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## \$25K bond set for ex-St. Vincent de Paul director



Wood County Court House and Jail in Wisconsin Rapids on April 1. GABI BROEKEMA/USA TODAY NETWORK- WISCONSIN

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The former outreach director for St. Vincent de Paul in Marshfield made her initial appearance Dec. 1 for charges of stealing \$108,649 from the charity.

Trisha L. Hebert, 37, of Marshfield, faces charges of theft of more than \$100,000 from a business, fraudulent use of a bank card and fraudulent writings from a corporate officer.

Wood County Circuit Judge Nicholas Brazeau Jr. set a \$25,000 signature bond for Hebert Monday morning and ordered her to have no contact with St. Vincent de Paul in Marshfield, according to court records. He also ordered her not to work for any other nonprofit other

than the one she is currently working for and to not be responsible for finances in excess of \$50. She must tell her current employer of the charges in this case, Brazeau ordered.

The date for Hebert’s preliminary hearing was not set as of Monday morning.

According to the criminal complaint, Hebert was the outreach director for St. Vincent de Paul in Marshfield for almost five years. She resigned in the middle of August 2024 and worked until the middle of September 2024.

In the middle of August, a St. Vincent de Paul employee went to the Marshfield Police Department with financial documents and said she believed someone had embezzled money from the charity. The employee had noticed multiple cash withdrawals from ATMs, as

well as money taken from a medical account that the employee didn’t feel were related to St. Vincent de Paul, according to the complaint.

The employee said she believed Hebert was the one taking the money, but she didn’t have any proof, according to the complaint.

The employee also had a copy of a check written out to Hebert for \$3,169 that Hebert had signed at the bottom and endorsed on the back. The memo said “for 123 vacation hours,” according to the complaint.

Detectives started looking at the transactions and found someone had been using the bank card at ATMs at a service station in Marshfield and at numerous businesses outside the

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## Winter tree pruning coming to Marshfield

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MARSHFIELD – The City of Marshfield will prune terrace trees this winter, according to a community announcement.

The work will take place from South Central Avenue to South Peach Avenue and from East Veterans Parkway to East 14th Street.

The city is responsible for trees in the public right-of-way. Branches that interfere with the safe use of streets and sidewalks must be removed. Dead and dying branches must also be removed to prevent hazards and improve overall tree health.

**Pruning trees on a cyclic basis promotes long-term survival, vigor and aesthetics.**

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“If you have questions or concerns about our pruning program or about a tree being pruned in front of your property, please reach out to our Forestry Division at 715-486-2073,” the announcement said. “Our efforts today will benefit our urban forest for years to come.”

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## Veterans honored at The Highground’s open house event on Nov. 11

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NEILLSVILLE – The Highground, W7031 Ridge Road in Neillsville, hosted an open house Nov. 11, on Veterans Day, welcoming veterans and their families from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to a community announcement.

Students from Auburndale, Abbotsford and Columbus Catholic contributed handmade thank you cards and messages for attending veterans.

The Highground Museum showcased its new “WWII Bomb Crew and Atomic Veterans” exhibit during the event.

“We’re deeply grateful to our veter-

ans and thrilled to have shared this special day with them,” said Amber Smith, The Highground event coordinator. “Their stories and service are the foundation of our nation’s history, and it’s our privilege to honor them.”

For information about upcoming events and veterans programs, visit their website or follow them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial](https://Facebook.com/TheHighgroundVeteransMemorial).

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The Highground’s Nov. 11 open house welcomed veterans and families with exhibits, refreshments, and heartfelt student messages. PROVIDED BY LIZ HAMILTON

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