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## Minocqua housing/labor subcommittee gets Lakeland Sanitary input

### Lack of child care in the area set to become another focus

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The ad hoc committee formed by the Minocqua town board to study housing and labor issues met for a second time on Nov. 3, the nearly hour-and-45-minute meeting featuring once again featuring plenty of round table style

discussion.

An item on the agenda, aside from identifying and quantifying housing and labor issues, was the Lakeland Sanitary District (LSD).

Its superintendent, Wilbur Peters, was at the meeting to answer questions centering around the LSD and how the facility would handle something such as an in-

flux of new housing, be it individual houses, duplexes or apartment buildings.

"Obviously, if we're looking at additional housing in this area, in certain areas, it has to be part of the sanitary district," committee chairman Scott Meitus said to Peters. "We just want to make sure

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## Whoa! It's likely gonna be a nail-biter today!

### Governor, Senate races are virtually tied as voters head to the polls

#### News analysis

By Richard Moore  
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The final Marquette poll is out and, as expected, Wisconsin shows up in the survey about as even as it can get, with races for the governor's office and U.S. Senate a virtual tie.

The poll matches most other national polls, which indicate a late night for election enthusiasts.

According to the poll, incumbent U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson maintains a slight edge over Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes for the Senate seat, 50-48 percent among likely voters, with 2 percent not saying or don't know.

In the governor's race, it's a tie, with 48 percent favoring incumbent Democrat Gov. Tony Evers and 48 percent favoring Republican nominee Tim Michels, with 2 percent for Joan Beglinger, who has dropped out and endorsed Michels but whose name remains on the ballot, and 1 percent who don't know.

The survey was conducted Oct. 24-Nov. 1, with interviews of 802 Wisconsin registered voters, and a margin of error of +/-4.6 percentage points. The margin of error among 679 likely voters is +/-4.8 percentage points.

The poll mirrors other surveys released in the last three weeks. A Fox News poll, for example, shows Johnson leading 48-45, but again that's slightly closer than the last Fox survey.

In the governor's race in that poll, Michels leads Evers by one point, 48-47, down from a 2-point lead last month.

#### How it breaks down

In the U.S. Senate race, Johnson's lead in the final Marquette poll before election day would ordinarily be good news, except for three things: That lead is decidedly within the poll's normal margin of error; it is down significantly from his six-point lead in early October; and undecideds usually break for the challenger.

Republicans attribute the poll tightening to Democrats coming home to their base in the closing days, and that might well be the case. But Republicans believe undecideds will break for the incumbent Johnson in this case, that is to say, they believe the national



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## RAINY DAY READS

Thomas Kuecker confirms he found the right book while telling librarian Jennifer Davis about one of his favorite authors, Phillip Margolin, on a rainy afternoon in Minocqua on Friday, Nov. 4.

## Two LUHS choir students perform with state honors band

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LUHS students Ada Ernst and Brecken Karegeannes put their singing skills to the test when they performed with the state honor band and choir at the Overture Center in Madison on Thursday, Oct. 27. Led by LUHS band director Bill Richter, the lineup of songs for the program ranged from bombastic fanfares to slower-paced pieces.

"It's just a great honor for some of our students to be able to perform in a group of that caliber," Bill Richter said.

As part of the audition process, all participants had to pick a song for their solo performance. In addition to memorizing musical scales for the various songs, they also had to practice sight-reading from sheet music. From there, a panel of judges would evaluate

their performances and determine if they are qualified to perform in the state honor choir.

"It's [about] getting those kids set up for success," Bill Richter explained, "so that they can hopefully get motivated to get up to that point."

Ernst and Karegeannes had previously auditioned back in February, and in the spring, they would eventually find out they were both accepted into the state choir.

Specific song titles in the lineup included "Rejoice" and "Wake Up My Spirit." In addition, the choir got the chance to perform the song "Of Our New Day Begun" by Omar Thomas. For this song, Omar Thomas himself stepped in to direct the choir members alongside the school staff on how best

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LUHS choir student Brecken Karegeannes.



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LUHS choir student Ada Ernst.

Band

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the song should be performed.

As for Ada Ernst and Brecken Karegeannes, to be able to perform before a massive audience played a significant part in shaping their overall experience.

"For me," Ernst said, "it was a little different because it wasn't a solo and I was just with all of these talented people. It wasn't as nerve-wracking, but it was a really cool opportunity."

Whereas Karegeannes explained, "Performing in such a big, beautiful theatre was such a great opportunity for our futures in music to see what it's like in the real world."

In addition to this, Ernst and Karegeannes had loving and supportive family members in the audience seeing them demonstrate their skills. The two singers also intend to use this experience to better influence their future performances.

"I think, for me," Ernst said, "the whole thing was just a really big learning experience. I've learned a ton of things about music and performing, especially on such a big stage."

Karegeannes also elaborated on this sentiment, saying "It definitely opened my eyes to how much is out there and how much incredible talent that I will be able to surround

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Bill Richter,
LUHS Band Director

myself with as I move forward in music. It's just wonderful to know that there's a bunch of people now on my side and a bunch of friends that I meet."

Both the students and Bill Richter hope to take part in this once again, as the school's choir regularly selects students every year to take part in the state honors choir.

As Richter explained, "To go down from Northern Wisconsin to represent us in Madison is a great experience for them, and it really allows them to come back and [think], 'What can I bring back to the program here, and how I can help us here in northern Wisconsin to raise the bar?'"

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