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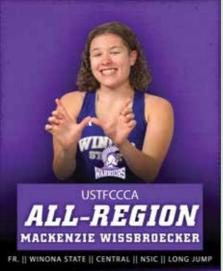
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Go Kenzie

CARLA WISSBROECKER

How can pride be put into words? Kenzie Wissbroecker's accomplishment of qualifying for the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana, is a remarkable achievement. As a freshman, her feat is truly commendable. She placed 8th out of 18 jumpers and was the only freshman to achieve a podium position. Kenzie exhibited exceptional calmness. Although I felt nervous each time she took the runway, Kenzie consistently performed with confidence. I am overwhelmed with pride for her! Kenzie Wissbroecker is an ALL AMERICAN in long jump!!

Wissbroecker exceptional. She has invested considerable time and effort, and it is gratifying to see her hard work paying off. Her dedication is inspiring, and I am confident that she will continue to excel. It is an understatement to say that I am proud of her accomplishments. Kenzie is undoubtedly making the most of her freshman year in college. This is merely the beginning, and I eagerly anticipate her future endeavors, particularly with the upcoming outdoor season. Kenzie has been named All American and All Region during her freshman indoor track season.

Antigo WWII Veteran's Birthday Wish Goes Viral



Top (left to right): Letter Carriers Harry Hooper, Jarin Ryland, Brandon Wells, and Ian Stewart Bottom (left to right): Letter Carrier Bobbi Baseman, WWII veteran Rueben Kolpack, and Letter Carrier Troy Schafer.

What started as a simple birthday request has turned into an overwhelming show of love and appreciation for one of Wisconsin's oldest veterans.

Reuben Kolpack, a decorated World War II combat veteran, is set to celebrate his 104th birthday March 19th. Wanting to make the milestone extra special, his granddaughter took to social media with a heartfelt plea: she asked for people to send him 104 birthday cards—one for each year of his incredible life.

She posted her request across Facebook, TikTok, Snapchat, her workplace, and her son's school, hoping for a modest response. What happened next was beyond anything the family could have imagined.

But it hasn't stopped at just cards. Thoughtful well-wishers from across the country have also been sending parcels, small gifts, and handwritten letters, eager to share their gratitude for Reuben's service and longevity. The sheer volume of mail was so great that the Antigo Post Office stepped up in a big way. Instead of having the family collect the ever-growing stacks of mail, postal employees began

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Huge congratulations to Tristin Arlen!

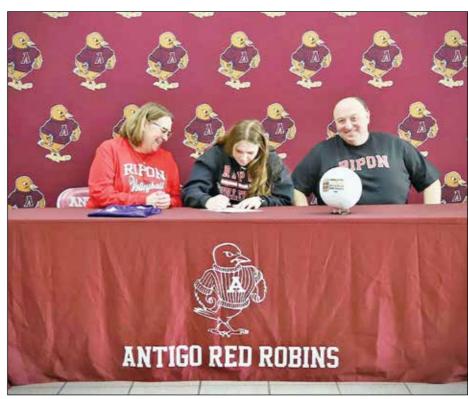


TOM SCHOFIELD AHS ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETIC **DIRECTOR**

The Antigo Athletic Department had the honor of hosting a celebratory signing for Tristin, an incredible three-sport athlete! Tristin has decided to take her talents to

the next level and will be playing volleyball at Ripon College!

We're so excited for her as she embarks on this new chapter as a student-athlete at the collegiate level. Thank you to all her family, teammates, and coaches that were able to attend and wish her the best of luck!





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JOYCE MARIE BLYTON

Joyce Marie Blyton, a constant source of love and guidance, at 67, passed away on December 3, 2024 at her home in the Village of Spencer. Born to Harvey and Rose (Bauer) Blyton on January 26, 1957, in Wausau, Wisconsin, Joyce's life was a testament to her loving, independent, and curious nature. Her radiant spirit and unwavering determination touched many people, especially her coworkers and the children she worked so hard to

She was a proud graduate of Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. Her passion for learning, teaching and helping others led her to UW-Marathon County and then to UW-Stevens Point, where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees. Joyce's calling as a Speech and Language Pathologist allowed her to make a significant impact on countless lives.

For nearly five decades, she dedicated herself to the wellbeing of others, especially those with special needs through her work with Wausau Hospital Neuro-Developmental Clinic, Marathon County Special Education, and Spencer Public Schools. She had a unique ability to help kids make improvements and reach goals due to her lifelong love of play. She was successful because she was always a big kid at heart.

Joyce's love for her community was matched only by her love of her family. She was married to John Gunderson, and from this albeit short lived union, they were blessed with a son, Aaron Gunderson of Spencer, who will forever hold his mother's memory in his heart. She is also survived by many cousins who she would speak of as if they were her siblings. Joyce's parents, Harvey and Rose Blyton, preceded her in

Joyce's zest for life was apparent in her many interests. She had a special place in her heart for children, always striving to make things better and guiding those around her with wis dom and persistence. Her gardening was a place where she found tranquility and joy passed down to her from her mother and reflecting her own nurturing soul. Joyce found comfort in the simple pleasures of watching movies and discussing them and the companionship of animals, which brought her immeasurable happiness. Oreo probably misses her most of all.

As we bid farewell to Joyce, we are reminded of the pro-found impact one person can have on the world. Her legacy of love, service, and dogged determination will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known her In our lives we all strive to find our purpose and know that in her life Joyce found hers and knew what she was put on this earth to do and gave it everything she had every single op-

Joyce's arrangements are entrusted to Life Tributes Funeral Home-Spencer. Memorial Services to celebrate her extraordinary life will be held from 3 PM to 6 PM on Friday, March 28, 2025 at Life Tributes Funeral Home, 901 South LaSalle Street, Spencer, WI 54479 and again from 3 PM to 6 PM on Friday, April 4, 2025 at Schmidt Schulta Funeral Home, 445 Main Street, Birnamwood, WI 54414, where family and friends will be able to share stories and memories about Joyce. To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit www.lifetributesfuneralhome.com.

Joyce's memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved her, and her spirit will continue to guide us, just as it did throughout her remarkable life. She touched many lives but was the mother to only one...and she is sorely missed.

This quotation was found on her desk, and it feels like a final message from her. "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Correcting the Record about Social Security **Direct Deposit and Telephone Services**

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Recent reports in the media that Social Security plans to eliminate telephone services are inaccurate. SSA is increasing its protection for America's seniors and other

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Ruth Iames Homan



Ruth Iames Homan, 100, formerly of Deerbrook and passed WI, Antigo away peacefully on January 26, 2025 at Milestone Senior Living in Woodruff, WI with her husband of 78 years, Walter, by

her side. Ruth was born on December 28, 1924 in Pearson, WI to Victor and Emma Iames. The family moved to Antigo in 1934 where Ruth attended and graduated from Antigo High School In 1943. With WWII in

full swing, she found work as a ship welder in the Sturgeon Bay, WI shipyard until she was able to enlist. At that time, she joined the US Navy as a WAVE, and after completing her boot camp, was stationed in Sanford, FL. It was in Sanford that she met Walter Homan. Ruth and Walter were both reassigned to Miami, where they became better acquainted, working together on aircraft. Shortly after being discharged, they returned to Walter's home town of Sinking Springs, PA, were married in 1946 then returned to Antigo, where they spent the majority of their lives raising their 4 children. After Walter's retirement they adventured to St Cloud, FL for 5 years, then spent another 7 years in Alamogordo, NM, making many good friends over those years. In 1991 they returned to Deerbrook where they remained until September 2023 when they moved into Milestone Senior Living in Woodruff.

Ruth is survived by her husband Walter (Bupsy), daughters Kathy (Mike) Fossen of Arbor Vitae, WI, Delores Brown of Lewisville, NC, and sons John (Shirley) of Tularosa, NM and Jim (Ruth) of Antigo. Ruth is also survived by ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, 6 nieces and 2 nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters: Faith (Lester) Schremp and Elizabeth (Leigh) Hovey, and two brothers: Pat (Doreen) and Bill Iames.
Ruth was a wonderful wife and mother with a lot of energy

and felt she had lived a busy and good life. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, reading and traveling. She also played the violin, piano and guitar, and had a love for history and learning. As a Jehovah's Witness she devoted herself to

sharing Bible truths and principles with anyone interested.
The family of Ruth Homan offers a very special thank you to the Aspirus Hospice nurses and the entire Milestone staff for all the amazing care and compassion they provided to both Ruth and family. Also, many thanks to Strasser-Roller Funeral Home in Antigo, for helping with all final arrangements and cremation. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Antigo at a later date.

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Peter Kaufman



Peter Thomas Kaufman, age 94 of Antigo, passed away peace fully at home March 11, 2025 with his devoted wife of 43 years, Carli, by his side. He was born March 1, 1931, at home in Mattoon. Born the eighth of nine children to Nellie (Ringstad) and Edward Kaufman, he was the last sur-vivor of this large and loving family.

Peter loved to bowl and be at the ball field. As a natural athlete, he spent many years play-

ing baseball and softball for Birnamwood and Eland. His greatest love was his family and spending time with them was critically important, especially his grandchildren. Almost every weekend was spent with family until these later

A United States Navy veteran, he served during the Korean War. Peter was a rural mail carrier for 30 years, and he and his first wife Millie owned several local businesses in Birnamwood, Wittenberg, and Eland.

Peter is survived by his wife, Carli (Eckardt) Kaufman; son, Jeffrey (Katie) Kaufman; daughters, Beth (David) Hoffman and Kari Kaufman Enders; grandchildren, Hailey (Chadl Zick, Chelsey (James) Jernberg, Brittany (Jeremy) Pratt, Lacey (Mike) McRoy, Abby Kaufman, Terah (Kyle) Skopick, and Jase Hoffman. He was blessed with ten greatgrandchildren, Samantha, Hannah, Landrey, Livvey, Levvin, Oslo, Gatsby, Finola, Silvia and Flora.

Peter was preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings and their spouses, numerous nieces and nephews, his stepson, Denny Gechas, and his first wife, Millie.

A remembrance of his life will be celebrated in early spring; date to be determined.

Special thank you to the staff of LeRoyer Hospice for the wonderful care they provided to Peter and his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to LeRoyer Hospice, 112 E. 5th Ave, Antigo, WI 54409.

The Bradley Funeral Home is assisting the family arrangements. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.

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Reports **ANTIGO POLICE REPORTS**

MAR. 17TH

A call of suspicious activity came in just after midnight, caller stated that a female was knocking on her door to call the cops then she screamed help and a heard a vehicle speed off near Superior St. Officers did walk the area.

Someone reported theft stating their phone had been stolen and they could see the location near Shawano. Turns out the person who had the phone threw it out while driving/riding and it activated crash detection and notified local police. Officers located the phone with minor damage and the person was notified to come pick it up.

Around 5:40pm a subject was taken into custody for disorderly conduct after becoming agitated and aggressive at ALH.

Just before 1:30am officers stopped at a local park and reported subjects in their vehicles talking. Subjects were told when they were finished to move along.

A noise complaint came in around 8:30pm, caller stated it sounded a domestic, potentially physical, including loud crashing. When officers arrived to investigate they reported that the subjects in question were playing VR, and also children were running around, yelling and playing.

A fireworks complaint came in around 8:40pm, caller stated they could hear fireworks coming from the vicinity of the high school. Officers were unable to locate after driving the area extensively.

MAR. 14TH

Around 2:30pm officers received a call from a local who was calling from a local resource office stating that they do not have a phone but their [bank] account was hacked and now closed. Officers attempted to call them back but no one answered. Officers reported they would try and locate the caller based on the address they had given dispatch.

Just before 3pm officers reported a car in a ditch near Flight Rd. & Langlade Rd. No further notes were

A civil complaint was made just after 8pm near State Rd. 64 when a subject reported that they gave someone money for a care before test driving it and now the care broke down and the person won't give the money back.

A warrant was executed and the subject was taken into custody around 8:20pm. Officers dropped off the groceries the subject was getting when the warrant was executed. This subject was turned over to corrections without incident.

MAR. 13TH

am a caller stated that their neighbor came over and asked them to call police. Subject then went to another neighbor

and had them call 911. Subject was denying EMS but officers did later request EMS and subject was taken to the ER.

Around noon officers received a call from Oneida County stating that an inmate there has not been getting their medication but it appears that someone else had been picking them up in Antigo. The medication is a controlled substance so the person who has been picking them up has shown their ID to do so.

Around 2:30pm someone reported a trespass to property, stating that someone let themselves in their unlocked back door, no forced entry. Homeowner stated they did not see anything missing but there was a note on the table and things laying around the living room that were not there before.

Just before 4pm officers made a traffic stop that resulted in a verbal warning for a cracker windshield.

Around 5:30 officers made a traffic stop near Superior & Graham Ave., a written warning was given for having no front plate and a defective tail light.

Between 6pm and 8pm various traffic stops were made near Superior St., resulting in written warnings and verbal warnings for

A subject was taken into custody around 8:40pm after a call for check welfare came in from a local

LANGLADE COUNTY **SHERIFF REPORTS**

MAR. 16TH

An accident with injuries & fire was reported near State Rd 64 just after 1:30am. Many units responded and at least one person was transported by helicopter to the hospital.

MAR. 16TH

Just after 7am officers got a report of suspicious activity near S Pratt Rd. when the person stated they could hear voices through his camera. He stated they were going to rob his house and they were not going to give up. The alarm system

MAR. 15TH

About 7am dispatch received a 911 but when they spoke to caller they stated their phone misinterpreted their command, there was no emergency.

A local was at the safety building around 9am to report fraud/ ID theft. She stated she gave her personal information to someone and now realizes that was the wrong thing to do. She continued that she got a call stating her loan had been approved even though she had not applied for a loan.

Around 5pm a subject came to the safety building to report that they recently got their tires rotated but now they found a tracking device on the vehicle.

a traffic stop near Cty. Rd. A & Claire Rd., around 7:30pm a verbal warning was given for speed and no proof of ins.

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Another traffic stop near Ctv. Rd. A & State Rd. 55 at 8pm resulted in a verbal warning for false display, non-registration of vehicle and no proof of insurance.

Just before midnight dispatch received a 911 hangup. On call back caller stated there was no emergency, however subject was taken into custody for not following the 72 no contact.

MAR. 14TH

A local was in the safety building around 9:40am stating that someone was sending threatening letters and singing his name.

Just before 3pm officers noted one vehicle in the ditch near N. Langlade Rd. No injuries reported. A tow was called.

Just before 5pm another car in ditch was reported on N. Langlade Rd. A tow was called.

Around 7pm dispatch received a call that someone had hit the flashing stop sign near State Rd. 55 northbound. The sign was replaced and a crash report was submitted, this was reported as a hit & run.

Just before 10:30pm a caller reported suspicious activity near Sherry Rd. Caller stated a vehicle drove by slowly, pulled in the driveway then backed out, then backed into another driveway. Officers talked to the subjects who stated they are up for the weekend.

MAR. 12TH

Just before 10am near Mill rd. & State 64 officers gave a warning for no plates during a traffic stop.

Around 10:10am near Mueller Lake Rd., officers advised parties 'this is not the place for fornicating in broad daylight'.

Just after 11am a two car accident near Cty. Rd. A left one car driveable and the other required a tow. No injuries reported.

Someone reported a trespass to property near Cty. Rd. D., stating that someone was tapping the maple trees & moving wood. However they further reported that perhaps their brother gave the people permission as he is halfowner. Law enforcement advised if the people were given permission they would not remove them.

Various traffic stops between 5 and 7pm resulted in a mix of verbal warnings and citations. Stops were for speeding and having a taillight

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Protected Moments in Time: A Reflection on Love and Change

Dear Reader.

"protected moments in time"—those rare and powerful instances where everything feels eternal. Perhaps it was the day you fell in love and promised a "forever" to someone, or a lifechanging experience where a vow to stay true felt as solid as the stars. In these moments, we see our highest ideals, our

best selves, and we genuinely believe that nothing will shake that promise.

Yet life has a way of unfolding unpredictably. Years pass, circumstances change, and sometimes, so do we. We might find ourselves looking back at those once-immovable promises, wondering if they are still meant to shape our lives now. It's a complex question: Do we remain loyal to the person we once were, honoring that promise? Or do we let that moment live as a cherished memory, appreciating it for what it was, even if we have outgrown it?

As we grow, perhaps part of honoring these protected moments is acknowledging that they held real meaning and value,

even if time has carried us in different In life, we all experience what I'd directions. It's about asking ourselves

how these moments can be preserved—not necessarily as obligations but as threads in the fabric of our lives. In this way, those precious promises don't have to be lost or broken; instead, they become a part of who we are today, even as we embrace the person we've become.

Opening this dialogue invites us to look at our lives with compassion, respect, and honesty. It allows us to honor our past without being held captive by it, and perhaps to understand that some promises were meant to live beautifully in memory, influencing us, but not confining us. In these reflections, we might find peace, and maybe even inspiration, to continue building moments worth protecting in the time we have.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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with changing bank account information by telephone.

SSA continuously investigates and analyzes potential threats to strengthen and secure our programs and protect people who receive benefits. Approximately 40 percent of Social Security direct deposit fraud is associated with someone calling SSA to change direct deposit bank information. SSA's current protocol of simply asking identifying questions by telephone is no longer enough to prevent fraud.

If someone needs to change their bank account information on SSA's record, they will need to

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Visit a local Social Security office to prove their identity. These methods align with

All other SSA telephone services remain unchanged.

most major banks.

BIRTHDAY

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offering home deliveries to ensure the cards and gifts reached Reuben with ease.

The local post office also took the celebration a step further. Letter carriers arranged a special meet-andgreet with the birthday veteran, posing for photos and sharing in the excitement of the moment. The event was filled with smiles, handshakes, and heartfelt words of thanks for Reuben's service and incredible life journey.

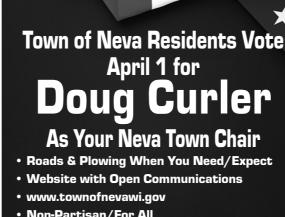
"This is beyond anything we expected," said Reuben's granddaughter. "It's truly heartwarming to see how many people care. We're so grateful for everyone who took the time to send him a card or a message."

There's no telling how many more letters and gifts will arrive. One thing is for sure—Reuben Kolpack's 104th birthday will be one for the history books, filled with the love and appreciation of thousands who now know his story.









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Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) Antigo Regional 2025 Art Exhibit Showcases Local Talent at AVA Gallery







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The Antigo Visual Arts (AVA) Gallery, located on the 2nd floor of the Langlade County Historical Museum, proudly hosts the 2025 Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) Antigo Regional Art Exhibit from March 15 to May 10, 2025. The opening reception on March 15, 2025, from 5 to 7 pm, celebrated the creativity of rural Wisconsin artists, drawing a crowd of art lovers, community members, and local creatives to the gallery. The event also featured an award ceremony, hosted by Vicki Eldridge, AVA Art Gallery Director, in place of the judge, Alicia Schroeder-Haag, who was unable to attend.

The WRAP Program, organized by the Association of Wisconsin Artists (AWA), offers rural Wisconsin artists the opportunity to showcase their work at the state level. Each year, AWA holds a state conference where regional winners are given the chance to exhibit their art at the Pyle Center on the UW-Madison campus. This year's state exhibit will be held at the Center for the Visual Arts (CVA) in Wausau, providing local artists with valuable exposure and recognition.

Haag, Outagamie County 4-H Program Educator with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension, served as the judge for this year's exhibit. In her remarks, she expressed appreciation for the courage and creativity of all participants: "Thank you all for being brave and sharing



your amazing talents with others. It can be difficult to put part of yourself out there for others to critique. Please know that these placements, comments, and notes are my own personal opinion based on my education, experience, and preference. Consider my notes and comments as something to think about, but do not apply them as a hard rule or a list of mustdo's. Art is deeply personal. The reason someone chooses a certain medium or adds a particular color is completely up to the artist. Thank you again for sharing! Cheers!" - Alicia Schroeder-Haag

Award-Winning Works: The following

pieces were selected for state awards:

"Chuck" by Vicki Eldridge

"A Hard Day's A-Comin" by Rosemary Bauknecht

"Checked Still Life" by Karen Now-Stimac

"Welcome" by Jean Adams

"1..2..3..4" by Hans Schmitt

"Blue Heron" by Nancy Leder

Honorable Mentions:

"Islands on the Wolf River" by Susan

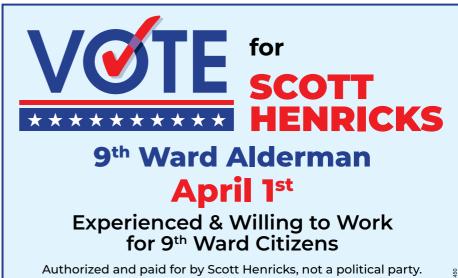
"Midnight with Flowers" by Camille

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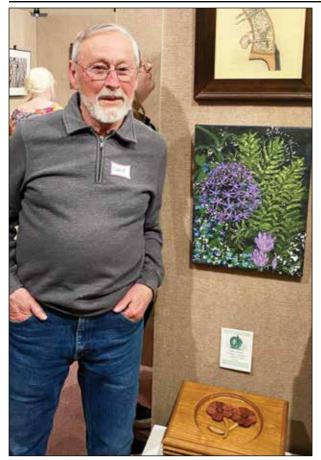


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"The Last Phoenix" by Madison Taylor

"Melodies in Bloom" by Duane Philipps "Curled Beauty" by Barb Blahnik

"The Bass" by Judith McMillen

The WRAP exhibit continues to grow each year, with more artists taking part in this incredible opportunity to showcase their work. AVA has been proud to host this event, further enriching the cultural landscape of Antigo and Langlade County.

Attendee's Quote: Sherry Light, a local resident who attended the reception, shared her enthusiasm for the event: "It was an amazing opportunity for the residents of our town. The diversity of art and artists was amazing. AVA is an amazing organization for a small town. We enjoyed the activity and especially the award ceremony."

Looking Ahead: In addition to the WRAP Regional exhibit, Antigo Visual Arts is also hosting the WRAP-Teen exhibit for artists ages 13-19. This exhibition offers young artists a chance to display their work at the state level as well. The registration deadline for WRAP-Teen is March 28th, and interested participants can visit AVA's website at www.antigovisualarts.org for more details and to register.

AVA extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Association





of Wisconsin Artists for bringing the WRAP program to Antigo, and to all the sponsors and volunteers who make these opportunities possible, including the Remington Foundation, CoVantage Credit Union, Sartori, the Optimist Club of Antigo, Aspen Village, and many others who help our community's artists thrive.

For more information, please contact: Antigo Visual Arts Email: ava@antigovisualarts.org Website: www.antigovisualarts.org



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Langlade County Health Department Releases 2024 Annual Report

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The Langlade County Health Department





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Annual Report highlighting
the department's activities
and accomplishments
throughout 2024. The
report provides a snapshot
of Langlade County Health
Department's programs
and services as we work
to promote the health and
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recently published its 2024 County. We strive to see Annual Report highlighting Langlade County with the department's activities thriving people, healthy and accomplishments communities and safe throughout 2024. The

The report highlights the work of the Langlade County Health Department around the foundational public health services. The foundational areas consist of the health programs and services aimed at improving the health of the community, while the capabilities consist of the skills needed to support basic public health programs. "We are pleased to show the community the efforts around public health that were accomplished in

2024, and as we look into 2025 we aim our efforts collectively to make the greatest positive impact on our community, said Meghan Williams, Health Officer,

Langlade County Health Department. "There is a lot of work to still be done, and we look forward to 2025," Williams added.

A full copy of the report can be viewed at the Langlade County Health Department website at: langladecountyhealth. org. You can also request a hard copy of the report by contacting the Langlade County Health Department at 715-627-6250.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Antigo Area Community Food Pantry Wednesdays 11am-1pm & Fridays 1-3pm. 2120 Progress Blvd., Antigo. All the time needs include: Low sodium canned vegetables, Low sodium canned beans, Low sodium condensed soups such as chicken noodle, tomato or cream of mushroom, Whole grain cereals, Canned fruit in 100% juice or sugar-free, Plain Oatmeal, Peanut butter, Brown rice/whole grain pasta. Personal Hygiene: Laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste (these are not purchased by the pantry unless we are given a grant specifically for these items). For more information, go to AntigoFoodPantry.com or call 715-623-1103. For emergency food assistance needs after hours call 715-627-1818.

Elcho Area Community Food Pantry Mondays 2:30-4:30pm. Wednesdays 4-6pm, 11224 Antigo St., Elcho. Food will be distributed based on availability and # of family members. Note that the pantry is not open on holidays, or on days when the schools are closed because of snow. 715-275-5010. In accordance with federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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Group Dance Class & Social Tuesdays 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. learn to dance in a fun, social

setting! Each week the lesson rotates to another style of Latin or Ballroom dance (Salsa, Bachata, Cha Cha, Waltz, Rumba, Foxtrot, Swing, etc.) NO PARTNER (OR EXPERIENCE) REQUIRED! Doors open by 5:45pm. The 45-minute class begins at 6pm and afterwards we'll play a variety of music so everyone can dance and have fun!

Antigo School District Art Show Mar 24th-Apr 4th. NTC- Antigo 312 Forest Ave., Antigo. An art show featuring artwork from all grade levels across the Unified School District of Antigo will be hosted at Northcentral Technical College's Antigo Campus.

Monday Funday with Jack Lake Silent Sports Association Mar 24th 5:30pm. Jack Lake Mountain Bike Trail N8375 Park Rd., Deerbrook. Come enjoy an evening of mountain biking, trail running, or hiking. Choose your preferred activity. Come solo or bring a friend. Meet others who enjoy time outside and stay after for social time. Laid back atmosphere, go at your own pace, enjoy the outdoors! All abilities welcome!

The Use of Native Plants in Health and Healing Mar 24th 6:30pm. Antigo Public Library 617 Clermont St., Antigo. Wild Ones Northwoods Gateway Chapter invites you to a free presentation on the use of native plants in health and healing. Misty Cook will share her knowledge of the role native plants have played in health and healing that has been passed down through generations of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Tribes.

StrongBodies Program (Virtual) Mar 25th & 27th 9-10:15am. This will be a virtual program via Zoom that you can follow along with at home. Sign up online at https://go.wisc.edu/j9468d

Senior Dining Mar 26th 11:30am-12:15pm. Senior Center of Langlade County, 623 Edison St., Antigo. Senior dining is open to all people sixty and above. The suggested contribution is \$6 for a full meal, served by wonderful people. RSVP is required by calling 888-486-9545.

Cardio and Strength Training Mar 26th 4:30-5:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County, 623 Edison St., Antigo. Cardio and strength training at the senior center with Dawn. This is designed for all levels of fitness. There is no charge.

Cribbage League Mar 26th (Wednesdays) 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. Weekly payouts; no need to sign up or attend every week.

Langlade Gem & Mineral Club 2nd Saturday of the month now through - May 10AM. Antigo Public Library Meeting Room 617 Clermont St., Antigo. All are welcome!

MEETINGS

Public Arts Committee - Regular Mar 25th 5:30pm. City Hall 700 Edison St., Antigo.

City Plan Commission - Special Meeting Mar 25th 6pm. City Hall 700 Edison St., Antigo.

GROUPS

AA Support Group (Open) Wednesdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

AA Meetings Tuesdays at 7pm at the Elcho UCC Church N11291 Dorr St., Elcho.

AA Meetings Sundays 10am. White Lake Community Center 615 School St., White Lake. Any questions call 715-219-0305

Alanon/Nornon Group Mondays 1:30pm. Antigo Community Church School (old St. Mary's), 723 Deleglise St., Antigo. Enter in the back please. For more information including other meeting times and locations call (715-623-4904).

Alzheimer's Support Group Second Monday of the month 5-6pm. Rolalia Gardens Door #3 519 Flight Rd., Antigo. 715-610-6681

Alzheimer's Association Virtual Support Groups Coffee for Family Caregivers, 2nd Monday of the month 5:30pm-6:30pm. For Persons Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, 2nd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Frontotemporal Degeneration 3rd Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Dementia in the early stages 4th Tuesday of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with dementia living at a facility every other Friday 10-

11:30am. Phone In Caregiver Support Group the last Tuesday of every month 10-11:30am. To register for any of the support groups contact the 24/7 helpline. 800.272.3900

AVAIL Support Group Meetings on Mondays, 5:30pm-7pm, Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm, Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm and again at 5:30pm-7pm, Fridays 3-6pm. AVAIL Inc. 1410 N. Superior St., Antigo.

Baby & Me Support Group Wednesdays from 1-2pm in the Langlade Birthing Center 112 E 5th Ave, Antigo, second floor. Facilitator: RN/International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. For more information please call 715-623-9280. No fee.

Broken Arrow Christian Recovery Meeting Thursdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Avenue, Antigo.

Community Recovery Bible Study Fridays 6pm. Aspirus Langlade Hospital 112 E. Fifth Ave., Antigo- in the large conference

GriefShare Community Grief Recovery Seminar and Support Group: Feb. 17th through May 12th 5-6:30pm. Peace Lutheran Church 300 Lincoln St., Antigo. Each weekly session is on a different grief topic. Park in the 8th Avenue lot and enter Door #3 for the Fellowship Hall. Sessions are FREE and no pre-registration is necessary.

Life Recovery Group & Christian Recovery Meetings Wednesdays 8:30am. Church of the Nazarine 230 Elm St., Antigo. This group is for anyone struggling with addiction, anxiety, food, depression, relationships, etc. There will also be Christian Recovery meetings at the same place and time.

Narcotics Anonymous Mondays 8am, Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

Overeaters Anonymous Mondays 7-8pm. SS. Mary & Hyacinth Parish Center, 819 3rd Ave., Antigo. Room #4 Contact: Rose Marie, 715-623-2128.

Stroke & Neurological Support Group (2nd Friday of the Month) Langlade Co. Senior Center 623 Edison St., Antigo.

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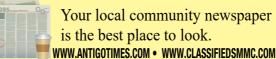
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Antigo Chess Club Shines at State Grade Level Championship Tournament

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Antigo Chess The Club made a remarkable showing at the Wisconsin State Grade Level Championship Chess Tournament, held on March 15, 2024, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Student Union by the Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation. Despite having only three participants, the club's members proved their competitive spirit and skill, bringing home impressive results.

Gabriel Tate Sullivan Schwebler, both 8th-grade players, earned notable positions in the highly competitive event. Tate placed 5th overall

while in his division. Sullivan secured place. Additionally, Sophie Schwebler, competing in the 5th-grade division, took

home the 12th place medal. Their strong performances highlight the talent and dedication of the Antigo Chess Club.

Special Thanks: The Antigo Chess Club is also grateful for the generous donations received from CoVantage Credit Union, Antigo Dairy Queen, Pat & Tonya McKenna-Trabant, Bahr & Kilsdonk, and Steve Faucik. Their support plays a crucial role in sustaining the club's activities and positively impacts the Antigo community.

Ways to Support the Antigo Chess Club The Antigo Chess Club is managed through 4-H, and the club welcomes donations to help further its mission. Contributions

can be mailed to Langlade County Leaders Association at the address below or dropped off at the 4-H office:

Langlade County 4-H Leaders Association Chess Club Donations Mail: Langlade County 4-H, 1225 Langlade Rd, Door #7, Antigo, WI 54409

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Wisconsin Sees Record Net Migration Surge, **Driven by International Influx**

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In a remarkable demographic shift, Wisconsin has experienced its highest levels of net migration in at least two decades, according to recent U.S. Census Bureau data. From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the state saw a net gain of 28,478 residents, with 22,146 coming from international migration and 6,332 from domestic migration. This migration accounted for 93.2% of Wisconsin's population growth during this period, with only a modest gain of about 2,000 residents from natural population change (births exceeding deaths).

A Shift in Population Dynamics

Historically, Wisconsin's population growth stemmed primarily from natural change. However, declining birth rates and rising mortality, especially among the aging Baby Boomer generation, have shifted the state's reliance toward migration for population growth.

This trend began to accelerate in 2022 and remained at elevated levels through 2024, marking a 151% increase in net migration compared to the pre-pandemic period of 2016-2019. During that earlier period, Wisconsin saw 32,522 new residents from net migration, while the most recent three-year period brought 81,605 residents.

International Migration Leading the Way

The surge in international migration is part of a broader national trend. The Census Bureau reported a net gain of 2.8 million residents nationwide from international migration in 2024, up from 1.7 million in 2022 and 2.3 million in 2023. Wisconsin's share of this influx has been substantial, with international migration contributing nearly three-fourths of the state's net migration since 2021.

Regional Comparison

On a per capita basis, Wisconsin ranked 26th among the 50 states, with 45.9 net migrants per 10,000 residents. However, within the Midwest, Wisconsin ranked second among 12 states and first among its neighboring states.

This growth stands in contrast to Minnesota, which saw a decline in net migration during the post-pandemic period despite being one of the Midwest's strongest performers before 2020.

Challenges Ahead

While the recent surge in migration has boosted Wisconsin's population, experts warn that federal policy changes could reduce future international migration, and the state's aging population will likely lead to further declines in natural population growth.

If current trends continue, Wisconsin could face net negative natural population change, with deaths outpacing births. This shift would exacerbate existing workforce shortages in critical industries like healthcare, education, agriculture, and construction.

Policy Implications

To maintain population growth, Wisconsin policymakers may need to focus on attracting domestic migrants and

Wisconsin Lottery Enhances Responsible Gaming and **Problem Gambling Resources** on Website

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In conjunction with the national Problem Gambling Awareness Month campaign, the Wisconsin Lottery has enhanced its responsible gaming and problem gambling resources on its website to help educate players about playing responsibly, avoiding scams, protecting minors, and where to find help for problem gambling behaviors.

long-time partner with the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG), the Lottery worked with the WCPG on the new web pages to ensure that the content is easy to navigate, engaging for users, and provides a wide range of contact information and literature for players seeking help. The new web pages also give users suggestions on how to spot the signs of a problem gambler, how to talk with a friend or family member about a potential problem, and information about common myths and facts surrounding the gaming industry.

This month, the Lottery is working with more than 3.600 retailers across the state to implement its Problem Gambling Awareness Month multi-media campaign including:

Lottoview (digital display) video messaging and poster placement at retailer locations

Radio spots throughout the state and on the Wisconsin Lottery's YouTube channel

Print ads in community publications

Social media and Players Club newsletter content

The Wisconsin Lottery is dedicated to encouraging responsible play and supporting the state and national councils on problem gambling.

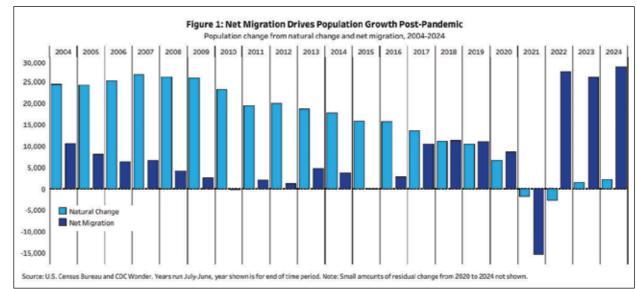
The WCPG helpline is available at 800-GAMBLE-5. Online chatting and texting (850-888-HOPE) are also available. Calling, online chatting, and texting is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information about responsible gaming and problem gambling, visit wilottery.com/respgaming/home.

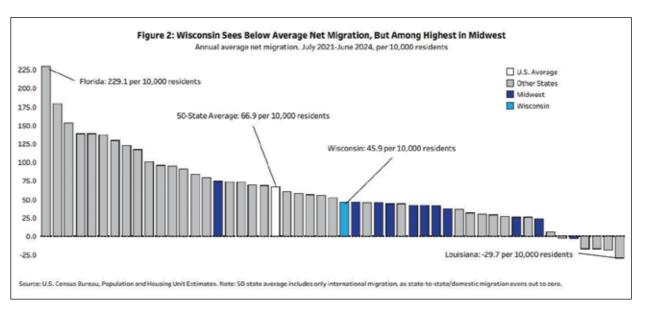
retaining current residents. Potential strategies include: Increasing affordable housing options

Wisconsin Recruiting out-of-state students to

Offering tax incentives or workforce benefits to attract families with young children

As Wisconsin navigates this demographic shift, proactive policies will be essential to sustain economic growth and address the needs of an aging population. The full report from WI Policy Forum can be found here: https:// wispolicyforum.org/research/wisconsins-net-migrationsoars-to-levels-not-seen-in-decades/





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Health Savings Account (HAS), and added or used money from a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) can also use Direct File.

Certain restrictions apply. Wisconsin taxpayers can visit https://directfile. irs.gov/savingsandretirement for more information.

Income Tax Filing Tips

With a little over a month left before the tax filing deadline, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) offers taxpayers the following tips:

Always review your banking information before submitting your return.

Doublecheck to ensure you have claimed all your eligible credits.

Track the status of your refund using DOR's Where's My Refund tool.

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