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Battle against disinformation

Skepticism urged as voter suppression washes over swing state Wisconsin

By Max Witynski and Jessica Christoffer

WISCONSIN WATCH
Late in July, President Donald Trump used his Twitter-powered megaphone to muse about postponing the Nov. 3 election, citing alleged — and widely debunked — concerns about mail-in voter fraud.

Despite widespread efforts to fact-check the president — and make clear he lacks the power to delay the election — Trump's voter fraud myth was repeated in Wisconsin.

In a July 30 Twitter post, NBC 15 in Madison ran the tweet verbatim, asking viewers' opinions of the message but failing to provide context about the harmful falsehood.

Several commentators expressed alarm at the post.

"Not only is it not a good idea, it is an illegal action, and your headline is exceedingly irresponsible journalism," one user wrote.

The station did not respond to requests for comment.

The episode shows how disinformation — content that is intended to deceive — can spread on social media even after being widely exposed as false. It also demonstrates how national influencers with vast followings wield extraordinary power to distort reality. And it shows how everyone is responsible for spreading or containing false information that circulates online — and poses a threat to democracy.

The president's words come as multiple forces threaten to disrupt the 2020 presidential election. A top national security official on Aug. 7 reported that Russia, China and Iran were attempting to "sway U.S. voters' preferences and perspectives, shift U.S. policies, increase discord in the United States and undermine the American people's confidence in our democratic process."

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters that Russian interference aimed at boosting Trump's re-election far outweighs efforts by the other two countries.

Wisconsin in crosshairs

Disinformation can be carefully targeted to locations and demographics where it is likely to have the biggest impact.

Wisconsin received a dispro-

portionate amount of targeted disinformation from Russian actors in 2016 because of its status as a swing state, according to research led by Young Mie Kim, a journalism professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an affiliated scholar at the Brennan Center for Justice, a nonpartisan law and public policy center.

Wisconsin Watch and First Draft, a leading resource on the spread of disinformation, identified multiple instances in which disinformation with murky origins appeared to target Wisconsin.

The Facebook page Wisconsin Revolution, for example, uses stock images for profile and cover photos and posts divisive, sometimes xenophobic content. This spring, posts suggested a connection between China, the U.S. media, the "establishment" and the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The page was inactive for all of 2018 and most of 2019 but posted a large volume of anti-Hillary Clinton content in the run-up to the 2016 election and has stepped up pro-Trump and anti-Gov. Tony Evers content in mid-April.

Fake accounts known as bots also can amplify divisive content. Some of that content is produced by people who traffic in inflammatory content, including extreme partisans. The effect is that these voices appear to be shouting louder and gaining more traction than they would with purely human audiences.

One account identified by Wisconsin Watch appears to be a real person with bot-like tendencies. The account, @Carol_Peaslee, tweets with remarkable frequency: nearly 60 times a day, on average, between mid-June and early August, with most activity occurring overnight and during early morning hours.

The account posts a large volume of conservative propaganda and conspiracy theories about COVID-19 treatments and Evers' response to the pandemic, among other subjects. Some of the account's followers are likely bots, although most appear to be real people, a Wisconsin Watch analysis shows.

The holder of the @Carol_Pea-



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Retired University of Wisconsin-Madison journalism professor Jack Mitchell teaches a class called "How 'Fake' is the News?" at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison earlier this year. The class discussed how to identify misinformation in the news media.

slee account could not be reached for comment. The account has blocked direct messages. And a voice message left with a phone number associated with a person named Carol Peaslee in Wisconsin was not returned.

Biden meme spreads

On March 3, just before the nation's attention zeroed in on battling COVID-19, Joe Biden swept 10 out of 14 Super Tuesday states and became the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

But the former vice president's victory also made him a bigger target than he had been before: Even before he was declared the presumptive nominee, numerous pages and accounts on Facebook and Twitter were circulating a meme implying that Biden was senile.

"I'm Joe Biden, and I forgot this message," it read, under an image of Biden looking into the camera that had been captured from his campaign announcement video.

The meme was shared widely on pro-Trump pages as well as in pro-Sen. Bernie Sanders and anti-Biden groups, where it was seen, liked and shared thousands of times.

On Twitter, an account allegedly based in Wisconsin, @WiCheeseh-

ead1, shared the "I'm Joe Biden, and I forgot this message" meme. The same account has shared a variety of fabricated and hyper-partisan content, including a meme that

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Commission approves \$65 million for projects

Gov. Tony Evers announced Aug. 12 that the State of Wisconsin Building Commission approved a total of approximately \$65 million in key projects across the state.

"From public safety improvements and building renovations to celebrating Wisconsin's brewing heritage at Old World Wisconsin, I am glad the Building Commission approved these critical projects today in order to invest in needed repairs and upgrades across state properties," Evers said in a statement.

State Sen. Janis Ringhand, who represents District 15, is one of seven mem-

bers who serve under Evers, the commission chairman.

Highlights of approvals include:

- Construction of three Department of Natural Resources fire response ranger station replacement projects to aid in public safety at Cornell, Gresham and Black River Falls.
- Grant release for the state's contribution to the new addition of the La Crosse Center.
- Construction of the Old Brewery and Biergarten at the Brewing Experience building at Old World Wisconsin.
- Construction of exterior envelope repairs at Mary Ann Cofrin Hall/Wood Hall at UW-Green Bay as part of the Minor Facilities Renewal Program.
- Release of building trust funds and planning for preliminary design of the UW-Whitewater Winther Hall addition and renovation project.
- Design of the UW-Oshkosh Clow Hall renovation phase II project.
- Construction of 15 maintenance and repair projects at various locations in 11 counties across the state for the departments of Administration, Corrections, Health Services, Natural Resources, State Fair Park and the UW-System.

Obituary

RITA PUNZEL

Rita Fey Punzel, 73, of Janesville, passed away at Riverside Terrace in Beloit on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020. She was born in Monroe, WI, on Jan. 5, 1947, the daughter of Ervin and Ruth (Williams) Hauri. She grew up in the Beloit/Orfordville area and attended Orfordville High School. She married Richard A. Punzel on Aug. 11, 1967. They had two sons, Robbert and Rodney.

Rita Fey was employed as an industrial sewer by Freeman Shoe Company, The Upholstery Shop and Accudyne.

Rita Fey was active in bowling for many years and served as a youth coach for bowling at Playmore Bowl. She enjoyed going to tournaments where Richard was a participant. She also enjoyed camping, especially going with her family when her sons were growing up.

Rita Fey Punzel is survived by her two sons: Robbert Punzel and Rodney (Julie) Punzel, both of Janesville; her three special granddaughters who were the



light of her life, Katrina (Nick) Gilbank, Sydney (Cameron Letts) Punzel and Madelyn Punzel; three sisters, Janet Wagner,

Nancy (Dan) Buroker and Martha (Terry) Hermlinger; numerous sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Richard Punzel, preceded Rita in death on March 27, 2018. Her parents, her brother Warner "Butch" Hauri and his wife, Linda, her brother Richard Hauri and his wife Sandra and her brother-in-law Kenneth Wagner also preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Aug. 17 at Henke-Clarson Funeral home in Janesville. The Rev. Jerry Amstutz officiated. Burial followed in Milton Lawns Memorial Park.

Favorites win easily in Partisan Primary races

There wasn't a lot of excitement raised in Wisconsin's Partisan Primary election on Aug. 11.

In Green County, where 67.5 percent of the votes cast overall were on the Democratic side of the ballot, Arianna Voegeli pulled in all but two of the 2,732 votes in the bid for county clerk.

In Rock County, incumbent Lisa Tollefson easily retained her county clerk position with 74 percent of the Democrat-

ic votes against challenger Yuri Rashkin.

Tollefson will run unopposed in November unless a write-in candidate surfaces.

In the 2nd Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Mark Pocan garnered 98.9 percent of the Green County vote and 99.4 percent in Rock County. He will face off against Republican Peter Theron, who earned all but six Green County votes in his bid to reach the Nov.

3 general election.

At the state level, Mark Spreitzer, D-Beloit, grabbed all 539 votes cast in the Assembly District 45 race in Green County and all but 14 out of more than 2,950 votes cast in Rock County.

Tawny Gustina, also of Beloit, received 377 out of 378 votes cast on the Republican side of District 45 in Green County and all but one of the 819 votes in Rock County.

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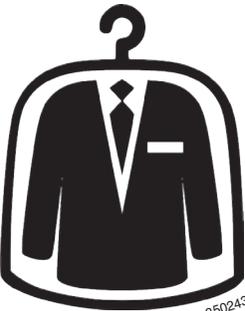
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COURTESY PHOTOS *Brodhead Independent-Register*

WIAA board defines alternate fall seasons

Winter and spring seasons shortened

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association on Friday approved several details of a one-year alternative season in the spring for fall sports and reduced the number of weeks for sports during the 2020-21 winter and spring seasons.

The board established the parameters and context of the alternate fall season with seven weeks of competition in the spring.

Football programs unable to start or complete 50 percent of the fall season, including games and practices, are eligible for a prorated alternate season.

Other fall sports unable to start or complete 50 percent of the fall season, including games and practices, are eligible for a complete alternate season. Fall sports programs exceeding 50 percent of their seasons will be considered a completed season.

For planning and scheduling purposes, schools will be required to initially declare if they plan to participate in the traditional fall season or the alternate fall season in the spring by Sept. 1. Athletic directors at member schools will receive an email with a link to the online form to declare their intentions.

The revised sports calendar replaces the existing 2020-21 season calendars and identifies – in addition to an alternate fall season in the spring with seven weeks of competition – a period of no coaching contact prior to the start of the respective sport seasons; an acclimatization or practice period before the first allowed competition; and the designated number of weeks for the winter and spring seasons, including any culminating event.

The board acknowledges all schedules are subject to change if conditions warrant in accordance with local, state and national health guidelines.

Fall start, end dates

- Cross country boys and girls (Monday, Aug. 17 - Week of Oct. 26)
- Football (Monday, Sept. 7 - Week of Nov. 16). Earliest first game is

Wednesday, Sept. 23

- Girls golf (Monday, Aug. 17 - Week of Oct. 12)
- Boys soccer (Monday, Sept. 7 - Week of Nov. 2)
- Girls swimming and diving (Monday, Aug. 17 - Week of Nov. 9)
- Girls tennis (Monday, Aug. 17 - Week of Oct. 19)
- Boys and girls volleyball (Monday, Sept. 7 - Week of Nov. 2)

Winter start, end dates

- Boys basketball (Monday, Nov. 23 - Week of March 1)
- Girls basketball (Monday, Nov. 16 - Week of Feb. 22)
- Gymnastics (Monday, Nov. 16 - Week of Feb. 22)
- Boys and girls hockey (Monday, Nov. 16 - Week of Feb. 15)

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Bloodmobile coming to Albany on Aug. 27

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be visiting the Albany Lions building from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27. Albany Lutheran Church is sponsoring the community event. For more information, contact blood drive coordinator Betsy Atkinson at 608-862-3867.

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- *In-service for new teachers in School District of Albany

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

- Albertson Memorial Library full circulation and limited computer service, 2 to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

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SUNDAY, AUG. 23

- No events scheduled

MONDAY, AUG. 24

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TUESDAY, AUG. 25

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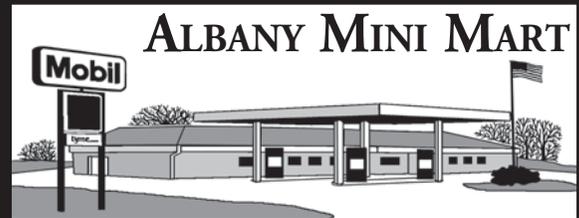
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Monroe attorney announces candidacy for Branch 1 circuit judge



COURTESY PATRICK BODELL *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Retiring Green County Circuit Judge James R. Beer, right, endorses Monroe area attorney Peter B. Kelly. The latter recently announced his candidacy in the April 2021 election to take over the judgeship of Branch 1 from Beer.

Peter Busch Kelly recently announced his candidacy for Green County Circuit Court Judge in Branch 1.

Kelly is a Green County Circuit Court commissioner, has been a practicing attorney for 36 years and is a master's level mental health and substance abuse counselor.

And the Monroe area resident hopes to fill the proverbial big shoes of James R. Beer, who is retiring after a career in which he became the county's longest-serving Circuit Court judge.

To accomplish that feat, Kelly must get through the April 2021 election.

"Five years ago, Judge Beer first

suggested to me that I get ready for this candidacy to follow him on the bench," Kelly said in a news release. "He knows me well, both as an attorney in his courtroom and as a court commissioner for him and Judge (Thomas) Vale - Branch 2 - for the past 10 years. It has always been a privilege and a pleasure for me to appear before Judge Beer and all of the other Green County judges in countless hearings over the decades.

"Given his vast judicial experience, his impressive knowledge of the law, his focus on advancing the Green County courts and his consistently pleasant judicial disposition, I am particularly grateful to Judge

Beer for his enthusiastic endorsement of my candidacy," Kelly added. "It means a great deal to have Judge Beer, a man who knows so well what it takes to properly perform the duties of a judge, supporting me in my candidacy. I am also eager ... to continue Judge Beer's fine work leading Green County's drug court in the years to come.

"One advantage of my 36 years of courtroom experience in Green County is I repeatedly have seen how excellent judges run their courtroom, provide kind and just results for Green County citizens and consistently maintain the public's great confidence in our judicial system."

• Seasons (Continued from page 3)

- Boys swimming and diving (Monday, Nov. 23 - Week of Feb. 1)
- Wrestling (Monday, Nov. 23 - Week of Feb. 15)

Alternate fall dates

- Boys and girls cross country (Monday, March 15 - Week of May 3)
- Football (Monday, March 8 - Week of May 3). Earliest first game is Wednesday, March 24.
- Girls golf (Monday, March 29 - Week of May 17)
- Boys soccer (Monday, March 22 - Week of May 10)
- Girls swimming and diving (Monday, Feb. 15 - Week of April 5)
- Girls tennis (Monday, March 8 - Week of April 26)
- Boys and girls volleyball (Monday, Feb. 22 - Week of April 12)

Spring start, end dates

- Baseball (Monday, April 19 - Week of June 28)
- Boys golf (Monday, April 19 - Week of June 14)
- Softball (Monday, April 19 - Week of June 28)
- Girls soccer (Monday, April 26 - Week of June 28)
- Boys tennis (Monday, May 3 - Week of June 21)
- Boys and girls track (Monday, April 19 - Week of June 28)

The revised calendar emphasizes the board's position to accommodate all the sport seasons in 2020-21 with the knowledge a number of member schools having already determined interscholastic activities

are not able to be conducted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The board also addressed a number of other rules and regulations to be modified or suspended in 2020-21 to provide flexibility to members and licensed officials during the pandemic.

• If tournament series are conducted, regional groupings will be implemented (four teams in football).

• All minimum number of contests requirement for tournament eligibility will be suspended in 2020-21.

• All tournament series seeding will be conducted virtually in 2020-21.

• All nonborder, out-of-state competitions or practices are strongly discouraged.

• All multiple-team events from outside a host's region are strongly discouraged.

• Co-op programs that include schools that are unable to participate in activities during 2020-21 may seek other co-op partners to provide opportunities for participation.

• With conference approval, schools whose conference has canceled sports in 2020-21 may seek schedule relief with other conferences as an independent without sanctions or going through the prescribed conference realignment process.

• For 2020-21, programs may schedule contests after they are eliminated from the WIAA tourna-

ment or culminating event respective sport's revised season.

• Schools that were unable to conduct their five unrestricted coaching contact days during the 2020 summer may schedule those days during the 2020-21 calendar provided there is one week of no contact prior to the start of the respective season.

However, during the closed-session meeting, the board directed staff to have discussions on coaching contact during 2020-21 placed on the agenda of the September meeting.

• Licensed officials will not drop in classification in 2021-22 if they choose not to renew licensure or are unable to fill a varsity schedule in 2020-21.

The board also determined student-athletes may compete in no more than two nonschool events with school approval during each regular sports season in 2020-21 only, which adopts the middle-level regulation. An "event" will be defined as a game or tournament.

The "Return to Fall Sports Considerations" was approved for distribution to the membership and for placement on the COVID-19 page of the WIAA website.

Also passed was a recommendation to add language to the Code of Conduct section of the Rules of Eligibility, clarifying how schools respond to allegations of sexual harassment at school or at school-sponsored events.

Juda Fire and First Response earns grant

The Juda Fire and First Response recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Bayer Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities.

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Orfordville, other Rock County public libraries offering new services

Orfordville Public Library and the six other Rock County public libraries announced Friday the launch of Brainfuse, an on-demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning program for all ages and levels.

Brainfuse's HelpNow offer personalized homework help in core subjects such as math, reading, writing, science and social studies, including SAT preparation.

Brainfuse also includes the Adult Learning Center. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons for free. Live virtual tutors are available daily from 1 to 10 p.m.

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Brainwave is a recordable whiteboard where students can draw, write and chat and send it to others for feedback.

Adult Learning Center

This is the adult learners' version of HelpNow in which patrons access GED prep, U.S citizenship test prep, resume assistance, Microsoft Office support and Career Resources, which lists popular job search links.

Microsoft Office support allows patrons to ask questions about Excel, Word and PowerPoint. The Writing Lab, Send Question Center and the Skills Building are also included in the Adult Learning Center suite.

About Brainfuse

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Parkview in Orfordville:
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THURSDAY, AUG. 20

- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% max capacity)
- High school cross country, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

- Parkview varsity football game home vs. Johnson Creek, 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Library, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (wear mask; 50% max capacity); storytime 11 a.m.
- High school cross country, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

- Orfordville Library, 9 a.m. to noon
- Parkview varsity volleyball scrimmage at Milton, 9 a.m.
- Parkview JV and JV2 volleyball scrimmages at Beloit Memorial, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

- Orfordville Library, closed

- Rock County Farmers Market, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 24

- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% max capacity)
- Varsity cross country, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
- Orfordville Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% max capacity); Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.
- Varsity cross country, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% max capacity)
- Varsity cross country, 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Orfordville hosts next Music in the Park event

The Village of Orfordville is hosting its next Music in the Park event at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Heidi Swartz, of Swartz Chiropractic, is sponsoring Small Town Piano Girl, who sings and plays piano and guitar.

She will perform original works as well as hits from the likes of Natalie Merchant, Kacey Musgraves, Bob Dylan, CCR, Billy Joel, Ingrid Andress, Sarah McLachlan, Pink, Dan Fogelberg,

The Eagles and Tracy Chapman in the concert at Purdy Park.

The Sabores Mobil Kitchen food truck will be at the event offering such items as loaded tater tots, Saboritas, tacos, burritos and quesadillas.

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Seeking School Board Candidate

The **School District of Brodhead** is seeking interested candidates to fill a vacant seat on the School Board. Candidates must be a resident of the School District of Brodhead and be eighteen years of age or older.

At the September 9, 2020 Board Meeting, candidates will get an opportunity to make a statement of qualifications/interest. The Board will select a candidate and he/she will be sworn in at this meeting. The appointed candidate will serve on the Board until the Spring 2022 general election, at which time an election will be held for a full three-year term.

Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest to:
Leonard Lueck, Superintendent
School District of Brodhead
2501 W. 5th Ave.
Brodhead, WI 53520

Letters of interest for this Board vacancy must be received in the District Office no later than **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

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NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA TOWN BOARD HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL 14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A, EVANSVILLE, WI 53536 SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 7:00 P.M.

Agenda:
1. To consider a request from Eileen Meredith 467 W. Church St., Evansville, WI 53536 to rezone one acre from A-1 to R.R. to allow construction of a single family home on an area that is existing non-tillable land. The one acre is part of a parcel that is 131 acres. The property is located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 6 in the Town of Magnolia. The address of the property is 18109 W. Milbrandt Road, Evansville, WI 53536. The tax parcel number is 024 008002 (6-12-37).

2. Adjourn
Graceann Toberman,
Town Clerk/Treasurer
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A woman gambles in May at Oneida Casino in Ashwaubenon. The casino reopened last Tuesday with different policies and procedures put in place to keep gamblers safe. Temperatures are scanned once people enter the building, every other seat for most machines are blocked off for social distancing purposes and machines are cleaned frequently.

Could schools copy state's tribal strategies?

Wisconsin casinos using UV light to 'kill' COVID-19

By Frank Vaisvilas
GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE

As tribal casinos reopen amid the ongoing pandemic, some are utilizing ultraviolet light systems in their ventilation ducts to help neutralize the coronavirus.

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community recently installed such a system made by the California-based company UltraViolet Devices Inc. at its Mole Lake casino and lodge in Crandon.

"Tribal leadership is committed to enhanced measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our guests and employees as we reopen," Johnny L. Phillips Jr., assistant general manager of the Mole Lake Casino, said in a statement. "As part of multiple facility upgrades, including touchless restrooms, we're pleased to work with UVDI to install its state-of-the-art UV air disinfection system."

The tribe, which has around 1,400 members and a 4,900-acre reservation, has reported zero COVID-19 cases, which tribal officials attribute to enhanced testing and tracing.

The casino also has been closed for an extended period of time to limit potential coronavirus exposure, and tribal officials hope to keep COVID-19 cases at zero with safety protocols as they reopen, such as with UV light disinfectant.

"UV-C germicidal lamps are installed inside the HVAC system duct work," said Will Gerard, spokesman for UVDI, about how the system works. "As the air passes the UV-C light, it kills more

than 99 percent of the virus immediately. The air is re-circulated to the HVAC system from the casino space, therefore cleaning the air in the casino."

The Forest County Potawatomi started working with UVDI in 2012 and again in 2017 and 2018 to install systems that would help eliminate odor from smoking at the tribe's casino in Milwaukee.

Dave Brien, casino facilities director, said tribal officials also were aware that the system would help eliminate viruses when they were being installed.

"We're filtering air to the level of a basic surgical suite," he said. "Most systems only filter the outdoor air (coming in), but during a pandemic, it's the indoor air you want to filter."

The Milwaukee casino reopened June 8 with other safety measures still being practiced, such as checking the temperature of everyone entering the building, operating on limited hours and capacity, Plexiglas dividers installed between slot machines and increased sanitizing.

Brien said no one has contracted COVID-19 at the casino since reopening, to his knowledge.

He said that although the UV disinfection system is not advertised to customers, employees are aware it's there, offering them more piece of mind.

School district officials are also considering installing UV disinfection systems as some prepare to welcome students back.

Dr. Edward Nardell, a Harvard

Medical School professor who specializes in airborne diseases, told the Associated Press that the danger in schools is from ineffective air systems that don't remove floating viruses and let them linger in classrooms after an infected person visits.

Stephen Murley, superintendent of the Green Bay Area Public School District, told the AP that most of the district's schools have older air systems set to re-circulate drier indoor air to prevent mold during high humidity. But combating coronavirus requires fresh air.

Ultraviolet light technology was developed during the 1950s and is still in use in hospitals, but experts believe schools and other entities should consider installing the lights, which can cost \$3,000 per classroom.

"The pandemic has driven inflection point growth in demand for our UV-C air and surface disinfection products," Gerard said.

The company has been in business more than 70 years and its systems are installed in more than 10,000 buildings globally, including hospitals and museums.

Brien said installation of the UVDI system wasn't cheap, but "it was the right thing to do."

"We are always looking at what we can do to improve the air quality in our casinos," he said.

Brien said tribal officials are researching needlepoint plasma technology that's now available that also would eliminate the virus without the use of UV light.

Ag Youth Council seeks members

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is asking high school seniors to apply for the new Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council. Applications will be accepted through Friday (Aug. 21).

Self-nominations include a completed one-page application, resume, 300-word essay, one-minute video and letter of recommendation. In its first year, the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council will have 15 members. Students will serve a one-year term and receive a certificate at the completion of their year.

Goals of the youth council include:
• Highlight the agricultural-related career opportunities available in state government.

- Share the state tools available to support Wisconsin farmers.
- Provide insight on how to effectively engage in state agricultural policy development.
- Increase networking opportunities for participants across the agricultural industry.

The council will meet each month beginning in September. These virtual sessions will be approximately 90 minutes long and feature presentations by DATCP staff on a variety of topics. Each session will include opportunities for interaction, and members can rotate through leadership positions within the group.

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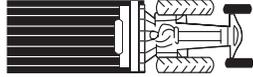
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Deadline for applications is August 21, 2020.

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Applicants can pick up a district application form at the elementary school or the district office. It can also be found on the district website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us under "Employment Opportunities." Applicants should apply to David Novy, Elementary Principal, Albrecht Elementary School, 1400 21st Street, Brodhead, WI 53520. The deadline for applying for this position is Friday, August 21st.

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How to spot disinformation: What Wisconsinites can do about it

Organizations, including First Draft, Medium and the Brookings Institution, have compiled recommendations for how you can identify and avoid sharing disinformation.

Wisconsin Watch has drawn from these resources and advice from experts to provide these guidelines for staying vigilant online:

• Check the source. A basic rule of journalism, this can be surprisingly difficult with memes, graphics and other visual content. But proceed with caution if there are no links to articles in trusted media, source data, references to published studies or valid user profiles associated with the information.

• Check your pulse. Inflammatory content is often intended to push buttons and sow division. If a post makes you furious, it might have been designed for that purpose, so think twice before sending it on to your friends.

Also always consider your own biases before engaging, and be conscious of the fact that things can seem more plausible when they align with one's own worldview.

• Check images. Several online reverse image search tools, like TinEye, make it very easy to find out whether an image is original or copied from elsewhere on the internet.

They also can be used in conjunction with tools like Botometer, which assesses whether Twitter accounts and followers are likely to be real people or bots, so you can comprehensively gauge an account's authenticity.

• Check the context. If a post appears in your feed from a group, page or organization that you have never heard of — even if it was shared by a friend — take a look at that organization's home page. Do they only post far-right or far-left content? How much of it seems to be grounded in fact-based arguments versus emotional appeals? Finally, are the posts up-to-date, or do they dredge up hot-button topics from the past?

• Check your impulse to share. The bottom line, according to experts like Lee Rasch and David Becker, is that false and misleading content will be less likely to gain traction if people avoid sharing it.

That's why it is sometimes better to channel your energy and enthusiasm for a topic or candidate into something positive: volunteering or promoting a cause that you care about in a non-toxic way, for example, instead of getting lost in what First Draft calls the "information disorder" online.

• Disinformation

(Continued from front page)

used Biden campaign branding with a fake image of Hunter Biden, the candidate's son, at a strip club. The account has also promoted an unsubstantiated theory linking the coronavirus outbreak to the build-out of 5G networks. The holder of that account also could not be located.

Although they can be entertaining, political memes that take aim at candidates are often examples of disinformation — false information that is intentionally spread to cause harm.

Biden, of course, never says "I forgot this message" in his campaign announcement. And while many people who saw the meme probably interpreted the text as a humorous dig, rather than a literal quote, they nonetheless may have had second thoughts about Biden's mental fitness for the presidency after seeing it, potentially tamping down turnout for Biden in later contests.

The meme's content also insidiously meshed with one of Russia's goals in its ongoing information war against America — discouraging political participation.

That is also one of the primary goals of Russian "sock puppets": accounts that post under false identities and pretend to be Americans, according to Josephine Lukito, a doctoral candidate in the UW-Madison journalism school.

Lukito's work on the accidental amplification of Russian disinformation by the mainstream media leading up to the 2016 U.S. election was cited in the Mueller report on Russian election interference.

When such content is accidentally amplified by real people who are unaware of its origins, it becomes misinformation. Misinformation is false information that it is not necessarily meant to deceive, but is spread across the internet by people who believe it to be real.

The implications of disinformation and misinformation for democracy are far-reaching.

Lukito says disinformation is spread by a variety of foreign and domestic actors — not just Russians — with the goal of hurting adversaries, encouraging resentment and division and sowing distrust in the media, which play an important role in delivering factual information to the public.

Memes simple, effective

Because of their popularity and simplicity, memes are a great way to accomplish these goals.

Creating a meme is often as simple as taking a widely available photo, pasting false or misleading text over it and posting it on social media.

Not all memes spread bad information. Consider the power of "flatten the curve" in persuading Americans to stay at home to curb the spread of the coronavirus.)

In the case of the Biden meme, an early version had a watermark from a Facebook community called Americans for Liberty, which published the meme a few hours before polls began closing on Super Tuesday. Americans for Liberty — which posts libertarian and anti-left content and uses an image of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution as its cover photo — did not respond to a request for comment from Wisconsin Watch.

Every day, dozens of similar pages and accounts pump divisive content into the social media stream, providing few clues as to who is behind the messaging.

Like Americans for Liberty, they often have scant "about" pages, generic profile pictures and post inflammatory content. All of those criteria are red flags, according to Lukito. If there is no clear contact information for a group or organization, it is a sign that "they don't want to be seen," she says.

Posing as Americans

Kim, the UW-Madison journalism professor, conducted a review of dozens of Instagram accounts linked to Russia, describing her findings in an article on the Brennan Center website.

"Its trolls have gotten better at impersonating candidates and parties, more closely mimicking logos of official campaigns," she wrote. "They have moved away from creating their own fake advocacy groups to mimicking and appropriating the names of actual American groups."

The Internet Research Agency is a St. Petersburg-based organization with ties to Russian oligarchs and the Kremlin that has played a key role in Russia's active disinformation campaign against the United States.

Facebook estimates that 126 million Americans may have been exposed to IRA content on their platform between 2015 and 2017, and IRA content received 187 million engagements on Instagram in the form of likes, comments and shares, according to a U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee report.

Kim says the current IRA effort sometimes takes on a Trojan horse-style approach in which innocuous content is used to draw in followers who can later be audiences for — and spreaders of — disinformation.

"They've increased their use of seemingly nonpolitical content and commercial accounts, hiding their attempts to build networks of influence," she wrote.

Among online forms of voter suppression, Kim noted that one has been particularly prevalent during the current election cycle: same-side candidate attack, which seeks to make a candidate within a party unacceptable to voters aligned with that party. Anti-Biden memes like the one posted by Americans for Liberty are examples of same-side candidate attacks when they get picked up by Sanders supporters.

In some of those instances, left-leaning individuals could accidentally amplify anti-Biden content that they do not realize is Russian, delegitimizing Biden's candidacy at the risk of lowering Democratic turnout and giving President Trump a boost in November.

'I just ignore that stuff'

It can be easy to get lost in what feels like a deluge of partisan rancor online. So, what should ethical social media users do?

One answer is to avoid liking or sharing suspicious or inflammatory content, according to Lee Rasch, the executive director of LeaderEthics-Wisconsin, a La Crosse-based nonprofit that promotes integrity in American democracy.

This is especially important given that in 2016, the Russians were intent on sowing division, with

many of their strategies "specifically aimed at really pushing at U.S. buttons in terms of extreme language ... intentionally trying to get people riled up and angry at each other," according to Lukito.

Rasch spends time commenting on his friends' posts, warning them of questionable sources posting content with the purpose of dividing people. He says this is just one of the strategies everyday people can practice to prevent the spread of disinformation.

"You find our confidence in government, our trust in government is really eroding. But what's underlying that is people have greater concerns that they don't know what's true or false ... And so the integrity of our democracy is (in danger) if we allow that to go unchecked in some way," Rasch says.

He adds, "We need to help the average citizen as much as we can because if people feel powerless, they're (either) not going to ... vote or they may feel that their voting is irrelevant."

Some Wisconsin residents, like Patti Metcalf, have decided to take defense against disinformation a step further by participating in discussions about how to identify and avoid malicious content.

This spring, Metcalf participated in a workshop called "How 'Fake' is the News?" led by Wisconsin Watch board member Jack Mitchell, a retired UW-Madison journalism professor and longtime director for Wisconsin Public Radio. Metcalf is retired — and she is a savvy Facebook user.

"I just ignore that kind of stuff," Metcalf says of content like the Biden meme. "There was one that somebody sent about the Muslim immigrants — 'This whole shipment of arms was found in their luggage,' right? And it was nowhere else ... and I (commented) 'Hey, guys, be skeptical. This is Russian trolls!'"

It's on us

The fact that inflammatory content receives any engagement at all places some of the onus to stop the spread of that content on everyone who engages online, says David Becker, an expert on election administration and disinformation.

Becker leads the Center for Election Innovation and Research, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that aims to ensure that elections are secure. His background includes election work at The Pew Charitable Trusts.

"Collectively all of us have accepted responsibility for the fact that we allow this disinformation to work — that we have allowed Facebook to evolve into this platform where they actually make money by allowing us to share garbage with each other," Becker says.

Despite misinformation aimed at discouraging some Wisconsinites from voting, Becker is optimistic that turnout in the state will be high in 2020. But he says it is up to voters to think critically about their sources of information before they head to the polls.

"I still am a big believer in the idea that the antidote to bad information is good information, and a big believer in the First Amendment," Becker says. "But I'd be the first to admit that that paradigm has been challenged significantly."

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