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Wittenberg 4th Grade Achievements

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Wittenberg 4th graders recently finished their Native American unit in Social Studies. The students were broken into groups, did a lot of research, and created dioramas.

Wittenberg 4th graders also recently toured the State Capitol.

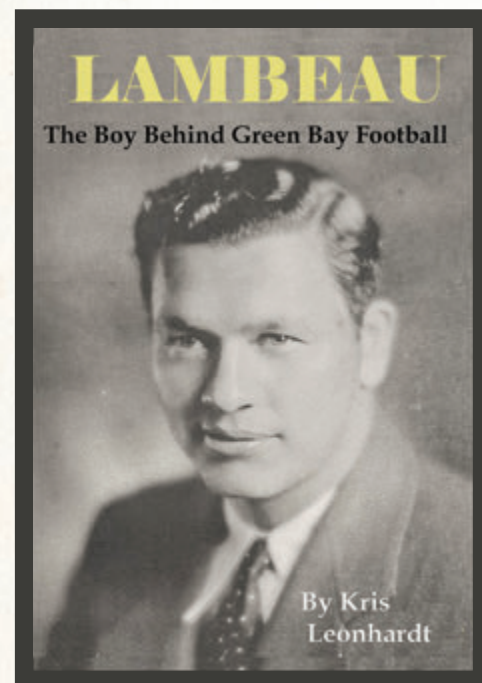


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“A fascinating TALE



of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.

The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis “Curly” Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other.

From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

Like the Packers, Lambeau’s story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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Students of the Week: Agriculture and Tech. Ed. May 5-9, 2025

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Christian selected Evan Firkus as his Agriculture Student of the Week. Mr. Christian stated that “Evan has been a superstar in the Ag. classroom. When he arrives to his second hour greenhouse management class, he is immediately in the greenhouse checking on the flowers and watering whatever needs water. Evan has also been a huge help in the barn in his other class, assisting with feeding, watering, and cleaning animal pens. Evan goes above

and beyond what he has to, just to help out!” Mr. Zoromski picked Carson Meronk as his Woods Student of the Week. Mr. Zoromski said that “Carson has a very positive attitude when he comes to class. He works up until the bell and has a great work ethic.” Mr. Wieland chose Colton Klitzka as his Metals Student of the Week. Mr. Wieland added that “Colton is a hard worker in Manufacturing Process and Recreation and Small Vehicle. He has already completed a few projects.”



North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Announce Annual Plant Sale

CHAR SCHMIDT
BOARD PRESIDENT,
NORTH CENTRAL
WISCONSIN MASTER
GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is thrilled to announce their highly anticipated Plant Sale, scheduled to take place on May 17, 2025, from 7:00 am to noon. The event will be held at the Marathon Park Cattle Barn, located at 1201 Stewart Ave in Wausau, Wisconsin. This is a fundraiser supporting several amazing local public gardens; student scholarships and other community initiatives. Garden enthusiasts and plant lovers alike can look forward to a vibrant and diverse selection of locally grown plants including an array of perennials, annuals, hostas, vegetables, tomatoes, natives, and seedlings, ensuring there’s something to suit every taste and garden style. One of the highlights of the event is the free children’s planting area, where young green thumbs can get their hands dirty and cultivate their love for gardening



under the guidance of experienced volunteers. Proceeds from the plant sale make it possible for The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardener Association to fund a wide array of initiatives, including Scholarships for College Students, the Wildflower Gardens at Rib Mountain State Park, Children’s Educational Gardening Experiences, Community Horticultural Education Classes, and much more!! “We’re excited to invite the community to join us for our annual Plant Sale,” said Jill Falstad, Chair of the Plant Sale of the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association. “It’s not only an opportunity to acquire high-quality plants at affordable prices but also a chance to support local gardeners and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Most importantly, proceeds go to support important local garden-related initiatives.” Admission to the event is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring cash or checks for purchases, as credit card transactions will not be available. For more information about the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and their upcoming Plant Sale event, visit their website at NCWMGA.org. About North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association: The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is dedicated to promoting horticultural education, community beautification, and environmental stewardship. Through their various programs and events, they aim to inspire and empower individuals to become successful gardeners and responsible caretakers of the natural world.

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Mother’s Day!

Dear Reader,

Mother’s Day is upon us—a moment to pause and honor the women who gave us life, love, and guidance. Each of us owes our existence to a mother, through whom, by the grace of God, we came into this world. In that miraculous birth was a sacred gift: a bond of love that begins even before we take our first breath.


The umbilical cord may be cut at birth, freeing us to pursue our own paths, yet the connection to our mothers never truly ends. It lives on in her care, her wisdom, her sacrifices, and in the quiet ways she has helped shape our lives.

To have a mother—or to have had one—is an infinite blessing. From the moment of our conception, her presence, seen or unseen, known or unknown, is a source of strength and grace that remains with us forever.

So this Mother’s Day, take a moment to celebrate your mother—whether with a gift, a word of thanks, a loving gesture, or a prayer whispered in her memory. Whether she is near or far, here or gone, let your heart speak.

And to all the mothers out there—please take a bow. You are the quiet heroines of the human story. Have a joyful and well-deserved Mother’s Day.

PATRICK J. WOOD
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Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



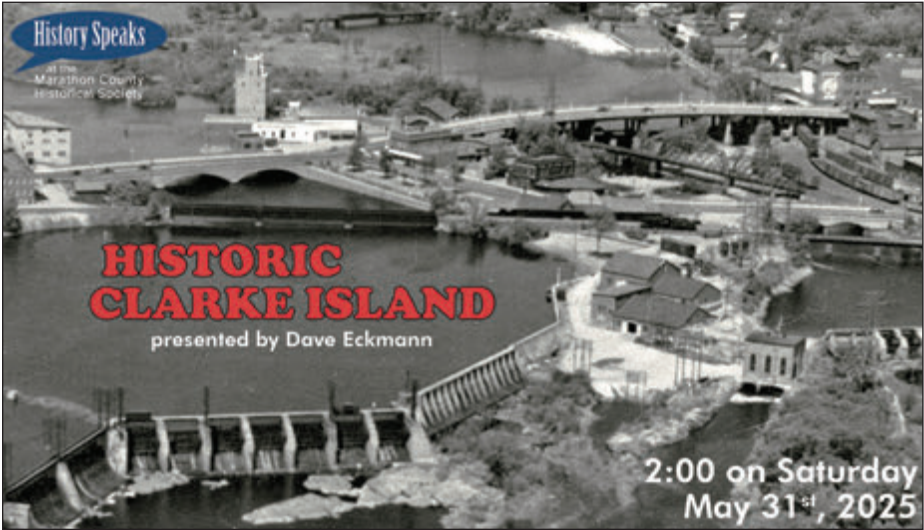


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The Marathon County Historical Society presents Historic Clarke Island



SHERYL DEL CONTE
CURATOR OF EVENTS,
MARATHON COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Clarke Island has long been at the center of the commerce and industry of Wausau. In this program, Dave Eckmann takes us through the history of the island from the community’s foundational years to becoming the new home to the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce with particular emphasis on the story of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad depot and WPS powerhouse.

David Eckmann Ed.D., IOM, currently serves as the President/CEO of the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce. Dave attended Arizona State University earning a bachelor’s degree in political science and Master of Public Administration. He completed his Doctorate of Higher Education Leadership from Edgewood College and

graduated from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute of Organizational Management (IOM). He also served in the U.S. Army as a combat medic. He brings over 25 years of economic and community development experience to his current role of building thriving and competitive communities.

This History Speaks program will be presented live at 2 pm, Saturday May 31st at the Woodson History Center (410 McIndoe Street, Wausau). History Speaks is presented in conjunction with the Marathon County Public Library and is sponsored by Janke Book Store. This is a free program; no RSVP required.

MCHS is located in the Woodson History Center at 410 McIndoe Street, Wausau, Wisconsin. Exhibit and office hours are Tuesday–Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday 1 pm to 4:30 pm. Admission is free.

The Research Library is open from 9 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday–Friday. Tours of the Yawkey House Museum are available Tuesday–Sunday. Call for times and prices. For more information, please call MCHS at 715-842-5750, email us at info@marathoncountyhistory.org, or visit our website at www.marathoncountyhistory.org.

The mission of MCHS is to collect, preserve, and exhibit materials related to the history of Marathon County, and to use these materials to help people learn about North Central Wisconsin, connect with their roots, and explore their own historical connections.

The Marathon County Historical Society is supported in part by City of Wausau Room Tax Funding. Additional support provided through the B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation.

Obituaries

Courtesy of



Cherek, Terenia
Terenia ‘Terri’ A. Cherek, 91 of Bevent, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2025.

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The first one is “Unique and Irreplaceable: You, me, and everyone, Tues. May 13th. Every person has a unique purpose to unfold, a tile to place in

the “Mosaic of Life” that no one else can paint. Each one is worthy of respect, has power, responsibility, and control. Building on our unique strengths, gifts, and talents opens up more potential to be realized. Maturity reveals more ways to contribute my part to the greater good. This class will offer exercises to reflect privately on the “tile” you’re painting and how it connects with others in the “Mosaic of Life.” 1 - 2:30 pm OR 6 - 7:30 pm.

The classes that follow explore what can guide us along our paths. On

Tues., May 20th - the topic is “Intuition, Inspiration, Vision,” a treasure chest of tools to tap into our inner knowing. On May 27th, it is “What’s Written in the Human Heart,” a moral compass that helps us to navigate life in a way that benefits both self and others.

The instructor is Loretta Ulschneider, C.P.K., faculty member of the Institute of Kinlein, practicing kinlein for 40 years, assisting clients as they build on all that is good, strong, and beautiful within them.

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Monday
May 12, 2025
@7:00pm at the
Aniwa Town Hall
Tammy Resch, Clerk

TOWN OF
NORRIE
RESIDENTS

Monthly Board Meeting
Monday
May 12, 2025
at 7:00 p.m. at the
Norrie Town Hall
Carla King, Clerk

TOWN OF
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RESIDENTS

Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday,
May 13, 2025
7:30 p.m.
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Town of Germania

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Tammy Resch, Clerk

Wittenberg Historical Society
PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC WELCOME!

The Annual Meeting of the Wittenberg Area Historical Society will take place on Tues., May 13, 2025 at 6 pm, at the Wittenberg Community Center on W. Vinal St.
• Review financials and minutes for 2024
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• Update 2025 to include plans that will shape the future of our Society for years to come.
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3. Installation of water supply to press box from nearest water source from east end of property.

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CLASS III
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR
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A public hearing shall be held by the Village Board of the Village of Birnamwood, at the Matsche Community Center and Village Hall, 362 Railroad Street, Birnamwood, Wisconsin 54414, on June 9, 2025, at 6.45 p.m., to discuss the proposed action to discontinue Pine Street initiated by the introduction of a Resolution by the Village Board of the Village of Birnamwood pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.1003(4).

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Dated this 28 day of April, 2025.

VILLAGE OF BIRNARNWOOD

Jody-Ellen Dombrowski,
Village Clerk

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Gov. Evers Honors the 2024 Governor's Financial Literacy Award Recipients

FOR THE WITTENBERG NORTHERNER DFI COMMUNICATIONS

Gov. Tony Evers honored 11 individuals and eight organizations as recipients of the 2024 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards in a ceremony at the Wisconsin State Capitol. The recipients were honored for their efforts in helping Wisconsinites build their financial literacy and capability skills.

"Financial education gives people the tools they need to achieve their goals, expand new opportunities, and help attain financial security for themselves and their families," said Gov. Evers. "These dedicated individuals and organizations are doing important work to help Wisconsinites become more financially secure and prepare for their futures, which is a critical part of strengthening the financial well-being of our entire state. I thank these dedicated individuals and organizations for all they have done to help advance financial wellness in Wisconsin, and I congratulate them for receiving this prestigious award."

The 2024 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards honored recipients in one of three categories, individual, organization, or legacy, for providing exceptional financial literacy and capability education inclusively and innovatively. The legacy

award is given to an organization, business, or individual whose purpose and heritage is ingrained in sustained financial literacy and capability efforts. This lifetime recognition is intended to be conferred only once to recipients.

The recipients of the 2024 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards are:

Individual Category:

Lily Alvarado, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Milwaukee
Kerri Herrild, De Pere High School, De Pere
Ana Melo, Old National Bank, West Allis
Kristen Ruhl, SecureFutures, Milwaukee
Matthew Vandre, Francis LLC, Brookfield
Todd Williams, Plymouth High School, Plymouth
Jessica Zarnke, School District of Loyal, Marshfield

Organization Category:

Bank of Sun Prairie, Sun Prairie
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Capital Credit Union, Green Bay
College Goal Wisconsin, Madison
Delavan-Darien High School and the Delavan-Darien Technical School, Delavan
Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, Madison
Francis LLC, Brookfield
Simplicity Credit Union, Marshfield

Legacy Category:

Scott Christy, Green Bay East High (retired), Green

Bay
Janean Dietsche, Marshfield High School (retired), Marshfield
Victor Frasher, Educators Credit Union, Mt. Pleasant
Kelli Send, Francis LLC, Brookfield

The recipients were selected by the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability from the nominations submitted for consideration. Criteria used to judge nominations included: innovative implementation of an effective financial literacy and capability program or program element within the last two years; emphasis on financial inclusion, demonstrated measurable results; collaboration with partners; and scalability of the program design. Visit the Council's webpage to read a synopsis of the recipients' efforts.

The Council serves as a continuous sounding board for the Office of the Governor, the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), and the DFI's Office of Financial Literacy. The Council provides guidance and strategies to measurably improve the financial literacy, capability, and financial inclusion of Wisconsin's residents. To learn more about the Council, visit the Council's webpage or contact Council Executive Director David Mancl by phone at (608) 572-5794 or by email at David.Mancl@dfi.wisconsin.gov.

How to Identify Melanoma



FOR THE WITTENBERG NORTHERNER ASPIRUS HEALTH

The first Monday in May is Melanoma Monday, launching Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Established by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in 1995, this initiative encourages people to check their skin and recognize the warning signs of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Melanoma arises from the uncontrolled replication of melanocytes, the cells responsible for skin pigment, transforming them into cancerous cells.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) highlights melanoma's danger due to its potential for quick spread to other body areas. Some types, like nodular melanoma, can spread in weeks, while others may take years to develop.

Melanoma might form within an existing mole

or emerge on previously unaffected skin. Although areas frequently exposed to the sun are more prone to melanoma, it can develop anywhere on the body.

"Melanoma doesn't discriminate, but individuals with lighter skin face a higher risk," says Patrick Kehoe, MD, a board-certified dermatologist at Aspirus Health. "The most avoidable risk factor is long-term sun exposure. Ultraviolet (UV) light from the sun or tanning beds can cause mutations in skin cells, potentially leading to melanoma."

Monitoring for new or changing moles, spots that grow quickly, or alterations in existing skin marks is crucial.

Detecting melanoma early significantly diminishes the risk of it metastasizing to other body parts, potentially saving lives.

For early melanoma detection and to safeguard yourself and your loved ones, remember the ABCDE guide:

A – Asymmetry: One half of the mole doesn't match the other.

B – Border: Edges are uneven, blurred, or notched.

C – Color: The mole has multiple colors, including black, blue, white, or gray.

D – Diameter: Larger than a pencil eraser.

E – Evolving: Changes in size, shape, or color over time.

"Preventing melanoma effectively means protecting your skin from solar radiation," advises Dr. Kehoe. "I advocate using sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30, offering broad-spectrum protection. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, more so after swimming or perspiring, and consider wearing sun-protective clothing."



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New Alzheimer's Association Report: Americans Want Early Diagnosis, Treatment, and Are Open to Risk-Taking to Slow Progression



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As the number of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease tops more than 7 million for the first time, a new report reveals strong public sentiment toward early diagnosis and treatment. Nearly 4 in 5 Americans would want to know if they had Alzheimer's before it impacted their lives, and they are open to treatments, even with risks, to slow the disease's progression. These are among the insights uncovered in the 2025 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures Report released today by the Alzheimer's Association. The 2025 Facts and Figures report provides an in-depth look at the latest national and state-by-state statistics on Alzheimer's prevalence, mortality, dementia care workforce, costs of care, and impact on caregivers. New disease-related statistics for Wisconsin revealed the following:

- Number of Wisconsin residents aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's: 110,900
- Statewide deaths from Alzheimer's disease: 2,361
- Statewide mortality rate from Alzheimer's (per 100,000 people): 7th
- Number of Wisconsin residents serving as unpaid family caregivers: 205,000
- Total hours of unpaid care provided: 297M
- Total value of unpaid care: \$6.0B

"This year's report emphasizes both the national demand for early diagnosis and effective treatments, and the significant impact Alzheimer's has on Wisconsin residents and families," said Dave Grams, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "It's crucial that we advance research and ensure access to care and support for those affected in our state."

Key National Findings:

- 7.2 million people aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease.
- The total annual cost of caring for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias (excluding unpaid care) is projected to be \$384 billion in 2025.
- Nearly 12 million family

members and friends provide 19.2 billion hours of unpaid care, valued at an additional \$413 billion.

- Deaths due to Alzheimer's disease more than doubled between 2000 and 2022.

Special Report: American Perspectives on Early Detection of Alzheimer's Disease in the Era of Treatment The accompanying special report highlights a national survey of more than 1,700 U.S. adults, aged 45 and older, examining awareness and attitudes toward early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, tests used to help diagnose Alzheimer's, and treatments that can slow the progression of the disease.

Key survey findings:

- Nearly 4 in 5 Americans (79%) would want to know if they had Alzheimer's before symptoms interfere with daily activities.
- More than 9 in 10 Americans would want a simple test if available, primarily for earlier treatment and care.
- Over 90% would want medication to slow progression if diagnosed.
- Nearly 60% would accept a moderate or high level of risk with treatment.
- Top concerns about testing: insurance coverage, accuracy, and cost.
- 81% believe new treatments to stop progression will emerge in the next decade, and 66% believe new treatments to prevent Alzheimer's will be available soon.

"The national survey highlights the need for advancing new treatments and making early diagnosis easier and more accessible," said Dave Grams, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "We must continue to support research and improve access to care and support right here in Wisconsin, ensuring that individuals and families have the resources they need."

Full text of the 2025 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report, including the accompanying special report, American Perspectives on Early Detection of Alzheimer's Disease in the Era of Treatment, can be viewed at alz.org/facts.

Marshfield Clinic invests \$700,000 in 31 communities in the battle against opioid and stimulant misuse

FOR MMC

The Marshfield Clinic region of Sanford Health has invested \$700,000 in 31 communities across Wisconsin to address the negative impact of opioid and stimulant misuse. The funds, which come from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services opioid response and opioid settlement funds, are dispersed through the Northwoods Coalition, www.northwoodscoalition.org. Formed through a partnership between Marshfield Clinic and several community coalitions in 1995, Northwoods Coalition is the largest and oldest network of coalitions dedicated to substance use prevention in Wisconsin, serving 34 counties and 11 Wisconsin Tribal Nations. The investment in the 31 communities is part of the Northwoods Coalition's plan to fight the opioid epidemic through evidence-based prevention and harm reduction strategies. Wisconsin, like many other states, has been significantly affected by the opioid crisis. "The human, societal, and financial toll the opioid crisis has in our communities is tragic," said Jay Shrader, vice president



of Community Impact and Social Accountability. "This funding is vital and is one small but important step in supporting our communities in our ongoing battle against opioid and stimulant misuse. Our communities and community partners are on the frontline and know how to best use these funds in their communities." Funding supports evidence-based practices like drug takeback events, Naloxone distribution, sharps disposal events, community awareness and anti-stigma campaigns, and drug checking technology distribution (fentanyl test strips, xylazine test strips). Communities also can participate in an opioid academy led by a world-renowned training organization, CADCA, a nonprofit organization committed to creating safe, healthy, and drug-free communities. The goal of this training academy is to help coalitions create plans for implementing evidence-based practices in their communities using opioid settlement dollars. Legislative roundtables

will give coalitions a chance to showcase their plans to their county-level legislators, in the hopes of getting access to the opioid settlement dollars and putting them to use. "Additionally, our hope is for state legislators to attend this roundtable and be reminded of the importance of continuing to advocate for opioid prevention and harm reduction funding," Shrader said. "This is an amazing opportunity for communities to organize around the opioid settlement dollars available to them and will be for years to come." The organizations receiving the funding are:

- Health Dunn Right
- Dunn County Partnership for Youth (DCPFY)
- Together For Jackson County Kids
- Florence County AODA/MH Coalition
- Marshfield Area Coalition For Youth (DTF)
- Marathon County AOD Partnership
- Vilas County Youth Coalition
- Clark County Prevention Partnership
- Lincoln County Opioid

Task Force

- Youth of Burnett County Prevention Coalition
- Healthy People Wood County
- Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Alliance for a Safe and Healthy Bayfield County

- Oneida County Substance Use Coalition
- Pepin County Together
- Price County AODA/MH Coalition
- Polk United
- Chippewa County Health Communities
- Barron County Community Coalition
- Buffalo County Partnership Council
- Alliance 2 HEAL
- Community Coalition of Forest County
- Douglas County Drug Prevention Coalition
- Alliance for Substance Use Prevention of Langlade County
- Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team
- Iron County AODA Prevention Coalition
- Healthy WashCo (Community Alliance for Prevention)
- Giwii-minobimaadizimin Prevention Coalition
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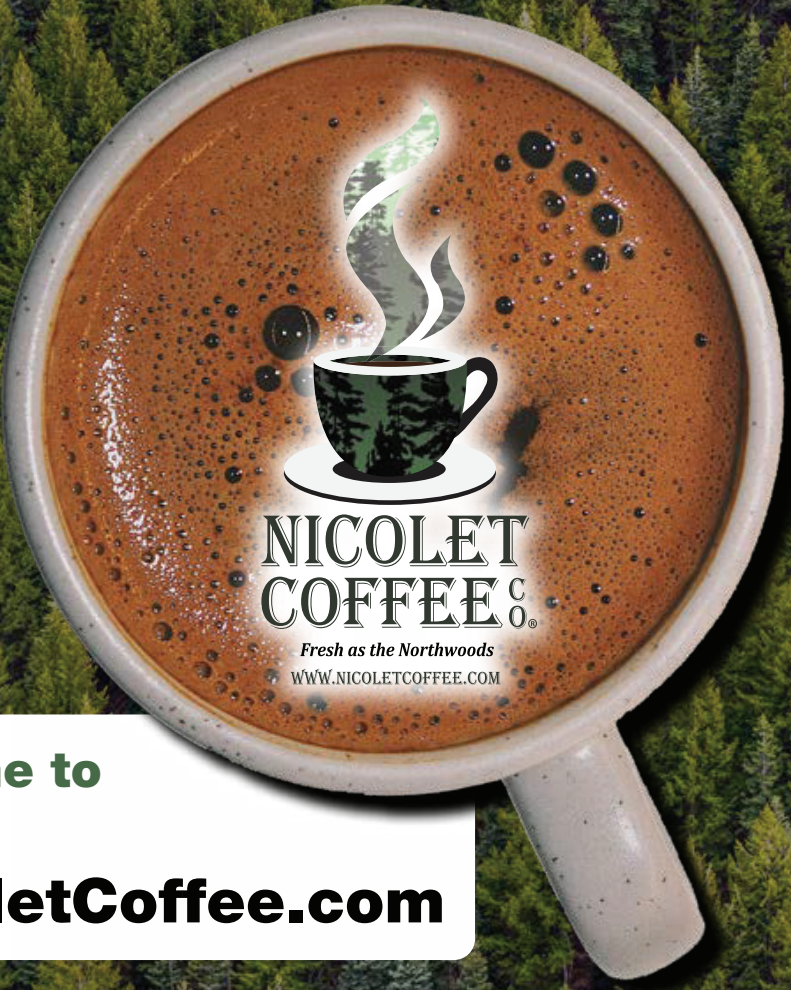
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