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Swapping screws for supplements

Frank's Hardware site gets new life

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STEVENS POINT – What's moving into the old Frank's Hardware building in Stevens Point?

Nutrition Discount Center is in the process of moving a few doors down from its current location at 5474 U.S. 10 E. into the former Frank's Hardware building at 5444 U.S. 10 E.

Nutrition Discount Center announced July 25 on its Facebook page it

will close its current location on July 31 and aims to open Aug 3 at its new home.

The store offers natural vitamins and supplements, organic produce, grass-fed and organic meats, natural and organic foods, bulk herbs, essential oils and natural health and beauty products, according to its website. The store has locations in Oshkosh, Stevens Point and Appleton.

Frank's Hardware closed in 2023 after 82 years serving Stevens Point. The hardware store first opened in 1941 when Frank A. Klein purchased Guarantee



Nutrition Discount Center will move into the former Frank's Hardware building at 5444 U.S. 10 E. in Stevens Point. PHOTOS BY CAITLIN SHUDA/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Hardware. He ran the store right up until he died in January 1957. The Klein family continued Frank's legacy for more than six decades before closing its doors.

For more information about Nutrition Discount Center, visit <http://nutritiondiscountcenter.com> or find Nutrition Discount Center - Stevens Point, WI on Facebook.

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PORTAGE COUNTY INSPECTIONS

Dirty cabinets, utensils stored on the floor

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The following are the latest results of Portage County Health Department inspections on licensed food establishments and other types of businesses, which the Stevens Point Journal reports monthly.

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● Fusco's Chow Bella, 820 W. Oakwood Drive: June 1: No violations.

Plover

● Becca's Cafe, 1802 Plover Road: June 22: Pre-inspection: Two violations: No handwashing signs provided at employee handwashing sinks at front counter or kitchen; hand sinks in kitchen and front counter not equipped with no-hands operation.

● El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant, 5741 Windy Drive: June 16: No violations.

Rosholt

● Dollar Bills, 158 N. Main St.: June 22: No violations.

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Stevens Point man charged with homicide in July 21 death

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STEVENS POINT – Two people arrested after the death of a 46-year-old Carson woman made initial appearances July 27 on related charges.

Lyndon B. Hood, 60, of Stevens Point, faces a charge of first-degree intentional homicide for the death of Jeanette Pientka on July 21.

Sara M. Pientka, 46, of Stevens Point, faces charges of being a party to the crime of obstructing an officer and failure to provide a victim assistance or report a crime.

On July 24, Sara Pientka was charged with a felony charge of aiding a felon. Portage County Circuit Judge Louis Molepske Jr. set a \$1 million cash bail for both Sara Pientka and Hood on July 23. On July 27, an amended complaint was filed against Pientka, changing the felony charge to two misdemeanor charges, and Molepske lowered her bail to a \$5,000 signature bond. Molepske set an additional \$1,000 cash bail, which she has 30 days to post. Her next court appearance is on Sept. 14.

Hood qualifies for a public defender, but there were no attorneys immediately available to take the case, although an attorney made a special appearance

with Hood on July 27. Molepske adjourned Hood's initial appearance until Aug. 31 to give the Wisconsin Public Defenders Office time to find Hood an attorney.

According to the criminal complaint, at 10:57 a.m. July 21, a woman called 911 and reported finding Jeanette Pientka inside a home, and she had significant injuries and reported there was, "blood everywhere." The caller said she was a medical professional who does examinations on people wanting life insurance. She performed CPR on the woman.

County officers and then emergency medical services took over providing

help to Jeanette Pientka, but she died at the scene, according to the complaint. An autopsy determined Jeanette Pientka had 11 stab wounds and had died from a stab wound to her left leg that severed her femoral artery.

On the morning of July 21, Sara Pientka and Hood were in Portage County Circuit Court for a civil case. Jeanette Pientka, who was Sara's sister, had power of attorney over the finances of two of their aunts. Sara Pientka and Hood were staying at a home owned by the aunts and not paying rent, according to the complaint. Jeanette Pientka

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