8 billion dairy industry, how to make your own butter, and the impact of the nearly three billion pounds of potatoes we produce annually in Wisconsin! I loved seeing the magic of Wisconsin come alive for many people as they made their own butter.

After my presentation, I joined the audience and heard some amazing State Fair stories. From the couple that met at the State Fair 60 years ago and have come back every year since, to the family with four generations cel-

ebrating together, the State Fair provides such a strong community to connect with.

I continued to meet people as I journeyed through the fairgrounds, visiting some fair favorites such as the Milk House and the Dairy Building, stopping in for many of the livestock shows, and highlighting youth exhibitors through daily agriculture challenges.

Although I loved the food, the excitement, and the adventures of the State Fair, what I loved the most were the people. Every day I visited Grand Champion Hall for a new gorgeous corsage made by Deb, saw Jill Albanese, Competitive Exhibits & Park Beautification Director, traveling around the grounds with



79th Alice in Dairyland explaining how Wisconsin's dairy cows are milked to 2026 Wisconsin State Fair attendees.



Alice in Dairyland "Farm to School with Wisconsin Dairy" stage presentation at the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair.



79th Alice in Dairyland with Ultimate Confections, a Something Special from Wisconsin member, at the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair.

infectious energy, talked with the team of people who make the shows possible, saw friends and family from across the state, met new exhibitors and fairgoers, and always had a home base with the team in Dairy Lane. Thank you for an incredibly amazing time as Alice in Dairyland at the State Fair, whether we talked for 10 seconds or 10 minutes!!

To catch up on my adventures at the 175th Wisconsin State Fair, visit the Alice in Dairyland Facebook and Instagram to access all the interviews, youth agriculture challenges, sights of the State Fair, and daily recaps!

Alice in Dairyland is a one-year, full-time public relations professional employed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Each year, Alice in Dairyland travels over 45,000 miles, promoting Wisconsin agriculture, as authorized by Wis. Stat. § 93.07(3), 93.40(1)(e), and 93.44(1). Alice in Dairyland conducts hundreds of media interviews, speeches, and school presentations in her position.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3: Jersey Flats Prairie Restoration: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meet at the Horse Trail parking lot off County Road SS between New Prospect and County Road SS. We will target encroaching evergreens, trees, and shrubs.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17: Mauthe Lake Tamarack Trail: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meet at the Mauthe Lake boat launch parking lot. We will be removing buckthorn, autumn olive, and honeysuckle along the trail.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: Play Time With the Early Learning Center: 10:00-11:00AM. Join our friends from the Early Learning Center for a play time focused on fun! Together we'll read stories, play, create, and maybe even have a special visit from

the Early Learning Center's mascot, Tucker the Turtle.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: Toddler Time: 9:30-10:30 AM. September's Toddler Time will celebrate the beginning of fall with all things apples! Little ones can explore apple-themed sensory play, try their hand at apple stamping, and discover the sights, sounds, and textures of the changing season. We'll mix in opportunities for loose parts play, creative art, books, and hands-on exploration as we welcome the first signs of autumn.

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Swain, Michael A., 12/16/1974, Sheboygan, Jail 12 months, Still owes \$530.00.

Forfeitures

Baker, Robert W., 9/1999, Sheboygan, Possess Illegal Sized Fish, \$249.15.

Last, Mason D., 12/2006, Sheboygan, Boater Speed in Excess of

Limit, \$232.00.

Newton, Keyana M., 7/2007, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$326.50.

Rosales Andrade, Oswaldo, 1/23/1978, Sheboygan, Battery, \$217.10.

Rowen, Zeke M., 11/2005, Sheboygan, Underage Drinking-Possess 17-20 (1st), \$263.50.

Smith, Shamar L., 1/2002, Sheboygan, Possession of Marijuana (<25 gm), \$389.50.

Ramoncorona Marcos, 7/2003, Sheboygan, Operate Vehicle w/o Park Admission Sticker \$162.70.

Traffic

Barron, Kyle A., 5/1990, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Operate after Revocation/Suspension

of Registration, Speeding in 55 mph Zone (25-29 mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$626.70.

Brito, Valeria, 5/1995, Sheboygan, Violate Child Safety Restraint Requirements-Child 4 years less than 8 years, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, \$160.10.

Burgard, Brice M., 4/2002, Sheboygan, Speeding on Expressway (11-15 mph), \$250.90.

Haji, Suleiman Mohamed, 5/2001, Sheboygan, Parking/Standing where Prohibited, \$174.50.

Koene, Joel J., 8/1977, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance, \$401.00.

Nguyen, Kevin, 6/2007, Sheboygan, Inattentive Driving, Operate w/o Valid License b/c Expiration,

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Paria, Sarbaranjan, 5/1986, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Carrying License, \$150.00.

Van Sluys, Brian J., 2/1967, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop at Stop Sign, \$175.30.

Zitzer, Isabelle A., 11/2007, Sheboygan Exceeding Speed Zones (1-10 mph), \$213.10.

Fail/Stop for Unloading School

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Meyer, Jessica R., 10/1986, Sheboygan, \$676.50.

Operate w/o Valid License

Leon Lopez, Alexander J., 4/5/1998, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Roberts, Stephanie K., 4/22/1990, Sheboygan, (3rd+ within 3 years), \$780.00.

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Trepanier, Beth L., 1/1980, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto

James, Chelsea D., 9/1991, Sheboygan, \$175.30.

Misdemeanors

Arnold, Erin E., 6/8/2001, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$780.00.

Jacobs, Kelly M., 2/22/1991, Sheboygan, Possession of Controlled Substance (2 counts), Jail 180 days (imposed/stayed), \$898.00.

Joose, Colt X., 6/17/1985, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$654.00.

Soto, Daniel E., 4/3/1998, Sheboygan, Retail Theft-Intentionally Take (<=\$500), Community Service 20 hours, \$484.00.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Ballard, Derek M., 9/21/1964, Sheboygan, Making Terrorist Threats, Possession of Burglary Tools, (Felonies), Carry Concealed Knife, (Misdemeanor), Prison 18 months, Extended Supervision 18 months, Jail 9 months, \$1,572.40.

Padilla Duarte, Luis G., 10/14/1995, Sheboygan, Substantial Battery, Bail Jumping (Felony), Resisting or Obstructing an Officer (Repeater-Misdemeanor), Prison 6 years 6 months (imposed/stayed), Extended Supervision 3 year 6 months (imposed/stayed), \$4,564.20.

Parker, Devaonadrea K., 2/11/1986, Sheboygan, Possession of Amphetamine/LSD/Psilocin (2+Offense), Bail Jumping (Felonies), Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,535.80.

Felonies

Delacruz Camacho, Ernesto,

10/12/1974, Sheboygan, Forgery-Uttering, \$865.00.

September 7 to September 11, 2026

No court was held on Sept. 7th due to the Labor Day holiday

Revoke Probation

Hawkes, Sterline T., 9/16/1998, Sheboygan, Jail 7 months, Still owes \$455.00.

McKinney, Teriana S., 9/22/1999, Sheboygan, Jail 90 days, Still owes \$186.88.

Rios, Carla Jo, 8/15/1984, Sheboygan, Jail 6 months, Still owes \$1,098.00.

Traffic

Althorp, Ryan J., 9/2008, Sheboygan, License Restriction Violation-Class D or M, \$200.50.

Bintzler, Julie M., 1/1962, Sheboygan, Failure to Yield Right of Way in Roundabout, \$175.30.

Boy, Levi C., 3/1993, Sheboygan, Pedestrian Signal Violation by Vehicle, \$175.30.

Kaessermann, Gavin T., 6/12/1998, Sheboygan, Operate w/o a Valid License, (3rd within 3 years), \$843.00.

Konen, Paul A., 12/1982, Sheboygan, Inattentive Driving, \$187.90.

Markel, Jordan W., 10/2004, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$375.80.

Semke, Mark W., 6/1979, Sheboygan, Fail/Stop at Stop Sign, \$175.30.

Winter, Heather L., 1/1976, Sheboygan, Fail/Change Lane-Passing

Stopped Emergency Vehicle/Disabled Vehicle, \$263.50.

Xiong, Victoria Kia, 8/1983, Sheboygan, No Tail Lamp/Defective Tail Lamp-Night, \$162.70.

Operating while Suspended

Pena, Christopher S., 7/1979, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operating while Revoked

Luther, Katherine E., 9/26/1998, Sheboygan, (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), \$591.00.

Siguenza Hector J., 1/19/1995, Sheboygan, (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal-4th), \$843.00.

Operate w/o Carrying License

Castro Mata, Leydi Y., 8/1/2002, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

White, Margo A.J., 12/23/1981, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Van Dalen, James E., 12/1972, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

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Vidimos, Logan M., 7/2002, Sheboygan, (1st), License Revoked 9 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$1,219.00.

Misdemeanors

Konrad, Bryan J., 12/29/1983, Sheboygan, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Theft-Moveable Property <=\$2500 (Repeater), \$920.00.

Shulak, Courtland J., 2/22/1997, Sheboygan, Possession of Amphetamine/LSD/Psilocin, \$1,016.25.

Turbyfill, Austin P.P., 4/6/1964, Sheboygan, Possession of Cocaine/Coca, (Possession of a Controlled Substance on or Near Certain Places), Jail 10 months, Community Service 100 hours, \$455.00.

Zamora, Yvonne M., 12/17/1985, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$717.00.

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Harrell, Daquarius R., 6/17/1995, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine (Felony), Battery, Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse-Misdemeanors), Jail 90 days, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,632.40.

Felonies

Blockmon, Darryl T., 8/3/1983, Sheboygan, Possession of Cocaine/Coca (2nd offense), Jail 60 days, \$530.00.

Hutchison, Cory R., 11/10/1980, Sheboygan, Fail/Report to County Jail (10 days +), Jail 75 days, \$530.00.

Lawrence, Amanda R., 10/26/1991, Sheboygan, Manufacture/Deliver Amphetamine (>3-10 g), Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 3 years, \$546.40.

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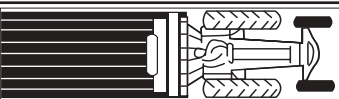
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Q: What are the best ways to save money on a budget kitchen remodel?

A: Here are ways to trim the budget for the most expensive

parts of a kitchen remodel:

Keep the current kitchen layout. Maintaining the existing footprint can eliminate expensive structural, plumbing and electrical work.

Refinish the kitchen cabinets. The biggest expense in a kitchen remodel is new cabinetry, typically 30% or more of a kitchen remodel budget.

Replace kitchen hardware and fixtures. Coordinated drawer and door pulls, a new kitchen faucet, and new light fixtures are affordable ways to update a kitchen.

Paint the walls. A new color is a very inexpensive way to freshen up any space.

Replace the countertops. If stone is out of your budget, consider laminate countertops, which can mimic the look of stone and be replaced later when your budget allows.

Q: Can I keep my old kitchen cabinets and refinish them?

A: Refinishing old cabinets is a great way to save money on a kitchen remodel. Older cabinets are often solid wood and built much better than the cheap cabinetry you can buy today. Dated oak cabinetry and trim can be transformed with modern paint colors or a semi-

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Q: Is it easy to paint kitchen cabinets yourself?

A: Home improvement shows make cabinet painting look fast and easy, but it's not a good DIY project. Cabinets must be correctly prepped, then primed and painted with a professional grade sprayer for a smooth, durable finish. Rollers and brushes aren't used by professionals because they leave obvious marks in the finish, and the paint is more likely to chip or peel. "We only use high-end, cabinet-grade products with high washability that are formulated to stand up to household cleaners," Schwaller says.

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Bluestems enhance fall landscape

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As seasons change, different plants take center stage in the landscape. Now that fall is arriving, late-blooming perennials move into the spotlight. This group of plants includes warm-season native ornamental grasses. Two popular species across Wisconsin landscapes are little and big bluestem.

Although they have the same common name and both are native to Midwest prairies, they are entirely distinct species. Little bluestem is botanically known as *Schizachyrium scoparium*, typically reaching around two feet but up to four feet in height with flowers. Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) as the name implies is taller, growing between four to eight feet in height including flower stalks. Both are winter hardy to USDA Zone 3, so can be grown anywhere in Wisconsin.

Both bluestems share being warm-season grasses, meaning they actively grow in the warmest portions of summer and develop flowers towards the end of that growth period, thus reaching their prime as landscape focal points right now. Flowers will transition into seedheads that persist and provide winter interest. Each provide ecosystem benefits, including food and cover for birds, small mammals, and even native butterflies. Both have short creeping rhizomes, allowing them to gradually spread over time and help stabilize soil.

Little bluestem is native to both tall and shortgrass prairies, featuring erect clumps of medium-textured, arching foliage that can vary in height and form. Foliage will be blue in summer and transition to combinations of purple, red, and orange in fall with cultivars developed featuring specific colors. Flowers will have a silverish shimmer on them as they move in the wind. Full sun areas with average dry soils are best, and very fertile soils may lead to plants flopping over. Ideal planting locations are in the foreground or middle of landscape beds. Group or mass plantings of little bluestem are highly effective in landscape settings,



especially near water.

Big Bluestem is best known for its distinct “turkey-foot” flower structures, with yellow or cream-colored floral parts that first appear in late summer and persist as seedheads into winter. Full sun areas are best, as is well-drained soil. Big bluestem will tolerate heavier clay soils, however. With its taller height, consider planting in the mid or background portions of landscape beds, or even using as a natural screen.

Foliage of big bluestem is blue-green in the early season, transitioning to reddish as fall approaches. The cultivar ‘Blackhawks’ features darker green foliage changing to purple and almost black in fall. This cultivar has more compact and upright form than typical for big bluestem and was named Perennial Plant of the Year® for 2026 by the Perennial Plant Association.

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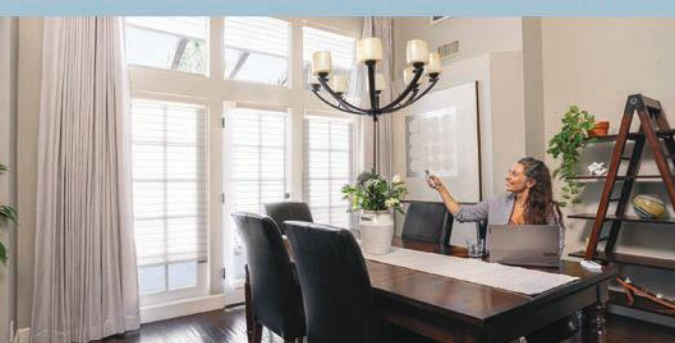


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How homeowners can turn attics into livable spaces

Houses typically feature various areas that are traditionally designed for storage, such as garages, basements and attics. However, with some renovation, these spaces can be transformed into livable areas.

Homeowners who would like to convert attics into livable spaces need to take certain things into consideration before starting an improvement project. While the attic may seem like it has plenty of room and is structurally sound enough to walk in, that's not necessarily so. To be converted into usable living space, an attic must be brought up to the standards of modern building

codes, according to the design experts at Board & Vellum. Retrofitting beams and insulation can eat up available space in an attic. Thus, it is best to consult an expert to see if an attic can be converted.

Furthermore, an attic that was not initially designed as a room when the house was built can add extra "load" upstairs if it is converted. That could present certain structural problems. That means a structural engineer also must be consulted to see if adding beams, flooring and drywall will necessitate other changes elsewhere in the home to accommodate the extra load.

In order to have a function-

al attic room, building codes will dictate that it needs to be accessible by a full-size staircase. Also, it will need to have another exit in case of an emergency so that will likely be an accessible window, according to the home information site The Fill. Homeowners' budgets and renovation plans will need to factor into these considerations. Homeowners also are advised to check local permits to determine what else may be required to go forward. It is best to follow the rules. Lack of a permit for work can affect the ability to sell a home down the line.

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Understanding biophilic design for outdoor living spaces

Outdoor living is wildly popular, as more and more homeowners are bringing elements once reserved for home interiors into their backyards. When designing outdoor living spaces, homeowners may learn about biophilic design, an architectural concept that aims to incorporate natural elements into outdoor living spaces. Proponents of biophilic design say it satisfies an innate human need to affiliate with nature, thereby helping to reduce stress that people may experience after being stuck indoors for much of their days. Biophilic design is often part of a home interior design, but many homeowners also embrace it when designing their outdoor living spaces. For example, surrounding outdoor living areas with non-invasive plants, flowers and trees and using natural materials like wood and stone when building such spaces are great ways to embrace biophilic design and create a tension-free

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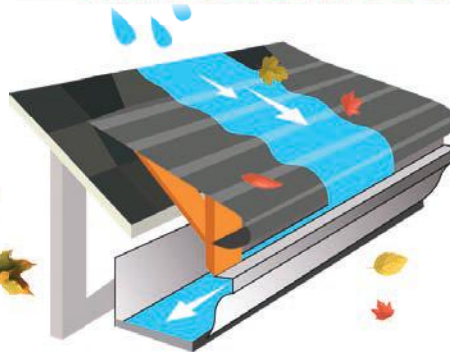
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additional insulation can the attic space more comfortable as well. Consult with a qualified electrician and an HVAC technician and have an energy audit done to discuss needs.

Attic renovations can give homeowners more space in their homes, which can be used as offices, bedrooms or cozy corners. This is no small undertaking and all of the right steps need to be followed to ensure a legal, safe and successful renovation.

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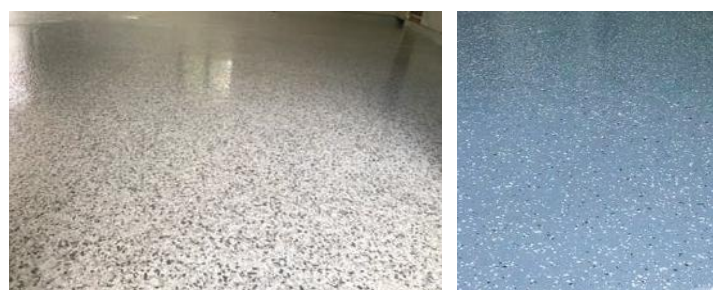
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