

**Notice of Spring Election and
Sample Ballots
April 7, 2026**

Office of the Marquette County Clerk

To the voters of Marquette County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the County of Marquette, on April 7, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("*ImageCast Evolution-ICE*") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils an **optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Judge District IV, appearing on the sample ballot will be on every ballot for Marquette County voters. Depending on where you live in Marquette County, the contests and candidates for County Supervisor, Town/Village Board, City Council, and School Board may differ from the sample ballot shown, with the contests as follows: (All offices are vote for 1, unless noted otherwise)

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

District 1

Abby Swan

District 2

Dennis Fenner

District 3

Kris Bergh

Dave Krentz

District 4

John B. Bennett

District 5

Kari Olstadt

District 6

Dave Kappel

District 7

Ken Borzick

District 8

Michael Raddatz

District 9

Gary Sorensen

District 10

Mary P. Walters

District 11

Lance Achterberg

District 12

Dick Dufour

Chuck Bornhoeft

District 13

No Candidate

District 14

John Larkin

District 15

Peggy Krause

District 16

Scott W. Kempley

District 17

Judi Nigbor

TOWN OF PACKWAUKEE

Town Board Supervisor 2 – Vote for 1

Adam Schuh

Town Board Supervisor 4 – Vote for 1

Vikki Trimble

VILLAGE OF ENDEAVOR

Village Trustee – Vote for not more than 2

Alan Trimble
Micaila Wagner

VILLAGE OF NESHKORO

Village Trustee – Vote for not more than 2

James C. Good
Larry Gohlke

VILLAGE OF OXFORD

Village Trustee – Vote for not more than 3

Ruth Holden
Thomas G. Wastart II
Barbara Holz
Billy Martin

VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD

Village Trustee – Vote for not more than 3

Veronica VanDerhyden
Kathy Phillis
Tammy Stowers-Tonn

CITY OF MONTELLO

Mayor- Vote for 1

No Candidate

Aldersperson District 1 – Vote for 1

Dick Dufour

Aldersperson District 2 – Vote for 1

Bill Faulkner

Aldersperson District 3 – Vote for 1

Ronald Knutson

Aldersperson District 4 – Vote for 1

Brian Schrimpf

School District of Montello

School Board Member – Vote for not more than 2

Melanie Zuehls
Donald Lloyd

Montello School Referendum: Shall the Montello School District, Marquette and Green Lake Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,000,000 in each year for the 2026-2027 school year, the 2027-2028 school year, the 2028-2029 school year and the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including for educational programming, facility maintenance and employee compensation and benefits?

School District of Westfield

School Board Member – Township of Springfield, and part of the Townships of New Chester and New Haven-
Vote for 1

Nick Coenen

School Board Member – Village of Neshkoro and part of the Townships of Neshkoro, Marion and Dakota– Vote
for 1

Gerald J. Hebert II

School Board Member –Village of Oxford, Township of Oxford and part of the Township of Jackson– Vote for 1

Thomas G. Wastart II

Shane McCann

Westfield School Referendum: Shall the School District of Westfield, Marquette, Waushara and Adams Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,400,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses related to transportation, staffing, academic programming, curriculum updates, and career/trade pathways?

School District of Portage

School Board Member – City – Vote for not more than 2

Micheal Seefeld

Amanda Bonin

Kelly Behnke

School Board Member – Rural – Vote for 1

Nicky J. Cross

Portage School Referendum: Shall the Portage Community School District, Columbia, Marquette and Sauk Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,700,000 per year for three years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes?

School District of Princeton

School Board Member – City of Princeton, Town of Marquette, Town of Princeton, Town of St. Marie and Town of Mecan- Vote for not more than 3

Abigail Vaiasicca

Matthew Greget

Valerie Alvin

Debbie Zrinsky

Barb Richter

School District of Markesan

School Board Member – City of Markesan – Vote for 1

David E. Abendroth

School Board Member – Town of Green Lake and Town of Metomen – Vote for 1

No Candidate

School Board Member – At Large from the Town of Metomen and Village of Fairwater- Vote for 1

Chuck Dolgner

School Board Member – Towns of Mackford, Fox Lake and Alto – Vote for 1

Jon W. Clark

School Board Member – Towns of Kingston, Scott, Buffalo and Marcellon – Vote for 1

No Candidate

Markesan School Referendum: Shall the Markesan District Schools be authorized to exceed state revenue limits on a non-recurring basis by \$700,000 in each of four (4) consecutive years for the 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30 school years to maintain school district programs and operations?

School District of Wisconsin Dells

School Board Member – Area 1- Composed of the City of Wisconsin Dells – Vote for 1

Erik Backhaus

School Board Member – Area 2- Composed of the Village of Lake Delton, Town of Delton, and Town of Dellona lying in Sauk County and Town of Lyndon in Juneau County – Vote for 1

Blake Kochendorfer

School Board Member – Area 3- Composed of the Towns of Newport and Lewiston in Columbia County, Towns of Dell Prairie, Springville, Jackson, and New Haven in Adams County, and Town of Douglas in Marquette County – Vote for 1

Courtney Syverson

Wisconsin Dells School District: Shall the School District of Wisconsin Dells, Sauk, Adams, Columbia, Juneau and Marquette Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,400,000 per year beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of maintaining current elementary, middle and high school class sizes, technology equipment, existing career and technical education programming, along with operational costs associated with all school buildings?

School District of Pardeeville

School Board Member – Vote for not more than 3

Becky L. Lezow

Lynette A. Ives

Karla Becker Walker

Kiley Lloyd, Marquette County Clerk