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The Palmyra-Eagle area welcomes visitors to its restaurants, retail shops, parks, churches, library, historic sites and attractions with a friendly smile and a rich history.

The first settler in Palmyra, Cyrus Norton, arrived in the Scuppernong Valley in 1839.

Three years later, a sawmill was built by the Powers brothers, who named the new settlement "Palmyra" after a city in the Syrian desert because of the abundance of sand they found in this area.

In 1843, a general store and tavern opened, and later that year the land was surveyed and platted into lots by John Fish.

The first town meeting took place in 1846, and the railroad arrived in the fall of 1852.

By 1860 the population approached 1,000 residents. It was incorporated on April 4, 1866. Six mineral springs, each known for their medical and therapeutic properties, were an important part of the early years.

Palmyra was officially charted as a Village on May 5, 1874.

From 1870s to the early 1920s, people from across the country visited Palmyra to enjoy the healing waters at the Palmyra Spring Sanitarium.

In 1924, the sanitarium became the National Druggist Home, but a few years later interest in the therapeutic mineral water treatments declined and the sanitarium was closed.

Palmyra's neighbor, the Village of Eagle, was nearly named Diamond City in the mid-1800s when it became known that a diamond had been discovered in 1876. Eagle was incorporated as a village on Sept. 11, 1899.

Located near the heart of the southern unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, which has more than 20,000 acres of glacial hills, kettles, lakes, prairie restoration sites, pine woods and hardwood forests, the area is a prime location for camping, hiking, biking, snowmobiling and horseback riding.

There are a variety of local parks to enjoy in the area including Aurelian Springs, PFC Charles F. Deuel Veterans Memorial Trailhead Park, Zenobia Springs Park, Lower Spring Lake Beach, Carlin Weld Park, Paradise Springs and Horseriders Campground.

Old World Wisconsin, an outdoor living museum in Eagle, offers a look back in time with its displays and a working farm.

The Palmyra-Eagle area features small-town living at its best, with the supportive heart of the community always on display.



Kathy Weiss is presented a plaque for 26 years of elected service on the Palmyra Village Board at the April meeting. She served as a village trustee and later as village president, a seat she decided not to seek re-election to on April 1. Shown with her is current Village President Tim Gorsegner.

DAVE FIDLIN *Palmyra Our Town*

Longtime village board member honored

Kathy Weiss steps down after serving on the board for 26 years

by **Dave Fidlín**

CORRESPONDENT

In the spring, Kathy Weiss, who was at the time fulfilling the role of village president, chose not to seek re-election.

During the meeting of the governmental board in April, Weiss was presented with a plaque for her 26 years of service on the Village Board.

Initially, Weiss served as a village trustee and subsequently assumed the leadership role as village president. Current Village President Tim Gorsegner presented her with the plaque at the board meeting.

Outgoing Trustee John Kinjerski, who was not present at the April 7 meeting, also was recognized for his contributions to the

Village Board. Kinjerski chose not to run for re-election this spring.

Current village trustees are Tom Ball, Scott Deichl, Angela Petruska, Jennifer Tucker, Tammie Smith and Stephanie Wallace.

The Village Board meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Committee of the Whole meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Videos of the meetings are available on the village's website under Government, Agendas & Minutes or by visiting the Village of Palmyra YouTube channel. Additionally, DVDs of the meetings are available for checkout at Powers Memorial Library.

The Village Hall is at 100 W. Taft St., Palmyra. Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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on the cover: Members of Thomas Holcomb American Legion Post 304 lead the Memorial Day parade in Palmyra after holding short ceremonies at local cemeteries. Following the parade, a more in depth ceremony was held at Hillside Cemetery.

TARA LEROY PHOTO *Palmyra Our Town*



Palmyra rich with history, tradition

Historical Society an ideal place to learn more

Nestled along the west edge of the scenic Kettle Moraine Forest in southeastern Wisconsin, Palmyra is a charming community of 1,700 people that is steeped in history and tradition.

From its early days, Palmyra would make a mark on Wisconsin history, as when the first Wisconsin railroad was laid through the village in 1852, a posh resort hotel and healing spa was built in 1874, and one of the state's first Old Settlers' Day celebrations was established in 1885.

Many prominent businesses would spring up in Palmyra over the years, starting with a sawmill built in 1847, water bottling companies in the late 1800s, and a prosperous and highly awarded automobile sales business in the early 1900s.

Amid a flourish of development activity in the mid-to-late 1800s, Palmyra gained notoriety for having one of the "great wonders of the world," which drew nation-wide attention from journalists and celebrity figures alike.

"The wonder still exists, and we'd love to tell you more about it and all the other special things about Palmyra and the surrounding area," the website states.

With so much to boast about, it's easy to see why Palmyra is called the "Heartbeat of the Kettle Moraine."

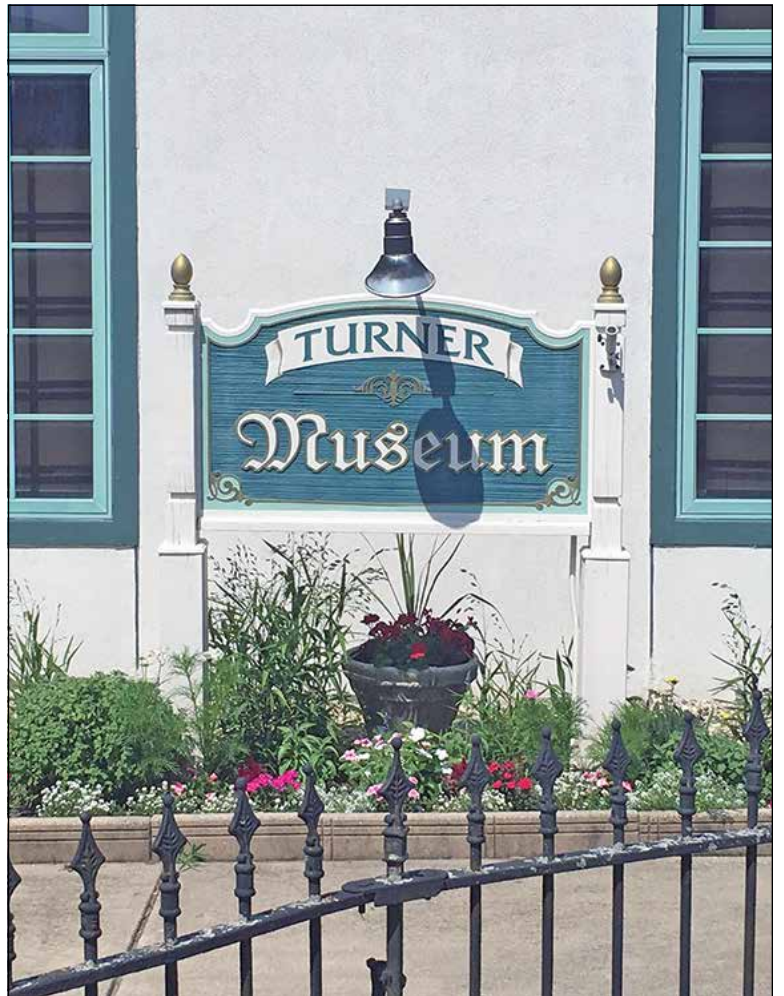
Exhibits on display

From the historic Carlin House to the modern Turner Museum, the Palmyra Historical Society is filled with information from the past that historical society members want to share with members of the community and beyond.

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The Carlin House and Turner Museum is at 112 N. Third St., Palmyra. Hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (from the first weekend in May through the first weekend of December). It features exhibits, partners with the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District to host a student art show and has a gift shop.

PALMYRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOS *Palmyra Our Town*



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In the Mary & Terry Tutton Gallery of the Turner Museum, a brief history of Palmyra and how it has changed over the years is presented with images and other recollections of the times. This permanent exhibit includes history of local buildings and major events that have occurred.

Construction of the Carlin House was completed in 1845 and is one of the oldest and most unusual houses in our area. As a “grout house,” built by laying courses of a kind of cement on top of one another, it has won a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

It is furnished with mostly 19th century antiques, some of which are original to the house. Thus, the house itself and the contents as displayed have historic significance.

“We have taken care to assure the historical integrity of the floors, wallpaper, lights, and furnishings so that visitors can gain insight into how our Palmyra ancestors lived,” the website states.

“Some of our antiques are labeled for

easy identification. But the house is best explored with the assistance of a docent, who is always available during museum hours and by appointment,” it states.

Newsletters/publications

The historical society has a complete file of newsletters dating from the first one published in June 1980. These publications are an important repository of articles about Palmyra history and people as well as news about happenings in the time in which they were written. They can be read online or printed and read at home.

Currently, the online archive includes those published through winter, 2015 except that the winter 2011 issue is too large to be uploaded. It along with more recent newsletters are available to society members.

The gift shop in the Turner Museum has a variety of other publications available for sale that are either written about or by Palmyra residents,

representing a wide variety of topics. A list of publications available is listed on the society’s website.

Recent additions to the list include booklets written by Terry Tutton: Muck Farming in the Palmyra Wisconsin, Area (2013) and Palmyra Springs Sanitarium and Mineral Springs (the fascinating and bizarre story of an era that put Palmyra on the map, 1875-1932).

The Society has an archive of The Enterprise newspaper dating from 1874 to present.

The Carlin House and Turner Museum is at 112 N. Third St., Palmyra. Hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (from the first weekend in May through the first weekend of December).

Remaining 2025 events include: Old Settlers on Sunday, July 27, noon, Palmyra Village Park; Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, Saturday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m.

For more information, visit palmyrahistorical.org or follow the Palmyra Historical Society on Facebook.

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JULY 19 Saturday

ROCKIN IN THE PARK. Village Park, 955 Eighth Street, Lions Club, 2-5 p.m. Classic car exhibit, food trucks, adult beverages, soda, water. Music by live band Whisky Plow.

JULY 27 Sunday

OLD SETTLER'S DAY. Village Park, 955 Eighth Street. Starts at 12 p.m. Palmyra Historical Society.

OCTOBER 25 Saturday

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NOVEMBER 22 Saturday

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DECEMBER 6 Saturday

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The Fin-N-Feather Sportsman's Club, Palmyra, partnered with Oconomowoc Logrolling to host Lumberjack Games last summer. This family friendly event aimed to promote an active lifestyle while enjoying a unique outdoor sport. Activities included hiking, fishing, and bow and arrow shooting while the Lumberjack Games featured men and women from around the state and beyond competing in logrolling, boom running and ax throwing. From far left: Sam Polentini, a student at UW-Madison, takes on Connor Birdsong; Ellie Davenport is shown battling Livi Pappadopoulos.

LISA SMITH Palmyra Our Town

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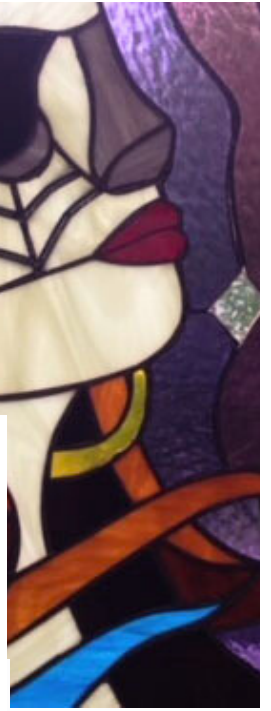
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St. Matthew Lutheran celebrates 180 years

The St. Matthew Lutheran Church congregation in Palmyra celebrated its 180th anniversary in November with a worship service followed by a special program and a meal.

The St. Matthew congregation was originally the Skoponong Lutheran congregation in 1844. Its members were Norwegian immigrants who lived in the area around Bluff Rd.

The settlers first met in homes and later built a church with an adjoining cemetery. A larger church was built as church membership continued to grow. That church building was struck by lightning on July 11, 1936 and burned to the ground.

Lacking an official place to worship, in 1937 the Skoponong congregation purchased the vacant Congregational church building on Main Street in Palmyra.

The German Lutherans joined in worshipping with the Skoponong Norwegian Lutherans, and the two congregations later merged with the church being named the Skoponong Lutheran Church.

For 22 years the church was called Skoponong, but by 1960 the congregation voted to change the name. In 1961 the congregation's name officially became St. Matthew.



This banner graced the lawn at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Palmyra in celebration of the congregation's 180th anniversary last fall. Pastor Steve Blyth stands near the replica of the Skoponong Lutheran Church, which reminds the St. Matthew congregation of their Norwegian heritage.

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Much has happened and changed since then. One major change occurred in 1993 when a large addition was constructed to allow for better accessibility, a Fellowship Hall, more Sunday school rooms, and other enhancements. The addition continues to serve the congregation well.

Twenty-seven full time pastors have been the spiritual leaders for the congregation. Led by the Spirit, members continue to devote their time and talents to serve the church, the

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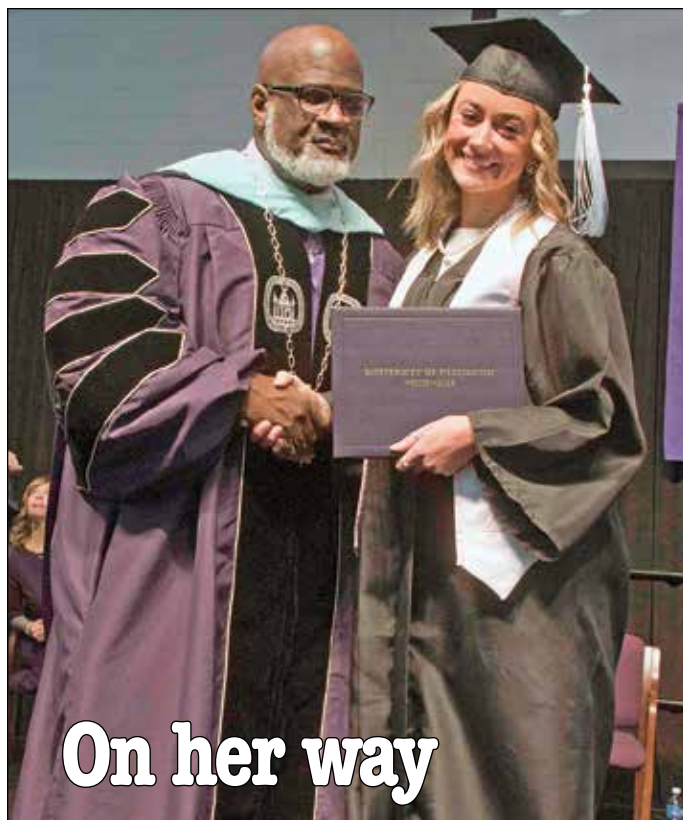
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Palmyra named an Ice Age Trail Community

Celebration was held at Horseriders' Campground

Palmyra, a community nestled in south central Wisconsin already known for its multitude of recreational opportunities, will now be recognized as a premier hiking destination, thanks to its designation as an official Ice Age Trail Community.

The Ice Age Trail Community program, led by the Ice Age Trail Alliance, helps communities leverage the draw of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail as an economic and social engine.

Palmyra is the 25th community along the Trail to receive the official designation and the first for 2025.

"The positive economic impact hikers

have on our Trail Communities cannot be understated", says Luke Koberdanz, Executive Director and CEO of the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

"They are shopping local and interacting with residents in a very meaningful way. Any positive experience these hikers have results in return visits and enthusiasm in promoting the community to family and friends," Koberdanz added.

Within a three-block area downtown, Palmyra boasts hiker-friendly restaurants, a coffee shop, public library, free internet access, medical services, and laundry facilities. All are considered great amenities for day hikers or thru-hikers.

"We are so excited to collaborate with the Ice Age Trail Alliance as an official Ice Age Trail Community and to offer a warm

Palmyra welcome to hikers here in the heart of the Kettle Moraine," says Kristine Dexheimer, Director of Powers Memorial Library.

The partnership between the IATA and Palmyra encourages mutual support with a goal of building a healthier and more vibrant community.

Peter Fritsch, owner of Palmyra's Rushing Water Fisheries, said the area has much to offer.

"We are thrilled for more visitors to experience Palmyra's natural beauty and small-town charm. This is a wonderful and historic part of our great state," Fritsch said.

A Trail Community Celebration was held in May at Horseriders' Campground, Palmyra.

The event included a ceremonial ribbon cutting, an opportunity for guests to meet Monty, the Ice Age Trail mammoth mascot, family-friendly activities and a hike.

About the Trail

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath contained entirely within Wisconsin. It traverses the state from St. Croix Falls in the west, to Sturgeon Bay in the east, going as far south as Janesville.

One of 11 National Scenic Trails, the Ice Age Trail highlights the landscapes that were carved out by ancient glaciers, which happen to be some of the most beautiful areas in the state. Approximately 60% of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of the Ice Age Trail.

About the Alliance

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a nonprofit, member- and volunteer-based organization, which conserves, creates, maintains, and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. For more information visit IceAgeTrail.org.

at right: The Ice Age Trail, which is 1,200 miles total, is entirely within Wisconsin and is one of 11 National Scenic Trails. Palmyra was recently named an official Ice Age Trail Community.

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top: Town, village and county representatives joined forces as a Palmyra IAT community support committee, clockwise from front: Kristine Dexheimer, Eileen Harris, Andy Whitney, Roberta Roy-Montgomery, Amanda Kutka, Vicki Holschuh, Leslie Ott, Linda Kania and Gary Dexheimer. Also instrumental but not pictured was Angela Petruska.

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Colorful mural brightens Palmyra beach house

Thanks to the efforts of local volunteer group – The Palmyra Beautification Project – the village last fall gained another unique mural welcoming visitors and providing a fresh new look to an aged building.

Visitors to the Lower Spring Lake Beach and park at 306 Anemone St. in Palmyra are now greeted with a vibrant beach house thanks to a mural. It provides a colorful backdrop filled with sunshine, waves, brightly colored beach balls and depicts swimmers of all ages enjoying one of the community's natural treasures.

Local artist Ronnie Shmauz designed and painted the mural, drawing inspiration from the area's beautiful scenery and community influences.

The project was made possible after months of planning and received support and approval from the Palmyra Village Board. Volunteers coordinated multiple fundraising events in the community to support the project.

Special thanks were given to area sponsors Reyna and Colin Kessler – owners of Colin's Mobile Repair and Rainabobaina's – who donated \$1,000, and Rebecca McCallister who donated \$500 for this project.

The Palmyra Beautification Project previously coordinated efforts for smaller murals that embellish the exteriors of buildings including of Squidy's II and Hot Rod's Bar N Grill located on 2nd and Main Street.

Planter boxes located throughout the village, seasonal village decorations, and much more are provided courtesy of the group's volunteers and local fundraising efforts.

For more information about the group, their upcoming projects and events, or to donate to their next community project, find them on Facebook under Palmyra Beautification Project.

The beach house at Lower Spring Lake Beach in Palmyra now features this mural, designed and painted by local artist Ronnie Schmauz. This is one of several areas in the village the Palmyra Beautification Project, a volunteer group, helped coordinate.

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Comfort food with a twist of tasty goodness

Mr. P's Grilled Cheese offers an unusual take on a traditional favorite

By **Jennifer Eisenbart**

STAFF WRITER

Exactly what makes a grilled cheese so special?

Maybe it's Wisconsin, and the numerous kinds of cheese. Or perhaps it's the taste of home, the comfort food of childhood.

But in the case of Mr. P's Grilled Cheese, a food truck operating out of the Palmyra area, it's all about the little extra on the side – and how it mixes with the quality bread and cheeses.

Mr. P's has become a food truck staple over the last six years, starting with a humble slate of 26 events in 2019 that increased to 150 by the end of the first season.

Now, owner/operator Ty Poulson has three trucks making the rounds throughout the year, with scheduled stops at more than 300 different events.

"People really like the consistency," said Poulson. "They know what they're getting when they order it."

"I think it's the perfect option, especially in Wisconsin."

Poulson graduated from Palmyra-Eagle High School in 2016. He came up with the idea of a grilled cheese food truck, but not without a little inspiration from his dad.

"When I came to him with the idea of starting the grilled cheese food truck, he had always wanted to open a sandwich shop," Poulson said.

It was his dad who came up with Mr. P's signature item – a small cup of tomato bisque soup that comes with every



JENNIFER EISENBART *Palmyra Our Town*

sandwich for dunking purposes.

"I prefer it a little more to the traditional tomato soup you get in a can," Poulson said. "I think most people do also."

That little cup of soup – the recipe for which is a company secret – adds a touch of extra flavor, along with variations on a traditional grilled cheese.

Using Brownberry Italian Bread, the closest Poulson's trucks come to a traditional grilled cheese is the "Plain Jane" – made with "only" mild cheddar.

For those looking for more of a taste blend, there is the Milkman, which uses mozzarella, gouda and mild cheddar.

If spicy is the way to go, Mr. P's trucks also offer the Jalapeno Loco – Munster cheese, jalapenos and a jalapeno garlic aioli.

"I would say maybe it's a seven out of 10 on the spice level," Poulson explained. "You'll get a bit out of it."

Then there's the Mac Daddy – mac and cheese grilled into the sandwich, along with mozzarella and mild cheddar – and the Soo-eee! ham and bacon with mild cheddar and Munster cheese.

The final "regular" menu item is the Rosalita – named for Ty's fiancé.

The Rosalita features tomato, onion and aioli garlic spread combined with mozzarella and gouda cheeses.

"It's our Italian-style sandwich," Poulson explained.

In June, Mr. P's will add the Gyro – sliced Gyro meat with tomato, onion, mozzarella and a dipper of tzatziki sauce.

But those up for a challenge can always stop in Palmyra on Monday evenings,

where Mr. P's sits kitty corner from Jim and Judy's Food Market near 2nd and Taft streets.

The "home base," so to speak is where Poulson – and his father – get a bit more creative with their recipes.

"That's kind of when we get a little bit crazy," Ty said.

This week's selection was a chicken alfredo grilled cheese, while the prior week was Crab Rangoon – yes, the crab meat and cream cheese Chinese appetizer hit.

"Specials are my favorite," Poulson said, adding that if a sandwich is a hit, he will bring it back later in the year.

In addition, there are kettle cooked chips for sale, bacon can be added to any sandwich (because it's Wisconsin, of course) and the trucks also sell water and soda.

Poulson said the three trucks will make numerous stops on a weekend. For example, this past weekend, Mr. P's was at the event where it all started in 2019 – the Elkhorn Spring Food Truck Festival – but the trucks were also at 11 other festivals.

With a two-year reign as best overall grilled cheese at the Grilled Cheese Fest in Waukesha, it's clear Poulson has a winner on his hands.

"We hit all the corners – the cheese, we have options for everyone," he explained. "And just no one can beat our tomato bisque."

For a full list of where the food truck will be, follow Mr. P's Grilled Cheese on Facebook or Instagram.



left: Mr. P's Grilled Cheese, owned and operated by Ty Poulson, Palmyra, offers a variety of grilled cheeses through a food truck operation that makes hundreds of appearances each year.
above: Members of the Mr. P's crew serving customers at the Elkhorn Food Truck Festival this spring included Ellie, Corbin and owner Ty Poulson.

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Record breaker

In a game last fall, Panthers quarterback Willson Jones runs up the sideline, breaking the school record in the process for the longest touchdown run at 98 yards. The previous record was 92 yards, held by Aaron Adsit since 1998. Football is just one of numerous sports offered at Palmyra-Eagle High School.

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PEASD hosts networking meeting on safety

Community leaders discuss school safety and community engagement

The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District continues to showcase its leadership in school safety and community engagement by convening community leaders, local experts, and district staff for its Safety Networking Meeting in January.

This event underscored PEASD's ongoing commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and well-connected environment for students, staff, and the broader community.

Building on the success of previous sessions, including the fall 2024 meeting, this gathering focused on critical topics such as:

- Expanding the district's safety team and formalizing roles at each school site.
- Reviewing the Wisconsin Association of School, County, and City Administrators safety audit findings and incorporating actionable feedback.

- Exploring updates on the Department of Justice's Standard Response Protocol and opportunities provided by the digital mapping grant.

- Enhancing staff training initiatives, including the launch of a monthly 15-day challenge to reinforce safety practices.

PEASD Superintendent Dr. Ryan Krohn emphasized the importance of these collaborative efforts.

"Our commitment to student and staff safety remains steadfast. By leveraging the collective expertise of our community partners and internal team, we can continue to enhance our protocols and create a model of excellence for school safety and community collaboration," Krohn said.

The meeting also provided a forum for:

- Brainstorming innovative community events to further strengthen engagement.
- Identifying additional key contacts to expand the district's safety network.
- Gathering stakeholder feedback to refine plans for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

"PEASD's commitment to safety planning is evident in its dedication to hosting semi-annual Safety Networking Meetings," district officials said.

Community members interested in contributing to these discussions or joining the district's safety initiatives are encouraged to contact Shawn Olson, Palmyra-Eagle Area School District Executive Administrative Assistant, at 262-495-7101, ext. 2600 or solsen@peads.org.

Leaders from throughout the community and school district gather for a Safety Networking Meeting in January at Palmyra-Eagle High School. The meetings, held twice a year, aim to support PEASD's ongoing commitment to fostering a safe, supportive, and well-connected environment for students, staff, and the broader community.

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PEMS students attend leadership conference

Six students from Palmyra-Eagle Middle School took a trip to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in November to attend the Southern Lakes Middle School Leadership Conference.

The various activities allowed them to interact with middle schoolers from different districts. They also had the opportunity to listen to Ted Neitzke speak about what it takes to be a leader.

Nietzke introduced the “zero-zero” mindset. No matter the score in any

scenario, students should have the mindset that the score is zero-zero. Since you can’t win if you have already decided that you are going to lose, this mindset will set students up for success.

He also talked about how buffalo are incredible animals who, when faced with a storm, walk directly toward it. Cows, on the other hand, will walk away from the storm to avoid the problem. Ted encouraged students to

“be a buffalo” and face their challenges head-on!

At the end of the workshop, students brainstormed leadership characteristics and what they would need from others in order to be leaders.

Overall, according to Palmyra-Eagle Middle School representatives, it was an extremely positive and enriching experience for the students that will serve them well as they continue to progress through school and life.



The Palmyra-Eagle FFA nearly always has something happening from the annual fruit/meat/cheese or strawberry fundraisers to the annual Spring Plant Sale in the Gene Burlingham Greenhouse and much more. Clockwise from above, left: Members attended the FFA conference in Stevens Point included: Betsy Meade, Jillian Jaquith, Dalton Anton, Ashton Deleon, Jacob Drewa Marissa Blazewicz, Maddy Anton, Ashlin Adsit, Breanna Rolain, Sophia Lean, Omar Aranda and Loreli Mathews. Tractors and animals were among the highlights at the FFA's 2024 Ag Adventure Day at Eagle Elementary School. FFA members help host a special Friendsgiving event at the high school.

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Palmyra-Eagle students attend construction career fair

The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District had a group of high school students attend the JP Cullen Construction Career Fair in Janesville. This annual event offers a unique opportunity for students to explore career paths in the construction industry through hands-on activities and direct interactions with skilled trades professionals.

The fair, held at JP Cullen's facility, featured various activities allowing students to experience what it's like to work in different trades, such as concrete pouring, carpentry, and other hands-on demonstrations. The event also included booths staffed by tradespeople and affiliated trade unions who shared their insights, training, and advice with students interested in pursuing careers in the skilled trades.

In alignment with Palmyra-Eagle's commitment to expanding career readiness opportunities, the district prioritized attendance for sophomores and juniors, offering them a chance to explore youth apprenticeship programs. Students brought their resumes and youth apprenticeship applications, giving them a head start in pursuing valuable career-building experiences.

"This event provided our students with a firsthand look at the diverse opportunities within the construction and trades industries. It's an invaluable experience for students to engage directly with professionals and see how their skills can translate into real-world careers," said Dr. Ryan Krohn, Superintendent of Palmyra-Eagle Area School District.

"We are grateful to JP Cullen for offering such a dynamic and interactive event," he added.

The half-day event included a lunch provided for all attendees. Safety was a top priority, with all necessary personal protective equipment provided by the hosts, ensuring a safe and educational experience for our students.

"The Palmyra-Eagle Area School District is proud of our students for taking advantage of this opportunity to explore the skilled trades and is committed to providing similar experiences to prepare our students for successful futures," district officials said. "We extend our thanks to JP Cullen for hosting such a meaningful event."

Students from Palmyra-Eagle Area High School attended the JP Cullen Construction Career Fair in Janesville in October. It allowed them an opportunity to try a variety of construction-related projects and equipment such as concrete (breaking, pouring, finishing), carpentry, reading blueprints and using a lift.

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Palmyra's Memorial Day events began with short ceremonies at Charles Deuel Park and St. Mary's Cemetery followed by a parade down Main Street to Hillside Cemetery, where the main remembrance ceremony was held. From the left: during the parade, Mary Earle and her horse visit with community members; a local scout marches with his troop.

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Helping hands



In April, Palmyra non-profit organization, Healthy Community Network distributed free "ready to cook" Easter dinners. A total of 101 families (345 people) received their choice of ham and potatoes or chicken and rice along with fruit, vegetable, rolls and dessert. "I can't thank our dedicated volunteers enough for all their hard work," said HCN Director Angela Villela. "They support our efforts at our building and delivering to the community, always with a smile." Children from Palmyra Montessori School colored Easter pages inserted in 50 of the bags. Volunteers included Palmyra-Eagle Area School District students, and Erin and Mickie (shown out delivering meals.) HCN also delivered meals and toys to area families at Christmas time. For more information call 262-215-1198 or visit www.healthycommunitynetwork.net.

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