

You did then what you knew how to  
do and when you knew better...  
you did better.

MAYA ANGELOU

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**Equity | Opportunity | Shared Stewardship**





A person wearing a dark brown suit jacket and a white shirt is holding a rectangular piece of brown cardboard. The cardboard has the word "JOB?" written on it in blue, hand-drawn capital letters. The person's hand is visible at the top of the cardboard, holding it. The background is a solid blue color.

JOB?

Future

Present

Past


























A photograph of a cemetery on a foggy day. In the foreground, a large, weathered stone statue of an angel with spread wings stands on a rough, dark rock. The angel is looking down. The middle ground is filled with numerous gravestones of various shapes and sizes, mostly rectangular and upright, scattered across a grassy field. In the background, a large, multi-story brick church with a steeple is visible, partially obscured by bare trees and the fog. The overall atmosphere is somber and reflective.

It's hard to see the future  
with tears in your eyes.







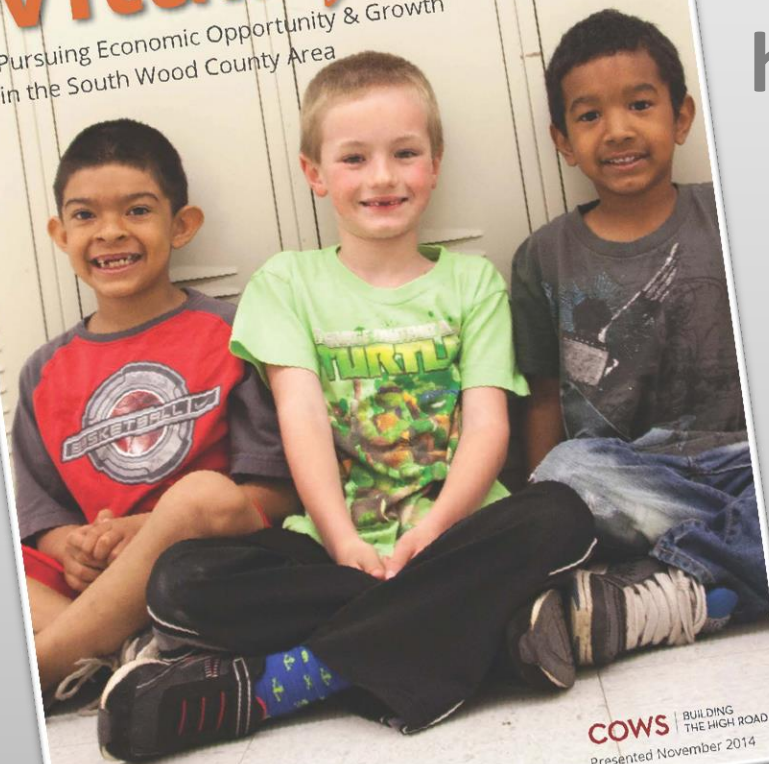
**Building a community that  
works well for all people.**





# Vital Signs

Pursuing Economic Opportunity & Growth  
in the South Wood County Area



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COWS | BUILDING  
THE HIGH ROAD  
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Information is as vital to the healthy functioning of communities as clean air, safe streets, good schools, and public health.

The Knight Commission on the  
Information Needs of Communities



Authentic leadership will risk failure  
by making the space for others to act.

PARKER PALMER

**"There's no future  
in this ghost town."**



**We disagree. Strongly.**







HOME										GUEST
DOWN	TO GO	BALL ON	QTR							T.O.L.
T.O.L.										T.O.L.
ROTARY CLUB OF					WISCONSIN RAPIDS					











# Tribune: a champion of the people



- **A strong and inclusive local economy**
- **A healthy, livable, sustainable community**
- **A community that is open to change with a culture of shared stewardship**

Enterprises	Community Space
Microbrewery	Welcome center
Culinary kitchen	Conference / meeting rooms
Recreation rental facility	Game room
Cafe / Brewpub	Play area
Art studio / classroom	Study room
Creative workshop / makerspace	Social space & gallery



*When neighbors help neighbors, and even when strangers help strangers, both those who help and those who are helped are transformed. When that which was their problem becomes our problem, there is a new connectedness and new forms of community are possible. ~ Ambassador James Joseph*



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