

The Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls will hold a special meeting at the School District Office Board Room located at 301 North Fourth Street at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to conduct an expulsion hearing.

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Andrew Carl Sternaman

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal
Administration)**
Case No. 26-PR-11
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for in-
formal administration was
filed.

2. The decedent, with
date of birth April 10, 1965,
and date of death Decem-
ber 13, 2025, was domi-
ciled in Jackson County,
State of Wisconsin, with a
mailing address of N7399
S Odeen Rd., Black River
Falls, WI 54615.

3. All interested per-
sons waived notice.

4. The deadline for fil-
ing a claim against the de-
cedent's estate is June 9,
2026 .

5. A claim may be filed
at the Jackson County
Courthouse, Black River
Falls, Wisconsin, Room
C207.

/s/ Elizabeth Storlie
Probate Registrar
March 3, 2026
William Torhorst, Esq.
Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.
4825 Owen Ayres Ct,
Suite 102
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-930-1000
Bar Number: 1107376
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BAYARD
L.R. RENNINGER III

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal
Administration)**
Case No. 26-PR-12
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for in-
formal administration was
filed.

2. The decedent, with
date of birth 04/08/1963
and date of death
02/04/2026, was domi-
ciled in Jackson County,
State of Wisconsin, with
a mailing address of
W14782 Crave Road,
Fairchild, WI 54751.

3. All interested per-
sons waived notice.

4. The deadline for fil-
ing a claim against the
decedent's estate is June
11, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed
at the Jackson County
Courthouse, Black River
Falls, Wisconsin, Room
C207.

ARIC D. BURCH
GROSSKOPF & BURCH,
LLC
1324 W. Clairmont
Avenue, #10
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-835-6196
Bar Number: 1059093
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ner Journal March 11, 18
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**NOTICE OF RABIES VACCINATION
AND
DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS
LATE FEES TO BE ASSESSED AFTER**
April 1, 2026

The owner of a dog shall have the dog
vaccinated against rabies by a veterinar-
ian within 30 days after the dog reaches
4 months of age and revaccinated within
one year after the initial vaccination. If the
owner acquires the dog or brings the dog
into this state after the dog has reached 4
months of age, the owner shall have the
dog vaccinated against rabies within 30
days after the dog is acquired or brought
into the state unless the dog has been
vaccinated as evidenced by a current cer-
tificate of rabies vaccination from this state
or another state. The owner of a dog shall
have the dog revaccinated against rabies
by a veterinarian before the date that the
immunization expires as stated on the cer-
tificate of vaccination or, if no date is speci-
fied, within 3 years after the previous vac-
cination.

The veterinarian who vaccinates a dog
against rabies shall complete and issue to
the owner a certificate of rabies vaccination
and a rabies vaccination tag. The owner
shall attach the rabies vaccination tag to
a collar and a collar with the tag attached
shall be kept on the dog at all times. If re-
quired by the governing body of the city,
village or town, the certificate of rabies vac-
cination must be presented to the collecting
official before a dog license may be issued.

The owner of a dog more than 5
months of age on January 1 of any year,
or 5 months of age within the license year,
shall annually, or on or before the date the
dog becomes 5 months of age, pay the
dog license tax and obtain a license from
their city, town or village collecting official.
The minimum dog license tax is **\$5.00** for a
neutered male dog or spayed female dog,
upon presentation of evidence that the dog
is neutered or spayed, and **\$10.00** for an
unneutered male dog or unspayed female
dog, or one-half of these amounts if the dog
became 5 months of age after July 1 of the
license year. The governing body of any
town, village or city may raise the minimum
dog license tax.

The collecting official shall assess
and collect a late fee of \$5.00 from every
owner of a dog 5 months of age or over, if
the owner fails to obtain a license prior to
April 1 of each year, or within 30 days of ac-
quiring ownership of licensable dog or if the
owner fails to obtain a license on or before
the dog reached licensable age. The gov-
erning body of the town, village or city may
also increase the amount of the late fee.

The owner of 12 or fewer dogs may be
issued a multiple dog's license upon pay-
ment of \$35.00. For each additional dog
in excess of 12 an additional \$3.00 tax for
each dog shall be collected.

Published pursuant to
Sec. 174.052 Wis. Stats.
Cindy Altman, Jackson County Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
DARLENE L. LUNDE

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal
Administration)**
Case No. 26-PR-13
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for in-
formal administration was
filed.

2. The decedent, with
date of birth 04-15-1939
and date of death 02-08-
2026, was domiciled in
Jackson County, State of
Wisconsin, with a mailing
address of 331 4th Street,
PO Box 188, Taylor, WI
54659.

3. All interested per-
sons waived notice.

4. The deadline for fil-
ing a claim against the
decedent's estate is June
12, 2026 .

5. A claim may be filed
at the Jackson County
Courthouse, 307 Main St,
Black River Falls, Wiscon-
sin, Room C207.

/s/ Elizabeth Storlie
Probate Registrar
March 3, 2026
Attorney Mark A. Radcliffe
107 Main Street
Black River Falls, WI
54615
715-284-1234
Bar Number: 1033727
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Manchester Township Advertisement for Bids

Notice is hereby given by the Township of Manchester, Jackson County,
Wisconsin, that it will receive bids for the 2026 Road Projects.

The contractor is responsible for all legal signing and traffic control. All work
must comply with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation standard
specifications for highway construction.

Conditions: It is the town board's desire that all chip-sealing and gravel
placement be completed by July 15th, 2026.

Scope of work:

1. Thundercloud Road, Single Chip Seal. Fill all dips, edge cracks, and cross
cracks prior to applying cut back hot oil and FA-2 dark granite chips. Begin
at the junction of County Trunk O and continue south to Amber Rd. 9,803 ft.
2. Old I South, single chip seal. Fill all dips, edge cracks, and cross cracks prior
to applying cut back hot oil and FA-2 dark granite chips. Begin at the
junction of County Trunk O heading south to Bacon Rd. 7,000 ft.
3. Fire Tower Rd., new gravel granite base. Begin at the end of Fire Tower Rd.
and head west 1,206'x15'x4" thick

For further information contact Ed Chamberlain, Chairman at N2998 West Pine
Hill Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615, Cell phone: 715-896-0016 and/or email
chairmanmanchester@gmail.com

Bids must be in a sealed envelope marked "2026 Road Projects".
Bids will be accepted until 5:00pm Wednesday March 11, 2026 at the
Manchester Town Hall, N2870 Garage Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Bids will be opened at the Manchester Town Hall on Thursday March 12, 2026
at 5:30pm.

The Town of Manchester reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids
most advantageous to the Township. Consideration will be given to the town
budget restraints and project priorities.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Chamberlain, Chairman.

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Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
January 26, 2025

CONVENE
Board President Kim Sacia called the regular monthly meeting of the Melrose-Mindoro School Board of Education to order 6:15 p.m. Administrators present: Superintendent Deanna Wiatt, 7-12th Grade Principal Richard Dobbs, and Finance Administrator Casey Pfaff. Board Members present: Rick Paisley, Becky Whalen (via ZOOM), Terry Blaken, Jamie Waughtal and Emily Stanton. All who were present then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
•Winter weather continues to present challenges. School closure decisions remain guided by the established thresholds of -20° actual temperature and -30° wind chill, which align with surrounding districts' practices.
•The 2026–27 calendar committee met and developed two draft calendar options. These will be shared with staff for input and voting, with a recommended calendar planned for presentation at the February Board meeting.
•Staff are actively preparing for upcoming state assessments, including the ACT, Pre-ACT, Forward, ACCESS, and DLM. ACCESS testing will conclude this week, with remaining assessments beginning in March following staff training in February.
•The referendum committee met last week and made significant progress. The community presentation is nearly finalized, and meetings have been scheduled with local town and village boards. Additional details will be shared during the meeting.
•Winter Fun Days are being organized for junior and senior high students to provide a positive and engaging break during the winter season.
•Elementary staff are preparing for Family Literacy Night on March 3, with further event details to be shared soon.
•Recognition was given to the band students, particularly the pep band, for their enthusiasm and support at basketball games, contributing positively to school spirit and student activities.

CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY
1. **Correspondence:** Thank you note from Brock's Butcher Block commending the excellent behavior of the Ag students who toured their facility this past month.
2. **Public Comment:**
a. Clark Anderson addressed the Board regarding his resignation, stating it was the result of a series of unfortunate events. He shared that he has reflected on his time with the district and expressed hope of potentially returning in the future.
b. Cathy Ramsey, Shelly Blaken, and Becky Blaken spoke regarding Clark Anderson's employment, noting that he worked well with students and was consistently willing to step in and assist where needed.
c. Abbey Mullery spoke about her advocacy efforts for her special education students and noted the progress and improvements she has seen in recent weeks.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
1. **Minutes from the previous month's Regular Board Meeting:** Motion by Waughtal, second by Stanton, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Finance:** Review of the expenditures and receipts through October. There were no budget changes. Motion by Blaken, second by Paisley, to approve the check summary & vouchers in the amount of \$999,288.08. Motion carried 5-0. Cash flow and activity accounts were reviewed.
3. **Personnel Report: Resignations:** Motion by Stanton, second by Waughtal, to approve the following resignations: Clark Anderson- Paraprofessional, Ashley Kaz- Paraprofessional. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Stanton, Second by Waughtal, to **Hire:** Tallie Kurlinkus- Paraprofessional, Kristy Sieg- Paraprofessional, Alexis Neader- Paraprofessional. Motion carried 5-0. **Retirement:** None.

DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION
•**Donation Approvals:**
a. Anonymous Donor- \$1500 for Lunch Debt Relief
b. Quad County Turkey Club- \$1000 for Guidance (community) Emergency Fund
c. First Nation Bank Bangor- \$7726.40- 4 Welders
d. Black River Falls Area Foundation- \$1500 for Grace Webb Elementary Library
Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken, to approve donations; motion carried 5–0.
•**Annual Special Education Report:** Special Education Director Melissa Scharpf provided the board members a review of the district programming. The district has not reduced special education teaching staff this year, with the continued need. We will continue with the same staff, but will be shifting one Elementary special education teacher to the JR/SR High School. We continue to contract with CESA 4 for several itinerant services and continue with the current number of paraprofessionals to assist students and teachers in the classroom. The district no longer contracts with a third party agency for our nursing services. A district nurse along with a UAP specifically for a student will continue as well.
•**Approve Open Enrollment Regular & Special**

Education Allotments for 2026-2027 School Year
Based on current case levels in special education, caps to the following programs are suggested:

Program	Elementary (ECH-6)	JH/HS (7-12)
Early Childhood	0	NA
Cross-Categorical (Level 1)	0	0
Speech and Language	0 for district	
Paraprofessional	Students with special education needs requesting Open Enrollment into the district who require any paraprofessional support (including 1:1 adult support for the entirety of the school day) will be denied.	

Motion by Stanton, second by Paisley, to approve stated caps to the special education open enrollment space allotments for the 2026-2027 school year. There are no caps on regular education open enrollment space allotments. Motion carried 5-0
•**Referendum Update:** Deanna Wiatt shared an update on where things stand with getting referendum information out to the community. Upper90 will be at the Community Information Meeting on March 25 in the High School Auditorium to walk through the District's Building Health Assessment. Chelsea Parker is working on putting out 2–3 social media posts each week to keep information flowing. The Vote Yes campaign is also actively sharing updates with the public. Staff were asked to submit short videos and photos to help promote the referendum, with a deadline of February 7. The District is also looking into possibly hiring a marketing consultant who specializes in school referendums to assist with advertising efforts. In addition, staff were encouraged to sign up to attend the Community Information Meetings to show support and involvement.
Motion by Paisley, second by roll call vote, to move to Closed Session at 7:06 p.m. The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(c) “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility.” The Board, if appropriate, will return to open session following the closed session to take action on the items discussed in the closed session. Motion by Paisley, second Blaken to return to open session 8:40p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion by Paisley, second by Blaken to approve items discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Waughtal, second by Paisley, to adjourn at 8:41p.m. Motion carried 5-0.
Chelsea Parker
Recorder of Minutes
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK RIVER FALLS
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA**
March 16, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
District Office, 301 N. 4th Street
The Board will convene in Open Session at approximately 6:00 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting. The Board operates under Robert's Rules of Order for Small Assembly.
Our VISION: In the School District of Black River Falls we create an individualized path to future success for every student through the consistent practices of dedicated educators and meaningful partnerships with families and our community.
The meeting will be livestreamed via the School District YouTube channel. You may click this link to view it: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SDofBRF/live>, or you may go to www.brf.org and open the tab labeled Live Streaming/Live Stream Board Meetings. The live stream will begin immediately following the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The timing will depend on how many individuals sign up to address the Board.
01. Call to Order
02. Pledge of Allegiance
03. Roll Call: Alexander Woods, Micaela Conlon-Bue, Casey Wyss, Jenette Simonson, Nick Helstad, Iftikhar Memon, Kaitlyn Cunningham
04. Verification of Public Notice
05. Public Comment
06. Community Engagement:
Parents, students and the community are effectively engaged in the educational process and feel connected and proud to be a part of the School District of Black River Falls.
6.1 Gifts/Grants
6.2 Board Engagement within the Community
07. Our People:
We have a reputation of excellence that helps attract and retain highly qualified staff. We value and appreciate employees who apply their skills and experience to meeting our high expectations and fulfilling our district's vision.
7.1 Focus on Purpose - Grades 6-8 Social Studies
7.2 Employment Recommendations
08. Student Success:
All students will increase their achievement and attain annual personal growth goals in order to reach their highest potential.
8.1 Student Success Report
8.2 Parental Opt Out of Human Growth and Development Procedures
09. Finance & Facilities

We ensure efficient, innovative, and effective use of District resources to promote collaboration and inspire excellence in teaching and learning.
9.1 Monthly Expenditures
9.2 Budget Recommendations 2026-2027 Fiscal Year
10. Reports
10.1 Meeting Minutes
10.2 District Administrators Report
10.3 WASB/Other
10.4 Conference/Workshop Attendance
10.5 School Board Connection Opportunities
11. Future Agenda Item Identification
12. The School Board will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (l) (c) for the purpose of considering performance evaluation data of administrative personnel and employment of public employees.
Alexander Woods, Micaela Conlon-Bue, Casey Wyss, Jenette Simonson, Nick Helstad, Iftikhar Memon, Kaitlyn Cunningham
13. Adjournment
“**This is the initial draft of the agenda sent to the media 10 days prior to the board meeting. Changes may occur to this draft. Please review the most up-to-date copy of the agenda on the District's website at www.brf.org.**”
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)**
Case No. 26PR10
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James A. Lippitt
dob: 10/25/1959
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 10/25/1959 and date of death 04/14/2025 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W13504 State Hwy 71, Melrose, WI 54642.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Anna Becker on 4/1/2026 at 1:30pm.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 9th, 2026.
3. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room Br. 1.
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715)284-0286 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
BY THE COURT:
February 23, 2026
Hon. Anna L. Becker
Circuit Court Judge
Kathryn D. Schmidt
122 E. Oak St. Sparta, WI 54656, 608/269-4800
Bar Number 1044811
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The Millston Brookside Cemetery Association annual meeting will be **March 24, 2026 at 6 pm** at the **Community Building, W6665 Berry St, Millston, WI**. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please bring them that day or contact any Board member at any time.
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Town of Cleveland Jackson County, Wisconsin
At the official Town Board meeting of Cleveland Township, Jackson County, on Feb. 10, 2026, the following Ordinance was adopted:
Ordinance Title: “General Penalties”, Ordinance #2026-04. Summary: a person who violates any provision of an ordinance of the Town of Cleveland shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$5 nor more than \$500.
Full text of this Ordinance can be viewed on the town website: www.townofcleveland.org or by contacting the town clerk, Djuana Haakenson, N13632 Johnson Rd., Fairchild, WI 54741
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Town of Cleveland Jackson County, Wisconsin
At the official Town Board meeting of Cleveland Township, Jackson County, on Feb. 10, 2026, the following Ordinance was adopted:
Ordinance Title: “The Regulation of Junk in the Town of Cleveland”, Ordinance # 2026-06. Summary: having/leaving junk on personal property in the township for certain periods of time without cleaning it up will carry a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000.
Full text of this Ordinance can be viewed on the town website: www.townofcleveland.org or by contacting the town Clerk, Djuana Haakenson, N13632 Johnson Rd., Fairchild, WI 54741.
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