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Police Department Hosts Hygiene Drive Collection Through March 15

The police department is again serving as a drop-off site for the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive, with donations accepted through March 15.

Residents who want to contribute may bring items to the department during business hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Donated items will be distributed to local crisis programs.

The department said the most urgent needs include soaps (laundry detergent, dish soap, fabric softener, shower gel and 2-in-1 shampoo), trash bags, diapers in sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups, unscented deodorant, wet wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, disposable razors, tampons and maxi pads.

COFFEE WITH THE CRITTERS

The City of Marshfield Senior Center is inviting members to enjoy a relaxed and engaging morning with some very special animal guests.

On Wednesday, March 12, Wildwood Zoo staff will present Coffee with the Critters, an interactive and educational program featuring gentle animals from the Zoo. Attendees will learn about the animals' habitats, behaviors, and the Zoo's role in conservation and community education — all in a casual, welcoming setting.

This event is designed as a light, enjoyable morning program for Senior Center participants and offers a unique opportunity to connect with Marshfield's own Wildwood Zoo in a

close-up setting.

Coffee and light snacks will be provided by the Wildwood Zoological Society.



About the Zoological Society

The Wildwood Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that supports Wildwood Zoo through fundraising, educational programming, and special events. The Society helps enhance animal care, exhibits, and community outreach efforts that go beyond what tax dollars alone provide. Their partnership plays an important role in maintaining Wildwood Zoo as a free, community-focused attraction for residents and visitors.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE OFFERED IN MARCH

The City of Marshfield Parks & Recreation Department will host an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification course March 18–20 at Marshfield High School.

The three-day course will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day on March 18, March 19, and March 20, 2026. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

The online portion of the course must be completed before the first in-person class. Attendance at all in-person sessions is required.

Marshfield Parks & Recreation
LIFEGUARD
American Red Cross Certification
(Must be 15 years old)
Marshfield High School

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| March 18, 2026 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| March 19, 2026 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| March 20, 2026 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. |

- Online portion must be completed prior to the start of the first class
- Participants must attend all in-person sessions
- **Swimming Prerequisites:**
 - Swim-tread-swim (no time limit to complete)
 - 150 yard swim, 2-minute treading water with no hands, 30 yard swim
 - Brick dive (1 minute 40 seconds to complete)
 - Swim 20 yards to approximately 8 foot deep water, retrieve 10-pound brick from bottom of pool, resurface and swim with brick on chest back to original starting point (both hands on brick), exit water.

Free if planning to work at Vandehey Waters
For more information contact: Amanda Bruce: amanda.bruce@cityofmarshfieldwi.gov

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Live Broadcast

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS WEEK OF March 2 - 6

Tuesday, March 3

4:45 pm: Judiciary & License Committee

6:15 pm: Board of Public Works

Thursday, March 5

5:30 pm: Fire & Police Commission Notice of Possible Quorum

TeStrake emphasizes transparency, growth planning in Marshfield interview

Marshfield Mayor Lois TeStrake, who is seeking reelection, said roads, schools and public safety remain among her top priorities as the city plans for future growth and development.

In a candidate interview, TeStrake described herself as a people-focused and transparent leader who wants to continue what she called a positive direction for Marshfield. She said she is running again because she enjoys public service and believes city residents should remain involved in local government decisions.

TeStrake, the incumbent mayor, said she values community engagement and communication, emphasizing that residents should bring concerns and ideas directly to city officials. She said she regularly attends meetings and events and tries to connect residents with the appropriate departments when issues arise.



Among the city's biggest issues, TeStrake cited road conditions, support for schools and maintaining public safety. She said the mayor's role in Marshfield's weak-mayor system is limited, but she can help communicate residents' concerns to city departments and support collaboration across local government.

TeStrake also pointed to workforce development and business support as key parts of Marshfield's future. She encouraged residents to buy local and

praised partnerships with Mid-State Technical College and the University of Wisconsin system in Marshfield, saying those institutions help prepare students for jobs and could help retain young professionals in the city.

On housing, TeStrake said Marshfield needs an updated housing study, noting the last one was completed in 2019 and that conditions have changed significantly since then. She said the city should use updated data before making major development decisions.

TeStrake said she wants Marshfield to grow modestly over the next decade and said she would like to see the city's population reach 20,000. She said measured growth could broaden the tax base while preserving the community's character.

She also stressed collaboration with police and fire departments as part of maintaining safety and quality of life, and said residents should continue to report concerns and participate in council meetings and public comment opportunities.

TeStrake described transparency, accessibility and listening as her leadership strengths. She said she keeps a record of constituent calls and works to follow up or connect residents with city staff who can help answer questions.

In closing remarks, TeStrake said she hopes to continue serving as mayor and said she wants Marshfield to remain welcoming to new businesses and residents while continuing to build civic participation.

United Way's 'United We Can' food sculpture contest returns to Marshfield with online voting March 11-16

MARSHFIELD — The United Way's annual "United We Can" food-sculpture

competition is returning, with 12 teams set to build nonperishable food displays and the public invited to vote online, according to event organizer Jenny.

United We Can is a community event in which local businesses and organizations collect food and create sculptures from canned and boxed items, Jenny said in an interview. Past entries have included designs such as a fox made from cans of beans, an American flag and a lighthouse.



The competition includes multiple award categories based on the number of items used in each display, including categories for sculptures made with 250 cans or more and 249 or fewer items, she said. Fan favorites are selected through voting on the local United Way Facebook page.

Jenny said this year's event features a mix of returning champions and new teams.

Public voting begins at noon March 11 and closes at noon March 16 on the United Way Facebook page, she said. A thumbs-up reaction counts as one point, and a heart reaction counts as two points. Voters may vote on as many sculptures as they want, but each reaction type can be used only once per sculpture.

Organizers are also encouraging community members to support participating teams by donating items from the event's needs list. Among the most-needed items are canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, flour, sugar, dry beans, cereal, mayonnaise, granola bars, baked beans.

Young Owner Leads Northside Computer and Cellular Into Next Chapter

MARSHFIELD — A longtime Marshfield business is marking a major milestone while positioning itself for future growth.

Northside Computer and Cellular is celebrating 30 years of service as its young owner expands offerings to meet the needs of a growing community.

Malachai Anderson, who took over the business three years ago, said the opportunity to purchase the company aligned with his longtime interest in electronics repair and entrepreneurship.

“I’ve always been interested in fixing electronics and doing things with repair,” Anderson said. “I ended up being able to purchase Northside Computers and Cellular and take it from there and be my own boss at a young age.”



Anderson acknowledged the risks involved in business ownership but said he viewed it as an opportunity.

“I saw there’s some risk with it, but I’m young, so I can always start over if I wanted to,” he said. “So I figured, why not?”

As part of its expansion, the business recently introduced a new cell phone carrier — the first new carrier in the local market in about a decade. Anderson said he hopes the addition will increase competition and improve customer service options for residents.

“I’m hoping with that we put more competitiveness into the market and can kind of take better customer service within Boost and help build it where there’s actually a cell phone provider where you can go and they’re able to help you with the phone issues that you have,” he said.

As the business celebrates its 30th anniversary, Anderson said he wants customers to associate Northside Computer and Cellular with honesty and a welcoming atmosphere.

“When people get told about Northside Computers and Cellular, I’m hoping they’re telling people about the pleasant experience that they had,” he said. “We’re here to actually help them and figure out their problems ... and resolve them in a quick way.”

Anderson said he is proud to continue the company’s legacy while offering new options for local customers.

Sunburst Memorials Donates \$50,000 to Brooklawn Endowment After Marshfield Monument Acquisition

Story submitted by Corinne Skoog - Scipi

Marshfield, WI - Sunburst Memorials said it will donate \$50,000 to the Brooklawn Memory Gardens endowment fund following its acquisition of Marshfield Monument, a move the company said is intended to support long-term care of the cemetery grounds.

The donation was announced after Sunburst Memorials completed its acquisition of Marshfield Monument on Feb. 26, 2026.

In a statement, Sunburst Memorials President Jill Kampa said the contribution reflects the company’s commitment to the Marshfield community as it takes over a business with more than 100 years of local history.

“Memorial work is about more than creating monuments — it’s about honoring lives and supporting the places where families gather to remember,” Kampa said. “As we begin our next chapter in Marshfield, we wanted to make a meaningful contribution that reflects our values and our long-term commitment to the community.”



Sunburst Memorials said the donation is a one-time contribution and is separate from the acquisition. The money will go to Brooklawn Memory Gardens’ endowment fund to help support ongoing care and future needs at the cemetery.

The company also recognized the legacy of Marshfield Monument and its team, including Brian Hopperdietzel, saying their focus on craftsmanship and service helped build strong local relationships.

“Brian and the Marshfield Monument team built a business grounded in quality and trust,” Kampa said. “We’re honored to carry that legacy forward while continuing to support the community that has supported them for so many years.”

Sunburst Memorials is part of employee-owned Scipi Companies and said it is continuing to expand its regional footprint through acquisitions and investment in people and infrastructure. The company said community partnerships and long-term stewardship are central to its mission.

Marshfield Clinic palliative care team urges early conversations on end-of-life wishes

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Two Marshfield Clinic palliative care nurse practitioners are encouraging people of all ages to complete advance directives and talk with loved ones about their health care wishes before a crisis happens, saying the conversations can spare families confusion, conflict and delays in care.

Speaking on a recent episode of “Your Health Matters with Marshfield Clinic,” Kim Carolfi and Kris Gilkerson said many patients and families misunderstand palliative care and hospice, often assuming those services mean treatment is ending. Instead, they said, palliative care is designed to support patients and families by managing symptoms, clarifying goals and helping guide medical decisions.

wishes and names a health care agent to make decisions if the person cannot. Gilkerson emphasized that in Wisconsin, family members do not automatically have decision-making authority simply because they are a spouse, parent or child.

Without the paperwork, families may need to seek guardianship through the courts, a process the speakers said can take weeks or months at a time when urgent decisions may be needed. They urged people to both complete the form and discuss their wishes with family members in advance.

The practitioners said advance directives are easy to complete and can be downloaded, signed by two qualified witnesses and shared with designated decision-makers and health care providers so the documents can be included in the medical record. They

prefer to die if given a choice.

Gilkerson said the team’s role is not to persuade patients to choose or refuse treatment, but to support informed decisions and ensure patients understand what specialists are offering. Carolfi added that patients can change their minds at any time, and the team will continue to support those decisions.

The clinicians also described Marshfield Clinic’s inpatient palliative care unit, where staff focus on end-of-life symptom management and family support. Services can include memory-making through the Three Wishes program, spiritual care, social work, nutrition support and other efforts tailored to a patient’s final wishes.

Among the most common misconceptions, they said, is that a palliative care consult means a patient is “giving up” or that insurance will not cover palliative care services. The team said palliative care is an added layer of support and is covered by insurance.

Their central message: talk early, document your wishes and revisit them over time.

“The greatest gift we can give our loved ones is having that conversation so they know exactly what we want,” Gilkerson said, adding that honoring those wishes can also be a gift in return.



Gilkerson said hospice care generally begins when a patient decides to stop curative treatment and focus on comfort and quality time, often when clinicians estimate a life expectancy of six months or less. Hospice care can be provided at home, in facilities or in hospice homes such as House of the Dove in Marshfield, she said.

Carolfi and Gilkerson said one of the most important steps people can take is completing an advance directive, a legal document that outlines medical

also said the documents should be reviewed and updated after major life changes, including divorce or a serious new diagnosis.

The Marshfield Clinic palliative care team also offers “goals of care” conversations in the hospital and outpatient settings, helping patients and families understand treatment options and decide what interventions are acceptable based on the patient’s values. Those discussions can include CPR, dialysis, feeding tubes, nursing home placement and where a person would

A promotional flyer for a pet clinic. At the top, it says "PET CLINIC" with a tagline "Because We Care About Pets!". Below that, the event details are listed: "Saturday, MARCH 21" from "9:00am to 11:30am" at the "Lang Building at Marshfield Fairgrounds". Two main services are highlighted: "Rabies Vaccine \$20" which includes a free microchip and a 3-year vaccine, and "Microchip \$15" which includes registration with 24-hour pet watch. A "Pet License for City of Marshfield" is also mentioned, with a note that a rabies certificate is required. A small image of a puppy wearing a stethoscope is on the right side. A "Pre-Registration Encouraged!" badge is in the bottom right corner.

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| 6:30:00 AM | Get Healthy With Holly | Get Healthy With Holly | Food For Thought | Get Healthy With Holly | Get Healthy With Holly | Lights, Camera, Polka | Lights, Camera, Polka | Get Healthy With Holly |
| 7:00:00 AM | Yoga For Health | Yoga For Health | Yoga For Health | Yoga For Health | Yoga For Health | Lights, Camera, Polka | 1st Presbyterian | Yoga For Health |
| 7:30:00 AM | Daceys Divas | Daceys Divas | Daceys Divas | Daceys Divas | Daceys Divas | Lights, Camera, Polka | | Daceys Divas |
| 8:00:00 AM | Brethren Voices | Brethren Voices | Brethren Voices | Brethren Voices | Brethren Voices | Lights, Camera, Polka | | Brethren Voices |
| 8:30:00 AM | Two Grannys on the road | Two Grannys on the road | Two Grannys on the road | Science 360 | Two Grannys on the road | Lights, Camera, Polka | Catholic Diocese of Burlington | Two Grannys on the road |
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| 2:30:00 PM | Small Factory | | Small Factory | | | Lights, Camera, Polka | Immanuel Lutheran | Small Factory |
| 3:00:00 PM | Cosettes Enchanted Journey | Good Shepherd | Cosettes Enchanted Journey | Cosettes Enchanted Journey | Cosettes Enchanted Journey | The Hidden Truth | | Cosettes Enchanted Journey |
| 3:30:00 PM | The Childrens Corner | | The Childrens Corner | The Childrens Corner | The Childrens Corner | | | The Childrens Corner |
| 4:00:00 PM | Peak Moments | Peak Moments | It's Happening Classics | Peak Moments | Peak Moments | Foltz Studio | Good Shepherd | Peak Moments |
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| 5:30:00 PM | It's Happening Classics | World War I And II History | World War I and II History | World War I and II History | Calvary Bible | | | It's Happening Classics |
| 6:00:00 PM | | Paltrocast | Paltrocast | Paltrocast | | | Everything LGBTQ | |
| 6:30:00 PM | | Sidewalks Entertainment | Sidewalks Entertainment | Sidewalks Entertainment | NOWi | Messy Monets Winter Art Show 2026 | | |
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| 11:00:00 PM | Frack The Canon | Frack The Canon | Frack The Canon | Frack The Canon | Music Videos | | | Bongo Music |
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START BUILDING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD SCULPTURE

FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 6

Vote for your favorite sculpture on our Facebook page with a 👍 or ❤️ March 11 to March 16

**WILL YOUR TEAM BE THE NEXT
UNITED WE CAN CHAMPION?**

- 👑 Most items used in Sculpture
- 👑 250 Items or Less Fan Favorite
- 👑 251-500 Items Fan Favorite
- 👑 500+ Items Fan Favorite
- 👑 Most Used Items from the Wish List

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