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Rep. Tom Tiffany, R-Wisconsin, delivers remarks during a campaign kickoff event launching his gubernatorial bid at the Peterson Barn on Sept. 24 in Wausau. JOVANNY HERNANDEZ/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Takeaways from Tiffany’s campaign launch event

Molly Beck Milwaukee Journal Sentinel | USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

WAUSAU – Congressman Tom Tiffany returned to his home turf Wednesday after launching a campaign for governor this week, arguing to supporters that another term under a Democratic governor would lead to China, transgender athletes and immigrants infiltrating the state.

“For too long, Democrats have torn down what has been built up in Wisconsin. If we give them four more years, buckle up,” Tiffany told a crowd of supporters gathered in an event barn on the outskirts of Wausau.

“You’ll see illegal aliens having driver’s licenses. You’ll see men playing women’s sports, and cheap foreign labor will replace you, the people of the state of Wisconsin.”

Tiffany, 67, seeks the governor’s office after representing the 7th Congressional District since 2020. Before running for Congress, he served in the state As-

sembly and Senate for about 10 years.

Tiffany became the third Republican to enter the 2026 race, joining Washington County Executive Josh Schoemann and former Navy SEAL and Whitefish Bay manufacturing CEO Bill Berrien.

Here are some takeaways from Tiffany’s campaign event:

Tiffany proposes to send more state funding to schools to help ‘freeze’ property taxes

Tiffany is proposing to “freeze property taxes,” if elected governor, which would limit how much officials on school boards and local government could raise in revenue.

When asked how he would implement a freeze, Tiffany told reporters the state budget could send local governments and school districts more

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Mission celebrates new outreach center in Wausau

Karen Madden Wausau Daily Herald | USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

WAUSAU – In two years, Bridge Street Mission has reached the \$5 million fundraising goal it set to pay for its new building to provide and expand services for people in crisis.

Bridge Street Mission helps men who are unemployed, underemployed, struggling with addiction, having trouble finding affordable housing, suffering with mental illness, living paycheck to paycheck and recently getting out of prison.

The organization previously worked out of two buildings with a total square footage of about 17,000 square feet. The new building at 325 N. First Ave. in Wausau has a square footage of about 35,000 square feet. The additional space will allow Bridge Street Mission to expand its services for men and add services for women.

On Sept. 25, people involved in the Bridge Street Mission’s building project gathered to celebrate the opening of its new Outreach Center. The center has a new state-of-the-art kitchen, said Craig Vincent, Bridge Street Mission executive director.

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Bridge Street Mission, 325 N. First Ave., Wausau, celebrated the opening of its new Outreach Center with a ribbon cutting on Sept. 25. KAREN MADDEN/WAUSAU DAILY HERALD



High school students competed in the SpecMix Bricklayer 500, where Gavin Barth took first place with an impressive 63-brick performance. PROVIDED BY MICHELLE R. ROTHMEYER

D.C. Everest student wins masonry contest with lightning-fast brickwork

Nida Tazeen AI-assisted reporter Wausau Daily Herald | USA TODAY NETWORK

D.C. Everest senior Gavin Barth won first place at the SpecMix Bricklayer 500 masonry competition Sept. 17, according to a community announcement.

Student competitors had 20 minutes to build a 9-foot, 4-inch wall showcasing their workmanship. Barth laid 63 bricks in 20 minutes, with fellow senior Grayson Johnson assisting as the mason tender.

The event, held at Fond du Lac Stone, aims to promote workforce development and build the next generation of skilled masons. It included Junior Spec Mix

Bricklayer 500 competitions for high school students and apprentices pursuing a masonry career.

Students also had the opportunity to interact with professionals in the masonry field.

Barth and Johnson, both construction trades students at D.C. Everest Senior High, attended the event with D.C. Everest technology education teacher Chad Pernsteiner.

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