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After 70 years of flying, and still going, 86-year-old pilot has stories to tell

by **Sarah Hall**
for The Beacon

Even though he will be celebrating his 87th birthday on October 19, Eldon Isely of Plymouth has no plans to stop flying anytime soon.

The lithe, lean man with the strikingly sky-blue eyes still scrambles over the wing of a small plane, hops into the cockpit and takes off from the Sheboygan County International Airport several times a week, is an active and in-demand instructor and in 2017 founded the Sheboygan Flying Club – which, with nearly 200 members, has grown to become the largest such flight school in the Midwest.

On Saturday, October 10, Isely will be inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame for his leadership and lasting contributions to flight.

“I’m still in the airplane nearly every day, still instructing, still getting better,” he wrote in his newly published autobiography, *Cleared to Land*. “The day you stop learning is the day it gets dangerous. So I keep learning.”

When this reporter interviewed him in a hangar at the county airport last week, he used his iPad to brief her on the basics of modern online flight navigation. He needed no glasses to make out the fine print and noted that “today’s flying is pretty easy compared to when I started at 18 years old.” Younger pilots and flight students kept plopping down next to him to hear the stories he had to tell.

Across nearly 70 years and

40,000 hours of flight time in the industry, the commercial pilot has chauffeured movie stars, Playboy Club luminaries, several Wisconsin governors, company presidents, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world and other famous figures.

As an air traffic controller on a Navy aircraft carrier, he cleared helicopters to pluck Gemini 4, 6 and 7 astronauts from the ocean. He once delivered a private jet to Moscow. He has trained more than 1,000 pilots – including many members of his own family – and never had a violation or accident, despite some hair-raisingly close calls.

Many of the pivotal moments of his life – including his wedding to his wife Sally, a Plymouth School Board member who has raced snowmobiles and is quite the adventurer herself – occurred on or near aircraft.

It all started when Eldon was eight or nine years old and spotted a vapor trail from a jet airplane in the sky above his family’s dairy farm near Argyle, Wisconsin, southwest of Madison.

He thought it was the coolest thing he had ever seen and recalled in his memoir that “something happened to me in that moment that never un-happened. From that point forward, when people asked me what I wanted to do when I grew up, I had an answer.”

The fifth of 11 children and a twin to his brother Erling, Eldon attended a one-room schoolhouse called Puddle Dock, a mile and a half from his home.

“I was not the best student.



PILOT ELTON ISELY, at 86 years old, still flies almost daily out of Sheboygan County International Airport and is about to be inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.
– Beacon photo by Sarah Hall

But I was told you needed to be good in math to be a pilot, and I aced it,” he said.

His interest was also piqued by his daredevil uncle who was one of the first in his rural community to get his pilot’s license, and liked to fox hunt – swooping down over his prey and firing his shotgun from the air.

“When I was ten years old, I talked my older brother Roger – who was 16 and old enough to drive – into taking me to the airport,” Eldon said. “I went up

for my first airplane ride in a little two-seater, which Roger paid for.”

Once he landed, he knew for certain he was going to become a pilot. And he did at age 18 in 1957, learning to fly at the strip of grass otherwise known as Monroe Municipal Airport.

“Dad thought his brother was nuts for flying,” Isely related in his book. “When I started taking lessons at 18 – sneaking around behind my father to do it – Mom had to sign the parental consent form because I wasn’t 21 yet.” She advised him not to tell his dad, because he’d say he was wasting his money.”

Isely rapidly advanced, earning his private, commercial, multi-engine, instrument and instructor ratings in less than two years.

A draft notice came next, but he was not interested in the Army. After being inspired by the Blue Angels squadron in a Janesville air show, he called a Navy commander he knew and signed on.

A memorable two-week tour of the Mediterranean had him flying to 13 countries in four-engine prop planes with no GPS and “nothing but sextants and the stars” to navigate by.

Isely was assigned for two years to the USS Wasp, a World War II aircraft carrier, and put in charge of managing from the glass bubble over the flight deck all flight operations on and around the ship – despite having no formal training in air traffic control.

One day near Norway, at the height of the Cold War in the mid-1960s, a Russian destroyer

emerged from the smoke screen that typically enveloped them and approached closer than usual.

Isely was alone in the control tower, stepped outside to get a better look and then spontaneously took his hat off and waved to about a dozen Russian soldiers on the deck. They waved back.

“I stood there looking at them across the water and I thought: Why in the world do we have to have wars? Why do we have to be out here, in the cold, pointing weapons at each other?” he reflected in his book.

After astronaut Ed White completed the first American spacewalk and his capsule splashed down near Bermuda in 1965, Isely cleared the helicopter carrying him and copilot Jim McDivitt to land on his carrier. Eldon got to know them during their four-day quarantine at sea and later became close to astronaut Jim Lovell as well.

Once back to civilian life, Isely started his own charter business and flight school out of Beloit.

“One of the most interesting passengers I had was a horse with a broken neck, who I flew to Purdue University for treatment,” he said. A veterinarian rode along to administer tranquilizers, and the horse survived.

“We also ran an operation flying entertainers to the Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, one of the premier entertainment destinations in the Midwest in those days,” Isely related in his bio. “... Ann-Margret was there. Henry

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Sheboygan Haunted Asylum brings the terror for Halloween season

by Ben Yang
for The Beacon

SHEBOYGAN FALLS- The Sheboygan Haunted Asylum is gearing up for another hair-raising series of events this Halloween season. This year's lineup features a list of themed events for every weekend now until November.

The first event of the season took place on Saturday, Sept. 19. "Haunt for a Cause" was in partnership with the Sheboygan County Humane Society, where donations were collected for the animal shelter. The first 50 guests who bring a donation also received a free t-shirt.

"It's a new tradition we'll be doing every year. We'll be working with a nonprofit or some kind of charitable organization. We welcome anything that helps out the shelter and all the animals that could use a forever home," said Tanner Root, co-owner of the Sheboygan Haunted Asylum. "We want to encourage the customers to visit the shelter and volunteer to help out with the Humane Society. It's very special to be a voice for the voiceless."

Following theme nights at the Haunted Asylum include Capture the Fear, Nostalgia Weekend, Clown Takeover, Heroes vs. Villains, and more. Guests can expect an experience filled with jumpscare, loud noises, theatrical effects, and scare actors walking around as they make their way through the different attractions at the asylum.

"Ideally, a haunted house attraction is meant to scare people, but people are also here for entertainment. With a movie you can sit and watch, but this is like a live movie. You can interact with the setting and be a part of it," said Root.

Special celebrity guests will also be in attendance at certain events. The guest lineup includes Kathrine Long, who played Carly Beth in



THE SHEBOYGAN HAUNTED ASYLUM, located at N3773 Gateway Pkwy in Sheboygan Falls, is offering a list of Halloween scares, tours, and celebrity appearances. The building formerly stood as an insane asylum for Sheboygan County back in the 1940s. - Beacon photo by Ben Yang

Goosebumps: The Haunted Mask, Paul Haley who played Fatso/Chubby/Bubbles in Killer Clowns From Outer Space, Jeff Brockton who played Ghostface in Scream 3, Mark Steger who played the original demogorgon from Netflix's Stranger Things, and Michael Bailey Smith who played Super Freddy in A Nightmare on Elm Street 5.

"We're excited to bring in our biggest celebrity guest lineup so far. It's something we look to grow upon as well.

Paul Haley and Jeff Brockton will both be in costume for photo opportunities. All the celebrity guests will also be signing autographs," said Root. "Everyone must have a haunted house ticket to come into the building to meet the guests."

Aside from the main attraction, the Haunted Asylum also offers a VIP tour of the space. The 259,000-square-foot building served as an insane asylum for Sheboygan County back in the 1940s before clos-

ing its doors in 2002.

"We have VIP tour tickets where you can see the tunnels, morgue, boiler room, rooftop and more at the asylum. You'll also hear the history and lore of this facility," said Root. "I don't think you can beat the setting of this location for a haunted house attraction. Our goal is to eventually add more

attractions and sections."

New this year is an outdoor, nighttime corn maze that has been added to the Haunted Asylum property.

"We're really excited for this. It should be a unique attraction. There's no better

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Teen Court offers innovative, effective way to give youth a second chance

Guest Column
by **Elizabeth Kroll**

Sheboygan County Teen Court is a collaborative effort between Sheboygan County Circuit Court Judge Natasha Torry, the Sheboygan Area School District, and Health and Human Services Youth Justice, facilitated by Social Worker Lizzy Kroll. This is a Youth Justice alternative that aims to promote youth development and uses restorative justice practices as a response to youth behavior, as opposed to the traditional, punitive responses of receiving a citation or a law enforcement referral to Youth Justice.

The Teen Court program be-

gan in January 2025 and was piloted at that time with students at Sheboygan South High School. Last September, the program expanded to include Sheboygan North High School students. Since this time, 24 students have volunteered approximately 180 hours of their time towards this initiative.

Youth are eligible to elect to participate in the Teen Court process if they commit a first-time misdemeanor offense, admit to their actions, and have parental consent to participate. The goal of the Teen Court process is not to determine innocence or guilt, but to identify assignments referred youth must complete in order to repair harm

or learn skills so as to not repeat their actions in the future. Historically, school staff have identified eligible students to refer to the program for school-based offenses. This will be widened starting this school year to include community-based incidents. 24 referred students have participated in Teen Court since it began.

Once a youth is referred, youth and their parents or guardians will attend a court hearing that is facilitated by Judge Torry, but fully operated by student volunteers from South and North High School. These volunteers act as prosecuting and defense attorneys, clerk/bailiffs, and jury members and will decide the as-

signments their referred peers receive. The only mandatory requirement is serving on future Teen Court juries. This allows youth referred to the program to experience being a part of the decision-making process and is an empathy-building experience. Other potential requirements could include: completing community service, writing impact statements, completing online classes, participating in community or school prosocial activities, or completing assignments related to the offense. Referred youth will have 60 days to complete the requirements. If they do so successfully, they will be diverted from receiving a citation, referral, or Youth Justice supervision.

Both volunteers and referred students have expressed positive feedback about participating in Teen Court. Many referred students have reported the Teen

Court process allowed them to see that others are also struggling, which made them feel less alone. One youth stated, “I feel like it impacted me by becoming better and seeing the positive sides of things. What I enjoyed was seeing others struggling as well, which made me feel like I wasn’t alone because others had the same problem as me.” These impacts have been seen in youth behaviors as well. Three months after completing Teen Court, only 10% of participants had an instance of recidivism, which is less than half (22%) compared to peers who go through the traditional Youth Justice processes. Volunteers also report participating in Teen Court has impacted them positively. This has helped them build skills related to empathy, confidence-building, professional development, teamwork, and personal growth.

Teen Court would not be possible without the outstanding collaboration amongst partners and the initial willingness to try a new approach to working with youth. The program has also been a generous recipient of a grant from the Wisconsin Law Foundation, charitable arm of the State Bar of Wisconsin, for the past two years which has helped with recruitment efforts and programming needs. As we start our third school year, we are excited to see how the program will continue to grow!



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Lakeland University receives \$3M grant

Lakeland University has received a five-year, \$3 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education to strengthen Lakeland’s efforts to improve student persistence and degree completion through access to workforce readiness and financial wellness programming.

The grant, one of the largest in the institution’s 164-year history, will help Lakeland remove barriers that delay engagement by some tradition-

al-age LU students in career-connected learning and help remove financial barriers for those students.

“We have numerous student success stories that have resulted through our experiential learning focus, but we’ve found that not enough of our students are accessing those programs early in their Lakeland experience,” said Lakeland President Beth Borgen.

“As Wisconsin’s only Carnegie Opportunity College and our consistent placement on U.S. News & World Report’s list of schools advancing social mobility for its students demonstrate, removing barriers to a degree is central to our mission. This grant will allow us to make sure more of our students have earlier access to career-connected learning opportunities to improve degree completion and set those students up for post-graduation success.”

The grant will fund numerous Lakeland activities including:

- Enhanced student advising and peer mentoring
- Improved career discovery programming
- Access to employer mentoring and networking
- Expanded Cooperative Education (Co-Op) pathways
- Financial literacy education and individualized finan-

cial counseling

A defining feature of Lakeland’s academic model is its nationally distinctive Cooperative Education (Co-Op) program, which integrates classroom learning with structured workplace experiences across academic programs.

Students in Co-Op may earn up to one year of academic credit through paid or unpaid professional experiences, strengthening workforce readiness and helping reduce the cost of school. Students graduate with substantial professional experience and employer connections that set them up for the transition into the workforce.

As part of this grant, Lakeland will turn to its considerable lineup of regional employers to serve as partners through the Co-Op program along with mentoring, networking and workforce development activities.

“We’re fortunate to have relationships with more than 400 corporate partners – from the region’s global brands to a variety of non-profit agencies,” Borgen said. “Lakeland has consistently been a talent importer for this region. The programs we’ve put in place with local employers, such as our Co-Op program, benefit Lakeland graduates and the companies that employ them.”

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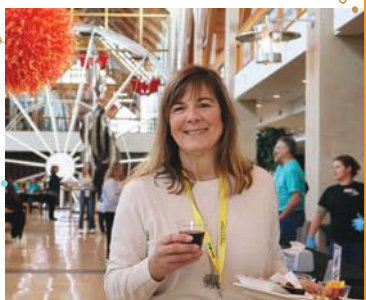


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Another Dekker to play football at Ripon

■ South's Austen helped by brother

This is Treston Dekker's final season on the Ripon College football team.

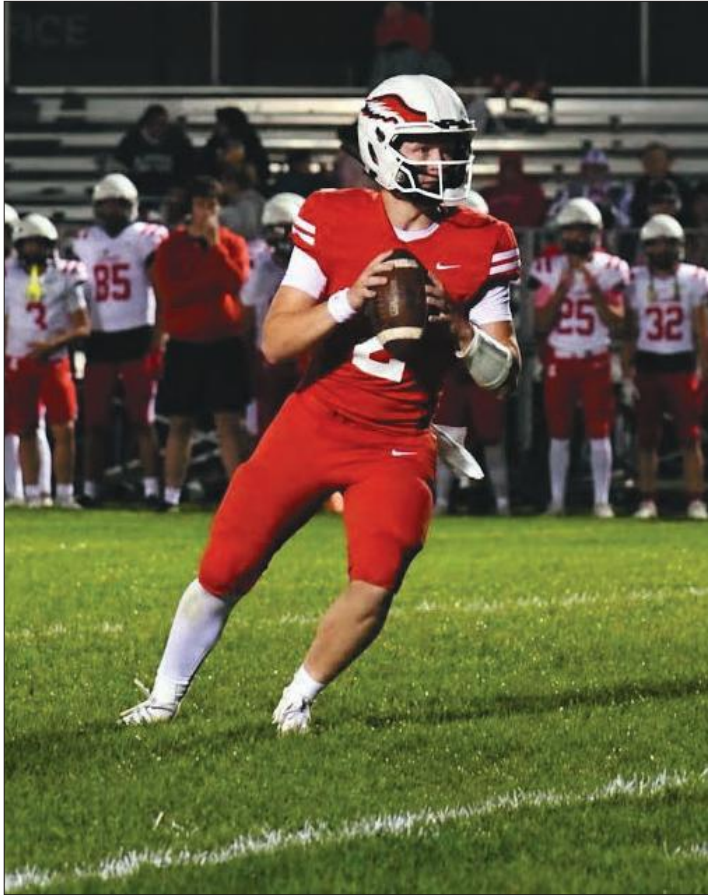
Next year will be Austen Dekker's first.

The South senior recently announced his college choice, and says it wasn't a hard decision despite other offers from St. Norbert and Crown College in Minnesota.

Having an older brother there for three-plus years was a big help.

"A lot. I'm not going to lie, a lot," Dekker said. "It was the connection and I was able to talk to the coaches a lot. It was just an easy pick because he went there. It was really cool the connections that I was able to build with the coaches, actually being able to talk to them like week by week for 10 weeks the last four years. Then getting to see the campus, all the facilities right away, it was kind of easy."

And even though Treston's playing days at Ripon will be over by the time Austen arrives, the younger sibling is thankful for all he's done.



Austen Dekker will play football at Ripon College next season. - Photo by Lisa Reed



Austen Dekker has two high school games left. - Photo by Submitted photo

Older brother in midst of final year

Running back Treston Dekker has appeared in four games this season, highlighted



TRESTON DEKKER

by a 119-yard and one touchdown performance at Wisconsin Lutheran last month.

Last season, he scored seven times and gained 574 yards in 10 games.

"I basically know the whole entire campus already, how they run their football team, basically everything," he said. "The coaches have been a huge help. My brother's going to be able to give me the plays and stuff, so it's going to be pretty much perfect."

Entering this past Friday's

game, Dekker completed 22 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns. He also gained 244 yards rushing with three more TDs.

But there's only two high school games left for the Red-wing standout.

"Yeah, it's definitely hit me," Dekker said. "It's surreal."

Teams try to avoid Lily's House

Liliana Herber enjoys hearing about her house.

The fourth-year middle hitter stands 6-foot-0, so anytime she delivers a block, a boisterous "Lily's House" can be heard throughout the gym by teammates and fans.

"Her blocks can be very intimidating for opponents, which gives us an advantage," South coach Abby Sigler said.

Herber also loves making teammates laugh.

"I think it's good to be a funny person," the senior said. "I think it really helps when we're down because I can turn to anyone and just make them laugh and lift the mood up and help them move on to the next point. ... I do a lot of crazy things. Dancing, making like funny inside jokes with all the girls, making faces at them."

Sigler enjoys it as well.

"Liliana's humor lifts the team during difficult practices and games," she said. "She puts a smile on everyone's faces and is enjoyable to be around."

And Herber shares her life stories, too.

She's in the second year of a broadcasting class and hosts her Life with Lily podcast on YouTube.



Liliana Herber is a four-year volleyball player.

- Photo by Austin Cass

"I always liked talking to the camera, so I wanted like an outlet for that and I thought I could make interesting videos," Herber said. "You kind of get full freedom to do whatever you want with your podcast. For mine, I just talk about myself and my life, do vlogs and stuff."

The podcasts are usually once a week and average around 10 minutes for the year-long class.

Sometimes, Herber shares highlights of her day, like going out for lunch on her birthday with her grandmother.

Other times, she interviews classmates or athletes from her school.

"We get people at school telling us they like our videos," Herber said.

Herber is also on South's basketball and track teams, and she plans on going to technical college next fall to become an esthetician.

But for now, she's focused on her final few weeks of volleyball.

"It's really sad, but I am proud of what I've done," Herber said. "I think that I've accomplished a lot of good things."

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Roman Sanchez takes second in tennis

The Glacier Trails held its conference championship in girls tennis, and South senior Yarel Roman Sanchez took second at No. 1 singles.

She lost in the final, 6-1, 7-6, to Norah DeVries of West Bend East.

Third place went to Claire Misodi/Nozomi Nichols at No. 1 doubles, Anika Tiwari at No.

2, and Gwendelyn Harder at No. 3.

Cinara Cordeiro finished fourth at No. 4, Norah Specht/Lilliana Contrerea placed fifth at No. 3, and Lailah Shircel/Kelsie Vue came in sixth at No. 2.

The Redwings ended sixth in the final team standings.

CONFERENCE MEETS

NORTH: The Golden Raiders went 5-4 in the Fox River Classic Conference, good for fifth place.

The league does not have a conference tournament.

GIRLS GOLF

Co-op ends fifth

Sheboygan placed fifth at the Fox River Classic Conference Championship Meet Sept. 24.

Senior Allison Klee led her squad with a 91, good for 14th place and a spot on the all-league second team.

Junior Taylor Quackenbush

shot a 96 (she received honorable mention), and was followed by freshman Olivia Gephart (96, honorable mention), senior Alina Thao (97) and sophomore Lea Fischer (101).

Sheboygan also took part in the Fond du Lac Regional at Rolling Meadows and advanced to sectionals. Gephart came in fourth with a 90.

Future Badger Allen to visit North soon

A future Wisconsin Badger football player will play in Sheboygan on Oct. 16.

That's when Green Bay Notre Dame senior Kingston Allen visits for a 7 p.m. game to cap the regular season.

Prior to this past Friday's game, Allen led the nation (according to MaxPreps.com) in yards rushing with 1,702.

He has four of the top 10 best individual rushing games in state history.

Entering this past weekend, Allen has 32 touchdowns, and averages 284 yards per game and 13 yards per carry.

Allen opened the season with 464 yards rushing and seven touchdowns in a 56-53 overtime victory against Neenah.

In a 70-0 win over Green Bay East, he scored five touchdowns – on only seven rushing attempts.

The Tritons have won their first six contests by a total score of 331-81.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

CROSS COUNTRY

Giebler does it again

For the second straight year, Lutheran junior Eddy Giebler took first place in the 49th annual Sheboygan County Meet last Tuesday.

His winning time of 16:41.8 was nearly 40 seconds ahead of the competition.

Teammate Titus Gottschalk came in third in 17:31.8, helping the host Crusaders to the team title.

South's Cooper Gould ended fifth in 17:49.7 while Aaron Moore took eighth in 17:53.6.

Christian's Kellen Vrzal finished 10th in 18:08.8.

GIRLS: Lutheran finished second, behind Oostburg, as Ella Heronymus led the



See NOTES/7 North's dance team performs at a football game. - Photo by Lily Ronin

Last season against the Golden Raiders, Allen scored three times and rushed for 109 yards on 21 carries.

South wins twice

For the first time since 2021, South's football team won back-to-back games.

The Redwings were 0-4 after giving up six touchdowns and 237 yards to Allen.

But then they defeated Manitowoc Lincoln, 12-10 (they lost last year, 53-21), and followed that with a 29-12 victory over Green Bay East on Sept. 25.

Against the Red Devils, Jovan Adamavich scored three touchdowns and gained 140 yards rushing.

Jack Polzin made 13 total tackles and Darion King chipped in with 12.

South had just one win each of the last two seasons.



Liz Stranberg of North swims toward the finish line. - Photo by Ruth Davis



North's Dominic Schmitz will be gearing up for the post season. - Photo by Eleanor Grotbeck

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Crusaders with a seventh-place showing with a 21:19.

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Christian/Lutheran beat Manitowoc Roncalli, 8-0, Thursday to improve to 14-0-1.

Ranked No. 1 in the Division 4 state poll, Noah Mueller made two saves for his squad's seventh shutout.

Luke DeRoos scored twice to go with two assists.

Connor Schmitz also had two assists and a goal.

And Isaac Holycross ended with a goal and an assist.

Chance for revenge

South takes on Glacier Trails-leading Kettle Moraine Lutheran Thursday, hoping to avenge a 5-2 loss on Sept. 17. The Redwings have won four consecutive games by a total score of 14-0.

VOLLEYBALL**Rivals meet**

The rematch between Lutheran's and Christian's volleyball teams is tonight at 7:00.

The squads met in a tournament on Sept. 12, and the Crusaders won, 15-25, 25-18, 15-12.

Aniya Zeeveld tallied 10 kills, 22 assists, seven aces and six digs for Lutheran.

BOYS GOLF**State course announced**

The WIAA announced the 2027 State Boys Golf Championships will be played at the Lee Trevino Golf Course at Geneva National in Lake Geneva on June 7-8.

"We are thrilled," WIAA Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said. "This venue offers an exceptional, championship-caliber experience that our student-athletes, coaches, and fans will thoroughly enjoy. We appreciate Geneva National's

partnership and enthusiasm in stepping up to host this premier event."

The Trevino Course opened in 1991 and was designed by golf legend Lee Trevino, who captured six major championships and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1981.

The par-72 course underwent substantial renovation in 2024 to modernize the layout.

It covers 7,120 yards, features a rolling country setting and was selected as one of the Top 25 Public Golf Courses in the U.S. by Golfers' Choice 2025.

Geneva National has hosted the Wisconsin State Senior Open, Wisconsin PGA regional tournaments and sectional qualifiers, the Wisconsin State Open and several LPGA Championships.

"Destination Geneva National and the Town of Geneva are beyond excited to bring the 101st WIAA Boys High School State Championships to our resort and lakefront town," said Glen Murray, PGA chief operating officer of Destination Geneva National. "Geneva National recently celebrated 35 years of play on the Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino courses. All three of the 18-hole courses have a championship pedigree and a history of statewide, regional, and national spectator events. The opportunity to test Wisconsin's best high school golfers on Mr. Trevino's course, which puts a premium on superior ball striking, will be a true joy for our resort and club members."

The championships have been played on many courses during the 100-year history of the event, including Blackwolf Run in Kohler from 2022-24 and University Ridge in Madison the past two years.

University Ridge will host the American Family Insurance Championships in June through 2030, prompting a change in venue for the State Boys Golf Championships.



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The Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Youth Ski Program is now accepting registrations for participants from various communities in East Central Wisconsin.

The purpose of the program is to develop lifetime cross country skiers.

The Storm Kids is a fun introductory learn-to-ski program for Grades 1-6 that meets on from 3-4 p.m. on Sundays beginning Dec. 20 and running through late February at the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Greenbush Ski Trails.

The Nordic Storm Team is a Grades 4-12 program that is a member of the 22-team Wisconsin Nordic Ski League.

The team's mission is to learn good skate and classic technique, stay in shape, compete as a team, meet other skiers and to have fun.

A Parent Orientation meeting will be held Oct. 29 at 6:30 pm at the Plymouth Fire Department.

Weeknight practices take place from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Nov. 9 at Plymouth City Park, the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Greenbush Ski Trails and the Ariens Nordic Center in Brillion (when Greenbush lacks sufficient snow).

The team conducts dry land training drills, including roller skiing, until there is enough skiable snow. There are 8-10 weekend ski trips and competitive meets are scheduled from early-December thru early March.

The Youth Ski Program is led by a number of veteran volunteer coaches.

A large inventory of rental equipment is available for the program.

More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/nkmnstorm/home> or email Steve Scharrer at nkmnyouth@gmail.com.



Luke DeRoos (left) battles for the ball in a recent Christian/Lutheran soccer game. - Photo by Chelsea Williamson



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ARWIN ALBERT HERZOG

Arwin Albert Herzog, age 95, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2026.

A lifelong resident of Howards Grove, he was born on December 18, 1930, the son of the late Arwin and Eleanor (Oetling) Herzog. He attended Millersville Grade School and was a 1949 graduate of Howards Grove High School.

On May 20, 1950, Arwin married his high school sweetheart, Marlyn Kolberg at Trinity Lutheran Church, Howards Grove. They were richly blessed with 76 years of life together and raised five children.

Arwin was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Howards Grove, where he had served many years on the Finance Committee, an usher and greeter, caretaker of the Church building, grounds, and cemetery for over 24 years. Arwin was a charter member of the Howards Grove Lions Club, and a former member of the Howards Grove Fire Department. He was employed at

the Kohler Company over 43 years, retiring from the Generator Division in 1992, and was a member of the Kohler Quarter Century Club.

Arwin spent a lot of time with his family and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was always there for his family, whenever they needed his advice, and helping them with many projects. A dedicated Dad and Grandfather, Arwin attended many family activities and sporting events, cheering for his children and grandchildren. An avid gardener, Arwin was known for growing a big vegetable garden and sharing it with family and friends. Whenever there was a celebration, he was asked to bring some of those special dill pickles along. His yard was always kept well groomed. He enjoyed dancing to his son's Orchestra, playing cards, wood-working, reading, going to Packer's

game, fishing, golfing, bowling and the Senior Dartball League. Arwin will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Surviving Arwin is his wife, Marlyn, 3 sons: Arwin (Laura), Douglas (Jane), and Steven; two daughters: Mary (Gary) Dekker and Sharon White; 9 grandchildren: Kendall, Erica, Olivia, Madelyn, David (Lara), Anna (Michael), Daniel (Lily), Jonathan (Briana), and Stephanie; 13 great-grandchildren: Nyah, Everett, Malia, Keira, Hazel, Charlie, Zayvion, Josie, Avery, Elsie, Blake, Bennett, and Adeline. He is further survived by his siblings Eugene (Dorothy), Donald (Lois), and Shirley; his brother-in-law Harvey, his sister-in-law Mary Lou, as well as other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Arwin is preceded in death by his siblings Robert, Carl, Marion, Jane, Elaine and Karen.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Pine Haven Christian Communities for their excellent care of Arwin and his family. Their warmth and compassion will not be forgotten.

A funeral service was held at Zimmer Westview Funeral Home, W2132 Garton Rd, Sheboygan, on Friday, October 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., with Pastor Noah Fremer officiating. Friends visited with the family from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Burial took place at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Kohler immediately following services.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Howards Grove and Pine Haven Christian Communities in Sheboygan Falls.

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Mancini. Johnny Mathis. Phyllis Diller."

But his favorite passenger was boxing champion Rocky Marciano, whom Eldon called "one of the finest gentlemen I ever flew."

Once while stranded in Erie, Pennsylvania during a snowstorm, the two of them shared the only hotel room still available. Rocky, a much bigger man than the slightly-built Eldon, insisted on sleeping on the couch so Eldon could get a good night's rest on the bed.

Flying out the next morning, they hit severe turbulence and Marciano, in the back seat without his seatbelt on, hit his head on the ceiling.

At the banquet that evening, "he got up to speak and said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I want you to know that the only time in my life I've ever come close to being knocked out and seeing stars – the only time – was today, in that airplane, courtesy of my pilot,'" Isely wrote. "He had 49 fights and nobody put him on the canvas. I managed it in a Piper Cherokee over western New York. I've always been proud of that."

Hauntingly, Marciano died the day before his 46th birthday in 1969, when a plane piloted by someone else crashed.

Isely's first marriage gave him his two daughters and ended in

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divorce. Then he met Sally at a bowling alley and they wed in a Piper Navajo somewhere over the Wisconsin-Illinois border in 1977. They have two sons, also raised two foster sons together and have seven grandchildren.

Also in 1977, Eldon became qualified to fly Learjets, and whole new vistas of work opportunity opened up for him. His family moved to Plymouth in 1982 so he could fly for the Vollrath Company.

The chief pilot there had a reputation as a headstrong taker of unnecessary risks, according to Isely. One day when he and Eldon were flying passengers back to Sheboygan from New Jersey in dense fog, the guy deliberately ignored warnings to land in Manitowoc instead.

Isely suddenly realized they were flying terrifyingly close to the ground – below the power lines west of the airport – so he grabbed the control yoke from the man's hands and pulled the plane's nose up, narrowly averting disaster. That chief pilot was soon fired.

Another close call came when Eldon was teaching Chuck Van Horn, owner of Van Horn Auto Group, how to fly. One Saturday morning soon after they took off from the Sheboygan airport, the plane started backfiring and shook violently in the air, indicating engine failure.

Following standard advice to immediately attempt a landing and avoid a low-altitude, low-speed turn back to the runway, Eldon contemplated touching down on State Highway 23, but there were too many cars. So he did a risky wingover to return to the airport and tried turning off one engine – which worked to restore enough power.

He attributes his remarkable safety record to training, experi-

ence, calm and perhaps divine intervention.

After he left Vollrath, Isely's glory days ensued when he worked 16 years for Chicago-based Lakeshore Entertainment – which produced movies including Runaway Bride, The Cider House Rules, The Commitments, Million Dollar Baby and others.

He flew such stars as Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck, Matthew Broderick and Hillary Swank.

Richard Gere would routinely show him photos of his son. Eldon found Julia Roberts to be likewise warm and unpretentious and “genuinely funny, easy to be around, the kind of famous person who doesn't need to be performing all the time.”

But some of Isely's proudest achievements have to do with family and faith. He taught his wife Sally, her sister, her brother, three of his own brothers and his two sons to fly.

“Flying is how I understand the world, how I express affection, how I bring people into the thing that matters most to me,” he wrote.

Eldon and Sally were founding members of Plymouth Alliance Church and helped build it on the corner of Fairview Drive and Highway 23 in the 1980s. It has been their church home ever since.

He still has his first car, a 1928 Chevrolet, as well as quite a collection of vintage vehicles. “Cars came to me the way airplanes did: naturally, early, and with a stubbornness that outlasted all practical reason,” he reflected in his book.

Despite a health scare in 2019, he has continued pursuing a lifestyle that might exhaust others younger than he is, helped teach his 3-year-old granddaughter how to ski on a Montana mountain at age 83 and his passion for his vocation has never dimmed.

“The shortage of pilots in this country is real, and it is serious,”

he points out towards the end of his 90-page memoir. “That's part of why I keep doing this... These students are going to be the ones carrying people across oceans and through weather systems and into airports that require real skill. I want to make sure they're ready.”

“I don't care so much about all these accolades,” he admitted during the interview. “I just like doing what I'm doing.”

Eldon Isely is one of five pilots who will be honored at the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame 40th Annual Investiture Dinner and Ceremony on Saturday, October 10 at the EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh. At the time of this interview, more than 75 of his friends and family members were planning to attend. Limited copies of his biography, *Cleared to Land*, will be available for \$9.99 each after that date.

Email Eldon and his wife Sally at eldonisely@gmail.com and sallyisely@gmail.com for more information.

“Eldon Isely's legacy is one of extraordinary flying experience, military and civilian service, business leadership and mentorship,” stated a WAHF tribute. “His continuing commitment to flight instruction and aviation participation has influenced generations of Wisconsin aviators.”

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County clerk advises: look to state's official website for voting info

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As Election Day approaches on November 3, a wave of voter registration and absentee ballot request mailings from third parties has begun arriving in Wisconsin residents' mailboxes.

Municipal and county clerks, in partnership with the Wisconsin Elections Commission advise voters that their best source of information about voter registration and

absentee voting is their local municipal clerk and the state's official MyVote.wi.gov website, not mailings from third parties, political parties or other voter advocacy groups.

Although the intention of these third-party groups is clearly to encourage more voter participation—a worthy cause—if you need specific voter registration information regarding friends, family, or yourself, or if you need information on absentee voting, please contact your local municipal clerk.

Great Decisions Lectures scheduled at Mead Public Library

SHEBOYGAN - The Sheboygan Branch of AUUW and the Mead Public Library are again sponsoring the series of Great Decisions programs in the Rocca Room at Mead on Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m.. The Great Decisions Series is a project of the American Foreign Policy Association.

On Tuesday, October 6, the topic will be "Ukraine and Future of European Security" presented by Yoshiko Herrera of UW-Madison. He will consider whether with reduced U.S. support for NATO and

Ukraine, Europe faces strategic uncertainty. What are America's stakes in NATO and Europe's strategic dilemmas, and how might Europe respond?

On Tuesday, October 13, Amitabh Pal of UW-Madison will discuss "Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order." Questions include: Can multilateralism survive amid shifting global power and rising nationalism? What is the future of global cooperation across trade, health, and finance?

The last Great Decisions speaker will be Shale Horowitz of UW-Milwaukee on Tuesday, October 20. He will discuss "US-China Relations", noting that relations with China remain tense, with tariffs, military modernization, and pressure on Taiwan. He will consider whether Trump has a coherent China policy, and whether his tariffs on Rare Earth minerals will be effective? What are America's strategic options?

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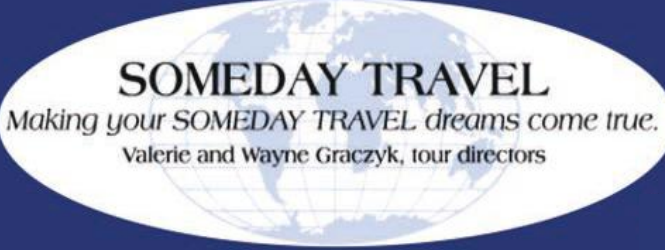
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ASYLUM from 3

place to be in a cornfield than on the grounds of a real asylum,” said Root.

With 15 years of experience in haunted house attractions and playing a scare actor, Root knows a thing or two about what it takes to put on this type of show. Serving as the co-owner of the whole operation, he’s looking forward to sharing his expertise with his staff to bring the best experience for guests who walk through the asylum doors.

“I have a lot of passion for this and I want to see our staff and attraction grow. From being a scare actor and now being the one to run the operation, the heart and passion is

still there,” said Root.

As we creep further into the Halloween season, Root and his team are ready to welcome guests in for a frightening good time.

“Sometimes I’ll stand behind the walls and hear people screaming and enjoying the experience. At the end of the day, it really warms my heart just to hear people enjoying it. Regardless of what’s going on in the world, this is an escape from reality and this is why we want to create that fun atmosphere,” said Root.

For more information about the Sheboygan Haunted Asylum and to purchase tickets for its events, visit <https://www.sheboyganhauntedasylum.com/index.html>.



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Pizza made perfect right at home

Pizza is among the most popular foods in many areas across the globe. Indeed, few people have likely had a slice of pizza and not wanted to have another at some in the near or distant future.

Versatility of ingredients has undoubtedly contributed to the popularity of pizza. People can now enjoy pizza with a wide range of toppings. Homemade pizza has also become a staple in many households, and this Lines+Angles recipe for “Pizza With Peppers, Tomatoes, Onions, and Prosciutto” features an array of tasty toppings.

Pizza With Peppers, Tomatoes, Onions, and Prosciutto
Makes 4 servings

For the crust:

- 1/2 teaspoon Instant Or Active Dry Yeast
- 3/4 cups warm water
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 5 tablespoons good-quality olive oil, plus extra for the bowl and as needed

For the pizza toppings:

- 2 tablespoons good-quality olive oil
- 2 red bell peppers, rinsed, seeded, and cut into thin strips
- 2 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, rinsed, trimmed, and halved
- 1 red onion, peeled and sliced into wedges
- Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 1/3 cups fresh mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced or crumbled

12 slices Prosciutto, thinly sliced

Fresh basil, rinsed and chopped, to taste

3 sprigs fresh oregano, rinsed and leaves chopped

Salt, to taste

Freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

For the crust:

1. Sprinkle yeast over warm water. Let stand for 5 minutes.
2. In the bowl of a standing mixer, combine flour and salt. With the mixer running on low speed (with paddle attachment), drizzle in olive oil until incorporated with flour. Pour in yeast mixture and mix until the dough comes together in a sticky ball.
3. Coat a separate mixing bowl lightly with olive oil. Form the dough into a smooth ball, place the dough in the bowl and toss to coat dough in olive oil. Cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap and set aside to rise for at least 1 to 2 hours.
4. Preheat oven to 450 F. Lightly oil a pizza pan.
5. Knead the dough for several minutes and reshape into a ball. Roll out the dough with a rolling pin or stretch it out, until very thin. Carefully transfer the dough to the prepared pizza pan. Drizzle a little olive oil over the dough and spread it to the edges. Season the crust lightly with salt.

For the pizza toppings:

1. Prepare the vegetables. Sprinkle the prepared dough with Parmesan cheese. Arrange half of the mozzarella evenly over the top of the crust. Arrange the peppers, cherry tomatoes, onions, and prosciutto over the top of the mozzarella. Sprinkle with the remaining mozzarella, basil, and oregano. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
2. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes in the lower half of the oven, until the crust is golden brown and toppings are bubbly. Remove from oven and cut into slices and serve immediately.



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County health dept. scales back, ends some programs as mandated costs surge

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County website.

- Reduced funding for City of Sheboygan Mobile Crisis Co-Response
- Eliminated funding for the Open Door Drop-In Center
- Eliminated funding for the Student Engagement Team (SET) Program
- Adjusted Service Delivery within Children and Family Services
- Adjusted Service Delivery within the Division of Public

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- Delayed Recruitment and hiring for positions across Health and Human Services

Since 2020, rates for various levels of mandated out of home care have risen by 50%, and in certain cases over 100%. These higher rates have increased the total cost of care by nearly \$3 million since 2020 with a projected \$10.3 million needed to cover out of home care expenses in 2026 compared to 7.6

million in 2023. In addition, the most recent state and federal budget cycles for Health and Human Services related programs have remained stagnant or decreased by about 1 million dollars across multiple programs.

“This has been a difficult budget cycle for our department, and these decisions were not taken lightly” says Health

and Human Services Director, Matt Strittmater. “The County remains committed to fulfilling its statutory obligations while seeking sustainable ways to support community wellness within these unprecedented fiscal constraints.”

Residents can advocate for Health and Human Services funding by contacting their legislators.



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County Food Bank tunes up for drive

The Sheboygan County Food Bank (SCFB) is inviting local businesses, schools, churches, clubs, organizations, and neighborhoods to help stock its shelves by hosting a food drive this upcoming holiday season.

Last November and December alone, the community hosted more than 140 food drives, collecting nearly 50,000 pounds of food for SCFB and its network of local food pantries.

“The support we receive through holiday food drives is incredible, and we’re grateful for every business, school, organization and group that gets involved,” said Patrick Boyle, Sheboygan County Food Bank executive director. “Whether a drive fills a donation box or several pallets, it all adds up to help keep food available for our neighbors throughout Sheboygan County.”

Hosting a food drive is easy. Community members can register their drive at their website here.

After registering, a member of the SCFB team can help with details and resources, including donation boxes, to make organizing the drive as simple as possible.

Contact Todd with questions at 920-453-0169 or todd@sheboygancountyfoodbank.com

SCFB is currently encouraging food drive participants to focus on several high-need items:

- * Proteins, including canned chicken and tuna
- * Canned fruit
- * Breakfast items, including cereal and oatmeal
- * Personal care items

Donations can be arranged for pickup or dropped off directly at Sheboygan County Food Bank, 3115 North 21st St., Sheboygan, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Financial donations are another way to help and allow SCFB to purchase nutritious, high-demand foods that can be difficult to keep stocked.

Those who prefer to make a monetary gift can donate online at SheboyganCountyFoodBank.com or mail a check to Sheboygan County Food Bank.

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partnering with Making Spir- its Bright on something new for 2027: Christmas in July. The organizations are plan- ning activities designed to bring the spirit of holiday giv- ing into the summer months.

More information, includ- ing ways for the community to get involved, will be an- nounced in February.

Sheboygan County Food Bank provides food to indi- viduals and families across Sheboygan County through partner organizations, She- boygan Cares Food Pantry and its weekend food pro- gram for children, Food for Thought for Kids.

With support from volun- teers, donors, and commu- nity partners, the organization helps ensure reliable access to nutritious food throughout the community.

Weill Center announces event lineup for 2026 fall

SHEBOYGAN - The Weill Center for the Performing Arts, a 1,150-seat live entertain- ment venue in downtown Sheboygan, kicks off its fall lineup this September with a diverse schedule of live mu- sic, Broadway, film, dance, and more for audiences of all ages to enjoy. The fall season also marks the launch of the Weill Center's newly renovat- ed website, making it easier for patrons to explore upcom- ing events, learn more about the venue, and purchase tick- ets. With a full slate of perfor- mances announced, the Weill Center continues to bring memorable live entertain- ment to downtown Sheboygan while building excitement for the future.

Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra Presents Epic –

Saturday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra opens its season with an epic program featuring Jonathan Leshnoff's *Score*, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with acclaimed pianist Roman Rabinovich, and Brahms' monumental Sym- phony No. 4. The program showcases three powerful works spanning the expres- sive range of the orchestral repertoire.

Specters of the Spotlight Ghost Tours - Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., & Saturday, October 31 at 7:30 p.m.

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Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol - Saturday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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Warped Studios Presents:

The Grinch: A Holiday Circus Spectacular - Saturday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, November 29 at 1:00 p.m.

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Purchase tickets online at weillcenter.com, by phone at (920) 208-3243, or in person at 826 N 8th Street. The Weill Center ticket office hours have changed to 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and one hour prior to most events. Visit weillcenter.com for more information about upcoming events and new show announcements.

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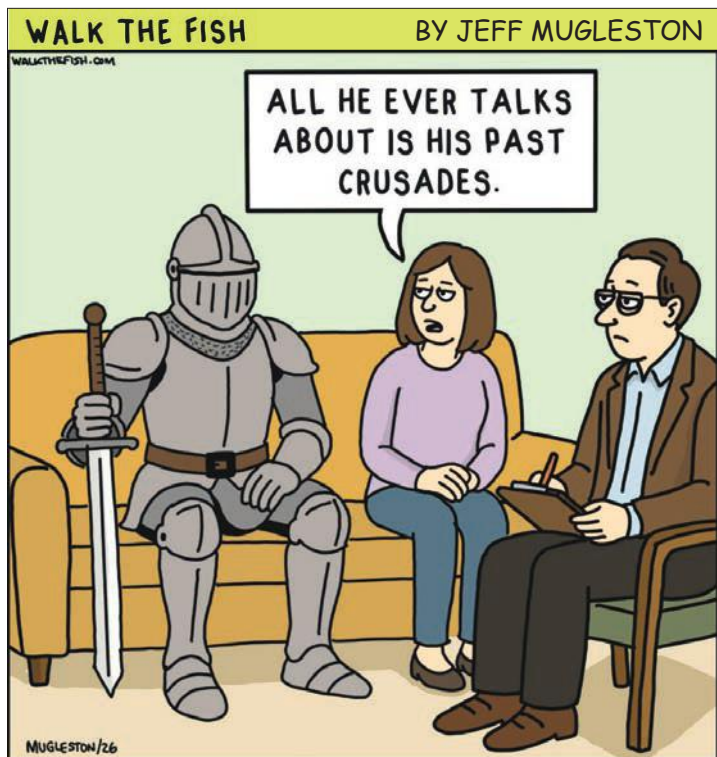
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Champions crowned in 3 Sheeps Brewing's first Battle of the Bands event

by **Dave Boehler**
for The Beacon

Josh Aschenbach says 3 Sheeps Brewing was blown away by the response from its first Battle of the Bands that was recently held.

"We've never done anything like this," the brewery's marketing communications manager said. "The venues were great. The bands were great. The people came out - especially for the championship - and we were just completely blown away. We never really done anything like that. We do have live music, but this was more of like a concert. We pulled the tables out and we created like a pit floor where people were standing, and the taproom was absolutely packed."

"So we were very humbled and overwhelmed by the response that we received across the state. ... It was just a really incredible experience and we definitely think that we found a band worthy of being called the first-ever Battle of the Bands champion."

That honor went to Secret Menu, which won a four-hour session with a professional recording engineer at the Les Paul Recording Studio in Los Angeles (as well as a \$3,500 travel stipend).

"It is pretty surreal," said bandmember Raf Fernandez. "It's cool. It's really special to have this opportunity. ... Part of me is like, 'wow!' We've been playing music for so much of our lives, so this is really special and

we are really grateful."

The brewery collaborated with the Les Paul Foundation for the contest.

Paul, who was from Waukesha, pioneered both multitrack recording and the solid-body electric guitar.

"What better way to kind of honor the legacy of someone who is so monumental in the music industry, then to highlight, unsigned, quote-unquote amateur bands around Wisconsin?" Aschenbach said.

Sixty-five bands applied, and 20 were picked to perform in qualifying rounds in Milwaukee, Madison or Appleton.

Four bands then advanced to the championship round at 3 Sheeps Brewery.

"When we found out that we



Secret Menu is the winner of the first Battle of the Bands hosted by Sheboygan's 3 Sheeps Brewing. Band members include (from left to right): Evan Yoakum, Raf Fernandez, Andrew Montoya and Matthew Herro. – Submitted photo

got selected to compete, I was talking to the guys: 'I think we could do this,'" Fernandez said. "We just wanted to practice and rehearse and do the best we could. But at the same time, music is a very subjective thing."

Aschenbach and two other judges picked Secret Menu as the champ, and the choice was pretty

easy.

"I'll give you this little anecdote," Aschenbach said. "When I went over and chatted with the bartenders after the show, one of them said they knew within the first 30 seconds that they were

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"If it all works out, we would love to do a live studio album," he said.

Student News

Sheboygan area students admitted to Professional Education program at UW-W

WHITEWATER - The following students have been admitted to the Professional Education program in fall 2026 as part of their journey toward entering the workforce as educators:

Sheboygan: Makayla VanHelden, Grace Kiefer, Sophia Reinholz

Adell: Lauren Rydzewski

This milestone in a student's college career helps ensure students are confident about becoming educators and on track to meet both UW-W graduation and Wisconsin teaching licensure requirements.

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Girls STEM Day Conference returns

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Sheboygan Branch will host its ninth annual Girls STEM Day Conference on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Sheboygan South High School.

Since debuting in 2017, the Girls STEM Day Conference has engaged sixth- through ninth-grade girls by highlighting science, technology, engineering, and math through a wide range of

STEM applications. The conference, which runs from 8:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. and opens with check-in from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., features 11 unique STEM-inspired sessions, along with a keynote speech from Wisconsin State Climatology Office Climate Outreach Specialist Amanda Latham from 8:15 to 9 a.m. Latham, who grew up in rural Minnesota and graduated from the



THE NINTH ANNUAL AAUW-Sheboygan Branch Girls STEM Day Conference is set for Saturday, Nov. 7 at Sheboygan South High School. - AAUW-Sheboygan Branch photo



AMANDA LATHAM

University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in atmospheric and oceanic science, worked as a TV meteorologist before joining the Wisconsin State Climatology Office. As a climate research specialist, she works to help Wisconsinites understand weather and climate challenges.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to choose three of 11 available 45-minute STEM learning sessions running between 9:15 a.m. and noon.

This year's STEM sessions cover a broad array of topics including: architectural design (Architecture – Designed Awareness presented by Anne Blanke, Samantha Lee, Sydney Goetsch, and Taylor Kadletz of Abacus Architects), robotics (Robotic Surgery presented by Dr. Jessica Leszczynski of Prevea Health), veterinary science (A Look Inside the Bovine Hide presented by Dr. Ellen Hooker, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture veterinarian), forensic science (Crime Scene Investigation presented by Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department Detective Tyler Wuestenhagen), applied chemistry (Chemistry Escape presented by Bree Lybbert of UW-Green Bay), the science of color and appearance (The Science of Color presented by Megan Doege, Megan Sprenger, Samantha Kraft and Shari McWilliams), emergency medicine and nursing health care (Emergency! Presented by Dr. Erin McGlynn, Dr. Cassandra Hardy, Adrian Blaha, and Karen Warner of Aurora Medical Health Care), food science (The Amazing Science of a Grilled Cheese Sandwich presented by Dave Taylor of Sargento Cheese), the science of hydroponics (Grow Fresh Produce Hydroponically presented by Howards Grove High School teacher Makayla Malone and Howards Grove FFA participants), environmental consulting (Dirty Jobs: Sneak Preview into Environmental Consulting presented by engineer Kelsey Bird, hydrogeologist Kendyl Hass, engineer Olivia Stellpflug, and engineer Brianna Kober of Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental), and roller coaster and rocket design (Rockets and Roller Coasters presented by Bill Dirienze of UW-Green Bay).

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speaker, featuring a panel discussion on pursuing careers in STEM. Professionals from higher education and other STEM fields will answer questions and share insights about educational pathways, career opportunities, and industry and professional experiences.

Parents interested in attending should sign up for the parent session during registration.

Over the past eight years, the AAUW-Sheboygan Branch Girls STEM Day Conference has given area girls a rare opportunity to learn directly from STEM experts and experience the wonderful world of STEM through a variety of hands-on activities.

"We began this program to en-

courage girls in the middle grades to pursue their interests and skills in STEM areas," AAUW-Sheboygan Branch Member and Girls STEM Day Conference Co-Chair Lori Bryne said. "Our presenters are women who are successful in their STEM fields. We also like to have a keynote speaker who can be a role model for girls. The girls who attend are always enthusiastic, and many come back again."

The registration fee is \$10 per student, which includes instruction and supplies.

Checks should be made out to the AAUW Wisconsin Foundation.

The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 30.

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Founded in 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity by empowering women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

"Many Sheboygan County businesses and foundations have donated to make this Girls STEM Day Conference happen," Bryne said. "We really appreciate our donors because they help us grow and expand our program."

The AAUW-Sheboygan Branch grants scholarships each year to non-traditional women students.

To register for the event, visit aauwsheboyganstem.org or call Sheboygan Branch AAUW member and Girls STEM Day Con-

ference Co-Chair Lori Bryne by phone at 920-458-9224 or via email at loribryne@yahoo.com.

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StartUp World Cup pitch contest returns to Sheboygan

SHEBOYGAN - Have a business idea, a growing company, or a product ready for its next big opportunity? There is still time to take the stage.

Accelerate Sheboygan County is encouraging entrepreneurs and startup founders from Wisconsin and across the Midwest to apply for the 2026 Startup World Cup Sheboygan Regional Pitch Competition, taking place Monday, October 19, at the Weill Center for the Performing Arts in Sheboygan, WI.

The event will bring entrepreneurs, investors, business leaders and community members together for an evening focused on innovation, entrepreneurship and startup growth. Selected founders will have the opportunity to pitch their businesses live on stage in front of an audience and a panel of judges.

"Sometimes the next step for a business starts with simply being willing to put your

idea out there," said Ray York, Business Counselor for the SCEDC and Small Business Development Center at UW-Green Bay. "We want entrepreneurs to know that this opportunity is for them. If you have a business that is growing, a product you believe in, or an idea you're ready to take to the next level, we encourage you to apply."

The Sheboygan regional competition offers \$3,000 in local prize money, including a

\$2,000 Judge's Choice Award and a \$1,000 People's Choice Award, selected through audience voting.

But the opportunity extends beyond the local competition. The Sheboygan regional winner will have the opportunity to advance to the Startup World Cup Grand Finale in San Francisco, where regional winners from around the world compete for a \$1 million investment prize. Startup World Cup, organized globally by Pegasus

Tech Ventures, features more than 100 regional competitions across six continents.

"Startup World Cup gives entrepreneurs something that can be difficult to create on their own, visibility," said Justin Vannieuwenhoven, Chair of the Sheboygan County Innovation Council. "It puts founders in a room with people who can help them grow, while giving

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A Look Back... on a Sheboygan icon

by Sarah Hall
for The Beacon

Zula Zong Zufelt's life was as full as her leg-of-mutton sleeves in this circa 1897 photo – and her irresistibly catchy name probably helped the talented teacher, musician and community leader continually attract public attention.

Appearing on the left of the photo, she was born in 1879 to a prominent and accomplished Sheboygan family as the 10th and youngest child of John Jerome and Phebe (Goodell) Zufelt. Her father was a wagon manufacturer. Her sister Edith was first female attorney in Sheboygan County. Her brother Frank was the editor and publisher of the Sheboygan Telegram. The woman with her in the photo with her might be her sister closest to her

in age, Ida, another social dynamo.

Zula was an 1897 graduate Sheboygan High School graduate who at commencement read her essay on "Our Need for Powder." She continued her studies at the Philadelphia Conservatory of Music before serving as a kindergarten teacher at Horace Mann School for more than 25 years.

In 1927, she resigned to become a full-time piano teacher who advertised the "progressive series of lessons" she offered from her family home at 720 Erie Avenue – a longtime hub of Sheboygan social life – where elaborate recitals were often held as well.

From teenagerhood onward, Zufelt was almost constantly in the news for her performances, speaking engagements, parties

she hosted, volunteer and church efforts and involvements in all kinds of outings and events, ranging from sleigh rides and socials to a potato bake on the beach and a work session to dress dolls for the poor. Her activities with the Sheboygan Music Club, Garden Club and Daughters of the American Revolution, frequent travel to Milwaukee and Chicago and attendance at concerts, shows and educational conferences were frequently mentioned in social columns.

Although she never married or had children, she defied stereotypes as a single woman who was successful both in business and the community. Soon after she died at 71 years old in 1949, her estate was sold at auction, and she is buried at Wildwood Cemetery. May her penetrating gaze continue to pierce through



the veil of history.

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.

Sheboygan County Chamber tracks talent attraction

The Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce has released a new workforce development report examining what the community has learned through the Make Your Mark talent attraction initiative and how those lessons can help shape the future of workforce and population growth in Sheboygan County.

Make Your Mark: From Work-

force Attraction to Community Growth looks beyond traditional marketing metrics to examine the people, jobs, employers and community connections behind the initiative - and, more importantly, what those experiences reveal about the systems needed to attract, welcome and retain talent in Sheboygan County.

The report includes insights

from employers representing manufacturing, hospitality, technology, marketing and other professional sectors, along with the experiences of individuals who have recently relocated to Sheboygan County and feedback gathered through three August employer roundtables and the Aug. 14 Make Your Mark focus group.

"We started this work wanting to attract more than employees. We wanted to attract neighbors," said Deidre Martinez, CEO of the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce. "Now we have real

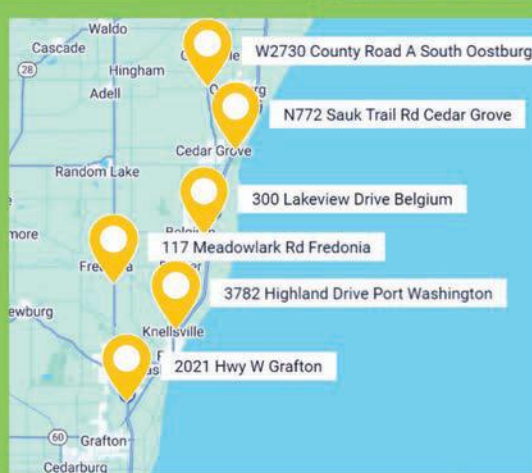
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to the public, giving community members an opportunity to hear from emerging entrepreneurs, connect with business leaders and investors, and vote for the People’s Choice Award.

For more information and to apply or attend, visit the Startup World Cup Sheboygan Regional event page or accelsc.com

Watch for reptiles and amphibians this fall

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encourages the public to report when and where they see frogs, salamanders, lizards, turtles or snakes, known collectively as herptiles, crossing the road during the late summer and early fall.

As temperatures cool, herptiles begin to migrate across roads from summer breeding and foraging locations to overwintering areas. Snakes and lizards in particular may use a stretch of road or a trail as an opportunity to warm up, putting themselves in danger of being hit by vehicles in the process.

By reporting sightings of reptiles and amphibians on and around Wisconsin’s roads, drivers can help DNR scientists better understand where their populations occur and save more of them in the future.

Drivers and trail users can submit a report of their sightings of live crossings or road mortalities, preferably with a photo, via the DNR’s Reptile and Amphibian Mortality Reporting Form.

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Salamanders	7	1 (14%)
Reptiles		
Lizards	4	3 (75%)
Turtles	11	4 (36%)
Snakes	21	13 (62%)

Learn more about the herptiles of Wisconsin on the DNR’s Reptile and Amphibian webpage. Donations to the Endangered Resources Fund through gifts, tax checkoff donations and Endangered Resources specialty license plates are critical for the support of reptile and amphibian conservation in Wisconsin. Sign up for Reptile and Amphibian Conservation email updates.

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HOME IMPROVEMENTS

A well-oiled machine



The Veg Patch Dispatch

Stephanie Bartel • OLD PLANK FARM

A bright autumn afternoon. What more could I ask for? It's the last Tuesday of September, our weekly harvest day, just like all the Tuesdays that have come before it since June. Except today I'm a little under the weather, what with the cold, damp mornings finally catching up to my nose and throat. I'll survive, but I'd sure like my health back, so I don't have to miss out on too much of the day's activities. I'm hanging back a bit, managing the day from the shadows, and watching it go by.

The wash tub was a busy place a little while ago, as the field team finished demudding the morning harvest. Fresh greens go in the giant stainless steel tub first.

Hot tub party, I always think when I see the Swiss chard floating in the tub first thing in the morning. Hundreds of rainbow colored stalks stick out of the water at every angle, and it looks as bright and cheery as a poolside resort in summertime. But of course it is a cold tub party—a very cold tub party—and as far as I know no one has ever climbed in to join the party, although we suggest it regularly, if only to make the work seem more pleasant by comparison.

By the end of the morning the tub had a layer of mud as thick as the bottom of the Mississippi River, after the scallions, celery, leeks, beets, and rutabagas all took their turn getting scrubbed clean by my

crew. Everyone's hands get cold. Some year soon we will be able to buy a root washer, but until then nobody complains. Several young moms were gathered around the tub this morning and instead I heard chatter about their kids and the new school year. And about grad school. And about food. We're always talking about food here.

When the afternoon team arrived everything was clean and ready to be weighed and bagged. Most of my Tuesday afternoon crew has been around for more years than I can remember. The CEO of folding boxes is tenured (that means you aren't allowed to retire, right? Not exactly, but that's what we tell him. The fortress-grade walls he builds with the stacks of CSA boxes never topple on his watch). And there's the pack shed sage who took one look at a crate of red apple peppers a few weeks ago and guessed it held 153, which was exactly the right number. I owe him a prize for that (which he might have forgotten about,

but he reads the newspaper so I'm sure I'll be reminded next week). As for next year, he will be promoted to counting and sorting, every pack shed team member's favorite (read: least favorite) job. Until then he seems content with bagging greens and debating the merits of beets (deer food in his opinion, but then not everyone is required to have great taste in veg).

It's a veggie packing factory on Tuesday afternoons, although not without occasional sidetracking. Today I ducked out just as the crew discovered the two anatomically accurate male and female sweet potatoes that last week's washing team left on the white board. Nonetheless, when I checked back later, all the work was done, so they must not have gotten too distracted.

Meanwhile, in our distant field came a sound that probably went unnoticed by everyone except me. It was the sound of our big Deutz tractor at work, discing the home field (the one where rocks were on special; two for one; I

sure did get a good deal). For hours the roar of our largest Diesel engine mixed with the scrape and clang of the metal discs as they dislodged rocks below the surface of the soil. It's time to seed cover crops here, which we started the previous day when we planted five acres of next year's gardens with fall rye. In spring we will turn all the green matter under and it will feed the soil and the roots of the veggie crops that follow it. I love hearing the tractor chugging along in fall; the soundtrack reminds me that we are already taking steps to make our next season a productive one. I will sleep better in winter, and so will the soil under a green blanket of rye grass.

The afternoon passed by just fine without me in the middle of it all. And I'm glad of that. Of not being needed, as any good manager should be. Mostly glad, that is.

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

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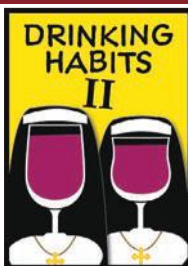
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After pursuing her Degree in Opera and Theater, she was cast in the role of "Marilyn Monroe" for the Las Vegas based show, "Legends in Concert." Since then she has used her talents in makeup /wig design, comedy and voice manipulation to recreate other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

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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Plant hormones change with seasons

by **Bruce Spangenberg**
UW Horticulture
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Signs of autumn are found throughout the yard and garden. Leaves turn color, fruit ripens, and plants go dormant. The cal-

endar tells us fall is here, but how do plants know when to undergo these changes and be ready for the dormant winter season ahead? In northern climates like Wisconsin, plants need to match active growth with optimum growing conditions and inac-

tive growth, or dormancy, with adverse conditions. This is controlled through hormones, organic compounds produced internally, that change in concentration from season to season. There are growth-promoting and growth-inhibiting plant hormones. Levels of each respond as conditions around the plant change, with temperature and light being key factors.

Early sunsets and shortening days are becoming very apparent to us now, but plants began reacting to this weeks ago. The process of leaves turning yellow, orange, and red in fall started as the active growth hormones, which promote chlorophyll (green pigment) in leaves, started to decline due to longer dark periods accumulating each day. Once chlorophyll fades away, other colors show up.

Ethylene is the aging and ripening hormone of plants. Concentrations of ethylene increase at the base of leaf stalks, degrading the cells that hold leaves

on twigs, thus leaves fall to the ground. Ethylene also drives ripening processes of apples, crabapples, tomatoes, and other fruits. The best way to ripen green tomatoes off the vine, such as all those picked before fall freezes, is to maintain them at room temperature in a paper bag or shallow box. Ethylene will do the rest.

Once plants have finished active growth in fall, it is important not to resume active growth before optimum growing conditions of the next growing season return. Enter abscisic acid, the dormancy hormone. Buds in trees will develop high concentrations of abscisic acid in fall. The same holds true for seeds of many native plants. While these concentrations remain high, abscisic acid prevents growth-promoting hormones, such as auxins, from increasing and stimulating active growth again.

Plants need to be exposed to a certain amount of cold to lower abscisic acid levels. This safe-



guard prevents plants native to cooler climates from being fooled by a warm spell in winter. Even though it may be warm and moisture is available, growth cannot start again until abscisic acid has dissipated in buds, or in seeds.

Finally, another safeguard exists in spring. Once the cold period has been met, inhibiting abscisic acid may be gone, but growth does not immediately resume. Accumulating warmer temperatures, measured by degree days, are required before growth-promoting hormones start to increase.

Bruce Spangenberg is a Horticulture Outreach Specialist with UW-Madison Division of Extension. Get answers to your lawn, landscape, and garden questions anytime at www.go.wisc.edu/GardenQuestions



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If you don't use it, will you lose it?

By: *Susan L. Fenrich, BC-HIS*

If you have gone to a hearing professional to have your hearing tested and have decided to not move forward with the recommended hearing aids, you may have heard the Hearing Professional say, "If you don't use it, you will lose it." This may sound like a "sales pitch" to you, but really it is not.

For many years, researchers have been studying auditory deprivation in adults. This is the decrease of auditory performance associated with the reduced availability of acoustic information. Studies have shown that although audiometric thresholds may not decline due to lack of amplification, speech understanding does. Studies were done on people with hearing loss in both ears. One group were fit with only one aid and the other group with two. Over time the group wearing only one aid had significantly poorer speech discrimination in the unaided ear when compared to those who wore two hearing aids.

As a Hearing Instrument Specialist, I see this quite often. I especially think of Mr. F. who was fit with one hearing aid in the 90s by my father. Maybe cost was the real reason. Hearing aids way back then did not come with noise reduction and most people did not really enjoy wearing them. All I remember is that when I joined the family business in the late '80s, I tested Mr. F and he had hearing loss in both ears. When I recommended two hearing aids he said: "I can hear enough with just one." In the beginning Mr. F. understood around 80% of the words presented in the Speech Discrimination Tests. As time went by, his aided ear still understood 80%, while the unaided ear decreased to about 60% and his binaural speech understanding declined as well. He was missing so much of the conversation. Since then, I have seen many more cases like this when people go without amplification when needed.

Speech understanding can decline even though the hearing loss has not changed. The longer a person waits to get the amplification they need; the poorer their understanding can become. Since hearing loss is often gradual, one may not realize they have a hearing loss, until they have problems understanding conversation. Turning the volume up on the radio and tv only helps so long.

To prevent auditory deprivation, it is best to address hearing loss as it occurs. Having a baseline hearing test is a good idea. If hearing aids are recommended, start your journey now! It is easier to adapt to wearing hearing aids while your speech understanding is still good. Waiting can make it more difficult for the brain to process the speech sounds that it has forgotten over time.

Today, hearing aids are not the same as your parents' or grandparents' hearing aids. The sophisticated sound processing in today's hearing aids work hard to pull speech through the noise, making the background noise softer to offer you a more comfortable listening experience. Almost every manufacturer has recently introduced new hearing aid technology. It has been exciting for me to see how much better people are hearing in all listening environments when they have upgraded to new hearing aid technology.

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Our responsibility is to learn from those experiences and use those lessons to build a stronger, more connected workforce system for the future.”

Among the report’s major findings is the importance of distinguishing between marketing activity and measurable workforce outcomes.

It also identifies the need for direct employer participation, meaningful human connection, thoughtful use of technology, strong alignment among public, private and nonprofit partners, and intentional development of mid-career professionals who can mentor younger talent while helping sustain community leadership, volunteerism and charitable support.

Focus-group participants also emphasized that newcomers, interns and young professionals need accessible ways to find their people through ideas such as employer-based ambassadors, newcomer gatherings, professional and intergenerational networks and virtual pre-move connections.

The report also emphasizes that business must have a meaningful seat at the table in conversations about workforce, community and population growth. Employers experience workforce challenges firsthand and bring an essential perspective to decisions that will influence Sheboygan County’s economic future.

“This work is too important to treat as a single campaign or a short-term initiative,” Martinez said. “The Chamber is working intentionally to ensure the right people are in the right positions to help lead these efforts forward.”

As a countywide business organization, the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce is uniquely positioned to bring employers, community organizations, government, education and other partners together.

Its role is not to own every workforce solution, but to help create the space where partners can share perspectives, identify gaps, challenge assumptions and work toward common goals.

“The Chamber can add tremendous value by convening these conversations from a position of neutrality,” Martinez said. “We can bring the right people into the room, keep employers connected to the conversation and help move ideas toward action. The next phase of this work is about building the relationships, leadership and infrastructure necessary for long-term success.”

Approximately \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding provided by Sheboygan County supported the original three-year Make Your Mark initiative.

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Back Country Bow Hunt

Hello friends,

I just returned home from a 5-day camping and bow hunting trip at the Tiffany Bottoms which is almost 13,000 acres of Chippewa River surrounded by floodplain forest and it runs from Durand to Nelson. I travel for my hunts by canoe and my main goal is always met and that is a wilderness escape with my 2nd goal making some fresh meat in the form of a whitetail deer.

Saturday, September 19th
High 66, low 4

I am now solidly into the transition from summer camping and fishing to camping and hunting. Bottom line, a lot more gear, getting up much earlier and a major uptick on being on top of my game. I literally am booked every week until December 19th.

Yesterday I said goodbye to River. River is Red's one and only pup and was a pure joy to watch. I have never experienced just one pup in a litter, and it is called a "singleton". In this case River had all the milk he could consume and from day one was a pure muscle machine and like most of my pups, tough as nails. My good friends Kurt and Angie Lighmen love the Wisconsin River and River is



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calling the Lighmen's home and property north of Adams his stomping grounds for the rest of his life.

After building my camp and rigging my canoe and loading it with my compound bow, a portable stand and tree sticks which are ladders that you strap on a tree for climbing, I began to paddle to an area that I dream about year round. One of the first things that I noticed was that this year's hatch of wood ducks seemed too young for this late in September.

After about a mile paddle it was time to get out of the canoe and head to the tree that I dream about sitting in more than any other in my life. Everything in my world here is marsh and tag alder trees, generally there are a lot of deer but a very cool part of the game in this case is that

I do not see them until they are within 30-yards or less due to the thick brush. On this afternoons hunt I did not see a deer but 3 times I thought I heard deer coming my way, in each case they were down wind and I never saw them, just heard them walking in the swamp.

Monday, September 21st
High 64, low 4

I either paddle to my stand in the dark or from it in the dark. Yesterday I tried hunting directly out of my canoe in a swamp where the deer cross from one flooded forest to another. I have often seen deer in this area when paddling and feel it would be very cool to get a shot at a doe or a buck from my canoe. On the doe/buck thing, I would like to make something perfectly clear, and I know that I am a rare bird in this

discussion. I consume venison, burger, steaks and roast about twice a week and have for 6 years.

I have harvested my share of big bucks. In many cases they are not very tasty. My goal on this hunt was a 1.5 year old doe or a young buck and for sure I would send an arrow in the direction of a trophy buck but when it comes to table fare I really enjoy a 7 month old deer.

I was climbing into my stand this afternoon and was still on the ladder when a 1.5 year old doe came within 15-feet of me, she did not have a clue that I was there and she was given a free pass when I saw a very small spotted fawn with her and soon another. Both fawns were 35-pounds at best, and my guess is that this doe, that was probably a fawn last year

was probably bred in January instead of early November.

The doe and fawns meandered on down the trail, and I was soon forced to make another decision. A humongous cow doe appeared and was only 15 yards away and she had no clue that I was there. Until a couple of years ago, this doe was getting an arrow sent her way. I resisted and just watched her as I have also learned that an old doe is not as tasty either, later in the fall, if there is no red meat in the freezer that attitude will change.

This was a simple a really pleasant trip for Red and I. By December 1st, I will be as run down as a mature buck after a month of rutting. Someday, all of this will just be memories and I hope I keep them to my last breath.

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September 14 to September 18, 2026

Forfeitures

Bolden, Darreon T., 3/1998, Sheboygan, Violate County Institutional Rule, \$232.00.

Johnson, Robin Nicole Joo Hee, 8/1990, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, \$389.50.

Rodriguez, Hector J., 5/1999, Sheboygan, Violate County Institutional Rule, \$232.00.

Schmitz, Bradley J., 6/26/1980, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$750.00.

Sigala, Emilia, 7/2008, Sheboygan, Possession of Marijuana (<25 gm), \$389.50.

Storlie, Penny C., 1/13/1980, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$393.50.

Traffic

Acevedo, Sebastian M., 6/2006, Sheboygan, Refuse to Take Test for Intoxication after Arrest.

Alby, Teresa A., 9/1961, Sheboygan, Automobile Following too Closely, \$200.50.

Barker, Dallas J.L., 9/1993, Sheboygan, Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed, \$213.10.

Chang, Ricky Xiong Yang, 11/1989, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, License Restriction Violation-Class D or M., \$401.00.

Ewing, Jazzie J., 2/1991, Sheboygan, Operating while Revoked (1st), \$200.50.

Frometa Fuentes, Rene R., 7/1999, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle, Speeding on Freeway (20-24 mph), \$451.40.

Gast, Jeremy J., 6/1982, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Greger, Timothy E., 2/1955, Sheboygan, Fail/Yield while Making Left Turn, \$175.30.

Mcgettrick, Alexis J., 7/1993, Sheboygan, Transferee Fail/Apply New Vehicle Title, Operating while Suspended, \$375.80.

Pragatz, Jayden J., 7/2008, Sheboygan, Operate w/o Valid License, Failure to Keep Vehicle under Control, \$413.60.

Schuette, Jeffrey J., 2/1988, Sheboygan, Exceeding Speed Zones (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Steffen, William M., 2/1955, Sheboygan, Unsafe Lane Deviation, \$175.30.

Vollrath, Lavina T., 2/1952, Sheboygan, Fail to Yield Right of Way, \$187.90.

Inattentive Driving

Adameak, Seth J., 4/2005, Sheboygan, \$187.90.

Johnson, Trevor D., 4/2002, Sheboygan, \$187.90.

Operating while Suspended

Avina, Nicolas J., 7/2006, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Kaat, Stephen, 12/1970, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Niemi, Samuel J., 8/2002, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Sommers, Joseph E., 5/1962, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate w/o Valid License

Finley, Brianna J., 6/2001, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate a Motor Vehicle w/o Insurance

Burt, Michelin E., 1/1980, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Davis, Shawne B., 4/1993, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Moreno, Ana L., 11/1996, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto

Hill, Dana B., 7/1981, Sheboygan, \$175.30.

Sturtz, Megan S., 9/1988, Sheboygan, \$175.30.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Ashworth, Hayley R., 6/2008, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Medel, Josue D., 3/2005, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Mork, Austin T., 3/1995, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$208.50.

Rana, Akash, 4/1986, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Schmitting, Diane L., 4/1958, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$225.70.

Van Deventer, Bart C., 1/1970, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Speeding on Freeway

Andres, Darrian N.S., 12/2004, Sheboygan, (16-19 mph), \$250.90.

Netwal, Benjamin E., 7/2002, Sheboygan, (20-24 mph), \$276.10.

OWI

Bernalohajaca, Walter O., 5/1976, Sheboygan, (1st), License Revoked 6 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$1,061.00.

Macduff, Amanda L., 11/1984, Sheboygan, (1st), License Revoked 9 months, Ignition Interlock 12 months, \$1,169.00.

Vang, Kongpheng, 1/7/1993, Sheboygan, (3rd), Jail 84 days, License Revoked 34 months, Ignition Interlock 34 months, \$4,188.00.

Misdemeanors

Abraham, Claudia M., 1/31/2000, Sheboygan, Battery, Jail 30 days

(stayed), \$5,478.54.

Kuntsman, Mandi L., 12/9/1974, Sheboygan, Possession of THC, \$1,126.50.

Nash, Monica M., 1/2/1988, Sheboygan, OWI (2nd), Operating while Revoked (due to alcohol/controlled substance/refusal), Bail Jumping, Jail 90 days, (60 imposed w/Huber, 30 days stayed), License Revoked 18 months, Ignition Interlock 18 months, \$3,747.00.

Warrior, Maurice W., 11/20/1996, Sheboygan, Contempt of Court/Disobey Order (2 counts), Jail 60 days, \$898.00.

Felonies

Carlson, Ellen L., 8/2/1963, Sheboygan, Throw/Discharge Bodily Fluid at Public Safety Worker or Prosecutor, (2 counts), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$1,048.00.

September 21 to September 25, 2026

Forfeitures

Callender, Quinn M., 5/15/1982, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, \$217.10.

Seehaver, Jacob J., 3/24/1997, Sheboygan, Disorderly Conduct, \$393.50.

Williams, Jashun D.X., 7/23/2007, Sheboygan, Retail Theft, \$267.50.

Traffic

Coronado, Lisa M., 9/1979, Sheboygan, Refuse to take Test for Intoxication after Arrest, License Revoked 3 years.

Dunlap, Aviante, 4/2002, Sheboygan, Operate w/Restricted Controlled Substance (1st), Unsafe Lane Deviation, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, License Revoked 7 months, \$1,343.60.

Paape, Billy Joe, 12/1976, Sheboygan, Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt, Operate Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance, \$20.00.

Sanfelippo, Giovanna E., 10/1998, Sheboygan, Operate w/Restricted Controlled Substance, (1st), License Revoked 7 months, \$968.00.

Schmidt, William R., 12/1965, Sheboygan, Operating while Suspended, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$375.80.

Simmons, Austyn H., 3/2005, Sheboygan, Display Unauthorized Vehicle Registration Plate, \$175.30.

Strouf, Christopher M., 11/2005, Sheboygan, Exceeding Speed Zones (16-19 mph), \$200.50.

Udovich, Meghan M., 2/2005, Sheboygan, Operate after Revocation/Suspension of Registration, \$175.30.

Vue, Cher Kee, 4/7/1991, Sheboygan, OWI (3rd with Passenger < 16 yrs old), Jail 150 days, License Revoked 4 years, Ignition Interlock 4 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$3,792.90.

Yang, Zoua Pa, 9/1988, Sheboygan, Non-Registration of Vehicle-Auto, \$175.30.

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Operating while Suspended
Aviles Maldonado, Abdriel, 11/1997, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Koehler, Ashton J., 7/2003, Sheboygan, \$200.50.

Operate w/o Carrying License

Appleton, Joseph N., 2/14/1979, Sheboygan, \$217.10.

Speeding in 55 mph Zone

Gutoski, Truban A., 7/2009, Sheboygan, (45+mph), License Suspension 15 days, \$515.50.

Xiong, Brandnew, 1/2004, Sheboygan, (11-15 mph), \$175.30.

Roth-Jennerman, Brandon R., 9/3/1997, Sheboygan, Knowingly Violate a Domestic Abuse Order, Resisting/Obstructing an Officer, Prison 2 years, Extended Supervision 2 years, \$2,267.50.

William-Davis, Dylan D., 6/9/2000, Sheboygan, Battery, Criminal Damage to Property, Jail 120 days (stayed), \$2,946.66.

Misdemeanors and other charges

Rojas, Jr., Julio, 8/28/1994, Sheboygan, Strangulation and Suffocation, (Domestic Abuse-Felony), Battery (Domestic Abuse-Misdemeanor), Contact after Domestic Abuse Arrest (2 counts-Misdemeanors), Prison 3 years, Extended Supervision 3 years, Jail 18 months, \$2,075.60.

Felonies

Adamavich, Isaac M., 4/3/1979, Sheboygan, Retail Theft-Intentionally Take >\$500-\$5000, Jail 51 days, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$540.00.

Dzafo, Sanjin, 4/3/1973, Sheboygan, Possession of Methamphetamine (Repeater), Prison 18 months, Extended Supervision 2 years, Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$530.00.

Greer, Loleta R., 12/29/1983, Sheboygan, Battery to Certain Individuals involved w/Court or Legal System, Jail 7 months (6 months imposed w/Huber, 30 months stayed w/o Huber), Firearms/Weapons Restrictions, \$546.40.

Stallings, Marquisha M., 7/2/1995, Sheboygan, Bail Jumping (Domestic Abuse Assessments), \$646.40.

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When gas prices rise due to various factors, drivers are increasingly interested in ways to conserve fuel and stretch their dollars further. Here are some ways to mitigate rising gas prices.

- **Reduce your speed.** Driving at moderate speeds increases efficient consumption of fuel. Some vehicles may feature an "ECO" mode that optimizes fuel consumption by restricting engine power,

among other changes, or notifies the driver when they are driving in a manner that is using fuel wisely. Driving above 50 miles per hour reduces fuel economy considerably.

- **Practice smooth driving.** Drivers should avoid aggressive starts (gunning it) and hard braking, which can eat into fuel efficiency. Letting off the accelerator early and coasting to red lights or stop signs helps.

- **Rely on cruise control.** Cruise control helps maintain a steady speed, which can save fuel on highway travel.

- **Keep tires inflated.** Properly inflating tires to the manufacturer's recommended PSI can improve fuel economy by roughly 0.6 percent to 3 percent for most drivers, offers the U.S. Department of Energy. Driving on tires that are 20 percent under-inflated can reduce fuel economy by

as much as 10 percent. Removing unnecessary heavy items from the vehicle also can help to reduce drag.

- **Limit idling and combine trips.** Turn off the vehicle when stopped for more than a few minutes. When running errands, combine short trips to keep the engine warm, which is more efficient.

- **Skip the premium fuel.** Unless a vehicle owner's manual specifically recommends filling up with premium fuel, drivers will not see an increase in performance by choosing this more expensive option, offers Progressive Insurance. A person will just be paying more for premium, which is always more expensive than standard 87-octane fuel.

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Warning signs of drowsy driving

When taking to the open road on a driving vacation, the temptation to keep going as long as possible is significant. A fun destination undoubtedly awaits, and that can compel drivers to stay behind the wheel for hours on end. But failure to rest when driving long distances can be dangerous and increase the risk of drowsy driving.

Drowsy driving poses a notable threat to drivers, their passengers and their fellow motorists. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drowsy driving contributed to 633 deaths in 2023. The NHTSA notes drowsy driving accidents often involve only a single driver who runs off the road at a high rate of speed with no evidence of braking. But vacationers may fit that mold, too, particularly if they awake early to start a road trip and/or if they drive late into

the night while passengers are asleep.

Though it's undeniably tempting to drive as long as possible when taking a driving vacation, it's important that drivers learn to spot the warning signs of drowsy driving and get out from behind the wheel when such indicators appear. The National Sleep Foundation notes the following are some signs of drowsy driving.

- **Difficulty focusing on the road.** The difficulty with focus may be accompanied or exacerbated by frequent blinking or heavy eyelids.

- **Some drowsy drivers find themselves starting to day-dream while behind the wheel.** Drivers also may have wandering eyes and disconnected thoughts.

- **Difficulty remembering the last few miles driven.**

- **Missing an exit or ignoring traffic signs.** Ignoring traffic

signs can be particularly dangerous. The NHTSA notes most crashes involving drowsy driving occur between midnight and 6 a.m. Missing traffic signs during these times of day, when other drivers may have reduced visibility due to lack of daylight, can increase accident risk significantly.

- **Yawning repeatedly or rubbing your eyes.** These are telltale indicators that a driver is too tired to stay behind the wheel.

- **Finding it hard to keep your head up or nodding off.**

- **Drifting from your lane, tailgating vehicles in front of you, or hitting a shoulder rumble strip.**

- **Feeling restless and irritable, or becoming aggravated with common annoyances such as sitting in traffic.**

The NHTSA urges anyone embarking on a long road trip to get a good night's sleep the

night before the trip begins. It's also important that drivers taking prescription medications read the prescription packet to determine if the medicine could make them drowsy. If so, it might be best to let others handle driving responsibilities.

Drivers who begin to feel drowsy should let others who

are alert get behind the wheel. If signs of drowsy driving appear when driving alone, the NHTSA urges drivers to pull over and take a 20-minute nap in a safe place, such as a well-lit designated rest stop.

More information about drowsy driving can be found at nhtsa.gov.




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The day a teenager receives a driver's license can be a bittersweet moment for parents. While parents may be proud and happy to have another driver in the house, the notion that kids can now drive without Mom or Dad riding shotgun can be scary. That's because driver inexperience remains a big accident risk. The National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration says teen drivers continue to be overrepresented in crash data, despite 2025 seeing a record low in traffic fatalities. The NHTSA notes drivers between the ages of 16 and 19 are nearly three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash per mile driven compared to drivers 20 and older. Research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also indicates that the first few months of independent teen driving are the most dangerous. The primary culprit for accidents is a "lack of scanning" to detect hazards, and driving too fast for road conditions.

Parents of newly minted licensed drivers can implement various measures to safeguard such youngsters.

- **Look into graduated driver licensing.** Some areas have a GDL program that includes nighttime driving restrictions, curfews and passenger limits. Parents and their teens should educate themselves about the rules of driving at various ages, as perks increase as drivers get older.

- **Note effects on insurance premiums.** Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company says adding a teen driver to an auto insurance policy typically

increases premiums by hundreds of dollars per month due to higher accident risks. Generally, the most cost-effective option is to add a teen to a parent's policy instead of purchasing a separate one. Teens with a learner's permit usually are covered under a parent's policy without a rate increase until they are fully licensed. But parents are urged to clarify the effects of adding teen drivers in relation to their insurance premiums.

- **Emphasize the need to minimize distractions.** Modern teen drivers have many more distractions to contend with than drivers of older generations. Cell phones are a constant draw that put teen drivers at risk. Roughly 10 percent of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of their accident, according to the NHTSA.

- **Insist on seat belt use.** Partners for Safe Teen Driving says, despite years of advocacy, teens have the lowest seat belt use of any age group. Parents may have to remind teen drivers that seat belt use is non-negotiable.

Parents of teen drivers may soon be facing new challenges as they must trust their sons and daughters to be responsible on the road.

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Winter vehicle maintenance starts now

Changing seasons expose vehicles to various conditions throughout the year. Although severe weather can occur at any time, the winter is known to be particularly harsh and can make it hard for a vehicle to function properly.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says winter weather can cause extremely dangerous road conditions. An estimated 320 fatal traffic crashes occurred in the United States in 2023, and 22,293 injuries happened when there was snow or sleet conditions at the time of the crash. It is essential that driv-

ers prepare their vehicles for winter weather. Properly winterizing a car can help prevent breakdowns and accidents, and also potentially save drivers from being stranded in the cold.

Here are some winter car maintenance tips to consider before the first storm of the season, courtesy of AAA and State Farm®.

- **Test the battery.** A driver needs a battery to be fully charged and in good condition to start the engine on cold winter mornings. Colder temperatures cause chemical reactions within the bat-

tery, which can make electricity slow down and hinder the vehicle's ability to reach maximum power. Check the battery prior to winter, and replace it, if necessary.

- **Check fluids.** Part of winter preparation is ensuring that all of the car's fluids are at the right levels and appropriate for low temperatures. This includes engine oil, windshield washer fluid, and antifreeze.

- **Schedule a maintenance checkup.** A mechanic can look at hoses and belts to check that they are in good working order. Cold tem-

peratures can make belts and hoses more brittle and prone to breaking.

- **Apply a windshield repellent.** Scraping ice and snow off of windshields on winter mornings can be a frustrating and arduous task. Adding hydrophobic repellent like Rain-X to the windshield can make it easier to remove ice later on.

- **Maintain tire pressure.** As outside temperatures drop, so does tire pressure. Routinely check and inflate tires to the recommended pressure listed on a label located on the driver's side door frame.

- **Inspect the wiper blades.** Seeing clearly out of the windshield is important for safe winter driving. In ad-

dition to a properly working defroster, drivers will need wiper blades that can remove rain and snow. If any streaks or skips occur while using the wipers, it might be time for a new set.

- **Conduct a brake check.** A combination of snow, moisture, and salt on roads can contribute to rust on brakes and rotors. Symptoms of brake issues include noises, sticking brake pads, and slower stop times. Before the thick of winter, drivers are urged to have their brakes checked by a professional.

Winter is on the horizon, and vehicle owners should prepare their cars and trucks now for the rough weather to come.





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How to combat glare when driving at night

Driving at night differs from driving during the day for a number of reasons. Reduced visibility, which can be exacerbated by rain or other inclement weather, requires being extra diligent when scanning the roadways for potential hazards. The blinding glare from oncoming headlights, signage and street lights also can make driving at night challenging or downright uncomfortable.

Drivers frustrated by bright headlights while driving at night can rest assured that they're not alone. New data from a recent study from AAA revealed six in 10 drivers struggle with headlight glare, and nearly three-quarters of those said it has gotten worse over the last decade. Ninety-two percent of drivers said oncoming headlights, particularly on two-lane roads, cause the most issues. AAA spokesperson Mark Schieldrop said the problem stems from new headlight technologies and taller vehicle design.

So what can drivers do to mitigate glare when driving at night? That can be accomplished through various strategies.

- **Clean glass and mirrors.** Dust, oily films, streaks, and other debris on reflective surfaces scatter light. This magnifies the "starburst" effect of headlights. Cleaning mirrors and the windshield thoroughly can remove buildup. If the problem is caused by pitted glass, which occurs when sand and debris create tiny pits in exterior glass over time, a professional polishing or replacement of the windshield may be necessary, according to Auto Glass Kings.

- **Adjust the mirrors.** Many rearview mirrors have a flip tab or an auto-dimming feature that is reserved for nighttime driving. Drivers also can angle side mirrors to minimize the reflection of lights from cars in the rear.

- **Look to the right.** Adjusting nighttime driving habits

may help with glare. When an oncoming vehicle approaches, do not look directly at the headlights but gaze toward the white line on the right side of the road.

- **Dim the dash.** Interior lighting can compete with the dark road outside. Turn down the brightness of the instrument panel and any infotainment screens to help your eyes remain dilated for the dark conditions.

- **Get anti-reflective coatings.** Sometimes problems may stem from vision issues. Cataracts or dry eyes can worsen sensitivity to light, according to Johnson Laser Eye. Regular eye exams can help people recognize problems and come up with solutions, such as anti-reflective coatings on eyeglasses. Nighttime yellow-tinted lenses also may help.

Various strategies can help drivers combat glare and thus feel safer when behind the wheel at night.



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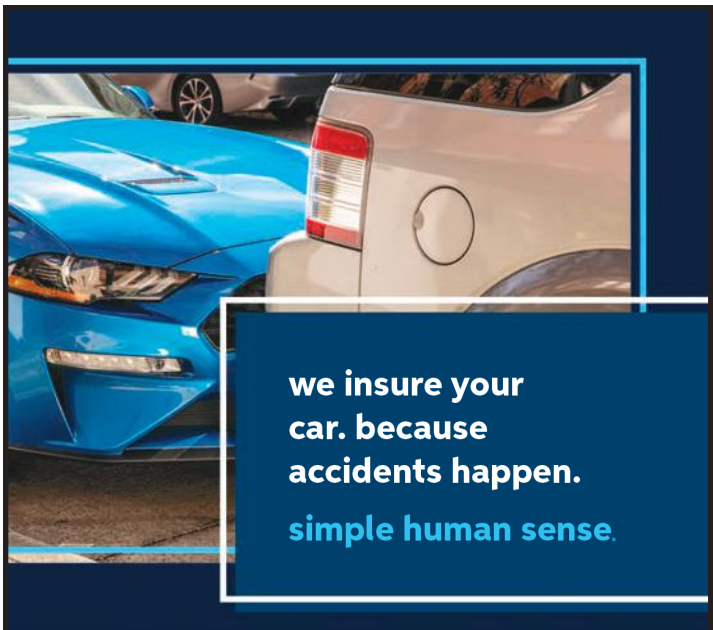
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How to handle driving in heavy rain

The road is filled with variables that change each time drivers get behind the wheel. Whether it's aggressive drivers, road construction crews or some other unknown, drivers can never say with certainty what they will encounter while on the road.

Mother Nature is as significant a variable as any drivers will face, and many conditions can turn otherwise ordinary trips into ordeals that put motorists' skills to the test. Though heavy rain might not seem as difficult to navigate as snow, it's vital that drivers recognize the threat posed by such conditions. In fact, the Federal Highway Administration reports that each year 75 percent of weather-related vehicle crashes occur on wet pavement, while 47 percent, or nearly half, happen while rain is falling.

Such statistics are sobering and underscore how dangerous it can be to drive in rain or when roads are wet. Drivers are not helpless in such conditions, especially when they exercise caution in wet conditions.

• **Slow down.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that drivers

will have a harder time controlling or stopping their vehicles on slick roads than dry roads. And that's the case for both experienced and novice motorists. When driving in the rain or on wet roads, drivers should slow down, even if it requires driving a little below the speed limit. Though it can be dangerous to drive too slowly on highways, drivers can use the far-right lane on such roads, which is not considered a passing lane and is often seen as the lane designated for vehicles moving more slowly.

• **Leave extra room between your car and other vehicles.** The NHTSA also advises increasing the following distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you when driving in rain or on wet roads. An extra couple of car lengths ensures you will have more time to react and stop if vehicles ahead of you encounter issues.

• **Be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists.** Though pedestrians and cyclists typically avoid walking or cycling in heavy rains, that does not mean there will be none on the road. That's especially so when heavy rains fall sudden-

ly, leaving pedestrians and cyclists already on the road with little options but to continue. Visibility can be especially compromised in heavy rains, which makes it even harder to see pedestrians and cyclists. So drivers should not assume the roads are only populated by fellow motorists and must be especially vigilant to avoid hitting pedestrians and cyclists.

• **Travel familiar roads.** Though familiarity does not mean motorists can be less vigilant when driving in rain, knowing the roads you're on and the route you're taking can ensure your eyes are focused on the road at all times and not periodically glancing at GPS maps on your dashboard. If you're planning a road trip and know heavy rain will factor in at some time, familiarize yourself with evacuation routes along the way to your destination. The NHTSA also recommends drivers learn which local radio stations to tune into for emergency alerts.

Driving in heavy rain is no small task. But drivers can approach such conditions with caution to ensure they make it home safe.

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- The impact would depend on how the amendment is interpreted and implemented by government institutions and courts.

Q: Questions to consider:

- What role should diversity or equity programs play in government institutions?
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