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Trivia players lined up to register for WWSP 90FM's "World's Largest Trivia Contest" outside of the radio station and Trivia Headquarters located at 1101 Reserve St. PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAVE COULTHURST

## Recount confirms Soik won county board seat

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STEVENS POINT - An April 15 recount of over 900 votes cast in Portage County District 19 found challenger Scott Soik to be the certified winner of the election for supervisor.

The certified number of votes for each candidate was found to be 445 for challenger and former District 19 supervisor Scott Soik and 442 for incumbent Amberle Schwartz, matching the unofficial results of the April 7 election previously posted by Portage County Clerk Maria Davis. "This recount is a testament to the dedication of our local Municipal Clerks and poll workers throughout Portage County," Davis said in a April 15 news release. The county previously conducted recounts in each of the last two county-wide elections in 2022 and 2024 for both Portage County executive and supervisor seats.

"This recount also affirms the accuracy and efficiency of the electronic equipment used within Portage County," Davis added. Portage County's three-member Board of Canvass, consisting of Davis and two selected, partisan, citizen members, along with four tabulators, consisting of current and former municipal clerks, conducted the recount April 15. The recount began at 9:01 a.m. and concluded at 10:55 a.m. in Conference Room D at the Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church St. in Stevens Point.

Schwartz requested the recount via petition on April 13 and will not pay a fee for the effort due to the margin of difference of votes received by each candidate being less than 10 votes in an election that received less than 4,000 votes, according to state statute.

Schwartz stated a belief that "a mistake in counting ballots may have been made," in the April 13 petition that prompted the recount.

Portage County supervisors serve two-year terms on the 25-member Portage County Board. Supervisors will attend the first meeting of the new County Board and take their oaths of office at 5 p.m. April 21 in the County Board Chambers located in the Portage County Courthouse.

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## Players unsure of AI impact on WWSP trivia contest

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STEVENS POINT - "Is this the year new technology kills Trivia?"

That is a question often considered by regular players and organizers of WWSP 90FM's annual "World's Largest Trivia Contest." The student-run radio station at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is set to present Trivia 56:

The Love Contest April 17-19.

"What I think might happen, and I hope it doesn't, is that AI will kill the contest," said Mike Wiza, a Trivia player with Franklin Street Burnouts since age 10 and Stevens Point mayor.

Wiza has seen the impacts of many different technologies on how teams play the annual Trivia contest, but he thinks large language models, or artificial intelligence (AI), present a unique

challenge.

"The people that use it well are going to dominate the contest, and at some point, it's going to become a level playing field where everybody has the same access to AI," Wiza told a USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin reporter.

Success in the previous 55

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## Fans can vote for Fan Favorite Photo until end of April

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Football fans can now vote in this year's Packers Everywhere Fan Favorite photo contest.

Five finalists were selected from thousands of entries, and fans have until April 29 to select their favorite. The winner will be announced May 4.

Fans can vote once daily at [packerseverywhere.com/fan-favorite](http://packerseverywhere.com/fan-favorite). Each time someone votes, they will be entered to win two tickets to a Packers home game.

The winning photo will be featured in locations around Lambeau Field during a 2026 regular-season home game, including on the marquee signs outside the stadium.

The finalists are:

- Angela Pedley from Campton, New Hampshire
- Cassandra Stone from Grafton, North Dakota
- Karla Kaphaem from Appleton
- Katie Sellnow from Jackson
- MaKynna Lesinski from Stevens Point

The grand prize winner also will re-

ceive two tickets to the game in which their photo is featured, plus airfare and hotel accommodations for two nights.

Last year's winner was Lexi Roerk's photo of sons Maddox and Milo taken at their first game at Lambeau Field. Roerk, of Owensboro, Kentucky, took the photo Oct. 20, 2024, when the Green Bay Packers defeated the Houston Texans 24-22 on a last-second field goal.

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