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## Team USA ready to compete in 2025 World Ice Fishing Championship

#### **Wisconsin Rapids** resident to compete on Team USA

**FOR CITY TIMES** 

WOOD COUNTY - Becoming an Olympic athlete requires dedication, determination and practice, practice and more practice. Fishing on 9" of ice, in five separate three-hour heats, 18 of the best ice anglers in the United States converged onto the 323 acre, Tamarack Lake, in Lakeview Michigan to compete in the 2025 US National Ice Fishing Championship (USNIFC) with one goal, to make the USA Ice Fishing Team.

The World Ice Fishing



Jeff Kelm of Wisconsin Rapids, a Team USA member to compete in the 2025 World Ice Fishing Championship.

Championship (WIFC) is

there will be three official practice days (Wednesday-Friday) and two competition days (Saturday and Sunday). The championship consists of the best ice anglers from Sweden, Finland, Norway, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Lithuania,

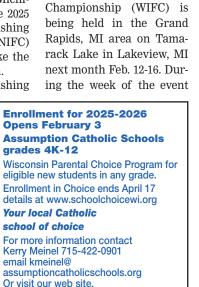
Mongolia, Kazakhstan and the United States of America.

Each team will consist of 5 anglers and a reserve with one athlete from each country competing against all countries in one of five competition zones for two

days. At the USNIFC anglers from seven different states competed to earn one of the coveted 6 angler spots on Team USA. Weather conditions during the course of the National Championship varied greatly and anglers needed to adapt. The first

two heats began on Friday when anglers would see temperatures into the 40s. Wind welcomed the competitors on Saturday as the mercury dropped nearly

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#### **ICE FISHING**

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25 degrees in 24 hours. By Sunday morning, for the final heat every one of the men were bundled up as windchills dipped into the minus range. The weather would not stop the fighting spirit each angler owned.

"I knew these guys were going to give it everything, no matter what the conditions were." Said Myron Gilbert, US Ice Fishing Team head Coach. "My job was to make sure I put these men into position to succeed and I knew the best would show up." Coach Myron has high praise for all 18 anglers in the zones over the weekend.



Team USA, with Wisconsin Rapids' Jeff Kelm pictured on the far right.

Once the frost settled, the top six USNIFC finishers all have earlier World Championship experience. Chad Schaub (Sand Lake, MI) is the US favorite with a bronze and silver team medal and an individual bronze in 2013, the last time the WIFC was held in the US. Two other Michigan anglers locked up spots as well, Kieth Kniffen (Easton Rapids, MI) and Zack George

(Hastings, MI). Kniffen

"This collaboration of-

fers a unique opportunity

had a strong finish last year in Mongolia, narrowly missing a bronze medal. The US team is strengthened by anglers Jeff Kelm (Wisconsin Rapids, WI), Kevin Kowalski (Duluth, MN) and reserve, Nate Winters (Ogdensburg, WI). Rounding out the team is Captain Nick Schertz (Tomahawk, WI), Coach Myron Gilbert (Brooklyn, MI) and Delegate Joe

Martinez (Sandy, Utah). With the help of KeepNet software the catch, weigh and release "no kill" method developed by members of the USA Ice Fishing Team allowed the anglers to stay under the 25 fish limit yet

prior to groundbreaking

and vertical construction.

The project's pre-develop-

ment phase has been funded

by an investor consortium

led by Salutem Capital ("Sa-

lutem"), a privately-held

score hundreds of fish during the three-hour heats. Anglers were supplied bait for the competition by the official bait sponsor, Knutson's Live Bait, a local company in Brooklyn MI. USAngling also received aid from the Clam Corp. who supplied the team with outwear as well as shelters that will be used for the weigh-in tents.

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#### DPO launches \$200 million Al data center development in partnership with Billerud

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Digital Power Optimization, Inc. ("DPO"), a developer and operator of power-dense data centers, announced it has secured land and a firm power supply to develop a \$200 million high-performance computing facility in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. This state-of-the-art project will enable up to 20 megawatts of AI computing.

DPO is working in partnership with Billerud subsidiary Consolidated Water Power Company ("CW-PCo"), a regulated utility operating 32 megawatts of renewable hydroelectric generation assets within its electrical distribution system. Through its relationship with CWPCo, DPO has secured a definitive land lease extending for up to



An artist rendering of a DPO data center.

fifty years, interconnection rights to an existing and energized substation, and access to a firm power supply.

"With our definitive agreements with CWPCo now finalized, we're thrilled to launch the development of this cutting-edge facility," said Andrew Webber, DPO's CEO. "The shortage of high-density rack space is going to be a sustained trend well into the 2030s,

and our strategy of leveraging underutilized land, infrastructure, and power, creates a win-win solution for all stakeholders. Speed-to-energization is critical in today's market, and by forming relationships with forward-thinking power partners like CWPCo, and designing to what is immediately actionable, facilities like this can be brought online several years ahead of

for CWPCo and the broader community," added CWPCo Director Martin Burkhardt. "We're creating value by utilizing our existing resources more efficiently, and show-

hyperscale projects."

casing how innovative partnerships can unlock new possibilities. This development strengthens our sustainability by generating new revenue, diversifies our customer portfolio, and sets a strong example for other ambitious ventures."

DPO has engaged Stantec, a global leader in sustainable design and engineering to provide consulting and engineering support, and is currently working with the City of Wisconsin Rapids and various state agencies to finalize construction plans and building permits

New York family office.

"The AI revolution is driving unprecedented demand for high-performance computing infrastructure," said Justin and Cameron Adelipour, Managing Partners at Salutem. "This agreement highlights DPO's ability to execute and deliver the critical infrastructure necessary for the next wave of AI innovation. Our investment illustrates our

DPO expects the project to reach energization in 2026.

full confidence in DPO's vi-

sion and their ability to ad-

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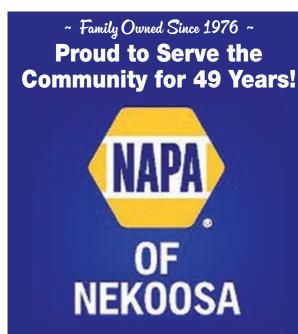
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#### JustServe collects over 400 pounds of bedding in donation drive

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WOOD COUNTY - In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Day of Service, JustServe organized a Bedding Drive to benefit the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) in Wausau. This initiative, inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s words, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve," brought several local communities together to address a vital need for refugee families resettling in Central Wisconsin.

ECDC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping refugees from around the world rebuild safe, sustainable lives. Recently, ECDC - Wausau received a donation of 150 beds from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but urgently needed bedding to accompany the beds. JustServe recognized this opportunity to serve and launched the bedding drive to help meet the need.



Thanks to the generosity of several Central Wisconsin communities, the drive collected over 400 pounds of bedding. Contributions came from a diverse group of donors and organizations, including: Faith Lutheran Church Piece Corps Ministry and Round Barn Quilters in Marshfield, Trinity Lutheran Church Quilters and Roche-a-Cri Lions Club in Arkdale, Pine Tree Quilters Guild in Wausau, Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wausau, Marshfield, Gresham, and AdamsFriendship, HCE Dedicated Divas of Marathon County, and community members across Central Wisconsin.

"Our goal was not only to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service but to make a meaningful difference for refugees who are rebuilding their lives," said Cassie Ashby, JustServe Specialist for Central Wisconsin. "King's message reminds us that service is a powerful way to uplift others and strengthen our communities. The collective response to this drive has been truly inspiring."

#### **Arndt awarded Wisconsin Certified Professional Clerk Status**

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN **RAPIDS** - Anne Arndt earned and was awarded Wisconsin Certified Professional Clerk status in 2024. She received Wisconsin Certified Municipal Clerk status in 2018. Retiring in May 2024 as Municipal Clerk in the Village of Biron, Arndt is the first clerk in the Village's history to have earned and be

awarded the certifications.

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#### **Kathy Mancl premieres "Looking Back" music** video, a tribute to her central Wisconsin roots

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WOOD COUNTY - Kathy Mancl, the talented performer who emerged from the heart of Wisconsin Rapids, debuts the music video for her second single, Looking Back, from her first album, RED HOT LOVER.

Kathy's musical journey began at the young age of 10, when she joined her first band. Influenced by the sounds of Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt, her passion for country and rock has led her to stages across the Midwest, from intimate clubs to theater productions and festivals.

Most recently, Kathy has been captivating audiences with the renowned band



Vic Ferrari and their celebrated production of Symphony on the Rocks. Blending powerful rock melodies with the richness of a symphony, these performances have highlighted Kathy's range and her ability to connect with her audience.

Now, Kathy steps into the spotlight with RED HOT

LOVER, a debut album that encapsulates her evolution as an artist. Each track reflects her deep roots in contemporary country and rock while offering listeners an intimate look at her

The music video for Looking Back brings this narrative to life, showcasing Kathy's heartfelt performance and the stories that have shaped her artistry. Fans can stream the video and the full RED HOT LOVER album on all major platforms.

"Looking Back is a deeply personal song for me, one that reflects my journey through music and life," Kathy shares. "I'm thrilled to share it with my fans and hope it resonates with them as much as it does with me."

#### **Aspirus Orthopedic Care hosting** free seminar for those living with knee pain caused by arthritis

**FOR CITY TIMES** 

WISCONSIN RAPIDS -Knee pain caused by arthritis affects millions of people, disrupting their ability to enjoy daily activities and diminishing their quality of life. If you are one of them. Aspirus Orthopedic Care

 Wisconsin Rapids invites you to a free seminar that could help you take the next steps toward relief.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, Aspirus Orthopedic Care - Wisconsin Rapids, Surgeon Dr. Tilok Ghose will lead an informative session about innovative treatment options for arthritic knee pain.

This seminar is a valuable opportunity to learn about treatments that can



help restore mobility, reduce pain, and improve overall well-being. From non-invasive therapies to surgical solutions, Dr. Ghose will cover a range of approaches designed to suit individual needs.

You will learn:

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Date: Wednesday, Feb. 5,

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To register for this event, call 800-847-4707, Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Or visit aspirus.org/ classes-events.

#### Birth Announcement

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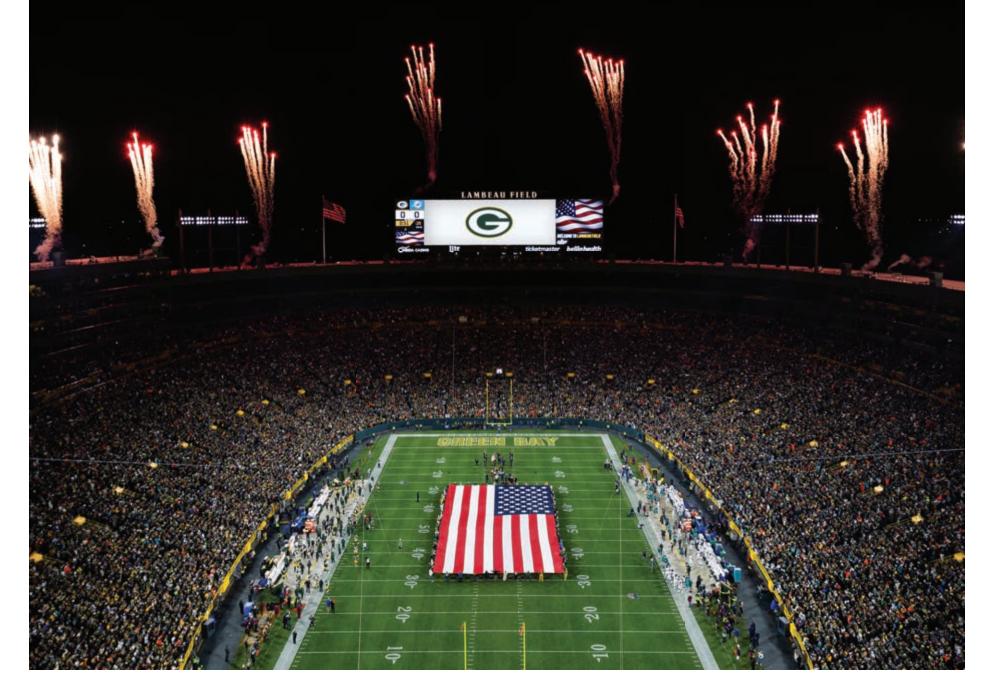


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## Mike Dowling in concert Feb. 22

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - Mike Dowling grew up near Stevens Point and early in his self-taught career he caught the ears of jazz violinist Joe Venuti, mandolinist Jethro Burns, and fiddle great Vassar Clements. Mike was the guitarist in Vasssar's first touring band and can be heard on Clements' Grammy-nominated Nashville Jam. Clements called him, "One of the finest guitarists there is, anywhere."

In 1995, after years in various ensembles and a successful stint as a Nashville songwriter he launched a solo performance career; he opened Wind River Guitar, a unique residency school for private master instruction in Wyoming.

Mike shares a Grammy for his



contribution to Pink Guitar, a collaborative compilation of Henry Mancini tunes arranged and performed by twelve of the country's top acoustic guitarists. Pink Guitar, produced by Solid Air Records, was voted Pop Instrumental Album of the Year in 2005.

And now, Mike Dowling returns to his Wisconsin roots, back home to perform for the first time in ages. Don't miss this virtuoso guitarist: one show only, and only at Pittsville, the exact center of the state.

Showtime is Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:00pm at the Pittsville School Auditorium. General admission tickets available at the door or in advance at the downtown Pittsville office of Wisconsin Farm Business/Ortner Accounting: \$20, special senior rate \$15, youth/ students \$3. Online EVENTBRITE.

## Red Cross in need of blood and platelets with weather impacting country

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY - The American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood or plateletsnow to help protect the blood supply from the ongoing impact of severe winter weather and wildfires.

Donors of all blood types - particularly type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets - are needed to help save lives this month.

As dangerous snow and ice continue to sweep across the country, and wildfires in Southern California continue to burn and impact air quality, Red Cross blood drive cancellations have grown into the hundreds. Collectively, this has resulted in more than 12,000 uncollected blood and

platelet donations in Jan. More winter storms are forecast for this week - including in areas of the U.S. that do not typically experience significant snowfall - which could further strain the blood supply. Additionally, hazardous weather conditions have the potential to make it tougher to move vital blood products across the Red Cross network, possibly affecting deliveries to hospitals in some locations. As National Blood Donor Month continues, the time to give is

Where it is safe to do so, donors are asked to book a time to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting Red-CrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give Jan. 27-Feb. 28, 2025, will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCross-Blood.org/Flurry for details.

#### **Donation Opportunities** in Wood County

2/3/2025: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 750 S Central Ave

2/19/2025: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Marshfield Clinic Health System YMCA, 410 West McMillan St

#### Wisconsin Rapids

1/29/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., South Wood County YMCA, 601 West Grand Ave 2/20/2025: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., McMillan Library, 490 E. Grand Avenue

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Though Axel loves people and is super affectionate, she would

thrive best in a home with no children or other animals due to her high energy levels and tendency to be grabby with her toys. If you're looking for a loyal, playful, and loving companion who'll keep up with your adventures and is ready to snuggle after the fun, Axel could be the perfect match for you!

Axel has been in the shelter for well over 350 days and is more than ready to find her forever home. Those interested in Axel can fill out an adoption ap-

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24-March 17 - Lifeguarding Certification Class (must be 15)

#### March

1-8 – Pilates and Yoga Classes 3 – Registration for T-Ball/ Coach Pitch begins (please consider helping coach!) 3-12 - Volleyball Camp (3rd-8th Grade)

7 – Safesitter Class (Grades 6-8) 10 - Create a Masterpiece Painting Class with Marybeth (Happy) 28 - Spring Projects for Kiddos (PEEPS House)



**April** 

3 - Create a Masterpiece Painting Class with Marybeth (Bunny & Egg)

5-26 - Pilates and Yoga Classes 15 & 17 - Flower Basket/Container Class

18 - Spring Projects for Kiddos (Mother's Day Gift) 18 - Safesitter Class (Grades 6-8)

May 3-24 – Pilates and Yoga Classes

**Police Calls** On Jan. 16 at 1:46 in the afternoon a caller from Nekoosa

described a black SUV sitting at a stop sign, however the car was unoccupied.

On Jan. 17 at 8:47 in the morning a Pittsville caller described a semi-truck tipped over sideways in a ditch.

On Jan. 17 at 3:40 in the afternoon a caller from Marshfield reported tracks on their property belonging to individuals hunting on their property for coyotes. The caller stated they did not give permission for these individuals to

On Jan. 18 at 8:47 in the morning in Cranmoor a caller reported a vehicle that was flipped over in the water.

On Jan. 18 at 1:32 in the afternoon a caller from Lincoln reported ice cream theft. An individual was caught on camera purchasing other items, but seen on video with ice cream in their pocket, not paid for.

On Jan. 19 at 7:39 in the evening a caller from Pittsville reported a cell phone theft. The caller reported that their husband had his phone stolen at a bar and was able to track the phone's location with the individual who took it.

On Jan. 20 at 11;30 in the morning a Grand Rapids caller reported feeling threatened by their brother in law. The brother in law reportedly threatened the caller in 2022 and was acting suspicious to the caller. The caller reported the brother in law was making comments about what would happen if something harmed the caller.

On Jan. 21 at 11:47 in the morning a Pittsville caller reported they were missing tools from their tool shed. Milwaukee Tool battery powered chainsaws were missing, only the chainsaws were missing and not the batteries. No other tools or property were reported missing. The caller noted their neighbor has a key to the tool shed and permis-

On Jan. 21 at 7:35 in the evening a caller in Rudolph described that their neighbors must have fallen asleep as the neighbor's dogs were running the halls. The caller stated they and their kids were afraid to go inside due to the dogs.

On Jan. 22 at 3:00 in the morning a Wisconsin Rapids caller reported that a father had fallen asleep and the four year old daughter had left the house. The father was outside looking for her, she was believed to have left one hour prior to the call.



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Christian Women's Connection Ladies Brunch  $\cdot$  Wed. 2/12, Elk's Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Speaker Randy Zemlicka will present "Running the Marathon of Life". Special feature will be a celebration of Valentine's Day. Reservations are essential. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations by 2/4

Wakely's Winter Feast · Sat. 2/15, Nekoosa Community Center, 416 Crestview Ln, Nekoosa. This sumptuous feast offers donated wild game, cooked & prepared by expert chefs along with two domestic meats. Sides include appetizers, vegetables, potatoes, homemade relishes & pickles, sausage stuffing, desert & more. All you can eat. Gathering starts at 4pm. Dinner starts at 4:30pm. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Family Natural Foods, 910 W Grand Ave, Wis. Rapids, Daly Drug, 3215 8th St S, Wis. Rapids and Beavers, 410 Market St, Nekoosa. historicpointbasse.com

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Central Wisconsin Cultural Center · Opens Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2651 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids. Open from 10am-5pm. Free admission. http://www.culturalcenterarts.com/index.html

South Wood County Historical Museum · Exhibits closed until 4/1, 540 3rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. Office will be open Tues.-Thurs. from 10am-3pm. http://www.swch-museum.com/

#### **LIFELINES**

Blood Drive · Wed. 1/29, South Wood County YMCA, 601 W Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Starts at 10am. redcrossblood.org

Seminar for Those Living with Knee Pain Caused by Arthritis · Wed. 2/5, hosted by Aspirus Orthopedic Care at South Wood County YMCA, 601 W Grand Ave, Wisconsin Rapids. Surgeon Dr. Tilok Ghose will lead an informative session about innovative treatment options for arthritic knee pain. Registration required. Starts at 6pm. Free. aspirus. org/classes-events

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# "The Wealth InFormation Lady": What is The Complexity of Your Estate Planning?



#### The Wealth InFormation Lady

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Estate planning can be simple or it can be sophisticated. Complexity may arise because of the size of your net worth, but that doesn't always have to be the reason. Blended families, children or grandchildren with special needs that you wish to financially address, or beneficiaries who you wish to have a defined structure in receiving an inheritance can be reasons to hire an attorney to draft estate planning documents such as trusts, to make the transfer of your assets a smooth process upon your passing from this life.

Trust documents can do wonders where the limitations of beneficiary forms are exceeded. That is the question to ask: are the beneficiary forms sufficient, or do you have personal needs beyond what they can provide? After all, the custodian of your money or the life insurance company will follow instructions you'd specified on their company's beneficiary forms, signed off by you. If you have accounts or policies where primary and contingent beneficiaries can be named, it is the simplest and most direct way to transfer those assets upon your passing. Checks can be simply cut, or accounts transferred to the named beneficiaries upon proof of the account owner's passing. Per stirpes or per capita instructions may be added so that if a beneficiary predeceases the account owner, the deceased beneficiaries share can

either pass on to their children, which is per stirpes, or be divided among the other surviving beneficiaries, which is the per capita instruction. If your wishes are completely satisfied with the beneficiary instructions on the account forms, it is likely that nothing more needs to be done. You may check in to how real estate may transfer with options such as a Transfer on Death Deed, depending upon the state that your property is located.

We are often asked whether wills and trusts are needed. The answer depends upon the complexity of your estate planning.

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#### **PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

#### On Aging and Invisibility

Dear Reader,

As we age, we begin to relinquish the power and foundation we spent a lifetime building. The network of friends, family, and community that once anchored us starts to loosen. The lives we touched, and that touched us, continue on—but often without us in the

same role. In the fourth quarter of life, we find ourselves gradually diminished, both in presence and influence.

Retirement marks a turning point. Once the initial transition settles, the mutual accord of separation sets in—we are no longer integral to the rhythm of daily work. We search for ways to fill our days, to occupy time, and to maintain purpose.

Yet as life plods on, our involvement begins to wane. At family gatherings, meals, or community events, our voices may not carry the same weight. Fewer people ask for our thoughts or lean in to listen. The slow fade of relevance takes hold. And then one day, it happens. You walk into a room—crowded or quiet—and feel unseen. You have become invisible.

But this need not be the end of the story. While aging can bring invisibility, it can

also bring clarity. Freed from the need to prove ourselves or chase accolades, we can rediscover what truly matters. We can focus on what is eternal love, kindness, and wisdom sharing it in ways that go beyond words.

Invisibility is also a kind of freedom. It gives us the space

to observe, reflect, and create without the distractions of being in the spotlight. We can use this time to mentor others, pass on our stories, and nurture relationships that bring depth rather than breadth to our lives. Our wisdom, experience, and quiet presence can still be a source of strength and guidance for those who choose to notice.

The fourth quarter of life does not have to be about fading into the background; instead, it can offer new ways to shine. It can be a time to embrace the joy of being, rather than doing, and to show the world—and ourselves—that the gifts we offer do not have to diminish with age.

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## Wisconsin Rapids Swim Club announces Travis McMahon qualifies for state

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Wisconsin Rapids Swim Club attended the Lakeland Loons Invitational on Jan. 18. The event was held at Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua. The following Central Wisconsin Clubs were in attendance: Phillips, Minocqua, Black River Falls, Bayfield, Medford and Bloomer.

The highlight of the day came when Travis McMahon won the 50yd Freestyle in 33.2 seconds qualifying him for the state championship. The 10 and Under Short Course Championships will be held on March 1-2 at Verona High School in Verona. Travis went on to win the 50yd Butterfly, second in the 100yd freestyle and 50yd Breaststroke, all of which are new club records. "Travis has been a Kraken since fall of 2023." said Dave Kontz. Head Coach. "This young man attends every practice and shows up ready to work hard." Presently, Tra-



Travis McMahon

vis holds ten club records in individual and relav events.

Other first place winners are as follow: Josiah O'Day, 200yd Freestyle and 100yd Backstroke; Mya Marquard, 100yd Freestyle; Jameson Bernette, 100yd Breaststroke; Elyxa Peck, 50yd Butterfly; Addison Borek, 50yd Butterfly, and the 1-2 punch of Addison Borek and Vivan Zacher winning the 100yd Individual Medley.

The second place winners include: Aubrey Knoll, 50yd Backstroke; Elyxa Peek,



Gavin Knoll

50yd Breaststroke and 100yd Freestyle; Lilly Reetz, 50yd Freestyle; Jameson Bernette, 100yd Individual Medley; Gavin Knoll, 50yd Freestyle and 100yd Backstroke.

Finishing in third place are as follows: Ellie Graumann, 50yd Backstroke; Reese Koch, 50yd Butterfly; Addison Borek, 50yd Breaststroke; Lilly Reetz, 50yd Breaststroke and 100yd Freestyle; Maddie Graumann, 50yd Freestyle; Vivian Zacher, 100yd Freestyle; Nola Woller, 100yd freestyle; Jameson Bernette,

100yd Freestyle.

Fourth places finishers for the day are: Janessa Rucinski, 50yd Butterfly; Nola Woller, 100yd Butterfly; Anna Gumz, 25yd Breaststroke; Mya Marquard, 100yd Backstroke; Vivian Zacher, 50yd Freestyle; Mackenzie Miloch, 50yd Backstroke; Gavin Knoll, 100yd Freestyle.

Moving on the fifth place finishers: Nola Woller, 50yd Butterfly; Anna Gumz, 25yd Freestyle and Backstroke; Abbie Graumann, 100yd Backstroke; Maddie Graumann, 50yd Breaststroke; Mackenzie Miloch, 100 Individual Medley; Reese Koch, 100yd Freestyle; Gavin Bernette, 50yd Backstroke; Ellie Graumann, 200yd Backstroke.

In the sixth place: Janessa Rucinski, 50yd Breaststroke; Abbie Graumann, 50yd Backstroke and 100yd Individual Medley; Ellie Graumann, 50yd Breaststroke; Allyson Coats, 200yd Breaststroke and 100yd Individual Medley. Finally, the newest members of the team do not miss practice and continue to get better each time they race. The following Krakens had Personal Records: Noah Grosskopf, 50yd Backstroke; Cody Graumann 25yd Freestyle; Emma Kay, 50yd Backstroke and Freestyle; Kensington Lercher, 50yd Backstroke; Rhiannon Zabawa, 50yd Freestyle.

The most exciting part of any swim meet are the relays. Age group swimmers included: Anna Gumz, Kensington Lercher, Emma Kay, Jenessa Rucinski, and Abbie Graumann. The girls combined to finish fourth in the Medley Relay and third in the Freestyle Relay.

There were two relays of middle school girls swimming for the Krakens on this day. The first group was Mackenzie Miloch, Mya Marquard, Kyndel Borek, and Nola Woller. These girls placed first in the 200yd Medley Relay and second in the

200yd Freestyle Relay. The second relay consisted of Allyson Coates, Addison Borek, Vivian Zacher, Ellie Graumann and Reeyce Matthews. The girls finished in third in the 200yd Medley and second in the 200yd Freestyle Relay.

The final event of the day was the senior relays. Swimming for Rapids girls, Elyxa Peck, Maddie Graumann, Lilly Reetz, Reese Koch. The Krakens swam to a third in the 200yd Medley and first in the 200yd Freestyle Relay. The boys are Gavin Bernette, Jameson Bernette, Gavin Knoll, and Josiah O'Day. These boys took first in the 200yd Medley and second in the 200yd freestyle Medley.

The WRSC will close out the winter season with the Divisional Meet which will be held in Minocqua on Feb. 1-2. The top six finishers from each event will move on to the Conference Championships which will be held in Tomahawk on Feb. 8-9.

## LHS Boys Swim face off agaisnt La Crosse

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Lincoln High School Boys Swim Team faced off against La Crosse Logan in an exciting meet, with a final score of 100 points to LHS 68. While the meet resulted in a loss, it was

a night full of victories in personal records (PRs), thrilling comebacks, and individual event wins that left us celebrating our team's resilience and growth.

Highlighted Performances:

Jose De La Cruz Chi, Brycen Henslin, Jathan Bessent and Joshua Glenzer-Czenczek took first in the 200 Medly Relay with a final time of 2:02.86.

Jathan Bessent claimed first place in the 100 Freestyle with an impressive time of 1:03.90.

Jose De La Cruz Chi also secured first place in the 100

Backstroke, finishing strong with a time of 1:11.33.

One of the standout moments of the night came in the 200 Boys Freestyle Relay, where the team of Erik Michalsen, Preston Engelbright, David Lee, and Jose De La Cruz Chi pulled off a remarkable up-

set. After a back-and-forth battle for second and third place, LHS surged ahead, securing second place in a thrilling finish that showcased their determination and teamwork.

Additionally, Jonathan Duerr, a sophomore, stepped up to the challenge

in the grueling 500 Freestyle. Despite this being his first official attempt in the event, he shattered his practice time of 8:23.60, finishing with an outstanding time of 7:41.00.

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