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## LUHS board to consider 'facilities task team'

### District's 2025 budget approved, includes tax levy of \$12,451,366

By Trevor Greene  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Lakeland Union High School (LUHS) board of education on Monday was introduced by interim district administrator Steven Kolden to the idea of creating a "facilities task team," which would include not only

board members, but community members and school staff. At the board's committee of the whole meeting earlier this month, a presentation was provided from Nexus Solutions, a company hired by the district last year, with regard to a facilities plan that was created.

The wide-ranging presentation about the building's needs resulted in board discussion primarily about what would happen if the district went to a referendum. Between that meeting on Oct. 14 and its meeting Monday, board members were also given an opportunity to see for

themselves the district's facilities that may need work. "Following our discussion last month it was pretty evident to me that the board and staff, community, definitely need more information on where we're going to go

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## Proposed constitutional amendment would restrict Wisconsin voting to citizens

### Progressives say it's not needed; supporters see a loophole

By Richard Moore  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

On Tuesday voters across Wisconsin will cast ballots on a constitutional amendment that would restrict voting in the state to U.S. citizens, with supporters and opponents lining up on both sides of the question.

Specifically, the ballot question asks: "Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"

Known as the State of Wisconsin Eligibility to Vote Referendum, the amendment changes the language in the constitution from "every" United States citizen to "only a" United States citizen.

The actual current language: "Every United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district."

The proposed language with differences italicized: "Only a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum."

While many presume that only citizens are allowed to vote now, support-

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## A DASH OF DOG POWER

Melissa Omernick and her two-dog team race for the USA during the IFSS Continental North American Championships & "Almost" Winter Park Dryland Dog Dash on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Minocqua Winter Park.

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## 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT - NOV. 5 GENERAL ELECTION

# CANDIDATE PROFILES

### Kilbourn takes on Tiffany in seventh congressional district

#### Challenger calls for fresh leadership, new commitment to northern Wisconsin

By Richard Moore  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Kyle Kilbourn, who is the Democratic nominee for Wisconsin' seventh congressional district, acknowledges that he is not a native of northern Wisconsin but that's not to say his arrival here was random, or without familial connections or passion for the area.



Kilbourn

Indeed, what his arrival here represents, Kilbourn says, is a chance to return to small town roots and in a place offering great outdoors opportunities. He says he's not alone in finding the Northwoods a great place to move to. "I grew up in a small town on a one-acre farm in North

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### Tiffany seeks new term to keep fighting old problems

#### Deficit, energy, immigration still top concerns for northern Wisconsin

By Richard Moore  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The times may always change but that doesn't mean the nation doesn't face age-old problems, and that's the case this year as Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany seeks another term representing northern Wisconsin in Congress. Tiffany, first elected to the



Tiffany

seventh congressional district seat in a 2020 special election and then re-elected later that year and again in 2022, says he will continue to urge his fellow lawmakers to have the courage to take a stand to solve the most persistent problems. "We all know the problems that exist in America," Tiffany told

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## HOCUS POCUS

Odin Lawrence dressed as Winifred Sanderson grabs a treat during Trick or Treating on Saturday, Oct. 26, in downtown Boulder Junction.

# Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship applications due Dec. 5

Calling all post-secondary students who are residents of Boulder Junction.

If you are enrolled in a technical or college program and continue as a resident of Boulder Junction, you are eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained at the Boulder Junction Library, from the library website, or from Northern Highland Sports in Boulder Junction. All applications must be post-marked or received by Thursday, Dec. 5.

Applications can be mailed to: Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship, P.O. Box 413, Boulder Junction, WI 54512-0413. Or emailed to: [bjschristmasscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:bjschristmasscholarship@gmail.com).

Last year's recipients were awarded scholarships funded by the Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship donors and the Kyle Paszkiet Hockey Scholarship Memorial Fund. These scholarships are made available through the generous donations from many wonderful people. It is this active and continuing support from Boulder Junction residents and friends which has kept this program going for the past 60 years to benefit the students of Boulder Junction seeking higher education.

## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

**Wed., Nov. 6**

**LAC DU FLAMBEAU TOWN BOARD-** 5:30 p.m., Lac du Flambeau Town Hall.

**Friday, Nov. 8**

**TOWN OF PLUM LAKE PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS-** 5:30 p.m., Town Hall in Sayner.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**

**NEWBOLD ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS AND SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING-** 7 p.m., Newbold Community Center.



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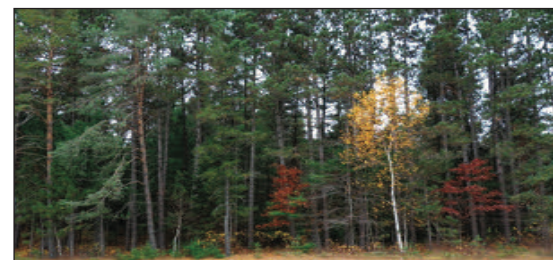
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## Polymer clay jewelry making workshop in Manitowish Waters Nov. 2

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is hosting a Polymer Clay Jewelry Making Workshop with Darcy Lanz-Sage from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

In this workshop participants will create their own unique earrings, pendants or possibly a bracelet using polymer clay. This will be a beginner's introduction to polymer clay to experiment with the moldable quality of polymer clay.

Registration is required by Oct. 31. Cost is \$40 for non-members, \$35 for members. Bring a lunch if you wish. For more information or to register, visit: [nldc.app.neoncrm.com/nldc/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50646](http://nldc.app.neoncrm.com/nldc/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50646) or call 715-543-2085.

# Manitowish Waters bike trail extension gets underway

## 1.5-mile trail set to run from Powell Road to Manitowish and Deer Path roads

By Trevor Greene  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Construction has begun for a bike trail extension in Manitowish Waters. The trail, which has been a project for roughly almost two years now, runs along U.S. Highway 51 from Powell Road to Manitowish and Deer Path roads.

The cost of the project totaled \$417,650 and it's a bill taxpayers won't have to foot. To date, according to a press release from Joyce Hoehn of the project's committee, \$376,539 of that total has been raised through donations.

More funding is needed yet, though: "Therefore any addi-

tional donations to the Bike Trail Extension Project would be greatly appreciated."

Town chairman John Hanson indicated one of the reasons the project has taken time to start was due to easements and permits it had to secure from the state Department of Natural Resources and state Department of Transportation (DOT).

Hanson said the reason the 1.5-mile trail ends at town roads, Manitowish and Deer Path roads, is because that's what the DOT advised and wanted to avoid the trail "stopping in the middle of nowhere, like at the bridge."

Also, he said, a user



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOGRAPH

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agreement with Manitowish Waters Bike

Trail Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, was confirmed between the involved parties because that will be the entity maintaining the trail.

According to Hoehn's press release, construction of the bike trail will continue through the fall and the gavel bed will have settled before paving as soon as spring weather allows. It should be ready to be used for bikers and walkers by mid to late May, Hoehn's press release said.

"The plan is to continue that trail to our town line with Boulder Junction and Boulder Junction of course is working on their trail coming toward us," Hanson said. "So they finished theirs to N. Creek Road. So once we get to S. Townline then that connection would be from N. Creek Road to connect to us."

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# OVTC discusses Rhinelander public transportation program cancellation

Schreier: 'Very concerned about this'

By Brian Jopek  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Oct. 14 decision by the Rhinelander Common Council to, because of budget constraints, cancel its shared ride program was a topic of discussion at the Oct. 24 meeting of the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission (OVTC) which oversees the Rhinelander-based Northwoods Transit Connections (NTC).

That cancellation by the city in the primarily federally and state funded Shared Ride program takes effect Jan. 1, 2025.

NTC director Barb Newman told commission members she has "reached out to the city" about the possibility of NTC "offering a fixed route."

She said she'd spoken to city administrator Patrick Reagan.

"They're taking a year off," Newman said. "They're not going to be spending any money in 2025 toward public transportation. The comment was made at the (city council) meeting Hodag Cab would be the taxi service for Rhinelander."

She said there was no money in the NTC budget to run a fixed-route as well as the current five-day-week schedule of runs.

Newman said, however, with the Shared Ride cancellation, NTC buses will be the only public transportation entity in the Rhinelander area that will have "wheelchair accessible vehicles."

"We'll be the only one in the city of Rhinelander that has that," she said. "Our service runs Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Newman said her suggestion is NTC would continue to run its routes as it has, including those to Minocqua, Eagle River and other locations in the two counties.

"We're working on plans to be more efficient," she said. "We're expecting more traffic."

Newman said she's spoken with Hodag Cab and would be "working with them to see how we could make this all work."

"I've reached out to Lakeland Cab as well," she said. "I haven't reached out to any of the private providers to see if they're going to be able to help pick up the wheelchair passengers."

### Are we obligated?

OVTC member Fred Radtke asked if the city were to go back into a transportation service in 2026 whether it would be obtained through the bidding process as had been the case with the city's current contract with Running Inc.

"They might," Newman said. "I didn't have that conversation so I don't know. I mean, they can or they can do something different that's just ... they could contract with us for some transportation services."

"We'll continue our on-demand service," Radtke said. "I anticipate that will increase, probably ... we'd just be a very good fit for them as a service to their city being that we're there already."

OVTC member Billy Fried said it seemed the commission had gone "full circle."

"When I first got on the (commission), we had private companies really concerned about us getting into the market and moving the disabled people," he said. "Am I hearing there's a need in the city because of the action they're taking?"

"There might be," Newman said. "I anticipate that there will be."

"In a perfect world, if the city accepted funding from the DOT (Wisconsin Department of Transportation), would they be able to use that funding to contract with an entity like (NTC) or a private company?"

"Well, they did that now," Newman said. "They did that with the Shared Ride taxi program. They contracted with another company. They could contract with us as well."

She reiterated there wouldn't be a change in the service NTC provides and is working to make the operation more efficient but at the same time, Newman said she hasn't visited with many businesses in Rhinelander to see what their needs were in the way of public transportation.

"This came about quickly for me since our public meeting is next month," she said of the OVTC's budget hearing. "Outside of our hours, we're just not going to meet the needs of some of the people."

Newman said Hodag Cab would pick up on weekends but doesn't have, as NTC does, wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Fried mentioned there had been on-demand funding available through the county aging and disability resource center (ADRC).

"They still have their volunteer escort program and ... they have a purchase transportation

program where they can purchase transportation for someone who qualifies," Newman said but she added she was unsure of what the ADRC budget is for the purchase transportation program.

OVTC chairman Marv Anderson asked Newman why it is the city of Rhinelander decided

"to take a break."

"Was it finance?" he asked.

"Was it they didn't have enough staff?"

Newman said it was financial as prior to this year, the city didn't contribute to the program but did budget \$25,000 for 2024.

"In 2025, they needed \$75,000 for it," she said. "I don't think it's in their budget to do that."

Newman said she will meet with Reagan again in the spring "to see what we can do to partner together."

"I'm open to it but it's not going to be in 2025," she said.

Fried looked for clarification that in the meantime, there would be transportation service available on weekends for "those in need."

"There are private entities that have wheelchair accessible vehicles outside of our service times," Newman said. "What their prices are, I don't know. And again, the ADRC has money to purchase transportation. People will need to contact them because I'm not completely sure how that works."

Oneida County supervisor Steve Schreier,

who represents four city wards on the county board and is a former member of the OVTC, said he was "very concerned about this."

"One, I can't express enough how disappointed I am in the city of Rhinelander," he said. "I think it was extremely irresponsible of them to basically say 'We're not renewing the contract' almost at the end of the service cycle and now, they're just going to say 'OK, who's going to fill the void?' Not that it's this entity's problem but at the same time, the taxpayers of Rhinelander should expect service from someone and they're also residents of Oneida County."

Up to now, Schreier said, the city of Rhinelander "took it upon themselves to provide shared ride service."

"They're saying 'We're no longer doing that' and this entity (NTC) is saying 'It's not really something we budgeted for and not something we have a plan for,'" he said.

"We're also saying that to all the people who have a disability or need a ride ... they (NTC) don't have any actual information to give them. If they were to start calling Oneida Vilas Transit because ... do we have the authority to pick anyone up in the city? It doesn't sound like it. At least, not until the end of the year and then, what do those people and riders do at the beginning of the year?"

Essentially, Schreier's question boiled down to this:

how are the needs of the people of Rhinelander going to be dealt with by NTC, a transportation service "that's supposedly provided" to residents of Oneida and Vilas counties?

"Steven, we work in the city of Rhinelander now," Newman said. "We operate Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. We have one driver on at all times and we have two drivers during the middle of the day. We take care of seniors and persons with disabilities through those hours."

Because of the Shared Ride taxi service, she said, NTC was unable to pick up "the general public."

"We're servicing Rhinelander now," Newman said. "Please don't forget that. We are servicing them now and we will continue to do that and we are trying to do so more efficiently so we can take more passengers."

Schreier acknowledged what Newman was saying but continued to press his concern.

"What we're telling those people is their needs can only be met during certain hours," he said.

"Actually, the city of Rhinelander is telling them that," Anderson said. "We're not. I understand right where you're coming from, Steve. It's like are we obligated to adjust our budget and services to do that because Rhinelander said 'We're not doing it anymore'? There's nothing nice about this at all."

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"There's nothing nice about this at all."

Marv Anderson  
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# AV-W school board approves 2024-25 budget and tax levy

By Brian Jopek  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Arbor Vitae-Woodruff (AV-W) school district's board of education Monday approved the district's mill levy and budget for the 2024-25 school year.

Following the budget hearing in the school board's meeting room with no attendance from the general public with the exception of a district employee and *The Lakeland Times*, the district's 2024-25 budget of \$11,093,483.74 was approved as was a property tax levy of \$5,753,302.

While the overall budget shows an increase of just over \$617,400 more than the 2023-24 district budget, the

property tax levy — how things directly effect the taxpayer — is nearly \$570,000 less than what was approved a year ago.

District administrator Dr. Jocelyn Hardy, in giving a brief overview of the budget as proposed, told the school board many of the expenses are in the building and grounds area of the budget.

"Then, there are things that are on a rotating, annual basis, like \$50,000 for new Chromebooks," she said. "Those are always big expenses. We did some textbook upgrades that haven't been done since like ... the late 90s. Just things like that in one fell swoop, can be \$50,000."

"The overall tax levy is decreasing by 8.99 percent which was expected as we ... made the adjustment last year," school board president Judy Nelson said, a reference to \$496,000 the district had to repay because of an error at the state level in what Nelson said was "the inaccurate enrollment count the year before."

"I'm happy to say that while we told property owners that we anticipated there would be a decrease in the levy this year, there is," she said.

"Yes," Hardy agreed.

"Absolutely."  
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## 'Carl the Collector' launch party in Manitowish Waters Nov. 10

Celebrate the new PBS KIDS animated series "Carl the Collector" at this family event at the North Lakeland Discovery Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Nov. 10. In partnership with local organizations serving neurodivergent youth and kids with autism, come watch episodes of the show, enjoy sensory-friendly activities and quiet room, explore the Discovery Center, meet a horse from the

Scholl Community Impact Group, and at 11 a.m. enjoy a special program from a Discovery Center naturalist.

"Carl the Collector" follows Carl, a warm-hearted raccoon who loves collecting things. The show breaks new ground as the first PBS KIDS series to feature central characters on the autism spectrum. Carl's attention to detail, distinctive way of looking at the world, and extensive

collections help him solve problems around Fuzzytown with his neurodivergent and neurotypical friends. The series premieres Nov. 14 on PBS Wisconsin!

This event is open-house style, is free, open to the public, and all ages are welcome. For more information, visit: [nldc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50673](http://nldc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50673) or call 715-543-2085.



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## UN-BAT-LIEVABLY CUTE

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## MAGICIAN IN TRAINING

Eight-year-old Kylie Martin assists David Anthony with a magic trick during the David Anthony Magic and Illusion show on Friday, Oct. 25, at the Campanile Center for the Arts in Minocqua.

## Houseplant Swap & Potluck on Nov. 13 at Discovery Center

The North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters is hosting a free Houseplant Swap & Potluck from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Bring a houseplant to trade out for a new species to bring both beauty and oxygen into

your home as we head our way into the chilly months ahead. Along with your houseplant cutting, or rooted plants, please bring a dish to share with other attendees. Some refreshments will be provided, and a donation-based bar will

be open for those interested.

This event is free, but registration is required by Nov. 11. For more information and to register, visit [nldc.app.neoncrm.com/nldc/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50650](http://nldc.app.neoncrm.com/nldc/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50650) or call 715-543-2085.

## Plum Lake community center building committee meets for first time

By Brian Jopek  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

With the award to the town of Plum Lake by the federal government of a grant of \$4,250,000 to fund construction of new community center in Sayner, the first meeting of the committee that will oversee the project took place Monday.

Plum Lake town chair Jackey Postuchow, who along with town supervisors Jona Eliason and Kevin Rasmussen are part of the committee, told *The Lakeland Times* Tuesday much of Monday's meeting was organizational in nature, including gathering the information needed for submission of 17 documents to the government in support of the grant.

"To get the grant process started," she said and she explained what the town had received earlier in October was an official letter of notification from the Wisconsin Department of Administration the Flexible Facilities Program (FFP) grant had been awarded.

"What we have to do is turn around and give them all of our documents like where we bank through, basically all of our contact information, insurance policies the town holds, contracts we have with an architect and grant administrator," Postuchow said. "All that documentation has to go to our FFP representatives and then they'll start paying for stuff."

The project architect is Steve Jamroz of Blue Design Group in Hortonville who's no stranger to area towns such as Boulder Junction; Jamroz designed the Boulder Junction community center.

As part of the project, the town offices are to be incorporated into the new community center which will leave the future of the current Plum Lake town hall to be decided by town electors.

"Being the building is as old as it is, it needs a new heating and air conditioning system, the electrical system needs to be updated, the bathrooms need to be ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) compliant," Postuchow said. "There's a laundry list of things that need to be done to the town hall."

She said the town's annual meeting in April will more than likely be when electors will be asked to vote on what will become of the town hall.

According to provisions of the FFP grant, Postuchow said, construction of the new community center must be started by July 1, 2025.

"A lot got done at Monday's meeting, we got a lot figured out," she said. "It's going to be a long process with a lot of meetings in the coming weeks to hammer out the fine details."

Brian Jopek may be reached via email at [bjopek@lakeland-times.com](mailto:bjopek@lakeland-times.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### William "Bill" W. Shope

William "Bill" W. Shope, 89, of Manitowish Waters — formerly of West Allis — passed away peacefully October 12, 2024 joining his beloved wife, Margaret. The Lord has taken him home.

Bill was born in Milwaukee on April 2, 1935, the only child of William (Sr.) and Vivian (nee Gaulke) Shope. Bill attended North Division High School in Milwaukee and worked until his retirement in 1989 for Milwaukee County Highway Department as an equipment operator. Bill is survived by his son William "Bill" A. Shope, daughter-in-law Cathy, extended family, and many caring friends.

Northern Wisconsin, Island Lake, the outdoors, wildlife, and especially musky fishing were the passions of Bill. Nowhere was he at home like he was on the lake fishing no matter the weather. Bill was proud of his German Heritage and enjoyed his time with his lifelong friends.

At Bill's request there will be no funeral services. The family appreciates the caring staff at Milestone Senior Living in Eagle River and Compassus Hospice Care for the loving care provided. In lieu of flowers donations to North Lakeland Discovery Center, 14006 Discovery Lane, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545, 715-543-2085, are appreciated.

Final Resting Place will be at Wisconsin Memorial Park, 13235 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005.

### June M. Riley

June M. Riley, 99, of Sayner and formerly of Greenfield, passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2024. She was born on July 19, 1925 in Chisom, Minn., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Puhek. June was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Riley on October 13, 2013; son-in-law, Michael Craig; granddaughters, Christine Allen and Jennifer Bernsteen; great grandchild, Zachariah Riley and brother-in-law, Bill Arnold. She is survived by her children, Gerald (Lori); Kathleen (John) Rivard, Janis Muccio (David Gruling) and Mary Anne Craig; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild and sister, Betty Arnold. June is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Peace Lutheran Church in Arbor Vitae, with visitation one hour prior to the service. A luncheon will follow at church.

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services is assisting the family, [www.bolgerfuneral.com](http://www.bolgerfuneral.com) to share condolences.

### Donna J. Stephan

Donna J. Stephan, 82, of Minocqua, died Monday, October 28, 2024, at Adava Care in Neenah. She was born February 14, 1942, in Milwaukee, to parents Alfred and Evelyn Duffus. Donna married the love of her life Edward Stephan Jr., March 17, 1973. She worked at State Farm Insurance and Save More as a cake decorator and in the deli. She loved to bake and entertain family and friends.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband: Edward "Ed" Stephan, Jr.; parents: Alfred and Evelyn Duffus; brother: Alfred Duffus Jr.; son: Michael Stephan; daughters: Joni and Sheryl. She is sur-



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vived by her children: Mark (Theresa) of Neenah, Kathi (Joe) of Sheboygan Falls, Susan (Bruce) of Eagle River, Tim (Tammy) of Oxford; son-in-law: Bob (Ann Pohn) of Minocqua; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; brother-in-law: Keith Stephan; and many more family and friends.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, Nov 9, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Minocqua, from 10 until 11 a.m., with the memorial service at 11 a.m. Inurnment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Woodruff. In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church, PO Box 63, Minocqua, WI 54548 or Bristol Hospice 2450 Velp Ave #101 Green Bay, WI 54303.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.nimsgernfuneral.com](http://www.nimsgernfuneral.com). Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is serving the family.

### Thomas Matthew Scroggins, Jr.

Thomas Matthew Scroggins, Jr., 69, of Lake Tomahawk, passed away on October 24, 2024, at Marshfield Medical Center in Minocqua.

Tom was born on May 10, 1955, in Elmwood Park, Ill. to Thomas Scroggins, Sr., and Jane Roesch Scroggins. Tom graduated from Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, in 1973 and made his home in the Lakeland area. Tom was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing on the Great Lakes with his best friend. Tom was an accomplished farmer and gardener, and enjoyed smoking fish and game that he harvested for family and friends. Tom will be remembered fondly for his talent for restoring boats and vehicles, and his great love for animals.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Scroggins, Sr. and Jane Roesch Scroggins, as well as his sister, Cynthia Scroggins. He is survived by his daughters and their husbands, Sarah and Justin Noel of Arbor Vitae, and Jenna and Michael Sundquist of Wausau. Tom also leaves behind his grandchildren: Kamryn Slomka of Madison, Kylah Hobock of North Pole, Alaska, and Caden Creger of Wausau, along with his great-granddaughter, Josie May Hobock of North Pole, Alaska, and his long-time partner, Laurie Smeaton. Tom will be missed dearly by his family and close friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Preuss's Pub in Arbor Vitae. Come raise a glass to Tom as we gather to share memories and remember his life. Food will be available for purchase from Preuss's Pub. Bolger Funeral Home is assisting the family, [www.bolgerfuneral.com](http://www.bolgerfuneral.com) for condolences.

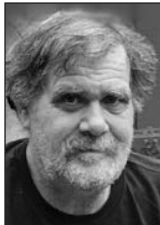
### Carla Jaeger

Carla Jaeger, formerly of Sayner, passed away on October 23, 2024, at the age of 87.

Carla and her husband Neal owned a business in Sayner until Neal passed away in 1990. She worked in various establishments including Howard Young Medical Center in a non-nursing capacity.

She is survived by her four children Bryan (Patricia) of San Antonio, Texas, Kevyn of Minocqua, Sandra (James) Kutschenreuter of Ripon, and Brenda (Richard) McCutchin of Greenleaf. She is further survived by eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, brother John (Sharon) Koch and sister Susan (Phil) Wesa.

Carla will be buried at Star Lake Cemetery in Sayner.



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## AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

### Friday, Nov. 1

**PHILLIPS: A NORTHWOODS PLAYERS PRODUCTION-** 7 p.m., Phillips Performing Arts Center. 'Pride and Prejudice,' by Helen Jerome and adopted from the novel by Jane Austen. Adults are \$10, students and seniors are \$8, and children 12 and under are \$6.

**MINOCQUA: RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE-** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Hall. We will have clothes, books, toys, games, jewelry, household items and more. Info: call 715-358-0343.

### Saturday, Nov. 2

**RHINELANDER: NORTHWOODS CROSS STITCHERS-** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace Foursquare Church, basement, 4360 Hwy. 17 N. Open to all cross stitchers. Group meets the first Saturday of every month. Stitchers need to bring their own

supplies and projects to work on. Info: call 715-369-4779.

**RHINELANDER: RE-TALE SHOP-** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 E Rives Street, next to the public library. Used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, vintage collectible books, puzzles and games. Volunteer run by the Friends of the Rhinelander Library. All proceeds benefit the library.

**MERCER: HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAR-** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mercer School. Refreshments available for purchase. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Info: 262-498-1960.

**PHILLIPS: A NORTHWOODS PLAYERS PRODUCTION-** 7 p.m., Phillips Performing Arts Center. 'Pride and Prejudice,' by Helen Jerome and adopted from the novel by Jane Austen. Adults are \$10, students and seniors are \$8, and children 12 and under are \$6.

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## BBB scam alert: 'card declined' error may lead to multiple fraud charges

It can happen when you least expect it — your credit card is declined! In some cases, you might not have enough money in your account, or you forgot to tell your bank you're traveling abroad. But if you're shopping online, an error or "card declined" message may be a sign of a new twist on online shopping scams.

BBB Scam Tracker has received reports from consumers receiving fraudulent charges on their financial accounts after facing "card declined" messages when shopping online. AAA has also recently warned consumers about fraudulent emails promising a free emergency kit, in which consumers faced similar "card declined" error messages but were still charged.

### How the scam works

You're shopping online and decide to purchase from a retail website. Or, you receive an email from what you think is a reputable business for a discounted or free offer and decide to take advantage. You enter your personal information, including your email address, phone number, and shipping address.

When you enter your debit or credit card number for payment, the website tells you that your card was declined or you receive an error message, "Your card did not go through for some reason." This is unexpected since you have enough funds in your account. You decide to try another card for payment, but you receive the same error message!

You're concerned, so you call your bank or credit card company to ask about the declines. To your surprise, the representative tells you that your cards have not been declined; instead, you've been charged more than you anticipated for the purchase. You realize that either the website you were shopping on was a scam or the email you were sent from the business was fraudulent, and you gave your personal and financial information to a scammer.

Several consumers have reported similar experiences to BBB Scam Tracker.

In one example, someone shared, "I attempted to purchase a water bottle from [company name redacted] for my son... The website declined my initial transaction, so I attempted it with a different credit card, which was also declined. I then asked my husband to try... and it was declined for him as well... each of these three payment methods... all had fraudulent charges pop up." This consumer reported losing \$200.

In another example, a consumer reported, "I proceeded to make a purchase on the website and after I entered my credit card information, the website reloaded and said to use a different card because 'the card did not go through for some reason.' I retried with the same card and obtained the same error message. However, I got an alert from my card company almost instantly that the charge for \$2,500 was declined... I did not attempt any such charge of \$2,500... Now my personal email, address, and phone number, and credit card account number have been exposed."

BBB has tips for how to avoid similar online purchase scams:

- Verify you're shopping on a legitimate website. Scammers build fake, lookalike websites to trick shoppers into thinking they are buying from the actual business. Look closely at the URL (it may be off by a letter or two) and check that the website is secure by verifying you see the "https://" in front of the URL.

- Watch out for fake emails, texts, and ads. Scammers love impersonating businesses in fake emails, text messages, and social media advertisements. Don't trust unsolicited messages, and always verify links before clicking on them. When in doubt, delete the message or ignore the ad, and visit the business's website on your own instead of clicking the links.

- Don't be fooled by great offers. Prices that seem too good to be true often are. If you're unsure about purchasing from a business, shop around with

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# Events

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**MINOCQUA: 'TIS THE SEASON CRAFT SHOW-** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lakeland Union High School. This is the 20th Annual 'Tis the Season Craft Show.

## Sunday, Nov. 3

**PHILLIPS: A NORTHWOODS PLAYERS PRODUCTION-** 2 p.m., Phillips Performing Arts Center. 'Pride and Prejudice,' by Helen Jerome and adopted from the novel by Jane Austen. Adults are \$10, students and seniors are \$8, and children 12 and under are \$6.

## Monday, Nov. 4

**MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB-** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

**MINOCQUA: BABYTIME-** 9:30 a.m., Minocqua Public Library. Activities include lap sit songs and rhymes, simple stories, and sensory exploration. Older siblings are welcome! Info: visit minocqualibrary.org.

## Tuesday, Nov. 5

**WOODRUFF: NAMI NORTHERN LAKES FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP-** 6:30 to 8 p.m., Howard Young Medical Center. Please enter off Townline Rd to the Monticello entrance. Meeting signs will direct you to the lower level, rooms 2 & 3. Info: contact Mary at 715-362-8972, or Pattie at 765-586-0421.

**RHINELANDER: RE-TALE SHOP-** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 E Rives Street, next to the public library. Used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, vintage collectible books, puzzles and

games. Volunteer run by the Friends of the Rhinelander Library. All proceeds benefit the library.

## Wed., Nov. 6

**MINOCQUA: ISLAND CITY MASONS MEETING-** 7 p.m., 7529 Hwy 51 S. Join us for our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Info: call Dave Imlah at 715-892-2392.

**RHINELANDER: RAREA LUNCH AND MEETING-** 11 a.m., CAVOC, 4321 South Shore Drive. The program will be a presentation by Virginia Roberts, director of Rhinelander District's Capital Campaign. All newly retired area educators are invited to attend. Lunch will be ordered from CT's Deli or bring own. Info: call Jane at 715-960-5327 for lunch order as well.

**MANITOWISH WATERS: NATURALLY MADE WORKSHOP-** 6 to 8 p.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Join us for fall firestarters, candles, soap, and more! Each participant will create an 8 oz soy candle, firestarters, bar soap, and more. Registration is required by Nov. 3. Cost is \$40 for non-members, \$35 for members. Info: call 715-543-2085.

## Thursday, Nov. 7

**MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB-** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

**WOODRUFF: TOPS CLUB-** Thursdays; weigh-in is from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with the meeting following from 10 to 11 a.m. Lakeside Plaza. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups and wellness edu-

cation organization. Info: www.tops.org or call Chris at 715-356-6559.

## Saturday, Nov. 9

**ST GERMAIN: CRAFT SHOW AND COOKIE SALE-** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Germain Community Center. Come by to shop for homemade holiday gifts and cookies! There will also be horse drawn sleigh rides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., homemade soup and sandwiches, and a visit from Santa! Info: visit st-germain.com.

**RHINELANDER: PIG ROAST-** 4 to 8 p.m., Cabaret Cove. \$20 per plate, \$10 under 12, two and younger eat free. All proceeds go towards homeless veterans across Northern Wisconsin and beyond. Info: visit northwoods-veterans-homestead.org.

**RHINELANDER: HARVEST DINNER-** 5:30 to 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, casserole and a choice of pie! Cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds go to the pantry at our church. Info: call 715-362-2091.

**LAC DU FLAMBEAU: HOLIDAY CRAFT AND VENDOR EXPO-** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northern Waters Casino Resort. Come explore a variety of crafts and many different types of vendors. Info: call 906-385-4226 ext. 7325.

**MERCER: HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR-** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kimball Community Center. There will be many different vendors, a bake sale, raffle table, lunch and food drive for Iron County Food Pantry. There will be a free lunch for veterans. Info: visit mercer.com.

## Sunday, Nov. 10

**MANITOWISH WATERS: CARL THE COLLECTOR LAUNCH PARTY-** 10 a.m., North Lakeland Discovery Center. Celebrate the new PBS KIDS® animated series Carl the Collector. In partnership with local organizations serving neurodivergent youth and kids with autism, come watch episodes of the show, enjoy sensory-friendly activities and quiet room, explore the Discovery Center, meet a horse from the Scholl Community Impact Group, and at 11 a.m. enjoy a special program from a Discovery Center naturalist. Info: call 715-543-2085.

**RHINELANDER: ECUMENICAL MUSIC FEST-** 3 p.m., Nativity Catholic Church. Choir members of several

churches and community choral groups will join together to present "Sing a Joyful Song," an ecumenical music fest followed by a chili and cornbread supper. Freewill donation will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Northwoods, NAMI and Tri-County Council.

## Monday, Nov. 11

**MINOCQUA: PASTIME CLUB-** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church. Pastime Club is a non-profit, social model adult day program serving Oneida, Vilas, and Lincoln counties. Info: call Rebecca Johnson at 608-881-2117 or email pastimes2007@yahoo.com.

**RHINELANDER: WARM FOR WINTER DONATION COLLECTION-** 4 to 6 p.m. Warm for Winter, First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander or Oneida County ADRC building, a mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Rhinelander, collects and distributes new and gently used warm clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats, mittens, toys and bedding. Everyone is welcome, no income requirements. Info: call 608-345-7305 or visit Warm for Winter Facebook page.

**MINOCQUA: BABYTIME-** 9:30 a.m., Minocqua Public Library. Activities include lap sit songs and rhymes, simple stories, and sensory exploration. Older siblings are welcome! Info: visit minocqualibrary.org.

## Tuesday, Nov. 12

**MINOCQUA: TOM'S COMMUNITY TABLE-** 5 p.m., St. Matthias Church. Tom's Community Table provides a warm healthy meal and fellowship the second Tuesday of each month. Free to all. Info: visit www.stmatthias-minocqua.com/toms-community-table.

**RHINELANDER: RE-TALE SHOP-** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 E Rives Street, next to the public library. Used books, CDs, audio books, DVDs, vintage collectible books, puzzles and games. Volunteer run by the Friends of the Rhinelander Library. All proceeds benefit the library.

**MINOCQUA: LAKELAND AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY-** 1:30 p.m., Minocqua Public Library. Join us for our meeting. We will be discussing AI and Genealogy. Member dues are \$15 per year. Everyone welcome. Info: visit lakelandgenealogy.weebly.com.



BRIAN JOPEK/LAKELAND TIMES

Fran Schroeder puts more homemade baked items out for sale during last year's Friends of the Boulder Junction Public Library Annual Cookie Walk in Boulder Junction.

# Friends of Boulder Junction Public Library to hold annual cookie walk Nov. 29

After slaving over the stove for your Thanksgiving feast, who wants to think about baking holiday cookies or fussing with holiday candies? Come to the Friends of the Boulder Junction Public Library Annual Cookie Walk on Friday, Nov. 29, beginning at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Acorn Lodge and choose from a huge assortment of fancy cookies, all-time favorites and special holiday candies. The only work you'll have to do is trying to decide which ones to buy.

These homemade cookies and candies will be sold by the pound. Plan to come early for the best selection. The sale will run until all cookies and treats are sold.

Proceeds from past cookie walks have helped the library purchase books, DVDs, newspaper and magazine subscriptions, children's programs, adult programs, supplies, shelving, signage, public computers and more.

If you have any questions about the cookie walk or the Friends of the Boulder Junction Public Library, please call the library at 715-385-2050.

# Scam

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other retailers to compare the pricing of the product you want. Get an idea of the actual price of the product. You may be able to find the product at a trustworthy retailer (such as a BBB Accredited retailer) and feel more comfortable making your purchase.

- Research the business. Before purchasing, look up customer reviews online and search the business on BBB.org. Look for the BBB Seal to verify if the business is BBB Accredited. If you think it may be a scam, search on BBB Scam Tracker.

- Use a credit card for extra protection. If you plan to make a purchase, use a credit card. Credit card companies offer additional protection against fraud, and you should be able to dispute any unanticipated charges on your account.

- Check up on your credit and debit card protections. There's never a wrong time to talk with your bank and credit card company to confirm what protections you have on your cards. You can set purchase limits and travel restrictions and sign up to get notified when purchases are made at any dollar amount.

### For more information

For more information or further inquiries, contact the Wisconsin BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin, 414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002. Consumers also can find more information about how to protect themselves from scams by following the Wisconsin BBB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

# Real Life

With Pastor Steve

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

~ The Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:6



Oh, and by the way ... that includes things like elections. We live in a world that loves to focus on the extremes ... deepening the divisions between us. There are those who want to strike fear in people ... who claim that it will be the end of the world if your team does not win. Which is why so many people are anxious about the future. I get it. There are parts of me that are tempted to get anxious over all this. However, in the face of that, the way of Jesus calls us to a higher level of focus.

Anxiety destroys. At the societal level, it destroys trust and relationships. At the personal level, it destroys your mind, your heart, even your body. There's not much left once anxiety has taken over and has its way.

Which is why the Apostle Paul tells us NOT to be anxious about anything ... but simply to take your concerns to God ... keeping your heart thankful. And whatever the results are ... your heart remains unmoved ... your relationships (even with those you disagree with) ... remain intact ... and your mind and heart are at peace. Whenever Jesus is at the center of your life, no matter what the outcomes of things ... it is never the end of the world.

And that's ... real life.

~Pastor Steve Rowe  
- Eaglebrook Church



# Eaglebrook Church

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## To all the caring and supportive community members during this families heartbreaking tragedy -

The family of Peter Postema is incredibly grateful for the outpouring of kindness and the many ways you expressed your sympathies during their time of loss.

They would also like to thank the Manitowish Waters Fire Company, as well as the Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Minocqua, Winchester, and all other participating fire companies for their support and participation in Peter's funeral services. The family would like to offer a special thanks to those who lined Hwy 51 during the funeral procession.



Thank you genuinely!



# Let's Minocqua awards \$43,000 in grants to enhance community tourism draw

## A mix of public, non-profit and business entities are 2024 recipients

By Trevor Greene  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau announced Oct. 22 five entities were awarded grants through its Room Tax Grant allocation program.

"Successful awardees demonstrated that they would be utilizing funds for tourism development and promotion in the Minocqua area," the Let's Minocqua press release said.

Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau president and CEO Krystal Westfahl provided background to the grant allocation program. She said it launched in 2021 and was a way to ensure the chamber entity is spending its room tax dollars "appropriately."

Westfahl said municipalities, non-profit organizations and businesses were all eligible and the money allocated was within accordance with state legislation.

"We wanted to make sure that funding was utilized by us in appropriate ways, but was also being extended to the community ... within that room tax legislation to be used for projects that they were working on," she said. "Of course our organization can't be everything to everyone, but we know we've got a lot of amazing non-profits, businesses out there that were putting on events that were an attraction, a draw to the community, and some businesses and non-profits were developing new things to draw things to the community as well. And that all falls within the guidelines of that

room tax expenditure, and so we wanted to extend that funding out to those that could help us make a difference in the tourism landscape here in the Northwoods."

The Brandy Park commission, owned jointly by towns of Arbor Vitae and Woodruff, was awarded \$10,000; the Howard Young Foundation was awarded \$10,000; the Lakeland Area Baseball Association was awarded \$10,000; Rollie & Helen's Musky Shop Summer Bash was awarded \$3,000; and the Wildwood Wildlife Park Zoo & Safari was awarded \$10,000.

Though those were the recipients of the funding, there were many others, according to Westfahl, that applied. This was the first year too, she indicated, where municipalities were able to apply.

"We had a bunch of response from our communities and from our businesses and non-profits, so this year, again, no exception, every year we've had amazing applications," Westfahl said. "Some really awesome things that are happening in the area and we just want to make sure that they're being funded in the correct way so that we can get the word out (and) making sure that people are coming here experiencing all these fun things."

Applicants had to answer a list of 13 questions, which can be publicly accessed at [minocqua.org/grants](http://minocqua.org/grants). The website provides everything prospective applicants would need to know in order to apply.

"The groups that we fund have to show that they're going to be drawing new people to the area or they're going to be creating a project or a development that will impact travel and tourism to the area because it's a new

thing that's going to be on the landscape that they're going want to encourage people to come to the area," Westfahl said.

She then went through each of the recipients intentions with the room tax dollars they received.

The Brandy Park commission was chosen to help offset the cost of its pickleball court effort. The park's tennis courts are currently being used for that sort of use, but with actual pickleball courts "the hope is ... some day we could potentially bring in pickleball tournaments."

"These are the types of projects we like to see because it shows that in the future we could host something new and exciting in the area," Westfahl said. "So we need to get those first development projects up and running."

She mentioned the Howard Young Foundation and the Minocqua Dragon Boat Festival it hosts each year.

Westfahl said the Howard Young Foundation applied to expand the marketing program for the event.

"That marketing extension will not only bring in potentially new teams, which is obviously what they're looking for, but it will also bring in people, visitors and spectators that want to see a dragon boat festival in northern Wisconsin," she said. "And they've done such a great job with the groundwork of that and we're just

hoping we can help extend what they're already doing. Help elevate their voice a little bit."

Early this year, the Lakeland Area Baseball Association attended Minocqua town board meetings with a proposal to build a 4,800 square foot baseball training facility at the Minocqua Park Complex on State Highway 70.

The facility would be year-round, and in the press release announcing the association was one of the grant recipients, the Minocqua Park Complex was referenced to already be a "premier youth baseball destination."

Westfahl said that project just needs to "get off the ground."

"So hopefully this is going to be kind of a boost to that fundraising opportunity and I think they're going to be able to cross the finish line with the help of this grant and other grants they're probably going to be applying for," she said.

The next recipient Westfahl covered was Rollie & Helen's Musky Shop. The business has been holding a "summer bash."

"Obviously, musky fishing is a huge part of our landscape here and how we talk about fishing, and so their outdoor event that they've been putting on for a number of years needs a little boost to get, again, them more exposure outside of the area," she said. "But they

bring in professional fishing experts from all over the Northwoods that are basically talking about all the angling techniques that you would need to know if you'd want to be a professional fisherman going after musky."

Lastly, speaking about the Wildwood Wildlife Park Zoo & Safari, Westfahl said she's "super excited" about its expansion, which is necessary for the park to bring in a new monkey species it hasn't had before.

"They are the second largest zoo in the state of Wisconsin behind the Milwaukee County Zoo, and every time they do something new out there it's news-worthy" she said. "Because they are really cutting edge with a lot of the products and the different animals they are bringing in, and especially the rural area that we are. The fact that they have all these outreach programs and these school partnerships and these educational opportunities is really, really important for not only our visitors, but our locals as well, our local school populations."

The funding will also go towards conservation work, which is part of bringing in the new animal to be part of what Westfahl said is a global initiative of helping this endangered species.

"So super cool things are happening in the Northwoods and we want to help support that," she said.

For those interested in applying for a 2025 Room Tax Grant through Let's Minocqua, Westfahl said the website previously noted can be visited to submit an application.

Trevor Greene may be reached via email at [trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com](mailto:trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com).

"We had a bunch of response from our communities and from our businesses and non-profits, so this year, again, no exception, every year we've had amazing applications."

Krystal Westfahl  
Let's Minocqua Visitors  
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## St. Matthia Episcopal Church to hold prayer services on election day

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, St. Matthias Episcopal Church, located at 403 E. Chicago Avenue (corner of Chippewa and Chicago Avenue) in Minocqua, will hold prayer services for election day. The church will have two services, one at noon and one at 5 p.m. According to Rev. Deborah Woolsey, the church wants to be a place of peace and hope on election day: "I have been hearing people express concerns for election day, I wanted to offer a bit of rest from any anxiety or stress people might be feeling that day by inviting people to join in prayer."

Everyone is welcome for either service, no matter your faith or spiritual home.

For more information, visit St. Matthias' website, [www.stmatthiasminocqua.com](http://www.stmatthiasminocqua.com), or call the church office, 715-358-0355.

## Northern Wisconsin Women's Clubs bring comfort to children with 'Busy Bags'

Crayons and a coloring book can do more than bring life to a dull picture. They can bring a smile to the face of a child in a hospital waiting room or in a police station after an unfortunate incident.

Understanding the power of these simple comforts, members of the Lakeland Area General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), the GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club and their Wisconsin Northwoods District Clubs have taken action. Knowing that these small items can provide much-needed distraction for children during stressful times, the club members donated supplies and created 136 "Busy Bags" on Oct. 15.

"Busy Bags" contain crayons, markers, pencils, coloring, activity or story books or other toys such as dolls, trucks and fidget items. The bags are designed to provide a calming and engaging experience for kids.



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The "Busy Bags," for area youth, contain different activities to keep kids busy in unfortunate circumstances.

The bags are being distributed the week of Oct. 20-26 to police departments and social service agencies in Oneida and Vilas counties of Wisconsin. These organizations will keep the bags on hand to support children during difficult situations, offering a small but significant way to ease their distress.

Through this thoughtful initiative promoted by the GFWC Wisconsin State Director of Junior Clubs specifically for Advocates for Children Week (Oct. 20-26), the Northwoods District GFWC members aim to make a meaningful impact in their communities, bringing comfort and a touch of joy to children in challenging moments.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to

strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and several countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding.

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## AMAZING AUTUMN ARTS

Hazelhurst Lions member Sue Remley mans the Lions booth during the Autumn Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Hazelhurst Town Hall.

## Tis' the Season Craft Show at LUHS Nov. 2

The 'Tis the Season Craft Show is Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the commons of Lakeland Union High School (LUHS).

Enter off the Highway 70 side of the building.

The craft show is sponsored by the LUHS Music Boosters. Come join for a day of relaxing shopping, crafts, concessions and bake sale.

For more information, call JoAnne Bartlett at 715-892-5114.

## Holiday craft and vendor expo at Northern Waters Casino Nov. 9 & Dec. 1

There is a holiday craft and vendor expo that will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northern Waters Casino Resort Event Center in Watersmeet, Mich., N5384 U.S. Highway 45.

Vendors can call Traci at 906-35804226, ext. 7325 to reserve a spot. Spots are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Also, visit [www.northernwaterscasino.com](http://www.northernwaterscasino.com) for more information.

## The Waters Holiday Market 2024

The Waters of Minocqua is hosting a 2024 Holiday Market, which includes arts, crafts, handmade items, unique gifts, Starbucks specials and Christmas music.

The market will run from Nov. 22-23 and is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Fe University class:

## 'Our Amazing Boomer Bodies' Nov. 12, 19 in Mercer

Fe University's multi-faceted "Still Learning" series returns! In the latest installment, "Still Learning 4: Our Amazing Boomer Bodies," retired family nurse practitioner and registered dietitian Peggy Bronsberg will explain some of the remarkable processes going on in the human body that nourish and sustain life as we age. Class is slated for the mornings of Nov. 12 and 19 in Mercer.

Class is \$10. Learn more and sign up at [Fe-University.org](http://Fe-University.org).



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Retired family nurse practitioner and registered dietitian Peggy Bronsberg will be teaching the Fe University class Nov. 12 and 19 in Mercer.



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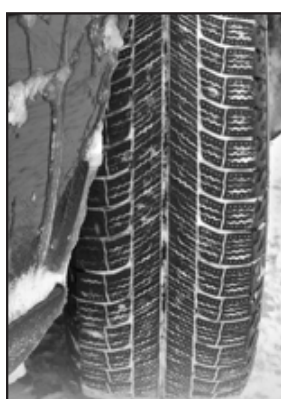
## Naturally Made workshop in Manitowish Waters Nov. 6

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is hosting Naturally Made: Fall Firestarters, Candles, Soap and More! with naturalists Licia and Jenna from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Join for this fun and creative fall-inspired workshop to create useful items from natural products. Each participant will cre-

ate an 8 oz soy candle, firestarters, bar soap, and more.

Registration is required by Nov. 3. Cost is \$40 for non-members, \$35 for members. For more information or to register, visit: [nldc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50648](http://nldc.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nldc/event.jsp?event=50648) or call 715-543-2085.



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Seven-year-old Blake Malack dressed as a Power Ranger chooses a free book from the Boulder Junction Public Library Book Bike during Trick or Treating on Saturday, Oct. 26, in downtown Boulder Junction.

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## November events at Minocqua Public Library

### Preschool/Toddler (Ages 0-4)

- New! BabyTime, a program for infants and their caregivers, will take place weekly on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. through Dec. 9 in the library's program room. Activities will include lap sit songs and rhymes, simple stories and sensory exploration. Older siblings are welcome to attend too!

- StoryTime is happening Wednesdays at 10 a.m. through Dec. 11 in the library's program room, StoryTime includes stories, finger plays, flannel boards, songs, and more for children ages 0-4 and their caregivers.

- Join Children's Wisconsin staff for Wiggle, Giggle and Shake on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Children ages 0-4 and their caregivers are invited to sing, dance and play in the library's program room.

### Kids and Families (Ages 0-12)

- Homeschool families are invited to a Homeschool Hangout! Play in the Community Gym every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and meet new friends too! This program will run until the end of the school year.

- Families, come to the library Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. for Family Fun Day: Tea (Rex) Party! Read a dinosaur tea party story, make dino claws and paws, enjoy "tea" and "crumpets" and stomp around a dinosaur-themed sensory path. We'll end with a dance party as well!

- It's DiNovember! Join us throughout the month for fun dinosaur shenanigans! We'll have dino footprint stamps, dino Facebook stories, and a special dinosaur terrarium craft at the craft desk during the week of Nov. 11-16 (as supplies last).

### School-Aged, Tweens, and Teens (Ages 5-18)

- Join us for Club Connect: Giant Guess Who? on Thursday, Nov. 21

- from 4 to 6 p.m. in the library's program room. We'll be painting each others' faces (through plastic dividers), then use our painting to play a life-sized game of "Guess Who?"!

- Lego Club will meet in the library's program room from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 16. Free build or participate in a fun challenge!

### Teens (Ages 13-18)

- Join us in the library's program room for Review Crew Saturday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. We will be talking about books and movies, enjoying treats and fun activities. The book/movie combo this month is "Little Women." Pick up a copy of either today at the library's front desk.

### Teens and Adults (Ages 13+)

- Craft Cafe is Saturday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. in the library's program room. We'll be making decorative wooden snowflakes using disassembled clothespins. Registration is required for this program. Register in person or by calling the library at 715-356-4437.

### Adults (Ages 18+)

- Fall Donation Drive for the Lakeland Pantry. During the month of November, the library will be the drop off point for laundry specific items needed at the Lakeland Pantry. The pantry is looking for standard size laundry detergent, fabric softener, and dryer sheets that can be dropped off during open library hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Gratitude Challenge. November is upon us and with it comes the official season of gratitude. Gratitude can have a significant positive influence on our physical and mental health. In just 30 days you can change your perspective, change your thoughts and change your life. Starting around Nov. 1, each day

- think and reflect deeply on the prompt and write something down that you are truly grateful for. To get the benefits of gratitude, we need to practice it daily, which means we need to plan a way to work it into our lives. Post this list somewhere you can see it regularly as a reminder.

- Trivia Night at the library. First Tuesday of the Month, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 5. Don't miss out! Trivia Night for adults. Bring a team or join a team! Snacks for all and a prize for the winning team. No registration needed.

- Science on Tap. "Beyond the Classroom: New Approaches for Teaching and Learning." First Thursday of the Month, 6:30 p.m. Rocky Reef Brewing Company, Nov. 7. Author, coach and education consultant, Bryn Lottig, will present the principles and applications that make experiential learning so impactful.

- News Literacy. Friday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to noon. In today's information saturated world, it is more important than ever to be able to critically evaluate the news we encounter, whether that be from an online news site, from a social media post, or from an online video. This class is designed for basic technology users who enjoy finding news posted on social media sites by friends or on the internet. You'll learn how to identify reliable sources of information and determine which news reports are credible. You'll also learn the key concepts of news literacy and the skills you need to make informed decisions about the news you come across. Basic tech experience expected. Presented by Bug Tussel University.

- Community Bingo! Monday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to noon. Get ready to shout "Bingo!" and win some prizes at this fun-filled event. Our Bingo caller will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game and there

- will be plenty of opportunities to win big. Refreshments will be provided!

- Lit Lovers Book Club. Second Monday of the month, 1 p.m., Nov. 11, "Take My Hand" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. Our virtual and in-person adult book clubs are free, open to the public, no registration required. Join in anytime! To get email updates about the book clubs and an invite to attend meetings online, send an email to: [chultman@minocqualibrary.org](mailto:chultman@minocqualibrary.org).

- Lakeland Area Genealogical Society. Second Tuesday of the Month, 1:30 pm, Nov. 12. A video presentation, "AI & Genealogy, Trouble Ahead?," will be presented by Thomas MacEntee. Learn how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience. We encourage all those with an interest in genealogy to come join our group. As always new members and visitors are welcome to attend.

- New! Cook the Book Club. Second Tuesday of the month, 5:15 p.m., Nov. 12. Join us for Minocqua Public Library's Cookbook Club! A potluck book club that involves eating, conversation, recipe sharing and fun! This month's book is "Magnolia Table, Volume 3."

- Mindfulness. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:30 p.m. Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present in the moment, cultivating awareness and acceptance of our thoughts, feelings, and surroundings. Join us as Kathy Mitchell guides us through mindfulness skills to live well every day.

- Open Book Club. Fourth Monday of the month, 6 p.m., Nov. 25, Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson. Our virtual and in-person adult book clubs are free, open to the public, no registration required. Join in anytime! To get email updates about the book clubs and an invite to attend meetings online, send an email to: [chultman@minocqualibrary.org](mailto:chultman@minocqualibrary.org).

## Mercer Public Library now accepting applications for 2025 Artists in Residence

The Mercer Public Library is now accepting applications for 2025 Artists in Residence. Applications are due Nov. 30.

The Mercer Public Library Artist in Residence program is designed to promote local artists and creators, provide engaging exhibits for library visitors, and provide more art and creativity programming for adults and children at the library. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Mercer Public Library.

Since September 2024, Mercer Public Library has hosted five Artists in Residence, Sandy Cashman of Manitowish Waters, Cedar Nelson of

Ironwood, McCall Hocking of Eagle River, Aline Fetter of Mercer, and Sandy Winkelman of Lake Tomahawk. Each has displayed their work at the Library, hosted classes and workshops, and shared their experiences and development as artists.

Artists who are selected for 2025 will receive a \$1000 stipend and the opportunity to exhibit at the library for one three-month term. Artists in Residence will also engage with the community through art instruction workshops, receptions, and more.

The program is open to all artists and creators, profes-

sional and amateur. Preference will be given to artists from northern Wisconsin and the surrounding region working in a 2D or 3D medium such as painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, collage, digital art, book arts, ceramics, fabric or fiber arts, etc. Mixed media and interdisciplinary artists are welcome to apply.

For more information about the Mercer Library's Artist in Residence program and the application process, visit [mercercpubliclibrary.org/2025artistinresidence/](http://mercercpubliclibrary.org/2025artistinresidence/) or call the library at 715-476-2366.

## 'Dinosaur Dimensions' in Boulder Junction Nov. 23

The Boulder Junction Public Library will host Dinosaur Dimensions on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m. at the Boulder Junction Public Library and Community Center. This event is part of the library's "Di-November" celebration.

Journey back in time with Curt Strutz in his thrilling presentation, "Dinosaur Dimensions!" This captivating show will transport you to the age of the dinosaurs, offering a fascinating glimpse into the lives of these magnificent creatures.

Dinosaur Dimensions is an amazing experience

where kids get to meet realistic animatronic puppet dinosaurs. From a cute baby Triceratops to a life size Raptor, or even a Pteranodon and T-Rex — it's a dino-experience for all ages. The 45-minute show will allow everyone to see the dinosaur puppets up close and personal.

No registration is required for this free event. All ages are welcome to attend. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For further information, please call the Boulder Junction Public Library at 715-385-2050.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Readers urge 'No' vote on constitutional amendment referendum

### To the Editor:

Vote no to your ballot referendum question for amending our Wisconsin Constitution by changing the word "every" to "only."

Once again, the Republicans are circumventing the traditional legislative process just to say that something that is already illegal is still and always will be illegal. Not a U.S. citizen? It is illegal to vote — always has been and always will be whether it says "every" or "only."

Two reasons for this waste of taxpayer money is that first it continues the lie people who are not U.S. citizens are voting in our elections. Secondly, these same lawmakers already have template legislation on file to add proof of citizenship on top of photo ID in order to remain on the voter rolls.

How quickly could you produce your original birth certificate in order to remain on the voter rolls or poll book? Warning to married women who took your husband's name — birth certificate does not match name on voter poll? Add your marriage license to birth certificate and photo ID.

Vote no and tell Republicans to do the real work we elected them to do — actions that benefit our working families, public schools, and environment.

Bob and Denise Goetter  
Lac du Flambeau

## Reader believes editorial has 'Jumped the shark'

### To the Editor:

I am 81 years old, and the sole care giver to my wife who has Alzheimers. We will soon be "celebrating" 60 years of marriage. I took on the task of care giver reluctantly knowing that I have little experience and a slew of shortcomings, acknowledging that affordable, trustworthy, reliable care giving in our neck of the woods is rare. However I intend to keep the vow that I made on our wedding day "for better or worse, in sickness and in health".

Anyway, together my wife and I watch a lot of the political back and forth on TV and I have to do a lot of explaining, but I must say my wife, at times, does comment and makes more sense than the current GOP presidential candidate. I started voting when I turned 21, and over the years have tried to vote for the candidate who exhibited integrity, empathy, intelligence and all around good character. Of course, working for the common good and having creditable policies also entered the picture. Accordingly through the years I have voted both parties. But, lately I have been depressed by the divisive, whining, illogical, mean tone of the current GOP party and their presidential candidate, who does not lay out any plans or specific actions as to how he will accomplish what he is promising. All I know is that from his past history I would not buy a used car from him, allow a female family member alone in a room with him or believe any of his promises. I just wish he would stop his constant griping and disparaging of America. I am not qualified to endorse either presidential candidate, but it's beyond my comprehension how a person would vote for a candidate that exhibits such a clear lack of character. How one could vote against their self-interest, disregard the right and wrong they were taught by their parents or twist the doctrines of their religion.

As for some of our legislators before I vote I look to see if they have been effectual or were they just "running in place." Case in point Rep. Tom Tiffany. I have checked the Congressional Record to see how productive he has been in his tenure as a Representative. Seems the Tiffany Telegram takes up too much of his time. Otherwise his record in office reflects very little of consequence. Don't believe me, check the "govtrack.us" report card for 2020-2022. The Tom Tiffany 2020/2022 Report Card compendium comparison to the Wisconsin Delegation shows he introduced the fewest bills, got bicameral support on the fewest bills, got bipartisan cosponsors on the fewest bills, got the fewest cosponsors on Wisconsin Delegation bills, got influential cosponsors the least often compared to Wisconsin Delegation, was sixth most absent in votes compared to House Freshmen, joined bipartisan bills the 25th least often compared to House Republicans, introduced zero bills that became law, introduced zero bills in the 116th Congress that got past committee and finally, Tiffany held a leadership position on zero committees and zero subcommittees (note: 2022 reflects a similar inactivity on Tom Tiffany's part coupled with a ranking of a bottom/follower compared to the Wisconsin Delegation).

Lastly, Mr. Moore, Our View opinion piece. I believe you have "jumped the shark" and forthwith will deal in cringe opinion. Vote early (but not often) is replete with what I generously tag as inaccuracies. What stands out is the Carter quote about absentee ballots. Political Fact has stated that Republicans who criticize voting by mail often cite a report from more than a decade ago co-written by former President Jimmy Carter that included a warning about absentee voting. While critics of voting by mail cite the passage in the 2005 report, they omit its full comments about absentee voting. They also gloss over the fact that, 16 years later, voting experts and officials know far more about the security of absentee voting and the steps taken to improve security. C'mon you are usually more circumspect.

John Kocovsky  
Hazelhurst

## A clear choice for November

### To the Editor:

The choice at the ballot box in November is an easy one.

You can vote for a 78-year-old man who dodged the Vietnam War claiming bone spurs. When he was president he called our American war dead in a cemetery in France "suckers" and "losers," a comment witnessed by two U.S. military officials. He called Navy pilot and future President George H.W. Bush a "loser" for being shot down by the Japanese during WWII. As the sitting president, on Jan. 6, 2021 he gleefully sat in the White House, watching Fox News coverage of the riot at the U.S. Capitol where 140 police officers were beaten and sprayed with bear spray. He did nothing for three hours to stop the violence. He never acknowledged the sacrifice of these police officers and now denies the riot even happened.

Or you can vote for Kamala Harris. During the debate she was prepared, professional and clearly answered the questions. Trump became agitated, claiming that immigrants were eating cats in Ohio. Imagine how easily Vladimir Putin or Elon Musk or Steve Bannon can manipulate him.



My dad was a World War II Army veteran who served in the Philippines. Maybe you or your ancestors served our country as well. They didn't sacrifice their lives so a spoiled, ignorant, unhinged man can destroy our country.

Kamala Harris has shown she is tough, smart and reasonable and deserves our vote on November 5th.

Jim Stroschein  
Cable

## Reader condemns editorial's 'baseless speculation'

### To the Editor:

Last Friday evening I settled onto our living room couch planning to enjoy the latest edition of The Northwoods River News (I'm easily entertained, ok?).

Straightaway the special section "Heroes on the Homefront" spoke to me. Here was a 24-page homage to the generous and committed people who give so much of themselves to benefit our communities, often with little or no recognition. What a wonderful effort by the paper, to recognize these public servants, I marveled. I even mused that I've perhaps been too disparaging of Messieurs Walker and Moore (I don't know either gentleman, but the image of the two bumbling detectives in the French cartoon series Tintin sometimes just pops into my head when I think of them). Perhaps I'd underestimated their underlying benevolent natures.

Oh that I would have slipped into dreamland at that point. A blissful nap awaited me. But, no, I continued down the rabbit hole, which in this case consisted of that edition's "Our View" section, wherein said messieurs would argue, I'm sure, that they were simply suggesting that the patriotic action for us all in the coming days is to get out to vote, even if it means casting your ballot by mail which before recent days had been considered a no-no by many on the right.

But, predictably, they couldn't stop there. They couldn't forego suggesting in that same section that there are some public servants who are likely despicable, or at least unworthy of their magnanimous trust and likely won't get their picture in future "Heroes on the Homefront" sections. They mused, when talking about postal workers (maybe your neighbor or your friend that you've known for 20, 30, 40 years as a decent person, or maybe you or your spouse), "Do you really trust they will deliver ballots from conservative neighborhoods in a timely fashion, if at all?" They offered that rhetorical question with no facts or evidence to support it and seemingly no intent

other than to fan the flames of political turmoil that these kinds of conspiratorial suggestions beget.

There's that pitiful behavior, but also the irony that in this same issue they utilized over a full page (including front page headlines) of the newspaper to report on the new "defamation" charges that one of their arch-villains, Kirk Bangstad, faces.

So..., it's a crime for Monsieur Bangstad (I don't see him connected to Tintin, just trying to be consistent with the titles and I like how monsieur sounds) to defame some principals of this publication, but it's acceptable "free speech" for this publication to defame the postal service/workers (through baseless speculation about them being dishonest)? Really? I'm honestly befuddled by that suggestion.

And I'm befuddled as to how one should characterize that type of editorializing. Ill-advised, simple minded, predictable, delusional, conspiratorial, pathetic? All of the above? For the sake of simplicity I'll just settle on a single word for now. Depressing.

Needless to say, I arose from our living room couch without my anticipated respite. Fortunately for me, my loving spouse was there to counsel me as she is oft to do, "Please put that silly newspaper down and come help me finish the dishes."

Michael Henry  
Rhineland

## Reader defends life, criticizes unrestricted abortion policies

### To the Editor:

Let me be clear. I come from a middle class background. I was raised by a mother and father who instilled in me the values I still hold today. One of my values is respect for life. I find it disturbing that one of the major political parties is supporting unrestricted abortion. This belief is denying basic human rights to a whole class of people — the unborn. Denying them a right guaranteed under our constitution. Under Donald Trump abortion rights will be determined by the voters in every state.

It is not true that a woman experiencing a miscarriage or having an ectopic pregnancy will not be treated. It is not true there will be no exceptions. It is not true that there will be pregnancy watch dogs. What is true is that abortion for convenience or sex selection or birth control will be much more difficult to obtain.

Mother Teresa had it right when she said any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor.

Mary Jane Kowieski  
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# The delusions of modern authoritarianism

So now we finally know what progressives think of us — as if we didn't before — and, by us, we mean somewhere in the neighborhood of half the country.

On the one hand, if we listen to Kamala Harris, we are all followers of a Hitlerian fascist dictator, which of course makes us all fascists, too. On the other hand, if we listen to Joe Biden, we are floating garbage. We can't decide which is worse — being aggressive oppressors who will likely burn in hell for our Nazi sins, or just being useless human detritus drifting about on an ocean barge waiting for the next available incinerator.

The accolades for our ilk continue to pile up the closer we get to election day. Writing in the New York Times on Wednesday, David Leonhardt explained just why he thinks a comparison between MAGA and the Nazis is more than a rhetorical exercise and that in fact Trump poses a unique threat to democracy: According to Leonhardt, he has threatened to prosecute his critics; he will try to censor and silence his critics; he will reward his allies and campaign donors; he will replace federal employees with loyalists; he will undermine previously enacted policies; and he will refuse to transfer power peacefully if he loses.

Oh my, that's a lot to unpack, but you get the point. If Trump wins, democracy is done. To paraphrase The Washington Post, democracy dies in MAGAland. It might be noted

that The Washington Post might also die in MAGAland, having lost 10 percent of its subscribers after Jeff Bezos refused to endorse Harris.

Anyway, the first thing to recognize is that totalitarians — and that's what the Democratic Party has become populated with, which is why real democrats have fled it — have a history of accusing the people they oppress of oppressing them. Psychologists call it ideological projection, somewhat peculiar to the left's own idiosyncratic disorders; in modern culture we call it gaslighting.

Just as our progressives today pose as defenders of democracy, so have their ideological ancestors: The German Democratic Republic, aka East Germany; the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The truth is, not many real democracies actually use the term "democratic" or "people's republic" in their official name, but decidedly anti-democratic countries do just that.

In part, oppressors have a psychological need to convince themselves they are actually the good guys. They wrap themselves in the use of "democracy" in their names and slogans — Democracy dies in Darkness — and portray all others except themselves as threats to that democracy. Because they are weak, they actually convince themselves of their rhetoric.

Part of it is tactical. It was Karl Marx who wrote that "the first step

in the revolution by the working class was to win the battle of democracy." The meaning of that is debated, but by that Marx almost surely meant to win the propaganda battle of "democracy" because in too many other places he wrote statements like this: "We must also recognize the fact that in most countries on the Continent the lever of our revolution must be force; it is force to which we must some day appeal to erect the rule of labour."

Marx was not a democrat and neither are progressives. Quite the contrary, they are the real authoritarians.

Now one could accuse us of making the very same projections and using their tired tactical shenanigans, except for two things.

First, we do not deliver our warnings about Democratic authoritarianism in apocalyptic terms. They believe the election of Donald Trump is the end of the world; we believe no such thing about the election of Kamala Harris. Her win would no doubt make the work for liberty harder, but we would live to fight and campaign another day. And we believe she would make such a mess of things that we would be primed for the next election.

Second, unlike progressive flamethrowers, we have actual evidence of their authoritarianism. In the aforementioned New York Times column, for example, Leonhardt is terrified that Trump might prosecute his critics; yet that is ex-

actly what the Democrats did in prosecuting Trump and in sending Steve Bannon and Peter Navarro to jail for contempt of Liz Cheney and Nancy Pelosi's sham investigation. Never mind that, as president, Trump never tried to prosecute his political rivals, and Republicans in Congress do not send Democrats to jail when they defy subpoenas.

This one's a laugher, too, Leonhardt's claim that Trump will try to censor and silence his opponents. You mean like the Democrats and the Biden administration actually did, as discovery in the *Missouri v. Murthy* lawsuit and *Berenson v. Biden* have factually demonstrated?

These next two are rich as well, that Trump will replace federal employees with loyalists (translation: he will replace unelected partisan bureaucrats with civil servants who will pursue the elected president's agenda) and will undermine previously enacted policies — policies enacted by those aforementioned unelected bureaucrats as Obama and Biden largely governed by executive orders to get around Congress.

Remember Obama: "We can't wait for Congress!"

Some democrats.

And, sad to say, there's more.

Harris has promised price controls, putting the government effectively in charge of the economy. As The Wall Street Journal pointed out this week, Soviet supermarkets had

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## Biden/Harris, fascist media censors

Democrats centered Vice President Kamala Harris' election campaign around the threat to American democracy posed by former President Donald Trump's possible return to office. The issue may not weigh on voters' minds as heavily as the economy, but it does resonate; polls show that Americans trust Harris more to counter political extremism and preserve democracy.

When it comes to democracy, is there much difference between the two candidates? Not as far as I can see.

Yeah, Trump spews authoritarian rhetoric. "CBS should lose its license," Trump recently wrote on Truth Social. "60 Minutes should be immediately taken off the air."

"We have some sick people, radical-left lunatics," Trump said in a recent interview. "And it should be very easily handled by, if necessary, by (the) National Guard or, if really necessary, by the military, because they can't let that happen." Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Walz called Trump's comments "dangerous" and "un-American," and of course he's right.

But the Biden-Harris administration is just as bad. In fact, they have

already engaged in the kind of vicious censorship and suppression typically deployed by the world's most repressive and dictatorial regimes — actions that go beyond anything Trump did or threatens to do.



**Ted Rall**  
COLUMNIST

President Joe Biden is fascist. I know, because I'm a victim of one of his fascist actions.

On Oct. 15, Sputnik News, where I cohosted a radio talk show and for whom I had drawn political cartoons, was shut down. This media closure had nothing to do with market forces or funding problems. With the stroke of his pen, Herr Biden issued a set of legal and financial sanctions crafted to force the network off the air. Several dozen American journalists, consummate professionals at least as talented as many of their peers at "mainstream" outlets, are out of work. As leftists, we had been grateful to land jobs with a Russian-based company.

No American newspaper, magazine or broadcast network will consider hiring anyone among the 40% of Americans who fall to the left of

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## No do-overs: Americans reckon with the H-word

On Feb. 20, 1939, 20,000 Americans filled New York City's Madison Square Garden to pronounce themselves Nazis, giving Nazi salutes and cheering for Adolf Hitler. The rally took place just two days before George Washington's birthday, the stage outfitted with a massive portrait of our first president, flanked by both American flags and swastikas. Organizers branded it a "pro-America" event; one of the featured speakers proclaimed that "If George Washington were alive today, he'd be friends with Adolf Hitler."

The keynote address was given by one Fritz Julius Kuhn, a German American Nazi activist who called upon "American patriots" to install a "white, gentile-ruled United States," just like the good old days. "We with American ideals," he intoned, "demand that our government shall be returned to the American people who founded it."

Given Donald Trump's vow to "terminate" the Constitution, to be a "dictator" on day one of his hoped-for return to the Oval Of-

fice, his threats to unleash the American military against critics whom he describes as "the enemy within" and his oft-expressed admiration for murderous totalitarians like Vladimir Putin and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, his decision to stage a rally at the same venue as the Hitlerites did in 1939 had, well, a certain *deja vu* aspect to it.

Team Trump angrily rejected any comparison, pointing out that plenty of non-Nazis have played the Garden. Billy Joel plays it all the time, for example. Problem is that while Trump never invokes Billy Joel, he has evinced real sympathy for Adolf Hitler — by name. The latest witness to this is retired Marine General John Kelly, Trump's longest-serving chief of staff, who told The New York Times on the record this past week that Trump "commented more than once that 'You know, Hitler did some good things, too.'" Kelly recounted that on multiple occasions Trump, complaining about



**Jeff Robbins**  
COLUMNIST

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## DOJ joins coalition to protect undocumented family members of U.S. citizens

Attorney general Josh Kaul joined a coalition of 20 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in *Texas v. DHS* in support of the federal program “Keeping Families Together,” which allows certain undocumented spouses and stepchildren of U.S. citizens to apply for permanent residence.

The brief, filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, argues that the federal government has the authority to implement this program to protect family unity. The coalition also argues that protecting family unity has been a hallmark of U.S. immigration policy for decades and should be upheld.

“For very good reasons, our immigration policy strives to keep families together,” Kaul said. “This federal program, which allows family members to avoid being separated from each other for years, should remain in place.”

In August 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a process under which certain undocumented spouses and stepchildren of U.S. citizens living in the United States can apply for a discretionary grant of immigration parole. The process, Keeping Families Together (KFT), allows certain undocumented family members to apply for permanent residence without first needing to depart the United States.

The coalition argues in its brief that the federal government has the authority to determine and implement immigration parole programs. The brief points to several previous parole-in-place immigration programs that were implemented going back decades as examples of the federal government’s authority over immigration parole programs.

Moreover, the coalition writes that keeping families together is a core principle of U.S. immigration policy and has strong benefits for families as well as neighborhoods, communities, and local economies.

Joining Kaul in the filing were the attorneys general of Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

## DPI budget proposal includes nearly \$60 million to recruit, retain educators

State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly has proposed \$59.5 million in new investments aimed at recruiting and retaining Wisconsin educators.

The announcement, part of Underly’s 2025-27 Biennial Budget, was made during a roundtable on the education workforce that Underly led at La Follette High School.

Under Underly’s education workforce proposal, stipends would be provided to eligible student teachers to help cover expenses and reduce debt, a new state-funded grow-your-own grant program would help grow the workforce, a support program for new educators would expand, and barriers to licensure would be carefully examined and reformed as necessary.

Data from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s 2022 Education Preparation Program and Workforce Analysis Report found that about four out of every 10 first-year educators (39.4 percent) either leave the state or the profession altogether within their

first six years teaching.

“We have heard for so long about the challenges many districts face when trying to hire teachers and keep them in the classroom, and the upcoming biennial budget presents an opportunity to take action,” Underly said. “Investing in our education workforce is not just a necessity — it is a commitment to our future. That is why my budget proposes initiatives that support the development of new educators, eliminate barriers to licensure, and encourage innovative ways to grow the workforce.”

Analysis of the EPP and Workforce Analysis Report found Wisconsin’s education workforce challenges are largely driven by teacher retention in two key areas: when an aspiring teacher completes their program and during the first few years in the profession.

“When we prioritize retaining and supporting our educators, we create thriving learning environments that empower both educators and students,” Underly said.

## UW Health: Kids should stay up later this week to help with time change

Daylight saving time ends this weekend, meaning clocks are set back one hour, and while “falling back” means potentially an extra hour of sleep, some parents dread this time of year because it impacts sleep schedules for kids, according to UW Health.

This can be a stressful time for parents because kids thrive on routines and one hour makes a big difference, but with a little planning a few days in advance, the sleep time change transition can be less of a headache, according to Dr. Casey Freymiller, pediatrician, UW Health Kids.

“We recommend parents do what is called ‘bedtime fading,’ which means adjusting the bedtime in 15-minute increments a few days before the time change,” said Freymiller, who is also an assistant professor of pediatrics, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

In the fall, for example, if a child’s bedtime is normally 8 p.m., starting Wednesday push it back by 15 minutes. So, 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8:45 p.m. on Friday, and 9 p.m. on Saturday, that way when it is time for bed Sunday at 8 p.m., it feels more gradual than the abrupt one-hour change, he said.

“Sleep is so important for kids. It helps them learn in school, manage their emotions and thrive day to day,” he said.

One of the most important factors

affecting sleep is sunlight exposure, according to Freymiller. Having a consistent wake-up time and getting sunlight exposure in the morning will “set your clock” and help the body feel ready for bed at the end of the day, typically after 16 hours or so, Freymiller said.

Sunlight is also important for kids’ mental health, according to Freymiller.

“Kids can also be impacted by lower light, so it is important to get

sunlight in the morning,” he said. “Take advantage of the earlier sunrises because it gets dark so early. The biggest things to impact sleep is the amount of sunlight they are getting and what time.”

If it is a cloudy day, lighted mirrors or a

photo-energizing light panel toy are good alternatives for kids, Freymiller said.

Another strategy for parents is to temporarily use a small dose of over-the-counter melatonin, which is a hormone that helps regulate sleep, for the transition, he said.

“Parents can give kids very small amounts, 1 to 5 milligrams, about 30 minutes to an hour before bed,” Freymiller said. “This is meant to be a temporary sleep aid and can help during transition periods like daylight saving time.”

A good routine with the same wake-up and bedtime, sunlight exposure and physical activity will have the most long-term impact on quality sleep, he said.

## Johnson, colleagues introduce legislation combatting Israel’s persecution at U.N.

On Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin) joined U.S. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and colleagues in announcing their intent to introduce the Stand with Israel Act to combat the United Nation’s blatant anti-Israel bias.

The legislation would block any U.S. dollars from going to the U.N. if it downgrades Israel’s status in

any way, such as preventing Israel from having certain voting powers or access to committees or other roles within the organization.

“Israel is doing exactly what America would do — defend itself from brutal terrorists,” Johnson said. “The fact that this effort to downgrade Israel’s status in the UN is even under consideration casts doubt on the legitimacy of the entire UN system and is an unacceptable betrayal of America’s principal ally in the Middle East.”

Any attempt to alter Israel’s status at the UN is clearly anti-Semitic, Risch said.

“That said, if the UN member states allow the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization to downgrade Israel’s status at the UN, the U.S. must stop supporting the UN system, as it would clearly be beyond repair,” he said. “I am disgusted that this outrageous idea has even been discussed, and will do all we can to ensure any changes to Israel’s status will come with consequences.”

## Libertarian Party demands an end to civil asset forfeiture

For decades, law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal levels have been exploiting an ancient law of last resort, civil asset forfeiture, as a way to pad their stats and supplement their budgets, the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin said this week, and the party says it’s time for the practice to end.

For years, the Institute for Justice (IJ) has been fighting on behalf of Americans who have had their property seized, often with no charges filed or proof of wrongdoing, by a law enforcement agent who knows that the “offender” has neither the time or resources to fight to get their property back, the party states.

A recent example it cites comes from a FedEx terminal in Indianapolis, Indiana. A parcel containing \$42,000 of sales for a small, husband and wife jewelry business was seized by Indiana law enforcement.

“The Indiana government cannot take money from people just because a shipping company routes it through Indiana,” said IJ attorney Marie Miller. “Henry and Minh have never been to Indiana or done business in Indiana, but now they have to defend against a forfeiture action in Indiana, without the state bothering to identify an Indiana crime that it can allege the money is linked to.”

These actions happen every day in America, the LP stated this week.

“Ordinary citizens, who have committed no crime, have their property snatched by government due to a loophole created by an outdated maritime law,” the LP stated. “The Libertarian Party of Wisconsin denounces these actions in the strongest of terms and demands that all of these loopholes be closed by all levels of government.”



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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price controls and bare shelves. Price controls are authoritarian.

She has also promised much more in the way of regulation. According to the Federal Register, there are 440 agencies, departments, and sub-agencies working hard every day to tell us what to do and how high to jump. Progressives want even more in a Harris term and they don't want elected officials messing with the bureaucratic scheme unless they agree with that scheme.

Progressives want to demolish private property and federalize housing. Rent control is on the table, too, and, with their "America the Beautiful" program, they seek to have the federal government capture control of most land use policies. Call it America the Confiscated.

As the Wall Street Journal also pointed out this week, Walz wants

to require social permits for oil pipelines, the surgeon general wanted to slap warning labels on social media, and progressives are literally drooling at the prospect of dismantling school choice programs wherever they can because they hate the idea that local citizens might oversee their communities' schools and that parents might be given a choice about their children's education and lives.

There's more. Tim Walz has declared that there is "no guarantee to free speech," Harris has for a long time signaled she is willing to dismantle the underpinnings of our justice system by packing the Supreme Court and turning it into a partisan joke, much as the Wisconsin Supreme Court has become.

Until the legitimate Supreme Court stopped them, they threatened the livelihoods of people who would refuse to take the government's untested, dangerous, and worthless vaccines. They have embraced the mutilation of children as they carry

out their own cultural revolution, and they seek to erase women as a gender so that the rightful patriarchy of progressive society can be forever assured.

They have called the electoral college an 18th-century illegitimate electoral institution that undermines democracy — how populist of them — instead of what it is: a critical safeguard of minority rights and voices in a democratic republic, established after the Founders realized that populations would amass in urban areas with their own urbanized viewpoints and needs and quickly establish a tyranny of the majority.

The electoral college protects from tyranny, not the other way around.

We could go on. Don't even get us started on January 6 and forever wars. The point is, there is a mountain of evidence and it points in one direction. These aren't just bad policies; this is authoritarianism in a government near you. In all the nation's governments.

The real authoritarian movement

these days is a surreptitious creature, not an invading army, but so incremental in nature that it often escapes public notice. This authoritarianism has been burrowing deep within the administrative state for generations, slowing taking over every aspect of life. Call it what you will, but it is not democracy.

Make no mistake, though the republic will survive no matter what happens Tuesday, authoritarianism on the left is and has been pulsing through all the arteries of our national and local life. It follows us to work, to school, to church, and to the grocery store.

That's not a tactic and it's not a projection. It's a fact. And all you have to do to believe it, if the evidence isn't enough, just replay Joe Biden's words: "The only garbage I see floating out there is [Trump's] supporters."

That tells you all you need to know. What do you do with your garbage? That's exactly what they plan to do with us.

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the American military, said that he needed "German generals." When Kelly asked, "Surely, you can't mean Hitler's generals," Trump replied, "Yeah, yeah. Hitler's generals." This corroborated the accounts of two present in the waning days of Trump's administration, when he was frantically seeking to remain in office even after Americans voted him out of it. "I need the kind of generals that Hitler had," Trump reportedly complained.

Trump denies that he admires Hitler, and you know how much that denial is worth. His running mate, Sen. J.D. Vance, says he believes Trump, but he is a somewhat imperfect validator. Vance, who in the past called Trump a "total fraud" and "reprehensible," wrote in 2016 that "I go back and forth between thinking Trump is a cynical a—hole ... or that he's America's Hitler."

There've been a long line of American military leaders, conservatives all, who served under Trump, who, whether or not they have actually used the name of world history's most infamous fascist, have said that Trump is one. Kelly told the Times that Trump "certainly falls into the general definition of fascist," adding that Trump "would love to be" a dictator and, "He certainly prefers the dictator approach to government." Army Gen. Mark Milley, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Trump, pointedly and publicly called Trump a "wannabe dictator," and told journalist Bob Woodward that Trump was "fascist to the core" and "the most dangerous person to this country." Trump's Defense Secretary, Mark Esper, asked if Trump fell into the category of a fascist, responded, "It's hard to say that he doesn't. ... And I think it's something we should be wary about."

Last Sunday, CNN's Jake Tapper asked Vance about Trump's statement that former Rep. Liz Cheney should be hauled before a war tribunal. "None of that sounds fascistic to you at all?" Tapper asked incredulously.

"Of course it doesn't," Vance replied.

Of course it does. And of course it is.

In a week, Americans will decide whether we have learned anything since 1939, and if so, what. Here's the thing about the decision we make: There won't be any do-overs.

Jeff Robbins' latest book, "Notes From the Brink: A Collection of Columns about Policy at Home and Abroad," is available now on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple Books and Google Play. Robbins, a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. An attorney specializing in the First Amendment, he is a longtime columnist for the Boston Herald, writing on politics, national security, human rights and the Mideast.

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the Democratic Party.

The First Amendment is supposed to protect everyone, including foreign media organizations like Sputnik, the BBC and CBC, from direct government censorship. Because the White House has frozen its bank accounts, however, Sputnik can't hire a lawyer to fight in court.

The administration and its media mouthpieces said Sputnik spread propaganda. But U.S. law does not ban propaganda. Which is good, because who could define it? For my part, I have never been less censored or edited as a cartoonist or radio talker than when I was at Sputnik. And I've worked for scores of mainstream liberal and centrist publications and broadcast outlets.

No one, including the U.S. government, accused Sputnik of breaking American law or failing to comply with regulations. The brief against Sputnik boiled down to: Sputnik is Russian, Russia is at war with Ukraine, the U.S. supports Ukraine, Sputnik must die.

Government censorship of the news media is typically carried out by proxy. The Los Angeles Police Department pension fund bought controlling interest in The Los Angeles Times and ordered them to fire me as their cartoonist. Al Jazeera America, the Qatar-based news channel, was shuttered in 2016 in part because former President George W. Bush had pressured major cable distributors not to carry it. Because the entities involved were private, the First Amendment didn't apply. Trump and Biden's persecution of Julian Assange relied on the fiction that WikiLeaks was not a news media publisher.

The Democrats' attack on Sputnik is radical and terrifying. Acting alone, the president — neither a regulatory agency like the Federal Communications Commission nor Congress acting as elected representatives of the voters — has shut down a news network.

Sputnik was Russian. You might not like anything it broadcast or published.

(Though the few people who found it were pleasantly surprised at how little discussion there was about Russia and Ukraine, how it aired intelligent voices censored by corporate media and that it covered a lot of international news you couldn't find elsewhere. It was by far the most prominent outlet for the real, actual, non-Democrat, U.S. Left. You can still listen to some of my old shows.)

If Biden can close Sputnik, he can shut down CNN and The New York Times.

Censors' first targets are always the softest targets: small, unpopular, demonized, fringe. Uptight prigs in Reagan-era America went after pornographers and edgy musicians. Politically correct college students shout down right-wing speakers. Pro-Palestinian protesters are smeared as anti-Semites.

As Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1789, democracy cannot function without a well-informed electorate. For nearly a quarter of a millennium, Americans have preferred to have access to a wide spectrum of opinions. Whenever politicians, clerics or academics have suggested that unpopular and "extreme" ideas should be censored and that popular discourse would improve by being curated, censorship has ultimately been rejected in favor of free speech. In 2022, for example, a proposal by Biden's Department of Homeland Security to create a Disinformation Governance Board to combat misinformation and disinformation, headed by a woman who had previously claimed Hunter Biden's laptop was "a Trump campaign product" faked by Russia, was shot down in a rare moment of Congressional bipartisanship.

Yesterday's conspiracy theories — Hunter's laptop, the Wuhan lab theory, negative side effects of COVID-19 vaccines — become today's truths. So our cultural consensus remains: Don't censor bad/false/disagreeable/offensive speech. Respond to it. Truth will usually win out.

After the European Union banned and blocked Sputnik in response to the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, European Federation of Journalists Gen-

eral Secretary Ricardo Gutierrez remarked: "This act of censorship can have a totally counterproductive effect on the citizens who follow the banned media."

I've been thinking about Gutierrez's statement. Who wins and who loses as the result of Biden's dictatorial move?

The main victims are the American citizens who followed Sputnik. They will not thank the government. They will think that all that government rhetoric about democracy and free speech is empty talk — propaganda. They'll trust the government and corporate media less than ever.

Ex-Sputnik employees, a brave and talented group, are likely to survive and even thrive — and be even less willing to believe the government when it claims to have Americans' best interests in mind.

As my show went off the air for the last time at noon, I waited to hear the music signaling the beginning of the next program, "Political Misfits," with Michelle Witte and John Kiriakou. Instead, there was dead air.

The irony was rich. Kiriakou, a CIA whistleblower, spent nearly two years in federal prison for the "crime" of exposing the agency's torture program. Once again, the government was trying to shut him up.

Biden and his fellow fascists — including Harris, whose silence here speaks as loudly as her tacit support for Israel's wars against Gaza and Lebanon — are the big winners. Shutting down Sputnik sends a chilling message to any reporter or commentator who dares to oppose official narratives. We can and will keep you quiet, First Amendment be damned.

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# VILAS COUNTY COURT

The following cases were recently filed or heard in Vilas County Circuit Court from Oct. 22 to Oct. 28:

**Michael K. Firmiss**, 67, Eagle River, is charged with bail jumping (felony), ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, and operating while revoked (rev due to alc/contr subst/refusal), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 11:45 a.m. and a cash bond of \$2,500.

**Jonah J. La Barge**, 29, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with an OWI (5th or 6th), battery/threat to judge/prosecutor/law enforcement officer, and resisting/obstructing an officer, adjourned initial appearance on Dec. 2 at 9:00 a.m. and a cash bond of \$5,000.

**Samantha L. Mendez**, 36, Milwaukee, is charged with possession with intent of fentanyl (<=10g; PTAC, as a Party to a Crime), arrest warrant issued against them.

**Jesus J. Montes**, 37, Milwaukee, is charged with possession with intent of fentanyl (<=10g; PTAC, as a Party to a Crime), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 11 at 9:00 a.m. and a cash bond of \$7,500.

**Judd C. Klotz**, 26, Eagle River, is charged with possession of methamphetamines, preliminary hearing on Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. and

a signature bond of \$1,000.

**Jerrett W. Neubauer**, 20, St. Germain, is charged with fleeing/eluding an officer while operating a vehicle, adjourned initial appearance on Dec. 23 at 11:15 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

**Jeremiah J. La Barge**, 31, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with disorderly conduct, adjourned initial appearance on Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. and a signature bond of \$300.

**Julian J. La Barge**, 42, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with battery (domestic abuse), judicial pretrial (in court) on Dec. 3 at 8:30 a.m. and a cash bond of \$500.

**Jesus J. Montes**, 37, Milwaukee, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 25 at 9:00 a.m. and a cash bond of \$2,500.

**Shane LB Cadotte**, 45, Arbor Vitae, is charged with disorderly conduct, adjourned initial appearance on Dec. 9 at 11:15 a.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

**Mark M. Meyer**, 66, St. Germain, is charged with possession of THC (ordinance violation), intake on Nov. 25 at 8:30 a.m.

**Benjamin R. Fox**, 48, Eagle River, is charged with having dogs running at large/untagged, intake on Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

# ONEIDA COUNTY COURT

The following cases were recently filed or heard in Oneida County Circuit Court from Oct. 22 to Oct. 28:

**James L. McConnell**, 56, Rhinelander, is charged with battery/threat to judge, prosecutor/law enforcement officer, adjourned initial appearance on Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$2,500.

**Grace Elisabeth Ziesmer**, 27, Rhinelander, is charged with attempting to possess a firearm (commitment), initial appearance on Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**Michelle Renee Skinner**, 60, Rhinelander, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer and bail jumping (felony and misdemeanor), adjourned initial appearance on Nov 5 at 8:30 a.m. and a cash bond of \$200.

**Shawn C. Hansen**, 45, Pelican Lake, is charged with extradition, status conference on Nov. 5 at 2:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$5,000.

**Jeff Adam Englert**, 57, Milwaukee, is charged with possession of narcotic drugs (second and subsequent offense), possession of cocaine/coca (2nd+), possession of THC (2nd+ offense), bail jumping (misdemeanor), possession of drug paraphernalia, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, and operating while revoked (rev due to alc/contr subst/refusal), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 21 at 1:15 p.m. and a cash bond of \$500.

**Ronald R. Reese**, 66, Marshfield, is charged with bail jumping (felony), initial appearance on Oct. 28 at 3:34 p.m.

**Danielle C. Tosi**, 35, Rhinelander, is charged with bail jumping (felony) and credit card theft by acquisition, adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 21 at 3:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$500.

**Eric C. Meyers**, 35, Rhinelander, is charged with

bail jumping (felony), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 20 at 1:15 p.m. and a signature bond of \$500.

**Shawn C. Hansen**, 45, Pelican Lake, is charged with failure to provide sex offender information, preliminary hearing on Nov. 5 at 2:00 p.m. and a cash bond of \$15,000.

**Gerald Ray Boehm**, 51, Ogema, is charged with criminal damage to property (repeater), plea hearing on Dec. 12 at 4:00 p.m. and a signature bond of \$500.

**Taylor Reese Slizewski**, 27, Rhinelander, is charged with an OWI (2nd), adjourned initial appearance on Jan. 13, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

**Cody A. Smith**, 37, Pelican Lake, is charged with an OWI (3rd), adjourned initial appearance on Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. and a signature bond of \$3,500.

**Jake Alan Lucht**, 31, Unity, is charged with an OWI (1st with a passenger < 16 years old), adjourned initial appearance on Nov. 21 at 1:15 p.m. and a signature bond of \$1,500.

**James Lee McConnell**, 56, Rhinelander, is charged with operating an ATV/UTV while intoxicated, intake on Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m.

**Scott Richard Eades**, 43, Rhinelander, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer (forfeiture), intake on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

**Austin James Gehringer**, 30, Rhinelander, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of THC, intake on Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**Jason S. Keyser**, 50, Camp Douglas, is charged with camping in an unauthorized area, intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

**Adam James Schmidt**, 40, Rhinelander, is charged with operating a recreation vehicle in an unauthorized area, intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

**Debra K. Slater**, 62, Toma-

hawk, is charged with shoplifting (over \$200), intake on Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

**Patrick Charles Barr**, 37, Rhinelander, is charged with trespassing to land (remaining after notice), intake on Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**Christine Marie Foss**, 42, Rhinelander, is charged with county retail theft (intentionally taking), intake on Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**Adam Joseph Osgood**, 39, Owen, is charged with resisting/obstructing an officer, intake on Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**Paul M. Espeseth**, 41, Rhinelander, is charged with county retail theft (intentionally taking), intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

**Antonio Mm Gouge**, 24, Lac du Flambeau, is charged with possession of THC, intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

**Nicole Marie Kerti**, 39, Minocqua, is charged with possession of marijuana, intake on Dec. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

**Kevin Gerard Piette**, 60, Waunakee, is charged with disorderly conduct, intake on Dec. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

**Angela Ann Sherman**, 60, Rhinelander, is charged with shoplifting (<\$500), intake on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

**Christine Elizabeth Turney**, 50, Rhinelander, is charged with shoplifting (<\$500), intake on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

**Calvin Phillip Podeweltz**, 18, Tripoli, is charged with underage drinking (possession, 17-20 years of age, 1st), adjourned initial appearance on Jan. 13, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.

**Todd Robert Lechner**, 56, Shawano, is charged with operating an ATV/UTV without the required headgear, intake on Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

**Xavier J. Inman-Potts**, 19, Rhinelander, is charged with disorderly conduct, intake on Jan. 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

**Maric Michael Torres**, 23, Rhinelander, is charged with disorderly conduct, intake on Oct. 28 at 1:54 p.m.

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# MINOCQUA POLICE REPORT

**Oct. 14**

10:31 a.m. 911 open line call received from the vicinity of the intersection of State Highway 47 and Blumenstein Road. Contact was made with the caller who told police the phone had accidentally dialed while they were driving.

10:53 a.m. Vilas County Sheriff's Office assisted with the report of a man and woman involved in suspicious circumstances at the Kwik-Trip in Arbor Vitae. Contact was made with the couple at Trig's Mall in Minocqua and they were de-

tained until a Vilas County deputy arrived to take over the investigation. The man was issued a warning for stalking.

12:34 p.m. Contact was made at the electric vehicle charging station near Trig's with the driver of a vehicle who had been reported to be driving recklessly on State Highway 70 heading east toward Minocqua; the reporting party said the person's vehicle would speed up and slow down, the driver slamming on the brakes and then speed up again. The driver told police

the vehicle had been in automode and detects items on or around the road such as birds and slows the vehicle down.

4:20 p.m. A driver was cited for speeding and received a verbal warning for following too close as the result of a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 51 near the intersection of Rogers Drive following a reckless driving complaint.

**Oct. 15**

7:08 a.m. A driver was issued instructions for filing a state accident report on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT)

website following investigation of a vehicle-versus-deer accident on Hwy. 51 near the intersection of Lake Yawkey Drive in Hazelhurst.

3:38 p.m. The Oneida County Sheriff's Office was assisted with surveillance of a business on East Front Street. A man was observed getting into his vehicle and leaving the location. The sheriff's office requested that police conduct a stop, hold and advise on the vehicle's driver and a traffic stop was conducted on Hwy. 51 near the intersection with Manitou

Park Drive. The driver was taken into custody and later transferred to the custody of an Oneida County Sheriff's deputy near Lake Tomahawk.

**Oct. 16**

1:12 p.m. Dispatch received a call from a person who said the "The Minocqua police are fascist" and not to come and arrest him for defaming their character. The person then said "I love you" and disconnected the call.

4:32 p.m. An officer conducted a vehicle identification number

(VIN) verification for a person at a residence on Linn Road.

7:32 p.m. An officer spoke to the parents of a four-year-old advising the importance of not having the child unbuckle his car seat belt once the family was in the car.

10:39 p.m. The driver of a vehicle involved in a vehicle-versus-deer accident on Hwy. 51 near the intersection with Poplar Drive was given instructions to file a state accident report on the DOT website.

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# Lakeland area list of non-profit organizations

## Consider donations to organizations that help many people

The Lakeland Times is asking charities to provide contact information so those wishing to make end-of-year donations will have the information to make informed choices. Below is this year's list to date.

If you wish to have an organization added to the list, have a change in information, or would like the full listing in a different format, call 715-356-5236, or email editor@lakelandtimes.com.

### Arbor Vitae Bike Trail Foundation

A 501(c)(3) organization formed to connect other communities linking to the Heart of Vilas paved bike with trails through Arbor Vitae. For more information see arborvitaebiketrail.com. Our mailing address is 10675 Big Arbor Vitae Dr., Arbor Vitae, WI 54568.

### AV-W Education Foundation

The Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Education Foundation (AV-WEF) is a non-profit organization committed to providing financial support for high-quality and innovative education programs at the Arbor Vitae-Woodruff (AV-W) School. AV-W School has a noteworthy history of providing creative and innovative educational opportunities to its students. Many people choose to live in the district because of this. The foundation was formed to ensure students and community members continue to receive the benefits of the school district's commitment to excellence. By soliciting and managing contributions from those who are able to invest more in their school and community, the foundation can offer additional support when traditional funding sources are not enough to maintain and enhance the exceptional educational experience that AV-W has to offer.

The foundation is designed to provide on-going support to AV-W School for years to come. It was not created to help fund any single initiative, but to provide a continuous source of alternative income. Donations are carefully managed to build a stable fund that will continue to grow over time, portions of it being used to support the school on an annual basis.

AV-WEF is governed by a board of directors consisting of a diverse group of community members committed to the success of AV-W's students and the growth of our community. The board provides direction in grant making and leadership in fund-raising. While the foundation works closely with AV-W School leadership, it is independent of the school board and school administration.

The AVWEF appreciates contributions of any type or amount. Your generosity allows us to grant money for innovative projects at AV-W that would otherwise go unfunded. Donations may be mailed to:

AVWEF  
11065 Old State Hwy 51 N  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Northwoods

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Northwoods' mission is to help children in need reach their full potential, through professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships. Any contributions or volunteer inquiries can be made by calling the district office at 866-839-2843 or the Oneida/Vilas counties case worker at 715-892-2673 or visiting www.bbbsnorthwoods.org.

### Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship

The Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions to the fund are fully tax deductible, to the extent that the law allows.

Donations for the Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship Fund may be mailed to: Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 413, Boulder Junction, WI 54512-0413.

### Boulder Junction Community Foundation

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to preserve and enhance Boulder Junction for present and future generations.

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The Boulder Junction Community Foundation is focused on building the Endowment Fund in order to help fund projects that improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, enhance our town, and provide new opportunities. Some of the grants awarded in the past were for the Community Center and Library, a music stage, a downtown mural, bike repair stations, additional bike trails and signs, equipment for the Fire Department, public restrooms at the ball field, and high-speed broadband. Donations to the Boulder Junction Community Foundation can be designated to the Endowment Fund or one of the Enhancement Funds (Bike Trails, Arts & Culture, or Greatest Needs).

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### Brandy Park Commission

The Brandy Park Commission exists for maintenance, improvements and beautification projects at Brandy Park, a gorgeous, sprawling park with a beach off Lemna Creek Road in Arbor Vitae. The seven-member commission is comprised of Arbor Vitae and Woodruff residents and meets once a month year-round to prioritize the park's needs. Meetings are the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodruff Town Hall in the winter months and at the Brandy Park pavilion in the summer months.

The park's annual budget is \$26,000 — half from the Town of Arbor Vitae and half from The Town of Woodruff — plus a few hundred dollars in donations annually from visitors to the park. The commission is currently in the process of executing its five-year plan, which includes improvements to the baseball fields, skate park, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, bath house, disc golf course, pavilion, parking lots and more.

The five-year plan is an expensive endeavor and donations are humbly accepted and greatly appreciated by the Brandy Park Commission, P.O. Box 1306, Woodruff, WI 54568. To learn more about the park and view some pictures, visit Brandy Lake Park on Facebook.

### Campanile Center for the Arts

The Campanile Center for the Arts, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is a regional Arts center whose mission is to develop, promote and support the arts in the Lakeland community through education, performance and exhibition. Since 2006, the Campanile Center for the Arts has been the "heart of the arts" in Minocqua, offering classes to the community in music education, dance, photography, art and theater performances. We pride ourselves on bringing an array of high quality artists to the Northwoods to inspire, educate and enlighten. Donations are greatly appreciated. There are several ways in which you can give including: check or cash, through corporate and in-kind donations, online through our website www.campanilecenter.org, and volunteering your time. Checks may be mailed to: Campanile Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 905, Minocqua, WI 54548.

**Camp Jorn YMCA Child Care Center**  
Camp Jorn YMCA Child Care Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded to meet the child care needs of local families in the rural areas of the Northwoods, serving the communities of Manitowish Waters, Winchester, Presque Isle, Boulder Junction and Mercer. All charitable contributions are

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### Caritas Minocqua

Caritas Minocqua is a program offering assistance to residents of Oneida and Vilas counties in urgent and immediate need. The goal is to empower our clients to be all they can be and not enable them to become less than productive citizens. Some of the assistance offered includes: prescription medication (must show the prescription), duplicate driver's license, work boots/clothing required by employer, clothing and household items, furniture, and auto repair. Caritas is supported by a consortium of area churches and organizations, individual donations, and community volunteers. Clients may show up Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the small house next to St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 300 Arbor Vitae St., Minocqua, 715-356-9989.

### The Community Food Pantry

From its location in Boulder Junction, the Community Food Pantry alleviates hunger in the Northwoods serving neighbors in need across western Vilas County. In the past year, more than 6,800 clients were served from 2,200 households. In addition to groceries, the Community Food Pantry distributes basic personal hygiene items and some home cleaning supplies. For information, call 715-385-2146 or visit www.commchj.org. Donations may be sent to: The Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 14, Boulder Junction, WI 54512.

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### Dr. Kate Museum

The Dr. Kate Museum was awarded a Wisconsin State Historical Marker in July 2016 commemorating the story of Dr. Kate Pelham Newcomb, the Million Penny Parade and community spirit, which built the area's first hospital. The museum opened in 1988 and features the history of the towns of Woodruff and Arbor Vitae. A fun exhibit for all ages is the 1950s soda fountain, The Nestledown, with its working juke box and vintage memorabilia. The museum in conjunction with the Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School hosts "Night At The Museum" for third grade students and their families. The museum awards a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a student studying teaching or medicine. Donations may be sent to: Dr. Kate Museum, P.O. Box 851, Woodruff, WI 54568.

### Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK)

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) is registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose mission is to provide nutritional support to children from food insecure homes across Vilas and Oneida Counties. FORK accomplishes its mission in three ways. First is through the five food support programs it operates in the Northland Pines, Three Lakes and Phelps School Districts. Second, the FORK Endowment Fund provides financial support to organizations, who like

FORK, work to feed children in Oneida and Vilas County. Third, FORK's partnership with the Oneida and Vilas County Department of Social Services operates the Family Food Helpline. The helpline is a go-to source for information helping direct food insecure households to food support available to them within their own hometowns. Individuals can learn more at FeedOurRuralKids.org. If you wish to help feed children in Vilas and Oneida County, please consider Feed Our Rural Kids 4887 Echo Ridge Dr, Eagle River, WI 54521.

### Friends of Fence Lake, Inc.

The mission of Friends of Fence Lake, Inc. is to build community with our neighbors and the Lac du Flambeau Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Nation, to preserve and protect Fence Lake waters for today and future generations through educational programs and activities. We are a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit us at www.friendsoffencelake.org. Email: FriendsofFenceLake@gmail.com or mail to Friends of Fence Lake, P.O. Box 1576, Woodruff, WI 54568.

### The Fix Is In Spay/Neuter Clinic

The Fix Is In Spay/Neuter Clinic provides high quality, low cost spay and neuter services for dogs and cats. The traveling clinic makes regular visits to Antigo, Crandon, Medford, Merrill, Minocqua, Rhinelander and Wausau. Monetary donations help to sustain this service and provide an opportunity to offer specials on specific animal populations, such as barn and outdoor cats. The Fix Is In is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a participant in the former ASPCA National Spay/Neuter Program, and a new Best Friends Network Partner working to save lives and reduce euthanasia rates in Wisconsin communities. Donations may be sent to: The Fix Is In, Inc., P.O. Box 32, Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539 or click "donate" at thefixisin.org.

### Friends of the Boulder Junction Library

The Friends of the Boulder Junction Public Library are the men and women behind the scenes who donate their time and talents to improve the services of our library. All proceeds of the Friends' fundraising directly support the Boulder Junction Public Library. Examples of items the Friends have purchased include: computers and equipment, shelving, subscriptions, and print materials. The Friends are always looking for new members. Some members pay annual dues and participate in fundraising activities. Other members are unable to give of their time, so they give an annual monetary gift to support the efforts of the Friends. If you would like to become a member, call 715-385-2050, www.boulderjunction.wislib.org or stop by the library at 5392 Park St., Boulder Junction.

### Friends of the Frank B. Koller Memorial Library

The Friends of the Frank B. Koller Memorial Library are very active, providing a number of unique fundraisers for the library. Donations may be sent to: The Friends of the Frank B. Koller Memorial Library, P.O. Box 100, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545. Contact the library via www.koller.wislib.org or 715-543-2700.

### Friends of the Plum Lake Library

The Friends of the Plum Lake Library has been supporting the Plum Lake Library since 1995. Their main goal is to provide annual funding for the library's automated circulation system. They have many fundraising events throughout the year. All of the money raised by the Friends of the Library goes directly to the Plum Lake Library for the purchase of library materials, computer equipment, shelving, children's materi-

als and programming. Volunteers are recruited from the Friends membership to give time working in the library. New members are always welcome. For more information contact the library at 715-542-2020 or mail to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 214, Sayner, WI 54560.

### Girls on the Run of the Northwoods

Girls on the Run of the Northwoods (GOTR-Northwoods) is a local non-profit that inspires young women to be kind, confident, compassionate, and healthy. Trained volunteer coaches facilitate 20 experienced-based lessons over 10 weeks that creatively integrates running. Lessons are designed for 8-11 year old girls and address inclusion, peer pressure, inner beauty, personal strengths and goals, and community engagement. Girls on the Run is currently seeking coaches at North Lakeland, Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School, Minocqua-Hazelhurst-Lake Tomahawk School, Lac du Flambeau School and James Williams M.S. GOTR-Northwoods is also in need of teaching and coaching supplies for our volunteer coaches; such as gift cards to purchase healthy snacks, light weight gloves for cold running days, stand up flip chart easels and paper, poster board, permanent markers, sturdy folders, ink cartridges, mailing labels, pens and reusable name tag holders. For a complete list visit gotrnorthwoods.org/donate. Items can be dropped off at Imagination toy stores in Minocqua and Rhinelander. Donations can also be mailed to GOTR-Northwoods P.O. Box 1231 Minocqua WI 54548.

### Gracie's Place

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit children's therapy and family resource center situated in Woodruff, specializing in physical and occupational therapy as well as speech language pathology. 715-966-6474 www.gracies-place.org.

### Guardians of the Children

Guardians of the Children Northern Lights Chapter is a 501 (c)(3) organization that recognizes and reacts to child abuse. The mission statements reads, "The mission of Guardians of the Children (GOC) is to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same; to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis; and be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection." The Northern Lights Chapter partners with county judicial systems in the 100 miles surrounding Minocqua to escort and support child victims of abuse in court. Those interested in becoming a member of the Northern Lights Chapter or are interested in its services can call 715-604-2333, email godfather-goc74@gmail.com, or visit the chapter's website at www.guardiansofthechildren.com/chapters/Wisconsin/Northern-Lights-Contacts.htm. The chapter accepts donations year round and can be sent to P.O. Box 694, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

### Headwaters Inc.

Headwaters Inc., is a not-for-profit community based services agency with almost 50 years of experience providing services to people with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, serious and persistent mental illness, brain injuries, physical disabilities, and children with special needs throughout northern Wisconsin. We provide a variety of support services that can be customized to fit someone's specific needs, and we specialize in supporting people to live the kind of life they want in the communities where they want to live. Current counties being served include Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, and

Vilas. To volunteer, call 715-369-1337, email jfelly@headwatersinc.org, or visit www.headwatersinc.org. Donations may be sent to: Headwaters Inc., P.O. Box 618, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

### Hope in a Backpack Development Committee

Hope in a Backpack works with three area grade schools to provide children most at risk of food insecurity over weekends a regular schedule of backpacks to take home with kid-friendly entrees and snacks. Donations are needed to purchase food and supplies to supplement items donated by area churches and residents, and to support growth in number of children served. Checks may be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church (Hope in a Backpack in the memo line) and sent to P.O. Box 940, Minocqua, 54548 or use online giving option on Ascension website: www.ascensionminocqua.org. Call 715-356-4426 for information.

### Howard Young Foundation

The Howard Young Foundation (HYF) is an independent non-profit organization established in 1984 to advance the health and wellness of all people in the communities served by Howard Young Medical Center and Eagle River Hospital through the power of your philanthropy. The promise of health care philanthropy is the ability to change and save lives, and your support has advanced healthcare in our community for state-of-the-art hospitals, tick-borne illness treatment and research, autism services, end-of-life care and the Lakeland Pantry. The Foundation will continue to ensure that our hospital partners, patients, friends and donors work together to solve the greatest health care needs of the community and fund the most vital services. Join us in creating a healthier life for everyone, now and in the future. For more information or to give, visit howardyoungfoundation.org or call 715-439-4005. Donations may be sent to Howard Young Foundation, P.O. Box 10, Minocqua, WI 54548

### Humane Society of Vilas County

The Humane Society of Vilas County (HSVC) is in Eagle River. Our mission: The Humane Society of Vilas County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to the welfare and humane treatment of Vilas County animals. Monetary donations may be sent to: HSVC, P.O. Box 904, Eagle River, WI 54521. Supplies such as storage totes, bleach, dish soap, garbage bags, scoopable kitty litter, rawhide bones, paper towels, toys, treats, blankets, sheets, comforters, towels, etc., may be dropped off at: 2477 US Hwy 45N, Eagle River, WI during business hours Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aluminum beverage cans are collected at the Humane Society to raise money for animal care. Inquiries can be made anytime to 715-479-9777 or visit us online at www.vilascountypets.org, www.petfinder.com, or email at vilashumane@yahoo.com.

### Lakeland Area Junior Achievement

Lakeland Area Junior Achievement (LAJA) program is embarking on its 13th year teaching area students about business in schools in the area. The non-profit organization is a local affiliate of the national Junior Achievement program that is almost 100 years old, as well as JA of Wisconsin, Inc., and following a curriculum that covers business, citizenship, economics, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, community, and workforce readiness. LAJA is entirely funded by community donations and is comprised of 18-22 volunteers from the community who

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## New Christian-Based RadioStation, 24 hrs-Radio 74 International 88.7 FM

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## Greek Orthodox Mission

Working on the Chicago Arch Diocese to start a Mission here in the Northwoods. All Orthodox Christians are welcome! Contact Peter Liakopoulos 262-215-7602

## Arbor Vitae Eternal Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

Member of the Illinois Lutheran Conference (ILC)  
Mark E. Latsch, Pastor  
715-356-6431  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Call for location and directions.

## Peace Lutheran Church (LC-MS)

Pastor Jon Rathjen  
10868 Old Hwy. 51 N.  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568  
715-358-8338  
www.peacearborvitae.org  
Worship—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

## Boulder Junction Community Church Of Boulder Junction

10445 Main Street  
715-385-2146  
Nathan Keisler, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM  
Bible Study Sunday 11 AM & Wednesday 10 AM  
Services available on You Tube & Facebook  
Available on the church website with a link to the Facebook page  
Visit us on the web at:  
www.comchbj.org

## St. Anne Catholic Church

Fr. Showri Jojappa Pasala,  
Parochial Administrator  
715-385-2390  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)  
Rev. Kevin Hoogland  
715-385-2267  
www.trinityboulderjunction.net  
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion celebrated each Sunday  
Coffee, Fellowship and Bible Study following worship every Sunday

## Conover Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church

715-479-4966  
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

## Conover Evangelical Free Church

info@conoverefc.com  
conoverefc.com  
715-479-4327  
Lead Pastor - Dr. Andrew Schwenk  
Associate Pastor - Jeff Hendrychs  
Worship: Sunday 9:30am  
Children's Church during part of service; Fellowship following service  
AWANA Kickoff! - Sept. 28, 5:30pm @ CEFC Registration, Bar-B-Q, Puppet Show club starts at 6  
AWANA - Wed. 6:00pm October-April  
Youth Group - Wed. 6:30pm  
Men's Basketball - Monday 6:30pm  
Men's Breakfast - Third Saturday 7:30am  
Ladies Breakfast - Fourth Saturday 8:30am  
Women's Bible Study - Thursday 6:30pm  
Summer Bible Study Series

## Harshaw Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

a member congregation of the LCMS  
9160 Lakewood Road, Harshaw  
715-282-5550  
Rev. David J. Sutton, Pastor  
8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Weekly Office Hours  
Thur. 11-4:30  
8:25am Daily Devotions with Pastor at www.facebook.com/groups/dailydevotionswithpastorsuttonopen

## Lac du Flambeau Baha'i Faith

P.O. Box 937  
For Time and Place 715-588-3560  
Weekly "Fireside" Discussions

## Community Presbyterian Church

715-588-7150, Hwy. 47  
The Presbyterian Church U.S.A.  
10:00 a.m. Worship,  
Communion 1st Sunday  
www.ldfchurch.com

## Bible Baptist Church

Hwy. 47  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church

650 Old Abe Rd., Hwy 47  
588-3148, stanthony@verizon.net  
Fr. Maria Joseph Kodignati,  
Parochial Administrator  
Schedule  
Saturday 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. mass  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. mass  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. mass  
Friday 8:00 a.m. mass

## Lake Tomahawk Lake Tomahawk Bible Church

715-277-2520 Phone  
6706 WI -47, Lake Tomahawk, WI  
Service time:  
9:30 AM Sunday morning  
website:  
www.laketombiblechurch.com

## Bait N Tackle Fellowship

Raymond F Sloan Community Center  
7246 Main Street, Lake Tomahawk  
Sunday Evenings 6:30 PM  
Baitntacklefellowship.com

## The Third Order of St. Francis

Evening Prayer Liturgy - Sunday, 7 p.m.  
For location and schedule of other programs, write or call:  
Br. Rodd Umlauf, T.O.F.  
P.O. Box 173  
Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539  
e-mail - Br.Rodd@yahoo.com  
ph. (715)-277-4474

## Manitowish Waters

Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Catholic Church  
193 Hwy 51 South,  
Manitowish Waters  
715-543-8428,  
email: queenofpeace@centurytel.net  
Fr. Maria Joseph Kodignati,  
Parochial Administrator  
715-588-3148

Schedule  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Mass  
5:15 p.m. Confessions  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

## Manitowish Waters Community Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church of U.S.A.  
Hwy. 51, One Block South of "W"  
Church phone 715-543-2998  
www.mwpc.org  
Pastor Eric Peterson  
Worship: 9:30 a.m. Service  
Communion 1st Sunday of each month

## Mercer

Faith Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod  
2 blocks east of Hwy. 51 on Co. J  
715-476-2626 Church  
Sunday worship, 1 p.m.  
Communion is offered every Sunday.  
Bible studies are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 12:00 noon.  
Web page: wizardone.wixsite.com/faithlutheranmercerc  
Everyone is welcome to come and worship with us!

## St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

Fr. Maria Joseph Kodignati,  
Parochial Administrator  
715-476-2697  
Reconciliation  
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.  
Tuesday Mass 8:30 a.m.

## United Methodist Church

On Hwy. J, 2 blocks east of Hwy. 51  
Pastor Ero Teichmiller  
715-476-9135  
http://www.mercerumc.org  
Virtual Worship via Zoom.  
Sunday, 9:30am.  
Email pierponm@hotmail.com or call 715-776-3993.

## Zion Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Synod (WELS)  
1 mile south of Mercer on Hwy. 51 (next to the water tower)  
Tim Johnson, pastor  
715-776-0313 or 715-476-0013  
Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

## Minocqua Ascension Lutheran Church, ELCA

7937 Hwy 51 South,  
Minocqua, WI  
715-356-4426  
www.ascensionminocqua.org  
Rev. Pete Warmanen, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Sherry Van Lishout,  
Assoc. Pastor  
Sunday Worship Schedule  
8:00 am & 10:00 am

We also livestream the 10:00 worship service on YouTube  
www.ascensionminocqua.org

The church is handicapped accessible.  
You are welcome here!

## Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA

(on Hwy. 51, north of Arby's)  
P.O. Box 63, Minocqua, WI 54548  
715-358-0067  
Email: celc2@calvaryelc.org  
Maxine Gray, Pastor  
Website: www.CalvaryMinocqua.org  
Worship Services are Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM.  
Connect to online on Facebook or through the website.

## Eaglebrook Church

Pastor Steven Rowe  
A nondenominational  
evangelical church  
1025 Margaret Street in Woodruff  
next to Nimsgerm Funeral Home  
(the former Catholic church)  
Sunday Service: 10:00-11:30 am  
Children's Sunday School available each week

## Foundation Church

Just east of corner of Hwy. 47 & J on J  
Pastor Milton Mazariegos  
715-356-7385  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Study 6 p.m.  
Kids / Youth / Adults  
Kids Church and Nursery  
Call church for details  
foundationchurchug.com  
find us on Facebook:  
foundationchurchug

## Minocqua (ctd.) Lakeland Seventh Day Adventist

10940 Hwy. 70 W.,  
4 miles west of Minocqua  
Jeanmark A'Kessler  
(740) 708-6824 cell  
Saturday Services:  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome.  
For information call 715-358-9983

## Rock of Ages Evangelical Lutheran Church - LCMS

10441 Hwy. 70 West, Minocqua  
3 miles West of Hwy. 51  
Pastor Brian Liermann  
715-356-3848  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Bible Class 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Monday Worship 6 p.m.  
(Mem. Day thru Labor Day)  
Ladies Guild 10 a.m. (2nd Wed)  
(Call the Church office for more info)  
St. Andrew's Orthodox Chapel  
Contact: Rev. Vladimir Lecko,  
715-358-7885; email:  
froladov@charter.net

## St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

403 Chicago Ave., Minocqua, WI  
715-358-0355  
Rector: Rev. Deborah Woolsey  
Parish Administrator:  
Stephanie Rajnicsek  
www.stmatthiasminocqua.com  
The church is fully accessible.  
Worship Schedule  
Sundays at 10:00am  
\*In person and available on Zoom.  
Coffee hour following the service.  
Every Thursday - Caritas is open 10:00am-1:00pm  
Second Tuesday of the month - Tom's Community Table at 5:00pm  
See our website for other offerings.

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (WELS)

Stephen Luchterhand, Pastor  
715-356-2255  
www.trinityminocqua.org  
1 mile east of Hwy. 51 on "J"  
Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Monday worship at 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday morning Bible class and Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.  
You can also worship with us online at www.trinityminocqua.org.  
For additional information, please check out our Facebook page or call the church office.

## United Methodist Church of the Pines

415 Chippewa  
(corner of Hwy 51 & Chicago), Minocqua  
715-356-3041  
Rev. Mark Gilbert, pastor  
pastor@umchurchofthepines.org  
Merry Jorgensen,  
church administrator  
office@umchurchofthepines.org  
In-Person and Livestreamed services:  
Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. (year-round).

Coffee Fellowship is available in the Ministry Center before the service at 9:00 a.m. and after the service.  
Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available. The sanctuary is audio-looped for those with a telecoil (T-switch) in their hearing aids. Earphones are also available.

Activity bags and Bibles are available for children, and a special room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents and guardians of young children if needed.  
Worship services are live-streamed at the following sites:  
www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/live/  
www.youtube.com/umchurchofthepines  
www.umchurchofthepines.org/ (worship service videos)  
Sermon by Phone - Call 1-715-203-1990 to listen to the most recent sermon.

## Presque Isle St. Rita's Catholic Church

Fr. Showri Jojappa Pasala,  
Parochial Administrator  
715-385-2390  
Year Round:  
Fridays at 9:00 a.m.  
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. (May 29-Sept 1)

## Rhinelander The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

780 Iverson St., Rhinelander  
715-362-7830  
Sunday Schedule:  
Sacrament Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 11:20 a.m.  
Elders Quorum & Relief Society 12:10 p.m.  
Northwoods Grace Fellowship  
Goodwill Store Community Rm.  
2181 Lincoln Street, Rhinelander  
715-439-4287  
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 5:30  
Free Bible Correspondence  
Courses Available  
www.northwoodsgrace.com

## North Country Vineyard Church

130 South Stevens St., Rhinelander  
715-369-7589  
Sunday Schedule:  
Sunday Worship Service 10 am  
Coffee bar opens at 9:30 am  
Nursery & Children's Church ages 6 months - 5th grade

## Sayner

Sayner Community Church  
(Christian, Non Denominated)  
2995 Plum Lake Drive,  
Sayner, WI 54560  
email:  
Saynercommunitychurch@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

## St. Mary Catholic Church

Fr. Showri Jojappa Pasala,  
Parochial Administrator  
715-385-2390  
Year Round:  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays 8:00 a.m.  
Saturdays 5 p.m.  
(May 29-Sept 4)

## Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church NALC/ALC

2903 State Hwy 155, Sayner, 54560  
715-542-3701  
www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org  
email: secretary@sotlsayner.com  
Church School: Wednesdays 4 p.m.  
Worship Services:  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

## St. Germain Northlife Church

Pastors: Josh Reese, Tom Kammel,  
David Ceballos, Aaron Anderson  
6065 Hwy. 70 East, St. Germain  
715-479-2173,  
info@northlifewisconsin.com  
northlifewisconsin.com  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.  
Nursery and children's church at second service  
Wednesday Night Church, 6:30 p.m. Classes for all ages during the school year.

## St. Germain Community Church

(Christian, Non Denominated)  
1315 WIS Hwy 155  
St. Germain, WI 54558  
715-542-3114  
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Soup Supper first Saturday of each month at 4:30 p.m.  
Follow us on Facebook:  
StGCommunityChurch@gmail.com

## Three Lakes Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church

1614 Hwy. 32, P.O. Box 687  
Three Lakes, WI 54562  
715-546-2000  
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bible School 10:30 a.m.

## Grace Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

Rev. Allen Montgomery  
6948 E. School St. • P.O. Box 216  
Three Lakes, WI 54562  
Saturday Worship 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Noon Bible Study

## Winchester Living Hope Church

1 block north of corner of Hwy. W & O  
John Nuce, Pastor  
906-932-0235  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## Woodruff Church of Christ

1111 First Ave. (Hwy. 47 S.)  
P.O. Box 1100, Woodruff  
715-356-4828  
Sunday Worship Assembly 10:00 a.m.

## Faith Evangelical Free Church

9035 Blumenstein Rd., Woodruff  
Pastors: Rick Goff, Randy Quade,  
and Steve Stepec  
715-356-4311;  
secretary@faithwoodruff.com  
www.faihwodruff.com  
9:00 am Worship, Nursery & Kids Ministry  
(no Nursery or Kids Ministry)  
Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend  
Call for information about our youth programs for school-aged kids.

## Holy Family Catholic Church

Holy Family Catholic Church  
8950 County Highway J  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
715-356-6284  
www.holyfamilywoodruff.org  
Fr. Jerry Hagen Pastor  
Worship Schedule  
Sat., 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.  
All are Welcome!  
Reconciliation  
Saturday - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
See website for more information:  
www.holyfamilywoodruff.org  
Visit us on Facebook:  
www.facebook.com/holyfamilywoodruff

## Woodruff Baptist Church

3 blocks E. of Hwy. 51 on 3rd & Cedar Sts. Scott Smith, Pastor  
715-356-5015 or 892-2095  
E-mail: woodruffbaptist@yahoo.com  
Web: woodruffbaptistchurch.org  
Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m. (December - April)  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (May - December)  
Wednesday Evening Service & Prayer 6:30 p.m.

## Northwoods Unitarian - Universalist Fellowship

Corner of Woodruff Rd. & Peggy Lane off County Rd. J  
Services Sundays, 10:00 a.m.  
Our Fellowship is now open. Our services are at 10:00 AM unless otherwise noted. On alternate Sundays we have Religious Education.

## Woodruff Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

8656 Hwy. 47 South, Woodruff  
715-356-2249  
Midweek Meeting Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Weekend Meeting Sunday 9:30 a.m.



# HEALTH

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## Seasonal affective disorder: Less light can mean darker moods

Do you notice that your mood changes with the seasons, becoming gloomier as the days get shorter? If so, you might be experiencing seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

SAD is a type of depression marked by a recurring seasonal pattern, with symptoms typically lasting four to five months each year, from late fall to early spring. According to the American Psychiatric Association, approximately five percent of adults in the United States experience SAD.

"While anyone can be affected, research indicates that SAD is more prevalent in the northern states, largely due to reduced exposure to sunlight. During the winter months, it's common to leave for work in the dark and return home after sunset, resulting in a significant lack of natural light," said Aspirus St. Luke's nurse practitioner Courtney Shaw.

One of the best ways to combat this condition is by staying active and making sure you get enough light. Try to find an outdoor activity

you enjoy, like walking, skiing, or fat-tire biking, and do it regularly during the day. You can also buy a light box or a dawn-simulating lamp and use it within the first hour of waking up to get the most benefits.

Other healthy lifestyle habits, such as eating a balanced diet and maintaining a regular sleep schedule, can also be beneficial. In some cases, medication and counseling may be necessary to manage the condition effectively.

Because the timing of the onset of winter-pattern SAD is so predictable, many benefit from starting treatment before the fall to help prevent or reduce symptoms. Talking to your primary care provider is a great place to start when making a plan to do this.

"People can be hesitant to talk about mental health concerns like SAD, but I want them to know that they don't have to be," said Shaw. "Everyone faces struggles at some point, and SAD is just one of them. With proper treatment, we can absolutely manage this condition so



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Nurse practitioner Courtney Shaw of Aspirus St. Luke's Hermantown Clinic & Urgent Care in Hermantown, Minn.

you can enjoy life — no matter what season it is."

If you've noticed changes in your mood or behavior whenever the seasons change, talk to your provider, or find one at [www.as-](http://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider)

[pirus.org/find-a-provider](http://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider).

Courtney Shaw, APRN, CNP, sees patients at Aspirus St. Luke's Aspirus St. Luke's Hermantown Clinic & Urgent Care in Hermantown, Minn.

## Behavioral health clinic now offering personalized assessments for minors in Eagle River and beyond

Behavioral Health Clinic (BHC) is proud to announce the expansion of their assessment services, now available for children and teens in Eagle River and the surrounding communities. Their personalized assessment services are conducted right at school, ensuring that each child receives the support they need in a familiar and comfortable environment.

At BHC, they understand that every child is unique. Their expert clinicians specialize in assessments for:

- ADHD.
- Autism spectrum disorder.
- Learning differences.
- Emotional concerns.

"Every child has a story, and understanding that story is the first step toward helping them flourish. Our assessments not only identify challenges but also illuminate strengths, paving the way for tailored support that makes a real difference," said Shannon Schaefer,

Ph.D., one of BHC's owners/members. "We are committed to helping families navigate these crucial early years, ensuring that every child has the tools to succeed. By providing assessments in a familiar environment, we aim to create a supportive space where children can feel safe to express themselves."

At BHC, they are committed to empowering families with the knowledge and resources they need to navigate their child's developmental journey. With immediate availability, their schoolbased assessments make it easier for families to access the support they deserve, paving the way for a brighter future.

Appointments are available by calling 855-607-8BHC (855-607-8242). For more information about Behavioral Health Clinic or the services offered, please visit their website at [www.wibehavioral-health.com](http://www.wibehavioral-health.com).

## Stay ahead of prostate cancer: The importance of regular screenings

Prostate cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers among men, with the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimating that approximately 288,300 men will be diagnosed with the disease this year. Despite these alarming numbers, prostate cancer has one of the highest survival rates among all cancers. Its slow growth and the opportunity for early detection through routine screenings make a significant difference in patient outcomes.

"For the average person, we recommend starting prostate cancer screenings around the age of 50. However, if there is a family history of prostate cancer or if the patient is from an African American background, we advise starting earlier, around 40 to 45 years old," explained Zuhair Ghanem, MD, internal medicine physician and oncologist at Aspirus Health.

The primary screening tool for prostate cancer is the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test, which measures the level of PSA in the blood. Elevated levels may indicate prostate cancer, prompting further evaluation. In conjunction with the PSA test, a digital rectal exam may

also be performed to detect cancers that might not elevate PSA levels, providing a comprehensive approach to screening.

While prostate cancer screenings are effective, one of the challenges is that the disease often develops without noticeable symptoms. Although some patients may eventually experience signs like pelvic pain, lower back pain, blood in the urine, or difficulty urinating, many remain asymptomatic until the cancer progresses. This reality underscores the vital importance of regular screenings for early detection.

"I wish more men understood the importance of early detection," Dr. Ghanem emphasized. "Early detection is the cornerstone of taking care of cancer patients, and it can significantly impact overall outcomes and well-being."

This Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, prioritize your health by discussing prostate cancer screenings with your doctor. Regular screenings are important, so schedule an appointment with your primary care physician or find one at [www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider](http://www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider). Remember, early detection could save your life.

## Aspirus SANE Program: providing compassionate care for sexual assault victims

Every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted — 54 percent are between the ages of 18 and 34, according to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network). These statistics are not just numbers; they represent individuals whose lives have been deeply impacted by sexual violence.

Shockingly, one in three women and one in six men have experienced sexual violence nationally, often by someone they know. This trauma highlights the urgent need for awareness and support to address this pervasive issue and help survivors heal.

The experience of sexual assault is devastating for patients and their loved ones. To begin the healing process, the nurses of the Aspirus Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE) are specially trained to provide compassionate care and treatment to survivors of assault.

"At Aspirus, we have a team of nurses with specialized training to perform medical and forensic exami-

nations for adolescents and adults who have been sexually assaulted or strangled," explained Amy Riegert, registered nurse and SANE coordinator with Aspirus Health.

During a SANE exam, the patient is always in control.

"Our exams encompass trauma-informed care, giving survivors their autonomy back and allowing them to make choices for themselves," said Riegert. "Some of the choices they can make include what services they want us to provide and setting a pace that they're comfortable with."

With permission, the nurse will ask the survivor about the assault, perform a physical exam including genitalia, complete an evidence collection kit, offer risk assessment for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and coordinate care with a sexual assault advocate.

The evidence collected during the exam will go into a kit that will be shipped directly to the Wisconsin

State Crime Lab. Riegert explains that the kit will be held for up to ten years, allowing survivors time to decide if they want to report the assault to law enforcement or not. If survivors choose to track their kit through the chain of custody from law enforcement to the crime lab, nurses can provide information at this time.

Aspirus SANE Programs are expanding across the system, with services currently available at seven Aspirus hospitals. If someone has experienced sexual assault, they can go to one of the locations listed below or to their nearest emergency department to get set up with arrangements to travel to the nearest hospital that performs forensic exams.

To contact Aspirus SANE in your area, call:

- Aspirus Ironwood Hospital: 906-932-2525.
- Aspirus Medford Hospital: 715-748-8100.
- Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital:

715-361-2000.

• Aspirus Riverview Hospital: 715-423-6060.

• Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital: 715-346-5000.

• Aspirus Wausau Hospital: 715-847-2121.

• Howard Young Medical Center: 715-356-8000.

Riegert emphasized that if a survivor is seeking care where SANE services aren't available, "patients can still get the preventative care they need such as emergency contraception, as well as protection against STIs and HIV. These are available at any emergency department."

For more about SANE, visit [aspirus.org/SANE](http://www.aspirus.org/SANE).

To speak with someone anonymously, the following 24/7 free confidential hotlines are available: RAINN: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

Women's Community Sexual Assault Victim Services: 715-842-7323 or 1-888-665-1234.

# TOWN NEWS

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## ST. GERMAIN

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### Holiday bazaar and holiday cookie sale

Next weekend, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is the St. Germain Women's Service Club craft show and cookie walk at the St. Germain Community Center (545 Highway 155). Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping! Buy gifts for loved ones including jewelry, photography, stained glass and more. Or, purchase handmade decorations for your home. Don't forget the cookie sale. Purchase a variety of homemade cookies to share or eat yourself. Soup and sandwiches will be available, too. Santa Claus will visit and horse-drawn sleigh rides will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Christmas cards for the military

Between Nov. 18 and Dec. 6, come to the chamber of commerce building (473 Highway 70) to sign a Christmas card for an active member of the military. Cards will be sent to the United Soldiers and Sailors of America to be distributed. Share the holiday spirit and good wishes of the Northwoods to those who defend our country.

### Holiday marketplace

The chamber of commerce's holi-

day marketplace craft show will be at the community center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters will be selling birdhouses, wooden bowls and toys, crocheted and knitted items, jewelry, quilted items, baked goods and more! If you are a crafter, we still have a few spaces open. Contact the office, 715-477-2205, or visit the events page of the website, www.st-germain.com, for more information.

### Jingle Bell Run

There will be a couple of changes for this year's Jingle Bell Run on Nov. 30: It has been lengthened to 5K and will be timed. The race starts at 2:30 p.m. Register online or before the race beginning at 2 p.m. The race will start at the St. Germain Community Center. Don't like to run? You can walk it, too. Information can be found on the website, www.st-germain.com. \$25 per adult; \$15 per youth (11 to 18 year olds). There will be a free shorter event for kids 10 years old and younger and their families.

### Lighting Up St. Germain

Santa Claus will visit the St. Ger-

main Chamber of Commerce building at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 30 and ask the children to help him light the town's Christmas tree. Cookies and hot chocolate, too.

### Red Box Giveaway

The chamber will host the Red Box Giveaway in December. Visit a chamber member's business and complete an entry form. Winners will be drawn on Dec. 16. The first name drawn will win a gift basket valued at \$500 from items donated by chamber business members. Come to the events on Nov. 30 for the kick-off.

### Snowmobile safety class

Get ready for the upcoming snowmobile season with the safety class on Dec. 7-8 hosted by the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club and the DNR. The class is for riders 11 years old and older. The certificate is valid when a child is 12 years old. The two-day class is \$10. Register online at gowild.wi.gov, contact Peggy Ausloos (Peggy2090@gmail.com) or visit boboen.com/safety-class for more information.

### National Family Literacy Month

Many of us have memories of being read to by a parent or grandparent. Kick-off National Family Literacy Month by reading to your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, stepchild or foster child on Nov. 1, National Family Literacy Day. Statistics in 1994 showed more than 20 million national workers did not have basic reading skills. That year, U.S. Congress issued Joint Resolution 413 to declare Nov. 1 as National Family Literacy Day to encourage families to strengthen the importance of reading. Many schools and libraries host events throughout the month. At home, choose a favorite book or something new. Read to each other. If you don't have a child at home, read to a neighbor's child. Family is not limited to those in your house.

### Upcoming event?

If you have an upcoming event, please contact the chamber. We'd love to help you spread the word. All news must be submitted two weeks in advance. Call 715-477-2205 or send an email to saintgermainchamber@gmail.com.

## MANITOWISH WATERS

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### Open house at the Manitowish Waters Visitors Bureau

Come visit our office from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 and see what the bureau has in store for 2025. Complimentary drinks and snacks will also be available.

Drawing will occur for our E-Bike at 6 p.m. Visit our website for more information, email info@Manitowishwaters.org or call 715-543-8488.



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### North Lakeland Discovery Center

Join naturalists Licia and Jenna Nov. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. for this fun and creative fall-inspired workshop to create useful items from natural products!

Each participant will create an 8-ounce soy candle, firestarters, bar soap and more!

Have you ever wondered how a salamander eats? What about the benefits of bats or how big moose scat really is? Bring the family into the

Discovery Hall lobby on Nov. 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to learn about some special wildlife of Wisconsin! We'll display all of our educational materials, artifacts, books and neat items we've collected over the years that you can observe and learn about. This educational program is great for all ages and you can drop in any time during the hour to learn!

For a full list of Discovery Center's weekly programs, please visit DiscoveryCenter.net.

### Koller Library

Mahjong-American style: This event happens weekly on Wednesday. All are welcome to attend, the group is willing to teach.

Write in at the Koller Library: Whether you're working on a novel, short fiction, essay, memoir, poetry or just like to dabble with words, join us at the Frank B. Koller Memorial Library for a free write-in event on Sat-

urday, Nov. 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Writing can be a solitary endeavor, so find company by joining other folks who are getting creative with words. Library director and author Callie will provide writing prompts, plus craft and publishing resources for those interested. There will be a "quiet room" for those who wish to work, and a social room for those who want to chat about the process. We'll do a writing sprint so everyone can gain momentum on their works in progress. Coffee and snacks provided.

For a full list of Koller Library events, more information on Koller Library or general library questions, please call 715-543-2700 or visit kollerlibrary.org.

### Manner's Cafe (ADRC)

The aging and disability resource center of Vilas County hosts the Senior Nutrition Program at Manners Cafe located at North Lakeland Elementary School, Manitowish Waters. Lunch will be offered Wednesday and Thursdays. Please contact Mary Ellen Duranso at 715-904-0065 at least 24

hours in advance to make reservations.

### Manitowish Waters Athletic Center

Location: 13870 Woodland Lane, Manitowish Waters. 7th Annual Gobble Wobble: Don't miss our day-after-Thanksgiving tradition. Starts and ends at The MAC. Fun for all ages, and pets are welcome. Treats will be provided at the end of the race. Nov. 29, 9 a.m. start; 8:30 a.m. registration.

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI): On Nov. 6 from 1 to 2 p.m. Uline director of research and analytics Mike Thirtle discusses AI — what it is, how it is being used and the potential benefits and dangers. Lunch will be served. Visit mac-mw.com for more information.

### More on Manitowish Waters

For a full list of community events, visit ManitowishWaters.org.

Our visitor center, located at 5733 Airport Road, Manitowish Waters, is open 24/7. Stop by to pick up a visitor's guide, maps brochures and area information.

## MERCER

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### Holiday craft and vendor fair, also veterans luncheon

Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Kimball Community Center. This is sponsored by the Adventurers of the North 4-H Club. There will be 20 vendors, bake sale, raffle table, lunch and a food drive for Iron County Food Pantry. There will be free lunch for veterans.

Sandy Winkleman, an opening reception in her honor. She will be available to answer questions and share stories of her work. She has beautiful art work on display at the library from October to December. She will be offering two hands-on dot art classes so you can create something beautiful for your Christmas tree. Call the library soon to reserve a spot by calling 715-476-2366.



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### Election day bake sale

The Friends of the Library Election Day Bake Sale is on Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the reading room at the library from 7 a.m. until everything is sold out. They are looking for pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, cupcakes and muffins. If you have the time to make a goodie to donate to the bake sale bring it to the library on Monday between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or first thing Tuesday morning. No need to price as the Friends will take care of that. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mercer Community Center. Be sure to vote and then check out the bake sale.

### Opening reception

Friday, Nov. 1, at 4:30 p.m. for

### Mercer Food Pantry

A few new things happening at the pantry. First two new programs that you may not know about. TEFAP-an emergency food program by the USDA that has no age requirement and income is at 200 percent above poverty level, there is no limit on amounts you can shop for from can goods to meats (perch, haddock, ground meat, pork chops, cheddar cheese and frozen fruits). Stop by and sign up on days that the pantry is open. Second program is LFPA which is fresh produce that the USDA has subsidized from truck farmers in the state of Wisconsin. There are no guidelines and no sign ups. Just watch the food

pantry page for when deliveries will happen and come in during the specified times and enjoy the produce. The stock box program is back on track after a three-month hold on new people and those that hadnt got 10 a box in greater than two months. The next delivery will be on Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. Come and shop and then go and vote. The pantry will again distribute a Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. No need to sign up, just line and drive through for your Thanksgiving box. This will also be repeated on Dec. 21 for Christmas. There will be 200 boxes available at both holidays. If you have questions, call 715-476-7655.

### Mercer Christmas

Parade will be on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. down U.S. Highway 51, followed by a tree lighting by Santa, and then off to the community building in the sleigh to visit with all the children. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be posing for pictures with the children and each child will receive a gift. There will refreshments and beverages and activities for the children.

### Senior Christmas

Mercer Lions Senior Christmas

will be on Dec. 8, at noon, at the Mercer Senior Center. A meal will be served buffet style, with a visit from Santa and distribution of fruit packages, followed by Bingo till 3 p.m. with prizes. All is free and the Lions hope to see all there.

### Mercer Lions Fishing Jamboree

50/50 tickets will be on sale at Snow's from member Lions. The pot will be huge. Last year the winner received more than \$3,000. You could be that lucky person. They will sell on Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Northwoods Wildlife and Wetlands Club

Site-In Day will be on Nov. 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the range. Watch for the signs on Highway 51. There will experienced people to assist, ear plugs will be available, refreshments will be available and beverages free. There will be a 50/50 raffle. The clubs annual Christmas party will be on Dec. 16 at the Mercer Senior Center at 5 p.m. for social and 6 p.m. for meal. This will be a pot luck with the club supplying the main courses. There will be raffles and door prizes.

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## BOULDER JUNCTION

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### At the library

The Books 'n Brews Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at Aqualand Ale House. Come early for a bite to eat. RSVP to the library as a table reservation must be made. The selection is "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese.

The Afternoon Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at the library. The selection is "The Measure" by Nikki



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Erlick. To reserve your copy, call the library or use the library's website. New readers are always welcome.

Mah Jongg is played every Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. New players are always welcome.

The Chat 'n Craft Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your current craft project to work on and socialize.

For more information on the li-

brary's services, programs and events, call 715-385-2050 or visit the website: boulderjunctionlibrary.org.

### Food pantry

The pantry will be open on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. behind the Community Church on Highway K. The Clothes Closet is also open for your clothing needs. For more information, call 715-385-2146.

### Senior nutrition site

Senior meals are served at North Lakeland Elementary School, 12686 Highway K, Manitowish Waters on

Wednesdays and Thursdays. "Manners Café" is open at 11 a.m. with meals served at 11:15 a.m. For reservations, call Mary Ellen at 715-904-0065 at least 24 hours in advance.

Wednesday, Nov. 6: Teriyaki chicken over rice, steamed broccoli, mixed greens salad, grapes and dessert.

Thursday, Nov. 7: Beef empanadas, mixed greens salad, Texas beans, applesauce and dessert.

Meals are for seniors 60 and over. The nutrition sites are sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County.

## PLUM LAKE/SAYNER/STAR LAKE

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### Plum Lake Library news

Pecans are now available at the library for \$12 per bag. Quantity is limited, so grab yours soon!

Preschool Story Hour has begun and meets every other Wednesday at 10 a.m. The next will be Nov. 13, "We're Going on a Turkey Hunt."

Do you have your Halloween costume picked out yet? Trunk-n-Treat is from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Children can dress up in their Halloween costumes and go treat or treating around the library parking lot and then into town. The Plum Lake Lions Club provides hot dogs, cookies, and water as well as every child gets a book! Con-



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PLUM LAKE

sider joining the fun by parking your vehicle in our parking lot, decorating it and passing out candy as the trick-or-treaters come around. The library will

have items available to help get your trunk decorated. The library is also accepting candy donations to be shared among the vehicles, if you are unable to attend but would like to help.

A Northwoods family recently completed thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail and will be sharing their journey at a program on

Thursday, Nov. 14 at the library. The Small family will talk about the 5-month trek starting at 6 p.m.

Stop by the library for more information on the Smokey Bear Reading

Challenge or the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading program. Did you know the library also offers free passes to the Northwoods Children's Museum in Eagle River?

Contact the library at 715-542-2020 for more information or visit plumlakelibrary.org. All events take place at the library unless otherwise noted.

### Town news

The town of Plum Lake was recently awarded a \$4,250,000 grant to assist with the construction of a new community center. This new facility will be a huge asset for the community!

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Make sure you allow time during your day to get to the town hall to vote!

Please reach out to me at

emakoester@gmail.com with any Sayner/Star Lake news you would like in the column!

### Community Christmas Fest

The Plum Lake Woman's Club is sponsoring the Community Christmas Fest at the Sayner Community Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16. This event features area vendors with jewelry, fabric crafts, jams and jellies, woodwork and more. The Plum Lake Woman's Club will be serving homemade soups from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pies will be available for sale by the piece or whole by the Friends of the Plum Lake Library. St. Mary's Catholic Church offers homemade Christmas cookies and treats. For more information, contact Ida Nemec at 715-542-3127.

## LAKE TOMAHAWK

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### American Legion Post 318 meat raffle fundraisers

The American Legion Post 318 will be hosting a meat raffle fundraiser on Nov. 2 at Happy Daze. Event begins at 1 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. The meat is provided by Lake Tomahawk Meat Market. All proceeds go to the various local veterans organizations.

### Annual 'Keep Someone Warm In Winter' project

The annual "Keep Someone Warm In Winter" project is sponsored by the Lake Tomahawk (LT) service clubs including: LT American Legion, LT Legion Auxiliary, LT Lions Club, Snowshoe Baseball Organization, Holy Family Circle of Women, and the LT Bible Church.

We are requesting donations of "new winter wear" — examples are hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks. Toddlers, school age children, teens and adults will be the recipients

of the items collected. The Lake Tomahawk Café is the collection site for those generous gifts from Oct. 1 to Dec. 6. Please place your items in the Café Collection Box. Thanks for your continued support in our endeavors to care for our neighbors.

### Town of Lake Tomahawk Trunk or Treat event

Lake Tomahawk's Halloween Trunk or Treat event will take place at the Sloan Community Center and Lake Tomahawk trick or treating both on Nov. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Even though Halloween will have passed, keep the costumes ready for a fun way to celebrate Halloween! Everyone is welcome!

If you are participating as a "Trunker" please arrive around 12:30 p.m. for setup and trunk decorating. To allow for space for every vehicle please contact Sharon at 715-277-2257 to sign up or show up the day of the event, we

will be glad to include you.

### Lakeland Area Genealogical Society

The Lakeland Area Genealogical Society (LAGS) is a group of individuals interested in learning more about and promoting genealogy. The November meeting of LAGS will be Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Minocqua Public Library. Featured will be a video presentation "AI & Genealogy, Trouble Ahead?" presented by Thomas MacEntee. Learn how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience. Membership dues are \$15 a year. We encourage all those with an interest in genealogy to come join our group.

### 'Wreaths Across America'

"Wreaths Across America." If you would like to honor a veteran with a wreath for the Christmas holiday, please contact Adrian Pritchard at 715-358-2452 for more information or log on to Wreaths Across American

website, click on sponsor a wreath, type in code Wilderness WIWLDN or Newbold WINBMC.

### Musky Area Wood Carvers

Interested in learning to wood carve or have friends who may be interested? This is a great time as the seasons change with more time available. You might be interested in learning a new skill, meeting new friends and having fun.

It doesn't matter if you know how to carve or just curious on what it's all about. Come check us out. Join this friendly group of wood friendly wood carvers and burners that meet every Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sloan Community Center located at 7246 Main Street in Lake Tomahawk. You can also call 715-525-1634 or see our "Musky Area Wood Carvers" Facebook group site for information and see pictures of our carving activities and events.

## PRESQUE ISLE

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### November election

The Presque Isle Community Center is the polling location for the Nov. 5 presidential election. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

### American Legion Post 480

The Presque Isle Cemetery has been selected to participate in Wreaths Across America.

Wreaths will be placed at the grave sites of veterans in all 50 states at sea and abroad on Saturday Dec. 14. Time to be announced.

### Presque Isle Chamber of Commerce

Olde time Christmas: Bring the family out to Pipke Park on Dec. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. for this fun Christmas event! There will be horse-drawn sleigh rides around the pond, sledding, ice skating and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause.

Food and beverage will be available.

### Winegar Rider UTV/ATV Club

Voting this month: The Winegar Riders invite you to join us for our next meeting on Nov. 13 at Drop-shot, food will be provided at 6 p.m. Please join us for a great time and lots of laughs. If you're considering becoming a member stop by and meet the group. Membership dues are \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family and \$50 for a business. Current members should send their dues for 2024 to P.O. 222 Presque Isle, WI 54557.

### Presque Isle Lions Club

Open Your Heart Program: Presque Isle Lions are once again having the Open Your Heart Campaign. Collections will begin now through Friday, Dec. 20. Location

will once again be at Headwaters State Bank at 8319 Main Street in Presque Isle. Donations can also be mailed to Presque Isle Lions Club, P.O. Box 32, Presque Isle, WI, 54557. For more information on how to donate, call LJ at 715-686-2073. All donations are used for local families during the holiday season.

### Firewood raffle

Truckload of firewood cut/split (approx. three full face cords). Value at \$300. Donated by Outdoor Service & Firewood formally (Dave's Tree Service). Delivery within 30 miles of Presque Isle. Drawing Thursday Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. at the PI Pub, 11583 CTH B, Presque Isle, WI 54557. Tickets \$5 each or six for \$20.

### Presque Isle Community Library

P.I. Bookies Join us for a lively

discussion about books at the library, on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Next meeting is Nov. 11. Next read is "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

Fiber Arts Group meets first and third Tuesday each month at noon. Next meeting is Nov. 5. Whether you enjoy knitting, sewing, stitching, quilting, felting and crocheting or any other fiber art; this group is open to anyone interested in working on their own projects and sharing ideas.

Short Story Club meets first and third Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to bring your friends.

The American Mah-Jongg group meets Fridays from 1 and 3 p.m. Come join this lively group of players for a good time and a good game. All ages and abilities are welcome.

# BBB tip: fall home maintenance

Get ready for winter

The air is getting more relaxed, and the leaves and cornfields are turning yellow. Fall is here. With the change in weather comes a list of home maintenance that all homeowners should tackle before the icy stuff sets in.

The (Better Business Bureau) BBB offers these tips when preparing your home for the colder weather:

- Clean those gutters. A build-up of leaves and other debris can cause your gutters and downspouts not to drain correctly. Improper draining can make water spill over your gutters, leading to foundation/basement damage and damage to your fascia boards. In the winter, ice dams can form that can let snow melt underneath your shingles. Get a listing of gutter contractors near you.

- Inspect your roof and gutters. Inspect your roof for loose or damaged shingles and make any necessary repairs. Damaged or loose shingles can let in water and ice during the winter, creating interior damage. Clean out gutters to prevent ice dams and water buildup. Visit [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) to get a listing of roofing contractors near you.

- Test your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Making sure these essential safety tools are in proper working condition is manageable and vital to ensuring the safety of those in your home. The National Fire Protection Association offers excellent information

on installing and maintaining smoke alarms. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has information on carbon monoxide detectors.

- Check your window and doors for air leakage. Adding caulk and weather stripping helps prevent cold air leakage into your home and prevents spiders and insects from entering. Also, check where pipes and wires enter your home.

- Organize your garage. You will undoubtedly use your garage a lot more in the colder months. Get rid of trash and clutter, and make sure your snow shovel and other winter-use items are easily accessible. Fill/repair any cracks or holes you see to prevent bugs and rodents from entering that will be seeking refuge from the cold. Find garage organizers near you.

- Inspect your driveway. The frequent freezing and thawing conditions in many areas, along with tree roots and ground shifting, can cause driveways to develop areas of needed repair. Fall is a great time to fill cracks and seal coats to prevent wintertime water/ice damage. Find driveway repair contractors near you.

- Schedule HVAC maintenance. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, preventive care can help save you up to 25 percent in energy costs. Heating contractors near you can help you professionally service your heating unit. Having your heating system serv-

iced and filters replaced will ensure your system works efficiently.

- Tend to the outside water supply. Cover up your outdoor water fixture (s). Spigot covers are reasonably priced at your local hardware store and help keep the exterior pipes from freezing. Empty hoses of any water and move them indoors.

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## All-conference honors aplenty for Lakeland

Sarah Barton,  
Ashton Bremer,  
Olivia Mickle win  
Player of the  
Year awards

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OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

The Lakeland Union High School (LUHS) Thunderbirds fall sports teams were celebrated with a number of postseason honors and awards when the Great Northern Conference re-

leased their all-conference teams.

Senior Sarah Barton was named Singles Player of the Year for girls' tennis, senior Ashton Bremer was awarded Runner of the Year for boys' cross country and junior Olivia Mickle was co-Swimmer of the Year with Rhinelander's Celia Francis.

Coach Gordy Hartzheim was also named Coach of the Year for boys' cross country, and assistant coach John Kafura was named Assistant Coach of the Year for football.



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In this Sept. 26, 2024 file photo, Sarah Barton hits a groundstroke in her No. 1 singles final against Pacelli's Natalie Cooper during the GNC Meet at the Lakeland Union High School tennis courts in Minocqua. Barton was named Singles Player of the Year following her title at No. 1 singles.



BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES

In this Oct. 25, 2024 file photo, Noah Bruckner runs the ball in a WIAA Division 3 Level 1 playoff game against Medford at Raider Field in Medford. Bruckner was named a unanimous first-team running back for the second straight season.

Check out a future edition of *The Lakeland Times* to see the boys' soccer all-conference and postseason awards.

For football and volleyball, players are nominated by coaches and then voted on by the coaches. Coaches cannot vote for their own players.

All stats were from conference play unless otherwise noted.

### Football

A total of seven Thunderbirds were named all-conference with one player

landing on a first team.

Senior Noah Bruckner was named a unanimous first team running back for a second straight season. Bruckner ran for 466 yards on 115 carries with four touchdowns. He averaged 4.1 yards per carry. Even though he missed a game due to injury, he still ranked fourth in the conference in rushing yards.

"The other coaches in the conference recognized how good of a running back Noah Bruckner is despite working through an injury the last few weeks of the

season," coach Dan Barutha said. "He was a unanimous selection last year too, which certainly helped his case this year to stay as a first-team back. He's a tough runner, has good explosiveness through the hole and does a great job of running through arm tackles, all attributes noted by opposing coaches as to why they voted for him as a first-team back."

Senior Cole Johnson garnered second team all-conference honors as an

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## One final race

Lakeland's  
Stella Meza,  
Ashton  
Bremer  
conclude  
cross country  
careers at state

Brett LaBore  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Ashton Bremer and Stella Meza, both part of Lakeland's cross country teams, are prepping for one final run at tomorrow's state meet.

The State Boys and Girls Cross Country Championships take place tomorrow in Wisconsin Rapids. Both Bremer and

Meza, seniors, qualified based on individual time at a WIAA Division 2 sectional in Colby last week.

"I'm very excited for them," coach Gordy Hartzheim said.

For Bremer, this is his fourth trip to state. He will run in the state meet all four years of his career.

"After qualifying for state as a freshman, the idea of being a four-time state qualifier became a motivator in running," Bremer said. "It is satisfying to know that all of the miles paid off. I am grateful to my coaches and teammates for supporting and pushing me and helping me achieve this goal."

Bremer has gotten faster and faster as the season has gone on. By the end of the season, he was a conference champion and a sectional runner-up.

"Ashton wasn't able to come into the season with any base mileage because of his baseball commitments," Hartzheim said. "He played on two summer leagues. From the first day of practice, he's just been getting more fit. His race strategy has also improved with him being more patient in the first mile. Knowing what his opponents strengths and weaknesses are, and being able to finish strong at the end of the race. His speed is getting

better as well with speed being a major focus at the end of the season."

It's a different story for Meza. She is going to state for the first time in her cross country career.

Meza was the Lakeland girls No. 3 runner at the Great Northern Conference Meet on Oct. 19 in Eagle River. She bounced back to become Lakeland's No. 1 runner and a state qualifier. Like Bremer, she ran her best at the biggest moment of the season.

"Sherri (Handeland) started out winning our first two meets, then Stella has been our top runner except for the conference meet," Hartzheim said.

"She just did not have a good day at conference so it really was not a surprise to have her be our top runner at sectionals. I think she was motivated, knowing that she had a chance to qualify for state, and also a chance to redeem herself after the conference meet."

The state meet is once again at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. Bremer is hoping his experience will pay dividends.

"One way is by knowing the course and strategizing where on the course he can make a move or just sit tight, or push an uphill or go on a downhill," Hartzheim said. "Also knowing what

that long, gradual, uphill finish feels like. I also think he will be less nervous having been there three times already."

The Lakeland boys came up short qualifying for state as a team for the third straight season last week.

However, Bremer finished second overall at the Colby sectional, punching his ticket to the state meet based on time. He crossed the finish line in 16:50.

"The approach (at sectionals) was the same approach as conference last week," Bremer said. "Trying not to go out too fast in the first mile and wait for the second

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# Remembering the 2009 New York Yankees



**Brett LaBore**

LAKELAND TIMES SPORTS REPORTER

It's the 15th anniversary of the New York Yankees' 27th World Series championship. The Yankees are back in the World Series again.

Postseason October baseball is different. The falling leaves, the

chilly weather and the stakes at hand. It's football season, but baseball still has its say.

I've enjoyed the playoffs so far. I'm a proud Yankees fan, even if we are the Evil Empire. We beat the Kansas City Royals and the Cleveland Guardians. It's the farthest we've gone in the playoffs since that championship-winning title in 2009.

As of Wednesday morning, the Yankees were down 3-1 to the Los Angeles Dodgers in this year's World Series. I'm hoping the Yankees won Game 5 that forced a Game 6 tonight.

Either way, the Yan-

kees made the World Series for the first time since 2009. It's brought back a lot of memories.

I was in eighth grade in 2009. I vividly remember the Yankees taking on the Philadelphia Phillies. It was so exciting because it was the first time seeing one of my favorite professional teams go for the championship.

The 2009 Yankees had so many legends — Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada, Andy Pettitte, Alex Rodriguez, Hideki Matsui and more.

The Yankees ended up beating the Phillies 4-2 with Game 6 com-

ing in New York. It was cool to see my favorite team become world champions.

One of my favorite memories from the 2009 championship came on Halloween night. I dressed up as Derek Jeter, the perfect costume since New York was in the World Series.

Trick-or-Treating took place during the same time as the game. I was excited to get a lot of candy, but upset I would miss a game.

There ended up being a rain delay. As I was Trick-or-Treating, people would see my costume and a few houses gave me updates such as, 'It's still

in a rain delay' or 'It hasn't started yet.'

I got all my trick-or-treating in and hardly missed any, if all, of the game. The Yankees ended up winning that Halloween night.

The Yankees and Dodgers weren't scheduled to play on Halloween night, yesterday. I'm OK with that because it means I don't have to compare 2024 with 2009.

It's a whole different era in New York. Aaron Judge is the captain of the Bronx Bombers. We also have Juan Soto, Gerrit Cole, Giancarlo Stanton, Luke Weaver and other great players.

The Yankees' young core of Anthony

Volpe, grand slam, Gleyber Torres and Austin Wells all homered in Game 4. It was the jolt and spark that the Yankees needed.

If the Yankees intend to win the World Series, it would be historic since we started down 3-0. Winning four straight games is no easy task, especially since two would be in Los Angeles.

From Halloween to the World Series, it's been a fun week. I'll always treasure the 2009 World Series championship no matter what. Go Yankees!

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## Race

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mile to make my move. I just trusted in my training and had confidence that I could compete at this level."

Last year, Bremer finished 21st overall at the state meet with a time of 16:43.5 and 33rd as a sophomore at 17:13.2. As a freshman, he finished 39th with a time of 17:26.3.

Bremer's looking to go even faster this year and make a run at the podium.

"I'm thinking more top 20 for Ashton," Hartzheim said. "It is hard to compare runners apples to apples because every course is so much different and it's hard to compare times. The podium is for sure a possibility. Ashton has always run fast at the state meet even though it's a more challenging course. He has a lot of grit and determination so anything can happen."

With it being Meza's first time at state, she will rely on Bremer's knowledge of the course to help her out.

"Ashton will be a big help for her giving her advice on the course," Hartzheim said. "The first mile of this race is always very fast, so she will need to be disciplined in that first mile and then know that she is a strong hill runner, which will help her."

Meza ended up getting the fifth and final qualifying spot for individuals on non-state qualifying teams in Colby. She finished seventh overall with a time of 20:46.8.

"There was a group of about eight girls that were very close in times that had



PHOTOS BY AZAEL MEZA FOR THE LAKELAND TIMES

Stella Meza runs the course of a WIAA Division 2 sectional meet Friday, Oct. 25 at Colby High School. Saturday's state meet will be the first of Meza's career.

a chance to qualify in the final spot as an individual," Hartzheim said. "You could tell when she was racing that she wanted it. At mile two she was in position to qualify for state with one girl right at her side. By a half mile to go, she had put a big gap between herself and the number eight runner to secure her position."

The goal for Meza is to run the best race that she can and see where that puts her.

"Finish in the top 50 percent," Hartzheim said about Meza's goal. "I also would love to see her get another PR (personal record)."

Bremer and Meza had one hard workout before an easier last couple of days.



Ashton Bremer runs the final stretch of a WIAA Division 2 sectional meet Friday, Oct. 25 at Colby High School. Bremer qualified for the state meet for the fourth time in his career.

"We will do one hard but low volume day for speed, and then the rest of the week will be relaxed," Hartzheim said.

The state cross country meet takes place tomorrow in Wisconsin Rapids. Meza's Division 2 girls' run takes place at 12:40 p.m. Bremer runs later at 2:35

p.m. in the boys' race.

"I'm just very proud of these two," Hartzheim said. "I hope they run the race of their life, finish on empty and have no regrets."

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## Jim Gantner Baseball Clinic and Camp on Jan. 10-11

The Jim Gantner Baseball Clinic and Camp will be held at the Hodag Dome on Jan. 10 and 11. The Milwaukee Brewers 17-year second baseman from 1976 to 1992

will be hosting the clinic and camp with former Major League Baseball pitcher Juan Berenguer and former Brewers bullpen catcher Ronnie Nedset. Berenguer spent 15

years in the big leagues with seven teams. The coaching clinic will run on Jan. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dome, followed by a meet-and-greet at Clarion Pointe Hotel in

Downtown Rhinelander from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 11. Youth baseball players ages 8 to 14 will learn pitching, fielding and

hitting fundamentals. The cost of the camp is \$75 and includes a camp T-shirt. Five percent of proceeds will go toward the Rhinelander Little League baseball pro-

gram. For more information about the clinic and camp or to register, contact camp coordinator Mike VanderBunt at (715) 360-1285 or [MikeVanderBunt@gmail.com](mailto:MikeVanderBunt@gmail.com).

# TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

The Trinity Lutheran School Tigers took on Zion Lutheran School from Rhinelander in a volleyball game Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Trinity Lutheran School in Minocqua. Zion Lutheran won 2-1.

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Morgan Chayer serves the ball.



Greyson Zimmer (30) bumps the ball in the air with Henry Kluck (32) looking on.



Aiyana-Gray Ives bumps the ball in the air.



Tucker Moermond makes a play on the ball.



Daniel Sleight serves the ball.



Kyle Chayer serves the ball.

# Lakeland

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offensive lineman. Johnson paved the way for Lakeland's rushing attack and protected quarterback Deklan McQuade. Cole Johnson was named honorable mention last year.

"Cole Johnson was one of two offensive linemen who didn't miss a snap on the varsity level this year," Barutha said. "His consistency, ability to run and pass block and ability to get in space on block on screens helped him become a second-team lineman. When looking at our final statistics for the year, we were quite balanced in production between the run and pass, and you cannot do that without the ability of players like Cole who can perform as well in all the roles asked of him."

Evan Zoch, a junior, burst onto the scene this season. He ended up second team all-conference as a wide receiver and honorable mention as a defensive back, the only Lakeland player to be selected all-conference at two different positions.

Zoch did a little bit of everything on offense. He caught 23 passes for 562 yards and six touchdowns, averaging 24.4 yards per catch. At running back, he carried it 32 times for 188 yards and three touchdowns. He averaged 5.9 yards per carry. He totaled five touchdowns in Lakeland's 36-33 win over Antigo on Oct. 4.

"Evan Zoch had a great season," Barutha said. "He finished second in receiving yards, first in yards per reception among the top receiving threats and first in overall touchdowns between receiving and rushing at the position in the conference."

At defensive back, Zoch totaled one interception.

"On defense, he was our top corner, matched up with the best receiver of the opposing team and was a true two-way threat in addition to serving as a returner for us on special teams," Barutha said.

Junior Tyrone Moore made second team all-conference at defensive line. He contributed four tackles for a loss, a sack and 15 total tackles in seven games this season.

"Tyrone Moore was a player multiple opposing head coaches identified to me as a matchup problem for them up front," Barutha said. "He has great size, athleticism, plays well with his hands and displays really strong power at the point of attack. He was a tough matchup for opposing offensive lines and created great penetration through technique and force, making him hard to block."

Michael Schettino, a junior, was voted a second team punter. He punted 22 times for 754 yards, averaging 34.3 yards per punt.

"Michael Schettino led the conference with punts inside the 20-yard line," Barutha said. "He had high punts that traveled solid distances allowing our cover team to get downfield and limit returns. He really worked hard on his technique to get punts to turn over and bounce to gain extra yardage as well. He showed a really good leg and solid accuracy with directional kicks and was pivotal in our field position game this year."

Sophomore offensive lineman Aidan Bauers was awarded honorable mention. He was one of three underclassmen to be on one of the three all-conference teams.

"Aidan Bauers is the first sophomore in the nine years I've been the head coach to be recognized as a captain, and his play on the field fol-



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In this Sept. 19, 2024 file photo, Olivia Mickle swims against Ladysmith at the Lakeland Union High School pool in Minocqua. Mickle was named co-GNC Swimmer of the year with Rhinelander's Celia Francis.

lowed that leadership," Barutha said. "He was a strong offensive lineman for us this year at guard. His ability to downblock and pull in addition to pass protect and block in space on screens was highly valued, just like Cole, and he helped anchor the offensive line. He is a good player who will get better in the years to come."

Senior Carmelo Roche-Vetterneck received honorable mention at defensive line. In seven games, he led Lakeland with nine tackles for a loss, four sacks and two forced fumbles.

"Carmelo is so athletic that he is a tough matchup for the offensive line," Barutha said. "He has the ability to get skinny and split double teams, can use his speed off the edge to beat one-on-one blocks and can break down against athletic backs to secure tackles. He uses the gator roll technique well, takes good angles in the backfield and has great aggressiveness to the ball when rushing."

Kafura, who coaches special teams and defensive line, is one of the main cogs in Lakeland's program from his work on the field to off.

"Coach Kafura is highly deserving of this award," Barutha said. "It was excellent to have a third coach in the last two years recognized for their work in the program from the other conference coaches. Coach Kafura does so many things outside of the general purview of the program, in addition to his work coaching the special teams and defensive linemen that he is an incredibly valuable member of our program. He provides rides to players out in Lac du Flambeau daily, takes care of so many little details that often can get overlooked but are vitally important to run a successful program, is a technician with defensive line play and creates and implements solid schemes in special teams that put our guys in positions to achieve success. He is highly worthy of this award, and I'm very happy he was chosen as the Assistant Coach of the Year."

## Volleyball

Lakeland totaled four players on the three all-conference teams.

"All-conference in general is kind of cutthroat," coach Taylor Bruhl said. "There's only seven players for first team, seven players for second team, and then honorable mention followed after that. (It was a) competitive conference so I was really happy with four out of five ... to get an honor."

For the second straight season, Lakeland had a player named unanimous first team all-conference.

Senior Stina Peterson was one of three unanimous first team all-conference players. She was second in the GNC in serving percentage at .987. She had just two service errors in 156 serves.

"Stina was in the top ten for kill leaders for the conference so that was a big standout piece," Bruhl said. "And then she was also in the top 10 for serving percentage, and then other teams mentioned when they play us, she is the notable player that they have to strategize against to try to slow down as she's a big part of our offense."

Peterson showed her offensive and defensive skills. She was second in conference play with 1.8 blocks per game, totaling 73 in 41 sets played. She was sixth in the conference with 91 kills and fifth in attack percentage (.253).

"On top of her leading stat-wise on the offensive side, she was usually our kill leader for the game," Bruhl said. "She also has a great attitude, team leader and really kept the cohesiveness of the team throughout the changing of coaches. That makes her an all-around, awesome pick for first team."

Ave Evenhouse, a junior, was named second team all-conference after being named honorable mention last year. She led the GNC in attack percentage (.313) and blocks per game at 2.3, totaling 94 on the season.

"Again, just because of the competitiveness in both being middles, I feel like she got bumped a little more to

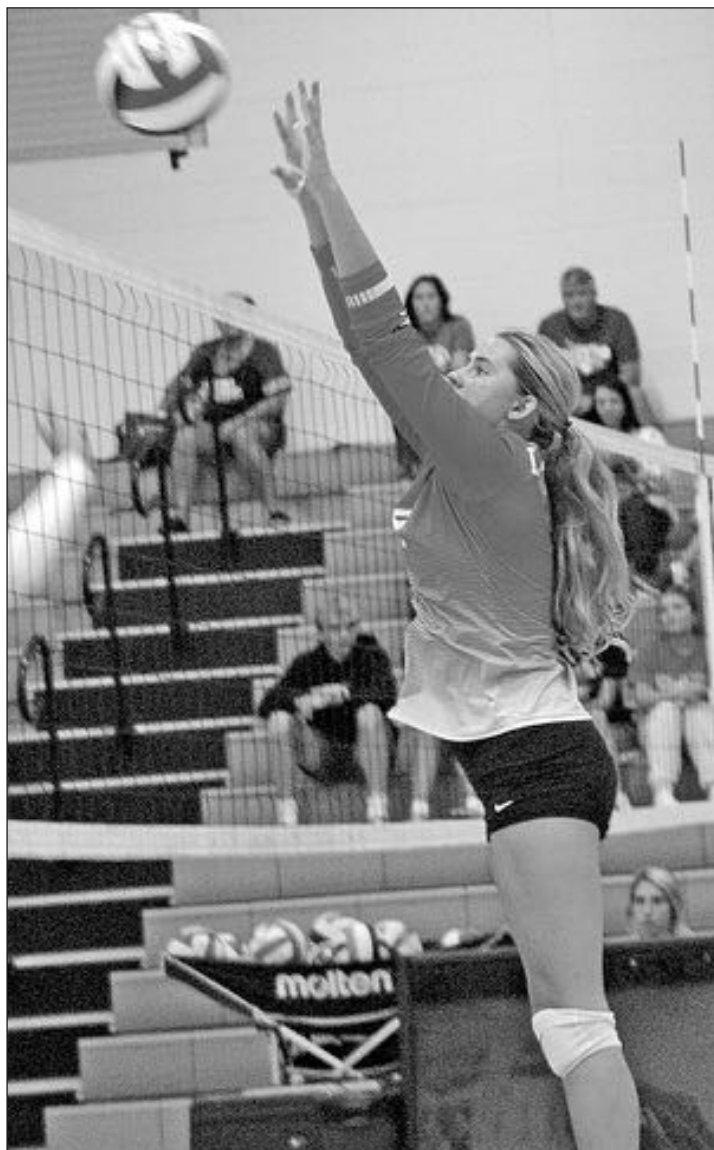
second team," Bruhl said. "She didn't have as many kills stat-wise as some of the other players, but a lot of outsides in general get a lot more chances at scoring points than middles do. Ava (led the GNC in) hitting percentage for the conference so that was awesome. She finished the season hitting over .300 which is a great accomplishment on her end. Again, just with how tight it is she fell second team, but that's still a great honor."

Senior Cale Quade made it on an all-conference list for the first time in her volleyball career. She ranked third in blocks per game in the conference at 1.4 and third on Lakeland with 52 kills.

"Cale, again, is one of the more vocal standout people just like Stina, just like Ava, and coaches notice that and that adds to the stats," Bruhl said. "Cale had a good, consistent season. Again, not on our kill board, but averaged two-three kills per set which as a coach you just want that consistency throughout, and when she got ahold of the ball, she really got ahold of it. She also had lots of blocks throughout the season that helped put her on the honorable mention."

Junior Greta Johnson was named honorable mention, the second time in her career she's been awarded the honor. She was second in the conference in digs per game at 4.2.

"Greta was one of our tried and true back there along with Karlin (Williams)," Bruhl said. "(She was) steady, consistent throughout. She had a great serve receive percentage for the season. I think she ended at a 2.6 serve receive — maximum is three — so that's awesome. She had a lot of digs, consistent digs, and again, very cutthroat with the libero position. There's only one for first team, one for second team, and those went to the top two teams in the conference so love to see Greta's name out there for honorable mention."



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In this Sept. 21, 2024 file photo, Stina Peterson puts up a block against Antigo at the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse in Minocqua. Peterson was selected as a unanimous first team all-conference player.

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## Cross country

For cross country, the top seven runners at the GNC Meet finish first team all-conference, the next seven second team and the next seven honorable mention.

Bremer finished first team all-conference after his first-place win at the boys' GNC Meet on Oct. 19 in Eagle River. He ran a time of 16:28.1 and was named Runner of the Year.

Ati Gyuro, a senior, finished on the first team after placing seventh at the GNC Meet with a time of 18:05.6.

Juniors Parker McK-inney (eighth place), Erik Anderson (ninth place) and Barrett Eggen (11th place) all landed on the second team.

Senior Alton Jackson (17th place) and sophomore Braelen Hesch (20th place) finished honorable mention.

All seven of Lakeland's varsity runners ended up all-conference to help the Lakeland boys win the team title.

For the Lakeland girls, seniors Sherri



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In this Oct. 19, 2024 file photo, Gordy Hartzheim is all smiles after receiving her GNC Coach of the Year award following the GNC Meet at Northland Pines High School in Eagle River. Hartzheim has won the award three straight seasons.

Handeland and Ada Ernst ended up first team all-conference. Handeland ran a time of 20:51.2 for sixth place and Ernst 20:58.8 for seventh.

Senior Stella Meza finished eighth for second team all-conference. Kristiana Clay, a senior, finished in 17th for honorable mention all-conference.

For the third straight

season, Hartzheim received the Coach of the Year award with the Lakeland boys winning the conference title.

"It means that I have a great group of kids to work with," Hartzheim said. "Their hard work and working for each other to win the conference championship was what got me that award."

For girls' swim and girls' tennis, the all-conference teams were based on where athletes finished. First place gets first team, second place second team and third place honorable mention.

## Girls' swim

The Thunderbirds saw four swimmers make the three all-conference teams.

Mickle was part of three all-conference events. She finished first team all-conference with wins in the 200 (2:03.94) and 500 freestyles (5:32.36).

Mickle also anchored Lakeland's 400 freestyle relay team that finished third and honorable mention all-conference. It helped Mickle to be named the conference's co-Swimmer of the Year with Rhinelander's Celia Francis. It's the second time in Mickle's career she's won or shared the award.

Sophomore Avalon Collins and freshmen Daryn Smolinski and Kasey Wise joined Mickle on the 400 freestyle relay team that garnered them honorable mention all-conference honors.

## Girls' tennis

Nine of Lakeland's 10 varsity players were named all-conference with seven of the nine finishing first or second in their respective flights at the GNC Meet on Sept. 26 in Minocqua.

Barton was named Singles Player of the Year after winning the conference championship at No. 1 singles

for the first time in her career.

Seniors Alyssa Erickson and Lila Biller won the No. 2 doubles conference championship to be named first team all-conference. It was the second time in their careers they had done that — No. 3 doubles last year.

Seniors Chance Jacobs/Elise Lamers both finished first team for the first time. They were the conference champions at No. 3 doubles.

Norah Strasburg, a senior, took home second team all-conference honors with her runner-up finish at No. 2 singles. She finished honorable mention last year.

Sophomore Sierra Wallace, No. 3 singles, ended up second team as well in her first year on varsity.

Seniors Ali Timmerman and Kristina Ouimette, Lakeland's No. 1 doubles pair, made it on the honorable mention all-conference list after taking third place at the GNC Meet. Brett LaBore may be reached at [brett@lakelandtimes.com](mailto:brett@lakelandtimes.com) or [sports@lakelandtimes.com](mailto:sports@lakelandtimes.com).

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## LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BOWLING	
ISLAND CITY LANES	
Friday Nite Flunkies	
Friday, Oct. 11	
<b>Men Scratch Game</b>	
Rich Biller	256
Scott Ward	230
Frank Sterzinger	189
<b>Men Scratch Series</b>	
Cliff Krentz	628
Troy Dorner	528
Joe Duerr	470
<b>Men Handicap Game</b>	
Jim Olsen	235
Jason Trevizo	231
Dan Cardinal	223
<b>Men Handicap Series</b>	
Eric Hadley	642
Jim Ellis	630
Creighton Teter	604
<b>Women Scratch Game</b>	
Tammi Viegut	219
Valerie Mesun	164
Lanie Krentz	153
<b>Women Scratch Series</b>	
Tammie Buhs	471
Julie Sterzinger	454
Jane Cherti	442
<b>Women Handicap Game</b>	
Bobbi Dorner	240
Amber Trevizo	233
Lisa Duerr	211
<b>Women Handicap Series</b>	
Mary Jo Whitlock	629
Missy Biller	623
Heather Viergutz	594
<b>Team Scratch Game</b>	
Lucky Strikes	718
Up North Action	703
IB Insurance	670
<b>Team Scratch Series</b>	
Lucky Strikes	2001
Up North Action	1868
Big Bear Hideaway	1828
<b>Standings as of Oct. 11</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>W-L</b>
Lucky Strikes	18-3
WI Benefits #1	13-8
Big Bear Hideaway	12-9
Mister E Racing	12-9
Marthaler	11-10
Up North Action	11-10
Sleep Central	9-12
Northern Pines Green	8-13
IB Insurance	7-14
<b>Monday Mixed League</b>	
<b>Monday, Oct. 28</b>	












Women High Game	
Patsy Niemi	234
Melinda Cleveland	224
Sonya Deja	217
<b>Women High Series</b>	
Patsy Niemi	642
Sonya Deja	574
Melinda Cleveland	558
<b>Men High Game</b>	
Oberg	234
Stuart Keller	217
Dave Poupart Jr.	212
<b>Men High Series</b>	
Mike Rohloff	596
Todd Oberg	565
Stuart Keller	557
<b>High Team Handicap Game</b>	
Furry Kids Grooming	926
<b>High Team Handicap Series</b>	
Furry Kids Grooming	2701
<b>Standings as of Oct. 28</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>W-L</b>
Furry Kids Grooming	23-5
Lake Tomahawk Tap House	22-6
Team #5	18-10
North of 8	11-10
Our Place Café	12-16
Team #4	10-18
Sister Saloon	7-21
Tuckin'fen Pins	4-24
<b>Tuesday Commercial</b>	
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 29</b>	
<b>Scratch Game</b>	
Steve Daniel	245
Trevor Madura	243
Todd Oberg	242
Scott Ward	237
<b>Scratch Series</b>	
Steve Daniel	662
Jesse Napgezek	656
Trevor Madura	645
Gordon Lucht	625
<b>Team Scratch Game</b>	
Team 8	666
Triple D's	655
Island City Lanes	588
<b>Team Scratch Series</b>	
Triple D's	1913
Team 8	1824
Enercon Industries	1664
<b>Standings as of Oct. 29</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>W-L</b>
Island City Lanes	35-21
Team 8	34½-21½
Enercon Industries	27-29
Speed Queen/Wizard Sleeve	27-29
Triple D's	26-30
Daniel Boys	25½-30½
Whitman's	25-31

Whitman's Revenge	
24-32	Jesse Napgezek
P	WE
12	
<b>SECOND TEAM</b>	
<b>OFFENSE</b>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>Pos School Yr</b>
Cole Johnson	OL Lak 12
Ethan Gibeault	OL Tom 11
Hunter Jochimsen	OL Med 11
Reid Schultz	OL Rhi 12
Logan Glovinski	OL WE 11
Ayden Kaiser	TE Ant 12
Evan Zoch	WR Lak 11
Cordé Wright	WR Mos 12
Davis Winter	QB WE 12
Evan Wilkins	RB Med 12
Callum Wheeler	RB Mer 12
Jayson Arrowood	RB Ant 12
Gio Gomez	K WE 11
<b>DEFENSE</b>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>Pos School Yr</b>
Tyrone Moore	DL Lak 11
Ethan Gibeault	DL Tom 11
Gordon Lucht	DL Ant 12
Tucyr Smola	DL Med 12
Jayson Arrowood	DE/OLB Ant 12
Jaydan Garrett	DE/OLB WE 12
Sam Schoppe	LB Rhi 12
Rex Reilly	LB Tom 11
Sawyer Elnser	LB Med 11
Kayden Meyerden	DB WE 11
Truman Lamers	DB Rhi 12
Jesse Napgezek	DB WE 12
Evan Paul	DB Med 12
Michael Schettino	P Lak 11
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	
<b>OFFENSE</b>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>Pos School Yr</b>
Jace Pickett	OL Mos 12
Aidan Bauers	OL Lak 10
Drake Wilke	OL Mos 12
Nathan Norman	OL Tom 11
Forest Hartl	OL Med 10
Dylan Salyers	TE WE 11
Keyden Meyerden	WE WE 11
Keylin Allen	WR Mer 11
Colton Thomae	QB Ant 12
Parker Lissner	QB Med 12
Cyrus Leisure	RB Rhi 11
Owen Klussendorf	RB WE 11
Bruce Hintz	DL Mos 12
Jack Amelse	DL Tom 12
C. Roche-Vetterneck	DL Lak 12

Carson Brooks	
DE/OLB	Mer 12
Ben Gruber	DE/OLB Med 12
Chris Strejc	DE/OLB Mos 12
Jax Hanson	LB Mer 12
Jacob Schmeltzer	LB Mer 12
Paxton Rothmeier	DB Med 12
Evan Zoch	DB Lak 11
Gus Schuessler	DB Ant 12
Sam Hiermeier	DB Med 12
Jerrick Seeger	DB Mos 11
Aidan Houghton	DB Mer 12
<b>PREP VOLLEYBALL</b>	
<b>GNC Standings</b>	
<b>as of Tuesday, Oct. 29</b>	
<b>Team</b>	<b>GNC Ovr</b>
x-Mosinee	11-1 28-9
x-Medford	11-1 25-12
Antigo	8-4 24-11
Lakeland	6-6 18-11
Tomahawk	4-8 14-19
Rhineland	2-10 12-27
Northland Pines	0-12 9-21
<i>x-Clinched GNC share</i>	
<b>Thursday's Match</b>	
<i>WIAA Division 2 Sectionals Semifinals</i>	
Shawano at Mosinee, late	
<b>2024 All-GNC Team</b>	
<b>Players of the Year:</b> Kayla Baumgartner, Med; Bridget Frye, Mos	
<b>Coach of the Year:</b> Ashley Jochimsen-McCarron, Med; Justin Jacobs, Mos	
<b>FIRST TEAM</b>	
<i>*Denotes Unanimous Selection</i>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>School Yr</b>
Stina Peterson*	Lak 12
Kayla Baumgartner*	Med 10
Bridget Frye*	Mos 10
Lola Cornelius	Ant 12
Tristen Arlen	Ant 12
Siannah Calkins	Tom 11
Daisy Spink (libero)	Mos 12
<b>SECOND TEAM</b>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>School Yr</b>
Lisa Maurer	Mos 12
Bella Nowak	NP 11
Libbey Buchmann	Rhi 11
Ava Evenhouse	Lak 11
Abbi Kluz	Mos 10
Claire Albert	Tom 12
Rylee Hrabý (libero)	Med 11
<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>School Yr</b>
Finley Arndt	Med 11
Shayla Radlinger	Med 12
Megan Schaefer	Med 12
Taelyn Jirschele	Mos 11
Shelby Borowski	Tom 10
Layla Hulman	Ant 10
Cale Quade	Lak 12
Toryn Rau	Med 12
Taylor Klingbeil	Med 10
Olivia Schroeder	Mos 10
Maggie Woller	Mos 12
Carly Jaworski (libero)	Ant 11
Greta Johnson (libero)	Lak 11

Soccer	
PREP BOYS' SOCCER	
GNC Standings	
as of Tuesday, Oct. 29	
Team	Pts. W-L-SW-SL Overall W-L-T
x-Lakeland	27 8-0-1-1 16-1-2
N'land Pines	26 8-1-1-0 13-2-3
Mosinee	13 4-5-0-1 6-10-2
Rhineland	12 3-5-1-1 4-10-2
Antigo	9 3-7-0-0 5-13-0
Medford	3 0-8-1-1 1-13-3
<i>x-Clinched GNC title</i>	
<i>WIAA Division 3 Sectional Semifinals</i>	
Shawano at Lakeland, late	
<i>WIAA Division 4 Sectional Semifinals</i>	
Cumberland at Northland Pines, late	
<b>SWIMMING</b>	
<b>PREP GIRLS' SWIMMING</b>	
<b>GNC Standings</b>	
<b>as of Tuesday, Oct. 29</b>	
Team	GNC Meet Pts.
x-Rhineland	7-0 1st 30
Medford	6-1 2nd 26
Colby/Abbotsford	5-2 3rd 22
Antigo	4-3 5th 16
Lakeland	3-4 4th 16
Tomahawk	1-6 7th 6
Mosinee	0-7 8th 2
<i>x-Clinched GNC title</i>	
<i>WIAA Division 2 Sectionals</i>	
Antigo, Colby/Abbotsford, Ladysmith Co-op, Lakeland, Medford, Mosinee, Rhineland, Tomahawk at Menomonie, 1 p.m.	
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	

# Lakeland Times FOOTBALL PREDICTION BOARD

										
<i>Last Years Winner Superstar Sports Reporter. The One, The Only, BRETT LABORE!</i>	<b>THE MYSTIC</b> Who is it this year?	<b>Brett LaBore</b> Lakeland Times Awesome Sports Writer	<b>Trevor Greene</b> Lakeland Times Asst. Editor	<b>Ray Christenson</b> Ace Hardware	<b>Emily Wizner</b> LUHS Athletic Director	<b>Scott Howard</b> Trout Lake Golf Club	<b>Jacob Pagels</b> Pagels Landscaping	<b>Gunnar Dunbar</b> RBC Wealth Mgmt.	<b>Jesse Kimball</b> Klinner Insurance	<b>Jim Ellis</b> MHLT School District Administrator
<b>LAST WEEK'S GAME OVERALL</b>	<b>11 - 5</b> <b>83 - 40</b>	<b>9 - 7</b> <b>80 - 43</b>	<b>10 - 6</b> <b>79 - 44</b>	<b>10 - 6</b> <b>78 - 45</b>	<b>9 - 7</b> <b>75 - 48</b>	<b>12 - 4</b> <b>75 - 48</b>	<b>10 - 6</b> <b>74 - 49</b>	<b>11 - 5</b> <b>73 - 50</b>	<b>11 - 5</b> <b>72 - 51</b>	<b>11 - 5</b> <b>72 - 51</b>
<i>Houston @ NY Jets</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>NY Jets</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>NY Jets</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>Houston</i>
<i>Dallas @ Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Dallas</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Dallas</i>	<i>Dallas</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>	<i>Atlanta</i>
<i>Miami @ Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>
<i>Las Vegas @ Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>
<i>LA Chargers @ Cleveland</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>	<i>LA Chargers</i>
<i>New England @ Tennessee</i>	<i>New England</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>New England</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>New England</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>
<i>Indianapolis @ Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Indianapolis</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>
<i>Washington @ NY Giants</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>Washington</i>
<i>New Orleans @ Carolina</i>	<i>Carolina</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>Carolina</i>	<i>Carolina</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	<i>Carolina</i>
<i>Denver @ Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Denver</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>
<i>Chicago @ Arizona</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Arizona</i>
<i>Detroit @ Green Bay</i>	<i>Detroit</i>	<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Detroit</i>	<i>Detroit</i>	<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Detroit</i>	<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Green Bay</i>	<i>Detroit</i>
<i>LA Rams @ Seattle</i>	<i>LA Rams</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>LA Rams</i>	<i>LA Rams</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>LA Rams</i>	<i>LA Rams</i>
<i>Jacksonville @ Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>	<i>Philadelphia</i>
<i>Tampa Bay @ Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>

## Middle School Wrestling and Youth Wrestling Club registration on Nov. 13

Lakeland middle school and club wrestling registration is approaching in November.

### Middle School Wrestling

Registration for sixth-eighth grades will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Lakeland Union High School (LUHS) Commons. Or you can mail in registration and payment to: Lakeland Wrestling Club, P.O. Box 400, Minocqua, WI 54548 until Nov. 30 — must be postmarked by Nov. 30 to receive T-shirt.

The Lakeland Middle School Wrestling Program is open to both boys and girls. Girls' wrestling is one of the fastest growing sports in the

state and nation.

There is a \$20 registration fee. Please make checks payable to Lakeland Wrestling Club. The price includes a T-shirt.

The season goes from Dec. 16 through Feb. 24, 2025. Practices are held at LUHS.

Wrestlers are encouraged to join the Lakeland Wrestling Club at the conclusion of the season to extend their season to the Youth State Tournament.

For information, please contact Kyle Howard at 715-892-0341 or email at [kyle@howardbrosinc.net](mailto:kyle@howardbrosinc.net).

### Youth Wrestling Club

Registration for Pre-K through eighth grade will be

held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the LUHS Commons. Or you can mail in registration and payment to: Lakeland Wrestling Club, P.O. Box 400, Minocqua, WI 54548 until Nov. 30 — must be postmarked by Nov. 30 or before to get T-shirt.

The Lakeland Wrestling Club is open to boys and girls Pre-K through eighth grade from any school, not just the Lakeland School District. Girls' wrestling is one of the fastest growing sports in the state and nation.

The cost is \$90 for single, \$170 for two family members and \$80 each for three or more family members — applies to Pre-K through

fifth grade only. A T-shirt for each wrestler is included.

Practice sessions are split into two separate age groups with different practice times.

Pre-K through third grade's season goes Jan. 6 through March 2025. Fourth grade through eighth grade goes Dec. 16 through March 2025.

For information, please contact Kyle Howard at 715-892-0341 or email at [kyle@howardbrosinc.net](mailto:kyle@howardbrosinc.net).

Optional competitive tournaments are held on weekends throughout the season and are available for all age groups. A tournament schedule will be provided once the dates and locations

are available.

### Girls' wrestling

The Lakeland Youth Wrestling Club is looking to add more girls to their club.

Sign-up is Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the LUHS Commons from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Girls' wrestling has become the fastest-growing high school sport in the country.

Since 2004, women's wrestling is now a recognized Olympic sport.

Wrestling teaches self-confidence, grit, work ethics and self-defense.

This is a great opportunity to join a fast-growing and fun sport right here in the Lakeland area.

## Inaugural Be Kind Be Nice golf scramble held on Sept. 14

The inaugural Be Kind Be Nice Golf Tournament Scramble was held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Tahoe Lynx Golf Course in Mercer. Seventeen teams were ready for the 1 p.m. shot gun start under partially cloudy skies. Two men's teams and a mixed team tied for top honors with the score of four-under par, 31. Tim Joy, Ken "Nemo" Neimeyer, Tom Brummer, and Larry Weiten were one of the

men's teams. The other men's team consisted of Austin Nelson, Rob Coplin, Kevin Nelson, and Jon Hodgson. The mixed Pierpont team featured Tessa, John III, Lauren and Johnny. The hole event winners were No. 1, men, longest drive, Cody Key, No. 2, women, longest drive, Carol Fryar, No. 3, men, closest to pin in two, Neimeyer, No. 4, men, longest putt, Scott

Nyquist, No. 5, anyone, closest to pin in two, Johnny Pierpont, No. 6, anyone, closest to pin, Weiten, No. 7, anyone, closest to pin in two, Johnny Pierpont, No. 8, women, longest putt, Lisa Fossum, No. 9, anyone, closest to pin, Fryar. The delicious buffet included with tournament entry fee was served by Mary Jo Heyen of the Be Kind Be Nice team and provided by Tom's Country

Cafe, Joe's Excavating, The Pines, Joyce Brundage and Martha Kelly. Raffle winners were Dominic Bonaretti, Nyquist, Heidi Meyer, Tim Joy, Fossum, Denese Odermann, Lucy Lorenz, Key, Neimeyer, Weiten, Deanna Pierpont, Roger Hinterthuer, Jerry Harry, Craig Vanark, and Eric Behnke. "Be Kind Be Nice is dedicated to leading by example, partnering with local

organizations, schools and businesses to spread our message and create lasting change. We are committed to educating and change the world, one kind act at a time. Join us in our mission to make kindness the norm, and let's create a brighter, more compassionate future for all," says Mary Jo Heyen, one of the Be Kind Be Nice organizers. The money that Be Kind Be Nice raised dur-

ing the golf outing has and will continue to be used to support community based organizations — food pantry, volunteer fire departments — as well as families and individuals who have experienced tragedies or crisis. Be Kind Be Nice team members, Joy Kohegyi and CEO, Megan Heyen thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to watch for next years September event.

# LUHS

From page 1

with facilities, how we prioritize things, and it also became really clear that we're not going to have a referendum question ready by January," Kolden said at Monday's meeting. "What that does is next option for a referendum is spring of '26. So it gives us some time, but in that time it also creates a lapse in getting things done over the summer in '25."

He then introduced "this idea, this concept of a facilities task team that gets this discussion a little bit bigger than just the board."

Kolden suggested each board member bring to him three people who could be on this task team.

"We will self-select three board members to sit on that facility task team," he continued. "It definitely becomes a board committee — it would need to be posted, agenda etc. I would ask Levi to give me names of five people from the high school (and) probably spread that out so we have not everyone from one department."

Kolden said besides himself, the district's director of facilities and grounds Joe Dube would facilitate the meetings, but wouldn't be voting members. Nexus, he added, would provide the committee with support as well.

Kolden then went through a list of objectives the task team would be charged with, which included: complete a review of the Nexus Facility study, familiarize themselves with the current status of facility needs, complete an in-depth review of each component within each project, complete a prioritized ranking of all projects, review projected or anticipated costs of each project, review and complete a fiscal analysis of "essential" projects and determine if a referendum is required, review and complete a fiscal analysis of "preferred" projects and determine if a referendum is required, and compile a summary report which includes next steps recommended for the board.

"I think if we're going to do this, or something similar, I would need to get some names probably by the middle of November," he said. "What I would anticipate is you almost need to pick a date and time. So if you're calling your friend Sue who lives across the street to sit on this, her first question is: 'how long are we meeting and when are we meeting?' And that would be up to the board to determine that."

Kolden said maybe meeting times could be first Tuesday, second Wednesday starting in December "and probably running until at least May because it's going to be some fairly in-depth discussion."

"I think you're also going to want people that can attend pretty consistently," he said. "You don't want people that miss two meetings and then come in and have this gap in knowledge because a lot of the conceptual conversation of this whole project, it's going to grow each meeting."

Kolden reiterated, if he's "reading the board correctly," the district wouldn't be going to referendum next year.

"So what do we do in the meantime?" he said. "When you look at it, three board members and 27 people from the community and five teachers; you have a pretty big group. So you're going to have a large group of people looking at it and you're going to get a broader, more in-depth read, perception, knowledge than kind of what we've had so far from Nexus."

Nexus, Kolden said, has completed much of the "overview" work so far, but the committee would help examine the "detail" and "iron-out the cost."

Board president Shawn Umland indicated he hopes the board will find community members who "ac-

tually want to be a part of this" and confirmed with Kolden the meetings would be held at LUHS.

Kolden said he anticipates the meetings to include touring the facilities for committee members to see the "nooks and crannies."

"You know, you drive by on the street, it's a nice looking building from the outside, but if you haven't been in the building for the last 15 years, it's really different."

Board member Lisa Nomm confirmed the timeline with Kolden. She also suggested meeting times.

Kolden indicated he thinks 5:30 p.m. start times would be suitable.

"The other thing, I wasn't sure if I wanted to bring it up, but you (should) also look at including some kind of rep from each of the four K-8s," he said. "That has potential. I was thinking like board members (from those schools). But at the same time, if MHLT (Minocqua Hazelhurst Lake Tomahawk School) is looking at a referendum, does that skew their perception of what we need to do at the high school? I don't know."

Nomm and board member Heidi Fink didn't think that would be necessary.

Ultimately, Kolden told the board to think about the facilities task team idea and be prepared to take action on it at its next meeting in November.

## 2025 budget

Prior to the board's meeting on Monday, the district's annual meeting and budget hearing were held.

There were few electors who attended, but those who did attend, along with board members and district staff who are electors themselves, authorized a total tax levy of \$12,451,366 for the operation of LUHS in the 2024-25 school year.

The levy includes \$11,426,613 for the general fund, otherwise known as Fund 10, which is used for a variety of reasons to operate the district; \$989,753 for debt service, otherwise known as Fund 38; and \$35,000 for community service, otherwise known as Fund 80.

"A common question from taxpayers is how their property taxes will be affected by the school district tax levy," district business manager Eddie Then Jr. wrote in the budget report. "The official answer varies."

For fiscal year 2025, he said, there are equalized property value increases averaging 8 percent, "however, the property value increases are disproportionate, meaning the percentages did not go up the same for all townships (in the district)."

"This means that some of the tax burden will likely be shifted between the townships because the Equalized Valuations are what is used to spread the tax burden across municipalities, not assessed values," Then continued in the report. "As a result, property assessment timings from town to town do not impact the dispersion of the levies for schools, towns, counties, etc. For example, a town such as Cassian with an Equalized Valuation increase of 15% is going to take on some of the burden from the Town of Woodruff (and others) whose equalized values only went up 2.8% (or less than 15 percent)."

To add to the complexity, Then said, taxpayers must realize there are multiple entities on their tax bill.

"Even if LUHS projects a reduction, other entities may cause in-



TREVOR GREENE/LAKELAND TIMES

LUHS district business manager Eddie Then Jr. presents the district's fiscal year 2025 budget report during the annual meeting on Monday, Oct. 29, in Minocqua.



TREVOR GREENE/LAKELAND TIMES

Kurt Justice reads the oath of office as he's sworn in to the LUHS board of education by Heidi Fink during a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 29, in Minocqua. Justice is fulfilling the remainder of former board member Pamela Carroll's term. She resigned in July. Justice's appointment makes the LUHS board full again with nine members. It was as low as seven after Carroll's resignation, which followed former board member Ann Hunt's resignation in June. Ross Peterson was appointed by the board in August to fulfill the remainder of Hunt's term.

creases due to projects, referenda, etc.," he said in the report.

Then listed those other entities taxpayers will see on their bill: one elementary district, one county, one township, one technical college, one public library, the state of Wisconsin and any special districts, such as a sanitary district.

"Lastly, the taxing jurisdictions do not use equalized values when they send out the tax bills; they use assessed values which are never the same as the one depicted in the chart," he said. "However, this is the most accurate and common way of estimating the tax impact for the upcoming year because other entities have not set their levy by the date of our annual meeting and budget hearing. The towns and counties work to compile this information in the coming months."

Then said in the report LUHS' projected portion of the mill rate is \$1.21 per thousand dollars of property value, which is a 5.5 percent decrease from last year.

"In reality, it is unlikely that anyone's total bill will go down very much due to the increases in their property value with the exception of disproportionate transfers in the tax burden from one township to another. It is also worth noting that this will be the second year that all three counties (Iron, Vilas and Oneida) have the same, updated

computer system that equitably distributes the School Levy Tax Credits (SLTC's) based on value."

For example, Then noted that there were "sporadic increases in the towns of Manitowish Waters, Presque Isle, Land O' Lakes, Boulder Junction and Winchester because the SLTC's were applied to LUHS' portion of the tax bill for the first time.

"While this is equitable and a better practice than what was done in the past, it did cause some 'sticker shock' last December for property owners."

To summarize the budget report, Then said the budget is balanced, but asked that it be approved without the remaining payments to the campus upgrades, which involved the bleachers and press box.

The budget, he said, shows there's no change to the fund balance, "but the reality of the remaining stadium payments would more likely project a final fund balance for June of 2025 near \$7.5 million."

"At this time, we do not expect a need for cash flow borrowing," Then said.

Because the budget report can be difficult for many to fully comprehend, Then listed his email, then@lakelandunion.org, and the district's phone number, 715-356-5252, for any taxpayer to contact him with questions.

"We want to make sure that questions are answered accurately, taking into consideration the variety of facets that likely go with questions that people often have," he said. "Thank you for reading and let's plan on a positive and productive school year for LUHS, STAR, and other area districts that feed into LUHS. Go Thunderbirds!"

Trevor Greene may be reached via email at [trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com](mailto:trevorgreene@lakelandtimes.com).

"A common question from taxpayers is how their property taxes will be affected by the school district tax levy. The official answer varies."

Eddie Then Jr.

LUHS district business manager

# LEGAL NOTICES

## Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots November 5, 2024

Office of the Vilas County Clerk  
To the voters of Vilas County  
Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in Vilas, on November 5, 2024, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

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- state their name and address
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A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

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A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

### Voting for President and Vice President

A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for the presidential electors of those candidates. A write-in vote for President and Vice President must designate the name of a presidential candidate. A write-in vote for a candidate for President only will be counted. A write-in vote for a candidate for Vice President only will not be counted.

### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

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### After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly. All Vilas County ballot samples are posted at [www.vilascountywi.gov](http://www.vilascountywi.gov) in their entirety.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:  
s/ Kimberly A. Olkowski, Vilas County Clerk

### NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 Senate Resolution 71  
Enrolled Joint Resolution

**To renumber and amend** section 1 of article III; and **to create** section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution; **relating to:** eligibility to vote in Wisconsin (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 32, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 13, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 1 of article III of the constitution is renumbered section 1 (2) of article III and amended to read:

[Article III] Section 1 (2) Every Only a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum.

**Section 2.** Section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution is created to read: [Article III] Section 1 (1) In this section:

(a) "Local office" means any elective office other than a state or national office.

(b) "National office" means the offices of president and vice president of the United States, U.S. senator, and representative in congress.

(c) "Referendum" means an election at which an advisory, validating, or ratifying question is submitted to the electorate.

(d) "State office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent of public instruction, justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, circuit court judge, state senator, state representative to the assembly, and district attorney.

**Section 3. Numbering of new provision.** If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November, 2024; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

**"Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"**

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that "[e]very United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district." Wis. Const. art. III, § 1. That language is repeated in Wisconsin statute. Wis. Stat. § 6.02(1).

The referendum question would modify the language in Wis. Const. art. III, § 1 to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote, and it would specify that only such individuals may vote in an election for "a national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum." It also would add definitions of what "local office," "national office," "referendum," and "state office" mean. 2023 Wis. S.J. Res. 71.

A "yes" vote would vote to modify existing article III, section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district can vote "in a national, state, or local office

or at a statewide or local referendum." A "no" vote would vote not to change Wis. Const. art. III, § 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution. Done in the City of Eagle River, On this 5th day of September, 2024.

Kimberly A. Olkowski, Vilas County Clerk

### GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024 NOTICE OF POLLING HOURS & LOCATIONS VILAS COUNTY

- Town of Arbor Vitae**  
Emily Biertzer, Clerk  
Town Hall, 10675 Big Arbor Vitae Drive  
715-356-3120
- Town of Boulder Junction**  
Daniel Driscoll, Clerk  
Community Center, 5392 Park Street (Hwy M)  
715-385-2220
- Town of Cloverland**  
Tracy Schilling, Clerk  
Town Hall, 5860 Perch Lake Road  
715-479-3434
- Town of Conover**  
Kendra Lederer, Clerk  
Town Hall, 4665 Co. Highway K  
715-479-8688
- Town of Lac du Flambeau**  
Sue Schoonover, Clerk  
Town Hall, 109 Old Abe Rd.  
715-588-3358
- Town of Land O'Lakes**  
Lynn Jolin, Clerk  
Town Hall, 4331 Highway B  
715-547-3255
- Town of Lincoln**  
Shelly Sauvola, Clerk  
Town Hall, 1205 Sundstein Rd.  
715-479-7000
- Town of Manitowish Waters**  
Dana Hilbert, Clerk  
Town Hall, 5733 Airport Road  
715-543-8400
- Town of Phelps**  
Sheryl Ward, Clerk  
Fire Hall, 4499 Town Hall Rd.  
715-545-2270
- Town of Plum Lake**  
Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 8755 Lake Street  
715-542-4531
- Town of Presque Isle**  
Kim Prott, Clerk  
Town Hall, 8306 School Loop Rd. (Hwy B)  
715-686-2473
- Town of St. Germain**  
June Vogel, Clerk  
Community Center, 545 Highway 155  
715-891-0699
- Town of Washington**  
Nancy Sobralski, Clerk  
Town Hall, 2301 Town Hall Rd. (near Hwy. 17)  
715-479-8886
- Town of Winchester**  
Joan Wainio, Clerk  
Town Hall, 7228 Co. Highway W  
715-686-2123
- City of Eagle River**  
Becky Bolte, Clerk  
City Hall, 525 E Maple St.  
715-479-8682

POLLING HOURS AT ALL LOCATIONS ARE:  
7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

ALL POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE  
TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS

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VILAS COUNTY  
**Official Ballot**  
Partisan Office and Referendum  
November 5, 2024

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**General Instructions:**  
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To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●  
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

Federal	Congressional	Legislative and State (cont.)
When voting for President and Vice President, you have one of two choices: • Vote for candidates on one ticket, or • Write in names of persons on both write-in lines.  A write-in vote for only a vice presidential candidate will not be counted.	<b>United States Senator</b> Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Tammy Baldwin (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> Eric Hawke (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Phil Anderson (Disrupt The Corruption) <input type="radio"/> Thomas Leager (America First) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	<b>Representative to the Assembly</b> District 34 Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Dennis Nitzel (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> Rob Searles (Republican)  <b>District Attorney</b> Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Karl P. Hayes (Independent) <input type="radio"/> write-in:
<b>President / Vice President</b> Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump / JD Vance (Republican) <input type="radio"/> Randall Terry / Stephen Broden (Constitution) <input type="radio"/> Chase Russell Oliver / Mike Lee Mast (Libertarian) <input type="radio"/> Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware (Wisconsin Green) <input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia (Party for Progress and Liberation) <input type="radio"/> Cornel West / Melina Abdulrah (Justice For All) <input type="radio"/> Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. / Nicole Shanahan (We The People)  write-in (President) write-in (Vice President)	<b>Representative in Congress</b> District 7 Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Kyle McQuinn (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:  <b>Legislative and State</b> <b>State Senator</b> District 12 Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Andi Rich (Democratic) <input type="radio"/> Mary Felzkowski (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:	<b>County</b> <b>County Clerk</b> Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Kimberly A. Olkowski (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:  <b>County Treasurer</b> Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Paulobe M. Barnicki (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:  <b>Register of Deeds</b> Vote for 1  <input type="radio"/> Sherry Bierman (Republican) <input type="radio"/> write-in:

Continue voting at top of next column.    Continue voting at top of next column.    Continue voting on back of ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

County (cont.)    Referendum

**Surveyor**  
Vote for 1  
  
 Thomas A. Boeltcher (Republican)  
 write-in:

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●  
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

**State**

**"Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"**  
  
 Yes  
 No

**MANITOWISH WATERS ONLY**

Question: "Shall the person holding the combined office of Town Clerk/Town Treasurer in the Town of Manitowish Waters be appointed by the Town Board?"  
  
 Yes  
 No

Continue voting at top of next column.

Official Ballot	For Official Use Only
<b>Official Ballot</b> Partisan Office and Referendum November 5, 2024 for Vilas County	<b>Inspectors:</b> Identify ballots required to be remade: <input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Ballot issued by: _____ Initials of election inspectors: _____ Absentee Ballot issued by: _____ Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk: _____ If issued by DVCs, both must initial	If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____ If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____
<b>Certification of Voter Assistance</b> I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.02 to receive assistance. Signature of assessor: _____	Initials of inspectors who remade ballot: _____

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡

# LEGAL NOTICES

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### Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall make an "X" or other mark next to the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the names of persons of their choice in the spaces provided. On referendum questions, the voter shall make an "X" in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make an "X" in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. When voting for President and Vice

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When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the name of the person of their choice. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the names of persons of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

### Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. When voting for President and Vice President, the voter shall touch the screen at the set of candidates (ticket) for president and vice president for whom they intend to vote. To vote for a Presidential ticket that does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the names of persons of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

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The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

### After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit their folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

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After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Tracy Hartman, Oneida County Clerk

### Federal

#### President / Vice President

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz

###### Republican

Donald J. Trump / JD Vance

###### Constitution

Randall Terry / Stephen Broden

###### Libertarian

Chase Russell Oliver/Mike ter Maat

###### Wisconsin Green

Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware

#### Party for Socialism and Liberation

Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia

#### Justice For All

Cornel West / Melina Abdullah

#### We The People

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. / Nicole Shanahan

### Congressional

#### United States Senator

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Tammy Baldwin

###### Republican

Eric Hovde

###### Disrupt the Corruption

Phil Anderson

###### America First

Thomas Leager

### Representative in Congress

#### District 7

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Kyle Kilbourn

###### Republican

Tom Tiffany

### Legislative and State

#### State Senator

##### District 12

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Andi Rich

###### Republican

Mary Felzkowski

### Representative to the Assembly

#### District 34

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Dennis Nitzel, Sr.

###### Republican

Rob Swearingen

###### write-in

### Representative to the Assembly

#### District 35

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Elizabeth McCrank

###### Republican

Calvin Callahan

### District Attorney

##### Vote for 1

###### Democratic

Jillian Pfeifer

###### write-in

###### County

#### County Clerk

##### Vote for 1

###### Republican

Tracy Hartman

### County Treasurer

##### Vote for 1

###### Republican

Tara Ostermann

###### write-in

### Register of Deeds

##### Vote for 1

###### Republican

Kyle Franson

###### write-in

See OC... next page

Ballot ID: 4001 Town of Cassin, Wards 1 & 2

### Official Ballot Partisan Office and Referendum November 5, 2024

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To vote for someone that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

Federal	Congressional	Legislative and State (cont.)
<p>When voting for President and Vice President, you have one of two choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote for candidates on one ticket, or</li> <li>• Write in names of persons on both write-in lines.</li> </ul> <p>A write-in vote for any vice-presidential candidate written will be counted.</p> <p><b>President / Vice President</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump / JD Vance (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Randall Terry / Stephen Broden (Constitution)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chase Russell Oliver / Mike ter Maat (Libertarian)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware (Wisconsin Green)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia (Party for Socialism and Liberation)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cornel West / Melina Abdullah (Justice For All)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. / Nicole Shanahan (We The People)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in (President)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in (Vice President)</p>	<p><b>United States Senator</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tammy Baldwin (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eric Hovde (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Phil Anderson (Disrupt the Corruption)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Thomas Leager (America First)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><b>Representative in Congress</b> <b>District 7</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kyle Kilbourn (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tom Tiffany (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><b>Legislative and State</b></p> <p><b>State Senator</b> <b>District 12</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andi Rich (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mary Felzkowski (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p><b>Representative to the Assembly</b> <b>District 34</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dennis Nitzel, Sr. (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rob Swearingen (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><b>District Attorney</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jillian Pfeifer (Democratic)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><b>County</b></p> <p><b>County Clerk</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tracy Hartman (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><b>County Treasurer</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tara Ostermann (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><b>Register of Deeds</b> <b>Vote for 1</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kyle Franson (Republican)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>

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### Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes." Like this: ●  
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No." Like this: ●

**State**

**Eligibility to vote:** Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?

Yes

No

Official Ballot Partisan Office and Referendum November 5, 2024 for	Ballot issued by	For Official Use Only
Town of Cassin, Wards 1 & 2 Oneida County Ballot ID: 4001	<p>Initialed by election inspectors</p> <p>Absentee ballot issued by</p> <p>Initialed by Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk</p> <p>If issued by JVCs, both must initial</p> <p><b>Certification of Voter Assistance</b> I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §5.02 to receive assistance.</p> <p>Signature of assessor</p>	<p>Inspector's initials (verify before returning to voter)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Damaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____</p> <p>If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____</p> <p>Initialed by inspectors who remade ballot</p>

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# LEGAL NOTICES

The Oneida County Solid Waste Department will be accepting bids for Fire Damage Remediation of the Transfer Station. For information and bid documents, contact the Oneida County Solid Waste Department at 715-282-4945. Sealed bids will be accepted until 8:00 a.m., November 20, 2024 at the Oneida County Solid Waste Department, 7450 County Hwy K, Rhinelander, WI 54501, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Oneida County reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids, or accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the Department.

Please contact Lisa Bauknecht with any questions at 715-282-4945.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

To satisfy rent past due as per Wis. Statutes 704.90, contents of rented unit will be disposed of at a later date. Contents are mainly household items.

Renter: Paula Lehmkuhl, 127 Johnson Street, Rhinelander WI 54501

Tenant can claim property by satisfying rent and legal fees by November 15, 2024.

70W Storage  
PO Box 1324  
Minocqua WI 54548  
715-356-1931

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference C/D, 330 Court St. Eagle River, WI 54521 on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 9:15 am. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of adding routes in 2025.

1) A route between Eagle River, Conover and Land O'Lakes  
2) A route between Minocqua, Winchester, Manitowish Waters and Boulder Junction.

3) A route between Rhinelander, Hazelhurst and Minocqua.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to: Transit Manager Northwoods Transit Connections PO Box 853 Rhinelander, WI 54501 Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and wish to attend the hearing should contact Barb Newman at 715-420-0585. The Vilas County Courthouse is handicapped accessible. If you need transportation to the hearing, please contact Northwoods Transit Connections at 715-420-0585 to arrange a ride. The Oneida Vilas Transit Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any comment in the best interest of the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission.

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, ONEIDA COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

Case No. 24CV208

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

JENNIFER	—	SHAMPO
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

#### NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:	JENNIFER	—	SHAMPO
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
To:	JENNIFER	JANE	MUDROVICH
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Birth Certificate:	JENNIFER	—	HEATH
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

#### IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Oneida County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Honorable Michael W. Schiek  
Place: Branch I, Oneida County Court House,  
1 S. Oneida Ave., Rhinelander, WI 54501  
Date: December 18, 2024  
Time: 10:30 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-369-6120 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in The Lakeland Times, a newspaper published in Oneida County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:  
/s/ Michael W. Schiek  
Circuit Court Judge  
10-16-2024

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### LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES AT THE LAC DU FLAMBEAU YOUTH CENTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians will receive sealed proposals from independent contractors for the provision of snow removal services for the Lac du Flambeau Youth Center. The Youth Center is a Native American-operated facility of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Located at 13708 Youth Center Lane in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, the Youth Center provides alternative, positive activities for youth to ameliorate alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, and abate criminal behavior among youth on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation. The parking lot of the Youth Center is black-topped and covers approximately 47,634 square feet. In the event of snowfall, the parking lot and the Youth Center sidewalk (approximately 200 feet in length) must be cleared of snow and ice by 11:30 a.m. and salted and sanded. Bidders are encouraged to make a site visit prior to submitting a bid proposal.

**A comprehensive Request for Proposals (RFP) with specifications may be obtained from the Tribal Receptionist, William Wildcat, Sr. Community Center, 418 Little Pines Road, P.O. Box 67, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin 54538 (715-588-3303), or viewed on the Tribal website.**

The successful bidder will enter into a Snow Removal Contract with the Youth Center for the 2024-2025 Winter Season, with the possibility of renewal for up to two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.

For response to questions, please contact Youth Center Director Jen Coleman via email at: jcoleman@ldftribe.com.

Proposals must comply with the requirements set forth in the RFP and be submitted, with copies, in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside. The Tribe will not assume responsibility for proposals mailed in through public or private mailing services.

The Tribe reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive technical defects and make the award to the bidder most competent to serve the Tribe's requirements.

**Deadline for submission of sealed proposals is 4:00 P.M. Local Time, Tuesday, November 19, 2024.** Bids will be opened thereafter. The successful bidder will be expected to begin contract performance as soon as necessitated by weather.

**Mail Proposals to: Tribal Secretary, P.O. Box 67, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin 54538.**

**Hand-Deliver Proposals to: Tribal Secretary, William Wildcat, Sr. Community Center, 418 Little Pines Road, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin 54538.**

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# Friends of Mercer Public Library bring back election day bake sale

The Friends of the Mercer Public Library invite you to their election day bake sale on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Mercer Public Library, located at 2648 Margaret Street, conveniently situated next to the polling place. Starting at 7 a.m., a variety of homemade baked goods,

including cookies, bars, breads, and more, will be available — donations appreciated.

The Friends of the Library, a volunteer-driven organization, is dedicated to building a strong partnership between the library and the community. Proceeds from the bake sale will support

library programming and projects that go beyond the library's annual budget.

For more information about the bake sale, the Mercer Public Library, or the Friends of the Library, please visit MercerPublicLibrary.com or call the library at 715-476-2366.

# LEGAL NOTICES

### Notice of Meeting of Supervisors to Consider Altering a Highway

State of Wisconsin  
Town of Minocqua  
Oneida County

A resolution having been adopted by the supervisors of the Town of Minocqua, Oneida County, Wisconsin to initiate the process of altering a highway generally described as follows:

That portion of Hassler Drive extending from platted Hassler Drive to the Chicago Avenue Condominiums located in Government Lots 5 and 6, Section 14, T39N, R6E, Town of Minocqua, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

A scale map and specific description of the land that will be affected by this Resolution is on file with the Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that the supervisors of the Town will meet on November 19, 2024 at 4:45 o'clock of that day at the Minocqua Town Hall to consider and decide upon the Resolution.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2024.

/s/ Roben Haggart Roben Haggart,  
Town Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing will be held at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference C/D, 330 Court St. Eagle River, WI 54521 on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:00 am. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of presentation and comment on the draft of the 2025 Oneida Vilas Transit Commission's WisDOT Grant Application. Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to: Transit Manager Northwoods Transit Connections PO Box 853 Rhinelander, WI 54501 Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and wishing to attend the hearing should contact Barb Newman at 715-420-0585. The Vilas County Courthouse is handicapped accessible. If you need transportation to the hearing, please contact Northwoods Transit Connections at 715-420-0585 to arrange a ride. The Oneida Vilas Transit Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any comment in the best interest of the Oneida Vilas Transit Commission.

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### Referenda

#### State

**QUESTION: "Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide**

that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"  
Yes  
No

#### School District

**QUESTION: Shall the School District of Prentice, Price, Oneida and Lincoln Counties, Wis-**

consin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,200,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including student programming, facility maintenance and staff salaries and benefits?  
Yes  
No

### LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, in Oneida County, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Municipality	Location	Wards
Cassian	Town Hall - 9110 Church Rd, Harshaw, WI	Wards 1 & 2
Crescent	Town Hall - 3231 Golf Course Rd.	Wards 1, 2, & 3
Enterprise	Town Hall - 2977 Plantation Rd.	Ward 1
Hazelhurst	Community Bldg. - 7020 Hwy 51, Hazelhurst, WI	Wards 1 & 2
Lake Tomahawk	Raymond Sloan - 7246 Main St, Lake Tomahawk	Wards 1 & 2
Little Rice	Town Hall - 3737 Highway Y	Ward 1
Lynne	Town Hall - 5100 Willow Rd., Tripoli	Ward 1
Minocqua	Town Hall - 415 Menominee St, Minocqua WI	Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
Monico	Town Hall - 2333 Forrest St.	Ward 1
Newbold	Community Center - 4608 Apperson Dr. Northlife Church - 6065 State Hwy 70 East, St. Germain	Wards 2, 3, & 4 Ward 1
Nokomis	Town Hall - 2541 Lake Nokomis Rd.	Wards 1 & 2
Pelican	Town Hall - 4093 County P	Wards 1, 2, 3, & 4
Piehl	Town Hall - 1415 Town Hall Rd. Hwy. C	Ward 1
Pine Lake	Community Bldg. - 4197 River Road	Wards 1, 2, 3, & 4
Schoepke	Town Hall - 769 Highway 45	Ward 1
Stella	Town Hall - 2496 County Hwy. C	Wards 1 & 2
Sugar Camp	Town Hall - 4059 Camp Four Rd.	Wards 1 & 2
Three Lakes	Municipal Building - 6965 W. School St.	Wards 1, 2, & 3
Woodboro	Town Hall - 8672 Old Hwy. K	Ward 1
Woodruff	Town Hall - 1418 1st Avenue, Woodruff, WI	Wards 1, 2, & 3
City of Rhinelander	Hodag Dome - 863 Hodag Dome Drive	Ald. Dist. 1-8 — Wards 1-17

**All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.  
All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities\*.  
If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.**

Stacey Plamann – Cassian Clerk 9110 Church Rd Harshaw, WI 54529 715-499-0132	Tracy Hartman - Crescent Clerk 6902 Fire Tower Rd. Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-499-0500	Jonathan Sommer – Enterprise Clerk 2977 Plantation Rd. Pelican Lake, WI 54463 715-360-0336
Christy Myshchshyn – Hazelhurst Clerk P.O. Box 67 Hazelhurst, WI 54531 715-356-5800	Sharon Linteur – Lake Tomahawk Clerk PO Box 396 Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539 715-277-2257	Christine Sully – Little Rice Clerk 3737 County Road Y Tomahawk, WI 54487 715-224-2591
Molly Lehman – Lynne Clerk 13654 Wil-O-Acres LN Tripoli, WI 54564 715-564-2650	Barbara M. Henderson – Monico Clerk 2333 Forrest Street Monico, WI 54501 715-499-4981	Roben Haggart – Minocqua Clerk 415 Menominee St. Suite 300 Minocqua, WI 54548 715-356-5296
Kim Gauthier – Newbold Clerk 6103 Point Drive Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-362-1092	Wendy Smith – Nokomis Clerk 9854 Buckhorn Rd. Tomahawk, WI 54487-9314 715-612-4103	Mike Ring – Pelican Clerk 4095 Pine Lane Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-369-0478
Bryan Kalliokoski – Piehl Clerk 1415 Town Hall Rd Rhinelander, WI 54501 720-951-4413	Cindy Skinner – Pine Lake Clerk 4305 Highlander Rd. Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-362-6071	Julie Taylor – Schoepke Clerk PO Box 56 Pelican Lake, WI 54463 715-487-6155
Stacy Schickert – Stella Clerk 2496 County Hwy C Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-369-2292	Lauren Sowinski – Sugar Camp Clerk 4059 Camp Four Rd Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-272-1525	Sue Harris – Three Lakes Clerk PO Box 565, 6965 W. School St. Three Lakes, WI 54562 715-546-3316
Judith A. May – Woodboro Clerk 8672 Old Hwy K Rd. Harshaw, WI 54529 715-282-5607	Julie Huotari – Woodruff Clerk 1418 1st Ave. PO Box 560 Woodruff, WI 54568 715-356-9421	City of Rhinelander Austyn Zarda – City Clerk 135 S. Stevens St. Rhinelander, WI 54501 715-365-8600 Ext/1

### Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

### Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

# Amend

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ers of the amendment argue that the actual current language does not specifically prohibit noncitizens from also being considered eligible voters, that is to say, it includes every citizen and says nothing about noncitizens. Omission does not necessarily mean exclusion, referendum supporters say.

Conservatives and Republicans are supporting the ballot measure, saying it is critically important to preserve election integrity.

In addition to restricting voting to U.S. citizens, the amendment would also add definitions for local office, national office, referendum, and state office in the state constitution.

Activists say there are nearly 90,000 permanent Wisconsin residents who are not U.S. citizens who have been issued either a driver's license or state ID, and neither of those have a disclaimer that the ID holder is not a citizen, making it easy for noncitizens to cast ballots.

In addition, proponents assert that Wisconsin does not require documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote, with only a state issued photo ID and proof of residency required.

Conservatives also allege that DOT secretary Kristina Boardman refuses to provide the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) with the Department of Motor Vehicle list of non-citizens bearing state issued IDs so that WEC can remove them from the voter rolls.

That list has become the subject of a lawsuit, with Boardman saying she doesn't have legal authority to share non-citizen data with the WEC. The state also argues that the lists are outdated and could disenfranchise eligible voters.

Finally, proponents cite a study by the research institute Just Facts, which found that between 10 percent and 27 percent of non-citizen adults in the U.S. are now illegally registered to vote.

"The U.S. Census recorded more than 19 million adult non-citizens living in the U.S. during 2022," the study overview stated. "Given their voter registration rates, this means that about two million to five million of them are illegally registered to vote. These figures are potentially high enough to overturn the will of the American people in major elections, including congressional seats and the presidency."

Opponents of the amendment, such as the ACLU of Wisconsin, say the amendment is unnecessary because there are no elections in Wisconsin in which citizens can vote.

"Persons registering to vote in Wisconsin must certify that they are citizens and acknowledge that they may be prosecuted for providing false information," the ACLU states. "Despite those prohibitions, politicians in Wisconsin have been raising the specter that non-citizens could be voting in large numbers in the state and urging that steps must be taken to prevent it."

The claim that non-citizens are illegally voting in elections in Wisconsin or elsewhere in the United States is a myth, the ACLU asserts.

"Reviews of past elections show that instances of noncitizens voting in the state are exceedingly rare," the group states.

An analysis by Wisconsin Watch and information from the WEC revealed only four substantiated and prosecuted instances of noncitizen voting between 2012 and 2023 out of more than 31 million votes cast during that period, the ACLU argued.

"Most cases involved people who misunderstood their eligibility to vote," the group states.

The ACLU also says using DOT lists to purge voter rolls will disenfranchise voters who have since become naturalized citizens.

"Although the DMV has a record of citizenship status when the driver's license or state ID is issued, the DMV has no way of knowing if someone recently became a citizen and is now eligible to vote," the ACLU states. "If the DMV lists are used, hundreds or thousands of Wisconsin's newest citizens might be wrongly declared ineligible to vote in the election."

The League of Women Voters (LWV) danced around whether the current constitutional language could be interpreted to allow noncitizens to vote.

"No matter where we were born or what language we speak, all eligible Wisconsin voters are afforded the right to cast a ballot and make their voice heard," the LWV states.

However, others argue that courts could interpret "eligible voters" as including noncitizens.

Groups opposing the language change, besides the ACLU and LWV, include AAUW Wisconsin, Citizen Action of Wisconsin, Blacks for Political & Social Action of Dane Co., Wisconsin Conservation Voters, Wisconsin Council of Churches, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, Progress North, and Wisconsin Legislative Socialists.

Supporters of the amendment include Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce and the Badger Institute, a conservative think tank.

Richard Moore is the author of "Dark State" and may be reached at richardd3d.substack.com.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2023 Senate Resolution 71  
Enrolled Joint Resolution

To renumber and amend section 1 of article III; and to create section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution; relating to: eligibility to vote in Wisconsin (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2021 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 32, which became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 13, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of article III of the constitution is renumbered section 1 (2) of article III and amended to read:

[Article III] Section 1 (2) Every Only a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 (1) of article III of the constitution is created to read: [Article III] Section 1 (1) In this section:

(a) "Local office" means any elective office other than a state or national office.

(b) "National office" means the offices of president and vice president of the United States, U.S. senator, and representative in congress.

(c) "Referendum" means an election at which an advisory, validating, or ratifying question is submitted to the electorate.

(d) "State office" means the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state superintendent of public instruction, justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, circuit court judge, state senator, state representative to the assembly, and district attorney.

**SECTION 3. Numbering of new provision.** If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference

bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2023 legislature; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November, 2024; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

**"Eligibility to vote.** Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that "[e]very United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district." Wis. Const. art. III, § 1. That language is repeated in Wisconsin statute. Wis. Stat. § 6.02(1).

The referendum question would modify the language in Wis. Const. art. III, § 1 to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote, and it would specify that only such individuals may vote in an election for "a national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum." It also would add definitions of what "local office," "national office," "referendum," and "state office" mean. 2023 Wis. S.J. Res. 71.

A "yes" vote would vote to modify existing article III, section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution to provide that "only" a U.S. citizen 18 or older who resides in an election district can vote "in a national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum."

A "no" vote would vote not to change Wis. Const. art. III, § 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Done in the County of Oneida,  
on this 3rd day of October, 2024.

Tracy Hartman, Oneida County Clerk  
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## TOWN OF MINOCQUA ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Minocqua Town Office, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED BUDGET of the Town of Minocqua, Oneida County, will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Clerk's office during regular business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 budget.

### PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET TOWN OF MINOCQUA

REVENUES:	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	Percent Change		
<b>Taxes</b>					
General Property Taxes	4,408,591	5,096,281	15.599%		
Other Taxes	62,710	62,710			
<b>Special Assessments</b>	-	-			
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>	1,326,951	1,390,012			
<b>Licenses and Permits</b>	60,600	60,700			
<b>Fine, Forfeitures and Penalties</b>	30,000	35,000			
<b>Public Charges for Services</b>	229,300	285,970			
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	209,500	207,750			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>6,327,652</u>	<u>7,138,423</u>	12.813%		
<b>Surplus Applied/Debt Proceeds</b>	163,000	10,000			
<b>Total Revenue, Surplus Applied &amp; Debt Proceeds</b>	<u>6,490,652</u>	<u>7,148,423</u>	10.134%		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>General Government</b>	897,239	990,401			
<b>Public Safety</b>	2,004,059	2,016,448			
<b>Public Works</b>	1,428,451	1,506,176			
<b>Community Assets</b>	764,796	767,559			
<b>Debt Service</b>	1,056,540	981,839			
<b>Health &amp; Social Services</b>	1,700	-			
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<u>6,152,785</u>	<u>6,262,423</u>	1.782%		
<b>Capital Projects</b>	337,867	866,000			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>6,490,652</u>	<u>7,128,423</u>	9.826%		
<b>All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined</b>	<b>Est Fund Balance 1/1/2024</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>Est. Fund Balance 12/31/2024</b>	<b>Property Tax Contribution</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	1,297,880	7,138,423	7,128,423	1,307,880	5,096,281

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 21st, 2024 immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget which begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Minocqua Town Office, a special town meeting of the electors, called by the town board pursuant to sec. 60.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, will be held for the following purpose:

- To adopt the 2024 town tax levy to be paid in 2025 pursuant to 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

### SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 21st, 2024, immediately following completion of the Special Town Meeting of the Electors, a Special Town Board Meeting will be held for the following purpose:

- The Town Board to discuss, approve/modify and adopt the Year 2025 budget and to place the tax levy on the tax roll. Additional agenda items may follow.

DATE OF POSTING NOTICE: November 1st, 2024  
NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON DIRECTING THAT THIS NOTICE BE POSTED:  
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Clerk, Town of Minocqua



## Kilbourn

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Dakota, but I married into Wisconsin," Kilbourn said in a recent interview with *The Lakeland Times*. "I sort of looked at the census data and 30 percent of the people in the district aren't from the district. It's a district where people love being outdoors, and that's one of the things that drew me to here."

His parents actually grew up in Price County, Kilbourn said.

"So I do have that connection, and I've been coming to the district since 1999, so I'm pretty familiar with it," he said. "It wasn't just by chance. I grew up in a small town."

In his childhood, Kilbourn said his dad was a construction worker and his mom was a waitress.

"We weren't rich, but we worked really hard and they instilled in me the value of working hard to achieve the American dream," he said. "They definitely did struggle. So for me, my way to achieve the American dream was to go to school and a lot of young people in rural areas have to leave and get a good job. So that's what I did."

All of which has prepared him for running for office in this district, Kilbourn said. He said his experiences taught him the importance of giving people opportunities to succeed.

"Having that rural background and knowing how important opportunities were for me, it doesn't matter how hard you work if you don't have those opportunities," he said. "It's hard to get ahead and, living where I am now, I see that our communities are struggling. For me, that was my way to think about how I can use my skills to contribute where I live."

Kilbourn said he began his campaign in April 2023, and since that time he has making his rounds and talking to people about their priorities.

"There's 26 counties, so it's been a big challenge to get around, but we've been doing that and will keep on doing that," he said. "And what I'm hearing is, there's three to four different things that are sort of resonating."

One of those is protecting Social Security, Kilbourn said.

"In this district, 30 percent of the people are over 65, so it's a very older crowd, and they want to make sure that Social Security is going to be there for them when they retire," he said. "And when they are retired, to make sure that they can survive on that."

The second issue that resonates is health care, Kilbourn said.

"As a rural district, we've seen some hospitals close on the western side, and that is pretty scary for a lot of folks," he said. "And myself, I drive 60 miles to go to my primary care doctor, and so, for a lot of people, having access to providers who are affordable is one of those issues that cuts across party lines."

Finally, Kilbourn said, the cost of living is at the top of everyone's mind.

"We know food, housing, insurance are all going up, and that's one of those issues we need to tackle," he said.

### Protecting Social Security

As for Social Security, Kilbourn says it's a challenge because the reserves will run out in about a decade or less from now.

"And so part of the challenge is how do we make sure that it stays funded?" he said. "It's not like it's going to disappear, it's just that the benefits will be cut. And so it's one of the things that people have been talking about and one solution that

seems pretty simple is scrapping the cap."

By cap, he means the cap on earnings that are subject to Social Security payroll taxes, which in 2024 is \$168,600.

"So if you make more than \$168,000, you stop paying into it," he said. "I just think of all the millionaires and billionaires that aren't paying into Social Security. I think they could afford to chip in to make sure that it is more solvent longer."

Kilbourn was more circumspect about another oft-touted solution — raising the retirement age.

"If you have a desk job, you could probably work a little longer," he said. "Your brain still stays pretty active. But we live in the Northwoods, people are working forestry jobs, farming jobs, manufacturing. And so they don't work that long in their 70s. My parents both became physically disabled because their bodies broke down, and that happens to people. And so raising their retirement age I think is the wrong approach."

As for the cost of living, Kilbourn said some inflation is good, but high inflationary pressures need to be cooled.

"The Federal Reserve has a 2 percent inflation rate target," he said. "Prices are going to go up every year. If you stick at that 2 percent, they're still going to go up every single year. So when you look back at prices, they're always going to be higher."

That said, Kilbourn said we need to combat excessively higher inflation rates, and he said part of that challenge is ignoring where it's coming from.

"A lot of corporations during the pandemic did quite well," he said. "They made record profits, their CEOs got their bonuses, their shareholders got their stock buybacks. And we must make sure that the market is operating fairly."

Kilbourn says he has worked at two Fortune 500 companies.

"I know how they work, but it doesn't mean we have to let them do whatever they want," he said. "We need to make sure that they are accountable, making sure we have a free market and making sure there's no price gouging. And so I think there's some basic rules we can put in to say, 'Hey, if it's an emergency situation like a pandemic, maybe we have some caps on prices.'"

It's the same with prescription drugs, Kilbourn said.

"We've successfully negotiated prices with prescription drugs for the first time, and there's ways we can sort of do similar things to make sure that in emergency situations we don't have price gouging," he said.

In addition to gouging, Kilbourn believes there are a combination of factors at work, from monopolies in certain industries to regulatory burdens on small businesses.

"We definitely know there's duopolies and monopolies within the food industry, and maybe injecting some competition into that would help, but we still have to do that," he said. "We can't just let it go as is and say, 'we will do that.' So there is enforcing the laws [against monopolies] that are on the books right now, which hasn't been in favor with a lot of legislators, and so making sure that we do that is important."

Kilbourn said he thinks it is important to think about the impact big businesses in agriculture have on family farms.

"Can we go backwards?" he asked. "Part of the issue is, once we've gone this far, how can we en-

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## Tiffany

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*The Lakeland Times* in a recent interview. "The solutions just require the will to do it. Number one, you secure the border. Number two, you stop the deficit spending. Let's get back to a balanced budget and have work requirements. Make sure that we're energy independent and we will get this economy going once again."

In addition, Tiffany said, we have to reverse the nation's slide into weakness abroad.

"We need a strong chief executive," he said. "We need a strong foreign policy because the tyrants do not kick sand in our face when we have a strong America."

When it comes to the national debt, Tiffany says the nation is in a place it has never been before.

"In regards to a \$35-trillion debt, we are in uncharted territory and no one's seen anything like this before, so they don't know where it's going to end or what is going to precipitate that event," he said. "That is going to mean serious trouble for our country. But everybody knows that it can't go on forever and there will be a day of reckoning."

It's not that lawmakers don't realize the seriousness of the situation, Tiffany said.

"We talk about it regularly," he said. "We've introduced bills to get control of it. I'm on a bill that requires a balanced federal budget. We know some of the things that need to be done."

Tiffany says he is a member of the Republican Study Committee and it is the only organization in Washington that provides an annual budget.

"We have found that we can get to balance in 10 years," he said. "So yes, there are things that I've proposed and worked on to get it to balance, but it is not taken with the seriousness in Washington, D.C. that it should."

Attacking budget deficits has always been a top priority for Tiffany — he says a \$3-billion state budget deficit was the reason he first ran for the state legislature and now he is motivated by the national budget deficit.

Tiffany says Congress can do a number of things.

"In particular on discretionary spending, we have proposed reductions," he said. "We have this catch-all of waste, fraud, and abuse. But there is significant waste out there that if we, and in particular the executive branch, took it seriously, you could root out a lot of that waste, fraud, and abuse."

Tiffany cited one example in Minnesota where he said \$1.3 million was siphoned out of the federal Feeding Our Future program.

"She bought a Tesla and a new home with it," he said. "It's those type of things that really need to be rooted out."

Tiffany said there was another component, one that was tied directly to illegal immigration.

"Many of those illegal immigrants get their care via Medicaid," he said. "I think in Wisconsin 58 percent comes from federal dollars and the other part comes from the state. So it hits both state and federal budgets and that's a significant amount of money, especially when you bring over 10 million people into the country."

Tiffany acknowledged that there was no silver bullet.

"It is a whole series of good budgeting decisions that need to be made," he said. "The same thing we did in Wisconsin over the course of a decade. I helped write three of those budgets. We did a whole series of responsible budgets over the course of a decade, and that's how we fixed Wisconsin's budget problem and now they sit with a surplus and the largest rainy day fund ever. The federal government needs to do the same thing."

And what happens if the debt problem isn't fixed?

"For other countries we've seen their ruin," he said. "You're seeing an effect already and that's inflation. I mean inflation is directly tied to the excessive spending that went on. And remember Larry Summers told Joe Biden when he signed the American Recovery Plan — the first big trillion-dollar bill, it was almost \$2 trillion when he agreed to sign that — the Democratic economist Larry Summers said, 'you are going to trigger inflation.' And it did."

Again, Tiffany said, it just requires the will to do it, but he doubts whether Congress will have that will.

"I'm skeptical that they will have the will to do significant reductions, but I think there are significant things that can be done," he said. "And by the way, I would support the elimination of the Department of Education. I mean, that's where you would start [in cutting spending]."

More broadly, Tiffany said, Congress needs to deal with the regulatory state because it's impeding economic growth, and he said there are two approaches to doing that.

"One is if we just froze spending where it's at, you would see over time that it would reduce the deficit because if you reduce spending, you send a clear message to the job creators of America that 'hey, you guys can now grow, you're going to have a lighter touch by this bureaucracy that guides your life,'" he said. "And so if we just cap spending and left it static for a decade, it would get us to a much better place."

Tiffany said the other side of the equation is to put pro-growth policies in place.

"If you have pro-growth policies as Trump did back in his first term, you see significant growth in the amount of money coming into the federal government," he said. "Tax receipts go up significantly, but you also see significant growth in the private sector."

There are several components to that strategy, Tiffany said.

"First of all, we should not raise taxes," he said. "Second of all, we need to rein in the regulatory state. The Chevron decision [the courts no longer have to automatically defer to the reasoning of government agencies] is very important in that the Supreme Court came down with making the executive agencies accountable, but it also opened up an opportunity for Congress to do a better job of writing bills, to be much more specific about how we are writing bills so we don't simply turn over authority to those executive agencies."

Congress should pass the REINS Act, Tiffany said, whereby any regulation that is proposed by the agencies of more than \$100 million dollars has to have a vote of Congress to be enacted.

"If we would implement the REINS Act, you would see economic growth really take off because regulations are stymieing the economy," he said. "I believe more than taxes are at this point. We have become such a regulated country. They need to leave people alone and they will grow."

### Energy independence

Tiffany said it's critical for the nation to re-establish energy independence and energy abundance, especially in the fight against inflation.

"Diesel fuel moves the world," he said. "If you want to bring inflation down, if you want to have growth, we have to be energy independent. You bring crude oil down to \$50 a barrel and to \$2 a gallon diesel fuel or lower, and also bring electricity costs down and you will see significant growth in the economy."

Tiffany said we never see a growing America when we have high en-

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## NORTHWOODS STYLIN'

A young swan extends its wings during a preening session with two other swans along the Bear River on Sunday, Oct. 27, in Lac du Flambeau.

## *Fish like a* **GIRL**

Attending  
the Great Lakes  
Wolf Symposium  
was a great  
experience



By Beckie Gaskill  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Last month I attended the Great Lakes Wolf Symposium in Ashland. It was a three-day event, packed with session after session of wolf research and various other tidbits. Admittedly, not all of us in the room had the same perception of wolves on the landscape. Opinions ran from: They should be allowed anywhere and everywhere, and we need more to we should probably have a little more control over them, just as we do bears or any other top-level predator. Oddly, the only other one we do not manage in the state is the coyote. The Department of Natural Resources largely ignores the species, it seems. Odd, too, that coyotes are responsible for far more deer fawn deaths than any other species. I get the fact that the season is open year-round

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## Does large carnivore policy matter?

By Beckie Gaskill  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Erik Olson of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources posed this question with his research he revealed at the Great Lakes Wolf Symposium in Ashland last month. He wondered whether large carnivore policy would build more tolerance for those who were somewhat intolerant to having a species such as wolves close by.

"How people feel about large carnivores can be critical in determining the success of conservation efforts," he wrote in his abstract. "In some cases, people's attitudes towards large carnivores are more influenced by policies than the species themselves."

Conservation practices and policies normally focus on the species in question and how to effect whatever end point biologists would like to see for that species, whether it is to increase their numbers, increase their territory, maintain sustainable populations, or some other end goal. Olson said what was not looked at was how those conservation decisions and policies affected local people, either directly or indirectly. He expected that conservation policies directly affected tolerance of large carnivores such as wolves by local people.

He said there are two general hypotheses that are related to policies and tolerance. One is that policies that reduce protections for wolves when they are biologically recovered will result in increased tolerance for the species. That is the empowerment hypothesis.

The other is the devaluing policy signal hypothesis. This hypothesis came out more recently. It states that removing protections for wolves signals devaluing of wolves to the public, Olson said. That, in turn, results in an increase in tolerance. He said he wanted to expand on that research using information and data he collected in his research about policy and tolerance in the state of Wisconsin.

He said one of the classes he teaches was the inspiration for the paper on which he was reporting. He

said that policy can influence tolerance, which in turn can influence conservation success. As he was coaching his students that they could ask questions and go out and "do science," and that there was no permission needed to do that, he realized this was one area into which he wanted to look further himself.

He created a six-page questionnaire sent out to people in the Chequamegon Bay area. It was focused on perception of rules regarding a number of different topics. He was particularly interested in some anticipated changes in tolerance related to possible policy scenarios, he told those assembled at the symposium.

The study he did was done in 2015-16, while wolves were back on the Endangered Species List (ESL) after being delisted and having two wolf harvest seasons. He used a cluster analysis, respondents could be clustered into different groups based on how they answered the questions. This revealed a positive cluster, a negative cluster, and a large group that was somewhere in the middle.

He then looked at how the different clusters of people responded to proposed policy changes. If the wolf were delisted, responses showed, those with an overall negative view of wolves agreed that their tolerance would increase. Those who were in the positive cluster said their tolerance would not increase, with the ambivalent, or middle group, indicating a mix of the two.

"I think what's really important is that you see the negative cluster said that their tolerance would increase across all scenarios," Olson said, with his data point display indicating these same results.

The second scenario Olson explored was one where the state would simply have management authority to kill wolves that were attacking livestock and pets. The third scenario would be holding a regulated hunting and trapping season for wolves. The mean difference between scores of the negative group and the positive group was the highest under this scenario out of all of

the proposed scenarios, he said.

He also did an analysis to determine if any demographic variables made a difference in responses. He looked at gender, age, hunter identity, ownership of livestock and experience with loss of livestock. Under every scenario, the highest model was those who had lost livestock to wolves.

Hunter identity came in on the top in the second scenario, state lethal authority. Olson said, this showed that even if people were generally assigned to a specific cluster and stated their expected tolerance would increase, and even if people were outside of that cluster and identified as a hunter or a producer having experienced a livestock loss, they were still more likely to say their tolerance would increase under these scenarios.

Olson said it did seem that there was a correlation between policy changes and tolerance of the generally intolerant. Hunter identity, or an affected-producer identity were especially important in affecting those shifts in tolerance. Interestingly, he said, looking at the shift in tolerance without the clusters identified, one would not see a pattern. Understanding these different groups, then, was specifically important.

He also looked at how long it would take for these changes to take place once policies were changed. He said the cognitive hierarchy suggests behaviors change quickly and attitudes change more slowly. This could lead to a lag in tolerance change. He also felt the lack of stability in the Great Lakes listing status had also likely changed tolerance for wolves in the region. Conservationists, then need to balance both conservation objectives and preferences of local people. Short-term and long-term priorities also must be balanced with setting policy. His research suggested that the fulcrum of that balance must shift over time as the status of the species changes and/or the preferences of local people change.

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## LIKE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM



**Dale Streubel**

SPECIAL TO THE LAKELAND TIMES

As we passed through the month of September, many sports enthusiasts involved in searching for whitetail bucks seem to always question if any still exist in the Northwoods.

You must remember that a buck needs a period to rest up from the energy that was needed to grow his antlers throughout the summer months. It is a natural pattern that develops every year as we progress into the month of October. We all get excited watching bucks throughout the summer months, and once the fall season develops, they suddenly disappear.

After a week into the month of October, magically they begin to appear once again. It's like they rested up for a period of time, and suddenly they feel the urge to feed up for the winter months ahead.

Naturally, they are also developing their winter coats, so consequently being able to view them during daylight on a warm fall day might be rather limited.

Once the second week of October rolls around and the possibility of cooler temperatures arrive, you may notice a small increase in daylight activity.

What never ceases to amaze me year after year contrary to what many people believe is the number of beautiful bucks that are living up here in our Northwoods. Now, I am not speaking about the deer in our back yards in local communities, but I am speaking about deer that exist in the wild that seldom have any interaction with human beings such as the deer in the photo. What is hard to imagine, but many of these deer



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOGRAPH

Dale streubel's trail cam photo of a trophy buck.

will probably die of old age, instead of hanging on one lucky hunter's "lodgepole."

During the second week of October, they will begin to feel the level of testosterone increasing to the point of merely displaying subtle scrapes on the ground as they travel along their route to their food source.

Unfortunately, if warmer temperatures begin to move in, and the moon phase is at its fullest display, deer may be on more of a nighttime pattern, which may prove to be a futile effort as far as the avid deer hunter is concerned.

As we move into the third week of October, the calm before the storm will gradually be coming to an end meaning as the photoperiod is steadily changing, the testosterone level in the buck will slowly be increasing to the point where the deer will be entering a "state of curiosity," is what I basically call it, and will begin once again to become more visible during the daylight hours.

As the end of the month draws closer, the desire for breeding will literally begin to stimulate every buck to the

point of actively displaying himself, after living a rather secluded lifestyle throughout the remaining time of the year.

Which brings me to the most important point of the article.

Try not to feel despondent when attempting to locate mature bucks that exist in thousands and thousands of acres. You must remember that all it takes is for that buck to be bedded down on the next ridge from where you are walking, and consequently you may never see him the rest of your life.

Does this mean there are more deer than you may realize? Of course it does, in many areas, but unfortunately the intimidation of large spans of woods can affect the attitude of many hunters.

The best advice is to focus on a particular acreage that may prove interesting to you, and simply put the boots to the ground.

Believe me, there are many more bucks roaming our Northwoods like the one in the photo, it's just a matter of locating them.

GOOD LUCK!

the lake  
where you live

## Making ice: It's complicated

All right, it's a bit early to think about our lakes freezing over — but then, that's about the best seasonal thing to look forward to since the leaves have fallen and laid the landscape bare.

It turns out there's a lot more to making lake ice than just low temperature. The first step is for ice crystals to begin forming in the cold water at the surface. That process is similar to the way raindrops form in the air.



**Ted Rulseh**  
COLUMNIST

Water vapor doesn't create droplets spontaneously. It needs particles of something to condense around, like free-floating microscopic specks of dust. And water molecules also need something to grab onto before ice crystals can form. For that purpose, lake water is loaded with solid particles too small for us to see, including living organisms like bacteria and algal cells.

Snow falling into the water can also accelerate crystal formation. After all, what are snowflakes but delicate structures of ice? In the right conditions they can seed the crystals that eventually consolidate into an ice sheet.

That sheet forms when cold water at or near the freezing point is exposed to cold, still conditions, which normally occur overnight. Then the sheet has to thicken to where it can support us as we engage in our favorite winter lake pastimes.

I've written before that the rate of ice thickening is related to the number of freezing degree days in a 24-hour period. By that measure, ice will thicken by one inch for every 15 freezing degree days, which for the sake of simplicity means a day with an average temperature of 17 degrees F (15 degrees below the freezing point of 32 degrees F).

That process slows down as the ice gets thicker, and a layer of snow and even a heavy frost on the surface will impede the rate of thickening. Another school of thought says this formula is too simplistic.

An article on the Lake Ice website <http://lakeice.squarespace.com> describes the Swedish Ice Growth Prediction Method. This method takes into account that cooling occurs by convection (the movement of air via wind) and radiation. It says that the rate of growth in thin ice not covered by snow is the sum of:

- 0.05 millimeters per hour for every degree Celsius of negative air temperature (below the freezing point of zero degrees C).
- 0.02 millimeters per hour times the product of wind speed in meters per second and the negative air temperature.
- 0.7 millimeters per hour for completely clear skies, and nothing for full overcast.

The article doesn't explain why clear versus cloudy sky matters so much; it simply says that in clear conditions there is more cooling by radiation.

Additional factors come into play. In daytime, the angle of the sun makes a difference, and so does the sun's presence or absence. Cold wind helps sweep heat from the ice. Snow is not the only insulator that retards freezing — slush on the surface or as a layer between surface ice and more ice below "stops growth on the bottom of the ice sheet until the slush layer is fully frozen," according to the Lake Ice article.

So there will be a lot to contemplate as we watch for the ice to take shape on our lakes.

*Ted Rulseh is a writer, author and lake advocate who lives on Birch Lake in Oneida County. His new book, "Ripple Effects," has been released by UW Press. You can learn about it by visiting my website at <https://thelakeguy.net>.*

## NORTHWOODS YARD & GARDEN

### Looking for reader feedback

With the growing season over and yard and garden activities dwindling down, now is a great time to review and evaluate how things went. Reviewing plant performances and maintenance practices helps in looking ahead to next season.

This week's column is different than normal. I am looking for feedback from you, the reader, regarding information presented here this past year. Extension programs are evaluated to help measure their effectiveness and to plan future efforts. Information collected is tabulated but individual responses are kept anonymous.

Since the first of January, I have been writing this weekly

column as part of the duties of my position as Horticulture Educator with University of Wisconsin Extension in Iron County. Media is one of the ways we can reach area residents with timely, research-based, unbiased information. The topics are based on calls and reports of plant issues from our area plus maintenance that is appropriate for the time of the season.

For the questions that follow, I am asking readers to email (or US mail) their responses. You do not need to rewrite the question, simply list each question by number with your response. Again, results for each question will be tabulated as a group and individual names (or emails) will not be included in any way.

Question 1; How would you rank the quality of information presented in this column each week? (Choose one) Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, or Poor.

Question 2; As a result of reading this column, do you feel you

have increased your knowledge related to care of yard and garden plantings? Yes or No.

Question 3; Have you actually applied information presented in this column to your yard and garden? Yes or No.

Question 4; What specific types of yard and garden subjects are you most interested in? Choose from: Vegetable Crops, Fruit Crops, Tree and Shrubs, Lawns, Flowers, and Houseplants.

Rank in order with your biggest interest first. If you have no interest do not include that planting type in your answer. For example, if you are only interested in vegetables and lawns, with vegetables your biggest interest, then just answer 1) Vegetables, 2) Lawns.

Question 5; What is the biggest issue or problem you face in your yard and garden? Be as specific as possible.

Please reply by November 15. Email your responses to [bruce.spangenberg@wisc.edu](mailto:bruce.spangenberg@wisc.edu) or mail to 300 Taconite Street, Suite 118, Hurley, Wisconsin 54534. Thanks for your consideration and look for the normal column back here next week!



**Bruce Spangenberg**  
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# Using historical data to predict possible changing fish growth rates

By **Beckie Gaskill**  
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Aquatic ecosystems are facing many different stressors that all interact with each other, according to Karen Alofs of the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan. These include climate change, habitat degradation, pollution, exploitation and invasive species. All together, these things can create a diverse set of biological responses in ecosystems. These stressors can act from a molecular scale, all the way up to perpetuating ecosystem-scale effects.

In a recent presentation titled, "Learning from the past to manage inland fisheries for the future," Alofs looked at how climate change could affect fish populations. She looked specifically at abundance, timing of mass mortality events, and effects on individual fish growth.

"Since the 1950s, average temperatures across the Great Lakes have increased by around 2.3 degrees Fahrenheit, and they are predicted, by mid century, to have increased by three to six degrees Fahrenheit," she said. By the end of the century, that increase could be six to 11 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperature changes, however, are not evenly distributed in time or space. For instance, winter temperatures have risen much faster than temperatures in other seasons.

Alofs said she was able to use historical data to look at impacts of climate change on Michigan inland lakes. She looked to see if temperature changes would create shifts in abundance of largemouth bass. She also wanted to determine if the seasonality of mass mortality events had shifted over time and whether increasing temperatures decreased fish growth.

She used more than a century's worth of lake surveys from the Michigan Institute for Fisheries Research (IFR) to complete her study. IFR, she said, is a cooperative between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the University of Michigan. Not only did her research include several interdisciplinary researchers, but leveraging the Zooniverse, a community science crowd sourcing platform, she was able to involve over 2,800 volunteers online in helping to digitize the 75,000 data cards from the IFR.

## Temperature and fish abundance over time

Predicted climate change for Michigan is much like that of Wisconsin in

both a high-emission scenario and a lower-emissions scenario. Between 2010 and 2029, the Upper Peninsula should start to feel like the Lower Peninsula did historically.

Drawing on data from the 2002-2007 Michigan DNR's status and trends data, Alofs looked at relative abundance of largemouth bass, showing the abundance higher in the Lower Peninsula. With projected water temperature increases, she said, largemouth bass should become more abundant in the U.P., as they are a warm-water adapted species. However, she said, that idea did not take into account dispersal limitations between lakes, new species interactions, changes in prey or predator availability or other management actions that had taken, or will take, along the way. In order to test the ability to forecast these changes, Alofs said, she used hindcasting to test the forecasting ability to predict changes in abundance.

She estimated a relative abundance across lakes with a model that took into account different catching techniques that could produce different results. Environmental data was also taken into account when building this model, Alofs said.

The models were used to estimate historical abundance of largemouth bass from 1936-1964. The map showed higher relative abundance in the L.P. than in the U.P. The same prediction was made for the contemporary period from 2003-2019 and subtracted the two to look at changes in relative abundance. She saw the strongest increases in relative abundance in the northern lower peninsula and declines in abundance in the southern L.P. She said, during this period, warming of lakes in the southern L.P. was not seen as it was in the northern L.P. and the eastern U.P.

Alofs found that while temperature had some effect on changes in abundance, other lake characteristics also had a hand in controlling abundance. Very small lakes may not have as drastic of a shift in abundance even with a relatively high change in temperature, for instance.

By incorporating data on gear and effort, Alofs said they were able to examine changes in abundance rather than just presence or absence of a species. Historically, that is all models allowed researchers to determine. Also, by analyzing historical data, she could then interpret changes across long time periods and on regional scales. She also found that fish abundance into the

future could be predicted fairly well using a space-for-time substitution.

## Seasonality of mass mortality shifts

Coverage of fish kills, or mass mortality fish events, has increased in recent years, Alofs said. Mass mortality events globally, involving tens of thousands to millions of organisms have been reported more frequently and increasing sizes across a range of taxa, not just fish.

Fish mortality events, overall, have been poorly documented and poorly understood. They are ephemeral, only lasting a few days at most. They are also unpredictable, and are driven by a variety of interacting stressors. There is a reliance on public reports and those observations are often by chance. This also means there is likely a bias toward finding these events on bigger or more frequently visited water bodies, where these events are more likely to be reported. Also, Alofs said, understanding the species and causes that were effective takes research and resources to do that type of research are rarely available.

She also looked at various causes of fish kills. Oxygen depletion can be caused by ice and snow cover, but also algal blooms and decaying plant matter. Extreme temperatures, or rapid changes in temperatures, can play a role as well. Spawning depletion, infection and other disturbances such as contaminants or water withdrawals can also play a part in fish kills. Often it could be several variables acting together that cause these events. Winter kills have been more common in Michigan lakes, but summer kills are predicted to increase from 6 to 34-fold and winter kills, by the end of the century, could all but vanish.

Alofs said lake conditions are already changing. For instance, ice duration has already declined globally six times faster in the last 25 years than in the previous quarter century. Also, approximately 1,500 Northern Hemisphere lakes have been newly documented as experiencing ice-free years recently. There has also been a six-fold increase in frequency of lake heatwaves from 1995-2004 to 2009-2019, which have been associated with deoxygenation in both shallow and deep lakes.

That said, Alofs said she was interested in learning if the occurrence of these mass mortality events had already begun to shift. The dataset she used provided her with good spatial and temporal coverage of the state, as she showed in a graphic during her presentation.

Altogether, she collected 525 observations of fish kills. In the 1930s-50s, the peak observations occurred in March and April. In the 1960s-80s, that date shifted later, with peak observations happening in June. In more recent times, the 2010s to 2020s, fish kill observations were extending later into the fall. The overall trend, she said, showed a shift for early, median and late observations shifted by approximately five days per decade.

The long-term data set allowed Alofs allowed her and her team to show that previously unrecognized shift in mortality events. However, she said, clarifying the causes will be needed to forecast future change and also to advise any climate-resilient management practices in the future.

Her specific next steps will be to evaluate the cause of the mortalities more closely. She said she would like to be able to predict, through her continued research, which lakes and species will be most vulnerable to mass mortality events. Another area of interest is downstream impacts for fish populations and communities that were adapted to winter kills, but are now experiencing more summer kills. She also looks to answer the question of what effects these later issues have if reproduction is shifting

to become earlier.

## Growth rates

The last question Alofs looked to answer was whether increasing water temperatures played a part in decreased fish growth. There is a prediction, she said, that species are expected to shrink as temperatures warm. This prediction includes not only fish, but trees and birds as well. The evidence from fish, she said, is mostly from fisheries catch data, and has been highly variable. She showed results from a study of 335 Australian coral reef fishes that showed those that lived in the warmest waters would be the most likely to have a small shift to smaller sizes. When arranged by body length, larger fish are more likely to increase in size with warmer water temperatures, and smaller fish are more likely to decrease in size. Another study from 2003 showed some salmonids increased in size and some decreased in size, even in the same genus.

She wanted to look into the historical data of Michigan lake fishes. She looked at 88,000 mean length-at-age observations from 1945-2020 for 12 game fish species. This work is still in progress, but she shared information about bluegill as a starting point. Over those 75 years, she said, the older age classes of bluegill are stable to even slightly increasing in size. Younger year classes, however, are showing a decrease that is becoming larger.

A post doctoral researcher in Alofs' lab, Peter Flood, has put together the same types of models for all 12 different species.

"We might expect that warm water fishes would be less likely to decline, perhaps more likely to increase, while cold water species we might expect to have the strongest designs in size," she said. "But this isn't really what we found." Overall, she said, when looking across species, the model predicted small, but negative changes in size-at-age for a variety of cool water fish as well.

She then added in different environmental predictors associated with lake attributes as well as biotic factors and presence/absence of other species and several other predictors. In age classes one through eight, lake area and depth are influential on bluegill growth. Other important factors include degree days in lakes and catch per unit effort. Degree day increases, longer growing seasons or warmer temperatures, are associated with less growth. So, too, is increasing surface temperature, she said.

Bioenergetic models used to estimate what changes in temperature would do to growth, however, it was expected that warmer temperatures on average should increase consumption and therefore growth of bluegills. Alofs said this indicates that it is perhaps consumption that is limited, meaning that there is less forage available.

In her next steps, Alofs said, she would like to look at other fish species, and non-game species on which heavy emphasis has not been put. She is hoping to find growth-over-time data for 30 species that are native to Michigan and then to be able to discern whether or not those species are likely to grow or shrink over time with climate change. To do this, she will continue to combine historical environmental data with available museum specimens. Those interested in viewing Alofs' full presentation, or to find her contact information, may do so by searching for her presentation on the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership YouTube page.

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## FISHING PHOTOS



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Tyler Carroll of Minocqua caught this dandy 41-inch, 25-pound musky from an area lake.

# International Bat Week comes to a close

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International Bat Week has come to a close, but that does not mean people should forget about bats. They are not only an important part of the ecosystems in which they live, but they are important to humans as well.

It makes sense for International Bat Week to be the week leading up to Halloween. For decades movies, TV and even books have portrayed bats as harbingers of doom, flying around during the night looking to turn into a vampire and suck the blood of their unsuspecting victims, turning them into creatures of the night as well. But, in reality, only three species of bats feed on animal blood, and two of these species specialize on the blood of birds.

Bats save agriculture tens of billions each year by decreasing the amount of pesticides producers need to use. In one study done recently, bats increased crop yields over 1.4 percent by taking care of the insects that were harming a corn crop. Not only did corn where bats were not excluded produce more, but it was also found to be less susceptible to fungal infections and had lower concentrations of fumonisin, which is a health hazard to livestock. The presence of this toxin greatly reduces a crop's market value. Seventy percent of the world's bats are insectivores, feeding on insects at night. Many can eat thousands of insects each night.

Worldwide, there are over 1,450 species of bats. There are eight species of bats in Wisconsin. The big brown, little brown, northern long-eared and tricolored bats are all listed as threatened species.

Bats face a number of stressors. Habitat degradation and destruction

is one of those. Human habitation and changing land use has meant less and less wild habitat left for bats. As with habitat for other species, humans have a chance to help bats, as well, with their landscape practices. Studies have shown that even small habitat improvements, such as a bat house, or simply allowing a lake shore to remain full of native plants, rather than creating a lawn all the way to the water, can do much to help the plight of these nocturnal dive bombers.

Another common plights with many other species is climate change. Climate change could prove problematic to bats. Bat Conservation International said that, in the next 15 years, climate change is expected to impact 82 percent of bat species in North America. This could mean sharp declines in some species and potentially others disappearing altogether. Because bats are so integral in the ecosystems where they are found, researchers have said it is crucial to find out more about how climate change will affect those species in order to find ways to help mitigate those effects.

"Extreme weather events continue to increase in severity and frequency," the Bat Conservation International website states. "Widespread wildfires, prolonged drought, higher temperatures and stronger storms all affect bat populations around the world." Habitat can be destroyed by extreme weather events. Even migratory bats can be affected as weather patterns change the timing of migration. There may be a phenological mismatch in the timing as bats reach some areas expecting certain food sources that are not available. While extreme storm events can knock out roosting locations in breeding areas, droughts, too, can

be especially problematic for bats. This is especially true for pregnant and lactating female bats who have a high dependence on water.

One of the big threats to cave-dwelling bats in Wisconsin is white-nose syndrome. Since white-nose syndrome was found in 2006, it has killed millions of bats. In some species, it has been responsible for declines of some populations of over 90 percent. The disease was first found in Wisconsin in 2014.

When it comes to cave-dwelling bats, the good news is that humans can play a part in not moving white-nose syndrome from one place to another. Spelunking, or exploring caves and caverns, is a great pastime. But those going into caves where bats are, or potentially could, be hibernating, should take care to ensure they do not move that fungus from one hibernacula to another.

There are over 200 known hibernacula in Wisconsin. When spelunkers and others enter a cave or other possible hibernating place of bats, they can easily move any fungus that may be present to the next location they plan to hike. The spores that cause white-nose syndrome can stay viable for weeks, months or even years. For that reason, it is important to completely sanitize any gear or clothing that has been in a cave or other bat hibernacula before heading to another location that could potentially be a hibernating spot for bats.

All dirt and debris should be removed from items before cleaning. Many commercial and home washing machines, the protocol stated, with sanitize cycles, will help to decontaminate clothing after removing dirt and debris. For clothing and equipment that can be submerged, submerging in water of at least 131

degrees Fahrenheit for at least five minutes will decontaminate it. For items that cannot be submerged, the protocol includes using cleaners such as Isopropyl alcohol wipes, bleach, or ethanol. Brand names are also listed in the protocol such as Clorox products, Formula 409 Antibacterial Kitchen All-Purpose Cleaner, Lysol All Purpose Cleaner or Wipes and Sani Cloth Germicidal Disposable Wipes.

All equipment and clothing, including hiking boots and shoes, should be thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated, and left to dry completely, before entering another cave or area where bats may be present.

Hikers should also pay special attention to their vehicle in which they arrive at, and depart from, their hiking location. Floors, seats and carpeting should be cleaned as well as other surfaces that may have come in contact with clothing or gear.

The goal of International Bat Week is to bring awareness of bats to people and to help people understand the importance of these nocturnal mammals on the landscape.

For those interested in learning more about bats, The Wisconsin Bat Program provides guidance on creating habitat, bat houses, and even asks volunteers to monitor for bats through different programs.

The Wisconsin Aquatic and Terrestrial Inventory Resources is a repository for many different citizen science programs in the state, including The Wisconsin Bat Program. Those looking for more information on creating habitat, how to build a bat house, or how to get involved as a volunteer monitor, can visit the website at [wiatri.net](http://wiatri.net).

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## Help make Wisconsin a bat-friendly state

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages Wisconsinites to take action to help bats during International Bat Week, Oct. 24-31, and throughout the year.

Bats are some of the most gentle, valuable and mysterious animals in our neighborhoods. They are vital to many ecosystems and have significant positive environmental, economic and public health benefits. Insectivorous bats consume large numbers of agricultural pests, saving farmers and foresters billions yearly. A bat helps control bugs in your backyard by eating up to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects per hour and up to the equivalent of its body weight every night.

Of the eight bats found in Wisconsin, four are state-threatened species — the big brown bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat (also federally endangered) and tricolored bat — and one, the silver-haired bat, is of special concern, meaning the population is declining and in need of conservation action.

The decline of bats in Wisconsin is primarily due to white-nose syndrome (WNS), caused by a fungus that attacks the bare skin of bats during hibernation. The disease exhausts their energy stores and leaves them vulnerable to starvation before their insect diet becomes available in the spring. In 2014, WNS was

first detected in the state at a large hibernation site that was home to 1,000 little brown bats. By 2018, the population there had dwindled to only nine individuals.

While recent Wisconsin Bat Program survey counts show rebounding numbers at some significant hibernation sites across the state, there's still a long way to go. "Our program concluded hibernation surveys at our largest sites in early 2024, and we were surprised at how rapidly numbers were rising for three winters in a row," said Jennifer Redell, DNR conservation biologist and bat program cave and mine specialist. "Moments like these have been few in North American bat conservation since WNS entered the continent."

Despite recent glimmers of population recovery in little brown bats, hibernating bats are still stressed by WNS each winter. Help take care of these valuable mammals in your area by taking a few simple steps.

### Tips to help backyard bats

- Learn how you can build your own bat house.
- Participate in an International Bat Week event.
- Plant native plants that are foundational to a healthy backyard ecosystem.
- Control burdock on your property, which can fatally entangle bats and small songbirds. After burdock has gone to seed, avoid com-



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Half of Wisconsin's eight bat species are threatened, including big brown bats like this one.

posting, which may allow it to spread.

- Maintain an insecticide and herbicide-free yard. They can harm bats through the food they eat.

- In outbuildings and basements frequented by bats, keep buckets overturned or on their sides to avoid trapping bats and other small mammals.

### Volunteer and support opportunities

- Become a Wisconsin Bat Program volunteer and participate in Roost Monitoring or Acoustic Monitoring.

- Sign up for email updates about bats and bat conservation.

- Donate to the Endangered Resources Fund to support threatened and endangered species and habitat protection in Wisconsin.

For more information about bats, visit the Wisconsin DNR's frequently asked questions webpage.



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## WORLD MUSKY HUNT DONATES TO LAKE TOM FIRE

Lake Tomahawk fire chief Billy Kuckkahn accepts a \$1,500 donation from the World Musky Hunt for preparing breakfast during their three-day tournament.

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on them, but there should be something done about their numbers as well. That is likely a topic for another column, however.

First of all, I have to say that it has been far too long since I spent any time on the south shore of the big lake. As a kid I spent some time in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, as my dad was from Ironwood, and his family still lived up there. As I got older, I started traveling farther and farther north and even-

tually said I aimed to retire on the south shore of Lake Superior. I am not sure that will ever happen, but I have not given up on the thought entirely.

I do not remember the last time I was in Ashland particularly, but it instantly felt like an amazing place to write. Granted, there are a ton of places right here in the Northwoods that bring out a writer's muse also, but there was something about being a "tourist" for a change that sat well with my mind. Had the symposium afforded me more down time, I would have

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# Department of Natural Resources wardens handle more than fish and game

## Natural Resources Board hears update

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Department of Natural Resources (DNR) deputy chief safety warden Matt O'Brien reported on the Division of Public Safety and Resource Protection emergency response efforts at last month's Natural Resources Board (NRB) meeting. Due to a board member's request, he appeared to give the board an update.

The state, he said, has approximately 600,000 boats, 0.5 million ATV/UTVs and 0.25 million snowmobiles registered per year. O'Brien spoke about crash investigations related to those recreational vehicles. The department, he said, has gained a fair amount of expertise when it comes to investigating these crashes that often involve injury and sometime fatalities. He said the department has seen safety challenges with ATV/UTVs becoming more popular and traffic spreading along more road routes. For that reason an education and outreach campaign was kicked off in September of this year in an attempt to raise awareness about safe operation of those vehicles.

He also highlighted some of the bigger cases from the last few years. One of those was on Lake Winnebago. It was a double homicide case that department wardens were able to solve by reconstructing the crash to determine fault in that case. Another was also on Lake Winnebago and involved a ferry. The department was also able to secure convictions and ensure accountability in that case as well, O'Brien said.

"Our boat expertise is frankly so impressive, the skills of our staff, we had the U.S. Coast Guard request us to assist Great Britain, and we ended up sending one of our employees down to the British Cayman Islands

for a boat homicide case down there," O'Brien told the board. That person invested quite a bit of time on forensic evidence to help ensure a conviction and bring justice for a family down there as well. Wisconsin, he said, has some of the best boating experts in the country.

Missing-person searches also keep wardens busy, he said. These cases can be anything from a missing toddler to an Alzheimer's patient who has left a facility where they are staying or who has happened to wander away from a caregiver. These searches can be done on foot, with ATV/UTVs, on snowmobiles or even by boat, should the need arise. Department staff also has a fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles at their disposal to use in these types of cases. There is a statewide drone team that handles these high tech pieces of equipment. Each drone is camera-equipped as well as forward-facing infrared imaging. These have been used to locate missing individuals, find lost hikers and even some canoers who went missing.

People can get lost on the water as well, he said. With the great many lakes in the state, accidents can happen and at times people have gone overboard. The department, he said, has been fortunate enough to be able to find and rescue many of those people in time, but occasionally someone is lost in these types of boating incidents. The mission, then, is to find that person and help to bring closure to the family. To do this, they often employ an ROV, or remotely operated vehicle. O'Brien likened it to a submarine drone. They are sonar equipped and also have a camera. Side scanning technology in the boat can help staff find their target area, then the ROV can be put down. Public safety divers from local sheriff's departments or other divers can then be deployed in a much safer fashion to assist in that retrieval.

O'Brien spoke about an incident in Kenosha where the department was

asked to assist. They first responded to assist with a scuba diver that had not resurfaced. They spent a couple of days trying to locate and retrieve that diver, he said, when they got a call to assist in a criminal case. A person had been in a domestic violence altercation. The man ended up armed and suicidal, O'Brien said, and took his boat three miles out into Lake Michigan. Not only was staff able to bring that man back in safely, but then was also able to pivot back to their original mission and retrieve the scuba diver without having to put the Kenosha dive team into the water by utilizing their recovery equipment.

O'Brien said another source of "daily bread and butter" for department wardens is general law enforcement assistance. This can involve anything from vehicle crashes to domestic violence incidents. With a large amount of Wisconsin being rural, and first responders sometimes low in numbers, wardens often assist local law enforcement with response to incidents. In one of those incidents, a T6 Texan aircraft involved in an EAA event was lost into Lake Winnebago. Warden staff assisted the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department over a three-day effort to assist in locating all of the wreckage.

Wardens also provided support and security during the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. The department also gets many requests from the U.S. Secret Service to assist with protection details for candidates that come to the state to campaign.

Also in Milwaukee, during the Bucks playoff games, a warden vessel was instrumental in detecting a group of armed juveniles who were in an attempt to engage in some gang violence. Wardens were able to intervene and apprehend those individuals before the situation, which was likely to produce fatalities, was able to escalate.

The department also has a specialized winter air boat, O'Brien

said, that is used on the Bay of Green Bay. The boat allows wardens to drive on water, up onto ice and back onto water. So, no matter how messy or difficult ice conditions become, they can still get around and help people. It has been used several times on the Bay to rescue fishermen who have become stranded when a piece of ice breaks away, leaving them floating out in the water somewhere.

O'Brien said the department also provides fire assistance. With the dry fall, fire danger has been high. Wardens assist with initial scene response, road closures, evacuations and any other post-fire work such as arson investigations. Recently, arson investigation efforts brought to justice an individual who has been setting fires essentially for the last 20 plus years, O'Brien told the board.

Medical calls are also under the purview of department wardens, O'Brien highlighted an incident in Peninsula State Park where an individual failed to navigate a cliff trail properly and department staff assisted with medical aid that was needed after that fall.

He also spoke about a rope rescue that took place at Devil's Lake State Park. Again, he said, some people have a difficult time navigating the trails or rock faces, and department staff works with Baraboo Fire Department to rescue those people.

Recently, O'Brien said, they were able to get funding in the budget to purchase 200 AEDs that have been rolled out across the state. It was only approximately two weeks after AEDs were put in all warden vehicles that a warden had the need to use one of those devices to save a person's life. There have been four deployments of those devices already, he said, two of which have produced "live Wisconsinites," he reported.

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loved to grab my laptop and sit by the shore of Chequamegon Bay and write for hours, while the wind blew red and yellow leaves around in swirls and cascades and the water lapped at the shores. But alas, that was not to be. Another time, perhaps.

I did get to take quite a nice walk the second morning I was there, however. I attended the conference with my friend Laurie Groskopf from Tomahawk. Among many other things Laurie does, she is one of the driving forces behind Wisconsin Wolf Facts. She has spent over 10,000 hours attending conferences and symposiums and studying about wolves, not just here in the Upper Midwest, but across wolf territory in many parts of the world. We walked for a few miles down the shoreline, me picking her brain about various things relating to wolves. We talked about gardening and hunting and likely solved the world's problems on that little jaunt. It was refreshing to get out and see some sights before being sequestered into a lecture room at Northland College for the remainder of the day.

I know there have been several readers who have chastised me, thinking I am "anti-wolf." But honestly, I am no more anti-wolf than I am anti-deer (which I hunt), or anti-fish. But yes, I was one of the people in the audience that was not for allowing wolves to simply be unchecked on the landscape. It is not even good for the wolves themselves, which I think some people

miss as part of the point. But my personal thoughts on that, too, is likely a discussion for another day. I have a story here in this week's Outdoor section that explains a bit more about research on tolerance.

The symposium itself was a really great experience. As I said, there was not much down time, but I did not want to miss any of the sessions, because they all seemed so interesting. It did not disappoint.

On Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m., we were fortunate enough to have Dr. L. David Mech as a keynote speaker. That was truly a treat. For those who may not know, he is the foremost expert on wolves in the country — perhaps the world. Not only that, but he's an incredible storyteller. I am sure he could have gone on for hours with stories from the field. Hearing him speak made me want to re-read "Wolf Island: Discovering the Secrets of a Mythic Animal." The book tells the tale of his three summers and winters spent at Isle Royale National Park recording his observations of wolves and moose. Now an iconic story, his research was brand new at the time, as so little was truly known about wolves.

One of the interesting things from his presentation was how technology has changed over the years. We think about it in terms of our own lives with the now ever-present smartphone, or, as I call it, my "electronic leash." But he made me think about it in research terms as well. They used to capture and tag bears. If the bear was later recaptured or harvested by a hunter, or if by happenstance it was found deceased, they then had information about two places that bear had been. What a

great thing at the time!

It seems silly now, when we have GPS collars that can tell us where an animal is at any given time and can truly track their movements across the landscape — at least until the battery gives out, the collar falls off the animal or any other number of things happen. But back then, knowing two places that an animal had been was big news.

What is more with Dr. Mech is that he has the ability to get people excited, not only about his research, and all that has come after it, but about wolves as well. I know they are fascinating creatures, and we still know relatively little about a lot of the small things in their lives, but the things researchers are learning are most interesting. None of it changes my mind about thinking they need to be kept in check, and I would run that up my flagpole on any given day. But they are fascinating animals.

If we are honest, are there truly any boring animals? I do not think so. I feel like there are probably more questions than answers where tons of species are concerned. Even as an avid angler of more decades than I care to share, there are still too many things I do not know about bass — things that most, if not all, bass anglers do not know. If we knew everything there was to know — any of us — we would win every tournament out there on every body of water in the country, right?

I guess the biggest impact the symposium had on me was the desire to know more. I want to know more about wolves. I want to know more about the people who study them. I want to know more about the research and how it was conducted. I

do not normally get into the methodology of studies on which I report. Quite frankly, it can be a bit dull, and I think if there are readers that want to test the muster of a study, they will likely look it up and read through all of that stuff. But that is something in which I always have great interest.

"There are three types of lies," an old saying goes. "Lies, damn lies, and statistics." That is true in every area of science and research. Research can be done on any subject that will lead back to the hypothesis if it is done right (notice I did not say correctly). That said, even the methodology of studies is interesting to me. I simply spare the reader here having to wade through it all. But that faulty methodology can often prove a study inconclusive and lead to it not being published.

I do not present to have an idea about how to bridge the divide caused by wolves. But I do know they are big business. The idea of wolves helps organizations like Center for Biological Diversity and the Humane Society of the United States (which has nothing to do with your local humane society, just so people are aware), make thousands and thousands of dollars a year under the guise of "saving" the wolf. Wolves are actually a great conservation success story. They no longer need saving, in my mind. Again, that does not mean I am for an unregulated season or anything of that sort. I am, however, for people not being afraid to be in their own front yard, or being told they were simply, "at the wrong place at the wrong time."

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# 21st Annual Northwoods Youth Deer Hunting Challenge

Sept. 14-Dec. 15, 2024

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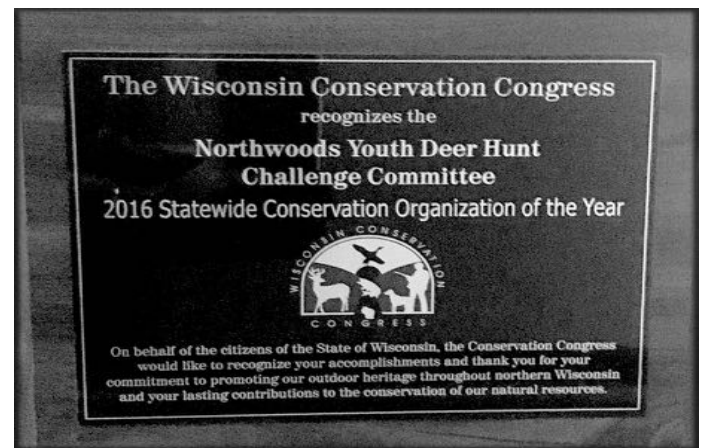
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- Possess a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued license valid to harvest deer for the respective Season Category the deer is being entered for.
- Be a permanent resident of Iron, Oneida or Vilas counties.
- Complete a registration application to be considered for Challenge Awards and Door prizes.

**NOTE:** Harvesting a deer is not required to be eligible for Door Prizes.

**Registration applications MUST include**

**all of the following information:**

- Entrant's Name
- Mailing address to include city and zip code
- County of residence
- Hunter Education DNR Customer Number (except for Mentored Hunt participants)

- Phone number
- Deer Registration Confirmation number
- **License number**
- Date of harvest
- County of harvest
- Checked for antlered, antlerless or no harvest
- Official antlered deer scores will completed by the registration station.
- Submit a photo of them posing with each deer entered into the Challenge.

**NOTE:** Some registration stations involved in the Challenge provide this service.

### Deer must be:

- Harvested from the wild and tagged with a carcass tag from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources license issued to the entrant.
- NOTE:** No group hunting allowed.
- Harvested and tagged in compliance with all Wisconsin rules and regulations applicable to the carcass tag used.
- Harvested from Forest, Iron, Lincoln, Oneida, Price or Vilas counties.

• **Any antlered deer wishing to be considered for Challenge Awards must be brought into one of the following locations within 10 days (240 hours) of being registered with the state:** North Country Taxidermy (Hazelhurst), Kurt's Island Sport Shop (Minocqua) The Lakeland Times (Minocqua)

All potential winning bucks will be verified by the state to make sure they were registered within the 10 day (240 hour) time frame.

Any deer harvested after December 5, will have only until Dec. 15 to be

registered with the NWYDHC. The final day for registration with the contest will be Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. the 10 day rules expires on Dec. 5.

### Awards/Prizes

- Youth may enter more than one deer in the Challenge, however only one Challenge Award per person will be awarded.
- Challenge Awards, determined each year by the NYDHC committee, will be granted.
- To the top three scoring deer combining the Archery (Bow), Crossbow, Gun Season Categories. **NOTE** – this does not include 10 and 11 year olds.
- To the top scoring deer from the Mentored Hunt Category (10 and 11 year olds only).
- Scoring is 1 point per antler point that is 1" or greater plus the inside spread in inches measured to a 1/8". For example: 8 points greater than 1" with a 17 3/8" inside spread = 25 3/8 total score

### Official Scoring locations are:

- North Country Taxidermy of Hazelhurst
- The Lakeland Times of Minocqua
- Kurt's Island Sport Shop of Minocqua

### General

- Each top three scoring deer from the Archery (Bow), Crossbow and Gun categories will be awarded special recognition. Special recognition awards will be determined each year by the NYDHC committee.
- Scoring ties will be broken by an official scorer using the Pope and Young scoring system.
- Challenge Door Prizes will be distributed at random through a drawing.
- NOTE:** Must be present to be awarded a Challenge Door Prize.
- To ensure fairness and separation of duties, NYDHC committee members that have children participating in the Challenge will not be involved in the prize award process.
- All decisions made by judges of the NYDHC are final.
- Anyone found to be in violation of state law or any of the NYDHC rules will be subject to disqualification.
- Judges shall be comprised of NYDHC committee members that do not have children participating in the Challenge.
- Banquet – A recognition banquet will be held following the conclusion of the latest Season Category.
- 100% of the resources collected by the NYDHC will be allocated by the committee to promote the Outdoor Heritage of youth in Iron, Oneida and Vilas counties.

For additional questions, please email [gwalker@lakelandtimes.com](mailto:gwalker@lakelandtimes.com)



## Kilbourn

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tice small owners, business owners, and farmers back into the industry? And it is tough. I think when you start talking about an amount of regulation — definitely more regulation is more advantageous for larger corporations.”

So a number of questions needs to be asked about the regulatory framework.

“Do we ensure that as a larger industry becomes consolidated, are there more regulations in place to make sure that we sort of manage that versus industries where they’re not consolidated, and do they need as much regulation because they do become a burden on small businesses?” he said. “And so I think there’s a way to sort of balance that out as industry become more consolidated and more developed, that perhaps regulations are important, and, if it’s an emerging industry with smaller businesses, the regulations are less robust.”

### Health care

Kilbourn said health care is a priority issue and especially in rural areas like northern Wisconsin.

“Of the more than 600 rural hospitals in the country, 30 percent are at risk of closing,” Kilbourn said. “So it’s definitely an infrastructure issue. Part of that are the losses on giving patient services but a lot of it is inadequate payments from private insurance companies.”

Kilbourn says there has been a shift from Medicare to Medicare Advantage, and that means the insurance companies get to negotiate the prices and what they pay.

“And so I think there is a way to ensure that health insurance payments cover the cost in rural communities, and this isn’t like rural people wanting to make sure that we survive, but it’s important to the health of the country that rural folks have health insurance because a lot of the products we produce from farming and our forest products are important to the rest of the country,” he said.

Kilbourn said we need a rural strategy to make sure that we’re supporting rural hospitals and clinics to ensure that local citizens are healthy enough to provide services to the rest of the country.

“I think that’s one issue that Congress can look at — the billing formulas — and make sure that our rural hospitals are adequately funded,” he said.

Kilbourn said that one of the amazing things about the sprawling seventh congressional district is that, in addition to a vibrant agricultural economy, there are a lot of small businesses.

“As a representative, that should be the focus,” he said. “I think for me, we must look at economic development, and so how do we bring the infrastructure dollars and the opportunities to the district that will support adjacent industries? I think about how at least the Northwoods has a thriving industry in tourism, and how do we make sure that they become resilient? Last winter when there wasn’t enough snow, how do we make sure that there’s other kinds of businesses and supporting services that will make sure that our taverns and our restaurants can survive?”

Maybe it’s about having more entertainment and arts that are part of a network of small businesses, Kilbourn said.

“Ensuring that it’s so robust that we’re not dependent on one way of making a living up here, but that these businesses actually are adjacent to each other so that they actu-

ally can support each other,” he said.

As for farming and forestry, the region needs to look at new processes in addition to traditional methods, Kilbourn said.

“We talk about the environment and climate change, and if you believe that or not — and I do — but if we think about our forestry products, there’s an idea called Biochar, that if you put Biochar into the ground, it actually helps the soil,” he said. “And how do we make sure that our forestry products could actually help our farmers create another industry that will sort build on and add onto the industries we have today?”

Biochar is charcoal that is used organically, such as in soils.

Kilbourn says manufacturing should not be ruled out in northern Wisconsin, either.

“If we start taking climate change seriously, there are a lot of incentives that have been built into infrastructure bills, and because we are not taking advantage of that, those manufacturing industries are going elsewhere,” he said. “We should be fighting hard to bring those renewable energies and those manufacturing practices up here.”

And the region needs the infrastructure to support it, Kilbourn said.

“And so that’s part of it too, making sure that we’re voting on the bills that require that infrastructure and making sure that we’re fighting for that infrastructure to come up here,” he said. “And so I think there is a way to bring diversification in manufacturing.”

### Wages and workforce

Kilbourn says he supports a higher minimum wage, but he believes it must be done in a way that does not negatively impact small businesses.

“It’s been decades since the minimum wage has gone up,” he said. “I know a lot of our small businesses, it would be a challenge to pay that. And I think part of that is how do we make sure that maybe health care isn’t something that private companies need to take on, and how do we make sure that if we’re raising the minimum wage, that it doesn’t put a burden on our small businesses.”

Kilbourn said that perhaps could be accomplished by freeing up health care from something that businesses have to provide.

“It’s the same with child care,” he said. “Is there a way to make sure that we can free up dollars so that child care is something that’s separate, that a business doesn’t need to worry about that per their employees? So I think we can raise the minimum wage while also thinking about how do we make sure that it doesn’t impact small businesses.”

Another hurdle for small businesses in rural Wisconsin, Kilbourn said, is the ongoing workforce shortage.

“Part of the biggest challenge is actually having enough workers,” he said. “I’ve driven around these 26 counties and the number of empty storefronts that I see is depressing. It’s right up there with the number of empty schools. And so part of the challenge of our rural areas is making sure that we can keep that workforce and make sure that these small businesses can actually have workers to hire.”

Kilbourn said attacking the federal debt will be a priority if he is elected, but reducing the debt doesn’t necessarily mean only cutting spending.

“There’s definitely two ways of looking at it,” he said. “One way is that we have to cut to make sure that we have a balanced budget and pay off that debt. It’s true that the interest payments are becoming a

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## Tiffany

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ergy prices, but we almost always see a prosperous America when we have low energy prices.

Work requirements are also needed, the congressman said, because Covid benefits incentivized millions of people not to work.

“So we’ve got upwards of 10 million people who could be working,” he said.

Debates about spending invariably lead to discussions about the solvency of Social Security, but Tiffany says he does not believe it needs to be fixed.

“The biggest threat to Social Security at this point is creating more new programs,” he said. “What’s driving the deficit at this point? It is all these new programs — Green New Deal programs, you name it, whatever they are — to the tune of trillions of dollars. That’s what jeopardizes Social Security and Medicare.”

The solutions only take getting government back to the basics, Tiffany said.

“Let’s get back to basics,” he said.

“Here in the United States, there’s a couple programs that I think are important to the American people like Social Security, like Medicare, people would like to have their mail delivered on time. I think those things have traditionally been done by the federal government. Do those things well and stop trying to do all this other stuff to perfect society and just leave Americans alone.”

### Monopolies and competition

Tiffany said one of the biggest things needed is to inject and sustain competition in the American economy.

To be sure, the congressman said, while reducing energy costs will certainly lead to lower prices, including grocery prices, so would reducing regulatory costs.

“We’ve made it so expensive to adhere to regulations, and while it may be a hidden cost, it is a cost that is there when we’re seeing that it takes 10 to 15 years to get permits issued for just a whole variety of things, whether it’s bridges or you name it,” he said. “For some agricultural enterprises, for forest products companies, it’ll take them years sometimes to be able to get the permits to do an expansion, for example. That costs money and that drives up the cost of everything, including food. I actually believe we can bring costs down by allowing producers to produce and just bringing the cost of energy down. I mean, energy is all important to controlling inflation.”

Monopolistic practices also affect prices — just four companies control the beef industry, for example, but Tiffany said reducing the role of the regulatory state is the answer there, too.

“Whether it’s beef processing or a number of other industries, it goes back to the regulatory state because it builds barriers to entry and whether it’s done under the guise of safety, safety in terms of physical safety, or perhaps saying we want to make sure that someone does not defraud the public, that is where we need to roll back some of these regulations that benefit the incumbent players.”

The regulatory state is so all encompassing that it creates barriers to entry for the entrepreneurs that want to get in, Tiffany said.

“And this is not just the beef industry,” he said. “It is health care, it’s everything. And the federal government needs to stop trying to solve every problem out there because they’re making it worse and they’re shutting down entrepreneurial activity. That is a big part of the reason why we need to reconsider the regula-

tions that are being put out there.”

The bottom line is, Tiffany said, monopolies exist that hinder free enterprise, but he said it all goes back to administrative state.

“I would say the regulatory state that’s been built in America has led to those monopolies,” he said. “Let’s make sure that we have competition.”

The question becomes, if more regulation makes it difficult for new or smaller firms to compete with incumbent large firms that can better afford the regulations, and if deregulation then allows the already big firms to vastly expand even more, how can balance be restored?

Tiffany says it’s two-fold.

“One is to rein in the regulatory state, but the second then is to have a robust Federal Trade Commission that does ride herd on this,” he said. “I’m supportive of that, making sure that monopolies or oligopolies do not exist now. So the Federal Trade Commission has a role in regards to that.”

### Immigration

The first thing Tiffany stresses about the nation’s open southern border is that it is a choice made by the Biden administration.

“The president can secure the border immediately,” he said. “President Biden unsecured it and he can fix it any time that he wants to.”

Beyond that, Tiffany calls for Congress to pass his bill reinstating the Remain in Mexico policy.

“You do not get your asylum hearing here in the United States,” he said. “You have to have it in Mexico in order to be able to get in here.”

Second, Tiffany said, you build a wall.

“Let’s finish construction of the wall and make sure people are going through designated checkpoints rather than crossing the border wherever they want to,” he said. “I’ve been to the border numerous times. I’ve seen it. It’s everywhere that people are coming across the southern border where you have no barriers to prevent people from being able to come in.”

Then, too, Tiffany says we should bolster the number of people in border patrol.

“Border Patrol has been turned into a babysitting service by the Biden-Harris administration where they just pass people in rather than doing their job of securing the border,” he said.

Immigration parole for humanitarian reasons should be changed, Tiffany said, because the administration is using parole enforcement en masse to bring people in by the tens of thousands.

“Parole is meant to be done on a case by case basis,” he said. “It was enacted in a law in the 1950s and was meant for a special case. Let’s say a kid from Africa that needs surgery as a result of a debilitating condition they may have. They can come into America, get that treatment, and then they go back home. But [the administration] has turned it into a mass immigration policy where 80,000 Afghans came in on parole. I think it’s 30,000 a month that are coming from Cuba and Nicaragua, Venezuela on parole. It’s being used in a way that it was never intended to.”

Finally, Tiffany says the nation needs a rational immigration system.

“We believe in legal immigration, but what’s happening at this point is illegal,” he said. “Immigrants are jumping ahead of those filing to come in here legally. It’s wrong, and we should have a legal immigration system that matches up with the needs for America that benefits Americans.”

### Free speech

During his four-year tenure, Tiffany says that defense of free speech has unexpectedly become a

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**Right:** Delana Maki plays the flute.  
**Below:** Trista Morgan, Color Guard, carries the flag.



**Left:** Avalon Collins plays the alto saxophone.  
**Below:** James Welch performs on the sousaphone.



# LAKELAND MARCHING BAND AT HOMECOMING

The Lakeland Union High School Marching Band performed three pieces during halftime of the Antigo/Lakeland Homecoming football game Friday, Oct. 4 at IncredibleBank Field in Minocqua. Lakeland played "I Get Around" by The Beach Boys, "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus and "Take Me Home Country Roads" by John Denver. PHOTOS BY BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES



**Above:** Sway Grigus Acosta plays the snare drum.  
**Left:** Ayden Peckman performs on the piccolo.  
**Below:** Daniel Zimmerman performs on the trombone.



**Above:** Drum Major Emma Lehe claps along with the crowd.  
**Below, left:** Oyouka Slone plays the mellophone.  
**Below, right:** Logan Galasel plays the bari saxophone.



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# Kilbourn

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burden on our budget.” But Kilbourn said there was another way to look at it.

“I think we can actually grow out of the debt,” he said. “And so if our economy becomes big enough, the debt becomes a smaller part of it. That is the other approach. How can we grow our economy so that the debt is a smaller part of our budget?”

And if Congress does pursue spending cuts, Kilbourn said, it’s going to have to be bipartisan.

“It has to be a good faith negotiation between the parties with a

willingness to compromise and a serious effort to locate unnecessary spending,” he said. “I think it’s like 19 percent of the budget is discretionary, so squeezing from that 19 percent is going to be really hard and it’s going to take people across the aisle working together to say, ‘what can we really agree on to make that cut?’”

That’s the reality, Kilbourn said, adding that he would be all for trying to make it happen.

“If there’s other people on the other aisle that say, ‘all right, let’s work together and see where we can make those cuts,’ I would,” he said.

Kilbourn said he would not commit to supporting a balanced

budget amendment outright.

“I’d have to look more into what that proposal might be and what it might do to affect my family,” he said. “My number one concern is looking out for people in northern Wisconsin. So as long as we can make sure that it stays balanced, and doesn’t have a drastic impact on people in rural Wisconsin, then we will see what we can do.”

In other areas, Kilbourn said he would be willing to look at trimming the national defense budget, but he stressed that he wouldn’t support drastic cuts. He also said he supports aid to Ukraine but that there should be

a debate about much funding that is.

“We are a democracy and we should be supporting democracies across the world,” he said. “I think one thing is, what does that level of support look like? And that’s something that we should really have a discussion around. I think as a democracy, we should be supporting democracies around the world to make sure that places like ours survive.”

Kilbourn said more funding is needed to secure the nation’s southern border.

“Part of it is fixing the broken immigration system because right now we don’t have enough funding to vet as people come

over and make sure if they’re supposed to be here or not,” he said. “Part of it includes stronger border security, making sure that we have the funding to have border agents that are staffed and able to take that on. And so part of it has to be bipartisan funding.”

On abortion, Kilbourn said he supports codifying Roe v Wade, and he also supports having a binding ethics code for Supreme Court justices.

Ultimately, Kilbourn says his key message is that it’s going to take new leadership to solve the problems facing the nation.

“Tom [Tiffany] has been running for office for the last 20 years,

and I just started a year-and-a-half ago,” he said. “So I think my career as a designer tackling tough problems, it’ll be a way forward to make sure that we have someone who is not only going to listen to them, but will get results and get things done.”

This election gives voters a clear choice, Kilbourn said.

“Do you want more of the same from a representative who prioritizes corporate donors and making political gains or do you want fresh leadership?” he asked.

Richard Moore is the author of “Dark State” and may be reached at richardd3d.substack.com.

# Tiffany

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top issue.

“So when I went to Washington, D.C., a little over four years ago, I knew I would argue with Democrats in regards to taxes and regulations,” he said. “I knew that that’s oftentimes what we did in the state legislature. I did not think that I would see a full-throated effort to eliminate the First Amendment to the Constitution as well as the Second Amendment to the Constitution, and some of the others.”

And so sitting on the Judiciary Committee has been very enlightening about where the Democratic Party has gone, at least its leadership, Tiffany said.

“It’s why you’re seeing people who are traditionally Democrats, whether it’s Tulsi Gabbard, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Elon Musk and others, who have now said, ‘we are going to vote Republican’ because they do not recognize the party they once belonged to,” he said.

Tiffany said one of the best examples is Matt Taibbi, the liberal journalist who dared to call into question the coverage of Covid.

“And as a result of that, the federal government sent the IRS to his home when he was testifying before a committee of the United States Congress sending a clear message to him that, be careful what you’re saying because we will come and get you,” he said. “It is no coincidence that the IRS goes to his home the day that he’s testifying before Congress and leaves a note that, ‘hey, we stopped by to discuss your taxes with you.’”

It is those types of actions by federal agencies that are chilling in regards to the First Amendment,

Tiffany said.

“You have a party now that no longer believes in the First Amendment to the Constitution, and they use the Department of Justice in league with the big tech companies to suppress information from being able to come out,” he said. “Censorship is a serious problem at this point. And it is amazing to me that you have thought leaders like John Kerry, Hillary Clinton, that are saying, ‘yeah, we maybe need to rein in free speech.’ They’re very open about it. I think that’s the most important thing we’ve done in the Judiciary Committee is do a full-throated support of free speech in America.”

### Women’s rights

Tiffany said the GOP is becoming the party that stands up for women’s rights, and he says also that abortion is a matter that should be left up to the states.

“I do believe that abortion is a state issue,” he said. “The states should be deciding where they’re going to stand. Look at Wisconsin at this point. We’re at 20 weeks. That’s a bill I voted for. It was a backstop in case Roe v. Wade went away, and we thought it was a reasonable compromise at the time, at five months and after that, abortions would be illegal.”

Tiffany says we can protect both babies and women.

“Allowing abortions up to the final trimester, I do not believe that we should be doing that,” he said. “And the other thing is that Democrats are treating women as single issue voters on this. I think for most women that there are more things going on in their life other than just considering abortion, whether it be health care, the inflation that’s eating up their paychecks, and

the family budget.”

Tiffany says women also believe public safety is important.

“I think women also consider public safety when it’s not safe to be able to travel the streets because there’s a gang member from Venezuela that has been let in illegally by

Biden and Harris, and that woman gets beat up as a result of it,” he said. “Public safety has been diminished under this administration.”

Another issue important to women is Title IX, Tiffany said.

“You notice Democrats never bring up Title IX in context with

abortion,” he said.

“And I think it’s just unconscionable that Democrats adopt diminishing Title IX as one of their policies because they have, and remember, by doing so, those scholarships that are supposed to go to women can now go to men under the pro-

posal that the Biden-Harris administration has put out.”

So women’s issue are much larger than just abortion, Tiffany said.

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## 100 Years Ago

### Now The Mask Is Off

Milwaukee — (By Special Correspondent)

By keeping a balance of power, for many years Socialists have been practically dictating the laws of Wisconsin. In the legislature, this group has uniformly acted in concert with the radical group. In Milwaukee, which constitutes one-fifth of the population, the Socialists have also been in control. Naturally, this success has sharpened their appetite for wider power.

As a part of the plan to secure national Socialism—and it is admitted by their leaders—they have now absorbed the third-party movement. There is today an effective political agreement between the ultra radicals, the Socialists, and the presidential candidate of the third party. His candidacy is sponsored and, in part, managed by them. In his campaign committee are to be found 11 out of the most prominent organizers and agitators, seven of them Socialists, two I.W.W., one Bolshevik, and one Russian propagandist, representing varying degrees of radical endeavor and all directed against existing government.

For the first time in political history, the present alignment compels the unmasking of the third-party candidate for President.

He has been forced to cast aside his disguise of Republicanism, which he has so long used as a political asset, and he now stands out as a Socialist. The third-party candidate and all those who surround him seek openly the defeat of the Republican candidates and the nullification of their platform. The mask being off, what right does such a candidate expect the support of Republicans?

Socialistic views of government are not the views of President Coolidge nor are

they declared views of the Republican Party. Government, constitution and order, safeguarded by the courts, has long endured in this nation. With the mask off and further deceit impossible, the American people should register their disapproval of this new effort to give strength and power to a system of government based upon the European unrest.

### Denounces Method of Showing Patriotism

The peculiar method taken by some Americans to express their patriotism was censured by West Hoboken (N.J.) unit of the American Legion Auxiliary when resolution was introduced denouncing the use of models of Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt in making novelty cakes of soap which are being sold in New York department stores. A member of the unit declared she found these miniature busts of presidents on sale at the toilet counter of a New York store. Upon examination of the busts she found them to be soap replicas of our national heroes and made in Germany.

## 75 Years Ago

### Fish Catch In Weber Lake Grows

Vilas County's Weber Lake, converted by the conservation department to exclusively rainbow trout waters, proved to be more satisfactory to more fishermen this year than in any previous season, conservation department records show.

The lake, of little fishing interest because of its stunted fish population, had all fish removed and was restocked with rainbow trout and minnows. The rainbows showed remarkable growth but have been difficult to catch, a condition expected to correct itself as the trout population caught up with its food supply.

In 1948, 1,360 people

## Reading the News from the Old Home Town



This picture was taken at Camp Hood, Texas, home of tank destroyer battalions, just after Lieut. Francis Pinkowsky had received his copy of Lakeland Times. Lieut. Pinkowsky recently was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He is shown at

the right in the picture above; the soldier at the left is unidentified. Lieut. Pinkowsky is connected with the 706th Tank Destroyer Division. Mrs. Pinkowsky and daughter Sandra are living at Temple, Texas, which is close to Camp Hood.

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fished Weber Lake and caught 197 of the trout, fishing a total 6,181 man hours. This year, 1,738 fishermen fished 9,032 man hours and caught 402 fish. The fish catch this year included 30 rainbows that were registered by pounds rather than inches, including a fish that weighed five and quarter pounds.

Fishermen found they could catch trout without the ingenious baits that had been used in past seasons and most of the trout were taken by fishing with worms from the shore.

Weber Lake has an enthusiastic fishermen following and the greater creel success this year is believed to offer a distinct promise for fishing success next year.

### Drivers Urged to Dim Lights

The dimming of automobile headlights when vehicles meet on the highway after dark is an important part of any program to reduce fall accidents, the safety division of the state motor vehicle department points out.

Dimming lights at night is required by state law, the division declares, and is therefore more than a courtesy of the road. It is the motorists duty to tilt or depress his lights even if the other driver fails to do so.

"Retaliating against the other fellow by giving him your bright lights only means double trouble," R.C. Salisbury state safety director, warns. "Our accident records are filled with accounts of tragedies resulting from failure to dim lights."

Mishaps resulting from headlight glare include head-on collisions, vehicles running off the roadway, and the running down of pedestrians who could not be seen temporarily blinded by drivers.

## 50 Years Ago

### Ruffed Grouse Grit

Is the ruffed grouse a partridge?

No. It is a true grouse related to the sharp-tailed pinated (prairie chicken),



SIX TEEN-AGERS ESCAPED WITH MINOR INJURIES when the automobile shown here went out of control and overturned. The accident occurred near Minocqua during the wee hours of the morning a little over a week ago. Accidents such as this one are occurring more frequently of late with teen-age groups, and the police departments of Minocqua and Woodruff are pleading with parents in these communities to exercise more strict supervision over offending juveniles in the hope that injury and death to themselves and others using the highways will be prevented. If the situation does not clear up immediately, drastic action will have to be taken by local police departments, which will include bringing offenders into Juvenile court. Let's hope that through the cooperation of all concerned, these incidents will stop at once, doing away with any possible embarrassment connected with Juvenile court appearances.

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spruce grouse and ptarmigan. The only true partridge in Wisconsin is the Hungarian, a bird of farm fields in the southern and eastern part of the state.

How many eggs do ruffed grouse lay?

From seven to 14, but usually about 12. Eggs are laid at a rate of two every three days. Cream-buff in color, they hatch about the first week in June, 24 days after the last egg is laid. Nests are usually located near the base of a tree or under some brush or other cover

Why do some ruffed grouse have red and others gray tales?

Like the color of hair in people, some birds are born red and others gray. In the southeast part of the range, ruffed grouse are all red; in the northern most areas all gray. Here in Wisconsin, we have both color phases. At this time, we know gray birds are hardier in our northern climate and survive better than the red. Reasons for this difference in survival is unknown.

Why is snow important to ruffed grouse?

Deep, soft snow offers

grouse excellent protection from cold and predators.

Once snow depth reaches eight inches, grouse can "snow burrow": dig a tunnel into the snow and stay below the surface. When snow is shallow or has a hard crust, birds are exposed to cold and predators.

Over how large an area do ruff grouse live?

Male grouse or "drummers" have a relatively small "home range" centered around drumming logs within an area of 10 to 30 acres. Within this area the drummer eats, sleeps and drums.

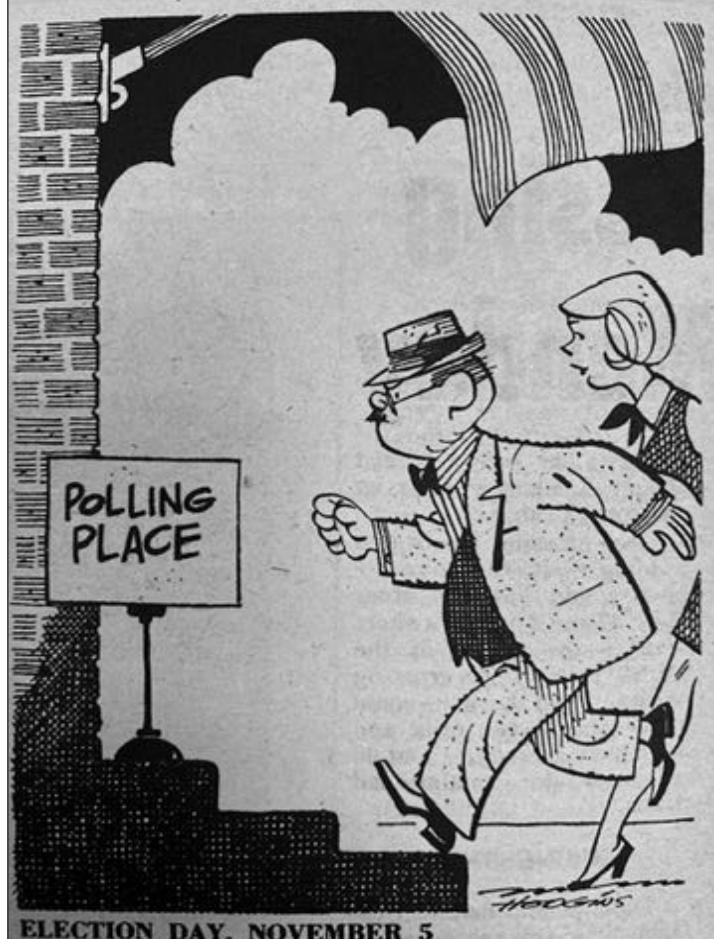
During fall, winter and spring, hens have small ranges like the males. However, after eggs hatch hens and chicks may move considerable distances. They have been known to travel several miles.

What is good ruffed grouse habitat?

Ruffed grouse, like all wildlife, need a home which provides both food and cover. Forest stands which contain Aspen (popple) furnish the best food. Lots of

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## ON THE JOB



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# BTTT

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thick brush is also good. It contains drumming habitat for males while open forest provides nestling sites for females. Alder lowlands and young dense aspen stands are best for young birds in the brood.

*How long do ruffed grouse live?*

The "10-year cycle", as it is often called, describes the tendency of grouse populations to go from high to low, then back to high again in almost 10 years. A similar tendency has also been noted within snowshoe hare. Many causes of the cycle have been suggested, including sun spots, weather, preceptor, parasites, over population and scarcity of food.

Biologists still disagree about precise causes of fluctuation in numbers of the birds, although many feel that winter weather and predators are most important.

*What is drumming?*

This is the "song" of the male ruffed grouse. The sound is produced by rapid beating of the birds wings against the air, not against his drumming lot, as is commonly thought. The function of the drumming is to attract a mate and to warn other males of his presence (a keep-away warning). His "drumming" log is usually a



FRIDAY, THE 13TH was a lucky day for Ray Kennedy, Minocqua guide, when he caught this 51 3/4 in., musky in Lake Minocqua while guiding George Masek, left, and Hubert Howard Jr., both of Chicago. George is holding his catch of 32 in., 10 1/2 lbs. The men were staying at the Hubert Howard Sr. summer home in the Country club colony. Vic's photo

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fallen tree, but can also be a rock, tree root, mound of dirt or even a snowbank.

A bird usually uses the same log as long as he lives. Some logs may be confiscated by the young drummers when the "old-timer" dies, and others may be used by only one bird. Some large rocks may have been used as drummers for hundreds of years.

*What is crazy flight?*

Each September, we hear reports of ruffed grouse hitting windows flying through cities and generally showing up in odd places. This occurs in fall when young birds are leaving their brood to strike out on their own. As these youngsters move across new territory they encounter unfamiliar barriers, such as windows and wires, which they may foolishly try to fly through.

*Was there ever a bounty?*

In several eastern states, bounties were paid because ruffed grouse ate apple buds. In Massachusetts bounties were 25 cents in the 1870s.

*Do ruffed grouse have snowshoes?*

Yes, each fall they grow small projections on their toes which increase the surface area of the feet. The bird can then walk on snow.

## 25 Years Ago

### Vacation or Education?

Most school districts in the Lakeland area are taking a "wait and see" attitude to recently approved legislation requiring start dates of Sept. 1 or later.

The new requirement allows school boards the options of choosing an easier start date for individual school districts. School districts wanting to "opt out" of the requirement must hold a public hearing on the issue.

The tourism industry— led by Sen. Roger Breske (D-Eland) and Rep. Joe Handrick (R- Minocqua) — pushed for later starting date to increase labor pool and vacation opportunities through the Labor Day weekend.

### Chamber of Commerce

Minocqua Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Al Hanly said the bill was basically what the business community wanted except for the opt-out option.

"The opt-out part makes the whole bill useless," said Hanley. "The indications are most of the school districts are going to opt out."

He said the Madison district has scheduled a meeting to start the process. Hanley believes it is up to the Madison business community to ensure that won't happen.



## Will you leave these to your children?

Men have died to leave you these 4 symbols of freedom:

**A door key**—your right to lock your door against illegal government force and spying. (Fourth Amendment, U. S. Constitution)

**A Holy Bible**—symbol of your right to worship as you wish. (First Amendment, U. S. Constitution)

**A pencil**—freedom to speak or write what you think, whether you agree with the government or not. (First Amendment, U. S. Constitution)

**And a free ballot**—your right to choose the kind of government you want—your protection against government tyranny. (Article I, U. S. Constitution)

THESE SYMBOLS HAVE NO MEANING IN COUNTRIES WHERE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS EVERYTHING—for there the individual man or woman has no freedoms.

But there are people who are trying to give the U. S. government more and more control over American life. "Let the government start," they say, "by taking over certain industries and services—the doctors, the railroads, the electric light and power companies."

Most of these people—like most Americans—don't want a socialistic U. S. A. They have other reasons for government control. But when government, moving step by step, controls enough things, you have a socialist government, whether you want it or not. You'll be controlled, too. Then what freedoms will you be able to pass on to your children?

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ELECTION DAY DUTY . . . AnneMarie Wiebelhaus, left, had her "political advisors" with her as she voted in Minocqua Tuesday. Here she hands her ballot to Barbara Stasberg, poll watcher, for deposit in the ballot box, as Toby Wiebelhaus, 3, looks on. —Times Photo.

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THE LUCKY WINNER of a \$695 color RCA television set is James E. Hebert. He is shown receiving it from Rudy P. Beller, one of the owners of Beller's Super Valu and Verle R. Poffenberger, district supervisor of Super Valu stores. Second prizes of Cannon blankets were presented to Gus Mattke, Mrs. Jordes Dudley, Mrs. William T. Artingstall, Glen D. Nickles, Mrs. Elma Hall and Mrs. Wanda Levit. A new prize is now being offered at the super market — it is a Universal zig-zag portable sewing machine. To have a chance at winning the sewing machine, you must stop in at the store to register — no purchase is necessary. — Knippel photo

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He said locally-owned businesses are behind the measure 100%. He expects them to share their perspectives with local school boards.

"It will be a black eye for the tourism industry in Wisconsin if the Minocqua area opts out," said Hanley.

### Lac du Flambeau

At least one Lakeland educator believes school boards should remain free from state control when it comes to setting the school calendar.

Lac du Flambeau school superintendent Richard Vought said the calendars for the school districts 2000-2001 school year are set and approved. The school will start classes Aug. 30, the Wednesday before Labor Day.

Vought said the state took a giant step backwards when they approved the start date.

"We're passing horse-and-buggy legislation," said Vought. "It's sort of like passing legislation on blood-letting."

He said the current school calendar was designed to meet the needs of students attending classes 100 years ago. He does not believe outside interests should influence school calendars.

"We need to look at revisiting school calendars to meet the needs of the children," said Vought.

He pointed to other countries with school years that

go beyond the 180-day requirement.

In Africa, students go to school almost the entire year," said Vought.

### Other School Districts

Other school districts in the area have not yet selected a starting date for the 2000-2001 school year. Superintendents said the issue will be discussed at upcoming school board meeting.

Minocqua-Hazelhurst and Lake Tomahawk School District Superintendent Jim Kranpitz said the reason for having a school board consisting of elected representatives is to have them make these kind of decisions.

"I'm sure their desire is to reflect the interest of residents," said Kranpitz.

He said there has been complaints from the tourism industry regarding the lack of workers for businesses in August. However, Kranpitz said the requirement for 180 days of school will need to be met despite the starting date.

"There is only two ways to deal with that if we're starting later— take (away) vacation days or go until the middle of June," said Kanpitz.

The Lakeland Union High, Arbor-Vitae-Woodruff Elementary, and North Lakeland Elementary school districts have not set start dates for the 2000-2001 school year. Superintendents of these schools indicated they would wait and see what the school board decides.

# BACK THRU THE TIMES Sports 1993

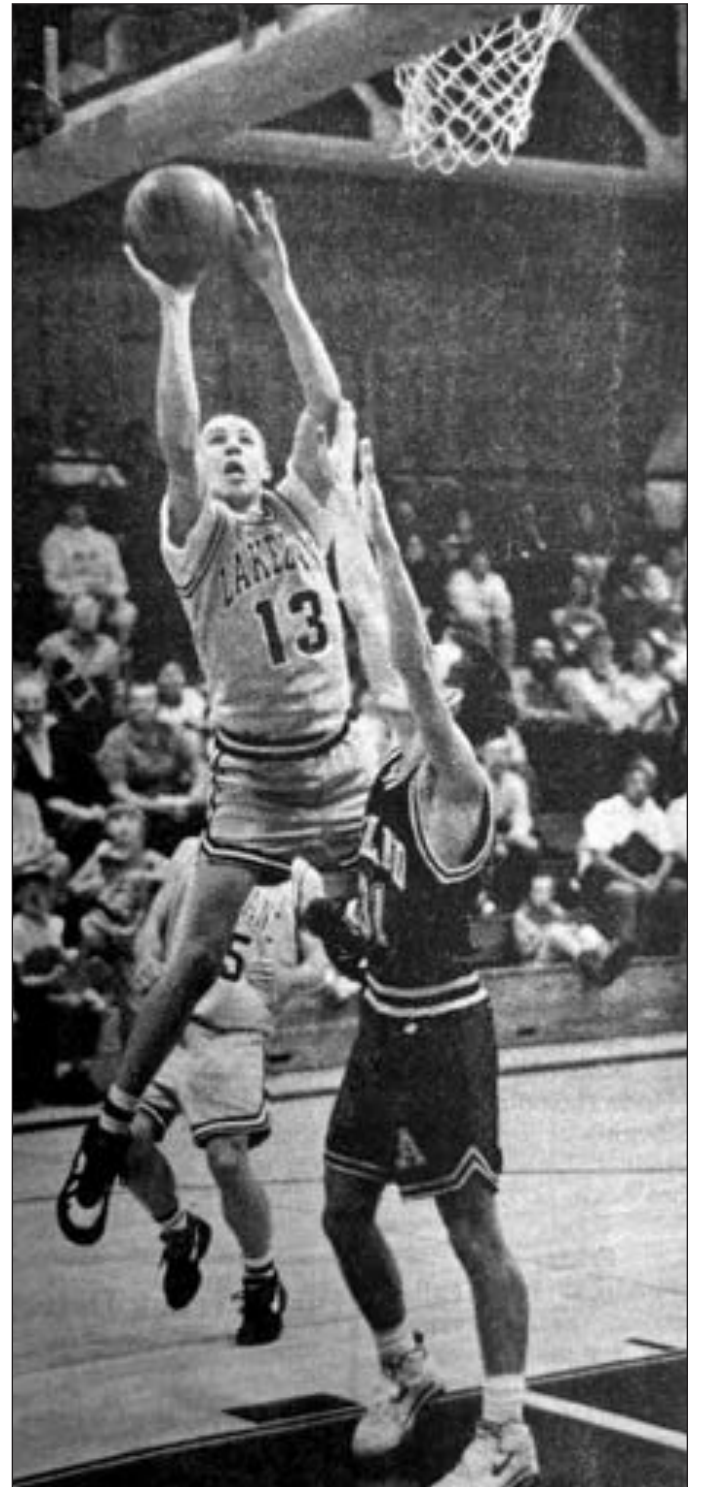
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**Right:** Taking part in the Special Olympics bowling tournament at Marshfield were: (front row, l-r) Phillip Wallace, Travis Moss, Tim Sturino, Sarah Trunnel; (back row, l-r) coach Tessy Lisner, Cassey Cerny, Kelly Yoss, Lisa Gilson and April Friesen.



**Below:** Kyle and Kent Howard talk over a wrestling move after practicing it with their father, Gregg Howard.

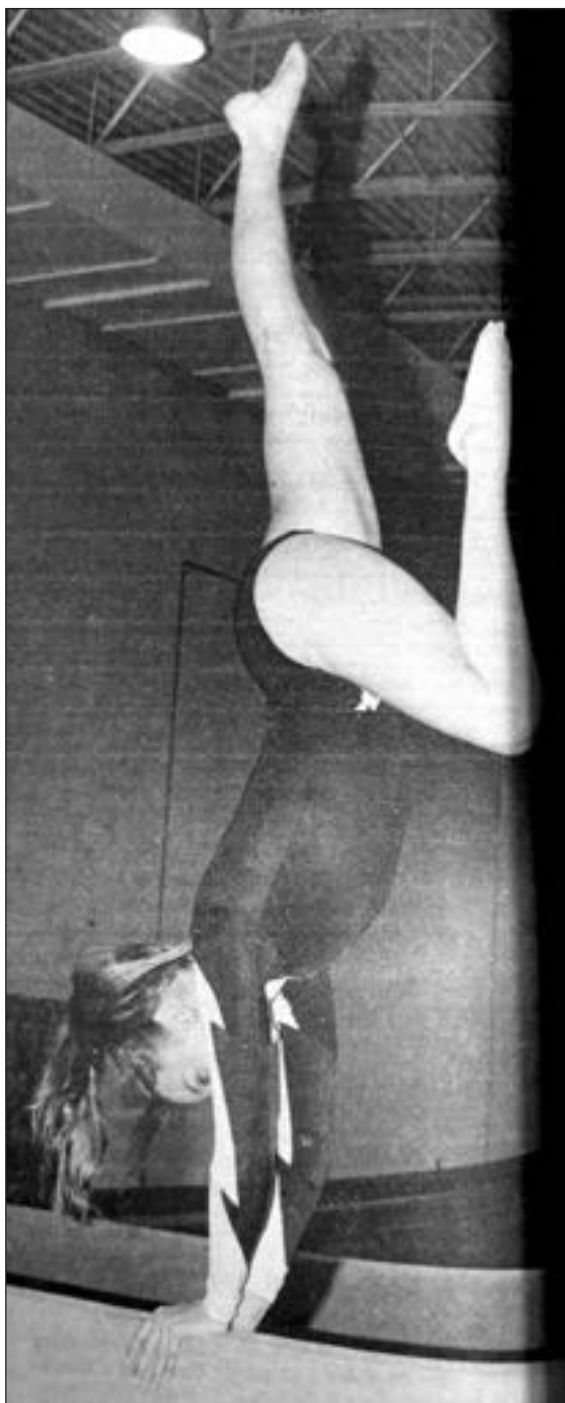


**Above:** Lakeland's Tim Crall (13) hangs in the air for one of his three baskets Friday against Ashland.

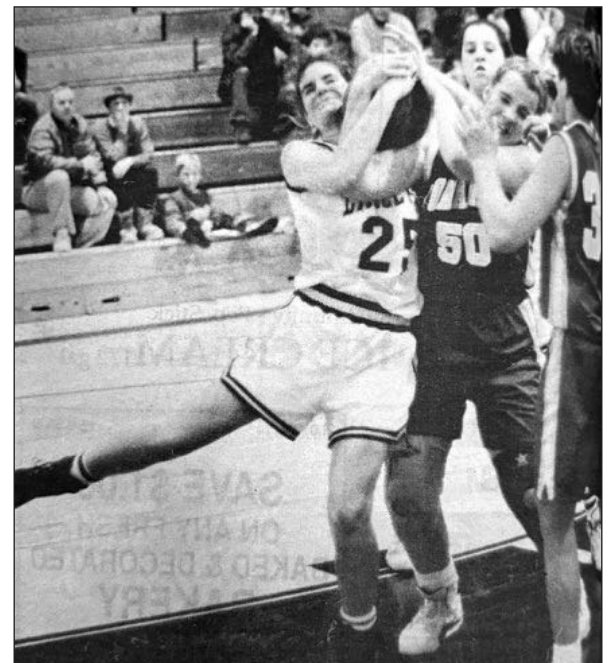
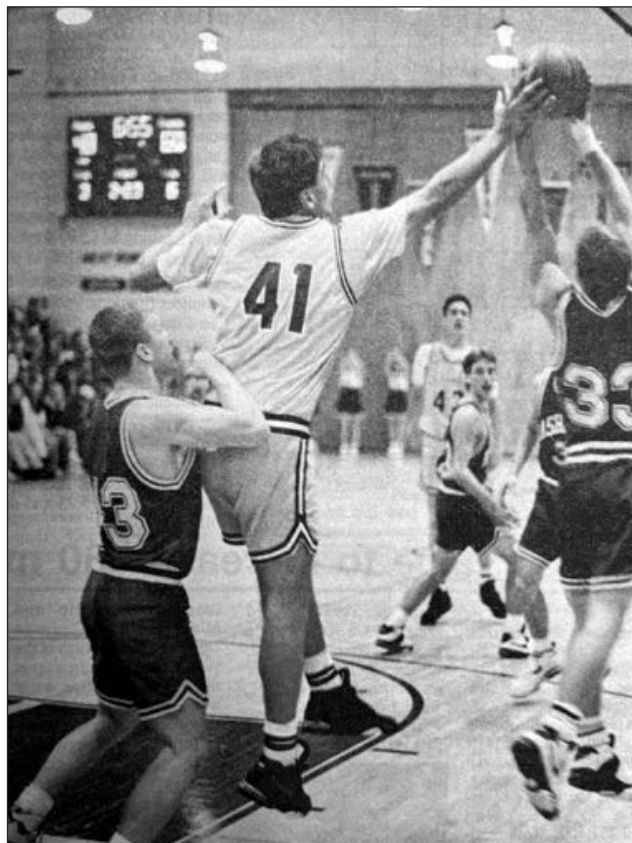
**Right:** Lakeland's Becky Heil (33) pulls up for a jump shot inside the paint during Friday night's 41-38 opening season loss to Wausau East.



**Below:** Senior gymnast Stacy Petersen anchors a solid T-Birds gymnastics squad this season.



**Below:** Crystal Blohm practices her wrestling techniques with a teammate in preparation for the Sunkist Kids International Freestyle Dual and Open Meet Championship. Blohm left early this morning, Friday, for Phoenix, Ariz. where she will compete with other girls in her age and weight division.



**Above:** Lakeland's Nicole Pavlov (25) fights hard for a rebound against Tomahawk.

**Left:** Lakeland's Nathan Kroepin (41) gets muscled underneath by Ashland's Eric Lund (43) while swatting the ball away from Mike Chmielak (33). Kroepin finished with 20 points.

# DRYLAND DOG DASHERS

PHOTOS BY KATE REICHL/LAKELAND TIMES

The IFSS Continental North American Championships & "Almost" Winter Park Dryland Dog Dash were held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Minocqua Winter Park.



Lisa De Gennaro and her four-dog team race for Canada on three wheels.



Ryan Gray and his two-dog team race for the USA.



Niina Baum and her two-dog team race for the USA.



Ellyn Reese and her four-dog team race on three wheels for the USA.



Michaela Marquardt and her two-dog team race for the USA.



Paige Elizabeth and her two-dog team race for the USA.



Mikki Douglass and her two-dog team race for the USA.

# Non-profit

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teach the curriculum while sharing their experiences with the students. More than 200 area students in second, sixth, seventh and 11th grades receive instruction in five or six sessions during the school year.

All the instruction time is scheduled during school hours and ties in with the schools' curriculum. Volunteers over the years have included area entrepreneurs, bankers, teachers, business managers, insurance agents, parents and many others.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome. Junior Achievement of WI, Inc., P.O. Box 1205, Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Lakeland Area Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The local organization of "Kiwanis" is the Kiwanis Club of Lakeland Area, which holds their monthly membership meeting on the third Tuesday of each month to honor our area high school and elementary students for their achievements. The club raises money from various fund raising activities, i.e.: April Fools Monthly Cash Raffle; Get Your K's On Run (on the last Saturday in April); Island Art Walk (art and craft show on the second Saturday in July); and our Holiday Poinsettia Sale beginning in October, plus generous donations from individuals or organizations. As a club, we also participate in service projects, i.e.: Food for Kidz, Christmas in Minocqua, Lakeland Sharing Christmas Event and other area events.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from our fundraising events/donations were donated to over 15 area organizations, camps and scholarships that help area children. To date, the club has given out 35 iPads/cases/learning software programs to children in the autism spectrum from the Lakeland area. In 2016 this amounted to over \$10,000.

If you want to help kids, please join us at one of the membership meetings in Perkins Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Donations may be sent to: Lakeland Area Kiwanis Club P.O. Box 972 Woodruff, WI 54568.

## Lakeland Area Mountain Bike Organization (LAMBO)

The Lakeland Area Mountain Biking Organization (LAMBO) exists to promote mountain biking for all skill levels and related silent sports activities through building and maintaining sustainably-built mountain biking trails in Vilas and Oneida counties of Northern Wisconsin. Furthermore LAMBO shall engage in educational and fun activities to promote and educate the public about the importance of safe and fun silent sports activities in promoting healthy lifestyles.

Lakeland Area Mountain Bike Organization P.O. Box 2106 Woodruff, WI 54568 Contact person: Karen McCabe Email: email@lamboriders.org www.lamboriders.org.

## Lakeland Area Scholarship Fund

Are you looking to contribute to a good cause to defer tax dollars before the end of the year? What about a gift of education?

Lakeland Area Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)3 organization that has been helping local students with scholarships since 1973. We contribute to graduating seniors of Lakeland Union High School and also post secondary students.

Typically we award approximately \$70,000 in scholarships each year to help LUHS graduates further their education. If you are interested you may contact chairman Gregg Walker at 715-356-5236 or treasurer Terri Howard at 715-358-9815.

## Lakeland Area Special Olympics

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition to individuals who are at least eight years old and are identified as having a cognitive disability. Interested volunteers or potential athletes may call agency manager Rhonda Baldwin at 715-356-4337. Donations may be sent to: LASO (Lakeland Area Special Olympics) P.O. Box 704 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Lakeland Hawks Ice Arena

The Lakeland Hawks Ice Arena is a non-profit skating facility that supports the development of skating among people of all ages and abilities. The arena offers various programs from youth to adults, including hockey leagues, open skating, figure skating, and learn to skate programs. Arena improvements and low fees are just two things that would not be possible if it wasn't for incredible support by businesses, family and friends of the Lakeland Hawks Arena. Running and maintaining the rink comes with great organization and unexpected expenses. Your donation will not only help with the yearly costs of maintaining the rink but will help with items such as a new Zamboni, compressor needs and locker room and concession upgrades. If interested in donating, please send to LHIA P.O. Box 290 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Lakeland Nordic Ski Team

The Lakeland Nordic Ski Team (LNST) is a not-for-profit organization that has been providing the opportunity for Lakeland area youth to participate in cross country skiing throughout the winter for approximately 30 years. The purpose of the LNST is to promote the sport of Nordic skiing for children in the third through the 12th grades, and to enable each team member to reach his or her own individual potential. The LNST is organized solely for educational, competitive, and recreational purposes. Our team continues to grow each year, as awareness and popularity continue to increase around physical activity, youth sports, and winter sports in particular. In the last year alone, 82 youth participated in the LNST. We are projected to have an even higher number of youth participants this coming winter. http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/lakelandnordic-skiteam. Lakeland Nordic Ski Team P.O. Box 1105 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Lakeland Pantry

The Lakeland Pantry is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 organization that provides bi-weekly supplemental food, gently-used clothing and books for infants through adults. It is located at 1707 North U.S. Highway 51 and open every Tuesday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and every Thursday, 3:30 to 6 p.m. The Pantry provides additional foods for the Backpack Program at Ascension Lutheran Church and snacks to the four elementary schools and LUHS. The Pantry

also provides emergency food to Churches and Service Groups, provides food bags to the Chamber, Churches, Aspirus Medical Center, Caritas, and the LDF Nation. In 2023, the pantry served 6,222 household, 16,600 individuals, 314 first time customers and supplied over 600,000 lbs. A \$1 donation can purchase \$8 worth of food through pantry sources. For more information, call 715-358-2222. Donations may be sent to: Lakeland Pantry/HYF, P.O. Box 10 Minocqua, WI 54548, dropped off at the Lakeland Pantry during hours of operation, or by going to https://www.lakelandpantry.com/donate.

## Lakeland Performing Arts Association

The Lakeland Performing Arts Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit is a regional Arts Association founded in 1982. Our mission is to increase the appreciation of the performing arts in Northwoods communities by providing a wide-range of quality performances at a reasonable price. Six performances are held during the school year at the Lakeland Union High School theatre. The price of the tickets are offered at an affordable rate to the public. The affordable ticket prices for the quality performances enable middle- and low-income individuals and families to experience the arts. The Lakeland Performing Arts Association also sponsors clinics by the performers for high school band and/or choir students the day of the performances. These clinics are open to the public as well. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to: Lakeland Performing Arts Association P.O. Box 1279 Minocqua WI 54548-1279 Please visit our website, lakelandperformingarts.org for more information and follow us on Facebook.

## Lakeland Retirement Foundation

The Lakeland Senior Center provides a variety of services to people who live in the Lakeland area. Services include daily card games, a regular book club, arts and crafts classes, trips and a variety of educational programs to enable individuals to have a better quality of life as healthy and active members of the community. For more information, or to volunteer, please call the center at 715-356-9118. Donations can be sent directly to: Lakeland Retirement Foundation P.O. Box 1815 Woodruff, WI 54568.

## Lakeland Rotary Foundation

Chartered in 1974, Rotary has been an active service organization in our area. They provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. For more information, email tsanderson@psbwi.com or call Tim Sanderson at 715-358-7070. Donations may be sent to: Lakeland Rotary Foundation P.O. Box 620 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Lakeland Sharing Foundation

The Lakeland Sharing Foundation supports children and their families of the Northwoods and has three major programs: a Christmas gift program, backpack program, and year-round student support program. The foundation welcomes monetary contributions and donations of school supplies backpacks, new and gently used books and toys, and new hats and mittens year-round. Donations may be sent to: Lakeland Sharing Foundation P.O. Box 1536 Woodruff, WI 54568.

## Lakeland STAR School/Academy

Lakeland STAR School/Academy is a public charter school in Minocqua, serving grades 7-8 and 9-12 whose mission is to cultivate self-reliance and determination in all students, so they may discover their unique potential and maximize their capabilities by providing a transition-focused, personalized education program in an environment that fosters acceptance and honors individual strengths. Lakeland STAR serves those who learn differently by providing customized programming that adapts to individual needs and gives parents and students a choice in education. Students are supported by a multi-faceted academic curriculum as well as the utilization of innovative programs such as the Lakeland STAR PAES lab, equine therapy, art therapy, and an in-house therapy dog named Indigo. It is Lakeland STAR's vision to have students of all developmental levels thrive not only in the school environment, but in the community, and graduate with the academic and life skills necessary to become their personal best. Those who wish to donate towards this vision may do so by contacting the Howard Young Foundation/Autism Fund by phone at 715-439-4005, email at info@hyfinc.org, or mail to P.O. Box 470, Woodruff, WI 54568. You may also inquire by calling Lakeland STAR School/Academy at 715-358-5259 or visiting www.lakelandstar.org.

## Lakeland Union High School District Foundation

Lakeland Union High School District Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with the mission to bridge community efforts in support of all LUHS students by: supporting facility improvements and programs; holding events to raise awareness and financial support for the Foundation; raising, managing, and expending Foundation resources in a prudent manner, and; promoting professional development of staff for the benefit of our students.. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 1268, Minocqua WI 54568.

## Manitowish Waters Historical Society

Our mission is the collection, preservation and dissemination of materials and information relating to the history of Manitowish Waters. Visit us at www.mwhistory.org. P.O. Box 100 Manitowish Waters, WI 54545 We are a 501(c)3 organization. Our email address is mwhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

## Manitowish Waters Bike Trail, Inc.

The Manitowish Waters Bike Trail has become aware of the need for expanded trails for bikers and walkers within the township. The North Central Regional Planning commission has ranked The Manitowish Waters Alternative Transportation Master Plan the region's highest for continued development of the region's over-all trail network. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit established to provide a tax deductible opportunity for constituents to assist in the development of the community and its trail system. Visit us at mwbiketrail.org for more information! If you would like to donate, please mail to the address: Manitowish Waters Bike Trail, Inc. P.O. Box 308, Manitowish Waters, WI, 54545.

## Manitowish Waters Lakes Association

The Manitowish Waters Lakes Association is an organization advocating for clean, healthy lake and river environments. Our mission is to edu-

cate the public and maintain, protect and enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and native habitat of the Manitowish Waters Chain of Lakes and other waters in the Manitowish Waters Township for the benefit of the members and the general public. For further information on our activities visit us online at mwllakes.com We are a 501(c)3 and donations to further our mission can be mailed to: MWLA Office P.O. Box 286 Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

## Minocqua Kawaguesaga Lakes Protection Association Inc.

Organized in 1997, the Minocqua/Kawaguesaga Lakes Protection Association (MKLPA) is a non-profit 501(c)3 volunteer association dedicated to the preservation and protection of the lakes and surroundings for today and for the future. The association promotes the "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" initiative, water and boater safety, and lake and area information. The elimination and management of invasive species such as Eurasian Watermilfoil is a MKLPA priority. The group is supported by membership, donations, and grants. Membership is open to all. We believe this website will be an important tool in keeping all interested parties up to date on lake issues and what the Association and its members are working towards. You will find this website to be a comprehensive source of local, county, and state information of what is happening around and impacting Lake Minocqua and Lake Kawaguesaga: Join - Minocqua/Kawaguesaga Lakes Protection Association, https://minocquakawagua.org/join/. Donations can be sent to: MKLPA; PO Box 494; Minocqua WI 54548.

## Minocqua Museum, Inc.

Established in 1986, the Minocqua Museum displays exhibits on various aspects of the Island City's unique history. Collections include the Centennial Quilt, a Victorian living room and a section on the military, as well as postcards, pictures, yearbooks and news clippings and a large model railroad display. The museum's board of directors and docents are all volunteers. Donations may be made to: Minocqua Museum, Inc. P.O. Box 1007 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Minocqua Public Library Foundation

The Minocqua Public Library Foundation's ongoing mission is to strengthen the library collection, expand library programming, and enhance library services. Donations may be sent to: Minocqua Public Library Foundation 415 Menominee Street, Suite B Minocqua, WI 54548. Donations may also be dropped off at the library.

## Minocqua Winter Park Trail Fund

The Minocqua Winter Park Trail Fund is used to purchase cross-country ski trail maintenance and grooming equipment, host several events year-round, expand our trails and other features, and run community skier development programs. Minocqua Winter Park is a not-for-profit town park with a mission of providing a quality silent sport experience for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages through the protection and maintenance of our trail system, and cash donations to our Trail Fund are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable under the law. For more information, call 715-356-3309. Donations may be sent to: Minocqua Winter Park & Nordic Center P.O. Box 1090 PMB 234 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## New Dawn Pregnancy Resource Center

New Dawn Pregnancy Resource Center serves women, men, and families in Northern Wisconsin who are in need of compassionate and confidential support when facing an unplanned pregnancy. All services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 715-358-6700. Donations may be sent to: New Dawn Pregnancy Resource Center P.O. Box 1845 Woodruff, WI 54568.

## North Lakeland Discovery Center

The North Lakeland Discovery Center is a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization dedicated to connecting people to nature. Our location in the heart of Wisconsin's Northwoods is beautifully remote yet accessible, surrounded by water, woods and wildlife. Visitors may explore a peaceful sanctuary within our 63-acre campus, interpretive stations and gardens, and 12 miles of hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing trails. We offer nature education programs, citizen science research and monitoring, and outdoor recreation opportunities as part of our mission of "Naturally inspiring and enriching lives through meaningful connections among nature, people and community." Donations may be sent to: North Lakeland Discovery Center P.O. Box 237 Manitowish Waters, WI 54545 For more information, call 715-543-2085, email contact@discoverycenter.net or visit www.discoverycenter.net.

## Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing, Inc. (NATH)

The Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH) operates Frederick Place shelter, which provides emergency, temporary housing for those experiencing homelessness in Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. Funds are critically needed for the operating expenses of Frederick Place. Donations can be mailed to NATH, P.O. Box 913, Rhinelander, WI 54501 or dropped off at Frederick Place at 204 West Frederick Street, Rhinelander. All donations are tax deductible. For information about volunteer opportunities, call 715-369-9777 or visit www.nathnorthwoods.com.

## Northwoods Children's Museum

The Northwoods Children's Museum is dedicated to enriching lives, supporting families, and encouraging a love of learning through hands-on play. The Northwoods Children's Museums hosts over 26,000 guests a year and provides over 52 free meals to the community. Free admissions and memberships are provided for those that can't afford to come to the museum. For more information, call Rouleen Gartner at 715-479-4623. Donations may be sent to: Northwoods Children's Museum P.O. Box 216 Eagle River, WI 54521.

## Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc.

We are grateful for another year of making progress toward our mission of alleviating poverty. We are grateful, this year, to have new affordable and energy-efficient homes going up for the people of Mole Lake.

We are grateful to have made major strides in preserving culture, promoting economic growth and creating jobs through the planning, preparation, and launch of the new Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Living Arts and Culture Center in Lac du Flambeau.

We are grateful to have sponsored comprehensive planning for the land use of the limited resource and the transportation of the Menominee Peoples.

We are grateful to have completed our new 20-year plan for sustainable development for our region.

Your donations are very important to us, especially in this climate of shrinking foundation and federal funding.

Please keep us in mind for your year-end contribution.

This year you can designate your funding to go to the following initiatives:

- Post-secondary scholarships
- Woodland Indian Art Center: www.woodlandindianartcenter.org
- Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Living Arts and Culture Center: Visit www.indianbowlproject.org or for general operations, www.niiji.org.

## Northwoods Wildlife Center

The Northwoods Wildlife Center is dedicated to improving the future for wildlife in the Northwoods through rehabilitation, education and research. The center receives no government funding. It operates solely on donations which will gratefully be accepted at: 8683 S. Blumenstein Road Minocqua, WI 54548 For more information, call 715-356-7400.

## Oneida County 4-H and Forest County 4-H

4-H is a learn-by-doing youth development program delivered throughout Wisconsin. In 4-H, youth design and participate in their own programs and activities. This unique, learn-by-doing model teaches youth essential, transferrable skills that they will use throughout their lives, such as problem solving, decision making, coping, communicating, and responding to the needs of others. Many of Oneida County 4-H and Forest County 4-H programs rely on the time and expertise of local volunteers who share their skills and experience with 4-Hers on an array of topics. For more information visit oneida.extension.wisc.edu or email jyung43@wisc.edu.

## Oneida County Humane Society

The Oneida County Humane Society (OCHS) Adoption Center is a Rhinelander (formerly the Rhinelander Animal Shelter). Our mission is to value each life we touch through protection and life-enhancing care and to strengthen the human-animal bond through education, promoting the dignity and well-being of all animals. Monetary donations may be sent to the Oneida County Humane Society, 1852 N. Stevens Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Cleaning supplies (especially bleach and ODOBAN), dog food, cat food, (please no red dyes in food) clay kitty litter, paper towels, toys, treats, clean bedding, etc., may be dropped off at the Adoption Center, 1852 N. Stevens St., Rhinelander, during business hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. Empty aluminum cans are collected at the Adoption Center to raise money for medical care for the pets in our care. Aluminum cans may also be dropped off at the R-Store BP Station in Hazelhurst anytime. Inquiries can be made to the Adoption Center at 715-362-5992 or visit us on the Internet at OCHSPets.org. View our adoptable pets at PetFinder.com. Like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/OCHSWI. The Oneida County Humane Society is a registered 501(c)3 organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

## The Pastime Club Adult Day Center

The Pastime Club began in 2006 with a goal of positively impacting the lives of persons with early memory loss — as well as those who care for them. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at Ascension Lutheran Church. Donations may be sent to: The Pastime Club, Inc. P.O. Box 276 Minocqua, WI 54548.

We are also looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call us at 715-358-3404.

## Rhinelander Area Food Pantry

In 13 years of operation the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry has distributed in excess of five million pounds of food. Our current distribution is approximately 600,000 pounds of food each year to more than 7,000 household visits. RAFP serves families in Oneida County. For additional information, please go to rhinelanderareafodpantry.org. Monetary donations can be made to: Rhinelander Area Food Pantry c/o BMO Harris Bank, 7 N. Brown St., Rhinelander, WI 54501. Food items may be dropped off at the food pantry at 627 Coon Street, Rhinelander weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations will qualify as tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. For additional information, contact Bill Vancos at 715-360-0400 or bvancos@yahoo.com.

## Salvation Army

Each year the Salvation Army has a bell ringing campaign at this time of the year. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. For more information, contact Amanda Jahn at 715-498-4943 or amanda\_jahn@usc.salvationarmy.org. Direct tax-deductible donations to the Salvation Army may be sent to: The Salvation Army P.O. Box 641 Minocqua, WI 54548.

## Santa's Elves Foundation, Inc.

Established in 1996, Santa's Elves Foundation provides holiday gifts and a holiday dinner to families and individuals who financially qualify under the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. Gifts are provided to children birth to 16 years of age. Residents of Price County and Butternut and Glidden are served. Santa's Elves and Ffield American Legion are in need of assistance to aid in building a home for our organizations to share. We were donated property a number of years back and have been raising funds to do just that. For more information, call Llewella Wangerin, 715-762-5426. Donations can be sent to: Santa's Elves Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 127 Fiffield, WI 54524-0127.

## Scholl Community Impact Group

Scholl Community Impact Group Inc, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, provides purposeful, supervised interaction with horses for families and individuals with almost any physical, cognitive or emotional disability. Our goal is to improve physical, social and communication skills for those individuals and their families to help them succeed in their school and work settings. Scholl Community Impact

Group, Inc., provides individually structured programs for each student and family group, whether they are challenged by cerebral palsy, autism, anti-socialization issues or developmental and learning disabilities, designed to promote self confidence and esteem in the work and school settings. We work with students from local high school special education classes. We also offer support to families experiencing domestic violence, abuse or general impoverishment issues in our Northern Wisconsin communities. Scholl Community Impact Group currently consists of two primary programs, Riders in Motion, a youth mentoring program, and Blazing a New Trail, an autism support group. These groups are then further tailored to meet the student's needs and situation. Students participate in grooming, tacking, riding and fun with horses while learning socialization, self confidence, respect and determination. Through one hour classes, group or private depending on individual needs, students also benefit from improved physical dexterity, muscle tone, speech and motor development. The students are also involved in all of the outdoor activities and responsibilities involved in maintaining and operating a working ranch, further giving them a sense of individual ownership and accomplishment in a truly amazing endeavor.

For more information, call director Lenelle Scholl at 715-493-3534.

If interested in making a monetary donation, send to: Scholl Community Impact Group 6003 Old County W Winchester, WI 54557.

## St Germain Silent Trails

The St Germain Silent Trails is a non-profit organization founded to help develop, maintain, and improve the biking, hiking, and winter silent sports trails in the town of St Germain, including Fern Ridge Recreation Area, Awassa Trails, and the 12-mile paved bike trail that is part of the Heart of Vilas Trail System. Our volunteers work year-round on trail projects, maintenance, fundraising efforts, and events utilizing our trails. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please visit www.stgermaintrails.org. You can also donate by mail at PO Box 2; St Germain, WI 54558, or on our facebook page. St Germain Silent Trails is a 501(c)3, so your donation is tax deductible.

## Vilas County Historical Museum

The Vilas County Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of Vilas County and the surrounding area of the Wisconsin Northwoods. Its two huge buildings and open courtyard contain outstanding collections of antique snowmobiles, outboard motors, the Old Rowing Guides exhibit and so much more concerning life in the Northwoods. The museum is open from Memorial Day through Color-rama seven days a week, admission is \$3. Visit our website at: vilasmuseum@yahoo.com Vilas Historical Museum Main Street Sayner, WI 54560.

## Vilas County Youth Coalition

Vilas County Youth Coalition is a nonprofit organization which aims to strengthen and promote youth health and resiliency. We receive grants and donations to help prevent underage substance misuse, work on youth mental health issues, stage an annual conference for area 6th graders, and other efforts that make a positive impact on youth. Volunteers are welcome, no matter what age. We meet once a month via Zoom. Contact us on Facebook @VilasCounty YouthCoalition, call the Vilas Health Dept. at 715-479-3656, or visit www.cvyouthcoalition.org.

## Wisconsin Native Loan Fund, Inc.

The Wisconsin Native Loan Fund (WINLF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and U.S. Treasury certified Native community development financial institution (CDFI) that offers mortgage, consumer and small business loans, to assist under-banked, underserved Native Americans, Native-owned small businesses and Tribal Nations in Wisconsin as well as offering financial literacy and homebuyer education to anyone. This is so as to carry out WINLF's mission of increasing the financial self-sufficiency and community development of Wisconsin Native American communities, which it has been doing since its founding in 2006. WINLF serves approximately 700 clients throughout Wisconsin. You can support WINLF and positively impact social equity by making a donation through the Donate button on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/winlfoanfund, a donor-advised fund if you invest in one, or a check made payable to the Wisconsin Native Loan Fund and mailed to: Wisconsin Native Loan Fund PO Box 580 Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538 For more information, please visit www.winlf.org. Miigwech (Thank you)!

## Wilderness Veterans Memorial Flame Foundation, Inc. (WVMMF)

Newly dedicated veterans memorial located on Highway W in Pipke Park, Presque Isle. Visitors will view granite walls depicting major U.S. conflicts as well as over 400 veterans names on two granite Honor Walls. Flame burns 24 hours daily. Picturesque location with adjacent hiking and biking trails. Donations appreciated for program/maintenance endowment. Applications available to honor your veteran on the Wall. www.wildernessvetsmemorial.org P.O. Box 83 Presque Isle, WI 54557 715-686-2517.

## The World Musky Hunt

The World Musky Hunt is a 501-3c charitable organization based in Lake Tomahawk, which is dedicated to improving the sport of musky fishing and promoting the Lakeland area. Proceeds from the annual "hunt" have gone to the Musky Alliance of Wisconsin for fish stocking, repairs to the Art Oehmcke fish hatchery in Woodruff, families with cancer, ALS foundation, two scholarships at the Lakeland Union High School and a donation to Huntington's Disease, as well as the town of Lake Tomahawk and many local clubs. If interested in donating or have any questions please contact Ron Rickman at 815-467-0123.

## YMCA of the Northwoods

Locally organized in 1997, the YMCA of the Northwoods offers programs and services to everyone in Oneida, Vilas, Forest, Lincoln and Langlade counties. The YMCA does not turn anyone away for the lack of ability to pay for programs or services. If you would like to learn more about the YMCA of the Northwoods, take a free tour of the facility or make a donation, call 715-362-9622 or send your requests/donations to: YMCA of the Northwoods 2003 East Winnebago Street Rhinelander, WI 54501.

If you wish to have an organization added to the list or have a change in information, call 715-356-5236, or email editor@lakelandtimes.com.



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## BAT-TASTIC TREATS

Six-year-old Kate Wallace decorates a bat cookie during Bat Fest on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters.

## Be on the lookout for more deer on the roads during the fall rut

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminds drivers to be alert for deer on and along roadways to avoid potentially dangerous crashes. Deer crash numbers typically increase in October and November in Wisconsin as more deer move around during peak mating season.

“This is a busy time of year on the roads for both deer and motorists,” Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “It can be hard to spot deer along the road and their movements are unpredictable, so it’s important that drivers are vigilant and avoid distractions while driving.”

Deer are most active during the early morning and evening hours. Be sure to use your headlights as daylight transitions to dusk and deer become more difficult to see, especially as daylight saving time ends in November.

In 2023, there were more than 16,000 crashes involving deer in Wisconsin, killing 14 people and injuring 585 people. Staying alert is an important step to be safe this time of year.

The top 10 Wisconsin counties for crashes involving deer in 2023:

- Waukesha – 836
- Dane – 802
- Washington – 763
- Sheboygan – 712
- Outagamie – 614
- Manitowoc – 600
- St. Croix – 591
- Fond du Lac – 571
- Grant – 490
- Winnebago – 476

### How to avoid hitting a deer

Deer are unpredictable and may

freeze or change directions. Drive at a safe speed, eliminate distractions and make sure everyone is buckled up. Crash injuries are less severe or can be avoided when everyone wears a seat belt.

Scan the road ahead carefully. If one deer crosses, watch for more. If you see a deer, honk your horn to urge them to move away from the road.

If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your vehicle, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving, which can result in a loss of control and a more serious crash.

Motorcyclists are at a greater risk of injury in a crash involving a deer. Of the approximately 16,000 deer crashes last year, 196 were motorcycle crashes, resulting in 11 fatalities and 53 serious injuries. This means there is about a 33 percent chance that a motorcycle deer crash will result in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1 percent in auto or light truck deer crashes. If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your motorcycle and there is enough space to swerve around it without leaving your lane, brake and adjust course as needed.

### What to do after a deer crash

- If you do end up hitting a deer, get your vehicle safely off the road, if possible.
- If someone is hurt or the deer is in the active portion of the road, call 911.
- If no one is hurt and your vehicle and the

deer are off the road, contact local law enforcement.

- Stay buckled up inside your vehicle and wait for help. Getting out of your vehicle and walking along a road is always dangerous. Never attempt to move an injured deer.

## Felzkowski encourages senate scholar participation

### Program now accepting applications for spring 2025

Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) has called on high school juniors and seniors from around the 12th Senate District to apply for the Senate Scholar Program in Madison.

Senator Felzkowski and the Wisconsin State Senate are proud to offer a unique educational experience to high school juniors and seniors. The Senate Scholar Program is an elite program designed to challenge Wisconsin’s best students. One student from each of the 33 Senate Districts may participate in the week-long program in Madison.

The Senate Scholar Program has created an advanced government curriculum that includes classroom instruction, roundtable discussion sections and a lab component. The first part of the week, the Scholars will spend a couple days in a classroom setting. Experts teach Scholars about constituent relations, research and development of legislation, and bill drafting. Scholars engage in roundtable discussions with legislative support agency directors and staff, media and lobbyists throughout the week, providing them with unique insights into all facets of the legislative process.

Throughout the remainder of the week, Scholars will put their knowledge into action.

Scholars staff the Senate floor during an actual legislative session and witness the Senate debate on legislation. Scholars will also draft their own bills and amendments, form their own mock committee, and elect committee leadership. Finally, the lab component culminates in Friday’s committee hearing that includes testimony from experts and members of the public. Although the daytime curriculum is rigorous, fun evening activities are planned for each group of Senate Scholars. Scholars are required to stay at the Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison. Program facilitators stay at the hotel and are available to Senate Scholars 24 hours a day.

“Every year, the Senate Scholar Program is a unique learning opportunity for high school juniors and seniors,” said Felzkowski. “Whether they’re interested in getting involved with the government, or they just want to have a better grasp on the state legislative process, it’s truly a fun educational experience. I encourage anyone who is interested to apply.”

Applications will need to be received no later than Nov. 15. A digital copy of the application and more information can be found at: [www.senatescholar.com](http://www.senatescholar.com).

## Northwoods Feature Property of the Week

### HUNTING LEGACY PROPERTY – SPIDER LAKE TOWNSHIP

Here is a rare opportunity to own 646 acres with built-in food plots, 5 box hunting stands, a pole barn and a cabin with an incredible view. This property owns 25% of frontage on the lake, no obstructed views and undeveloped lake. This property has been in the family for 35 years and has brought in countless trophy bucks, ducks, turkey, grouse and bear! Over 8 miles of well-maintained roads, this private oasis is located near the ATV, cross country skiing and snowmobiling trails, with the Chequamegon National Forest surrounding it and not a home for many miles. The nearest restaurants, Lakewood’s and Garmish Inn on Lake Namakagon, are just 15 minutes away from the property. Escape to a secluded hunting haven, that is ready to enjoy! Furnishings, box stands, pole barn and generator included. Grab your family and friends and start making memories here to last a lifetime! Call Brittany for your own private showing.

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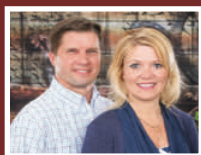
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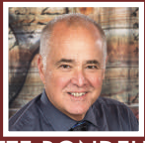
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- 6 BR/10 BA, approximately 8500 sq ft
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- South facing, 3 FP's, walkout lower level

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- 4 BR/3 BA hse, 14 cabins, nostalgic lodge
- 527' frtg on 116 AC Garth Lake, 19 AC
- Recreational area, pool, room for expansion

\$1,495,000      MLS#209427

**Solberg Lake**



**NEW LISTING**

- 3 BR/4 BA, 4000 sq ft cedar ranch, patio
- 1000' frtg, 2 owned islands, 35.5 AC, deck
- WB FP, very private, att & det garages

\$1,399,000      MLS#209462

**Carlin Lake**



- 4 BR/4 BA, 5335 sq ft furnished, private
- 200' level sand frtg, full rec lake, 2+ AC
- Pontoon, 2 car attached garage & pole bldg

\$1,150,000      MLS#206700

**Minocqua**



- 7 BR/5 BA, 2-unit home on the island
- 0.17 AC, 2 tax parcels & addresses
- Private parking, fully renovated & updated

\$799,000      MLS#208786

**Oxbow Lake**



**NEW LISTING**

- 4 BR/4 BA, turnkey, private 7.51 wooded AC
- 528' south facing frtg, full rec, dry boathouse
- 2+ car garage, generator, includes boats

\$797,000      MLS#209414

**Wisconsin River**



**PRICE ADJUSTED**

- 3 BR/3 BA, 20+ AC, 2 car attached garage
- 2200' frtg, barn, fenced pasture, deck
- Several updates, finished extra garage

\$759,000      MLS#208488

**Indian Lake**



**NEW LISTING**

- 4 BR/3 BA, 2920 sq ft open concept ranch
- 328' frtg, 7.83 AC, private, generator
- 2 car garage, screen porch, sauna

\$650,000      MLS#209424

**Wilson Lake**



**NEW LISTING**

- 3 BR/3 BA approximately 2454 sq ft
- 170' frtg full rec lake, 0.9 AC
- 3 car attached garage, fenced garden

\$649,000      MLS#209550

**Swan Lake**



**NEW LISTING**

- 4 BR/1.5 BA, 2674 fin sq ft, natural gas
- 195' frtg, 13.65 AC, wood floors, FP
- Subdividable land, privacy, Spectrum

\$574,900      MLS#209504

**Lake Nokomis**



**PRICE ADJUSTED**

- 3 BR/1 BA year-round cabin
- 143' sand frtg, southeast views
- Lakeside deck, recreational area

\$499,900      MLS# 208785

**Watersmeet**



**NEW LISTING**

- 3 BR/3 BA move in ready home
- 2.6 AC, open concept, wooded, private
- Gas FP, partially fin'd bsmnt, 2 car att gar

\$330,000      MLS#209375

**Little St. Germain Lake**




**PRICE ADJUSTED**

- 3 BR/3 BA, 1479 sq ft condo
- 2100' shared sand frtg
- 3 units-1 BR/1 BA, kitchen, and LR each

\$324,900      MLS#206949

**Grassy Lake**



- 2 BR/1 BA, 1.25 AC, walkout lower level
- 225' frtg, private, near town, deck
- Large flat lot, on snowmobile/bike trail

\$220,000      MLS#207099

**Little Muskie Lake**



**NEW LISTING**

- 0.73 AC wooded lot, sloped terrain
- 107' frtg, recreational waters
- Close to town amenities, shed included

\$149,900      MLS#209465



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