

Our Mission...

The League of Women Voters of Ashland & Bayfield Counties (LWV/ABC) is a nonpartisan political organization whose main objective is to promote political responsibility through the informed and active participation of all citizens in government at all levels, especially locally.

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The Leaguer

September - December 2019



National Voter Registration Day -A Day of Patriotism

September 24, 2019, is National Voter Registration Day

We are a proud partner of National Voter Registration Day and look forward to participating again this year to promote the excellent work that the local Leagues are doing across the state to help voters register to vote and to encourage even more eligible voters to get registered. The League is the largest registration partner across the country for this national day!

Locally you will see us that day at various locations in Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield and Hayward.

Are you registered? If you or others you know need to check to see if your registration is current, visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

At this website, you can register to vote on line, find your polling place, see what/who is on your ballot, check what forms of photo ID are allowed, absentee ballot info, and more.

If you would like to help another register – your new neighbor, young adult first time voter, etc, --The following training on youtube videos will help you walk through the process with them. Also consider joining our Voter Services Team to be placed strategically in our communities to encourage all to register and vote! Contact the League at www.info@abcleaguevoters.org

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zi3D8KHRzo4>



Anne Chartier, President

president@lwvabcwi.org

Fall greetings, one and all! I am delighted to confirm that we have an awesome board at the helm of our local chapter of the League of Women Voters. But it is you, our members and friends, who support and carry out the important work of ensuring that our Democracy works for everyone.

It is my pleasure to inform you that during our upcoming membership meeting the evening of September 30 at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, to which all of you invited, I will be introduce at least two new board positions we needed to fill. Sue Niemi will be serving as our President-Elect! Sue is outstanding, and I am convinced she will lead us forward in a very positive way when I step aside in May. As you may recall Sue is currently our Secretary, but she will be wearing two hats this year with the ease of a true pro. It is also very exciting that Bev Lindell will be chairing our Civic Engagement Committee. Bev

Greetings from our President

has served on the board before as Voter Services Chair; she brings with her a great deal of experience and understanding of the political process and the need to make sure constituents are informed and engaged. Please keep in mind that we are still looking for a Communications Chair and Financial Chair.

Please consider joining the League of Women Voters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties if you aren't a member already. Membership forms are available at our website www.lwvabcwi.org.

Your dues primarily support the efforts of our State and National Leagues that work diligently to defend and advance our Democracy. A plan to focus on achieving Fair Voting Maps throughout our country was unveiled this month by our national leadership, and there will be a Fair Maps Summit in Marshfield, WI on November 9. Those of you already receiving information from LWVUS and LWVWI know the extent of our leaders' commitment to crucial issues.

The 19TH Amendment Ratification Celebration at Eckels Pottery in Bayfield on June 10 was a resounding success. The evening included recognition of our founding member Lu Eckels along with wonderful music, delicious food, a reenactment of the timely delivery of papers to Washington by skilled actors, and a chance to spend time

with kindred spirits who understand how important it is for everyone to be able to vote. A huge thank you goes out to the planners, performers and participants!

At every level, we intend to be more diverse, equitable and inclusive. Celebrations of the 100TH anniversary of women's right to vote and the creation of the League of Women Voters bring to light the extent to which certain groups have been excluded. In an effort to introduce the League to new audiences online, the campaign She Is Me was unveiled in August.

In closing, our calendar has several important dates to keep in mind. I invite you register for Issues Briefing in Madison on October 19. I have already done so and can assure you it will be well worth the trip. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to our encounters and work together in the near future,

Anne

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKNGIFTzb5M>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCroaU3aB84>

Economic Inequality Committee

The Economic Inequality Committee is still challenged by the issues of the cost and accessibility of health care, low wage employment, and tax inequity for our counties. For the past year they have also worked with the statewide End Child Poverty Campaign. This year they will again try to narrow their focus and are carefully following the national health care debate. The first meeting of this 2019-2020 season is planned for October. If you are interested in joining them, call Jan Penn at 715-274-2942.

From the Centennial Committee: 100 Years Strong League of Women Voters

100 Years Strong League of Women Voters

LWV/ABC League has begun to celebrate and will continue to celebrate three seminal moments in the history of the League and our democracy. See below for the Save the Dates for the last of these two events.

- June 10, 2019 - we celebrated Forward! Wisconsin, the celebration of Wisconsin's First To Ratify party held in Bayfield. Hope you were there!
- February 14, 1920 - The League of Women Voters is founded
- August 26, 1920 - The 19th Amendment declared in effect following final ratification on August 18, 1920

The League of Women Voters was born from the struggle for women to get the right to vote. Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the Amendment in 1919 that would give women the right to vote by August 26, 1920 when the 19th Amendment was finally included into the US Constitution. In 1920, the League was formed on the premise that a nonpartisan civic organization could provide the education and experience the public needed to assure the success of democracy. Founder Carrie Chapman Catt born in Ripon, WI exclaimed the League was formed to "finish

the fight" to win national woman suffrage. Yet within the struggle for the right to vote, we left some of our sisters behind when the 75-year fight for votes for women didn't include securing these rights for women of color. And that struggle continued for decades until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Beyond the two upcoming celebrations, we encourage you to learn more about this "struggle" by looking at the following links and reading The "Woman's Hour" by Elaine Weiss. Bayfield, Ashland, Washburn, Hayward will be hosting a local study of this book during this 2019-2020 year. Washburn's book discussion is tentatively planned for late January. As plans develop, details about all discussion groups will be made available. Meanwhile, check out these links for information about 19th Amendment history. The Women's Hour has dynamic, on the edge of your seat description of the fight for ratification in Nashville Tennessee:

- Elaine Weiss was interviewed at the National Press Club's Book Fair. 5 minutes
<https://www.c-span.org/video/?453982-30/the-womans-hour>
- Elaine Weiss' talk at Politics and Prose Bookstore in Washington DC, 1 hour. Please Google this video.
- Dr. Genevieve McBride, Professor Emerita of History at UW-Milwaukee

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kee and author of "On Wisconsin Women: Working for Their Rights from Settlement to Suffrage". The following is from LWVWI Spring-Annual Meeting talk. Please Google this video.

Women Voters

Celebrating 100 years of strong voices in our democracy on March 8, International Women's Day. Put it on your calendar now!

- Adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Celebrating 100 years of women's active, political participation in shaping the destiny of our country. We're aiming to celebrate on August 26, 2020, the actual day of adoption in 1920.

Let us know of your ideas and how you want to be part of this special year: info@abcleaguevoters.org

Membership Meeting on September 30!

2019-2020 – LAUNCHING our LWV/ABC into a YEAR of ACTION

Please join us on Monday, September 30 at 5:30 pm at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center for a rousing start to our League year of ACTION.

A social with refreshments will be followed by a panel and the opportunity to brainstorm strategies in interest groups.

As adopted at our May Annual Meeting we plan to focus most of our energy this year on building local support for policy solutions, especially at the local and state level.

We have invited Dorothy Skye from LWV of the Northwoods (Lincoln, Langlade, Oneida Counties) and Marilyn Chesnik from the LWV of Upper St Croix Valley (Washburn, Pierce and Burnett Counties) to share their League's plans and strategies for the year.

We look forward to seeing all of you on the 30th!



Contact your representatives

US Senator Tammy Baldwin, <https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/feedback>, (202) 224-5653

US Senator Ron Johnson, <https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/> (202) 224-5323

US House Representative Sean Duffy, <https://duffy.house.gov/contact/email-me>, (202) 225-3365

WI State Senator Janet Bewely, <https://www.bewleyforsenate.com/>, (608) 284-8874

WI State Representative, Beth Meyers, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/legislators/assembly/> (608) 266-7690

2018/2019 LWV/ABC Board & Committee Members

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Feel free to visit a committee meeting at any time. Join a committee and get involved with our work.

Contact us at:

info@lwvabcwi.org

Welcome New Members!

The Membership Board, chaired by Mary Jo Tuckwell through May of 2019 and Gail Syverud starting in June of 2019, has received 14 new memberships since December of 2018. We welcome the following persons and thank them for joining LWV/ABC!

- Lissa Radke Ashland
- Kathleen Kascewicz Fifield
- Ginny Pedersen Washburn
- Nicole Ellet-Peterson Ashland
- Joan Cervenka Ashland
- Nina Hirth Ashland
- George Bussey Ashland
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- Nina Gilberg Hayward
- David Rekemeyer Mason
- Becky Brown Washburn
- Diane Koosed Ashland
- Cheyanne Reeves Ashland
- Joan Ackerman, Hayward

We look forward to getting to know you!

League of Women Voters Websites:

LWV/ABC: <http://www.lwvabcwi.org/>

LWV or Wisconsin: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin>

LWV National: <https://www.lwv.org/>

Natural Resources Advocacy

The Natural Resources Committee collaborated with Ashland city and county staff, Clean Wisconsin, the Mary Burke Griggs Center, and the Chequamegon Citizen's Climate Lobby to host two forums on Ashland's sanitary system overflows. Eight speakers covered topics ranging from how Ashland's water and sanitary systems function to state enforcement of water regulations to what citizens can do to help alleviate the load on Ashland's sanitary system.

In case you missed the forums, here are some of the things you can do – whether you live in Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield, or another municipality – to not contribute to sewage overflows into Lake Superior:

- Ensure your sump pump is not connected to the sewer system. It should either go into the storm water system (which is separate from sewage) or into your own yard (not into a city gutter or neighboring yard or property).
- During large rain events, don't do laundry or run the dishwasher, activities that put hundreds of gallons of more water into the treatment system. Wait until after the storm.
- During large rain events, take only very short showers or wait until after the storm.
- Construct a rain garden in your yard to catch rain from your roof

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LWV CALENDAR

September (Voter Registration Month)

Tuesday 24

National Voter Registration Day

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LWV/ABC Board Meeting, 4:30 pm, Hugo's Pizza, Ashland

Thursday 26

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Webinar, 6 pm, Register: [League Management Site](#).

Monday 30

Fall Membership Meeting, 5:30 pm, Northern Great Lakes Visitor

October

Sunday 6

Bayfield Applefest Parade

Thursday 17

Economic Inequality Action Committee, 5 pm, Literacy Room, Vaughn Library

Saturday 19

Issues Briefing at the Radisson in Madison, LWVWI

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/issues-briefing-2019>
(More info see News from LWVWI and LWVUS article)

Tuesday 22

Board Meeting

November

Saturday 9

Fair Maps Summit,
<https://www.fairmaps4wisummit.com/>
(More info see News from LWVWI and LWVUS article)

Tuesday 26

Board Meeting

Thursday 28

Thanksgiving

December

TBA

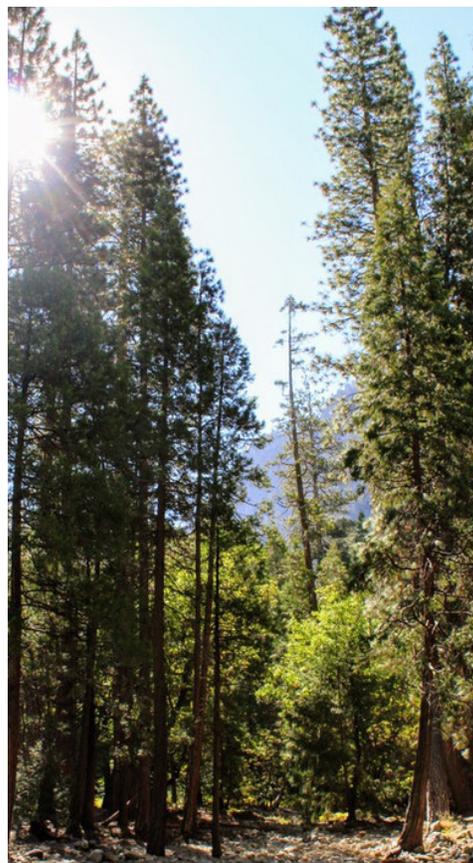
Holiday Party!

GET INVOLVED

and allow it to seep into the ground slowly instead of run off quickly.

- Put rain barrels under down spouts to catch rain from your roof; use the stored water to water your garden or lawn.
- Replace some of your lawn with native trees, shrubs, and plants – all of which absorb more water than a typical lawn.

The Committee took most of the summer off but will be meeting again regularly. We will begin by discussing which issues we may want to get involved in, especially local issues but perhaps some larger issues as well. If you would like to be on the Natural Resources Advocacy committee, please contact me. jeelias@centurylink.net



News from LWVWI and LWVUS

Sign up to receive information and action alerts at:

- **LWV of Wisconsin:** <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin>
- **LWV National:** <https://www.lwv.org/>

October 19 Issues Briefing at the Radisson in Madison , LWVWI

All (members and the public) are invited to attend LWVWI's 2019 Issues Briefing.

Keynote speaker: LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase will begin by discussing the collective power of the League and LWVUS' newly launched 50 state redistricting reform campaign.

The day-long event will feature speakers and breakout presentations on the 2020 census, rights restoration and criminal justice reform, League environmental priorities, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, immigration, the ERA, and more. There will be many action-based takeaways that you won't want to miss as we prepare for 2020.

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/event/issues-briefing-2019>

November 9 Fair Maps Summit in Marshfield, WI

The Fair Maps for Wisconsin Summit is a non-partisan statewide event with the goal of educating and empowering activists to inform voters about gerrymandering supporting fair maps legislation - an independent process to draw legislative district maps. Join with others across the state for a day summit that seeks to create regional grassroots actions with the skills, relationships, resources, and coordination needed to end gerrymandering in Wisconsin. Learn more, register, and see the day's agenda and list of speakers, including LWVWI executive director, Erin Grunze.

<https://www.fairmaps4wisummit.com/>

Action Advocacy from LWVWI and LWVUS

RE: Gun Violence

It is long past time for Congress to take actions that will end gun violence. LWVUS also picked up and highlighted LWVWI legislative coordinator Andrea Kaminski's persuasive and informative op-ed on gun reform on social media and in LWVUS email update. Since the op-ed, a letter to the editor was written in response accusing the League of partisan bias because of the many decades support for improved gun policies. LWVWI responded to the Cap Times to clarify this false categorization of the League. It's time for Congress to move legislation to end gun violence once and for all. Learn more and contact your member of the U.S. House today. Let them know

you support the progress on this national legislation and urge them to move these bills forward for a full vote in the U.S. House this fall.

- http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13753&utm_source=ActionAlert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=090919

Local Democracy Action Beyond LWV/ABC

Our Community friends are very busy Making Democracy Work in various ways. We want to share their work for you to partake.

SEPTEMBER

19 ■ Are You Ready for a Disaster or Emergency?

6 pm, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland County Extension,

Do you know how to make a 911 call so responders can find you? Is your Go Bag ready to go? Do you know how to safely evacuate your house in case of a disaster? Join us to find out how to prepare for a personal or community emergency with Ashland and Bayfield Counties 911 emergency management personnel. For more information, contact Ashland County Extension office at 715-682-7017

26 ■ Changing Climate Changing Diseases, 6:30 pm, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland County Extension

Our region is staying warmer for longer periods, allowing ticks to hang around longer and move farther into northern Wisconsin where they hadn't survived before. That's changing how we get tick-borne illness and helping to create new forms of illnesses that can be hard to diagnose and cure. Join us to learn how an uncommon Lyme disease threatened Spooner resident Jason Laumann's life and his long journey to recovery. Dr. Andreas Kogelnik, MD, PhD with the Open Medicine Institute and the OMI/HYF Tick Borne Illness Center of Excellence in Woodruff, Wisc, is a regional expert in diagnosing and treating tick illnesses. He will

describe the challenges of treating and curing these new diseases and what he's finding from his innovative research. Becki Nelles, Bayfield County Public Health Nurse, BSN RN, will describe regional trends in tick illnesses and important follow-up care practices for sick patients. If you don't know about anaplasmosis and ehrlichiosis, you need to be at this program! For more information, contact Ashland County Extension office at 715-682-7017.

13 ■ Community Education and Engagement on Border Justice 1:30-5:00 pm, United Presbyterian Congregational Church

The Chequamegon Border Justice Coalition will be hosting a community education and engagement event about Border Justice. The issues at the border are not going away. The goal of the event is to broaden our base, identify directions for action, and bring people together to identify resources and skills in pursuing these actions. Organized by David and Kate Siegler, David Saetre, Kim Bro and Diane Koosed. Further Information contact Kim Bro, kbro1151@yahoo.com

21 ■ LGBT Inclusion in the Jewish Community 6:30 pm, Washburn Cultural Center PFLAG Washburn

Rabbi David Steinberg of Temple Israel in Duluth will talk with us about full LGBTQ inclusion within the Jewish community.

OCTOBER

1 ■ Enbridge- Line 5 Informational Meeting, 5:30-8:30, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

Sponsored by Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa in support of the Line 5 lawsuit and its efforts to remove Line 5 from the Bad River watershed."

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Land identified for Line 5 is forested, conservation land, farmland, and waterways – lands that people have worked to protect and live their lives on. It is important to come together NOW and demand equal access to factual, unbiased information on environmental harm and pipeline safety risks." Michael Wiggins Jr., Chair.



Join us for the October 6, 2019 Applefest Parade

100 Years ago strong women marched, fought and won the right to vote in our federal elections on August 1920. 100 Years ago The League of Women Voters was born from this struggle on February 1920.

We have a lot to celebrate but still... To this day barriers to voting are being erected nationwide to disenfranchise people based on their socioeconomic status – notably people of color, students, and people with disabilities. Yet all eligible voters should be able to cast a ballot confidently, proudly, and without additional requirements that prevent them from voting. It is clear that the "fight" remains unfinished. And that the work of the League is needed as much now as it was at its founding.



Marching in the Applefest Parade gives us the opportunity to show our presence and continue our work to fight for Democracy and Voting Rights. Join us! Wear white or light colors, or whatever color you like, and march with us. We will make sashes and placards for those interested. The first dozen people to sign up will receive a "Votes for Women". If you wish to help design and make sashes & placards or, if you need to ride and not walk, please email Mary Hassett Gabrys at mhassettgabrys@gmail.com. By the end of September we will have an idea about where we meet to march, so let us know if you will be part of our Team.

Meet our LWV/ABC Board Members

Each Newsletter issue of this 2019/2020 Season we will introduce you to our current board members. This issue features four of our board members Margie Braun, Joan Elias, Sue Niemi and Jan Penn. Some common topics were suggested about what inspires them and what concerns they have about doing League work as well as their interests and joys in their daily lives.

Meet Margie Braun

I am the new Voter Services Director and Committee Chair for the upcoming year. I reside in Hayward and have lived here for 4 years and 20 years ago for 4 years. My husband, Tom, works for the State of WI. We have 4 grown and married children who have blessed us with 10 grandchildren living in Wisconsin and Florida.

As a retired elementary teacher, I have always taught a strong civic curriculum including mock elections and

have always had an interest in government. Last year I took a short “History of Voting” video presentation along with an introduction of <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> to the Hayward and Drummond high schools to register students. Winter, WI, has had a program to register students for years. This year the teachers are taking over the registrations for the most part.

I am interested in the new VOTE411 directory project which will require a lot of help researching candidate information. We have a wonderful state support system to assist with this project. I believe in working with our county, municipal and town clerks so as to provide a strong voter registration support for our voters. We are covering Sawyer County as well so we have a big job to do for the upcoming elections. A good base of people from Sawyer County has shown interest in helping and a good number of veteran ABC people were on board last year as well. I hope you will consider helping out and/or being a co-chair with me.

Meet Joan Elias

I have lived in Iron County for the past nearly 30 years, outside of the counties included in our local LWV chapter. Despite my address, I have been on the LWV board several times dating back to the mid-1990s. During each stint on the board I have focused my energy on natural resource issues, which is where my expertise lies. Currently I'm chairing our Natural Resources Advocacy Committee.

I enjoy working with the LWV for several reasons. This group of dedicated women and men gets things done! I appreciate and have a great deal of respect for my fellow board members and I feel like I am appreciated and respected in return. We are active on many fronts – most of which I do not have expertise in, but someone else does. It's a collaborative group that trusts and supports one another.

Other than LWV, my recent volunteer activities have been with the Superior Rivers Watershed Association (formerly the Bad River Watershed Association) and

several bird survey programs. I enjoy gardening, camping, botanizing, all sorts of outdoor activities, yoga, and reading. I grow much of my own food and actively manage the land on which I pay taxes - cutting firewood, trying to control diseases and exotic species, and maintaining trails.

The best book I've read lately is The “Overstory” by Richard Powers. Its widespread popularity gives me hope that with enough people who care, we may not destroy our planet after all.

Meet Sue Niemi

I was born and raised in Ashland, Wisconsin and graduated from Northland College. After spending the last 25 years in the Twin Cities and then Illinois, I recently returned to Northern Wisconsin with my husband Matt Norton and reside in Iron River. For the majority of my career I have been working in progressive human resources; and the past seven years as an HR Consultant for a major fashion retailer.

In 2018, I joined the League of Women Voters after seeing voter's rights consistently challenged within the state and the country. I decided to become part of the solution, as I felt I was rather complacent about our rights to vote until I felt those rights were challenged. I am deeply concerned that there is a systemic attempt to suppress voter's rights, especially for the disenfranchised, in order for a select group of Americans to maintain control of the country in the image they want, rather than based on the principles of democracy. Remembering 100 years ago and the ratification of the 19th amendment, I want to join those brave women to ensure all American citizens have the right to vote regardless of gender, gender identity, race, ethnic background, religion and incarceration status. Even though my time on the board has been brief, I enjoy the camaraderie of the Board and the League members and the strong passion for the League principles.

Having returned to the area recently, I am just getting started in giving back to the community.

Besides getting involved in the League, I've started by volunteering for the Iron River Library. I hope to expand my volunteerism in areas where I have a lot of passion and feel that I can contribute. In my personal time, I walk the woods daily with my three rescue dogs, enjoy cutting and chopping wood, fishing, and looking for ways to live a simpler lifestyle with less negative impact on our natural environment.

I am a voracious reader, but a book I've read recently that really resonated with me is *The "Wind and the Drum"*, by Katherine Johnson. The story is about how a young Saami girl in Finland who is the wind listener and keeper of the drum in her culture is threatened by strangers who threaten the reindeer and ancient beliefs. She sets out on a perilous journey to save her people, their way of life and herself. This book resonates with me as I can see how our current way of life is being challenged by those who want to quash the decency we stand for and remove compassion for our fellow humans. I also admired her bravery as she faces grave challenges and holds true to her culture for a greater purpose. As I learned long ago, history repeats itself and we are at the crossroads in which it will take a lot of strength and bravery to stand up for our democracy.

Meet Janice Penn

Raised in what was German Catholic farm country north of Milwaukee, I moved north even before graduation from UW-Milwaukee, as the north is the "last frontier." Married Rick whose family immigrated early from Poland to East End Ashland, and who retains, like I, a bit of the old world ethic – on steroids.

We live in the Penokee's of Highbridge along Billy Creek where we raised our daughter Aliina, and where twin granddaughters are learning the fine arts of knowing the woods, where food comes from and raising chickens.

While a retired Nurse Practitioner, my passion is the natural world, its people and social justice. I have been active in the LWV/ABC going back to somewhere in the 80's. This has been a perfect match offering opportunity to make wonderful friendships and collaborate on the issues that mean most to me. I've been on the board for a long time and served as President a few rounds. Working on teams in studies on Health Care/ Universal Health Coverage, Land Use & Shoreline Laws, Comprehensive Planning, Mining and Economic Development, Economic Inequality, and Making Democracy Work have challenged me to consider critical issues. I live with hope that this work will leave a better world for my daughter, granddaughters, family and neighbors.

My recent reading really cemented and expanded the essence of the philosophy in which I was raised as a Wisconsin 5th generation Bavarian peasant: "John Bascom and the Origins" of the Wisconsin Idea, by J. David Hoeveler and "Wisconsin on the Air:100 Years of Public Broadcasting in the State That Invented It", by Jack Mitchell.



Changing Climate, Changing Tickborne Illnesses

Prepared, Not Scared!



Deer ticks: Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis

Lone Star ticks: Ehrlichiosis

Dog ticks: Rocky Mt. spotted fever

Fig. 1 Most common human- and pet-biting ticks encountered & disease association

September is National Preparedness Month

Thursday, September 26 6:30 to 8 PM
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Ticks are carrying new forms of illnesses with uncommon symptoms that are easily misdiagnosed. Join us to learn how Lyme disease threatened Jason Laumann's life and his long journey to recovery. Dr. Andreas Kogelnik, MD, PhD with the Open Medicine Institute and the OMI/HYF Tick Borne Illness Center of Excellence in Woodruff, Wisc, is a regional expert in diagnosing and treating tick illnesses, who will describe the challenges of treating and curing these diseases.

Becki Nelles, Bayfield County Public Health Nurse, BSN RN, will describe regional trends in tick illnesses and important follow-up care practices.

An AA/EEO employer, Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and ADA requirements.

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— Michael Wiggins Jr., Chair

**Tuesday, October 1
5:30-8:30**

Line 5 Informational Meeting
NORTHERN GREAT LAKES VISITOR CENTER

Welcome by: **Mike Wiggins**, Bad River Chair
Speakers and Refreshments
Connect with Your Concerned Neighbors
Action Steps and Q&A

FILM: “LN3”

LN3: Predatory industry has hijacked our regulatory system, placing ancient food systems and a fifth of the world’s freshwater at risk.

LN3 features the Anishinaabe-led alliance to take on Big Oil and their enablers in northern Minnesota; a battle for the Earth.

