

Registration for Stuff the Desk is open

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- Stuff the School Bus/Desk is a collaborative community initiative led by United Way to ensure every student has the supplies they need to learn. All families with financial need are eligible to receive free school supplies. To participate, parents or guardians must register by Thursday, August 1. How to register:

• Go to www.uwswac.org (click the Stuff the Desk banner)

• Call 211 (or 877-947-2211) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

School supplies will be distributed during "Stuff the Desk" on August 16 & 17 at East Junior High School located at 311 Lincoln St. in Wisconsin Rapids. Registrants must select a pick-up time - each time slot is limited to 150 students, so early registration is recommended. Time slots include:

• Friday, August 16, 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m.;

• Saturday, August 17, 8 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9 a.m.

Registration must be submitted by August 1. Walk-ins will only be accepted on



On Aug. 1 at Lunch by the River, the Stuff the Bus committee will be collecting school supplies to distribute for the 2024-25 school year.

United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties photo

Saturday, August 17 between 9:30 - 10 a.m.; supplies are not guaranteed.

This initiative relies on the support of the community through monetary and school supply donations. Participating families may not receive every item requested by classrooms as teachers and school districts vary in supply requests. Please contact your child's school if other supplies are needed.

You can make a difference in our students' lives with school supply or monetary donations collected at the Stuff the School Bus collection event at Lunch by the

River on Thursday, August 1.

About the Stuff the School Bus/Stuff the Desk Committee

Stuff the School Bus is a collaborative effort of several local non-profit, government, and school agencies. Every year, the Stuff the School Bus/Stuff the Desk Committee asks the community to stuff a school bus with donations of school supplies. The event is held during Lunch by the River. Later, the donated school supplies are distributed to local students in need during the Stuff the Desk event. All families who are in financial need are eligible.

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school district that's built upon integrity, transparency, and trust."

"We are extremely pleased to name Ronald Rasmussen as our next Superintendent," said Board President John Krings. "The Board believes that Mr. Rasmussen's collaborative, visionary leadership style and deep passion for public education will have a positive impact on student

achievement and success in our district. His strong community ties will continue to assist the District in expanding partnerships that are built on trust and transparency. While this will be a new role with expanded responsibilities for Mr. Rasmussen, it will also be an opportunity for the Board to work closely with him to develop and leverage his skills for the benefit of the organization and all stakeholders. Lastly, the Board appreciates the feedback

and participation received from multiple stakeholders throughout the search process. We hope you'll join us in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Rasmussen as he becomes the next WRPS Superintendent."

Ronald Rasmussen's contract was officially approved by the Board on May 6, and he will begin his Superintendent duties on July 1, replacing Craig Broeren, who is assuming the Superintendent position at St. Croix Falls School District.

Rokus receives Scholar Award

WISCONSIN RAPIDS -- P.E.O. Chapter EH has announced that Emma Rokus has been chosen as the recipient of the \$1,000 P.E.O. Chapter EH Local STAR Scholar Award. An international philanthropic organization, P.E.O. is about women celebrating the advancement of other women; educating women through scholarships, grants, awards, and loans; and motivating women to achieve their highest aspirations.

Emma will soon be a graduate of Lincoln High School with High Honors. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison and to pursue a degree in neurobiology.

In high school, Emma was involved in DECA, HOSA, soccer, cross country, National Honor Society, Math League, basketball and powerlifting. She has also been active in community service, including serving as secretary of Friends of Scentrail Bark Community Park. Emma is also employed as a caregiver at Renaissance Assisted Living.



Emma Rokus, LHS, is this year's recipient of the P.E.O. Chapter EH Local STAR Scholar Award. Brook Nagorski photo

Master Gardeners' plant sale set for May 18

STEVENS POINT -- For great prices on hardy central Wisconsin perennials, attend the Portage County Master Gardener Association annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18. It will be held in the parking lot of the Portage County Courthouse Annex, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Master Gardener members dig and divide their perennials for the sale. The selection is enhanced with flats of several additional popular perennials and annuals from a nearby wholesale nursery. Herbs, vegetable seedlings and some houseplants and shrubs also will be available. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions, offer tips and help direct visitors



The annual Portage County Master Gardener plant sale begins at 11 a.m. on May 18 in Stevens Point.

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to plants that meet their growing conditions. All plants are labeled.

Plants typically sell for \$2 to \$10, and the selection is best early. Money raised

at the plant sale supports horticulture education programs and books, scholarships, area school projects and public flowerbeds.

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