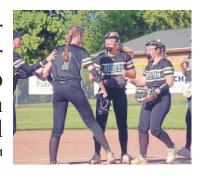
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Wisconsin Historical Society diver Zach Whitrock collects images of the wreckage of the schooner F.J. King in Lake Michigan for a photo model on Aug. 23.

Schooner went down in storm off Door County in 1886

TODD RICHMOND Associated Press

After decades of scouring the bottom of Lake Michigan, searchers have finally found the wreckage of a "ghost ship" that sank during a ferocious storm almost 140 years ago off the Wisconsin coastline.

The Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association announced Monday that a team led by researcher Brendon Baillod found the wreck of the F.J. King. Baillod said in an email to The Associated Press that the wreckage was discovered on June

According to the announcement, Baillod's team found the ship off Bailey's Harbor, a town of about 280 people on Wisconsin's Door Peninsula, an outcropping of land jutting into Lake Michigan that gives the state its distinctive mitten-thumb

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Quagga mussels cover the capstan of the F.J. King shipwreck in Lake Michigan on Aug. 23.

The back of the birdseed baggie message expressed a desire to secure a future "for white children.' TIFFANY

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White supremacist messages spread with birdseed in Baraboo

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Plastic sandwich bags containing birdseed

and small paper slips with white supremacist messages were found by Baraboo residents on Monday morning, prompting a Baraboo Police investigation.

In a Facebook post prior to investigating, department officials urged people who saw one of the bags to promptly discard it and notify an officer if they have camera footage of someone leaving the baggies on their property.

There is no danger to the public and the messages fall within First Amendment rights, Baraboo Police Chief Justin Carloni said on Monday, adding on Wednesday that the investigation is ongoing.

He declined to say how many bags had been discovered nor their locations, citing the open

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