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Wisconsin Supreme Court
candidate Susan Crawford

Johnson calls for investigation of potential FBI leaks

THE SCOTLAND NEWS
SERVICE

U.S. Sen. Ron
Johnson (R-Wisc.)
called for an investi-
gation into potential

criminal leaks by the Federal Bureau of
Investigation (FBI) to the media ahead of
the 2024 election.

Johnson and U.S. Senate Judiciary Com-
mittee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)
sent a letter requesting
an investigation of
former FBI Assistant
Special Agent in Charge,
Timothy Thibault, and
his associates' potential
breach of FBI informa-
tion sharing policies.
"Legally protected whis-
tleblower disclosures"
revealed that Thibault
"shared sensitive, non-
public investigative
information from his FBI
email account with a private citizen with
whom he was romantically involved," said a
Johnson press release.



U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson

"The FBI repeatedly lectures Congress,
without any legitimate basis, that it can't
share information with Congress because
the matter is an ongoing investigation," said
Johnson's letter. "The FBI has asserted to
Congress that [For Official Use Only] infor-
mation and FBI email accounts and per-
sonnel names should remain non-public.
Yet, here, Thibault sent all of that type of
information to a private citizen while the
FBI stiff-arms Congress and the American
people," the senators wrote.

"Thibault's conduct exemplifies the FBI's
'do as I say, not as I do' hypocrisy and why
its repeated complaints to Congress when
it makes government information public
should fall on deaf ears," said the letter.

Kenosha mayor delivers State of City address, says city is 'flourishing'

KENOSHA REPORTER REPORT

Kenosha Mayor David Bogdala delivered his 2025 State of the City Address on March 3. He said the city is "flourishing" and highlighted several of his administration's accomplishments over the past year.

"I see a Kenosha where innovation fuels our economy, where neighborhoods are safe and thriving, and where every resident feels a sense of belonging," Bogdala said. "I see a City that embraces sustainability, celebrates culture, and ensures every voice is heard."

"This vision will take hard work, collaboration, and a shared commitment to our community. But I have no doubt that Kenosha is up to the task," the mayor said. "Together, we will build a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Kenosha for everyone."

Bogdala discussed the city's economic growth, infrastructure enhancements, and public safety improvements. He also discussed "strong partner-

ships" with local, state and federal leaders that "help drive our city forward." Bogdala also thanked the City staff "who are the backbone of Kenosha's progress."

Bogdala said he is "proud to report" to members of the City Council and Kenosha citizens that "the state of our city is strong and growing stronger each day."

Bogdala was elected as the 51st mayor of Kenosha in April 2024. Before becoming mayor, he served as a city alderman for 16 years. During his time on the City Council, he participated in budget discussions, economic development initiatives, and public safety policies. As mayor, he oversees city departments, manages municipal operations, and works with local and state officials on policy matters.

Bogdala's administration has focused on financial management, infrastructure projects, and public safety programs. His office coordinates with business leaders and community organizations on economic development



Kenosha Mayor David Bogdala

efforts. The mayor also works with the Kenosha Police Department and Fire Department on staffing and resource allocation. He delivers the State of the

City Address annually and presents budget proposals to the City Council. The full address can be viewed online at: Kenosha.org.

Rhythm on the Lake concert series returns for full season

KENOSHA REPORTER

A free concert series, hosted by Kenosha County Parks, is set to return to Old Settlers Park in Paddock Lake for a full 16-week season this year. The announcement was made by county and village officials following the unanimous approval of the 2025 concert series schedule by the Paddock Lake Village Board.

Concerts will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday from June 12 through August 21, excluding July 4. The events will be held at the newly constructed band shelter located at Old Settlers Park, 24100 75th St.

"Thanks to the support of our partners at the Village of Paddock Lake, Rhythm on the Lake will be back — better than ever — in 2025," said County Executive Samantha Kerkman. "We're delighted to bring this free, family-friendly event to the community."

The concerts will feature a pop-up beer garden offering beer, nonalcoholic beverages, and snacks for purchase. Concessions will be operated alternately by the Paddock Lake Lions Club and the Kiwanis



Samantha Kerkman, County Executive

Club of Westosha-Salem, with all proceeds benefiting these organizations.

Paddock Lake Village President Pro Tempore Alex Attiah expressed enthusiasm about collaborating with the county on this event.

"We're looking forward to having this concert series in Paddock Lake and utilizing the new band shelter that we have," Attiah said. "It's a great community event — something we look forward to every Thursday during the summer." County Board Supervisor

John Poole highlighted that this year's schedule doubles the number of concerts from five to ten. "With an average attendance of over 200 people, this series is well-attended each week," Poole said. "I appreciate the work that County Executive Kerkman and county Parks Director Wyatt Moore put into expanding this popular summer event in Paddock Lake!"

For more information about Kenosha County Parks locations and activities, visit parks.kenoshacounty.org or call 262-857-1809.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

We've been publishing the Kenosha Reporter online for four years.

Our goal is two-fold: (1) to provide news about state and local policy matters and politics to help you assess whether the policy decisions made by your elected officials are aligned with your values and to explain how those decisions impact your quality of life; and (2) to offer quality local content to help you stay abreast of what's happening in the community you call home.

We will present the policy arguments being made and frame the choices being offered in order to foster a dialogue that produces the most productive outcomes available.

We will provide contextual and consequential information to give you the whole story. This is a community forum where we speak with you rather than talking at you.

Consistent with that notion, we want to hear from you. We welcome your story ideas, your editorial submissions, and your constructive critiques. Tell us which stories you find helpful, which stories you enjoy and, conversely, which stories missed the mark.

You can email your ideas or requests to receive future print copies to news@kenoshareporter.com.

Thank you,
Kenosha Reporter Publishers

Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate faces scrutiny over past legal error

GREEN BAY REPORTER

In 2001, a critical error by Susan Crawford's office led to a rapist serving less than two years of a seven-year sentence. Crawford, who was then head of the criminal appeals unit in the Wisconsin Attorney General's office, missed a filing deadline for an appeal to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. This mistake forced the county district attorney into a plea deal that allowed Thomas Gogin, convicted of false imprisonment and sexual assault, to walk free with time served and probation.

The original case involved Gogin forcibly assaulting a

friend after a rodeo event. His conviction was challenged on grounds of ineffective legal representation, leading to an appeals court ordering a new trial. However, trials can be emotionally taxing for victims, and repeating one could deter their participation.

Crawford's office prepared an appeal but filed it late due to miscalculations by three employees. The Wisconsin Supreme Court dismissed it as untimely. Debra Blasius, the prosecuting attorney, was left without options other than negotiating a plea deal.

Attorney General Jim Doyle claimed his office apologized to the victim,

though this was disputed by her. Eventually, Crawford personally apologized after being contacted by the victim's husband. Despite public outcry over the mishandling of the appeal, no immediate disciplinary actions were taken against her staff except for a written reprimand for Assistant Attorney General Kathleen Ptacek.

Crawford suggested that "faulty memory" might prevent understanding how the error occurred. This incident has been cited as indicative of poor judgment and transparency issues in Crawford's career as she campaigns for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.



Susan Crawford

Schimmel campaign says state Democratic Party funded by George Soros, J.B. Pritzker

THE SCOTT

Brad Schimmel, a former Attorney General of Wisconsin and current candidate for the state's Supreme Court, has claimed that his opponent's campaign is financially supported by billionaire George Soros and Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker. Schimmel made this assertion in a press release issued on February 11 through WisPolitics.

"Monday's campaign finance reports revealed that the Democratic Party of Wisconsin is funded by George Soros, JB Pritzker, and Reid Hoffman — and Susan Crawford is funded by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin," said Schimmel, WI Supreme Court candidate. "Soros, Pritzker, and Hoffman's cash accounted for over 40 percent of the \$4 million in individual contributions received by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin this past month. Half of the money the Democratic Party of Wisconsin received was then transferred to Susan Crawford's campaign."

According to the Associated Press, Soros contributed \$1 million to the Wisconsin Democratic Party in support of Susan Crawford's campaign.

Scott Walker, the former Governor of Wisconsin, posted on X: "George Soros is pulling millions into the WI Supreme Court race because a 4-3 liberal majority will redraw Congressional districts to squeeze out 2 GOP seats."



From left: Brad Schimmel, George Soros

The Schimmel campaign, as reported by the Maelver Institute, said: "It is no surprise why George Soros would back a candidate like Susan Crawford; she has spent her entire career implementing a deeply dangerous and radical agenda. From releasing violent criminals, attempting to abolish voter ID, and her troubling history of codding sex predators, Susan Crawford is George Soros' ideal investment." The statement further alleged that "On Wisconsin's Supreme Court, Susan Crawford has an agenda and Soros is buying into it."

Bloomberg reports that George Soros is a billionaire who has been a significant donor to Democratic candidates and progressive causes in the United States for decades. Through his Open Society Foundations and personal contributions, he has supported Democratic political action committees and candidates.

Illinois governor donates \$500,000 to support Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate

THE SCOTT

Campaign finance records from Open Secrets indicate that Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker is supporting Susan Crawford in the Wisconsin Supreme Court race, with his firm donating \$500,000 to the Wisconsin Democratic Party. The records are dated January 28.

According to the Cook County Record, Pritzker is involving himself in Wisconsin politics by making this substantial donation to help maintain the Democratic majority on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Pritzker, who previously supported an Illinois law aimed at limiting outside donations to Republican judicial candidates, is listed in Wisconsin campaign finance records with an address linked to The Pritzker Group, his Chicago-based venture capital firm.

A user on X questioned the implications of Pritzker's financial involvement: "Why should someone in Montana or Alabama care that Illinois Governor Pritzker is pouring huge money into the Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice race? If Democrats win that seat, the court will redraw the congressional map for 2026, gaining three Democratic seats and impacting control of the U.S. House. It matters."

Beyond financial contributions,



Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker

Pritzker has actively engaged with Wisconsin Democrats. According to Wisconsin Public Radio, he delivered the keynote address at the Democratic Party of Wisconsin's state convention in Milwaukee in June 2024, emphasizing regional collaboration and shared values among Midwestern states.

Brad Schimmel, running against Susan Crawford for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, said in a WisPolitics release that "Soros, Pritzker, and Hoffman's cash accounted for over 40 percent of the \$4 million in individual contributions received by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin this past month. Half of the money the Democratic Party of Wisconsin received was then transferred to Susan Crawford's campaign."

Wisconsin: Social Security made up 6.9% of total income in 2022

THE SCORE

In 2022, Social Security transfers in Wisconsin totaled \$25.06 billion, amounting to \$4,256 per capita, or 38.2% of total government transfers in the state, according to information from the Economic Innovation Group.

Among all government transfer programs, Social Security was the largest contributor. Medicare was the second largest, totaling \$16.28 billion, equating to \$2,761 per capita and making up 24.6% of total transfers.

Medicaid was the third largest contributor in Wisconsin in 2022, accounting for \$11.8 billion, averaging \$2,003 per capita, and represented 18% of transfers in the state. Income Maintenance transfers provided another \$6.22 billion, av-

eraging \$1,066 per capita and comprising 9.5% of government support, making them the smallest contributors.

Statewide, including all transfer types, government transfer payments totaled \$55.63 billion, and accounted for 18.1% of residents' total income, with an average of \$11,137 per resident.

Government transfer payments are non-repayable funds provided by federal, state, or local governments to support individuals in need. These payments aim to stabilize economic conditions and provide financial support during hardships.

Key programs include Social Security transfers (retirement benefits), Medicare transfers (healthcare for seniors), Medicaid transfers (healthcare for low-income individuals), and income maintenance transfers

(financial assistance for basic needs).

With 18.6% of the population aged 65 and older, Wisconsin has a significant demand for programs like Social Security and Medicare. The total per capita income in Wisconsin, excluding government transfers was \$50,338, which is noticeably below the county's total income of \$61,475, emphasizing the role of government transfers in overall income.

When comparing 2022 to the previous year, Wisconsin saw an increase in its Social Security transfer dependency by 0.4%, reflecting both rising transfer amounts and stagnating or insufficient other sources of income.

Government transfers have long been a modest financial safety net, historically comprising only a small fraction



John Lettieri, President and CEO of Economic Innovation Group

of Americans' income. However, since the 1970s—sometimes dubbed the "Great Transfer-nation"—dependency has surged from 8.2% (or \$2,022

per capita in inflation-adjusted 2022 dollars) in 1970 to 17.6% (or \$11,542 per capita) in 2022 nationwide. In Wisconsin, reliance on government transfers has similarly increased from 8.5% (or \$1,996 per capita) in 1970 to 18.1% (or \$11,137 per capita) in 2022, reflecting broader national trends.

According to the Economic Innovation Group's analysis, these trends are not merely short-term responses to economic pressures but rather reflect a profound, long-term transformation in how government support is integrated into American life. The study illustrates that structural shifts—from rising healthcare expenses and demographic changes to stagnant wages—have significantly increased dependency on government transfers.

Johnson, Cruz propose legislation against China's organ harvesting

THE SCORE

U.S. Senator Ron Johnson from Wisconsin has collaborated with Senator Ted Cruz of Texas to introduce the Falun Gong Protection Act. This legislative measure targets individuals involved in or complicit with involuntary organ harvesting, mandating sanctions against them. Additionally, the bill requires the Secretary of State to present a report to Congress on the organ transplant policies and practices of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The initiative responds to ongoing human rights violations by the CCP, specifically targeting Falun Gong practitioners. Senators Rick Scott of Florida and Thom Tillis of North Carolina also support this legislation.



U.S. Senator Ron Johnson for Wisconsin

Congressman Fitzgerald supports Trump's vision in 2025 joint address

WAUKESHA TIMES

Congressman Scott Fitzgerald has expressed his support for President Trump's recent Joint Address to Congress. In a statement, Fitzgerald highlighted the president's focus on economic growth, border security, and government accountability.

"Tonight, President Trump laid out a bold vision for America—one that focuses on strengthening our economy, securing the border, restoring accountability in government, and reaffirming America's leadership on the world stage," said Fitzgerald. He emphasized Trump's commitment to tax cuts and reducing wasteful spending as resonating with Wisconsin residents who seek an effective government.

Fitzgerald praised the administration's policies aimed at prioritizing American jobs and energy independence while addressing crime and protecting free speech. He also noted



Scott Fitzgerald, U.S. House of Representatives from Wisconsin's 5th district

Trump's call for fiscal responsibility as crucial in tackling inflation and stabilizing the economy.

The congressman expressed eagerness to collaborate with fellow lawmakers to promote what he described as "pro-growth, pro-security, and pro-America policies." According to Fitzgerald, these initiatives are necessary for providing Americans with a

responsive government focused on their needs rather than political partisanship.

"I stand with President Trump in his mission to restore prosperity and get our nation back on track," he concluded. "As he said tonight: 'America is back!'"

25,414 students enrolled in Kenosha County school districts in 2023-24

KENOSHA REPORTER

There were 25,414 students enrolled in Kenosha County school districts in the 2023-24 school year, 1.9% less than the previous year, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The county's data showed that 12th grade had the biggest classes with 2,181 students, while pre-kindergarten saw the smallest enrollment that year with just 1,437 students.

Countywide, Kenosha School District welcomed the most students during the 2023-24 school year.

The main offices of all districts men-

tioned in the article are located in cities associated with Kenosha County.

Nearly 850,000 students were enrolled in Wisconsin schools in the 2021-22 school year. This is a 0.85% decrease from the year before. In sharp contrast to declining public school figures, enrollment in charter schools rose 4.5% to more than 52,000.

In 2022, there was roughly one teacher for every 14 students in a Wisconsin classroom, compared to the national average of 1:16.

AAA State of Play considered Wisconsin to have the 14th best teacher to student ratio in the U.S.

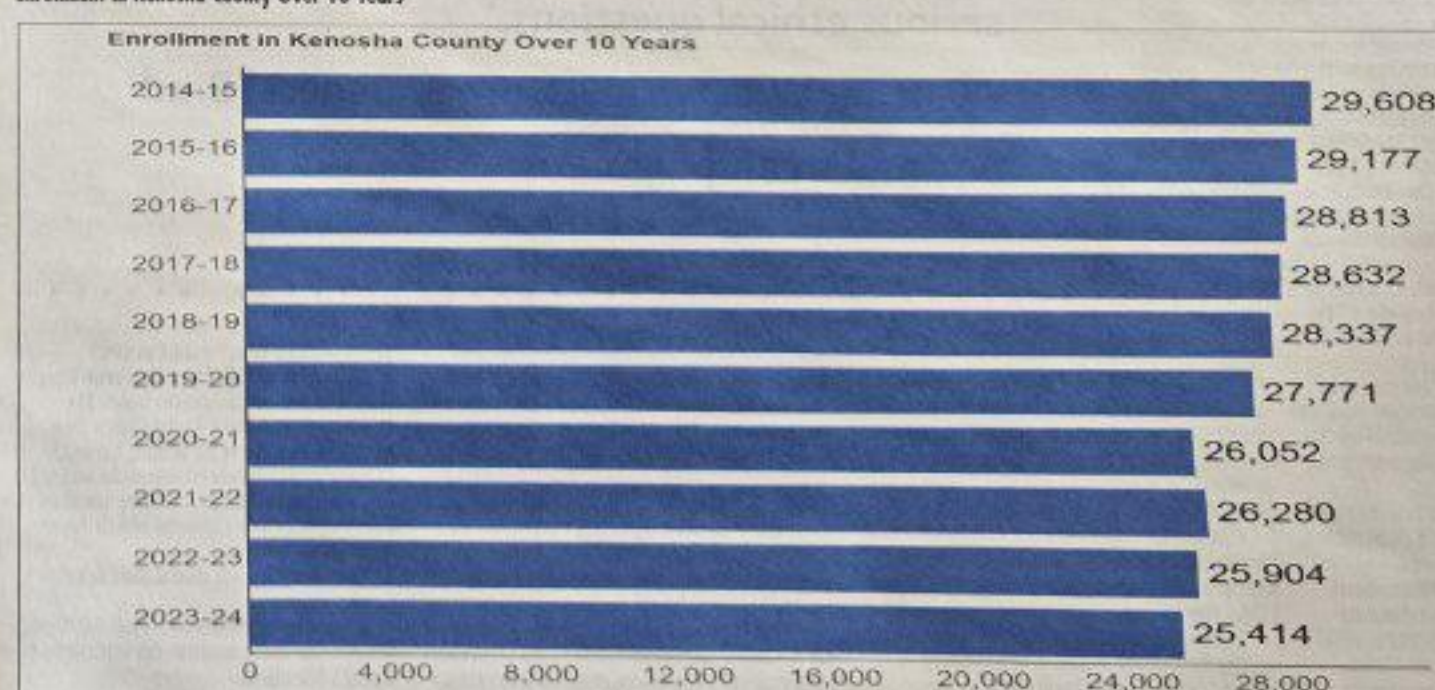


Kenosha School District Superintendent Jeff Weiss (2023)

Enrollment in Kenosha County Districts Schools During 2023-24 School Year

District	Total Enrollment in 2023-24	Total Enrollment in 2022-23	% Change from Previous Year
Brighton #1 School District	113	198	-42.9
Bristol #1 School District	814	782	4.1
Central/Westshore UHS School District	1,278	1,219	4.8
Kenosha School District	18,719	19,069	-1.8
Paris J1 School District	252	261	-3.4
Randall J1 School District	582	625	-6.9
Salem School District	957	1,000	-4.3
Silver Lake J1 School District	429	438	-2.1
Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated School District	441	473	-6.8
Twin Lakes #4 School District	283	278	1.8
Wheatland J1 School District	624	612	2
Wilmot UHS School District	922	949	-2.8

Enrollment in Kenosha County Over 10 Years



WI Supreme Court candidate Crawford calls state voter ID law 'draconian'

GREEN BAY REPORTER

Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate Susan Crawford called the state's voter identification law "draconian" after she challenged the law in court as a private lawyer representing the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Network, Inc.

That case, which she lost, specifically challenged the photo identification requirement for voters. That law had been passed in 2011 by the Republican-controlled state legislature.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld the law in a 2014 ruling.

"I fought against Act 10. The draconian voter ID law," she wrote in a 2018 Capital Times column.

Crawford is running against former Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel in the April 1 election for the state Supreme Court.

Currently a Waukesha County Circuit Judge, Schimel defended the voter ID law in court when he served as attorney general.

"Our legal team did an outstanding job defending Wisconsin law, from the trial court to the U.S. Supreme Court," said Schimel, according to Courthouse News.

In a 2018 interview on WISN-AM, Schimel asked listeners if they thought U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.) or President Trump would have won in the state without the voter ID law.

"How many of your listeners really, honestly, are sure that Sen. Johnson was going to win re-election or President Trump was going to win Wisconsin if we didn't have voter ID?" Schimel asked.

The Supreme Court race comes at the same time Wisconsin voters will choose whether or not the state voter ID law will become part of the state Constitution, reported the Badger Institute.

In an article titled, "Supreme battle shaping up over voter ID," the Badger Institute's managing editor, Mark Lisher, wrote of Crawford's past challenge to voter ID law.

Lisher wrote that both Crawford and Schimel declined to provide a "position" on the law, so as not to prejudice the case.

Schimel's campaign, however, told Lisher that "Susan Crawford was the attorney who fought to abolish Wisconsin's voter ID law, which raises serious ethical questions."

"Can Wisconsin trust her to rule objectively on this matter?" Schimel's campaign asked in a statement.

Eighty-seven percent of Wisconsin voters support voter ID, according to a Feb. 2025 poll conducted by TIPP.

Insights for the League of American Workers (LAW). Only 9% of voters in that poll said they were opposed to



Wisconsin Supreme Court candidates Susan Crawford (pictured left) and Brad Schimel

“Susan Crawford was the attorney who fought to abolish Wisconsin’s voter ID law, which raises serious ethical questions.”

– Former Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel’s campaign

voter ID.

"Clearly, the vast preponderance of reasonable Wisconsinites recognizes that any important activity in life requires identification, from boarding a plane to staying at a hotel," said LAW President Steve Cortes.

Cortes said the April 1 election could "matter materially" for Wisconsin voters when it comes to the future of voter ID in the state.

"Since a voter ID referendum is also on the ballot for April 1, and many Democrat activists look for the Supreme Court to invalidate any voter ID

requirements, this issue could matter materially not just for Wisconsin, but for the whole country, given its national importance," wrote Cortes. "In addition, Democratic activists in Wisconsin, backed by out-of-state billionaire Reid Hoffman, have made it crystal clear that they believe electing Crawford to the court can result in The Democrats picking up two additional US House seats."

"The logical inference there is that an activist, partisan Wisconsin supreme court could redraw contested districts, just as that court already did for the

state legislature," said Cortes.

In terms of the two Supreme Court candidates' positions on voter ID, Cortes cited a 2012 Twin Cities Pioneer Press article in which he said, "Crawford compared sensible voter ID requirements to racist rules used in the Jim Crow era to prevent black Americans from voting."

"It's very much like a poll tax," Crawford said.

Wisconsin voters can visit MyVote.WI.gov for information on voting in the April 1 Election.

Analysis: Wisconsin one of 36 states requiring voter ID

THE SCOTT NEWS SERVICE

Wisconsin is one of 36 states that require voters to present identification at the polls. That's according to an analysis of state laws by The Scott.

Wisconsin's voter ID law was passed in 2011 by the state legislature and signed into law by Gov. Scott Walker (R). The law requires voters to provide a government-issued photo ID to cast a ballot.

Legal challenges delayed implementation, but the law took effect in 2016 and has remained in place.

Among the legal challenges to the law was that of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Network, Inc. (LWV). Current Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate Susan Crawford represented (LWV) in that challenge.

That case, which Crawford lost, specifically challenged the photo identification requirement for voters. The Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld the law in a 2014 ruling.

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for the state Supreme Court.

Voter ID laws differ among states in terms of strictness and the types of identification accepted.

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia do not require voters to present identification at the polls. These states include California, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Washington. These states use other verification methods, such as signature matching or providing personal details.

Among states that require voter ID, some have stricter requirements than others. In Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin, voters must present a government-issued photo ID. Those without ID may cast a provisional ballot but must follow additional procedures after Election Day for their votes to be counted.

Other states require identification but do not mandate a photo. Arizona, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming require voters to present an acceptable form of ID, but it does not have to include a photograph. If a voter does not have the required ID, they must complete additional steps to verify their identity.



Former Gov. Scott Walker

Some states request identification that does not have to include a photograph. In Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Montana, Oklahoma, Virginia, and West Virginia, voters may present a variety of forms of identification. If they do not have one, alternative verification procedures are available.

Voter ID requirements continue to change as states pass new laws or update existing ones. Voters must ensure they understand the requirements in their state before Election Day.

State	Voter ID Required? (Y/N)
Alabama	Y
Alaska	Y
Arizona	Y
Arkansas	Y
California	N
Colorado	Y
Connecticut	Y
Delaware	Y
District of Columbia	N
Florida	Y
Georgia	Y
Hawaii	Y
Idaho	Y
Illinois	N
Indiana	Y
Iowa	Y
Kansas	Y

State	Voter ID Required? (Y/N)
Kentucky	Y
Louisiana	Y
Maine	N
Maryland	N
Massachusetts	N
Michigan	Y
Minnesota	N
Mississippi	Y
Missouri	Y
Montana	Y
Nebraska	Y
Nevada	N
New Hampshire	Y
New Jersey	N
New Mexico	N
New York	N
North Carolina	Y

State	Voter ID Required? (Y/N)
North Dakota	Y
Ohio	Y
Oklahoma	Y
Oregon	N
Pennsylvania	N
Rhode Island	Y
South Carolina	Y
South Dakota	Y
Tennessee	Y
Texas	Y
Utah	Y
Vermont	N
Virginia	Y
Washington	N
West Virginia	Y
Wisconsin	Y
Wyoming	Y

Voter integrity patriots: Don't sleep on the April Wisconsin race



Steve Cortes, founder and president, League of American Workers

“Well, thankfully, the common-sense citizens of Wisconsin overwhelmingly support identification requirements for this sacred act of civic engagement.

— **Steve Cortes, League of American Workers founder and president**

BY STEVE CORTES

Hopefully, patriots across the country are truly 'not tired of winning yet' with the new Trump/Vance administration. Even those still basking in the afterglow of earning the White House plus both houses of Congress—need to knuckle down and get back to work, to secure and extend the present momentum.

The Wisconsin state Supreme Court race on April 1 may seem obscure to a lot of voters nationwide, and even to some in the Badger State itself. But this race matters materially for that swing state and, in turn, for the nation.

Right now, the state high court is split 4-3 for the liberals, and that activist court intervened in 2024 to bring back the dubious practice of un-manned ballot drop boxes, just before last November's voting. Although President Trump did flip the state and win Wisconsin, it was a photo finish, and the tightest victory of his incredible swing-state sweep.

Only 29,000 votes separated Trump from Harris, in a state with over 3.3 million cast. In addition, note that the solid GOP US Senate nominee, Eric Hovde, did not prevail, despite the many vulnerabilities of incumbent Senator Tammy Baldwin.

So, this court race in Wisconsin carries huge national implications. If the radical leftist candidate Susan Crawford wins, the liberal court will

tilt even further left. In addition to the terrible and corruption-inducing practice of drop boxes, she clearly threatens voter identification requirements for casting ballots.

In fact, as an attorney suing the state of Wisconsin, Crawford called voter ID rules "draconian." That radical stance was reported by even the biased Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in an article titled: "Susan Crawford is mum on voter ID. That wasn't always the case."

Similarly, the Twin Cities Pioneer Press reported that Crawford compared sensible voter ID requirements to racist rules used in the Jim Crow era to prevent black Americans from voting. She made the ludicrous claim that any requirement to show ID is "very much of a poll tax."

But what do the people of Wisconsin think of voter ID?

Well, thankfully, the common-sense citizens of Wisconsin overwhelmingly support identification requirements for this sacred act of civic engagement. The margin, in fact, is an astonishing 87% in favor of voter ID and a mere 9% opposed. Clearly, the vast preponderance of reasonable Wisconsinites recognizes that any important activity in life requires identification, from boarding a plane to staying at a hotel.

This poll was commissioned by my populist advocacy organization, the League of American

Workers, and conducted by TIPP Insights. It used a sample universe of over 1,000 registered voters that split 50-49% between Trump and Harris voters, exactly in line with the final 2024 vote totals in that state.

Importantly, in a politically polarized era, this issue is not at all partisan. In fact, a stunning 89% of Kamala Harris voters in Wisconsin support voter ID. In addition, 78% of blacks, 85% of Hispanics, and 89% of women all support this common-sense protection for voter integrity.

So, the evidence is overwhelming that patriotic heartland voters of every partisan stripe want clean, transparent elections.

The best way to ensure that outcome of fairness and openness is to elect Brad Schimel for the Wisconsin high court.

Brad Schimel: conservative candidate for Wisconsin's Supreme Court

Plus, patriots all over the country should pay close attention, and help however they can, since the 2026 midterms and the 2028 presidential races could well hinge upon what happens shortly in this Midwestern battle.

Steve Cortes was a former senior advisor to President Trump and JD Vance, a former commentator for Fox News and CNN, and president of the League of American Workers, a populist right pro-laborer advocacy group.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

about Voter ID and the WI Supreme Court Election

"The record is clear that Crawford has a long, on-the-record history of wanting to do away with Wisconsin's voter ID law. As far back as January of 2012, Crawford was in court fighting to keep the state's voter ID law (officially known as Act 23) from becoming law."

— **Benjamin Yount, The Center Square**



In private practice, Crawford was part of a legal team that tried to invalidate the picture ID requirement in 2014. They lost the case. In a newspaper profile in 2018, Crawford referred to the voter ID law as 'draconian.'

— **Mark Lisher, managing editor, The Badger Institute**



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— **Steve Cortes, League of American Workers founder and president**



"Susan Crawford's disdain for a law that is supported by the overwhelming majority of Wisconsinites can't be hidden. If elected, it's nearly guaranteed Crawford and the liberal Supreme Court majority will dismantle this critical safeguard and jeopardize the integrity of our elections."

— **Andrew Iverson, Executive Director for the Republican Party of Wisconsin**



MONDAY, MARCH 17

Kenosha Unified School Districtwide Student Art Show

WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
WHERE: Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 1st Ave., Kenosha

AFSA's March for Meals (March 17-21)

WHEN: 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
WHERE: 7730 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

Patrick's Day Specials at Kenosha Tap House

WHEN: 11 a.m.
WHERE: Kenosha Tap House, 125 56th Ave., Kenosha
PRICE: \$13-15

Kenosha Krawl: Kenosha Yacht Club

WHEN: 5 p.m.
WHERE: Kenosha Yacht Club, 5130 4th Ave., Kenosha

Kenosha Area Pipes and Drums Kenosha

WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: Freddie's East, 2712 52nd St., Kenosha

Kenosha Area Pipes & Drums Association at Moose

WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: Kenosha Moose Family Center, 3003 30th Ave., Kenosha

Kenosha Pipes & Drums @TopsyKiwi

WHEN: 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: The Topsy Kiwi, 6015 75th St., Kenosha

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Art Exhibition: Another Working Group

WHEN: 10 a.m.
WHERE: Carthage College, 2001 Alford Drive, Kenosha

Monsin Art Exhibit

WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
WHERE: Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 1st Ave., Kenosha

The Ace

WHEN: 7:45-8:15 p.m.



Viv Kenosha

Wind Orchestra Concert: Spring into Spring

Join us for Spring Into Spring, a free Wind Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, March 19, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Tremper High School, 8560 26th Ave., Kenosha. Presented by Carthage College, this concert welcomes guest conductor Erik Engebretsen, one of the nation's finest music educators. The program features David Maslanka's inspiring *On This Bright Morning* and Steven Bryant's innovative electro-acoustic work *Coil*. Celebrate the arrival of spring with an evening of uplifting music. Free admission—no tickets required! Don't miss this opportunity to experience world-class performances in a vibrant community setting!

WHERE: The Topsy Kiwi, 6015 75th St., Kenosha

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Museum Munchkins: frogs

WHEN: 9:30-10 a.m.
WHERE: Kenosha Public Museum, 5500 1st Ave., Kenosha

Family Point Party

WHEN: 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: Birchwood Grill, 7515 125th Ave., Kenosha
PRICE: \$45

Used Book Exchange

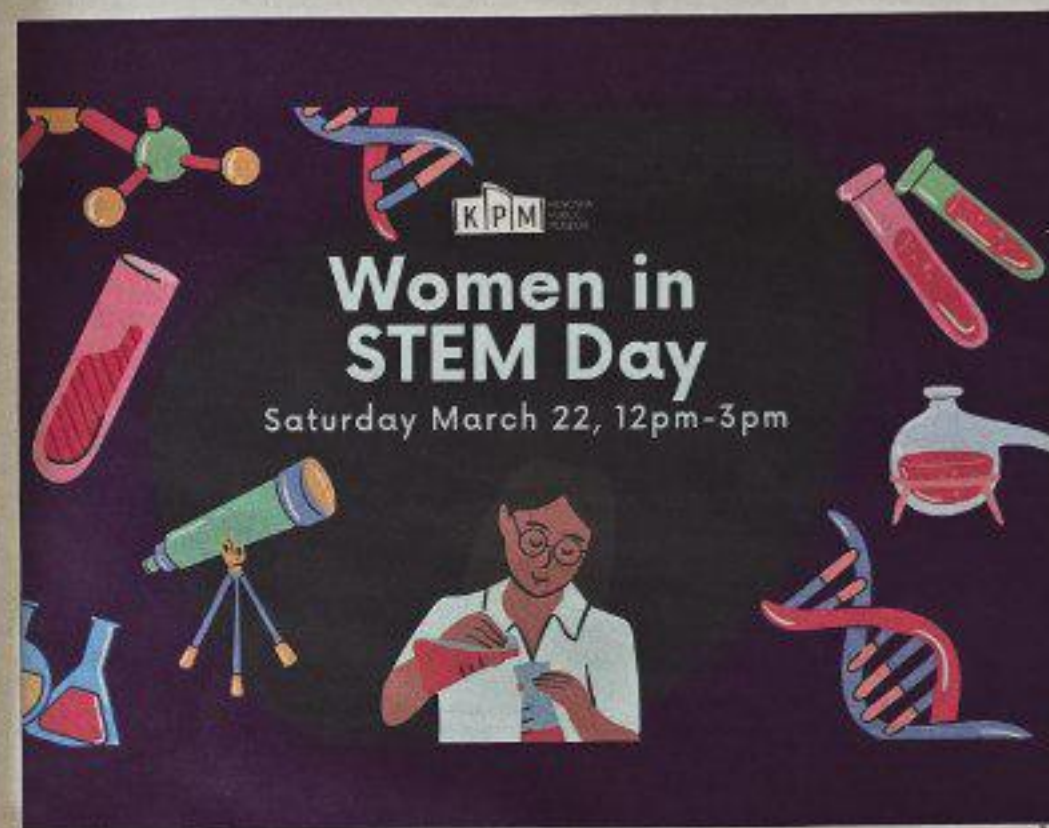
WHEN: 6:30-8 p.m.
WHERE: Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave. A, Kenosha
PRICE: \$5

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Gemstone Bar Necklace, Spring Equinox Workshop

WHEN: 5:30-7 p.m.
WHERE: 4906 7th Ave., Kenosha
PRICE: \$45

Passing Through A Prairie Country: Dennis Staples in Conversation with Christina Henry



all events

Women in STEM Day

Join the Kenosha Public Museum for Women in STEM Day on Saturday, March 22, at noon at 5500 1st Ave., Kenosha. Bring the whole family to meet real scientists, participate in hands-on experiments, and explore a hall of groundbreaking discoveries made by women in science. Learn about the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs, the structure of DNA, quantum physics foundations, and space exploration advancements. Then, test your own scientific skills in a family-friendly science lab. Celebrate the achievements of women in STEM while engaging in interactive learning and discovery. Free event—don't miss out!

WHEN: 6:30-8 p.m.
WHERE: Blue House Books, 5915 6th Ave. A, Kenosha

Live Music at Union Park Tavern: Rhythm Dogs Blues Jam

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Union Park Tavern, 4520 8th Ave., Kenosha

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

262 Moms Resources Inc. Cold Stone Fundraiser

WHEN: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
WHERE: Cold Stone Creamery, 6935

75th St., Ste A, Kenosha

Twisted Cuisine Pop-Up Fish Fry!

WHEN: 4 p.m.
WHERE: 6501 3rd Ave., Kenosha

Queens Giving Cancer The Boot - A St. Baldricks Event

WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: The Vault Banquet Hall & Event Venue, 625 57th St., Kenosha

Buffy the Vampire Slayer Trivia

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Final Girl, 7546 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

Rayven With Leroy Booker at the White Lilac

WHEN: 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: 5029 6th Ave., Kenosha
PRICE: \$15-20

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Let's Fec'n Go Blind Draw

WHEN: 11 a.m.
WHERE: Fec's Place, 5523 6th Ave., Kenosha

The Floral Gin Band @ The Clubhouse Pub and Grill

WHEN: 1-4 p.m.
WHERE: The Clubhouse Pub & Grille, 2623 30th Ave., Kenosha

Spring Equinox Tarot Box Paint N Sip

WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Latibule, 4906 7th Ave., Kenosha

St. Joseph Table

WHEN: 4-8 p.m.
WHERE: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Kenosha, 1919 54th St., Kenosha
PRICE: \$15

Grave Robber

WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: 58 Below, 504 58th St., Kenosha

Magneen @ Wyndham Hotel Kenosha

WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: Wyndham Garden Kenosha Harborside, 5125 6th Ave., Kenosha

Stick Horse and Resurrectionists at White Lilac

WHEN: 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: The White Lilac, 6th Ave., Kenosha
PRICE: \$10-15

Will Power Acoustic @Kenosha K-Tap

WHEN: 7-10 p.m.
WHERE: Our Kenosha Tap "K-Tap", 3221 60th St., Kenosha

The Stewed Tomatoes at Union Park Tavern!

WHEN: 8-11 p.m.
WHERE: Union Park Tavern, 4520 8th Ave., Kenosha

ATHLETES IN ACTION

These local athletes will be playing on college teams this weekend.



Anthony Yust

Baseball
Lakeland Muskies
Pitcher
Harborside Academy
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Concordia
Wisconsin Falcons, Wed March
26, 12:00 PM



Adam Switalski

Baseball
Lipscomb Bisons
Right Handed Pitcher
Westosha Central High School
Burlington
Next Game: vs. Belmont Bruins,
Tue March 25, 4:00 PM



Alona Boydston

Softball
Butler Bulldogs
Catcher
Indian Trail High School And
Academy
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Dayton Flyers,
Wed March 26, 4:00 PM



Sawyer Smith

Baseball
Kansas Jayhawks
Infield
Shoreland Lutheran High
School
Somers
Next Game: vs. St. Thomas
Tommies, Tue March 25, 6:00
PM



Ian Choi

Baseball
Butler Bulldogs
Second Base
Indian Trail High School And
Academy
Mount Pleasant
Next Game: vs. Saint Louis
Billikens, Tue March 25, 3:00
PM



Ryan McGonegle

Baseball
Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers
Outfield
Tremper High School
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Upper Iowa
Peacocks, Tue March 25, 1:00
PM



Hailie Eschbach

Softball
Alverno Inferno
Outfield
Tremper High School
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Beloit
Buccaneers, Wed March 26,
3:00 PM



Emmie Cibrario

Softball
UW - Stevens Point Pointers
Infield
Tremper High School
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Loras Duhawks,
Sun March 30, 1:00 PM



Ben Loyd

Baseball
Northern Illinois Huskies
Infield
Tremper High School
Pleasant Prairie
Next Game: vs. Eastern Illinois
Panthers, Tue March 25, 3:00
PM



Taylor Jacobson

Softball
Concordia Wisconsin Falcons
Infield
Indian Trail High School And
Academy
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Ripon Red
hawks, Wed March 26, 3:00 PM



Kaia Mismash

Softball
Lake Forest Foresters
Outfield
Indian Trail High School And
Academy
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Illinois
Wesleyan Titans, Sun March 30,
1:30 PM



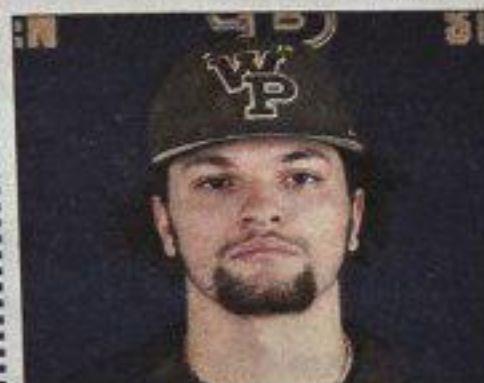
Emma Giese

Softball
UW Whitewater Warhawks
Shortstop
Indian Trail High School And
Academy
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Carroll
Pioneers, Fri March 28, 2:00 PM



Riley Dutton

Baseball
UW - Platteville Pioneers
Infield
Tremper High School
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. UW - Oshkosh
Titans, Sat March 29, 12:00 PM



Jalani Hudnall

Baseball
William Penn Statesmen
Utility
Tremper High School
Milwaukee
Next Game: vs. Central
Methodist Eagles, Sat March 29,
1:00 PM



Jacob Wollschlaeger

Baseball
Lakeland Muskies
First Base
Harborside Academy
Kenosha
Next Game: vs. Concordia
Wisconsin Falcons, Wed March
26, 12:00 PM