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# Are you a Cadbury or Peeps person?

## Study reveals Wisconsin's favorite

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The question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, comes to a peak at Easter time.

Do you put all your eggs – Cadbury, that is – in one basket? Or do you prefer chickens (or bunnies) – aka Peeps?

When it comes to gooeyness, you can't go wrong with either Easter candy.

On one hand (or perhaps, in one hand), you have a chocolate shell and the gooey filling in Cadbury Creme Eggs.

In the other, you have the marshmallow goodness in such variety, with so many colors and flavors of Peeps that we've lost count.

### What do Americans say is the best Easter candy?

In newly released data, Target found that when it comes to selecting an Easter candy, 61% of the United States gravitates toward Cadbury Creme Eggs compared to Peeps. Based on Target candy sales between March 16 and April 20, 2025, 30 states prefer Cadbury eggs, while 20 states prefer Peeps.

Western and Southern states seem to prefer Peeps. The area largely across the Midwest – and Washington, D.C. – roll with Cadbury.

Ahead of Easter, Peeps released three new flavored marshmallow chicks in January: Pop-Tarts Frosted Strawberry, Chili Lime Mango and SunnyD. The Chili Lime Mango chicks are available exclusively at Kroger and the SunnyD flavor is available only at Target, accord-

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A wall of Easter candy is on display early Ash Wednesday morning at a Brookshir's in Monroe, La. GREG HILBURN/USA TODAY NETWORK

## Libraries offer free April story times

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The Marathon County Public Library has announced a series of story times for children and their parents at various locations in April.

The interactive sessions are designed to introduce children to literature and reading through storytelling, songs, games, puppets and finger-plays, according to a community announcement. Some sessions also include additional activities and crafts.

The story times are scheduled at several locations, making them easily accessible for families across the county.

### Wausau library offering multiple events

The Wausau branch at 300 N. First Street will host "Tales for Tots," a program geared toward toddlers, from 10-10:30 a.m. every Monday in April. The sessions will focus on shapes, numbers, colors and rhyming.

Additionally, "Play and Learn" will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Staff from Children's Wisconsin will read a story, share music and lead children through a craft project. They will also be available to speak with parents and caregivers about parenting and developmental questions.

Family Story Time will take place from 10-10:30 a.m. every Thursday, offering stories, songs and literature-based activities for children of all ages and their parents or guardians.

### Other branches offer special programs

• The Athens branch at 203 Alfred St. will host "Tales for Tots" from 10:30-10:50 a.m. April 15, and Family

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# Woman charged after police follow blood trail from tavern

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MERRILL – A 43-year-old woman is facing felony charges after police followed a blood trail from a man stabbed in the chest to her Merrill home.

Julia L. White is charged with first-degree reckless injury and felony battery. She made her initial court appearance March 30. Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Galen Bayne-Allison set a \$40,000 signature and \$10,000 cash bail for White, who requested a court-appointed attorney. Bayne-Allison scheduled a status conference in the case for April 1.

### Police say caller reported stabbing at Merrill tavern

According to the criminal complaint, at 10:06 p.m. March 28, a caller reported a man had fallen at a Merrill tavern and was bleeding. The caller then reported it

looked like the man had been stabbed. When police arrived, they found the man had a stab wound just to the left of the center of his chest, according to the complaint.

Officers saw a blood trail leading away from the victim. They followed the blood trail from the tavern to the door of White's residence, which was about a block away from the tavern, according to the complaint. People at the tavern told officers the man who was stabbed often stayed at White's home.

### Victim told police he was stabbed in the chest, complaint says

An ambulance took the stabbed man to Aspirus Merrill Hospital. The man was in and out of consciousness before medical staff inserted a breathing tube into the man's airway to help him breathe. While he was conscious, the man told an officer that White had stabbed him in the chest with a kitchen knife, according to the complaint. He

said he went to the tavern to get help.

### Complaint details White's account and witness statements

White told officers she and the man had gotten into an argument that turned physical. She said the man grabbed her by the neck and she hit him in the face, according to the complaint. When an officer asked the woman if she had hurt the man when she hit him in the face, she indicated she hoped she did because she wanted to hurt him. White never said she stabbed the man, but she said she poked him in the chest with two of her fingers. The spot she said she poked him was the same spot as the stab wound.

Another woman who was staying at the house said she had a friend over. She said the stabbing victim arrived at the home just as her friend was leaving and she went outside to say goodbye.

The woman said when she went back in the home, the victim was choking

White and White punched him in the chest. White then armed herself with a kitchen knife, pointed it at the man and told him to get out, according to the complaint. The woman said she went to the basement at that time. She said she returned to the kitchen 10 minutes later and found White crying.

### Investigators note cleaning supplies, limited blood found inside

Officers could smell cleaning supplies when they entered White's home, and they found cleaning supplies out in the open. The only blood they found in the house was on the steps leading to the second floor. The blood trail to the tavern started immediately outside the home's main door, according to the complaint.

White did not report the incident. She said the man had threatened to call

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