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# Voting to require added step Nov. 4

All must show a photo ID after court decision on 2011 law

By Eric Lindquist  
Leader-Telegram staff

Even people who have been voting for decades will see something new when they go to the polls this November.

That's when many voters will face a controversial extra step for the first time before they can cast

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- Details on Wisconsin's voter ID law.
- How to get a free voter photo identification card.

their ballots.

Before handing a ballot to voters, elections officials will now be required to ask those voters to show a valid photo identification card.

Those who don't have a photo ID or forget theirs at home — even if they are recognized by poll workers — will not be

allowed to cast a regular ballot.

The requirement is the result of the voter ID law passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature and signed by GOP Gov. Scott Walker in 2011. It was implemented in the low-turnout 2012 spring primary but then blocked by the courts until a panel of judges from the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Sept. 12 that the law could be reinstated for the Nov. 4 elections.

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Staff file photo

Barring any new ruling by the courts, Wisconsin voters will be required to show a photo ID before voting in the Nov. 4 elections.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR THE NEW OAKLEAF SURGICAL HOSPITAL

# Altoona's 'shining star'



Staff photos by Marisa Wojcik

The new OakLeaf Surgical Hospital, located at 1000 OakLeaf Way off U.S. 53 in Altoona, opened in August. An open house showcasing the 108,250-square-foot facility was Saturday. View more photos at **LeaderTelegramPhotos.com**.

New facility boasts latest advances in technology as well as room to expand

By Emily Miels  
Leader-Telegram staff

ALTOONA — OakLeaf Surgical Hospital CEO Anne Hargrave-Thomas called the new hospital “a gem” and “shining star” in Altoona.

## See a list of facts about the new OakLeaf Surgical Hospital in Altoona. Page 9A.

Saturday at an open house.

“This really is a state-of-the-art hospital,” Hargrave-Thomas said.



From left: Dr. John Drawbert, chairman of the governing board, Brent Wogahn, chief of staff, and CEO Anne Hargrave-Thomas discuss the features of the the lobby of OakLeaf Surgical Hospital during Saturday's open house.

The two-story, 108,250 square foot hospital boasts seven 600-square-foot operating suites four procedure rooms and 30 private patient suites which include 17 overnight-stay rooms and 13 inpatient rooms. The new building also allowed Oak-Leaf Advanced Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine Center and OakLeaf Concussion Services —

previously in separate locations — to relocate to the facility.

“The technology in this building is unbelievable,” said Dr. John Drawbert, governing board chairman. “Nowhere in the area has the technology in terms of some of the things that we have in surgery where you've got all

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# Man with Ebola in critical condition

About 50 people watched after possible contact

By Jamie Stengle  
Associated Press

DALLAS — After hospital officials on Saturday said the condition of the lone Ebola patient diagnosed in the U.S. has worsened, the woman he came to Texas to visit said she is praying for his recovery.

Louise Troh said that she was not aware until a reporter told her that Thomas Eric Duncan's condition had been deemed critical and that she had not spoken with him Saturday.

“I pray in Jesus' name that it will be all right,” Troh said in a telephone interview from the home where she and three others are being isolated.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas didn't provide any further details or respond to questions about Duncan's health on Saturday. The hospital has previously said Duncan, who was being kept in isolation, was in serious but stable condition.

Duncan traveled from disease-ravaged Liberia to Dallas last month before he began showing symptoms of the disease that has killed some 3,400 people in West Africa.



Duncan

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# Growing season could be halted if freeze strikes Upper Midwest

Weather already caused late start

By The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A freeze could stop the growing season in the Upper Midwest as far south as Nebraska and Iowa, leaving farmers in a difficult situation because much of the region's corn and soybean fields are not quite ready for harvest.

The area of most concern includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin, where the corn crop is just

40 percent to 50 percent mature. A freeze could stop growth, leaving the crop underdeveloped and lower in quality.

This year's corn crop was planted two to three weeks later than normal, and rainy, cool weather in May and June got the plants off to a slow start. Some farmers near the Nebraska and Iowa state line saw hail damage from spring storms and others had puddles of water

standing in fields from heavy rain, forcing them to replant much later than desirable.

About 60 percent of the corn crop in the U.S. is mature, well behind the five-year average of 70 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's weekly crop update. Soybean development is 2 percentage points behind the 71 percent average. Just 12 percent of corn is out of the fields, half the average at

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The hyperbaric and wound care room is located on the first floor of the two-story OakLeaf Surgical Hospital in Altoona.  
Staff photo by Marisa Wojcik

OakLeaf/Patio, Web access among amenities

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the video monitors. ... It's just state-of-the-art technology-wise." The hospital also includes homey amenities, such as local artwork on the walls, a cafe, an outdoor patio, flat screen TVs, Internet access and cable. "A lot of thought was put into this for the patients and the physicians and that staff that are working here," Hargrave-Thomas said. The new hospital has been a long time coming, administrators said. In 2001, OakLeaf expanded into a hospital that included 13 inpatient beds and seven operating rooms in 37,000 square feet located near Oakwood Mall in Eau Claire, which they quickly outgrew. "We realized in 2006

Quick Facts

- The new OakLeaf Surgical Hospital includes:
- Two floors totaling 108,250 square feet.
  - Seven 600-square-foot operating suites.
  - Four procedure rooms dedicated to pain services, gastrointestinal and infusion services.
  - Thirty private patient suites, which include 17 overnight-stay rooms and 13 inpatient rooms.
  - One hundred and twenty medical staff and 21 specialties.

and (2007) that we had pretty much overfilled our stay there," Drawbert said. "We were dealing with capacity bed situations quite a bit, so we started making plans, and we actually decided in 2008

to go ahead with the new replacement hospital." Ground was broken on the new building, which is about three or four times bigger than the old facility, in February 2013. It is typical for hospitals to grow, chief of staff Dr. Brent Wogahn said, and the new facility provides room for expansion. "It's nice to have this much space to work, so I think we have a lot of growth room for the future," Wogahn said. The move went smoothly, Hargrave-Thomas said, and patients and employees have responded very positively to the new facility. "Everyone has absolutely loved the new facility, the new hospital," she said. "Those that know the old (hospital) are just bowled over, wowed, so to speak, with everything

that's here." Miels can be reached at 715-833-9214, 800-236-7077 or emily.miels@ecpc.com.

Man aiming for Bermuda in 'Hyro Pod' falls short

By The Associated Press  
ORLANDO, Fla. — A longtime endurance runner and peace activist whose latest goal was to reach Bermuda in a homemade floating "Hydro Pod" was rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard on Saturday after he began suffering from fatigue. Coast Guard air crew were able to safely pick up Reza Baluchi and the bubble Saturday morning, Coast Guard spokeswoman Marilyn Fajardo said in a statement. He was transported to a nearby Coast Guard station and found to be uninjured, Fajardo said. A statement on Baluchi's website said the Iranian exile had planned

to make the 1,033-mile trip in his self-designed bubble to raise money "for children in need" and "to ... inspire those that have lost hope for a better future." Baluchi has made headlines many times before with previous efforts to break long-distance running and cycling records, including one six-month journey in which he ran around the perimeter of the United States, and a seven-year bike trip that he said brought him across 55 countries on six continents. His self-professed mission is to promote world peace and unity. His perimeter run was to raise money for a children's hospital, according to his website.

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Spinal Stenosis and Bulging, Herniated, and Degenerative Discs

Eau Claire, WI—In a 2002 issue of *Neurosurgical Focus*, a peer-reviewed article was published by a Dr. Michael D. Martin, MD *et al.* in which the third sentence states: "The disc itself is active tissue that contains significant mechanisms for **self-repair**." That article was published by a neurosurgeon and written directly for neurosurgeons.

"The Disc Itself Is Active Tissue..."

So what does that really mean to us? It tells us that the disc itself does have a God-given ability to heal and repair if provided the proper mechanisms for self-healing. There is a specific mechanism inherent in each of the spinal discs called the "pump mechanism of disc nutrition" (see Fig 1). When this mechanism is not working properly, the spinal discs will begin to die causing bulges, herniations, and eventually spinal stenosis.

The spinal disc is one of the very few tissues in the body that does not have a direct blood supply for circulation. The only way that the disc gets the circulation of water, oxygen and nutrients for self-repair is via this specific disc pump mechanism. What happens when you decrease circulation in any type of tissue, whether it be animal tissue, plant tissue or human tissue? Exactly, it begins to become weak and begins to degenerate.

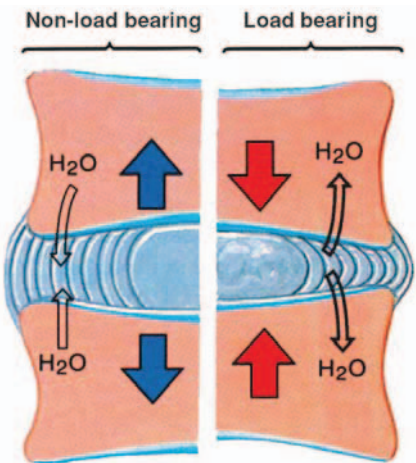


Fig 1: Proper anatomy of the discs and the pump mechanism of disc nutrition.

Symptoms Are NOT The Problem

Now the symptoms of pain, numbness, and tingling that most experience with bulging, herniated or degenerative discs are NOT the problem. The definition of a symptom: "something that indicates the existence of something else." It is just like the dashboard of your car telling you that something is wrong (brake lights out, engine needs checked, overheating, etc.) Those lights that appear in your car dash are NOT the problem. You can remove the

lights surgically or put a piece of duct tape over the lights but the problem will NOT be fixed...the problem is still present.

Let's take a look at a plant for example...if the leaves on a plant begin to turn brown, would you say that the brown leaves are the plant's problem? Of course not, the leaves turning brown is just a condition that is telling you that there is something wrong with the plant. The plant is unhealthy and needs water and nutrients. You could spray paint the leaves green but it just covers up the condition. The underlying problem still exists and will continue to produce brown leaves until you fix the actual problem.

In your spine, when the pump mechanism of disc nutrition fails, the disc will begin to degenerate and become weak. This weakness in the disc is what produces the bulging, herniated, and degenerative discs.

The treatment that is provided at the Spinal Aid Center of Eau Claire is revolutionary and is specifically designed to artificially re-create the pump mechanism in the discs which allows the spinal discs to heal and repair. The best part of the treatment is that it uses no drugs, no injections, and no surgery. Plus it's painless and many patients fall asleep while undergoing the treatment.

The amount of treatment needed to allow the discs to heal and repair varies from person to person

and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and orthopedic evaluation. We do NOT accept everyone for treatment and will let you know if we can accept your case for treatment.

Dr. Carr, D.C. at the Spinal Aid Center of Eau Claire will do a spinal disc severity examination to determine the extent of your disc damage for only \$47. This examination will consist of a detailed neurological evaluation, extensive orthopedic testing, and a detailed analysis of the findings of your evaluation. He will sit down with you and go over your condition with you in complete detail. You will know exactly what is causing all your pain (or other symptoms).

Dr. Carr will be offering this spinal disc severity examination from now until Friday, October 10, 2014.

Call 715-598-2616 to make an appointment with Dr. Carr to determine if your spinal discs can be treated.

NOTE: Spinal Aid Center of Eau Claire is located at 3452 Oakwood Hills Parkway in Eau Claire between the Social Security Office and FedEx.

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