

3 things to do this weekend

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• **Battle of the Bands**
When: Saturday starting at 7 p.m.

Where: The Portage, 3490 Highway 63, Cable
What to expect: Five bands from Ashland, Eau Claire, Menomonie and Minneapolis will compete to be crowned Battle of the Bands champions. Reactions from the crowd will help determine the winner.



• **Clothing Swap**
When: Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Event Horizon, 705 Main St. W., Ashland
What to expect: Bring used clothing and change it

out for something new.
• **Annual Spring Palooza**
When: Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: The Gathering Barn, 50467 Highway 13,

Ashland
What to expect: There will be more than 25 tables full of items from vendors and crafters to shop from. Food and drink specials will also be available.

Ashland County Jail chief resigns

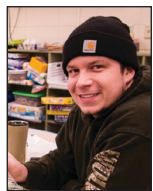
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The Ashland County Jail administrator involved in an early-morning crash April 16 has resigned from the Sheriff's Department.

Kyle Cadotte submitted his resignation April 25 as the department was investigating the circumstances of his crash.

He is alleged to have

crashed his truck at about 3 a.m. Sunday, April 16 on Mountain Road in the Bayfield County town of Bell. Bayfield County deputies determined that Cadotte's truck drifted off the road, hit a mailbox and then jumped over a driveway before coming to a stop in a ditch, according to police reports.



Cadotte

Officers found an empty can of White Claw, an alcoholic seltzer, at the scene and alcohol was listed as a suspected factor in the crash.

A deputy phoned Cadotte from the scene, but Cadotte refused to return to the site, according to police reports. He was issued citations for inattentive driving and speeding after he told the deputy he crashed while using his phone, the report said.

Cadotte remained on the job for a week after his crash, but was suspended immediately after the Daily Press published a story about his crash.

Cadotte, who made about \$31 per hour, remained on paid leave during the subsequent investigation. He didn't give the county a reason for his resignation and did not immediately return a Daily Press reporter's calls

seeking comment. As part of his resignation, he will be paid for accrued vacation time, but Ashland County Administrator Dan Grady said he is not sure what that would amount to.

No plans have been made to fill the position, Grady said.

Cadotte, who had been an Ashland County detective, was appointed as top administrator of the Ashland County Jail shortly after Sheriff Brian Zupke took office and fired then-administrator Lt. Kim Lavasseur in January.

Lavasseur, who is fighting her termination, has contended that Zupke chose Cadotte in part because he is a relative of Zupke's.

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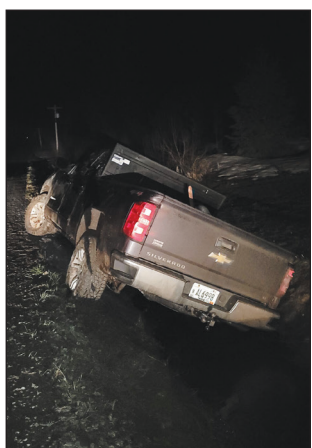


PHOTO PROVIDED BY BAYFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Ashland County Jail Administrator Kyle Cadotte's truck at the scene of his crash.

AHS royalty



Ashland High School students Cooper DeBriyn and Sonja Root were crowned prom king and queen earlier this month.

FREE EVENT!

MAY 19
3:00-6:00 PM

CENTRAL RAILYARD PARK
423 6TH ST W ASHLAND

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