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Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia to Visit Rhinelander

Madison, WI – Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland) would like to welcome the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia to the north woods. Representative Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah), chair of the task force, has announced that the task force's second out-state public hearing will be held in Rhinelander.

"I am pleased to announce that the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia will hold a public hearing in my hometown. Rhinelander, similar to many rural and northern communities is experiencing increasing numbers of Alzheimer's and dementia diagnoses due to Wisconsin's aging population. I applaud Representative Rohrkaste and the entire committee for traveling the state to find meaningful solutions to an ongoing issue. I am looking forward to a thorough discussion on Wednesday," said Rep. Swearingen.

The public hearing will be hosted by Nicolet College in Rhinelander on November 18 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The hearing will focus on Alzheimer's and dementia in rural Wisconsin and the unique challenges these diseases can pose in those communities. There will also be time for public testimony after all invited speakers have presented.

"I am looking forward to our task force's public hearing in Rhinelander and I would like to thank Nicolet College and Representative Swearingen for hosting us," said Rep. Rohrkaste. "Alzheimer's and dementia affect thousands of people throughout Wisconsin and we need to remember that it can pose different problems in different parts of our state. The rural population in northern Wisconsin is aging more rapidly than other areas and residents often have less access to health care. By bringing the task force to the north woods, we hope to find some solutions to this growing problem"

The task force will host several more public hearings throughout the state, to be announced soon.

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