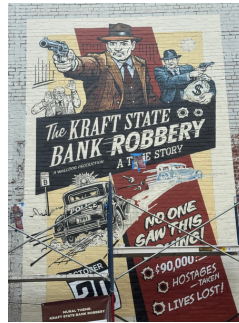


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Menomonie's Walls Became a History Book

From June 24–28, downtown Menomonie was transformed as more than 200 volunteer artists descended on the city for the Walldogs "Murals in Menomonie" festival, leaving behind 15 breathtaking, large-scale murals that bring the town's history to life on its own buildings. If you haven't wandered downtown to see them yet, put it on your list. Each mural was carefully researched to capture a piece of Menomonie's story — its people, its industries, its landmarks...so that residents and visitors alike can read the town's history simply by walking its streets.



WHY IT MATTERS BEYOND THE PAINT

The Walldogs weren't just muralists passing through; they built something that will last well past the festival:

- A town that came together. For five days, local volunteers, business owners, and artists from across the country worked side by side, turning blank walls into a shared community project.
- A permanent connection to our roots. Every mural tells a real piece of Menomonie's history, giving residents a renewed sense of pride in where they're from, and giving visitors a reason to ask questions about it.
- Art without a gallery. By putting museum-quality, hand-painted work directly on Main Street, the festival made art accessible to everyone who walked by; no admission ticket required.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR MENOMONIE

The Murals in Menomonie Fund, held here at the Community Foundation, helped make the festival itself possible; covering costs for artists, materials, and logistics. Now that the murals are up, the fund's mission is shifting from funding the event to funding its future — supporting the cleaning, repair, and preservation these large-scale outdoor murals will need for decades to come.

SEE THEM FOR YOURSELF

Visit the Explore Menomonie website to find all 15 murals and plan your own walking tour of Menomonie's newest outdoor museum.

HELP KEEP THEM STANDING

The Murals in Menomonie Endowment Fund made this festival possible; now it's focused on maintaining these murals for years to come. Scan to give.



JEANS & JEWELS

Saturday, November 7, 2026 | 5:00 – 9:00 PM | UW-Stout Memorial Student Center

Jeans and Jewels is our biggest night of the year, and the fundraising engine behind everything the Community Foundation does.

This gala keeps our work in philanthropy, collaboration, and leadership going strong all year long.



SPONSOR

Sponsorships are the backbone of this event. Our sponsorship packet can be found at cfdunncounty.org/jeansandjewels. A few Exclusive Sponsorships are still available. Call the Foundation at (715) 232-8019 to reserve your spot.



DONATE

In-kind donations help make the evening special, from auction items to event essentials. Sponsorship and donation forms can be submitted online, or printed and mailed to: Community Foundation, 800 Wilson Ave, Suite 235, Menomonie, WI 54751.



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NONPROFIT TOUR

The Community Foundation of Dunn County recently held its first Nonprofit Impact Tour of 2026. The tour's focus was on mental health. It was a great opportunity for those who attended to learn firsthand about local organizations making a meaningful difference across our community. Our next nonprofit tour will be held on October 8. Details will be available on our Facebook page and website soon!

Hoofbeat Therapeutic Healing Center

Hoofbeat Therapeutic Healing Center offers anyone a chance to connect with horses, using equine therapy to help process trauma, anxiety, or simply find a safe space. Thanks to grants from the Community Foundation and Women's Giving Circle, Hoofbeat purchased a new jog cart, saddles, and riding helmets, expanding access to this life-changing therapy. Tour attendees heard heartfelt stories of resilience and healing, then experienced it firsthand: trying out the jog cart, brushing the horses, and handing out a few well-deserved treats.



Arbor Place - Women & Children's Center



Our time at Arbor Place began with a powerful story of someone who found stability and healing through their services. We learned about their work across mental health care, addiction recovery, the men's shelter, and the new Women and Children's Center, made possible by generous community support. Thanks to the Women's Giving Circle, Philanthropy Unplugged, and Community Foundation donors, Arbor Place purchased glider chairs for the Women and Children's Center, funded its development, and established a \$5,000 matching gift to grow their endowment for long-term support.



Milkweed Alliance - Kaleidoscope Center



Our third stop showcased WIMA's growth and commitment to a welcoming community for those seeking support. Attendees toured the Kaleidoscope Center, where peer-led groups and clubs offer connection and encouragement in a safe space open daily – 7am-11pm on weekdays and 8am-12am on weekends. We also learned how Community Foundation support has expanded WIMA's impact through CPR and first aid training, harm reduction resources, and a \$5,000 matching gift to grow their endowment – inspiring proof of how these investments create a healthier, safer, more connected community.



Health Dunn Right

We wrapped up with lunch at the Menomonie Food Co-op while hearing from the Menomonie Health Department and Free Clinic of the Menomonie Area about Health Dunn Right. Their mission is to improve quality of life for individuals, families, and the community across Dunn County through advocacy, collaboration, education, and peer support, with a focus on reducing health disparities and reaching those who need it most. Attendees learned about their bilingual (English/Spanish) resource guide, a project many community members and the Community Foundation were proud to help bring to life.



COMMUNITY INDICATORS PROJECT

WHO WE ARE



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UW-Eau Claire MPH



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UW-Eau Claire MPH



Wisconsin Area Health Education Centers Summer Interns

WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

Dunn County Community Indicators is a public, consistently-updated data dashboard – built on the MySidewalk platform – that shows exactly where community needs are greatest, helping nonprofits, donors, and local leaders direct funding where it matters most, year after year

★ **A centralized dashboard hub for Dunn County data, powered by MySidewalk**

WHAT IS IT?

- ✓ Hundreds of local metrics in one place
- ✓ Automatically updates, giving the most reliable data
- ✓ Tracks community trends over time to better understand progress
- ✓ Includes narratives to give a story to metrics and trends
- ✓ Helps everyone make informed, data-driven decisions

WHY?



COMMUNITY DATA IS FRAGMENTED

- Important information exists across dozens of platforms
- Finding supporting data for grant applications becomes strenuous



DATA CURATION IS DIFFICULT

- Collecting, formatting, and maintaining datasets takes much time & effort
- Takes away from decision-making and taking action

PROGRESS IS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE



- Are investments making a difference?
- Are we improving?

WHO BENEFITS

a few of many examples:



Nonprofits: prioritize programs, monitor trends affecting clients, and direct funding to where needs are greatest as they shift — supported by real, local data.



Donors: make informed funding decisions by identifying areas of greatest need and tracking the impact of investments.



Local Government: use data to develop projects, guide community planning, and justify funding requests with evidence.



Businesses: analyze workforce trends, economic conditions, and population growth to inform business planning and expansion.



Residents: Access reliable local data to make informed decisions, advocate for community needs, and stay connected to what's happening in Dunn County.

OUR COMMITMENT

Maintain the quality of the dashboard for years to come

Listen to feedback and make necessary adjustments

Use solely reliable data sources and share these sources

Always keep the dashboard available to the public

WHEN

Dunn County Community Indicators plans to launch in **August 2026**

QUESTIONS?



indicators@cfdunncounty.org

Please feel free to reach out:



(715)-232-8019

AUGUST IS MAKE A WILL MONTH

A Legacy of Love: Remembering Scotty Sutliff This 'Make a Will' Month

"When I think of the word generosity, I think of Scotty Sutliff," says Jamie Wagner, Director of Animal Welfare at the Dunn County Humane Society. "His kindness brought me to tears more than once. He always wanted to hear about the challenges we faced, and he consistently asked how he could support our work. To encounter someone so genuine is rare — Scotty truly was one of a kind."

Near the end of October 2025, the Humane Society lost this dear friend. Scotty never asked for recognition, he simply believed in their mission, and wanted to help, quietly and selflessly. Through a bequest, he left a gift in his will establishing a fund at the Community Foundation of Dunn County, ensuring his generosity continues to protect and care for the animals who need it most.

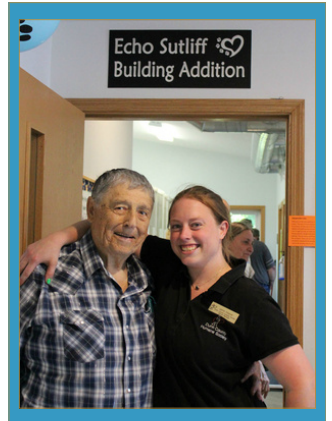
It doesn't take great wealth to leave a legacy like Scotty's. It just takes a decision, and a will to make it official.

August is Make a Will Month. Over half of American adults don't have a will in place — this August, make yours.

Through the Community Foundation, you can build a charitable bequest into your will that:

- Supports the causes you love
- Keeps you in full control of your assets during your lifetime
- Works alongside your estate attorney to carry out your wishes

Ready to make your mark, like Scotty did? Contact our team for a confidential conversation this August or visit our Planned Giving Resource page for more information at cfdunncounty.org/give.



Scotty with Jamie Wagner at the Humane Society



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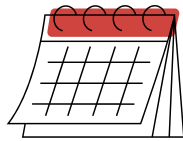
UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 12 | 5 PM
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts
RSVP by August 8 online at cfdunncounty.org/wgc-gather2give
or call our office at 715-232-8019. Tickets are \$15.

GATHER TO Give



Please join us at Gather to Give, even if you're not yet a Women's Giving Circle member! While the grant recipient vote is reserved for current WGC members (2026 membership has closed), we'd love for you to see our voting process firsthand; a great preview before joining us as a 2027 member.



SAVE THE DATE

Community Impact Grant Cycle Application Deadline - August 1

Community Foundation Nonprofit Impact Tour - Thursday, October 8

Women's Giving Circle Fall Gala - Tuesday, October 13 at Jake's Supper Club

Jeans & Jewels - Saturday, November 7

DONATE NOW online at <https://cfdunncounty.fcsuite.com/erp/donate> or by mail using the tear-off.



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Please make checks payable to the Community Foundation of Dunn County.

THANK YOU!

All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.



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Thanks to the Arlien W. Carlson Library Legacy Fund, supporting the Boyceville Public Library, local children got a hands-on introduction to all things insects with Dr. Bruce Giebink — aka Bruce the Bug Guy! Live critters and fun props gave the audience an up-close, interactive look at these fascinating creatures. The endowed fund was created by Boyceville's Ellen Carlson in honor of her late mother-in-law, Arlien, who loved the Boyceville Public Library. 📖❤️

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