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SHORELAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND ON CLASSROOM ADDITION



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School, project and community leaders participate in the ceremonial groundbreaking for a new addition at Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers on Wednesday.

### Project is one phase of planned improvements underway

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SOMERS — Shoreland Lutheran High School has broken ground on a major classroom addition. The school at 9026 12th St, is undergoing an \$8 million school renovation project, with the goal of

finishing construction by Aug. 14. Paul Scriver, Shoreland Lutheran president, said the project is the first of two phases of planned improvements to the high school. The school has fundraised over \$9.3 million for the improvements, and Scriver credits two Shoreland

employees for bringing in the money for the expansion. Ben Olson, the school's mission advancement director, and Amber Wasurick, the special assistant to the president and mission

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## Somers to vote on firefighter funding

Referendum will be part of April 7 ballot

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SOMERS — Residents will vote this spring on a referendum in Somers to support additional funding to hire and retain eight additional firefighters. On Tuesday the Somers Village Board unanimously approved holding a public referendum on the \$1.3 million tax levy hike. Residents will go to the polls on the issue during the April 7 spring election. The decision did not come without debate. While he supports giving residents the opportunity to choose by referendum, Village President George Stoner spoke against raising the village's tax levy all at once for new firefighters, instead advocating for a gradual increase of staffing.



Stoner

If a house is valued at \$100,000 the property taxes would increase \$110, according to estimates at the meeting. The referendum would bring a 29% tax increase to Somers' residents. The levy would begin with 2026 taxes collected starting in 2027. "It would crush the people of Somers," Stoner said during Tuesday's meeting. Stoner said he supports hiring more firefighters over the next two years, but that adding eight firefighters would cost Somers' residents a lot of money. He'd rather wait and add firefighters over a period of time. "I was willing to support two this year and two next year," Stoner said.

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## Wilmot Union seeks Hall of Fame nominations

Unveils plans for school's inaugural Athletics HOF

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WILMOT — Wilmot Union High School is now accepting nominations for its 2026 Alumni Hall of Fame as well as its first-ever

Athletics Hall of Fame. Alumni Hall of Fame candidates must have graduated from Wilmot Union High School in 2016 or prior. Nominees are evaluated based on leadership, achievements, service to the Wilmot community or country, and other notable contributions. The Wilmot Athletics Hall of Fame will

recognize athletes, coaches, and distinguished contributors. Athlete nominees must have graduated in 2016 or prior and demonstrated outstanding athletic achievement during high school and beyond. Coach nominees must have a minimum of five years of coaching service at Wilmot, along with competitive success and

long-standing contributions to the program. Distinguished Service inductees will be nominated by committee. The inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame class will include four male athletes, four female athletes, and two coaches.

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