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GOP flips 3 state legislative seats

Voters elect Republicans to serve in assembly, Senate

By Shelley Nelson
Superior Telegram

SUPERIOR — Three seats held by Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature in Northwestern Wisconsin flipped to Republicans, according to unofficial results following the election Tuesday, Nov. 8.

In all three races, Democratic incumbents decided not to run for reelection.

Republican Romaine Quinn, a former repre-

sentative in the Assembly, will serve the 25th District, representing the largest geographical area of the state in the Senate. Quinn carried the district with 57% of the vote over Democratic challenger Kelly Westlund.

While Westlund led the vote count in Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas counties, Quinn carried even stronger numbers in Barron, Burnett, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Wash-



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burn counties. Quinn will replace Sen. Janet Bewley, D-Mason.

"I am humbled and gratified by the results tonight and the faith that the people of Northwestern Wisconsin have placed in me as their next state senator," Quinn said. "Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters, and thank

you especially to my wife, Rachel. Many long nights and early mornings went into this campaign, and I am thrilled with the results. I'm looking forward to getting to work and giving the people of Northern Wisconsin the representation they deserve."

In the Wisconsin Assembly's largest geographic district, Republican Chanz Green, a businessman, took 52.6% of the vote over Democratic

challenger John Adams. Adams led the vote count in Ashland and Bayfield counties, but Green had stronger numbers in Douglas, Iron, Price and Sawyer counties. Green will replace Rep. Beth Meyers, D-Bayfield.

"Thank you, Northern Wisconsin, for the outpouring of trust and support," Green said. "For months, I have traveled the district and heard from friends and neighbors about the issues important to them and their families. I spoke with single mothers struggling to

cope with rising energy prices. I sat with small business owners trying to manage out-of-control inflation, and I listened to workers who were putting in more hours for smaller paychecks.

"Tonight, they all voted for a change — a change from the failed policies that have hurt our economy and harmed our communities. I am truly honored and humbled to be their next state representative down in Madison," Green said.

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Officials hopeful on county bridge funds

By Shelley Nelson
Superior Telegram

SUPERIOR — Douglas County received some hopeful news to pay for improvements that could finally repair the bridge on funding for the County Highway W in western Douglas County.

The highway has been closed at the Nemadji River since 2018, when flooding washed out the abutments to the bridge.

Highway Commission Jason Jackman said he received an email from U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., stating that funding for the project was included in a federal appropriations bill.

The U.S. Senate's draft appropriations bill for fiscal year 2023

includes \$825,000 for Douglas County's Nemadji River bridge mitigation project, according to Baldwin's press office. The senator included the funding as congressionally directed spending. If the bill is signed into law, funding would be available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"So right now, it's basically sitting in Washington, D.C. ... waiting for the fiscal budget to be approved," Jackman said.

"There is a chance that it does not get approved," said Supervisor Nick Baker, chairman of the county's transportation and infrastructure committee.

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Senior Ed Hakanson uses a plasma cutter to make a saw tree in an Industrial Tech room at Superior High School on Nov. 3. Hakanson is part of the Spartan Manufacturing club at SHS.

TECHNICAL EDGE

Spartan Manufacturing offers hands-on experience

By Maria Lockwood
Superior Telegram

Superior students involved in the soft start of Superior High School's Spartan Manufacturing have had a busy first quarter.

Their tin can pumpkins sold out in an hour. Work is wrapping up on 500 custom mugs for Cenovus Energy. An order for 500 laser engraved tumblers just

came in from Enbridge. They've reached one financial milestone — \$1,000 in sales — and are moving to the next, \$5,000.

Students on the Spartan Manufacturing team meet daily during seventh hour to design projects, turn out custom products, run quality control and connect with customers.

"The whole goal for us is to have the

students use their skills that they've attained at the school and actually apply it to a real-world setting, and so we're starting a real-world business under the umbrella of the school district that they're going to be working for the community," said technical education instructor Spike Gralewski.

Whether it's agricultural products,

gift items or manufactured parts for a commercial business, the young entrepreneurs can make it.

"Just about anything that's going to give students a chance to interact with other community members and build their soft skills," said technical education instructor Adam Kuhlman.

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The Douglas County Highway W bridge over the Nemadji River has been out since 2018, leaving residents near the Wisconsin-Minnesota border frustrated with alternatives to getting around the area. The bridge abutments were washed out when log debris blocked the river's flow during heavy rain in June 2018.

Evers wins second term

By Shawn Johnson
Wisconsin Public Radio

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers has won reelection to a second term, beating back an effort by Republicans to recapture all branches of government in the perennial swing state.

With 98 percent of votes counted, results showed Evers defeating Republican challenger Tim Michels 51.1 percent to 47.9 percent.

In his victory speech at an event at the Orpheum

Theater in Madison, Evers said he was "incredibly proud to be the 46th governor of the state of Wisconsin."

"And I'm jazzed as hell to tell you that on Jan. 3, 2023, I will still be the 46th governor of the great state of Wisconsin," he added.

Evers' reelection represents a massive win for Democrats in an election cycle where they faced significant political headwinds. Typically, when one party controls

both the White House and Congress, Wisconsin elections swing in the other direction. Evers' victory bucked that trend.

Speaking to a crowd of several hundred people, Evers highlighted his campaign pledge to keep the promises he laid out in his 2018 campaign.

"Some people call it boring, but you know what, Wisconsin? As it turns out, boring wins," he said.

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Gov. Tony Evers speaks to reporters following the primary election Aug. 10 in Madison, Wis.

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