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City of Marshfield Recognizes Angie Houghton as Community Producer and Volunteer of the Year

By David Ballerstein -
Marshfield Now!

Marshfield, WI — January 27, 2026 — The City of Marshfield and Marshfield Broadcasting – Community Television proudly recognized Angie Houghton as the Community Producer and Volunteer of the Year during the Common Council meeting on Tuesday evening.



Houghton was honored for her outstanding service to Marshfield Broadcasting – Community Television and to the community of Marshfield. Since becoming a volunteer more than two years ago, she has demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a strong commitment to learning and creativity through community media.

Houghton discovered community television through a friend who had taken an

evening media class at the Chestnut Center for the Arts. Intrigued by the opportunity to learn and participate, she began volunteering at Marshfield Broadcasting, where she quickly learned camera operation, lighting, studio production, and video editing. Over time, she gained the skills needed to assist with live studio programs and to produce her own original projects.

“In grateful recognition of her dedication and perseverance, Angie has

embraced the art of media as a tool to inform, educate, and inspire our community,” said representatives from Marshfield Broadcasting. “Her willingness to learn and grow has strengthened our programming and expanded what community television can offer.”

Houghton’s personal journey has also been an inspiration. Her story stands as a testament to the power of creativity, self-expression, and positive community engagement.

Through her work with community television, she has found a meaningful outlet for growth and service, while serving as a positive influence for others.

Marshfield Broadcasting, a division of the City of Marshfield’s Communications Department, is dedicated to providing residents with access to media training, creative expression, and opportunities to share their voices. City officials noted that Houghton exemplifies the mission of community television by turning opportunity into impact.

“Marshfield Broadcasting is proud to be a place of learning, expression, and creativity—and proud to have Angie Houghton as part of our community,” the recognition concluded.

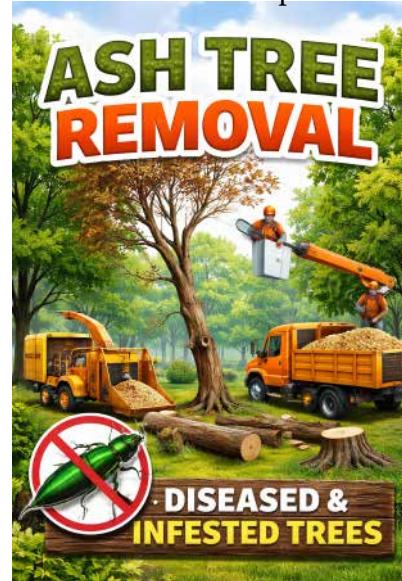
CITY OF MARSHFIELD WILL BE REMOVING ASH TREES ON THE NORTH END OF PECAN PARKWAY BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY

Provided by City Forester
Mark Ryskiewicz

The City of Marshfield will remove ash trees on the north end of Pecan Parkway in February. This is a proactive approach to remove ash trees before they become hazardous from being infected with the Emerald Ash Borer.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive wood-boring insect detected in the City of Marshfield in January 2021. The insect kills Ash trees by feeding underneath

the bark and disrupting the transportation of water and nutrients. Widespread



mortality can be expected among untreated ash trees.

A planting effort will be conducted in the spring following the Ash tree cutting, with a diverse selection of tree species suited to the site.



Live Broadcast

Tuesday, February 3
5:00 pm: Judiciary & License Committee

5:15 pm: Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee

6:15 pm: Board of Public Works

Marshfield Ross Dress for Less to Host Fundraiser Supporting Local Youth Education

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Shoppers at the Marshfield Ross Dress for Less will have the opportunity to support local youth education during a nationwide fundraiser benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of America.

From Feb. 7 through March 1, customers can donate at checkout as part of Ross Stores' 12th annual "Help Local Youth Succeed in School" campaign. Proceeds raised at the Marshfield location will support the Homework Help program, known as Power Hour, at the Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield.

Power Hour provides structured homework assistance, tutoring, and academic support for children and teens in a safe, supervised environment. According to campaign organizers, every \$5 donation helps fund 30 minutes of homework help for a club member, while larger ---

Story on next page... donations can support college application assistance and hands-on science activities.

To increase the fundraiser's impact, the Ross Stores Foundation will match customer donations nationwide, up to \$500,000. The foundation serves as the national sponsor of Power Hour and has supported Boys & Girls Clubs programs throughout the year.

"Ross is proud to host our 12th annual in-store fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs of America," said Gary Cribb, senior group executive vice president of stores and loss

prevention for Ross Stores. "The funds we raise support Power Hour, a program that opens the door to better grades and brighter futures for young people in our communities."

Ross Stores reports that since launching the annual campaign, the company and its customers have raised more than \$55 million for Boys & Girls Clubs nationwide.

The Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield is a new extension of the Boys & Girls Club movement and focuses on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development. The club operates under the guidance of the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County to ensure long-term sustainability and program quality.

More information about the Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield and ways to support the organization can be found at marshfieldbgc.org.

Incumbent Judge Emily Nolan-Plutchak Emphasizes Experience, Fairness and Community Ties Ahead of April Election

By David Ballerstein - Marshfield Now!

WOOD COUNTY — Incumbent Wood County Circuit Court Branch III Judge Emily Nolan-Plutchak is seeking reelection this April, pointing to her judicial experience, long legal career in Wood County and emphasis on fairness, consistency and community engagement.

Nolan-Plutchak outlined her background and approach to the bench during a recent episode of Get to Know, a candidate interview program produced by Marshall

Broadcasting. The program is intended to provide voters with general information about candidates and does not constitute an endorsement.

Nolan-Plutchak has served as Branch III judge since Aug. 1, following her appointment after the retirement of Judge Todd Wolf. She described the position as challenging but rewarding and said she views her role as one of public service to the residents of Wood County.

Prior to joining the bench, Nolan-Plutchak spent nearly two decades working as a public defender. She served 16 years as a staff public defender



in Wood County and later worked as the local attorney manager, overseeing the public defender's office and coordinating attorneys in both Wood and Adams counties. She said that experience provided extensive preparation for managing the wide variety of cases that come before the court.

Nolan-Plutchak noted that she is the only candidate in the race with prior judicial experience. Since taking office, she has presided over a broad range of cases and said her familiarity with courtroom procedures and decision-making allows her to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

A significant part of Nolan-Plutchak's legal career has involved treatment courts, particularly drug court. As a public defender, she served as the defense representative on the Wood County drug court team for Branch III. She said drug court demonstrated how treatment-based approaches can reduce costs while helping participants break cycles of addiction and repeated involvement with the criminal justice system.

Her involvement in treatment courts extended beyond the local level. Nolan-Plutchak served on the board of the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals

and later became president of the organization. Through that role, she said she was able to connect with treatment court professionals across the state and nation and bring best practices back to Wood County.

Now serving as the drug court judge, Nolan-Plutchak said the program allows her to see positive outcomes for participants, including parents regaining stability, individuals pursuing education and employment, and families avoiding long-term involvement in the justice system.

When discussing her judicial philosophy, Nolan-Plutchak emphasized fairness and

impartiality. She said fairness means treating everyone who enters her courtroom with dignity and respect, listening carefully to their concerns and ensuring that they feel heard, regardless of the type of case or the individuals involved.

She also stressed that outside influences or personal relationships do not affect her decisions. Nolan-Plutchak said she wants residents to trust that every case, whether it involves small claims, eviction, civil litigation or criminal charges, is handled impartially.

Consistency in the courtroom, she said, comes from applying the law uniformly to the facts of each case. Nolan-Plutchak explained that she relies on the law itself to guide decisions, regardless of a person's age, background or the nature of the proceedings.

Preparation was another theme highlighted during the interview. Nolan-Plutchak said she carefully reviews case files and legal issues in advance, particularly when handling difficult or emotionally charged cases. She noted that being prepared allows her to manage challenging moments effectively and maintain control of the courtroom.

Wood County's court structure requires judges to hear all types of cases rather than rotating through specialized dockets. Nolan-Plutchak said this system allows judges to gain experience across multiple areas of law, including criminal, civil, family, juvenile and probate matters. She said handling a wide range of cases in a single day has strengthened her ability to serve the county effectively.

Court efficiency was another priority discussed during the

interview. Nolan-Plutchak said she places a strong emphasis on moving cases forward in a timely manner, noting that victims, litigants and families deserve prompt decisions. She supports the use of scheduling orders and clear deadlines to prevent unnecessary delays and ensure consistent progress in cases.

She also addressed courtroom professionalism, saying preparation and respectful treatment of all parties help maintain order and fairness. Nolan-Plutchak said it is especially important that individuals without legal representation feel equally heard and respected when appearing before the court.

Beyond her legal experience, Nolan-Plutchak pointed to her ties to the community as a key reason for seeking reelection. She is the mother of 13-year-old twin boys who attend local schools and participate in community activities. She said being actively involved in the community helps her stay aware of local concerns and priorities.

Nolan-Plutchak said she chose to raise her family in Wood County because she believes it is a strong community and wants to help ensure it remains safe and supportive for families. She said her role as a judge is closely connected to the well-being of the community she serves.

As the April election approaches, Nolan-Plutchak said she hopes voters will consider her experience, record on the bench and commitment to public service. She said her current service as Branch III judge demonstrates her ability to carry out the responsibilities of the position.

The Wood County Circuit Court Branch III race will be decided by voters in April. Marshall Broadcasting emphasized that participation in the Get to Know program does not imply endorsement of any candidate.

UW-Stevens Point

Marshfield Campus Brings Come From Away to Local Stage

By David Ballerstein -
Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD — A powerful story of compassion, resilience, and community will take center stage this February at the UW-Stevens Point Marshfield campus as the theater program presents *Come From Away*, a musical based on real events following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The production tells the story of 38 commercial airplanes that were diverted to Gander, Newfoundland, when U.S. airspace closed on Sept. 11, 2001. Nearly 7,000 passengers were suddenly grounded in

tragedy," director and music director Donna Thompson said. "It's about the goodness of people and the kindness that comes out in the worst of times."

While *Come From Away* has enjoyed professional success on Broadway and touring productions, its release to non-professional theater groups is relatively recent. According to Thompson, the Marshfield campus production is believed to be the first non-professional staging of the musical in Wisconsin.

The show features a cast of 12 actors portraying dozens of characters, rapidly shifting roles to represent both the residents of Gander and the passengers forced to land there. Minimal props and fast-paced scene changes — often using only chairs and tables — help move the story fluidly from airplanes to schools, town halls, and homes.

Cast member Blake Weber plays multiple roles, including Bob, a New Yorker who slowly opens up to the warmth of



the small Canadian town, nearly doubling its population overnight. For five days, local residents opened their homes, schools, and churches to stranded travelers, offering food, shelter, and comfort during a moment of global uncertainty.

"This show doesn't stay in the

community around him. "You see people who start off guarded and overwhelmed, and by the end, they've formed real connections," Weber said.

Joelle Clark, who plays Beulah, a local Newfoundland, said the show highlights how ordinary people stepped up in extraordinary circumstances.

"They didn't hesitate. They just said, 'Come in. Stay here,'" she said.

Other cast members echoed the sentiment that the story feels especially relevant today, reminding audiences of the strength found in community and empathy. "It reminds me a lot of towns like our own," said Andrew Koopman, who portrays Gander constable Oz Fudge. "Places that come together and take care of people."

Performances will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m., with a Saturday matinee on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m., at the UW-Stevens Point Marshfield campus, located at 2000 W. Fifth St. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at tickets.uwsp.edu. Seating is reserved, and early purchase is encouraged.

The approximately 100-minute production is performed without an intermission — a deliberate choice meant to reflect the unrelenting pace and uncertainty faced by both passengers and residents during those days in 2001.

"Why should the actors get a break," one of the show's creators once remarked, "when the people of Gander didn't get one?"

For Thompson and the cast, the goal is simple: leave audiences moved, uplifted, and reminded that even in the darkest moments, humanity can shine through.

ABSENTEE VOTING OPTIONS

By Tom Loucks/
Communications Director

Voters who are unable or

prefer not to vote at the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. A written application to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by email, or at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

In-person absentee voting for the February 17, 2026, Spring Primary Election will be held at City Hall, 207 W. 6th Street, from Tuesday, February 3, through Friday, February 13. Hours are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–Noon.



No in-person absentee voting is held the day before Election Day. Absentee ballots may be returned by mail, dropped off at the Clerk's Office during City Hall hours, or placed in the City Hall drop box when the building is closed.

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

CITY ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF ASH TREE LOGS

Provided by Public Works

The City of Marshfield is accepting sealed bids for the sale of ash tree logs located in the southern portion of Braem Park along East Grant Street.

Bids must be submitted to City Hall, 207 W. 6th Street, by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter and publicly read in the Public Conference Room.

The ash logs may be viewed beginning January 31, 2026. Bids will be accepted on a per-pile basis, and all logs must be removed by the end of the day on March 1, 2026. Cutting of logs within the park will not be permitted.



Conditions of Sale and Bid Forms are available at City Hall or through the Street Division.

For more information and to view this and other opportunities, visit the City's Bids, RFPs, and Quotes page. Questions may be directed to City Hall at 715-486-2034 or the Street Division at 715-486-2081.

Granton FFA to Host Community Trivia Night Fundraiser Supporting Student Incentive Trip

Granton, WI — February 2026 — The Granton FFA Chapter is excited to announce an upcoming Community Trivia Night designed to bring people together for an evening of fun while supporting a meaningful cause for local students.



This new fundraising event will benefit the school's Granton PBIS Program

(Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Proceeds from the event will help sponsor Granton students for an end-of-year incentive trip that recognizes positive behavior, responsibility, and leadership throughout the

school year.

Community members, families, friends, and local organizations are invited to form teams and test their knowledge across ten rounds of trivia, with prizes, raffles, food, and refreshments adding to the festive atmosphere.

Event Details

What: 10 rounds of 10 trivia questions for teams to answer

When: 7:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2026

Doors open at: 6:00 PM

Where: Granton School Field House, 217 N. Main St., Granton

Team Information: Up to 8 people per team

Cost: \$10 per person

Registration Deadline: February 13, 2026 (team registration and payment due)

Attendees can also look forward to raffles and door prizes throughout the evening, making this a lively and engaging event for participants of all ages.

The Granton FFA Chapter encourages community members and local organizations to spread the word and help make this event a success.

Increased attendance will maximize the funds raised and expand the impact of the PBIS incentive program.

For registration information or questions about the event, please contact the Granton FFA Chapter.

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2:00:00 AM	Producers Pick			Producers Pick				
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3:00:00 AM						Lord Blood Rahs Theatre	Lord Blood Rahs Theatre	
3:30:00 AM								
4:00:00 AM	Science Series	Science 360	Science Series	Science 360	Science Series			Science Series
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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	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		Lights, Camera, Polka				
10:30:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka	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			Meet 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		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	Mid-State Graduation 2025	Ragtime All That Jazz	Mid-State Graduation 2025	NOWi	Ragtime All That Jazz	Open Mic Night Dec 2025	NOWi
7:30:00 PM	Arts Alive				Arts Alive			Arts Alive
8:00:00 PM	Mo Jazz		Mo Jazz		Mo Jazz	Toni G Psychic Medium		Mo Jazz
8:30:00 PM		Winterfest 2026		Winterfest 2026				
9:00:00 PM	Mikes Music Spotlight	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 Now! Channel 990

Government Channel 991

Meeting times and dates may change from time of print of this guide. Go to ci.marshfield.wi.us for up to date meetings and time



GRANTON FFA PRESENTS

TRIVIA Night

TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST

FEBRUARY 27TH

TRIVIA . GAMES . FUN

CONCESSIONS | RAFFLES | DOOR PRIZES

**Granton School Field House
217 N. Main St., Granton, WI 54436**

Doors open @ 6 pm | Trivia starts @ 7 pm



\$10 PER PERSON

MAX 8 PERSONS PER TEAM



To register a team by February 13, contact:
715-238-5159 or reiderk@granton.k12.wi.us

Proceeds go to Granton students' end-of-year PBIS incentive trip