

## Gardeners welcomed to trade seeds

The Washburn Seed Exchange is looking for interested gardeners to participate for 2022. The Seed Exchange will be handled through the Washburn Public Library. The exchange is a network of people who share their unused seeds for other seeds they can

use. Seeds can be harvested from plants, seeds from crops they no longer care to grow or leftover seeds they won't be using. It's open to experienced gardeners as well as new gardeners.

Two dates are tentatively scheduled for the exchange,

one in November and the other at the end of January.

A Washburn Seed Exchange organizational meeting will be held Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washburn Public Library.

The exchange is a great way to save money, find new

varieties, promote biodiversity, share knowledge and build community.

For questions, please contact Jane Heim at 815-988-2628 or Kerry Cook-Lovlien at 715-292-3939.

*Information provided by Washburn Seed Exchange.*

## Arts council hosts Washburn show

BY KATHERINE PERTTUNEN  
For the Ashland Daily Press

Artists from across the Bay Area will show — and hopefully sell — their work at an October event at the Washburn Cultural Center.

The event, called the Gathering, also will introduce artists and the public to the Chequamegon Bay Arts Council and its work.

The Gathering exhibit opened Oct. 1 and a reception will be held Oct. 7 from 4-8 p.m.

Council board member LeAnne Frey said the organization offers memberships ranging from starving artist rates to family, with all money going to the cause of furthering the arts in the community.

"You don't have to be an artist to be a member," she said.

The council was formed to help artists in the community to flourish, partially by providing grants for skill expansion, Frey said. Money raised by membership fees also goes to community events such as the Fiber Arts Festival.

Artists have used grant money from the group to attend workshops to hone new techniques and to publish books, and the council has helped support musical events in such venues as Big Top Chautauqua, Frey said.

One project completed with the council's help involved member Lisa Fleming who brought artwork fairies to the woods near Washburn with stories about the fairies written by local students, Frey said.

The Wisconsin Arts Board matches funding raised to help even more artists, Frey said, and the Council is able to sponsor four scholarships per year to students pursuing degrees in the arts.

The Gathering displays will be at the Cultural Center throughout the month of October and the Oct. 7 reception will have hors d'oeuvres and wine available.

Members can vote for their favorite works of art, and some winners will be awarded cash prizes.

For information such as hours and a virtual tour, visit [washburn-culturalcenter.com](http://washburn-culturalcenter.com).

## PFLAG presentation: Living Christian and gay

The Bay Area's PFLAG organization will host a virtual presentation, Living in Two Worlds: Christian and Gay, with time for questions with retired Episcopal priest Mark Ricker.

For much of Ricker's teen and adult life, he has had close ties with the evangelical Christian community. For many years he was told and believed that being gay was wrong and a choice. But over the past 15 or more years, he has found that one does not displease God by living "out" of the closet. He can finally celebrate being openly gay and be a follower of Jesus.

He now better understands his true self and has found a home in the Episcopal Church, where he works as an LGBTQ advocate and supporter. His life still bridges two worlds: a progressive and inclusive Christianity as well as the more legalistic and evangelical Christian group. It has been an interesting journey.

The presentation will be held in the Washburn Public Library and also by Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21. All are welcome, and masks, vaccinations and are social distancing required.

The presentation is part of a month of observances celebrating LGBTQ+ rights:

Oct. 8 - International Lesbian Day  
Oct. 11 - National Coming Out Day  
Oct. 20 - International Pronouns Day  
Oct. 21 - Spirit Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

Oct. 24-30 - Asexual Awareness Week

Oct. 26 - Intersex Awareness Day

*Information provided by Chequamegon Bay PFLAG, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.*

# Vaughn trapped

BY ASHLAND DAILY PRESS

Another driver ran afoul of the Vaughn Avenue viaduct Friday when a semi trailer was peeled open by the low bridge.

"I talked to the driver and he was 67 years old, but he said he'd only been driving for three years," Ashland resident Ken Culloden, himself a former truck driver, said. "This guy's trailer was over 13 feet (high) so he really missed it. How do you do that? The previous ones I've seen missed it by a few inches, but not this guy. He missed by three feet."

The bridge clearly is marked with signs that say it is 10 feet, 7 inches high but trucks and other vehicles routinely — and incorrectly — think they can scrape underneath.

"I see it happen all the time," Culloden said. "Maybe they need to put some blinking lights on that bridge or something, because the signs sure aren't working."



Contributed photo by Ken Culloden



Exhibits at the co-op's Art Wall change every month and offer local artists a chance to gain a wider audience. (Contributed photo)

## Co-op seeks artists for 2022 shows

Ashland's Chequamegon Food Co-op is seeking visual artists for its 2022 Art Wall calendar. The co-op's general merchandise area has a large wall of space available for use as a community art gallery. The wall schedule is planned by the calendar year, with a call for artists held each fall. Exhibits change at the beginning of every month to help

keep things fresh. This is a great opportunity for up-and-coming artists to display their work and for established artists to gain wider exposure.

All local visual artists working in a variety of media are encouraged to apply. To be considered for inclusion, pick up an application at the customer service desk at the co-op or download one from

[www.chequamegonfoodcoop.com/the-art-wall/](http://www.chequamegonfoodcoop.com/the-art-wall/). Return the completed application along with a sample of work to the attention of Callista Kimm, Art Wall coordinator, or email it to [coopartwall@gmail.com](mailto:coopartwall@gmail.com). Applications will be accepted through Oct. 31.

*Information provided by the Chequamegon Food Cooperative.*

## Ashland County to host flu clinics

The Ashland County Health Department is hosting flu clinics in October for residents 6 months old and older.

The department accepts Medicare, Medicaid, BadgerCare and can provide a receipt of payment for other insurers.

The department asks that patients wear masks and loose clothing for clinics held at the following times and locations:

- Oct. 5, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Enrichment Center in Ashland

- Oct. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Mellen Senior Center; 11 a.m.-noon, Sanborn Methodist Church

- Oct. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Butternut Brookside Apartments; 11 a.m.-noon, Glidden Senior Center, Lauri Jean Zach Center.

For more information, contact the health department at 715-682-7028.

*Information provided by Ashland County Health Department.*

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