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## Marshfield Cultural Fair highlights food, dance and global cultures

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — The annual Marshfield Cultural Fair, the largest indoor winter event in the city, will return Saturday, Feb. 21, celebrating more than two decades of cultural diversity in the community.

and Marshfield Clinic Health System, now part of Sanford Health. Organizers say the partnership reflects a shared commitment to community engagement and inclusion.

Bob of Marshfield Clinic Health System said the fair highlights the diversity of both the community and the health care workforce.

“We bring people from all over the country and all over the

“For many families, this has become a generational tradition,” Tony said. “We hear people say their grandparents brought them, and now they’re bringing their kids.”

Health system staff and volunteers will also host informational tables on health care services and research initiatives. Organizers say the fair helps health professionals better understand cultural differences that influence health, family structure and care practices.

The Marshfield Cultural Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UW–Stevens Point Marshfield campus, 2000 W. Fifth St. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

Organizers encourage residents to attend, sample foods, enjoy performances and learn more about the cultures that make up the community.

“This is about learning, sharing and having fun together,” Bob said.

## CITY OF MARSHFIELD WILL BE REMOVING ASH TREES ON THE NORTH END OF PECAN PARKWAY THIS MONTH

Provided by City Forester Mark Ryskiewicz

The City of Marshfield will remove ash trees on the north end of Pecan Parkway. This is a proactive approach to remove ash trees before they become hazardous due to infection 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

**Monday, February 9**  
**•4:00 pm: Marshfield Utilities**

**Tuesday, February 10**  
**•6:00 pm: Common Council**

**Wednesday, February 11**  
**•5:30 pm: Parks, Recreation & Forestry]**

**Thursday, February 12**  
**•7:30 am: Fire & Police Commission**



The fair, hosted at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point Marshfield campus, typically draws more than 1,000 people and features cultural performances, food vendors, exhibitors and educational displays representing cultures from around the world.

“This is our signature event,” said Tony, a representative of UW–Stevens Point Marshfield. “For more than 20 years, we’ve been celebrating the richness and diversity of cultures in Marshfield and surrounding communities.”

The event is co-sponsored by UW–Stevens Point Marshfield

world to work here,” he said. “An event like this shows that Marshfield is a welcoming place that values diversity.”

The fair includes cultural dance performances, food from local restaurants, and booths hosted by vendors, community organizations and university clubs. This year, several UW–Stevens Point cultural student organizations and Native American groups are expected to participate.

A popular feature of the event is the children’s “passport” activity, which allows young attendees to visit different booths, learn about each culture and collect stamps or stickers.

## 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.

### School board candidates discuss finances, students and future planning

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

As voters prepare to cast ballots in the upcoming school board election, five candidates have begun outlining their visions for the district, sharing priorities that range from fiscal oversight to student advocacy and long-term planning.

Through a series of recent interviews, the candidates discussed how their backgrounds and perspectives shape their approach to school board service. While each emphasized different issues, all said student success remains the central focus of their campaigns.

Mason Gueckenberger said responsible financial management is one of the most important roles of the

school board. He emphasized the need for transparency and accountability when overseeing district budgets, noting that financial decisions have long-term impacts on students, staff and taxpayers. Gueckenberger said balancing academic needs with fiscal responsibility is essential to maintaining strong schools without placing unnecessary strain on the community.

Faith Myers centered her campaign on student advocacy and communication. She



said school board members should actively seek input from families, teachers and students before making decisions. Myers emphasized the importance of trust between the district and the community, saying open dialogue can help address concerns early and lead to more effective solutions. She said ensuring students feel supported and heard is critical to their success.

Dominic Pernsteiner focused on preparing students for life after graduation. He said schools should provide multiple pathways for success, including college preparation, technical education and workforce readiness. Pernsteiner emphasized long-term planning, saying school board decisions should account not only for current needs but also for the skills students will require in the future.

Ben Will said strong schools depend on strong educators. He emphasized teacher retention, classroom support and maintaining high academic standards as key issues facing the district. Will said supporting teachers through policy decisions and adequate resources helps create stable learning environments where students can thrive. He added that investing in educators is an investment in student achievement.

Mark Borchardt highlighted experience, stability and collaboration. He said effective school board members must be willing to work together respectfully, even when disagreements arise. Borchardt emphasized thoughtful decision-making and said keeping students at the center of discussions is essential when navigating complex issues facing the district.

Throughout the interviews, candidates also addressed the broader role of the school board, including setting policy, overseeing administration and representing community interests. Several emphasized the importance of listening to differing viewpoints and making decisions grounded in data, experience and community feedback.

The candidates' discussions offered voters a clearer picture of how each would approach the responsibilities of school

board service, from managing district resources to shaping educational priorities and planning for the future.

Another candidate in the race, Brandon Taylor, has not yet participated in an interview but is expected to share his platform in a future appearance later this week.

The school board election will determine which voices help guide district policy and educational direction in the years ahead.

**Two women seek Wood County circuit court seat**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. (AP) — Voters in Wood County will decide between two women with legal experience in public service and private practice when they choose a judge for Branch III of the Wood County Circuit Court this spring.

Incumbent Judge Emily Nolan-Plutchak and challenger Elizabeth Gebert are competing in the nonpartisan race. The election will determine who serves a six-year term on the circuit court.



Photo - Judge Emily Nolan-Plutchak

Nolan-Plutchak was appointed to the bench in 2023 by Gov. Tony Evers following a vacancy. Before becoming a judge, she worked as an assistant district attorney in Wood County, where she

prosecuted criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. She has also practiced law privately, representing clients in family law, criminal defense and civil matters.

Since taking the bench, Nolan-Plutchak says she has focused on maintaining courtroom efficiency while ensuring that all parties are treated fairly and respectfully. She points to her experience as both a prosecutor and defense attorney as preparation for weighing cases impartially and understanding the perspectives of those who appear before the court.

Gebert is an attorney with experience representing clients in family law and child welfare matters, including cases involving children and families navigating the court system. She has practiced in central Wisconsin and has appeared in circuit courts throughout the region. Gebert says her legal background has given her insight into how court decisions affect families and



Photo - Elizabeth Gebert

individuals long after cases conclude.

In her campaign, Gebert has emphasized accessibility and transparency in the judicial

system. She says judges should be approachable, prepared and mindful of how court procedures impact people who may be unfamiliar with the legal process.

Both candidates have identified increasing caseloads and time pressures as challenges facing the circuit court. They also point to the importance of timely rulings, clear communication and consistency in applying the law.

Judicial races in Wisconsin do not list party affiliation, and judges are prohibited from making commitments on how they would rule on specific issues. Instead, candidates typically highlight their legal experience, temperament and approach to the role.

The election for Branch III of the Wood County Circuit Court will be held in April. The winner will begin a six-year term later this year.

**Up Coming Meetings**

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

The Marshfield Utilities Commission will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the W.H. Upham Conference Room at 2000 S. Central Ave. Commissioners are scheduled to discuss a draft dark fiber policy, general manager contingency and succession governance, and the overall value of the utility. The agenda also includes routine items such as job orders, bills, payroll and financial reports. The commission may enter closed session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations involving power agreements and land leases.

The Common Council will

meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at City Hall, 207 W. Sixth St. The council will hear staff updates, receive reports from boards and commissions, and consider a recommendation to appoint Krista James as municipal court judge on a temporary basis pending a special election. Council members are also expected to receive an informational report on the condition of the Weinbrenner building and redevelopment efforts on West Second Street. A closed session is planned to discuss the Marshfield Utilities wholesale power contract.

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Committee is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the Wein Room at the Second Street Community Center. The committee will review the Rotary Winter Wonderland annual report, discuss the parks and recreation strategic plan, consider a request for proposals for the Columbia Park bandshell project, and review adjustments to the phasing of the Braem Park redevelopment.

The Fire and Police Commission will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department training room. The agenda includes approval of fire and police department bills, review of ambulance account write-offs, and consideration of several fire department policies and procedures, including updates related to public alerts, roadway incident safety and live-fire training.

All meetings include opportunities for public comment, and accommodations are available for individuals with disabilities upon request.

## Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride aims to expand regional transportation access.

WOOD COUNTY, Wis. — A new community initiative launching next year aims to improve transportation access for residents of central Wisconsin, particularly those who struggle to reach medical care, jobs, education and essential services.

Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride is expected to launch in May 2026 and will serve residents of Wood County and surrounding areas. The program is a partnership between the Wood County Health Department and Feonix Mobility Rising's Catch a Ride Network, with additional support from members of Leadership Marshfield's Class of 2025.

Organizers say the effort was developed in response to community feedback and data showing significant transportation gaps across the region. According to the 2024 Wood County Community Health Assessment, 28% of more than 3,200 respondents reported missing work, medical appointments or other important events in the past year due to a lack of transportation.

Project leaders say the data highlight the need for expanded and coordinated transportation services. By working with local providers, Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride aims to offer reliable and affordable mobility options for residents of all ages and abilities.

The program's mission includes raising awareness, strengthening partnerships and securing funding

to support long-term sustainability. Organizers say collaboration with community leaders and organizations will be key to building a transportation network that ensures residents can access essential destinations.

Community members can follow the Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride Facebook page for updates, events and opportunities to get involved.

Those interested in supporting the initiative financially can make donations online through the Marshfield Area Community Foundation or mail a check payable to Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Inc., with "Central Wisconsin Catch a Ride" noted in the memo line.

### Shirley's House of Hope to Host Fourth Annual Run for Hope April 25

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — Shirley's House of Hope will host its fourth annual Run for Hope on Saturday, April 25, at Wildwood Park Pavilion, 1800 S. Roddis Ave.

The event will run from 9 to 11 a.m., with registration from 8 to 9 a.m. Participants may choose a one-mile or 5K run or walk.

Unlike traditional races, the Run for Hope is a peer-to-peer fundraising event in which participants compete to raise the most support rather than post the fastest time. Funds raised support Shirley's House of Hope programs addressing domestic abuse and drug addiction.

The organization has set a fundraising goal of \$56,000. Participants are encouraged to raise \$1,000 each. For every \$100 raised, participants

will receive one entry into a drawing for a Wisconsin Dells waterpark package. Top fundraisers will also receive prizes donated by local businesses.

Registration opens Feb. 14. Participants may register as individuals, families or teams. Those who register by March 31 will receive a free Run for Hope T-shirt.



Registration fees are \$25 per individual or \$100 per family of four or more. Children ages 3 and younger may participate for free. Day-of registration will be \$30 per person.

Students from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Sentry School of Business and Economics MBA Project Management program are assisting with event planning this year.

"Thank you to all of our runners and walkers from the 2025 Run for Hope," said Tammy Redetzke, Shirley's House of Hope development director. "We hope you consider joining us again this year."

Participants are also invited to attend a kickoff pizza party and fundraising seminar at

5:30 p.m. March 9 at Shirley's House of Hope Transitional Housing Building D, 1316 N. Hume Ave. Attendees will receive registration assistance and hear from a student in the organization's recovery program.

Local businesses, churches and organizations may participate through sponsorships, prize or raffle basket donations,

loot bag item donations, or by displaying event flyers. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$300 to \$2,500.

For more information or to register, visit [www.shirleyshouseofhope.org](http://www.shirleyshouseofhope.org) beginning Feb. 14, or contact Shirley's House of Hope at 715-486-9000 or [angie@shirleyshoh.org](mailto:angie@shirleyshoh.org).

At a glance:

- What: Run for Hope
- When: April 25, 2026
- Registration: 8–9 a.m.
- Event: 9–11 a.m.
- Where: Wildwood Park Pavilion, 1800 S. Roddis Ave., Marshfield
- Registration opens: Feb. 14, 2026
- Free T-shirt deadline: March 31, 2026

Producers Channel 989								
	Monday 2-9-2026	Tuesday 2-10-2026	Wednesday 2-11-2026	Thursday 2-12-2026	Friday 2-13-2026	Saturday 2-14-2026	Sunday 2-15-2026	Monday 2-16-2026
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	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			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		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	Valentines Day Part 1	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	Valentines Day Part 2			Arts Alive			Arts Alive
8:00:00 PM	Mo Jazz		Mo Jazz	Winterfest 2026	Mo Jazz	Toni G Psychic Medium	Winterfest 2026	Mo Jazz
8:30:00 PM		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 Area CULTURAL FAIR

[uwsp.edu/Marshfield/cultural-fair](http://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](mailto:uwspmarshfield@uwsp.edu) or visit [uwsp.edu/Marshfield](http://uwsp.edu/Marshfield).



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