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Shoreland Lutheran high school has recently completed its \$7.3 million expansion project. As part of the project, Shoreland now has a larger entrance and atrium.

Shoreland Lutheran celebrates \$7.3M project’s completion

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SOMERS — When students at Shoreland Lutheran High School arrived for classes this fall, they were greeted by a new and improved facility with several upgrades after the site underwent a \$7.3 million expansion.

The project which features new music rooms and classrooms, plus a larger entrance and atrium broke ground in January. Paul Scriver, Shoreland Lutheran president, said the expansion was fundraised entirely by the district.

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Shoreland Lutheran High School recently completed its \$7.3 million expansion project with a new atrium, new classrooms and more. The school hosted a community ceremony on Sept. 3 to celebrate the milestone.

DA Solis’ Wisconsin law license suspended

USA TODAY NETWORK

Kenosha County District Attorney Xavier Solis’s license to practice law in Wisconsin was suspended Sept. 14, according to a memo from the state Office of Lawyer Regulation.

The suspension leaves the future of his position unclear, as state law requires district attorneys to hold law licenses.

According to a formal notice issued by the Office of Lawyer Regulation, Solis’ license was suspended for failing to cooperate with its investigations into alleged misconduct. The memo does not describe the underlying conduct the office is investigating.



Solis

Stephen Kelley, a spokesperson for the Wisconsin Courts System, said the office is barred from disclosing the underlying conduct under Supreme Court Rule 22.40, which keeps attorney disciplinary investigations confidential until they result in public discipline.

According to Wisconsin law, “no person is eligible to hold the office of district attorney unless he or she is licensed to practice law in this state.” Kelley confirmed the statute applies, but declined to comment on how the suspension affects Solis’s current position as district attorney.

Solis could not be immediately reached for comment.

Solis was elected Kenosha County’s district attorney in November 2024, becoming the county’s first Republican DA in more than a century after running on a tough-on-crime platform. He had worked as a defense attorney in Kenosha with no prior prosecutorial experience before taking office in January 2025.

His tenure has drawn scrutiny several times. In February, Kenosha County Circuit Court Judge David Hughes sanctioned Solis for submitting court filings that relied on artificial intelligence, citing “hallucinated and false citations” in briefs from his office.

Solis’s office has also seen significant staff turnover since he took office, a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigation found in February. Former prosecutors raised concerns about Solis’ focus on illegal immigration, frequent missed deadlines and other courtroom errors.

PADDOCK LAKE

Wagner Family Fire Fund event to mark five years

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PADDOCK LAKE — The Wagner Family Fire Fund will host a fifth anniversary celebration at Old Settler’s Park in Paddock Lake Sept. 19.

The celebration will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 19 and will feature raffles, live music, a silent auction, food and drinks.

The Wagner Family Fire Fund helps support families who lose their homes to a fire.

Amy Wagner launched the fund in

August 2021 after her family’s home burned down in 2020.

The organization provides “Go Bags” for the Kenosha County fire chiefs to carry in their trucks and distribute to families who have been affected by a fire disaster.

The “Go Bags” are drawstring backpacks filled with items to help families recover in the aftermath of a fire, including:

- A voucher for two nights at a hotel
- \$500 gift card for clothing or other essentials

- Gift cards for about two days of meals
- Mental health information and kit
- Pair of men’s and women’s socks
- Full-size toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- Toothbrushes
- Men’s and women’s deodorant
- Brush and comb
- Coloring book and crayons
- Literature on next steps and recovery.

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Amy Wagner, founder of the Wagner Family Fire Fund, poses for a photo with a go-bag and informational booklet.

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three boys.
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joys.
A wonderful husband, father, and doctor was he;
Today we celebrate his birthday in loving memory.

Fund

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In the past five years, the fund has provided more than 150 Go Bags — which are valued at about \$1,100 each — to Kenosha County fire chiefs.

The WFFF initially served western Kenosha County but grew to cover the entire county during the organization's second year. In its second year, the Wagner Family Fire Fund was also able to raise the value of its gift cards for clothing replacement and other essentials, Wagner said.

"To be able to get community support that allows

us to do that is so incredibly meaningful to me, because I know the more we can give, the better off you are at that moment of your disaster," Wagner said.

Wagner said the community "should come out and support something that is going to help people who experience a catastrophic event like a fire, because it could be you next."

"We need the community to help us help others," Wagner said. "For a lot of businesses and individuals, if they could come and have good food, listen to some music, a couple raffles, spend a day in the park — it's a day out for a good cause."



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Reuters

AI-linked stocks plunged worldwide Monday after leaders of the biggest artificial intelligence companies warned of risks from rapid development, the starkest threat yet to the billions of dollars being poured into the industry that have driven world markets to record highs.

The sell-off rippled through the industry, where companies increasingly rely on debt and circular financing to fund ambitious AI spending plans even as global borrowing costs, reflected in multi-year-high bond yields, continue to rise.

Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei, in a lengthy essay shared on social media Saturday, called on AI companies to slow the rate at which they advance model capabilities amid mounting fears of misuse of artificial intelligence. Both Elon Musk, who runs xAI, and Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, said they agree with Amodei.

Altman also said the company would not proceed with an IPO this year, citing safety concerns.

Wall Street's elite tech index, the Nasdaq 100, slid to a six-week low in early trading as chip stocks, which have led the AI sugar rush, fell the most.

"If this does lead to sort of a slowdown and a rethink of AI spending, that will have ramifications for the economy and some important sectors of the stock market, because essentially, we've been running hot based on AI spending," said Steve Sosnick, chief market analyst at Interactive Brokers.

The Philadelphia chip index dropped 5.1%, with Nvidia down 3.6%, Advanced Micro Devices



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Dario Amodei, co-founder and chief executive officer of Anthropic, speaks during an April 30 interview on "The Circuit with Emily Chang" at Anthropic's headquarters in San Francisco.



JONATHAN DRAKE, REUTERS

SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk speaks Sept. 1 via video conference to delegates at the G20 Innovation Ministerial summit in Chapel Hill, N.C.

off 5.6% and Micron falling 6%, while Musk's SpaceX shed 1.6%.

Europe's tech sector fell 2.2%, dragged by ASML's 5.9% decline, alongside steep losses in Infineon and Siemens Energy, while in Asia, SoftBank plunged as much as 13.2% and chipmakers TSMC and SK Hynix also retreated.

Trump: Guardrails unnecessary

President Donald Trump said on Monday that the U.S. already has guardrails in place to regulate and prosecute AI companies, appearing to play down industry leaders' concerns.

"The only control or 'guardrails' that AI needs is a STRONG AND SMART (High IQ!) PRESIDENT, and the U.S.A. has that, in spades!" Trump wrote on social media, adding that China would benefit from the doubt being cast on artificial intelligence development.

"We already have tremendous CRIMINAL and REGULATORY power over these companies! There is a SICK conspiracy going on against AI and Data Centers, and the only one that is happy about it is China."

The market decline followed weeks of reports of AI agents acting against their operators' instructions to access external systems, as well as the departure of prominent AI safety researchers who warned that the rapidly

progressing technology could lead to extinction of the human race in the not-too-distant future.

On Saturday, Anthropic's Amodei outlined a three-step framework intended to pace development and create more time to manage its risks.

"The Trump Administration has stopped AI 'people' from doing bad, or potentially bad, 'things,' like Dario (Anthropic!), who is now pretending to be a 'perfect little angel' — and we will continue to do so," Trump said.

The Republican president has resisted stirring concerns about artificial intelligence and has largely embraced AI companies in his second term.

Trump is scheduled to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping next week in Washington. Reuters previously reported that the two countries were planning a separate meeting in mid-September to discuss the risks of AI, led by lower-level government officials.

'Unacceptable' risks

Alarm about the potential harm from AI spiked this month when Anthropic researcher Jacob Coxon resigned, stating that the "people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade."

A few days later, the San Francisco-based AI lab released a threat intelligence report detailing how

its Claude AI models were used for activities ranging from weapons development and cyber operations to surveillance and fraud.

Over the weekend, Amodei wrote that in six to 12 months, AI agents "could be capable of taking over the entire internet potentially causing hundreds of billions of dollars in damage." Separately, OpenAI's Altman said in an interview that risks of human extinction posed by AI were "unacceptable."

AI-related trades powered much of the gains in global equities since OpenAI released ChatGPT in 2022, but more recently cyberattacks by rogue AI agents and public discontent with data center construction raised opposition to the development of the industry.

The U.S. and Chinese governments are expected to hold AI safety talks as part of bilateral discussions taking place this month, Reuters reported. But China's state-backed Global Times blasted the Anthropic essay in an editorial, calling it a "Cold War playbook" intended to curb the country's technological development.

A growing concern for OpenAI and Anthropic is the rising competition from more affordable Chinese models such as Moonshot AI's Kimi K3, Alibaba's Qwen and DeepSeek's offerings, which could pressure the pricing of larger, more costly models.

Expansion

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The project addresses Shoreland's growing population with enrollment this year at record high numbers. Scriver estimated this year's enrollment to total 479 students.

He said it's been "amazing" to see the new expansion and all the improvements. He said the completion of the new band room will allow SLHS to grow its fine arts program, and that the expansion has also ensured each teacher at Shoreland will have their own classroom space.

It's also added nearly 15,000 square feet to the high school and additional parking for students. The new atrium will also serve as an event space for the high school, Scriver said.

In total, the district financed \$10 million in new construction, which included additional infrastructure improvements required by the Village of Somers.

The high school recently celebrated with a grand opening facility on Sept. 3 with community members and village officials in attendance.

Scriver was joined for the event by his father Neil Scriver who worked at Shoreland from 1986 to 2001. Neil Scriver eventually became the principal of the school. Between them, the family has been at Shoreland a combined 40 years.



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Shoreland Lutheran high school's expansion included a new band room which will help expand the school's fine arts program.



Paul Scriver, the president of Shoreland Lutheran High School delivers a speech at a grand opening ceremony on Sept. 3 highlighting the school's \$7.3 million expansion project. Also pictured: SLHS Student Council President Katie Nolte and Student Council Vice-President Micah Laitinen.