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Menomonie Area Chamber & Visitor Center relocating to City Hall

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The Menomonie Area Chamber & Visitor Center will be relocating to City Hall in November.

“While our address is changing, our commitment to serving our members, visitors and community remains the same,”

the Chamber wrote in a press release. “This move represents more than a new location. It is an intentional step within a broader long-range strategy to position the Chamber for the future while continuing to deliver the exceptional service and experiences our members and visitors have come to expect.”

The new location at 800 Wilson Ave., 3rd Floor, will continue to offer full operational support, including:

- Member services and business support: Access to staff, business resources and member workspaces (reservations encouraged).
- Menomonie Visitor Center: Local merchandise, Wisconsin travel guides and tourism resources for Dunn County.

■ Direct access: Walk-in visits during regular business hours and access to the same dedicated staff.

To facilitate the physical move, the

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT POLYTECHNIC Blue Devils celebrating Clue-based homecoming Oct. 15-18

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UW-Stout Polytechnic homecoming parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, in downtown Menomonie.

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The game’s afoot at UW-Stout Polytechnic’s 2026 homecoming, Thursday, Oct. 15, to Sunday, Oct. 18. With a Clue-based weekend theme, alumni, students, supporters and community members anticipate the annual parade and football game on Saturday.

The community is also invited to two special events supporting students, in collaboration with Menomonie Culver’s and Brewery Nonic, as well as a Stout Clock Party featuring a Made@ Stout Pop-Up Market with creations made by students, faculty and staff.

All events are open to the public.

UW-Stout Polytechnic staff will be available at the homecoming welcome table Oct. 16, 1 to 4:30 p.m., and Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Alumni Clock Tower Plaza, to provide more details about events happening around campus.

This year marks UW-Stout

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Andrew Holt hired CEO of Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Menomonie Area Chamber & Visitor Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Andrew Holt as the organization’s new CEO. Holt will begin his new role on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Holt was selected following an extensive search conducted by the Chamber’s Board of Directors. The board sought a leader who could build on the Chamber’s strong foundation while bringing fresh perspective, energy, and leadership to the organization and the business community it serves.

“We are thrilled to welcome Andrew Holt as the new CEO of the Menomonie Area Chamber & Visitor Center. He brings more than a decade of experience in Chamber and Downtown leadership, along with a proven track record of building strong relationships and leading with integrity,” said Travis Ida, board president and CEO of Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley. “Just as importantly, Andrew understands that successful organizations are built on trust, accountability, and meaningful relationships within the community. The Board of Directors has every confidence that he is the right leader to guide the Chamber into its next chapter, and we are excited about what’s ahead.”

Holt

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Wisconsin measles cases climb, no source of outbreak confirmed

SARAH VOLPENHEIN
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Measles cases in the four southwest Wisconsin counties at the center of an ongoing outbreak now total 244, bringing the year’s statewide measles count to 263.

Wisconsin has reported the fourth-most measles cases this year, after Pennsylvania,

South Carolina and Utah, according to the states’ latest case counts.

The southwest Wisconsin outbreak is concentrated in Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Vernon counties, while a smaller number of cases associated with out-of-state travel has been confirmed in the northern counties of Chippewa and Marathon

counties, according to the state Department of Health Services.

Twenty new cases were reported in the week since Oct. 2, most in southwest Wisconsin.

“While reported case counts can help us understand how the outbreak is progressing, they may not capture every infection,”

said Jennifer Miller, a spokesperson for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, in an email. “Cases are primarily identified when people seek medical care and their providers report suspected or confirmed cases to public health agencies.”

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