



Love’s offseason focus: Avoiding one particular throw

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Homeschooling jumps 52% in 6 years in Wisconsin



Elyse Scheeler homeschools her two children. Here, they are working on watercolor paintings. PROVIDED BY ELYSE SCHEELER

Public school enrollment declines at same time

“It’s really easy to get through the academics, and then that leaves time for book reading, research, music playing, all of those things.”

Elyse Scheeler
Caledonia resident,
homeschooling her children

Alec Johnson

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With school starting up soon, not everyone will be heading back to a traditional classroom. • There were 21,644 homeschooled students in Wisconsin during the 2019-20 school year, according to data from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. • In 2025-26, that number had risen by about 52%, to 32,891. • At the same time, Wisconsin’s public school enrollment has declined. • In the 2019-20 school year, 854,959 students were enrolled in public schools statewide. • By 2025-26, that had dropped by about 7%, to 791,794 students.

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A Flock camera has a black plastic bag over its lens along Kohler Memorial Drive in Sheboygan on Aug. 26.

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What we know about Sheboygan’s Flock cameras

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SHEBOYGAN – While police departments have found success using automated license plate reader technology to investigate and solve crimes, AI-powered Flock Safety has come under scrutiny for concerns about mass surveillance, data sharing, privacy violations and law enforcement misuse. City Administrator Casey Bradley and Sheboygan Police Chief Kurt Zempel plan to ask the Common Council Sept. 8 to end its contract with Flock Safety for 15 cameras in the city. This comes after the department learned in July the company was engaging in actions “inconsistent with the terms and expectations of the City’s contract and which undermine trust in the services provided,” according to a news release. More about what those actions are won’t be shared until the September meeting, the Sheboygan Press learned. The cameras have been covered as of the afternoon of Aug. 25, so no more data can be collected.

Sheboygan entered a contract with Flock in late 2023

The Common Council approved a two-year contract with Flock Safety at the end of 2023 for 15 cameras and software to assist with investigating crimes. The initial contract amounted to \$93,750 for one-time fees, equipment and software. The contract renewed automatically for another two-year period, with an annual cost of

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