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Marshfield Bank to Host Bake Sale Benefiting Boys and Girls Club

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, WI — Prevail Bank will host a community bake sale next week to raise funds for the local Boys and Girls Club, organizers said.



The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, and will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning when the bank's lobby opens. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the Boys and Girls Club, which recently established a presence in Marshfield and is preparing to move into a new facility, though its location has not yet been announced.

Bank employees will provide homemade baked goods for the sale, part of a twice-yearly fundraising effort by the branch. Organizers said the event typically raises between \$900 and \$1,000 for local organizations.

Funds collected will help support the Boys and Girls Club's programs and supplies, according to event organizers.

In addition to purchasing baked goods, community members will have the option to make direct donations at the event. Organizers noted that some residents choose to contribute financially instead of buying sweets.

The bake sale is open to the public.

Students Plant Trees at Marshfield Park to Combat Invasive Species

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Dozens of elementary school students spent part of their day planting trees at a local park as part of an ongoing effort to restore the area's ecosystem and mark Arbor Day.

Students from Grant Elementary gathered Thursday at Brain Park, where they planted about 140 trees alongside city officials and forestry staff. The annual event is part of a multi-year project aimed at replacing ash trees lost to an invasive insect infestation.

City Forester Mark Ryskiewicz said the initiative began after officials identified a significant problem with the emerald ash borer, a destructive beetle that targets ash trees.

"We knew we had a situation where we wanted to be proactive and get rid of those ash trees before they became hazardous and died," Ryskiewicz said.



A survey of the 20-acre park revealed that about 12 acres — roughly 72% — were made up of ash trees, making the area particularly vulnerable to widespread loss.



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•Tuesday, April 21, at 5:30 pm: Board of Public Works

The city launched the project in 2020, with tree removal beginning the following year. Crews have spent the past five years clearing affected trees and preparing the land for replanting.

Each year since, students have helped plant new trees in the cleared areas. The species selected are chosen based on the park's varying soil conditions, which range from dry to wet.

This year's plantings included white pine, swamp white oak, silver maple, catalpa, river birch, basswood and hackberry, all suited to the site, Ryskiewicz said.

City officials say the effort is already showing results. Trees planted in the first and second years are beginning to establish themselves and grow.

"It's kind of rewarding to see that happening,"

Ryskiewicz said.

The Arbor Day event not only supports the park's long-term recovery but also gives students hands-on experience in environmental stewardship.

Prevail Bank to Host Annual Shred Event Benefiting Local Nonprofit

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, WI — As spring cleaning gets underway, Prevail Bank is offering residents a secure and charitable way to dispose of sensitive documents. The bank will host its annual Shred Event on May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its Marshfield location, combining document security with community fundraising.

The event allows individuals to bring confidential paperwork for on-site shredding, helping protect against identity theft while clearing out clutter. According to branch representative Tammy, the event has become a popular tradition, often reaching its fundraising goal within the first hour.



“We donate a dollar per pound of shredded paper to a local organization chosen by our branch,” Tammy said. “This year, proceeds will benefit the Personal Development Center (PDC), and we donate up to \$1,000.”

The Personal Development Center relies on community support to maintain its services, particularly as grant funding becomes more limited. Funds raised through the shred event help sustain its programs and keep its doors open.

Participants can bring up to three boxes of documents free of charge. Additional boxes are accepted with a suggested \$5 donation per box. Items such as envelopes with plastic windows and stapled papers are permitted, though attendees are asked to remove rubber bands and paper clips in advance.

Shredding will take place on-site throughout the event, with staff continuously filling containers that are emptied directly into a shredding truck. If any documents cannot be processed during the event, they will be securely stored in the bank’s vault until they can be destroyed.

The event not only promotes recycling and security but also strengthens community ties by supporting a vital local resource.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to safely dispose of old paperwork while contributing to a meaningful cause.

Kohlbeck signs with Augustana to continue basketball career

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Jack Kohlbeck, a senior at Columbus Catholic High School, signed a National Letter of Intent on Wednesday to play basketball at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

The signing ceremony was held at the Columbus Catholic Fieldhouse and attended by family members, teammates, coaches and classmates.

Kohlbeck said Augustana’s program stood out during his college search.

“I am so grateful to have the opportunity to continue my basketball career at Augustana College,” he said. “Augustana’s style of play, program and culture is exactly what I was looking for. I appreciate all the love and support I’ve received from my coaches, teammates and family along the way.”

Columbus Catholic coach Joe Konieczny said Kohlbeck made a strong impact on the program.

“Jack has had a tremendous impact on our team as a player and as a leader,” Konieczny said. “He has a unique set of

skills, and I am excited to see how they will translate at the next level. He has worked hard to earn this opportunity. Augustana is getting a quality basketball player and an even better student and human being.”



Kohlbeck’s parents said they are proud of his accomplishments and look forward to his future.

“We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication Jack has shown both on and off the court, and we’re thrilled that he has found a place where he can continue to grow as a person and player,” they said.

Kohlbeck also credited Columbus Catholic for shaping his development.

“Columbus is the place where I fell in love with the game,” he said. “This school gave me a place where I could grow as a student, person and athlete, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunities I was given there.”

Athletic director Lori Wieland also spoke at the event, which concluded with photos of Kohlbeck alongside family and teammates.

Kohlbeck was a two-year varsity player and a member of the school’s state championship team as a sophomore. He helped lead Columbus Catholic to back-to-back conference titles in 2025 and 2026 and was part of teams that reached sectional competition. He also earned Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State honors in 2025 and 2026.

Kohlbeck plans to study kinesiology at Augustana while competing for the Vikings men's basketball team.

Severe Weather, Public Safety, and Community Efforts Highlight Latest "County Connections" Episode

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

WOOD COUNTY, Wis. (April 14, 2026) — Severe weather, public safety awareness, and community collaboration took center stage in the latest episode of County Connections, featuring Wood County Sheriff Shawn Becker and host David Murchland.

The program opened with discussion of recent storms that swept through the region, bringing heavy rainfall and rising water levels across local rivers, including the Yellow and Wisconsin Rivers. Sheriff Becker urged residents to exercise caution, when encountering flooded roadways.



"If you see water across the roadway, stay off of it," Becker emphasized, noting that submerged roads can be structurally compromised and dangerous. He also encouraged residents to report hazardous conditions so emergency crews can respond quickly with barricades and warnings.

Becker highlighted advances in weather tracking and emergency communication, praising the accuracy of modern alerts and urging the public to take warnings seriously by preparing safety plans and seeking shelter when

needed.

Recognizing Dispatchers' Critical Role

The episode also marked National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, honoring 911 dispatchers nationwide. Becker underscored the vital role dispatchers play as the first point of contact in emergencies.

"They take that first call... and connect law enforcement, fire, EMS, and the community," he said.

Dispatchers must remain calm under pressure while multitasking—gathering critical information, communicating with callers, and relaying details to first responders. Becker described the job as both mentally demanding and essential to ensuring safe and effective emergency response.

New Law Targets Cryptocurrency Scams

A major legislative update was also discussed: the passage of a new Wisconsin law regulating cryptocurrency ATMs. The law, signed by Governor Tony Evers, aims to combat scams that have increasingly targeted seniors.

According to Becker, scammers often convince victims to deposit large sums into crypto kiosks, making the money difficult to recover. The new law introduces a \$1,000 daily transaction limit and requires refunds within 30 days in certain cases.

Becker credited Wood County's investigative efforts for helping bring attention to the issue and pushing for statewide reform.

Mental Health Training Expands

The sheriff also highlighted the success of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training in Wood County. Now in its 15th class, the program equips law enforcement and first responders with tools to better handle mental health crises.

"Throughout your career, you're going to save somebody's life—and you might not even know it," Becker said.

Nearly 400 personnel have participated in the training, which emphasizes de-escalation, communication, and connecting individuals with appropriate services rather than defaulting to detention.

Mock Crash Demonstrations Educate Students

Community outreach efforts were also on display through a recent mock crash simulation at Auburndale High School. The exercise involved local emergency services and aimed to educate students about the consequences of impaired and distracted driving.

The realistic demonstration included staged injuries, a fatality, and law enforcement procedures, offering students a firsthand look at the aftermath of serious accidents.

Community Support and Department Updates

The episode concluded with updates from the sheriff's department, including a new deputy hire and an upcoming retirement. Becker also noted strong community support for a recent K-9 fundraising bingo event, which reached capacity and highlighted the need for a larger venue in the future.

Wisconsin Enacts Cryptocurrency ATM Limits to Combat Rising Scam Cases

By David Murchland, Marshfield Now!

WOOD COUNTY, Wis. — A new Wisconsin law aimed at regulating cryptocurrency ATMs is expected to help curb a growing number of scams that have cost victims thousands of dollars, local officials said.

The legislation, recently signed by Gov. Tony Evers, places limits on how much money can be deposited into cryptocurrency kiosks and introduces new consumer protections. Under the law, users are restricted to depositing no more than \$1,000 per day, and certain transactions may be eligible for refunds within 30 days.

Authorities say the law addresses a surge in scams in which criminals instruct victims—often older adults—to withdraw large sums of cash and deposit it into cryptocurrency ATMs. Once the funds are transferred to a digital wallet controlled by scammers, the money is typically unrecoverable.

Wood County Sheriff Shawn Becker said local law enforcement began encountering these cases several years ago as cryptocurrency kiosks became more common in convenience stores.

Investigators initially focused on recovering cash deposits as evidence and returning funds to victims when possible. However, disputes over ownership of the money and the lack of clear regulations complicated those efforts, Becker said.

The issue prompted collaboration between local officials and state lawmakers, including the drafting of legislation to regulate the machines and provide clearer guidelines for enforcement and consumer protection.

Supporters of the law say it balances the

use of emerging financial technology with safeguards to prevent exploitation. Becker emphasized that authorities are not opposed to cryptocurrency itself but are focused on stopping fraudulent activity.

Officials say public awareness remains critical, urging residents to be cautious of unsolicited requests involving cryptocurrency transactions and to report suspected scams to law enforcement.

Severe Storms Prompt Flood Warnings, Safety Reminders in Wood County

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

WOOD COUNTY, Wis. — Severe storms that moved through central Wisconsin have led to rising water levels and prompted officials to warn residents about flooding and dangerous road conditions.

Wood County Sheriff Shawn Becker said recent rainfall has caused rivers, including the Yellow and Wisconsin, to swell, with water also filling ditches and low-lying areas, particularly in rural parts of the county.



Authorities are urging drivers to avoid roads covered by water, noting that it is often impossible to determine the condition of the roadway underneath. Flooded roads may be washed out or unstable, posing serious risks to motorists.

Residents who encounter hazardous

conditions are encouraged to report them so crews can place barricades and issue warnings to others, officials said.

Becker also stressed the importance of heeding weather alerts, pointing to improved forecasting technology that provides more accurate timing and tracking of storm systems.

Emergency officials recommend having a safety plan in place during severe weather, including identifying a secure location inside the home, such as a basement or interior room, to shelter during storms.

Additional storms were possible later in the day, according to officials, who advised residents to remain alert and prepared for changing conditions.

Drug Take Back Day Scheduled for April 25

The City of Marshfield is reminding residents that Drug Take Back Day will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026, providing a safe, convenient, and confidential way to dispose of unused or expired medications.

Improper disposal of medications can pose risks to public health, safety, and the environment. This event helps ensure medications are handled responsibly.

Drop-off location and time include:
•Marshfield City Hall – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Hosted by Marshfield Police Department

Residents are encouraged to:
•Remove or black out personal information on prescription labels
•Bring medications in their original containers
•Place pills in a sealed bag or container if preferred

This event is organized in partnership with Healthy People Wood County, IMPACT, and the Marshfield Area Coalition for Youth (MACY).

Producers Channel 989								
	Monday 4-20-2026	Tuesday 4-21-2026	Wednesday 4-22-2026	Thursday 4-23-2026	Friday 4-24-2026	Saturday 4-25-2026	Sunday 4-26-2026	Monday 4-27-2026
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1:30:00 AM								
2:00:00 AM	Producers Pick	Producers Pick	Producers Pick	Producers Pick	Producers Pick			Producers Pick
2:30:00 AM								
3:00:00 AM						Lord Blood RaHS Theatre	Lord Blood RaHS Theatre	
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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
9:00:00 AM	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Lights, Camera, Polka	East Gate	Vibrant Living Series
9:30:00 AM						Lights, Camera, Polka		
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11:00:00 AM	TV Mass	1st Presbyterian	East Gate	Christ Lutheran	Faith Lutheran	Lights, Camera, Polka	Christ Lutheran	TV Mass
11:30:00 AM	Faith Lutheran					Lights, Camera, Polka		Faith Lutheran
12:00 PM				1st Presbyterian		Lights, Camera, Polka	Faith Lutheran	
12:30:00 PM		Christ Lutheran	Calvary Bible		Immanuel Lutheran	Lights, Camera, Polka		
1:00:00 PM	East Gate					Lights, Camera, Polka		East Gate
1:30:00 PM		Immanuel Lutheran		It's Happening Classics		Lights, Camera, Polka	Calvary Bible	
2:00:00 PM					Good Shepherd	Lights, Camera, Polka		
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
4:30:00 PM	Meet The Author	Meet The Author		Meet The Author	Meet The Author			Meer The Author
5:00:00 PM	Sister In Arms	Sister In Arms	Sister in Arms	Sister in Arms	Sister In Arms	Marshfield Civic Band	Gay USA	Sister In Arms
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		Paltrocast	Everything LGBTQ	
6:30:00 PM		Sidewalks Entertainment	Artist Mary Jo Fox	Sidewalks Entertainment	Sidewalks Entertainment	Goin Vinyl		
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9:30:00 PM								
10:00:00 PM	Rock N Roll Video Show	Bongo Music	Rock N Roll Video Show	Bongo Music	Rock N Roll Video Show	Late Night Movies	Late Night Movies	Rock N Roll Video Show
10:30:00 PM	Open Mic Poetry	Bongo Music	Open Mic Poetry	Bongo Music	Open Mic Poetry			Open Mic Poetry
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