

## LIZARD CONTROVERSY?

### Press conference devolves over unexpected bribery

By Elisabeth Lazzell and Madeline Muscanero



Late Monday afternoon, the example press conference created quite a stir concerning Assembly Bill 159. The proposition in question was to make the common five-lined skink the state lizard. Mr. Hoogendyk, performing his role as author of the bill to the full, shared the history behind the bill. According to the testimony of the speaker, a letter from a third grade girl, simply begging that the five-lined skink specifically should be the state lizard prompted

Mr. Hoogendyk to author the bill. The media team, as well as a few senators and representatives, provided several questions about the reasoning behind the bill. Most of the questions centered around the general classification of the proposition asking why the addition was classified as a state lizard, as opposed to a state reptile. After a representative indicated that the author of the bill intended to, in Mr. Hoogendyk's own words, "bribe"

assembly and senate voters in his favor, supporter Mr. Dan Degner proceeded to fling sticky lizards through the air without warning, leaving the assembly to claw and grab for the tools of bribery. Despite these attempts to sway the legislators, they displayed a definitive negativity towards the bill, even without a vote. Following the press conference, the campers trooped upstairs to the cafeteria which was soon filled with sticky, flying lizards.

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#### Notice

On Thursday afternoon, a Q&A session with Julaine Appling, Carl Kerby and Matt Friese will take place in DC 102. If you have a world-view question you would like to submit, be sure to fill out a question card! Cards can be picked up outside of DC 102.

## ATTENTION SENIOR SENATORS

Senior Senators have the opportunity to submit a letter to the editor. The letter should be a short argument convincing their fellow senators to vote for their bill on Friday. Letters should be 120 words or less.



Please send submissions to [leadmedia@leadwi.org](mailto:leadmedia@leadwi.org). Submissions will appear in the next edition of the LEAD Tribune.

## Speaker Highlight

### Carl Kerby

#### From evolution to Answers in Genesis

By Joseph Mucciolo

On Monday, Carl Kerby presented a captivating lesson in creation apologetics. After hearing his message, you may be surprised to hear that the church he grew up in believed the opposite, and he did not find the truth until much later. Kerby's church taught that science proves that the days of Genesis were much longer than days in the present, and that



the longer days proved the earth is millions of years old. He believed in evolution until he came across two pilots through his job as an air-traffic controller who told him otherwise. The pilots showed him what was true about creation and gave evidence from The Bible. From there, he started doing more and more research until he eventually came in contact with Ken Ham, with whom he co-founded Answers in Genesis. Since then, he has helped with many books and DVD series and has become an established speaker and has given speeches in different countries all over the world. You wouldn't guess it, but Kerby is not very comfortable speaking and says God forced him into it. "I would rather be helping behind the scenes," he says. Regardless of his feelings, Kerby gives informing and engaging lessons in apologetics.

### Charlie Kirk

#### Making a National Impact

By Anna Schmid and Keegan Terpstra

Coming from the suburbs of Chicago, Charlie Kirk came into a relationship with Jesus Christ in fifth grade. After skipping college, at eighteen years old he successfully founded Turning Point U.S.A. As Kirk's popularity grew as a conservative activist, he went on to speak at over one hundred eighty colleges and universities. Now a married man, Kirk travels across the United States advocating for the

Constitution, Biblical morals, Judeo-Christian values, and encouraging the next generation to stay true to God's Word while reaching as many people as possible to keep the United States a country free from tyranny. Kirk posed the question, "What is a human being?" The answer? A human being is an image bearer of God. He then continued to divulge and expand

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## Record Numbers for LEAD WI

By Keegan Terpstra



This year, LEAD Wisconsin boasts a record number of campers. Since LEAD's inaugural year in 2021, the size of the camp has increased with each year. From the original eighty campers in 2021 to a whopping 127 participants this year, campers both new and returning unite for a week of grueling brain work and contagious laughter. LEAD brings together young people of varied backgrounds who desire to grow in Christ and strengthen their knowledge of how to better defend the faith.



*Charlie Kirk: Making a National Impact continued...*

upon this topic with questions of freedom, license, and liberty whilst explaining why Christianity is so important to politics. As the session continued, Kirk began to discuss morality, and encouraged campers to “Always look at people in the context of which they’re in.” The challenge he gave was to ask oneself, “Is the

historical figure I am observing righteous in their generation, even if it doesn’t seem so now? After finishing his thoughts on this, Kirk moved onto discussions of the Mosaic Law, centralization of power, and Marxism.

LEAD Tribune reporter Anna Schmid asked Kirk his opinion on women in politics and Kirk responded by encouraging the young women to consider having a family instead of chasing careers immediately and enrolling into college with no idea of what they would like to do. A camper inquired how Kirk shares his beliefs to others and he answered by encouraging her to share her beliefs with love while reminding her that “the gospel is offensive” and reminded all of the campers that the truth of the

gospel is much more important than social acceptance from the culture. Kirk was also asked his opinion on women as pastors and responded by referring to the Apostle Paul’s approach to this issue by informing campers that women’s roles are not in pastoral leadership. However, women can still serve in other areas of the church and are a necessary function within the body of Christ.

This was Kirk’s third year at LEAD and many campers enjoy his fiery personality and passion for service to the Lord. His inspiring words provide a sense of courage and motivation to impact the world as ambassadors for Christ and an appreciation for both the United States and its Constitution.

## Advice

### What I Wish I’d Known

#### Thoughts from veteran campers

By Elly Sell

LEAD Wisconsin Camp is a very unique opportunity and undoubtedly an unforgettable experience, but with all the things, especially the bill-studying and speech-writing things, the beginning can be a bit overwhelming! Our veteran campers wish they had known some things before they first came to LEAD that could have prevented many mistakes! So here are the top-five tips from returning campers for having a more fun, productive, and stress-free week!

1. Ask questions! “Speak up if you don’t know what is going on,” says Ben Donat, “It will make your time so much easier.” While the possible

embarrassment of a dumb question can be daunting, more times than not there are others who are wondering exactly the same thing as you! As Miriam Madsen put it, “It’s better to know than to not know and be stuck.”

2. Step outside of your comfort zone! Right now as you are drowning in bills and amendments, a week may seem like a long time to figure things out, but it goes by quite quickly. You don’t want to be left wishing you had tried one more thing! “Work hard, and try things you wouldn’t try.” says Elias Matiash, “Try to speak at least once, maybe twice!”

3. Don’t burn yourself out. While you should be stepping outside of your comfort zone, there is such a thing as too much! Remember, at the end of the day, it’s not a life or death situation; you are still at camp and can have a lot of fun! “Make some friends while you’re at it, that way you have a great community,” says Elias Matiash.

4. Manage your time well. “Take this time seriously,” says Amira Oser, “especially in your caucus in the beginning. It’s easy to spend it just goofing around, but then you get to the last couple days and you’re like,

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'Oh man, I actually have a lot to do!'" Caucus meetings can be a really great time to connect with people in camp, but at the end of the day there are things to get done! Procrastination only hurts you later, so try to get as much as you can done as quickly as you can get it done.

5. Have a good mindset! "This camp is all about making new experiences." Says Levi Harper, "You may have come into this thinking you're not going to have a good time, but you have to make the best of it. Focus on doing

your part and don't focus as much on what everyone else is doing." At the end of the day, only you decide how your experience will look. So choose a good attitude!

These are just a few things to help set you in the right direction, so don't be afraid to ask others if you are not sure about something. Even campers who have been here since the beginning don't have everything figured out, and everyone wants to help you succeed! Ask questions, try new things, and get lots and lots of sleep!

# Letters to the Editor

## **Saratoga Blue**

Dear Editor,  
"Forward" is impossible without "Justice for All." Saratoga Blue's AB 936 Medical Assistance bill is radically unjust. While Saratoga Blue as a caucus has good intentions, the consequences of their bill are unmistakable. Side effects of the Medical Assistance Act include compulsory discrimination against large portions of Wisconsinites. Citizens with disabilities, chronic illnesses, mental health struggles, and autism will all be excluded from receiving government "benefits" that are in the bill. Hundreds of years ago discrimination had a prominent place in our law-books. We've moved past that. Let's move Wisconsin Forward, not backward to the downfalls of our past.

## **Lexington Blue**

Dear Editor,  
To generally summarize, this bill will make it cheaper for people who normally go to the hospital. Hospital trips can cost any range of amounts. This bill will just be like any normal subscription. So instead of worrying on what your bill will be, you can be confident that you want have to pay a crazy amount.



**3 v 3 Basketball Tournament**

When: 3:25 pm on Tuesday  
Where: The Gym  
Form a team of 3 & sign up at merch table in the gym lobby during free times

## Feats of Strength Results: Monday

First Place  
Green Gators

Second Place (Tie)  
Blue Bears  
Yellow Macaroni Ponies

Third Place  
Red Racoons



## Overheard

"What's with all the dopey turtles?"  
- Jack Hoogendyck

"Yay! We have a weapon!"  
- Amanda Warren

"I'm breaking my brother in half!!!"  
- Probably a middle school boy

"Woah! You're married?!"  
-Deke

"If you've ever worn a kilt you would know that."  
- Jack Hoogendyck

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