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## Eight Retirees Recognized

With nearly 200 years of combined experience, this year's retirees will leave memories not soon forgotten.

On Monday, May 20, the Board of Education recognized five teachers and three support staff

members for they many years of dedicated service. "This is a bittersweet moment," Mr. Ritchie stated in his opening remarks to the staff members present at the meeting. Recognizing the staff members for their individual experiences and contributions throughout their years of dedicated service, Mr. Ritchie commented that their departure is "bittersweet because we're happy for all of you but sad for the kids". Children whose lives were positively impacted by them both in and out of the classroom, in-



From left to right: Aaron Pluger, Stacey Warning, Brad Ritchie, Eugene Zdanovec, Jeannie Otto, Tim Schoeziel, Deb Danke, Dave Gomm, and Wendy Pfundtner.

cluding fields, courts, mats, hallways, and cafeterias. This year's retirees include:

Johanna Funk	38 years
Jeannie Otto	33 years
Julee Scheller	31 years
Eugene Zdanovec	29 years
Dino Heinemeyer	24 years
Deb Danke	19 years
Tim Schoeziel	10 years
Wendy Pfundtner	9 years

While many of the retirees talked of what they are looking forward to in retirement – traveling, hobbies, and time with family and friends - all recalled the wonderful memories made during their years in the District.

The School District of Shiocton students, staff, and Board of Education wish each and every one of our retirees all the very best. You will be missed!

## Summer Road Construction

The Village of Shiocton has plans to begin repairing N. Broad Street and Pine Street on Monday, June 3. They will be milling and paving the streets, which will limit both the travel and parking on these streets. Additional streets impacted include Oak Street, Maple Street, and Maple Court.



## SPICE Raffle and Auction Raised Funds for the Playground project

The Raffle and Auction brought in over \$3,800 that SPICE will be donating towards the playground fund. There were also several other donations given due to the sparked awareness. Thank you to all of those who donated prizes and who purchased tickets and kept bidding for those auction items. The Shiocton community really came together to make it a success!

Now it's off to summer vacation and dreaming up more fundraising ideas for the playground project. Special thank you to all of our donors on page 8.

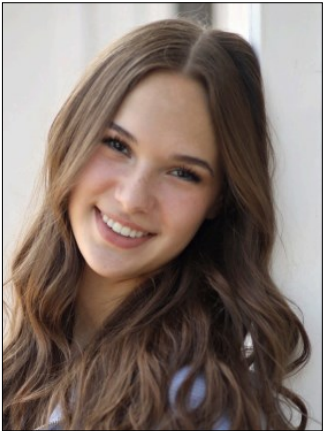


# Shiocton High School 2024 Graduation

## SUNDAY MAY 26, 2024 1:00PM SHIOCTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

**Valedictorians:**

Daltyn Enders, Shelby Erickson, Logan Leeman,  
Kayleigh Pigsley, and Sydney Ritchie



**Salutatorian:**  
Hailie Poppy

The School District of Shiocton is proud of our graduating Class of 2024. We are saying goodbye to a wonderful group of talented young people. It is their time to find their path. We would also like to congratulate our Best in Class for 2024. We are proud of our Technical Excellence and Academic Excellence Scholarships winners. We are also proud of our Salutatorian and our five Valedictorians for all of the hard work that they have put in throughout their high school careers.

**Congratulations to the Class of 2024!**

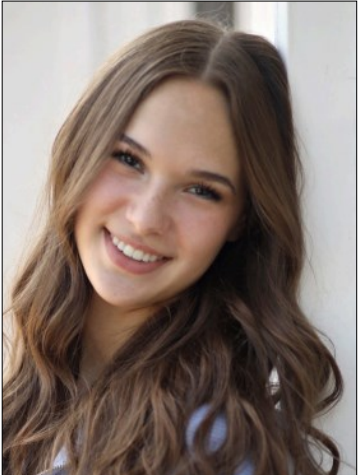
Courtney Ambrosius	Shelby Erickson*	Ty Marcks*	Lexis Riehl*
Avery Anderson	Zachary Flannery*	Clayton Marohn*	Sydney Ritchie*
Gunner Baker	Alexis Garcia*	Ruby McCarthy*	Israel Sanchez III*
Andrew Balderas	Bianca Garcia-Gonzalez	James Mutchie	Bennett Schmidt
Karissa Birch*	Joseph Hess	Allison Nowak	Brett Schmidt
Kendyl Blohowiak*	Andrew Hietpas*	Elizabeth Pelky	Kira Schwaller*
Alivia Collar	Alexis Immel	Phoebe Pierce	Sean Shepard
Claire Collar	Eve Johnson	Kayleigh Pigsley*	Autumn Taylor
Elanor Couch	Ashlyn Kortens	Hailie Poppy*	Caleb Tickler
Constance Dickman	Logan Leeman*	Emmanuel Quiroz-Ortiz	Lacy Volkman*
Daltyn Enders*	Ava Lorenz*	Brooklyn Raeck*	Alexis Widmann*
Josephine Erickson	Spencer Mansfield*	Kyler Rettler*	Carter Young

\* Indicates High Honors

Class Motto:  
I Choose To Make  
The Rest Of My Life  
Be The Best Of My Life

Class Flower:  
Carnation

Class Song:  
"It's Time"  
By: Imagine Dragons



**Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholar:**  
Kayleigh Pigsley

**Technical Excellence High Education Scholar:**  
Drew Hietpas



## Congratulations to all of the 2024 Scholarship Award Winners

ABCS Memorial Scholarship

Academic Excellence

American Legion Auxiliary

Clarence & Ethel Diermeier Family Scholarship

Clint Kriewaldt Academic

Community Blood Center

DAR

Don Hanson Math Scholarship

Dr. Mark Schroth's Pay It Forward

Gene Conradt Memorial

Haley A. Apple Memorial

Herb Kohl Initiative

J&J Agriculture

Jason Stammer Memorial

Judy Shafel Scholarship

Outagamie 4H Scholarship

Outagamie County Police

Patrick Van Alstine Memorial

Ralph Wickesberg Memorial

Saputo USA

Advertiser Community News Scholarship

Shiocton Alumni Association Scholarship

Shiocton Art Club

Shiocton Business League

Shiocton Education Assoc

Shiocton Hoops Club

Shiocton Lions Club

Shiocton Music

Shiocton Board of Education Scholarship

Shiocton Senior Athlete Award

Shiocton Softball Scholarship

Shiocton Sportsman's Club

Shiocton Student Council

Shiocton Wrestling Club

Shiocton Partners in Children's Education (SPICE)

Technical Excellence

ThedaCare Volunteers

Tom Coe—Class of 1965

Vietnam Veterans

WIAA Scholar Athletes

Wilbert C. & Evelyn E. St. John

Alexis Garcia, Constance Dickman, Bianca Garcia Gonzalez, Lacy Volkman

Kayleigh Pigsley

Zach Flannery

Kendyl Blohowiak, Lacy Volkman

Sydney Ritchie

Shelby Erickson

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Logan Leeman

Alexis Widmann, Kayleigh Pigsley

Kira Schwaller

Shelby Erickson, Kayleigh Pigsley

Kyler Rettler

Lacy Volkman

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Kyler Rettler, Kayleigh Pigsley

Constance Dickman

Ty Marcks, Sydney Ritchie

Karissa Birch

Ty Marcks, Kayleigh Pigsley

Shelby Erickson

Bennett Schmidt, Sydney Ritchie

Hailie Poppy, Kyler Rettler, Sydney Ritchie

Zach Flannery, Ty Marcks, Hailie Poppy, Ava Lorenz, Lacy Volkman

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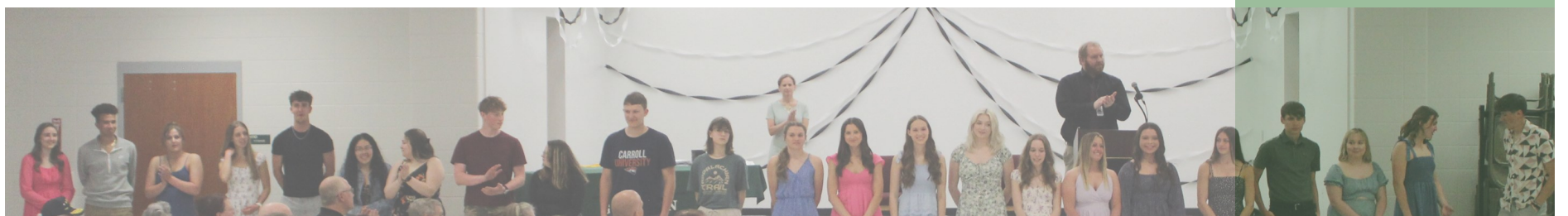
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Constance Dickman

Clayton Marohn

Israel Sanchez, Sydney Ritchie

Kayleigh Pigsley





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Business Manager

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## High School Track heading to State

The Shiocton Track & Field team put together another great Sectional Track and Field Meet on Thursday, May 23, 2024 in Rosholt. Congratulations to our Girls Team who earned their second consecutive Sectional Championship! Together, the boys and girls teams will send athletes to the State Track and Field Meet in LaCrosse to compete in a record-setting 15 events. Good Luck to our State Qualifiers and **GO CHIEFS!**



## STATE QUALIFIERS:

100 dash:	Karissa Birch	2nd place
100 dash:	Paxton Kuehn	3rd place
200 dash:	Karissa Birch	1st place
200 dash:	Joey Hess	4th place
1600 run:	Ava Lorenz	3rd place
3200 run:	Ava Lorenz	2nd place
300 hurdles:	Lydia Hofacker	2nd place
4x200 relay:	Lydia Hofacker, Destiny Monnot, Cordelia Monnot, Karissa Birch	1st place
4x400 relay:	Lexi Riehl, Lydia Hofacker, Destiny Monnot, Cordelia Monnot	2nd place
Long Jump:	Karissa Birch	3rd place
Long Jump:	Joey Hess	3rd place
Triple Jump:	Destiny Monnot	3rd place
High Jump:	Bennett Schmidt	3rd place
Pole Vault:	Lexi Riehl	3rd place
Discus:	Joey Hess	2nd place

## COFFEE WITH COMMUNITY

Members of the school and Shiocton communities are invited to join Mrs. Schweitzer for coffee, conversation, and collaboration. Learn more about happenings and events taking place, as well as share ideas and thoughts about how we can grow our district and our community.

**August 1, 2024**

**8:30—9:30AM**

School Cafeteria



## Need assistance with summer meals?

Visit the Summer Food Service Program Webpage and access the Summer Meals Finder on

[dpi.wi.gov/communitynutrition](http://dpi.wi.gov/communitynutrition)



Call 211 to locate meals in the area

Text "food" (in English or Spanish)

## Join us for Pickleball

Free open gym style pickleball in Shiocton's MPF gym (fitness center)

**Wednesday's 6:30 —8:00PM**

Adults (18+) No Children

Come alone or bring a friend.

Equipment is available to use.

Questions? Contact- Sarah  
[svervoort@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:svervoort@shiocton.k12.wi.us)



## 2024-2025 School Registration

Online registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be open **August 1-13, 2024** for families to register their students. All registrations will need to be completed online again this year.

If you need assistance with registering, we will have staff available during the following days/times to assist you in registering online.

**Tuesday, August 6**  
4:00PM– 7:30PM

**or**

**Wednesday, August 7**  
8:00AM – 11:00AM

**or**

**Thursday, August 8**  
4:00PM-7:30PM

During these in-person online registration dates, parents/guardians will be able to pay school fees and receive help with their Skyward Family Access.

Parents who choose to register online from their home will also be able to pay school fees online using their eFunds account.

If you need the assistance of a translator, please contact Mrs. Howard at (920) 986-3351 x713 by August 2, 2024 so that she can make the necessary arrangements.





Second Graders Getting Hands on in Economics

Students in 2nd grade wrapped up their Economics unit with Busy Business Day. Students created a business plan, decided to provide a service or produce goods, and



then put their business plan into place. They have been earning "money" to shop. Fun and Learning at its finest.



Grade 5 put math skills to work at FVTC’s BizTown



The fifth graders finished their elementary career in a strong way. They honed their analytical math skills through learning about graphing data on coordinate planes and geometric shapes. This sets the foundation for the math and science work in middle school. Fifth graders also wrote opinion essays including the yearly Chocolate Milk Debate. They concluded with poetry and year end memoirs. Lastly, the fifth graders participated in the Junior Achievement BizTown program. They learned about budgets, taxes, checkbooks and economies. The program ended with an interactive model community activity at FVTC. Such an awesome end to an awesome year!



83 Shiocton students participate in the Noetic math contest

Beginning on Thursday, April 4, 2024 we had 83 students in grades three through six participate in the Noetic Learning Math Contest, a national elementary math problem-solving contest held twice a year. There were 39,078 young mathletes representing 803 schools across 43 states in our country participating in this year’s spring contest.

And the Grade Level Winners are.....

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Everett K. (65%)
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Sam K. (75%)
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Bert L. (60%)
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Mary P. (55%)



Thank you to all the students K-12, their families, staff, administration, and board whom I’ve had the opportunity to work with for the past nine years! It’s been a whirlwind of sharing the joy of learning, challenging myself and so many students plus getting to know so many wonderful people! I’m leaving with a plethora of beautiful memories and will miss you! I wish Shiocton only the best in future years!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Pfundtner



School Nurse News

2024-2025 Student Immunization Reminder

The following are the immunization requirements for the 2024-2025 school year for your child. Unless a waiver has been signed, all students are required to have their immunizations up to date on the first day of the new school year. Students entering K5 will need to have a series of vaccines to be compliant with immunization law. Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade\* will need to receive a Tdap vaccine.

STUDENTS ENTERING	NUMBER OF DOSES AND VACCINE REQUIRED					
Pre K (2 yrs. - 4 yrs.)	4 DTP/DTaP	3 Polio	3 Hep B	1 MMR	1 Varicella	
Grades K- 5	4 DTP/DTaP	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	
Grades 7 - 12	1 Tdap	4 DTP/DTaP	4 Polio	3 Hep B	2 MMR	2 Varicella

\* New change per DHS: The Tdap vaccine will now be required when entering 7th grade, instead of 6th grade

Please provide the school with a copy of any new immunizations your child has received. Please plan ahead and have your child immunized prior to the beginning of the school year. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse, Kayla Duenas, at 986-3351 ext. 714.



## Successful Fun Run

Our annual Fun Run took place on Friday, May 17, 2024 with over 70 children and another 20 adults participating. We have been building our stamina for distance since mid April with practices after school. We worked hard to get to 3 miles! Way to go and keep moving this summer so that your stamina will be even better next Spring.



Thank you to all of the participants and volunteers to make this year another successful season.



## Academic Awards, Advice, and Life After High School

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter

With every graduating class, there are people who deserve to be recognized for their hard work from freshman through senior year. Within the Class of 2024 there are seven students who have been recognized for their academic achievements over the last four years.

The Class of 2024 has five (5) Valedictorians, as all tied for the highest GPA. Those people were Daltyn Enders, Shelby Erickson, Logan Leeman, Kayleigh Pigsley, and Sydney Ritchie. The Salutatorian was Hailie Poppy. The Academic Excellence Award was earned by Kayleigh Pigsley. The student with the highest GPA receives this award, and if there is a tie, the next tiebreaker is credits earned, and if there is still a tie, they will keep going down the list until someone is left. Andrew Hietpas earned the Technical Excellence Award, which is awarded to a student based on a rubric where certain criteria are analyzed such as CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes taken and courses completed for dual credit. The student who receives the Academic Award is provided with \$2,250 in scholarship money for eight semesters, while the student who receives the Technical Award is awarded \$2,250 in scholarship money for six semesters.

What will these seniors be doing after high school? Drew will be attending Northeast Technical College for an Associate Degree in Surgical Technology. Shelby will be attending St. Norbert majoring in both Business Administration and English. Hailie plans to seek her Bachelor Degree in Radiologic Sciences at Bellin College. Logan will attend UW-Stout for Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. Sydney plans to major in Architecture at UW-Milwaukee. Daltyn's plans include attending Carroll University to study Criminal Justice while playing football for the Pioneers. Kayleigh will join the Badger Nation, studying Bio-

chemistry on the pre-medicine track at UW-Madison.

The advice these seniors would give to incoming freshmen was unanimous all around: Try new things, soak up the experience, and be okay with mistakes. A reminder to everyone that it's "all a learning experience" so make relationships with the teachers, get involved in school activities, take advantage of the resources given to you, and generally, "just enjoy high school".

What they would tell next year's seniors: take advantage of college credits, dual-credits, and youth apprenticeships. Most importantly, "Enjoy it; this time goes by fast and these are the people you've spent your entire childhood with. Make the most of it."

As the seniors get set to walk across the stage one last time on Sunday, May 26, High School Principal Nick Ortlieb had a few final words to say about the Class of 2024. "All the kids did a fantastic job and worked hard. It's not easy to ace all your classes and still do all the other things. We are proud of all the work they put in."

Congratulations to the academic scholars and all members of the Class of 2024!





## HS Computer Science Class visits Microsoft Labs

By: Mr. Griesbach, CTE Teacher

On Thursday May 16th, the Introduction to Computer Science class went on a tour of a couple of Microsoft locations. Eric Boganschuetz is our Microsoft Teals co-teacher for the class that organized the event with the Microsoft partner companies Raven Software and Grey Labs in Madison. Raven is a game development company that has produced more than 50 games including Call of Duty. Students were given a presentation of the overall game development process from start to finish learning about all of the careers and skills to create video games. It was a great discussion and presentation for the students as they got to ask Bob Gee, a senior game developer from the company, a ton of questions. We were able to tour the various parts of the software company including testing areas and especially the motion capture studio where actors create the animations and sequences used in games.

We also visited the Microsoft's Grey Labs in Madison. This is a research facility where about a dozen people work on a variety of projects including the application and implementation of IA into various software and hardware technologies. One person was research-



ing ways to share medical information for more comprehensive communication in a safe and secure manner. Many other projects were discussed but the common thread from all of the projects being performed at Grey Labs was to take on huge challenges for the betterment of society such as AI that can see for you. One of the presenters was a former Shiocton Teals Computer Science co-teacher Jordan Henkel. It was good for the students to meet him and thank him for his contributions to the school.

All in all it was a great experience for all and it very much helped students to learn about the great big world of computer science. We would like to thank Microsoft and the Teals instructors for all of the support they are providing for the students in Shiocton. Microsoft even bought lunch for the entire crew on the trip! Thank you very much for this experience and the time you gave to the students.



## A Pair of Shiocton Athletes Sign with St. Norbert

By: Gage Relien, Student Reporter



Shiocton seniors Ty Marcks and Bennett Schmidt both signed their Letter of Intent to play collegiate sports for the St Norbert Green Nights, a Division III school in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC).

Bennett Schmidt plans to play football and compete for the track team while at St. Norbert. He received offers from Olivet Nazarene and UW-Stevens Point, as well as interest from Lakeland University. Bennett was able to take a visit to St. Norbert and decided to sign with the Green Knights "because I love it. I like their football program and their food is good". Schmidt was a member of a 2022 football team that went to State, setting the record in single season receiving yards. Bennett was also a member of the 2023 Track and Field State Championship team; he has qualified for State Track the past two years and is in the hunt for a threepeat.

Ty Marcks will play for the baseball team as both a pitcher and a first baseman. Following his visit to St. Norbert's, Ty said he decided to sign with the Green Knights because he "really liked the small town feel, the classes are small, I went to a basketball camp my sophomore year during the summer, and I also really enjoyed the food." Ty will look to achieve his degree while earning and maintaining a starting spot on the team. Marcks boasts a stellar 1.14 ERA and a .375 batting average; he was a member of the 2023 Conference Championship baseball team.

Bennett will be majoring in Communications and Ty will be majoring in Business. We wish both of these Chiefs much success as they join the Green Knights of St. Norbert College.



*Congratulations!*



**SHIOCTON FITNESS CENTER**  
**SUMMER HOURS (beginning June 3th)**

**M-F: 5:00-7:30am M-TH: 3:30-8:00pm (F: 7:00PM)**  
**Sat: 7:00-11:00am**

The MPF gym will be closed July 5-19th for floor resurfacing.

This does not impact the Fitness Center hours,  
gym-side only.

Questions? Contact Sarah Ver Voort  
920-250-1762 or [svervoort@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:svervoort@shiocton.k12.wi.us)

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**Summer Classes:**  
**Mon. and Wed. at 6:00pm**

Gain confidence  
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Adults only

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Fitness Center  
N5650 Broad Street

For more information contact:  
Sarah Ver Voort  
NASM- CPT and CNC  
[svcorewellness@gmail.com](mailto:svcorewellness@gmail.com)



Back Row L-R:  
Timothy Reese,  
Jackson Young, Scott  
Daniels, Eli Jorgensen,  
Coltan Dewar, Mason  
Demerath  
Front Row L-R:  
Hannah Widmann,  
Aliyah Reese, Morgan  
Oskey,  
Miley Anderson.  
Not pictured: Lily  
Helser

**National Honor Society ready for the 2024-2025 School Year**

2023-2024 Shiocton chapter of the National Honor Society collectively volunteered for more than 600 hours this school year. They would like to recognize the new inductees for the 2024-2025 school year. All inductees were sophomores.

NHS would also like to congratulate each of the new officers for next year:

President: Logan Van Camp  
Vice-President: Lillia Lane  
Treasurer: Lydia Hofacker  
Secretary: Mallory Oskey  
Student Council Representative: Tyler Pamperin

Mr. Pickar, NHS Advisor, looks forward to working with each of these students to develop their character, leadership, service, and scholarship in the upcoming year.

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Shiocton Partners In Children's Education

Learn about upcoming events!  
Support our school!  
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We would like to thank you for another fantastic year.

Our year at a glance was packed full of fun: beginning with the Middle School beach party dance, to movie nights, the inaugural Spooky Spree Run, the fall *Literati* BookFair, Cookies with Santa, Family Herd Night, the raffle and auction, Staff Appreciation Week, Funset Boulevard family night, the inaugural book swap, and so much more! We could not have done it without you!

Now it's off to summer vacation and dreaming up more fundraising ideas for the playground project.

Have a safe and wonderful summer; enjoying time with family and friends!

***We would like to send a special shout out to all of our raffle and auction prize sponsors/donors!***

***THANK YOU...please try to support these local businesses!***

Allen Insurance Agency  
Appleton Axe Throwing  
Ashley Stadler  
Badger Sports Park  
Bob Brownson  
Cara Wilken Baum  
Costco - Appleton  
Festival Foods of New London  
Fox Communities Credit Union  
Funset Boulevard Entertainment Center  
Jeanne Reese

Jessica Freeman  
Julie Hoppe  
Krull's Handyman Service  
Kwik Trip  
Mile 22 Roastery  
Otter Creek Dental  
Pahlow Masonry LLC  
Patty Ronk  
PDQ  
Plach Automotive Inc. Of New London  
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Sharon Hanks  
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Thrivent  
Urban Air Adventure Park Of Appleton  
Wild River Pizza Pub  
Wisconsin Timber Rattlers  
Wolf River Asphalt & Sealcoating Inc  
Wolf River Trips & Campground