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Ancient canoe found
in Pewaukee Lake



This 1,000-year-old dugout canoe was discovered in Pewaukee Lake in Waukesha County. The 17-foot-long, 2-foot-wide canoe, carved from white oak, likely dates to the Late Woodland period, known for its distinct animal-shaped effigy mounds still found across the southern part of the state.

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Indigenous dugout,
the first found there,
to be left in place

Caitlin Looby Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

A 1,000-year-old Indigenous dugout canoe has been found in Pewaukee Lake, the first historical discovery of its kind at the popular recreational destination in Waukesha County. ● The Wisconsin Historical Society announced Sept. 30 that the white oak vessel was resting just 15 feet below the surface near the lake’s southern shore. ● Partially filled with sediment, the canoe appears to have been intentionally left near what was likely the lake’s ancient shoreline – a possibility consistent with how dugouts were often cached for later use, said Larry Plucinski, tribal historic preservation officer for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

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UW-OSHKOSH



The Original Benchwarmer Cap features UW-Oshkosh colors and the university’s logo on Stormy Kromer’s classic wool design, complete with a pull-down earband and flannel lining. PROVIDED BY SHANNON GUILD

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OSHKOSH – More than a century after George “Stormy” Kromer started the Kromer Cap Company in Kaukauna, about 30 miles from Oshkosh, his cap is back in the Fox Valley in a new way.

UW-Oshkosh has joined Stormy Kromer’s officially licensed collegiate collection, so Titans fans can now get the Original Benchwarmer Cap and matching vests in UW-Oshkosh colors and with the university’s logo.

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Water systems must test for ammonia after incident

Burst of bacteria turned
chemical into nitrite

Madeline Heim

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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With a 2025 emergency still in mind, public water systems across Wisconsin must test their drinking water for am-

monia by the end of the year to help the Department of Natural Resources identify areas where high amounts could cause health problems.

The sampling project was spurred by water trouble last summer in Williams Bay, a village near Lake Geneva. Two children got sick from consuming water with unsafe levels of nitrite, which was produced in a biological process with ammonia that was naturally present in

groundwater. Village residents couldn’t drink their tap water for more than a week.

Steve Elmore, program director of the DNR’s Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, said at the time that there wasn’t a clear picture of which Wisconsin communities have high levels of ammonia in their groundwater supply. In May, the agency sent a letter to the state’s roughly 600 municipal water

systems saying they’d need to test their water for ammonia between October and December.

Ammonia can get into groundwater via natural organic composition, agricultural fertilizer runoff or municipal sewage discharge. Although DNR staff are aware of hotspots in some parts of the state, Elmore said, a review of am-

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