

MARSHFIELD NOW!

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ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, FEB 17th

The City of Marshfield is reminding residents that Election Day is Tuesday, February 17. Polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Oak Avenue Community Center - 201 S. Oak Avenue, Marshfield, WI
•Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, and the City portion of Marathon County

Second Street Community Center - 211 E. 2nd Street, Marshfield, WI
•Districts 8 and 9

Wildwood Station 1800 S. Roddis Avenue, Marshfield, WI
•Districts 5, 6, and 7

For your convenience, we have an interactive map where you can enter your address to find your voting location, or you can download the map.

If you haven't register you can register at the polls on Election Day. You must bring proof of residence. Proof of residence is required to vote in Wisconsin. The proof of residence document must include your current name and current address. For example, proof of residence could include a current Wisconsin driver's license, a utility bill, or a residential lease. A complete list is available at elections.wi.gov/register.

For more information, contact the City Clerk at 715-486-2023 or visit MyVote

NEW MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

Krista J. James has been appointed to the office of Municipal Court Judge for Marshfield Area Municipal Court. Her term will run through November 30, 2026. A special election will be held in November to complete the remainder of the vacancy created by the late Judge Kruse's resignation.

The Marshfield Area Municipal Court is located inside City Hall at 207 W. 6th Street, Marshfield, WI. The court is staffed by a part-time Municipal Judge and a full-time Municipal Court Clerk.

The Marshfield Area Municipal Court is a joint court serving the following communities:

- City of Marshfield
- Village of Spencer
- Village of Stratford

JOIN THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Marshfield Police Department is now accepting applications for its upcoming Citizens Police Academy, an eight-week program that offers residents a behind-the-scenes look at local law enforcement.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning April 8, 2026, and running through May 27, 2026.

The Citizens Police Academy provides participants with a working knowledge of law enforcement operations, including the role of support

staff, while strengthening community relationships and encouraging valuable feedback from residents.

This interactive program includes hands-on learning experiences such as:

- Crime scene investigations
- SWAT tactics
- Use-of-force decision-making scenarios
- Police range demonstrations
- K-9 unit demonstrations

Participants gain firsthand insight into how officers train, make decisions, and serve the Marshfield community.

Applications are due by April 1, 2026. Completed forms may be mailed, dropped off at the Police Department, or emailed to cindy.gaetz@ci.marshfield.wi.us.

This is a unique opportunity to learn more about policing in Marshfield and build stronger connections between the department and the community.

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 prior to the start of the first in-person class. Attendance at all in-person sessions is required.

Participants must complete the following skills:

Swim-Tread-Swim (no time limit):

- 150-yard swim
- 2 minutes of treading water without using hands
- 50-yard swim

Timed Brick Dive (1 minute, 40 seconds):

- Swim 20 yards to approximately 8-foot-deep water
- Retrieve a 10-pound brick from the bottom
- Return on back with both hands holding the brick
- Exit the water without using a ladder

The course is free for individuals planning to work at Vandehy Waters this summer.



Live Broadcast

Tuesday, February 17
•5:15 pm: Finance, Budget & Personnel Committee

•6:15 pm: Board of Public Works

•7:00 pm: Plan Commission

For more information or to register, contact Amanda Bruce at amanda.bruce@cityofmarshfieldwi.gov.

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Mid-State Technical College offers spring mid-term start options beginning March 2

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — It's not too late to begin classes at Mid-State Technical College this spring. The college is offering a wide range of spring mid-term start courses running March 2 through May 14, providing a flexible entry point for students ready to move forward with their education.

Courses are available in online, hybrid and in-person formats, allowing working adults, career changers and recent high school graduates to fit college into busy schedules. Students enrolling in mid-term start



classes also have access to dedicated support staff to help them make informed decisions and set a clear path for success.

Mid-State student support staff can help students:

Discuss program and career options

Review course transferability for students planning to continue their education

Provide financial planning guidance, including tuition, financial aid and payment options

“Mid-term start gives stu-

dents momentum, and our support team helps them turn that momentum into a plan,” said Sarah Bangart, financial wellness coordinator at Mid-State Technical College. “From choosing the right program to understanding how courses transfer and how to pay for school, we’re here to help students feel confident every step of the way.”

Students can begin coursework in a variety of high-demand and foundational areas, including:

Business and Accounting: Accounting 1 and 2, Payroll Accounting, Business Taxation, Cost and Managerial Accounting, Excel for Account-

ing, Marketing Principles, Project Management, Human Resource Management

Manufacturing, Trades and Technical: Robotic Welding, Advanced and Intermediate GTAW (TIG), Machine Shop Foundations, Advanced CNC Milling Operations, Electrical Systems, HVAC Air Conditioning Fundamentals, Introduction to HVAC Installation

Public Safety and Human Services: Community Policing, Criminology, Probation and Parole, Wellness in Public Safety, Child Advocacy

Health and Wellness: Medi-

cal Terminology, Phlebotomy Clinical, Applied Dental Radiography, Group Fitness Instruction, Mental Wellness for Emergency Services

General Education and College Success: English Composition I, College Mathematics, Speech, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to American Government, GPS for Student Success

Students are encouraged to enroll soon, as start dates vary by course and space may be limited. Prospective students can apply online at mstc.edu/apply and connect with Mid-State’s student support team for personalized assistance with enrollment, program planning and financial questions.

More information and registration details are available at mstc.edu/registertoday.

About Mid-State Technical College
Mid-State Technical College is one of 16 colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System, offering high-demand associate degrees, technical diplomas, certificates, apprenticeship training, customized workforce training and industry certifications. The college district serves more than 171,000 residents, with campuses in Adams, Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids. Mid-State is home to the Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering Technology, and Apprenticeship (AMETA™) Center, central Wisconsin’s Healthcare Simulation Center and the LEAD Center, supporting leadership growth. Through a supportive environment, modern technology and faculty with professional experience, Mid-State graduates gain the skills and confidence needed for in-demand careers.

Visit mstc.edu/news for more information.

Marshfield committee to review staffing changes, park donation, emergency preparedness agreement

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — The Marshfield Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee will meet Tuesday evening to consider several staffing, budget and public health coordination items, including a proposed change to library staffing hours and the appointment of a new city engineer.

The committee is scheduled to convene at 5:15 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 207 W. Sixth St.

Among the agenda items is a request from Library Director Jill Porter to shift staff hours following the retirement of a longtime circulation assistant. The proposal would combine hours from two positions to maintain service levels without increasing costs.

Committee members will also review a resolution to accept an \$11,440 donation for player shelters at Griese Park. The contribution, made by Fergus and Ann McKiernan, would fund shelters intended to improve amenities for athletes and spectators at the soccer complex.

Another item seeks approval of a memorandum of understanding with the Wood County Health Department designating the Oak Avenue Community Center as a mass dispensing site for medical supplies during a public health emergency.

The committee is also expected to consider writing off certain ambulance accounts deemed uncollectible and recommending the appointment of Tim Cassidy as city engineer.

Additional discussion will include a proposed \$5,000 city contribution to a regional industry and site readiness evaluation project led by Centergy.

The meeting is open to the public and will be streamed live on the city's website and local media platforms.

United We Can 2026 Returns to Support Local Food Pantries

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Marshfield Area United Way and the United We Can Committee are inviting businesses, organizations and families to take part in United We Can 2026, a communitywide canned food sculpture competition designed to support local food programs.

United We Can transforms creativity into community impact. Participating teams build sculptures made primarily from nonperishable food items and compete for community votes online. After the competition concludes, 100% of the food used in the sculptures is donated to local food programs, including Little Free Pantries of Marshfield, Soup or Socks Food Pantry, Saint Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and the Marshfield Area United Way NOW Program.

The event will be held virtually. Teams construct sculptures at their workplaces or homes and submit photos for online voting.

Event timeline

Feb. 2, 2026: Pre-registration opens

Feb. 23 – March 6: Build dates

March 9, noon CST: Photo submission deadline

March 11, noon CST: Facebook voting opens

March 16, noon CST: Facebook voting closes

March 17: Winners announced

Contest guidelines

Each team must build a sculpture composed of at least 90% nonperishable food items. Food items may not be altered, labels must remain intact and expired items are not permitted.

Teams planning larger builds may contact Festival Foods or Pick 'n Save one week prior to their build date for assistance gathering items.

Photo submission details

Once construction is complete, teams should email photos to Jenni@MarshfieldAreaUnitedWay.org and include:

Company, organization or family name

Sculpture name

Inventory of items used (example: 12 cans of corn, 25 cans of chicken, 65 jars of jelly)

Total number of items used

Behind-the-scenes photos are encouraged to showcase creativity and teamwork.

Award categories

Fan Favorite — 249 Items or Less Champion

Fan Favorite — 250–499 Items Champion

Fan Favorite — 500+ Items Champion

Most Wish List Items Used

Most Items Used

Voting details

Voting will take place on the Marshfield Area United Way Facebook page from noon Wednesday, March 11, through noon Monday, March 16.

Like = 1 point

Heart = 2 points

Community members are encouraged to vote and share their favorite sculptures.

Pantry wish list

Participating food pantries have identified priority items, including canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, baking goods (flour and sugar), dry beans, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, jelly, mayonnaise or Miracle Whip, fruit cups, baked beans and canned chili. Teams are encouraged to incorporate these items whenever possible.

About United We Can

United We Can began in 2019 as a Leadership Marshfield class project and transitioned to a virtual format in 2021. The event continues to unite businesses, organizations and families while generating thousands of donated food items to support local families in need.

School board reviews \$7.2M budget gap in high school renovation project

Story and Video submitted by Marshfield Community Member - Brandon Taylor

MARSHFIELD — The Marshfield School Board is considering cost reductions and the possible use of reserve funds after bids for the high school renovation project came in approximately \$7.2 million over budget.

District administrators and representatives from Nexus Solutions presented bid results and proposed adjustments during a recent board meeting. The high school project is part of the district's previously approved facilities referendum.

According to district officials, the project received 46 bids across 15 work scopes. While participation was strong, the total cost exceeded the allocated budget.

Superintendent Ryan Christianson said the district anticipated some fluctuation but acknowledged the overage requires adjustments.

"We have been working closely with Nexus to identify reductions and consider options to bring the project back within budget," Christianson said.

Factors contributing to the higher bids include inflationary pressures, uncertainty surrounding tariffs, increased material costs and competition from other large regional construction projects. Officials also cited unexpected site conditions, including poor soil near portions of the building, utility upgrades required by the city

and additional structural work tied to code compliance.

To address the shortfall, the district outlined three options:

Option A: Reduce project scope by about \$2 million and allocate \$1.5 million from Fund 46 (the district's long-term capital maintenance fund).

Option B: Reduce scope by about \$2.5 million and use \$1 million from Fund 46.

Option C: Reduce scope by about \$3.5 million and use no additional funds.

Administrators recommended Option A, which preserves most of the referendum's planned improvements, including safety upgrades and expanded student spaces.

Proposed cost reductions include scaling back the fire suppression system in portions of the existing building, modifying bleacher specifications, reusing select kitchen equipment, postponing window replacement in a 1993 section of the building and retaining existing thermostats that remain functional.

Christianson said Fund 46 currently holds just over \$5 million, making a \$1.5 million allocation feasible while still maintaining reserves.

Board members raised questions about safety implications related to reducing the fire suppression scope. Nexus representatives said sprinkler systems would still be installed in new additions and higher-priority areas, while existing fire alarms, smoke detection systems and code-required fire

separations would remain in place throughout the building.

Officials emphasized the importance of acting quickly. Bids are valid for 45 days, and delaying action could require rebidding the project, potentially resulting in higher costs.

The board plans to hold a special meeting later this month to finalize adjustments and take action before the bid window expires.

In other business, the board:

Approved minutes from the Jan. 14 open session.

Reviewed a personnel report noting upcoming staff retirements and resignations.

Received an update on the search for a new high school principal. The posting closes Feb. 22, with interviews planned for March and a possible board decision in April.

The meeting adjourned following discussion of the facilities project.

Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield Partners With Ross for Power Hour Fundraiser Through March 1

By David Murchland – Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — The Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield is partnering with Ross Dress for Less on a local fundraiser to support academic programs for area youth.

Kaitlyn, a club representative, announced on Marshfield Now! that the Marshfield Ross store is participating in a nationwide campaign

benefiting the club's Power Hour program, which provides homework help, tutoring and academic support.

Through March 1, customers can round up purchases at checkout or donate \$1, \$5 or \$20. All funds raised locally will stay in Marshfield. Ross stores nationwide will donate up to \$500,000 as part of the campaign, helping match community contributions.

Donations help cover operating costs such as supplies, snacks and staff wages. Funds directed to Power Hour provide tutoring support for participating students.

The club is currently operating in a temporary location and plans to move into a standalone facility, with a capital campaign expected to launch in early April.

In addition to the Ross fundraiser, the organization will host its first Breakfast for BGC fundraiser May 17 at RiverEdge Golf Course and Banquet Facility. Tickets go on sale March 9.

According to its 2025 impact report, the club was open 103 days and served 165 children from Marshfield elementary schools, Trinity Lutheran and Columbus schools, providing more than 5,000 free meals and snacks.

Kaitlyn said the club supports working families by offering a safe after-school environment. Community members can also help year-round through in-kind donations such as STEM supplies, cooking materials, art supplies and books via the club's Amazon wish list.

Producers Channel 989								
	Monday 2-16-2026	Tuesday 2-17-2026	Wednesday 2-18-2026	Thursday 2-19-2026	Friday 2-20-2026	Saturday 2-21-2026	Sunday 2-22-2026	Monday 2-23-2026
12:30:00 AM								
1:00:00 AM						Chiller Night Theatre	Chiller Night Theatre	
1:30:00 AM								
2:00:00 AM	Producers Pick			Producers Pick				
2:30:00 AM								
3:00:00 AM						Lord Blood Rabs Theatre	Lord Blood Rabs Theatre	
3:30:00 AM								
4:00:00 AM	Science Series	Science 360	Science Series	Science 360	Science Series			Science Series
4:30:00 AM								
5:00:00 AM						Science 360	Science 360	
5:30:00 AM								
6:00:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka					
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	Lights, Camera, Polka	1st Presbyterian	Yoga For Health				
7:30:00 AM	Daceys Divas	Lights, Camera, Polka		Daceys Divas				
8:00:00 AM	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	Lights, Camera, Polka	East Gate	Vibrant Living Series				
9:30:00 AM						Lights, Camera, Polka		
10:00:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka		Lights, Camera, Polka					
10:30:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka	TV Mass	Lights, Camera, Polka					
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	Denise Johnson 2026	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	Winterfest 2026/ Boson 2026		It's Happening Classics
6:00:00 PM		Paltrocast	Paltrocast	Paltrocast		Paltrocast	Everything LGBTQ	
6:30:00 PM		Sidewalks Entertainment	Denise Johnson 2026	Sidewalks Entertainment	Denise Johnson 2026	Goin Vinyl		
7:00:00 PM	NOWi	Ragtime All That Jazz	Ragtime All That Jazz	Ragtime All that Jazz	NOWi	Ragtime All That Jazz	Open Mic at the Chestnut	NOWi
7:30:00 PM	Arts Alive				Arts Alive			Arts Alive
8:00:00 PM	Mo Jazz	Winterfest 2026	Mo Jazz	Winterfest 2026	Mo Jazz	Toni G Psychic Medium		Mo Jazz
8:30:00 PM		Bosons Snowfest 2026		Bosons Snowfest 2026			Bosons Snowfest 2026	
9:00:00 PM	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight					
9:30:00 PM								
10:00:00 PM	Bongo Music	Late Night Movies	Late Night Movies	Open Mic Poetry				
10:30:00 PM	Open Mic Poetry	Bongo Music	Open Mic Poetry	Bongo Music	Open Mic Poetry			
11:00:00 PM	Frack The Canon	Frack The Canon	Frack The Canon	Frack The Canon	Music Videos			Bongo Music
11:30:00 PM	Ben And Kelly	Ben And Kelly	Ben And Kelly	Ben And Kelly	Music Videos			Bongo Music
12:00 AM	Classic Night Movies			Classic Night Movies				

Marshfield Area CULTURAL FAIR

uwsp.edu/Marshfield/cultural-fair



FREE EVENT

February 21, 2026

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

UW–Stevens Point at Marshfield
2000 West 5th Street
Marshfield, WI 54449



Food

Share a meal and learn about many cultures in the community

Exhibits

Displays of native lands, customs, traditions, celebrations

Entertainment

Music, dance and more!

Educational/Youth Events

Arts & Crafts, Puppet Show, C2 Makerspace, Face Painting, Hydroponic Garden

For more information, contact the UW–Stevens Point at Marshfield Solution Center at 715-389-6530, uwspmarshfield@uwsp.edu or visit uwsp.edu/Marshfield.



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