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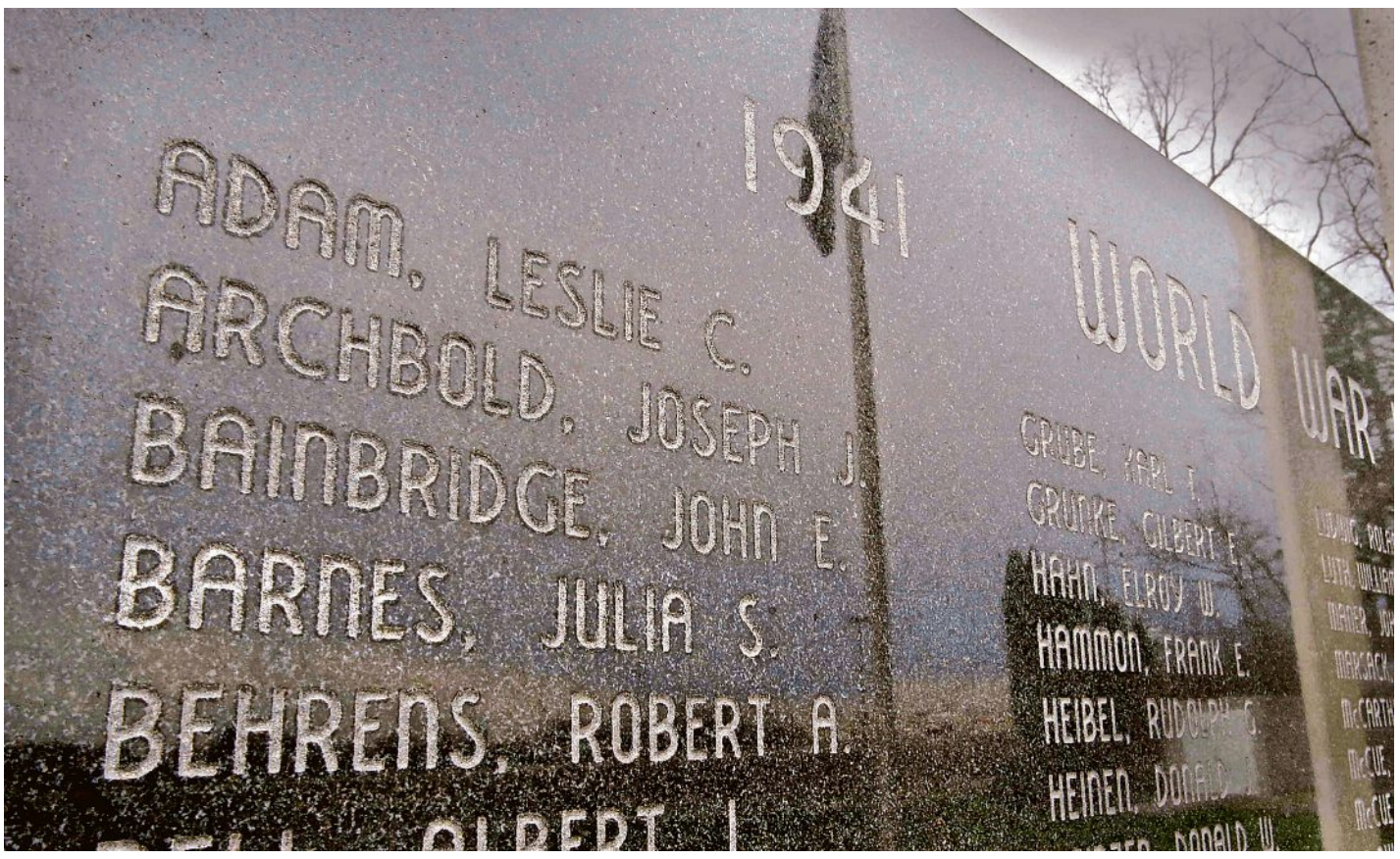

Julia S. Barnes' name is engraved at the Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial as seen April 13, 2026, in Sheboygan. The Plymouth graduate died at age 30 in a plane crash at Ledo, India, airfield on March 4, 1945, that killed about a dozen other nurses. GARY C. KLEIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Plymouth valedictorian died in World War II plane crash

Throwback
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SHEBOYGAN – A Sheboygan County woman was one of 14 nurses killed in an India plane crash during World War II in what has been termed the largest single loss of female nurses during that war.

Julia Schmid Barnes also was the first Sheboygan County woman to be killed in World War II.

Her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Herman G. Schmid of Plymouth, received the following telegram notifying them of her passing:

The secretary of war asks that I assure you of his deep sympathy in the loss of your daughter, Lt. Julia Schmid Barnes. Report received states she was killed March 4, in Assam, India, in a plane crash. Confirming letter follows.

What happened in the Assam crash near Ledo and who was on board?

Schmid Barnes rode in a C-47 transport plane piloted by Capt. Nicholas J. Mandoukos of Brooklyn, New York, and co-piloted by Capt. John J. Lukaszczyk of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

The plane crashed while attempting to land at the Ledo, India, airfield on March 4, 1945.

All 27 on board were killed when the pilot, attempting to land under low visibility, made a low turn and crashed, according to cbi-theater.com.

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A portrait of Julia Schmid Barnes in uniform in this photo from the 1940s. Schmid Barnes died in a plane crash in the China Burma India theater of World War II. PROVIDED BY THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Alder running for state Assembly

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SHEBOYGAN – Alder John Belanger plans to run for a state Assembly seat this fall in the hopes of representing Sheboygan in the state Capitol.

Belanger, who represents District 2 on Sheboygan Common Council, announced April 14 he is running in the 26th Assembly District race, which will be on the November ballot.

"I've spent my career solving problems and serving my community," Belanger said in a news release. "I'm ready to take that experience to Madison and be a strong, independent voice for the people of the 26th District."

Belanger

If elected, he said his top priorities would include addressing affordability issues for families, workers and small businesses as well as government fiscal responsibility.

State Rep. Joe Sheehan was elected in fall 2024 to represent District 26, which encompasses the city of Sheboygan, the town of Wilson and the town of Sheboygan. He is seeking reelection for a second term.

Belanger's announcement comes after he was defeated by challenger Erin Bremser in the spring 2026 election to represent District 2. According to unofficial election results, Belanger received 498 votes and Bremser received 885 votes. Members of the new council session will be sworn in later this month.

Belanger also lost the 2025 mayoral race against Ryan Sorenson, who is serving his second term.

Belanger was elected to the Common Council in April 2024 after serving from 2012 to 2018. He has served on various committees during his time as

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Police exhaust leads in Democratic Party office vandalism

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SHEBOYGAN – The Sheboygan Police Department said it has exhausted all leads in its investigation of who vandalized the Sheboygan County Democratic Party office last month.

SPD said that, after several weeks of trying to identify who threw a brick through the arched window at the Sheboygan County Democratic Party's office, 816 Erie Ave., it is now treating the case as an inactive investigation. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of March 16.

The Sheboygan Dems said the brick had an antisemitic message — a drawing of a swastika on one side and message saying "You're the real Nazis" on the other. The police have since clarified that the message said, "You are the Nazis."

The department said it investigated several people of interest, but leads did not pan out.

Gabriel Reyes, co-chair of the Sheboygan County Democratic Party, said the party is still assessing plans to repair the window, which will cost more than $7,000.

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