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Keep kids safe for the Fourth

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FOR CITY TIMES

STEVENS POINT – Every year in the U.S., more than 3,000 children under the age of 15 are sent to the emergency room because of fireworks, according to Safe Kids Worldwide. When it comes to fireworks, health care workers offer advice that could save a life: Leave the shows to the professionals.



Sara Bauman, director of nursing in the Emergency Department at Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital, suggests tips for keeping children safe during Independence Day celebrations.

Typical injuries and burns from fireworks tend to be to the extremities (hands, fingers, or legs) as well as the head and eyes. According to Aspirus Health experts, many of these injuries are serious enough to require emergency treatment, and some are even deadly. Those hurt or killed are often children or bystanders.

Submitted photo

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City of Wisconsin Rapids plans Independence Day celebration

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Independence Day is fast approaching, and plans are in the works to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable holiday for Wisconsin Rapids residents and visitors.

On Tuesday, July 4, a fireworks display will be launched from the Wisconsin River in downtown Wisconsin Rapids. The display will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. and may be viewed along most of the riverbank and downtown area, except for the launch and safety zone on the western bank of the river from the foot of the Grand Avenue Bridge to south of the Moravian Church.

Music played by a DJ will begin at 6 p.m. The National Anthem will be sung by Don Johnson immediately

before the fireworks show begins. Food and refreshment vendors will be located on West Grand Avenue on the west side of the river, and on Second Street South, south of East Grand Avenue, on the east side of the river.

The Wisconsin Rapids City Band will perform outside of the Centralia Center, 220 Third Avenue South, from 7-8 p.m.

The fireworks show relies upon donations from citizens and businesses, and donations are still being accepted. Visit www.wirapids.org/donate or contact the Finance Department at 715-421-8233 to donate.

Those planning to attend are asked to consider the following while making plans:

- No tarps, blankets or chairs may be placed on the

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You and your friends are cordially invited to an Opening Reception at the Alexander House Friday, June 30, 2023 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. featuring *Monarchs In Art*

A multi-media juried exhibition exploring the beauty and brilliance of the Monarch Butterfly and to celebrate Port Edwards, Wisconsin being a Monarch Village!

The Opening Reception will include a presentation by Kathy and Patrick McGrath, Monarch Butterfly enthusiasts from Port Edwards at 5:30 and 7:00 pm.

Artists will be present and refreshments will be served. The exhibit will continue through August 15, 2023.

The Alexander House is open on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and by special appointment. Parking is allowed on Wisconsin River Drive during openings. Visit our Facebook page Alexander House Center for Art and History or alexanderhouseonline.org

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Central Wisconsin Cultural Center hosts solo art exhibition

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – “William Karberg: A Retrospective” art exhibition will be on display July 13 – Aug. 18 at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center. This comprehensive exhibit will include sculptures of phantasmagorical birds welded from machine parts and fabricated steel; jewelry featuring necklaces and earrings from formed sterling silver; original art including mixed media watercolors using Chinese painting techniques and many more 2D, 3D, ceramics, and mixed media pieces.

Karberg has been exhibiting in the Wisconsin Rapids area since 1966. He is well known for the Cor-Ten sculpture “Spire” at Lincoln High School (LHS) which he built in 1978 while teaching in the art department. Karberg retired from LHS in 1999 after a 25-year career there, the last 14 years serving as art department chair.

An opening night meet and greet will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 at CWCC, 2651 8th St S. in Wisconsin Rapids. Opening night is free to attend and open to the public. The exhibition can also be viewed during the Cultural Center’s regular hours, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, or by appointment. It is also open additional hours for classes, events, music and tours.

CWCC’s arts-focused services and



William Karberg’s art will be on display at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center July 13-Aug. 18. **Jeff Johannes photo**

programs aim to foster creative experiences through exhibits, classes, music, and music lessons as vital elements of individual and community wellbeing.



A variety of plant textures, heights and layers are featured in Jim Canales’ yard in Whiting. It is one of six properties featured in the annual Portage County Master Gardeners’ Garden Parade Saturday, July 8. **Submitted photo**

Master Gardeners’ Garden Parade set for July 8

FOR CITY TIMES

PORTAGE COUNTY – A popular summer event in Portage County, the Master Gardeners’ annual Garden Parade, will be held Saturday, July 8.

The parade, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offers an inside look at six private residential properties:

Eric and Debbie Lacey, 316 Dearborn Ave., moved to an unfinished spec house and a blank, rough graded yard in Stevens Point in 2017. They were not interested in mowing lawn and have instead planted trees, numerous perennials, fruits and vegetables. Ferns, trees and seeds from family and friends helped fill in the space. They have raspberries, Marquette grapes and a fenced vegetable garden.

Dan and Gail O’Neil, 11 Hillcrest Dr., used significant sweat equity to remove overgrown shrubs and replace them with compact hedges, slow-growing shrubs and trees that fit the space. Visitors will find hydrangeas, honeysuckle, colorful annuals, Shasta daisies, flowering trees and a grassy oasis. An extensive patio creates an outdoor room with a raised fire pit and cedar fence for privacy.

Peg and Tom Kolbeck, 6014 Old Hwy. 18, live on eight acres of mature hardwoods and have many shade-loving hostas, turtlehead, foxglove and astilbe. Half of their 10 flower beds are raised beds. They also grow a variety of lilies, Joe Pye weed, allium, phlox, gaillardia, hollyhock, peony and poppy. Birds are treated to 18 feeders, and other wildlife – including an occasional bear – roam the property.

Kevin and Barb Brewster, 3209 Leahy Ave., plant more than 140 dahlias each year. In addition, annuals and perennials including rudbeckia cosmos, zinnias and wildflowers provide continuous color from spring to fall. Their garden has blueberries, asparagus, rhubarb, raspberries, apples, flowers and hops. They designed and installed a patio/fire

pit area, garden entrance, paved walkways and trellises.

Jim Canales, 1804 April Lane, has sun-loving perennials in his front yard and a shady oasis in the backyard. There, 150 varieties of hosta grow alongside astilbe, ferns and a mix of trees and shrubs. Year-round color, plant variety, texture and height that is bird and pollinator friendly, were the gardening goals of Canales and his late wife Nancy when they purchased their Whiting home in 1987.

Deanna Gertsch-Pozorski and Rick Pozorski, 1917 Lynda Lane, have four seasons of garden interest. In summer, enjoy a variety of hostas, astilbes, daylilies, hydrangeas, phlox and a few native plants. Showy containers of annual flowers provide continuous color. Plants with colored foliage and unusual shapes adorn the yard, as do bird houses, garden art, bird baths, fountains and a cobblestone patio.

Various demonstrations, vendors, gardening information, a showcase of creative containers and garden art and musical entertainment will be available at select garden locations.

Portage County Master Gardeners sponsor the garden parade, and members will be available to answer questions at each garden.

Garden Parade tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 on parade days at any of the parade sites. They are available at several locations:

In Stevens Point, advance tickets are for sale at Jung’s Garden Center, 5620 Hwy. 10 East; Stevens Point Area Co-op, 633 Second St.; Master Gardener information table at the Farmers’ Market on the Public Square on Saturdays.

Tickets are also at Village Gardens, 2811 Porter Road, and Jay-Mar, 2130 Jay-Mar Road, both in Plover; and Angel Gardens, Wisconsin Rapids. They are available at any of the gardens on July 8. For more information, contact Portage County UW-Extension, 715-346-1316.

Monarchs in Art at Alexander House

FOR THE CITY TIMES

PORT EDWARDS – The Alexander House is hosting an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, June 30 for the exhibition, Monarchs in Art. The exhibit is a multi-media juried show exploring the beauty and brilliance of the monarch butterfly and to celebrate Port Edwards being a Monarch Village.

The show will represent 51 artists from the upper Midwest presenting their varied creative interpretations of the monarch.

The reception will include a presentation by Kathy and Patrick McGrath, monarch butterfly enthusiasts from Port Edwards, at 5:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Some of the artists will be present and refreshments will be served. The exhibit will continue through Aug. 15, 2023.

The Alexander House is open 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday or by special appointment. Parking is allowed on Wisconsin River Drive on opening nights.

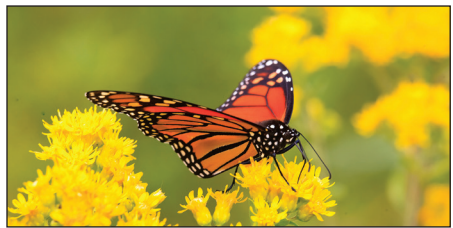
For current information and links to artists’ websites, visit “Alexander House Center for Art and History” Facebook page or alexanderhouseonline.org.



An opening reception will be held June 30 at the Alexander House. The newest exhibit features monarch butterflies. **Submitted photo**



“Monarchs in Art” will be featured through Aug. 15 at the Alexander House in Port Edwards. **Submitted photo**



A monarch butterfly photographed at the Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. **Greg Yahr photo**

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riverbank or in any City park before 6:00 a.m. on July 4. Any article placed before 6:00 a.m. will be removed. Do not place blankets over plantings or mulch.

- No parking will be allowed on Second Street South between East Jackson Street and Mead Street, from 6 a.m. on July 4 through the conclusion of the event.

- No vehicle traffic will be allowed on Birch, Maple, Walnut, Pine, Witter, Locust and Mead Streets, between Second Street South and Third Street South, from 3 p.m. on July 4 through the conclusion of the event.

- No vehicle traffic will be allowed on West Grand Avenue between Second Street South and Third Avenue South, from 3 p.m. on July 4 through the conclusion of the event.

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- Parking spaces designated for individuals with disabilities will be available at the Moravian Church on Goggins Street (West side) and First Congregational Church, Maple Street parking lot (East side).

Boaters should be aware there will be a safety zone established, dependent on weather conditions, which will be set and monitored by boat patrols. This will protect boaters from being in an area where fallout from the display could strike a person or boat and potentially cause injury, or a fire or explosion.

Boaters are also reminded to make sure there are sufficient certified flotation devices onboard and the boat’s capacity is not exceeded.

For easier departure at the conclusion of the event, park on the side of the river in which you live or the area from which you travel. Obey traffic direction provided by local law enforcement. Always yield to pedestrians and be especially alert for children. Take the time needed to return home safely.

In the event of inclement weather, stay tuned to local media and communications outlets for information. If possible, a decision to cancel the display will be made by 3 p.m., July 4. The alternate date, should the display be canceled, will be Wednesday, July 5. A notice would immediately be released on the city’s Facebook page, facebook.com/WIRapids and at www.wr-cm.org or sign up for alerts at www.nixle.com.

The only fireworks permitted for personal use in Wisconsin Rapids are those allowed in Chapter 167 of the Wisconsin statutes. That includes sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than one-quarter grain of explosive mixture. These items are legal without permits.

Any device that contains more than one-quarter grain of explosive powder, emits a report, discharges a flame, or leaves the ground is not permitted to be sold, possessed or used in the city. All other fireworks, including roman candles, firecrackers, bottle rockets, mortars, etc. are illegal except for groups with permits. Anything that explodes or leaves the ground is illegal without a permit.

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 Come to the Lake Arrowhead Dam and watch the Shermatot Ski Team performance. Shows held every Saturday from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend at the Lake Arrowhead Beach Area! Food served by Rocky Roccos.

Friday, June 30 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
 Featuring "The Lizardz," Central Wisconsin's premier British, Classic, and original rock band.

Saturday, July 1 Lake Sherwood's 4th of July Celebration 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
 Refreshments by LSPQA 10:00am-12:00am
 Craft Fair 10:00am-3:00pm | Kid Games 11:00am-3:00pm
 Bean Bag Tournament 2:00pm | Adult Games 6:00pm-10:00pm
 Shermatot Ski Team Performance 6:30pm
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Saturday, July 1 Lakes Area Artist and Brush and Palette Club Art Show 12:00-4:00 PM
 Held at the Woodland Church, this art show includes original art and prints - watercolor, acrylic, basketry, and mixed media from over 10 local artists.

Saturday, July 1 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
 Featuring "Pacific Coast Highway," AM GOLD hits of the 70s and beyond!

Sunday, July 2 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00-11:00 PM
 Featuring the "Brady Luke Band" Being quickly identified as "The Best New Country Band" in the West-Central Wisconsin area, The Brady Luke Band is growing rapidly. The Brady Luke Band has released two hit singles since their forming in February of 2019. Both of their single's "Barefeet On The Dash" and "Take A Little Ride" received airplay on country radio. The Brady Luke Band has opened for National Country Touring acts such as Craig Morgan, Tyler Farr and Trailer Choir. The members of the Brady Luke Band are proving to be natural born entertainers who consistently deliver their best performances every show. They deliver a mix of classic and modern country top hits for their fans along with their catchy and creative originals with an unmatched level of energy during every show. This band delivers a show that you won't forget!

Friday, July 7 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
 Featuring "Jason McNabb Duo," variety country/rock/pop.

Saturday, July 8 DRAFT Family Bike Ride 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
 KID FRIENDLY Family Bike Ride of ~ 4 miles.
 Meet at the Rome Town Center Gazebo @ 10 AM

Saturday, July 8 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
 Entertainment is TBD, so check out Hoozels' website for the latest info!

Sunday, July 9 Bring your DOG to the PATIO BAR @ Hoozels at the Lakes 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
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Sunday, July 9 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
 Featuring "Rumours," a classic rock/variety band that has been performing in and around the Wisconsin Rapids area for 25+ years.

Tuesday, July 11 through Sunday, July 16
124th Annual WTA State Shoot
 Visit the WTA's website for event information, times of shoots, etc.

Tuesday, July 11 Campfire Painting with Heart Art Studios @ Lester Public Library of Rome
 Session #1: 12:00-2:00 PM • Session #2: 3:00-5:00 PM
 Create a beautiful campfire painting with Becky from Heart Art Studios. Registration is required, so stop by the library front desk and/or call 715-325-8990.

Tuesday, July 11 Gather by the Gazebo #2 @ Rome Town Center Gazebo 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
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Wednesday, July 12 Rome Garden Club Meeting 9:00 PM-10:30 PM
 The Rome Garden Club meets at the Rome Library once a month on Wednesdays at 9am from April through October. Each month, a learning session will be shared followed by an hour of working in the library gardens to keep them beautiful. Please bring your gloves and tools if you can help. Some sessions require pre-registration. All are welcome to attend and sessions are free to the public. July 12: 9:00-10:30: Herbs. This session focuses on growing herbs and ways to use them in cooking and enriching your life. Discussion led by Master Gardener Volunteers.

Friday, July 14 Winter Shadow Box Craft @ Lester Public Library of Rome 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
 Come to the library and celebrate Christmas in July by creating a shadow box craft. This program is for ADULTS ONLY, and registration is required. To register, please call the library at 715-325-8990.

Friday, July 14 Shermatot Water Ski Show 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
 Come to the Lake Arrowhead Dam and watch the Shermatot Ski Team performance at the Lake Arrowhead Beach Area! Food served by Rocky Roccos.

Saturday, July 15 Geocaching @ Sandhill Wildlife Area 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Want to find your favorite new outdoor recreational activity? How about Geocaching! Join Jacque Cody, Member of the Wisconsin Geocaching Association, to learn the fundamentals of geocaching. We will learn what you need to get started, what caches can look like, and we'll get the chance to go outside to search for geocaches! Please bring a GPS or smartphone if you have one. Meet in the Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center. Class is limited to 25 participants, and pre-registration is required before July 12th along with a \$5 fee.

Saturday, July 15 2nd Annual Country on Camelot 1:00 PM-7:00 PM
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Saturday, July 15 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
 Featuring the "Union Road Band," playing multi-genre/variety.

Sunday, July 16 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
 Featuring "Folk & Blues Brothers."

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Friday, July 21 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
 Featuring "Elvis"

Friday, July 21 DRAFT Sunset Hike 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
 Sunset Hike on the WRPCO Trail! Meet at Apache Lane Parking Area, just south of "The Oar" at 7:00 PM. You won't want to miss this fun event!

Saturday, July 22 Live Music @ Hoozels at the Lakes 7:00 PM-11:00 PM
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Mid-State Board adopts 2023-24 budget

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Mid-State Technical College's Board of Directors adopted its 2023-24 budget following a public hearing during its June 19 meeting in Wisconsin Rapids. The annual budget goes into effect on July 1, 2023.

The General Fund Operations budget is \$33.9 million, a \$3.7 million decrease from the amended 2022-23 Fiscal Year budget. The operational budget was prepared with the assumption of stable enrollments when compared to the 2022-23 year.

College administrators said they work to develop a budget that balances the needs of its students and communities with available budgetary resources.

"Thanks to Mid-State's ongoing efforts in fiscal year 2023, college enrollments remained stronger than the national average, and we saw significant headcount growth, which means we are serving more of our students" said Mid-State's president, Dr. Shelly Mondeik. "We are proud that our efforts to stabilize enrollments during and beyond the pandemic have proven Mid-State to be a trusted partner in our communities, and this puts us in a strong position to continue our mission to transform lives through the power of teaching and learning."

According to Mid-State Vice President of Finance and Facilities Greg Bruckbauer, the College's mill rate is projected to increase .00053 cents per \$1,000 of equalized property value, increasing the tax bill for a \$100,000 home from \$78.77 last year to a projected \$79.30 in the coming year. Mid-State poses a considerably lower impact than other



The Wisconsin Rapids Campus of Mid-State Technical College. Submitted photo

taxing authorities because the College serves a broad tax base of 97 municipalities in all or parts of Adams, Clark, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Portage, Waushara and Wood counties.

"This budget will fund Mid-State's work in supporting its communities with relevant programs by providing access to innovative technology and world-class facilities and services," Bruckbauer said. "Our communities continue to look for professionals in central Wisconsin with hands-on, technical skills, and we look forward to continuing to provide our highly sought-after graduates to meet that need."

Obituaries

Weingarten, Agnes



Agnes Leonora Weingarten passed away on June 12, 2023 at the age of 89.

Agnes was born in Cottonville, WI on September 5, 1933, one of seven children to Irvin and Irma (Leatherberry) Henriksen. She grew up in Omro, WI and graduated from Omro High School in 1951 as Salutatorian of her class. It was during her high school years where Agnes met the love of her life, Harold Weingarten. They were married on April 14, 1956, and they enjoyed 60 years of marriage together, until his passing on May 5, 2016.

Agnes attended college at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, IL and graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1956. She began working as a staff nurse in the operating room at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, WI. She eventually settled in Adams, where she worked at the Adams County Memorial Hospital in Friendship, WI, where she spent the majority of her career and served many roles, including Staff Nurse, Head Nurse, Director of Nursing, Emergency Room/Operating Room Clinical Director, and Outpatient Clinic Coordinator.

Agnes was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, where she raised her children with the Catholic faith. She was a member of the MoundView Golf Course, where she enjoyed many years of golfing. Her other interests were reading, crossword puzzles, playing bridge and cribbage, crocheting, knitting, quilting, and spending time with family and friends. Agnes was very giving with her time and talents, and for many years, she knitted hundreds of hats and mittens for local children in need through a local church organization.

Agnes is preceded in death by her husband, Harold, parents Irvin and Irma, sisters Evelyn Kroken and Yvonne Schmid, and brothers Orvil Henriksen and Irvin ("Junior") Henriksen.

Agnes is survived by her five children: Kristin (Milan) Stanojevic, Harold David Jr. (Bonnie) Weingarten, Beth (Ted) Griffith, Corinne (Jim) Allen, and Jeraldine (JJ) (Rick) Koss. Through these unions, she was blessed with eleven grandchildren: Emilie (Scott) Rockwell, Matthew (Tara) Olson, Sonja (Steve) Rosencrans, Erin (Nate) Suberla, Jordan (Tami) Griffith, Justin (Jennifer) Allen, Lucas Griffith, Andrew (Alyson) Allen, Stephanie Koss (Josh Frederick), Max Koss, and Mason Koss. Through these unions, she was also blessed with eighteen great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Jacqueline Weber, brother Gordon Henriksen, and sister-in-law, Josephine Henriksen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with Father David Bruener presiding, in Friendship, WI. Visitation will be at Roseberry's Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and again from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass at the Church on Thursday. Interment to follow at St. Leo Catholic Cemetery.

Agnes, your life was one well-lived. We will love and miss you forever. "A human being does not cease to exist at death." – Florence Nightingale

Aspirus' fruit and vegetable 'prescription' program continues

FOR CITY TIMES

WAUSAU – From farm to table, the fresh produce available to local farmers markets is one of the healthiest ways to get the recommended amount of nutrients.

"Summer is the perfect time to give canned and frozen produce a break – to give our bodies and minds a healthy boost with some fresh fruits and veggies," said Kari Due, Aspirus Community Health Improvement lead. "As a bonus, buying them at a farmers market is a fantastic opportunity to support our local farmers."

Aspirus has launched another year of the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription (FVRx) Program which helps provide patients with access to fresh produce. Patients are identified by the Care Coordination Team as having a need, such as food insecurity, low-income, chronic conditions, or lack of access. Eligible patients are given a "prescription" to use at one of many participating farmers markets in the Aspirus service area.

"We know that a diet that's rich in fruits and veggies is healthy for us, but not everyone has the same access to these items," adds Due. "This program is designed to get more nutritious foods in the hands of more families in our communities."

Due offers a few tips for getting the most from a trip to the farmers market.

- Go early. It may not be as important to be among the first arrivals for a weekday market, but weekend markets get busy fast. Arriving late may mean the best pickings are gone.



- Bring cash and reusable bags. Transactions will go easier with a pocket of small bills. Plus, you need sturdy bags to carry items home.

- Talk to the vendors. The sellers want to talk about their fruits, veggies, and jams. Ask for buying and storing tips. They can often provide recipe ideas too.

The Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers Market is held Thursday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 220 1st Avenue South. For the full list of participating farmers market locations and more information on the FVRx program, visit aspirus.org/fvr-program.

Pittsville Area Community Theater presents murder mystery

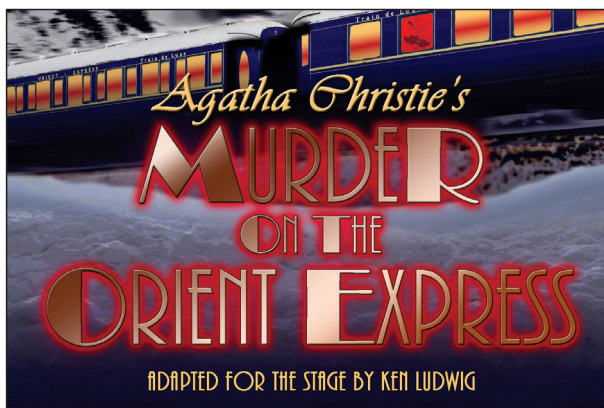
FOR CITY TIMES

PITTSVILLE — Pittsville Area Community Theater is going big in their return to the stage this summer with the most famous murder mystery of all time, Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." The show boasts intrigue, deception, romance and Broadway-caliber comedy to spice up the summer.

"It's an extremely exciting show to be a part of; it's the ultimate murder mystery," said Andrew Spencer, director at Pittsville Area Community Theater. "We're taking on one of Agatha Christie's greatest works and bringing the Orient Express to life here in Central Wisconsin. Expect to be wowed."

Several communities are represented in the cast. Greg Jackan, local favorite and Marshfield resident, takes on the role of Hercule Poirot, Agatha Christie's famous Belgian detective with an epic moustache.

Poirot is accompanied in his investigation by Ed Krall of Marshfield in the role of Monsieur Bouc, the



head of the train company Wagon-Lit.

The suspects include Roxie Wetterau and Lizzy Gruenloh of Marshfield, Cayley Gosney and Wes Reshel of Pittsville, Nancy Halterman and Todd Prosser of Neillsville, Amanda Valencia of Weston, Kimmy Ludgren and Sophie Chase of Auburndale, and Levi Henk of Stevens Point.

"Our talented cast comes from just about every age group and from all over the region," said Spencer. "They have great chemistry and are so fun to watch that I find myself laughing along instead of directing.

That's a good sign!"

The play is set aboard the most luxurious train of all time; the "murder" mystery takes off when the train becomes trapped in a blizzard and a passenger turns up dead – setting off an investigation into the crew and passengers that reveals the good, the bad and the hilarious. Tickets are available online right now at eventbrite.com for \$12, and same day at the door for \$15. The show spans two weekends and has three evening performances and three matinee performances, 7:30 p.m. July 14-15 and 21; and 2:30 p.m. July 16, 22-23.

DNR

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is another way we can provide transparency and greater access to DNR records."

Customers can search for submitted asbestos notifications by notification number, address, contractor and submission dates. Results of the search are downloadable, and associated documents can be downloaded as a zip file. The system is real-time and up-to-date and reflects all records in DNR possession. The new search tool and more information is available on the DNR's Asbestos Removal and Notification website, under the "Asbestos Notification Search" tab.

For assistance with the new search application, contact DNRAMASBESTOS@wisconsin.gov.

'Hunt Wild' app retired

Effective June 29, the Wisconsin DNR's "Hunt Wild" mobile app will be retired.

Instead, hunting and regulation resources can be found on the DNR's hunting webpage, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt>.

The Hunt Wild mobile application was launched in 2018 to provide mobile access to hunting information. Hunting hours, site-specific rules and regulations, CWD sampling locations, public lands information and more could be found on the app.

The DNR is retiring the app as it has reached the end of its life cycle. The hunting information from the app is still available in a mobile-friendly version by visiting the DNR's hunting webpages. In early July, hunters will also be able to download a copy of the current 2023-24 Combined Rules and Regulations Pamphlet from the Hunting webpage for offline access.

Current users of the app will be able to open and access data stored in their app until June 29. After that date, the application will no longer be updated and maintained.

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Accepting donated books and toys from Ruby Marti, Miss Wisconsin Rapids Outstanding Teen, are Aspirus Riverview Family Birthplace registered nurses Ashley Eberhardt, left, and Angel Schmidt. Submitted photo

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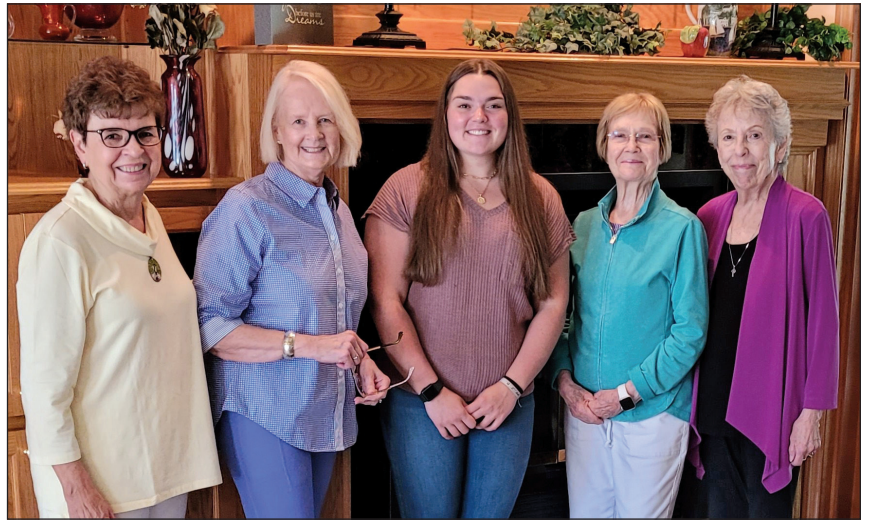
FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Babies born at Aspirus Riverview Family Birthplace in Wisconsin Rapids are going home with a new book or toy, thanks to Ruby Marti, Miss Wisconsin Rapids Outstanding Teen.

Marti organized a book and toy drive at local elementary schools and recently visited the birthplace to deliver what she collected. The project supports her social impact initiative, "Silence is NOT Golden:

Early Language Matters," which promotes language and communication skills.

The Outstanding Teen competition is for teens between 13 and 18 to earn scholarships and professional development within the Miss America Organization. Marti, who is about to begin her freshman year at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School, will compete this month for the title of Miss Wisconsin Outstanding Teen.



Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School graduate Trina Bores was the recipient of the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year. Trina is the daughter of Laura and Terry Bores and was recommended by Chapter O of Wisconsin Rapids. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic educational organization which promotes increased educational opportunities for women. Trina will attend UW-River Falls in the fall where she plans to major in agricultural education. The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional women in their final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success. This year 2,168 applicants were nominated by local P.E.O. Chapters with 1,000 students receiving a STAR SCHOLARSHIP. Trina was one of 22 women from Wisconsin who was selected to receive this scholarship. Trina, center, is pictured with P.E.O. members, from left, Rosemary Felice, president Jennifer Lemke, Sandra Ironside and Mary Jo Carson. Submitted photo

FIREWORKS
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"We understand that the Fourth of July means fireworks and sparklers," said Sara Bauman, director of nursing with Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital's emergency department. "Although sparklers may seem like harmless fun, many parents don't realize how dangerous they can be for young children."

Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees, which is hot enough to melt some metals, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. "Try swapping sparklers for glowsticks this year," suggested Bauman.

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) cautions that backyard fireworks simply aren't safe. If you want to "ooh and aah" at fireworks this summer, the NFPA advises taking in a public display put on by experts.

That said, those lighting fireworks themselves should take these precautions:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.

- Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.

- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.

- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

"This Fourth of July, leave the shows to the pros," said Bauman "But if you choose to celebrate with fireworks, you should consider wearing safety goggles and take all the necessary precautions to keep you and your family safe."

Find more fireworks safety tips at cpsc.gov/fireworks.

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