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State Senate passes bipartisan bill to rename Highway 11

Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway Bill named for Orfordville veteran

On Nov. 7, the Wisconsin State Senate passed 2023 Senate Bill 223, a bill State Sen. Mark Spreitzer authored with a bipartisan coalition of local legislators to designate the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway.

Sen. Mark Spreitzer said: "I am very proud that this important bill passed the State Senate with overwhelming support. I am deeply grateful to the bipartisan group of local legislators who have come together to champion this bill - Sen. Steve Nass (R-White-water), Rep. Ellen Schutt (R-Clinton), Rep. Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit), and Rep. Jenna Jacobson (D-Oregon)."

Senate Bill 223 would rename Highway 11 between Orfordville and Footville as the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway. Corporal Neal graduated from Parkview High School, joined the U.S. Army in June 2009, and was killed in action

on his second deployment in 2012 in Afghanistan. Corporal Neal received many military honors - including the Purple Heart, NATO Medal, and Bronze Star - but most of all, he was an extraordinary and beloved family member, friend, and neighbor.

Corporal Neal's death shocked his hometown of Orfordville, which had only seen three prior combat deaths. The Wells-Davis-Young-Neal American Legion Post in Orfordville is named after all four local heroes, and renaming Highway 11 in Corporal Neal's honor will ensure that his story and sacrifice are never forgotten.

"Thank you to the bipartisan coalition of legislators and advocates who worked together to support Senate Bill 223," said State Sen. Mark Spreitzer. "I hope that this bill receives a vote in the State Assembly when it returns to session in January."



PHOTO COURTESY STATE SEN. MARK SPREITZER *Brodhead Independent-Register*
The Wisconsin State Senate passed 2023 Senate Bill 223 on Nov. 7, a bill which would rename Highway 11 between Orfordville and Footville as the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway.

Christkindli Market comes to New Glarus Dec. 1-3

Enjoy the holidays in small-town Wisconsin at the New Glarus Christkindli Market on Dec. 1 to 3 in downtown New Glarus.

This outdoor Christmas

market will host 30 vendors offering a variety of high quality, locally made and sourced holiday gifts, decorations, and foods, all housed in wooden on-street chalets in

downtown New Glarus.

Market hours are Friday, Dec. 1 from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Families can visit Santa Claus in his chalet, take a photo with Wisconsin "reindeer" and sit high on a horse and wagon ride. Live outdoor music performances and en-

tertainment will be scattered throughout the weekend, and admission to the market is free.

For adults, New Glarus Brewing Company is offering Wassail, a one-weekend-only holiday stout with hints of chocolate, vanilla, and spice, with a sweet finish. Wassail is finished off with the Bierstacheln experience, where a

hot metal rod is plunged into the beer to caramelize it and create a dense foam. Wassail will only be available for onsite drinking at the Christkindli Market, so grab the chance to try it.

New Glarus Christkindli is produced by the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce and made possible through generous donations from major

sponsors New Glarus Brewing Company, Smart Motors, Bank of New Glarus, BNG Investment Services, Chalet Landhaus Inn, and Woodford State Bank, among others.

For more information, visit Swisstown.com or call 608-527-2095.

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Wisconsin "reindeer" provided by New Glarus 4-H Dairy will be on display in New Glarus at the Christkindli Market.



Attendees at the New Glarus market dressed as snowman to celebrate the season.



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DNR celebrates successful 2023 elk hunting season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is celebrating a successful elk hunting season. The state's sixth elk hunting season opened Saturday, Oct. 14 and closed Sunday, Nov. 12, as a result of all four state licensed hunters filling their harvest authorizations.

The four hunters who participated in this year's hunt were selected at random from a pool of 21,312 Wisconsin resident applicants. One hunter successfully harvested a bull elk in the first weekend of the season. The second was harvested during the first week. The third elk was harvested at the end of October, about two weeks before the

end of the first open period. The final harvest occurred on the last day of the first hunting period.

"It's exciting that we have the opportunity in Wisconsin to pursue elk in our home state," said Josh Spiegel, DNR Wildlife Biologist. "Every hunter's experience is unique each year, and this year's hunters definitely lived up to that standard."

Congrats to all the elk hunters this season.

Elk status, management

Wisconsin's annual elk hunt takes place in the Clam Lake Elk Range, home of Wisconsin's longest tenured elk population since reintroduction (1995). The DNR also supplementally released elk in the Clam Lake region in 2017 and 2019. In 2023, the estimated population of the Clam Lake elk herd is 355 elk. Bulls have been harvested across this range each year since the hunt started in 2018.

Elk were also reintroduced in Jackson County in 2015 and 2016 to form the Black River Falls herd. The Black River Falls herd is estimated at 160 individuals in 2023, bringing the statewide total to approximately 515 elk. This year's statewide estimate is a 10% increase from the prior year, matching the population growth target for the elk herds.

Apply for the 2024 elk hunting season in March

The DNR's elk management is driven by hunter applications.

"I want to thank the hunters who applied for elk applications this year, because \$7 of each application goes towards our elk habitat management, research, population monitoring and more. We have an elk season each year because of hunter support," said Spiegel.

The 2024 elk hunt application period for Wisconsin residents is expected to open March 1 and run through May 31, 2024. For more information on elk in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's Elk webpage.



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WDVA awards \$474,000 in grants to Wis. organizations

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announced on Nov. 17 that 7 organizations are receiving \$474,407 from two Veteran Mental Health grant programs that will directly subsidize mental health care for Wisconsin veterans. These grants are part of Governor Tony Evers' \$10 million investment in veteran services, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

"Veterans stood up to protect our safety and security, now it's time to stand up for them," said WDVA Secretary-designee James Bond. "I'm so grateful to these grant recipients for providing vital services in their community. Mental health care is vital for former service

members. We need to work together to make sure veterans can access all the health care they need in their civilian life, and we couldn't do that without community partners across Wisconsin."

The first program will directly offset the costs for individual veterans receiving emergency and crisis mental health treatment. The second program will fund ancillary mental health treatment for long-term and complementary treatments.

Emergency and crisis mental health treatment program grant recipients

- Kenosha Human Development Services received \$99,407 to reduce the barriers to emer-

gency mental health treatment services for veterans, which include waitlists for behavioral health treatment, transportation, housing, and navigation of Veterans Services. Each veteran will be assigned a case manager who will develop a plan with the veteran to address their mental health needs.

- Trauma Life Consulting in Waunakee received \$100,000 to provide crisis services to veterans, including but not limited to services that address PTSD, trauma, anxiety, depression, anger, grief and loss, alcohol and other drug abuse, stress management, and Trauma Informed Care counseling.
- Washington County, Wisconsin received \$30,000 to fund

outpatient services including crisis intervention, outpatient psychotherapy, and medication management from a prescriber. A small percentage of the grant award will be used for outreach and training for the providers to better serve incoming veterans.

Ancillary mental health treatment program grant recipients

- Lac du Flambeau Family Resource Center received \$50,000 to provide outreach and counseling services to the veterans in the Lac du Flambeau community and take down any barriers that may be in place. Their overall goal is to

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Obituaries

JEANETTE JONES

Jeanette Ann Jones, 74, of Brodhead, passed away Saturday, Nov. 18 at her home surrounded by family.



She was born on Oct. 20, 1949 in Lancaster. The daughter of Reuben and Emmogene Ludlum. Jeanette married Richard Jones on May 11, 1968 at St Jude Catholic Church in Beloit.

Jeanette worked at Mickey Mouse, Flynn's Steakhouse and M&J's, just to name a few. She enjoyed watching football, and spending time with her family most of all. She loved to cook, carve watermelons and crochet in her free time.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Jones; children, Richard Jones Jr, Elizabeth Fields (Jeff); grandchildren, Dylan Fields (Raychel), Taylor Hoard (Tylor), Brenley and Jalynn Jones; great grandchildren, Temperance Fields, Palmer and Lettie Hoard; siblings, Evelyn Krattiger, Gerald (Linda) Ludlum, Roger (Susan) Ludlum, Susan (Brad) Warden, Randy (Jody) Ludlum, Mike (Cindi) Jones, Anna Jones, Lanaya Jones (Gary), Mary Ludlum and Gail Ludlum along with several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Rachel, who helped her so much until the end of her journey.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law Edith Jones; father-in-law Vernal Jones; brothers Darrell, Ronald, Donald; in laws Jerry Jones, Jimmy Jones, Ronald Jones, Patricia Groth, Nancy (Ray) Rankins, and Donna Brady.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

A celebration of life will be held on Dec. 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. with a special family eulogy at 5 p.m. at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead.

APRIL ROENNEBURG

April Lois Roenneburg, age 80, passed away peacefully on Nov. 25, 2023 with her family by her side.



April was born on May 22, 1943 in Lockport, N.Y. the daughter of Elwood and Lois May (Coffey) Fahs.

She married Gerald Roenneburg on March 8, 1963 in Elizabeth City, N.C.

April enjoyed reading, going to the casino with her husband, bowling, cross stitching and was an avid Elvis fan. She also served her country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

April is survived by her husband, Gerald of Janesville; her sister, Babette (Clifford) Oliver Haggengos of California; two brothers, Charles (Carol) Amsdill of New York and Lewis (Elizabeth) Oliver of South Carolina and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

April was preceded in death by her mother, Lois May Coffey Oliver and her father, Elwood Fahs who was killed in action during WWII; her son, Marc Alan Roenneburg; her grandparents, Sanford and Florence Coffey and a nephew, Steven Oliver.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Bass Creek Golf Club, 1303 South Murphy Road, Janesville (Footville) from 1 to 3 p.m.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family with arrangements.

SHARON TREUTHARDT

Sharon Treuthardt "Mrs. T", age 75, passed away from natural causes while surrounded by her family at the Collinwood Memory Care facility in Brodhead.



Sharon was born on June 18, 1948 in Janesville, the daughter of Roy and Mabel (Thompson) Smith.

She married Michael Treuthardt on Aug. 6, 1966.

Treuthardt worked for APCO, Cold Storage, Pierce Hardware, worked as a dispatcher for the City of Brodhead and later retired in 2013 from the Brodhead Elementary School.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Mike; one son, Aaron (Cheryl) Treuthardt; two siblings, Tammy and Tom and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Joyce and Pam and two brothers, Allen and Brad.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Maria Johnson and Luann Harmel and the staff at Collinwood Memory Care.

Per Sharon's wishes, there will be no services and cremation rites will be accorded. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

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93 years strong: Wis. Farmers Union holds annual convention



Farmers from throughout Wisconsin will gather in Wisconsin Dells at Chula Vista Resort from Dec. 8 to 10 for the 93rd Annual Wisconsin Farmers Union State Convention.

“Our annual convention remains the premier opportunity for farmers to unite, gain insights from agricultural peers and experts, and shape grassroots policies that champion a shared vision for the future of family farm agriculture,” said WFU President Darin Von Ruden.

This year’s keynote speaker will be Zephyr Teachout, a Professor of Law at Fordham Law School in New York, where she instructs on corporations, election law, antitrust, and prosecuting white-collar crime. Her book *Break ‘em Up: Recovering Our Freedom from Big Ag, Big Tech, and Big Money* (2020) argues that workers, farmers, and citizens need to reclaim power from corporate masters for democracy to function.

The convention weekend kicks off at noon on Friday, Dec. 8, with a pre-conference Groundswell event. “Navigating the Nexus of Groundwater, Agriculture, and Conservation.” The keynote speaker of the pre-convention event will be Jim VandenBrook,



Zephyr Teachout

who served as the executive director of the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association until 2018 and previously served as Water Quality Section Chief with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

The official convention kicks off at 9 a.m. on Saturday with a presidential address followed by workshops on diversifying farm profits, dairy policy, infrastructure and rural revitalization, and the 2023 Farm Bill. The weekend will also feature ample networking time, the Torchbearer award ceremony for youth program graduates, and a celebration of rural champions.

The WFU Foundation Fundraiser dinner, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 will raise proceeds for educational activities at Farmers Union summer camps. Admission to the dinner is \$20/person for adults or \$10 for youth. Tickets are available at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/convention.

WFU is soliciting raffle baskets, products, art, or other donations for live and silent auctions at the convention. If interested in donating, please

contact Brad Henderson at 715-214-7244 or bhenderson@wisconsinfarmersunion.com.

On the final day of the convention, members will elect two delegates to represent Wisconsin at the National Farmers Union Convention on March 10 to 12, 2024, in Scottsdale, Ariz. They will also elect directors for the WFU Board from District 2 (Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, and St. Croix Counties), District 6 (Adams, Columbia, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Sauk, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood Counties), and District 7 (Dane, Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth Counties).

The convention is open to the public, but only member delegates may vote on policy issues. Please visit www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/convention for more details and to register. Organizations interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at the event can find a link on the page as well.

Wisconsin Farmers Union, a member-driven organization, is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement. For more information, visit www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com.

Free breakfast for veterans



PHOTOS COURTESY SEN. MARK SPREITZER *Brodhead Independent-Register*
Each year, Hy-Vee offers a free breakfast for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. On Nov. 10, ahead of Veterans Day, State Sen. Mark Spreitzer stopped by the Hy-Vee in Janesville with Rep. Sue Conley to welcome the veterans that attended. It was wonderful to meet them and thank them for their dedicated service.

Get some gifts at Jingle Bell Holiday Market

Janesville’s Jolly Jingle event organizers are pleased to debut the first-ever Jingle Bell Holiday Market, a fun new addition to the much-anticipated Jolly Jingle weekend celebrations. Taking place at Olde Towne Mall, 20 S Main St, this holiday market will kick off the weekend on Friday, Dec. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Jingle Bell Holiday Market will feature 40 local vendors made up of makers, artists, and crafters alongside the resident businesses within Olde Towne Mall. Shoppers will be treated to an array of offerings including jewelry, candles, home decor, homemade baked goods, clothing, candies, chocolates, and an assortment of unique hand-made gifts.

In addition to the shopping

extravaganza, the Jingle Bell Holiday Market promises interactive demonstrations and engaging activities for visitors of all ages. Attendees can look forward to unique experiences such as cracking open their own crystal geode, face painting, learning origami techniques, and even personalized ornaments, among other exciting activities.

“It’s fruitcake weather!” as Truman Capote wrote in *A Christmas Memory*, which focused on life, friendship, and the joy of giving during the Christmas season. This is the same sentimental fun that will fill all three floors of Olde Towne Mall during this holiday market,” said market organizer Lawan Glasscock. “In my opinion, winter celebrations aren’t complete unless

they include a holiday market full of handmade crafts and goodies made by local folks. And whether you like fruitcake or not, everyone is sure to find something from the 40 pop-up vendors as well as the fabulous shops who have brought in special pieces for the season. This event puts an entire workshop of elves – artists, makers, crafters, and bakers – conveniently in front of us for a day so anybody can be jolly ol’ Santa by supporting local creatives and giving handmade items to family and friends. In fact, consider stocking up from local shops and market vendors so you can keep the giving going into the New Year.”

For a list of vendors and more information visit <https://www.janesvillejollyjingle.com/events/jinglebellmarket>.

Follow the glow at luminary walk

On Dec. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m., follow the glow of luminaries placed outside downtown Janesville businesses for an enchanting holiday shopping, dining, and entertainment experience.

Scheduled as part of Janesville’s Jolly Jingle weekend happening Dec. 1 to 3, the Luminary Walk will guide shoppers to more than 20 participating businesses, from chic boutiques to vintage stores, gourmet shops, and everything in between. Attendees will experience a variety of shopping opportunities amidst the merry and bright atmosphere in downtown Janesville.

Participating businesses along the Luminary Walk will feature in-store specials, delectable holiday treats, engaging activities, and surprises. As an added delight, free trolley rides will be available on Friday,

Dec. 1 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m., offering a convenient and fun way to navigate the Luminary Walk and explore all the wonderful downtown offerings during those two days.

“Downtown Janesville, Inc. is excited to bring back the Luminary Walk during Jolly Jingle. This event is a great opportunity for the community to enjoy the downtown in all its festive glory and support our downtown businesses with evening shopping and dining,” shared Elaina Szyjewski, Managing Director at Downtown Janesville, Inc. “Follow the luminaries to participating locations or hop on the trolley to take advantage of different specials, giveaways, and entertainment. We encourage everyone to support local this holiday season!”

For a complete list of par-

ticipating Luminary Walk locations, visit janesvillejollyjingle.com/luminarywalk/

About Jolly Jingle

On Dec. 1 to 3, Janesville’s Jolly Jingle will feature more than thirty fun, family events and activities designed to spread the joy and magic of the holiday season. The event lineup includes chances to meet Santa, a magical lighted parade, free trolley rides, carolers, a tree lighting ceremony, a dazzling fireworks display, a holiday market, a spectacular walk-through light show, Holiday Tree Show, Holiday Light Show and so much more.

For more information on this event, a list of participating businesses, and details on additional Jolly Jingle events, visit the website at janesvillejollyjingle.com. Events are subject to change.

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serve a minimum of 50 veterans through the course of the year. The Center will work with Tribal Veteran Services Offices, and they will host an open house event for veterans to meet the counselor and be introduced to the services.

• Next 18, Inc in Milwaukee received \$50,000 to improve the overall mental health and well-being of veterans by providing immediate access to professional mental health support during their participation in the Next18 camps. The objective for the grant funds is to ensure veterans have the necessary support to address challenges effectively, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

• Stein Counseling and Consulting Services in Onalaska received \$45,000 for their Dance Therapy Program for Veterans, which aims to improve the mental health and emotional well-being of veterans through dance therapy. By providing

a platform for self-expression and coping, the program seeks to address trauma and develop effective strategies for veterans to navigate their emotions. Additionally, it aims to foster social connection and integration, reducing feelings of isolation and promoting a sense of belonging among participants.

• The Wellness Co-Op in Oconto Falls received \$50,000 to increase access to free substance-use oriented mental health services for veterans in their community to improve mental health outcomes. They will establish partnerships with three local veteran-based organizations to establish a referral system to provide Warrior Wellness services to veterans, recruit qualified mental health professionals to deliver the program, and provide evidence-based substance abuse counseling, group therapy, project-based groups, and equine therapy sessions that address the unique needs of each participant.

• Trauma Life Consulting in Waunakee received \$50,000 to provide alcohol and other drug abuse services for veterans, including individual and group therapy sessions. Trauma Life Consulting was the only grant recipient to receive grants from both programs.

• In the coming weeks, WDVA will announce the second round for all the ARPA funded Veteran Mental Health grants, Emergency/Crisis, Ancillary, and Community-Based. To find out more about WDVA grant programs, visit the grants page online.

About the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs works on behalf of Wisconsin’s veterans’ community – veterans, their families and their survivors – in recognition of their service and sacrifice to this state and nation. For more information, visit www.WisVets.com.

Society’s Assets invites students to apply for scholarships

Society’s Assets, an organization dedicated to providing resources for people with disabilities, has invited area students to apply for college scholarships for the 2024 program.

College students with disabilities could be eligible for scholarships, with up to \$10,000 awarded in total.

Applicants must reside in the Society’s Assets service area, which includes Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock, and Jefferson counties.

Graduating high school seniors, continuing students, or adults returning to school on a full-time basis to seek a post-secondary degree in the fall

of 2024 are eligible.

Judging will be based on academic record, extracurricular activities, personal essay, and recommendations. All application materials must be postmarked/ submitted by Feb. 1, 2024.

Society’s Assets has supported the scholarship fund with help from donors and fund raising events since 1998.

Over \$210,000 has been awarded to 59 college students.

Recipients have pursued careers in finance, medical research, education, marketing, and many other fields.

“The agency is proud of its commitment to advance the educational and career goals of

college students with disabilities,” said Theresa Gilliland, Chairperson of the Board of Directors. “Every person has the right to develop their talents and abilities through higher education,” Gilliland added.

The 2024 Scholarship Awards will be presented at a reception in June.

For more information about the scholarship awards program, or to donate to the fund, call 800-378-9128.

Area high schools and colleges will receive application packets and the public may also complete or request an application on its website at www.societysassets.org.

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Schedule of events

Friday, Dec. 1

- 3 to 7 p.m.: Vendor hours
- 3 to 7 p.m.: Santa Claus Chalet
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.: New Glarus Bible Church Christmas Choir
- 4:30 to 5 p.m.: New Glarus High School Madrigal Singers
- 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.: Chromatix A Cappella
- Swiss Alphorn appearances throughout the day!

Saturday, Dec. 2

- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Vendor hours
- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Santa Claus Chalet
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Wisconsin “reindeer” provided by New Glarus 4-H Dairy
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Wisconsin Dickens Carolers
- 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.: Männerchor and Jodlerklub
- 1:15 to 3 p.m.: Cold Front Trombone

Quartet

- 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.: Capital City Theatre Carolers
- Swiss Alphorn appearances throughout the day!

Sunday, Dec. 3

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Vendor hours
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Santa Claus Chalet
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Wisconsin “reindeer” provided by New Glarus 4-H Dairy
- 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Free horse and sleigh rides – Railroad Street and 5th Avenue
- 11:30 a.m.: Biergarten specials
- 12:30 to 1 p.m.: New Glarus High School Madrigal Singers
- 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.: Capital City Theatre Carolers
- 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.: Wisconsin Dickens Carolers
- Swiss Alphorn appearances throughout the day!



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On Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. there will be free horse and sleigh rides at the intersection of Railroad Street and 5th Avenue in New Glarus.

National Park Service awards grant to Aztalan State Park

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced on Thursday, Nov. 16 it will receive a grant of \$306,582 from the National Park Service Semiquincentennial Grant Program for site enhancements at Aztalan State Park, a National Historic Landmark site in Jefferson County.

Aztalan State Park holds the remains of a multi-component, multi-ethnic pre-contact Native American village site. The site thrived between A.D. 1000 and 1300 as a band from the southern Mississippian civilization migrated north to the Crawfish River, where they built a regionally unique, heavily fortified village.

The DNR, in consultation with tribal governments and the Wisconsin Historical Society, works to educate the public and protect the exceptional archeological and cultural resources within the state, like Aztalan State Park.

The DNR will use the grant funds for preservation projects on the property, some of which include removing hazardous trees, controlling invasive plants and repairing stockade walls.

“We’re absolutely thrilled that Aztalan State Park has been chosen to receive this funding from the National Park Service,” said Richard



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Platform mound and stockade walls at Aztalan State Park as viewed from the air. Aztalan State Park, located east of Madison, holds the remains of a multi-component, multi-ethnic pre-contact Native American village site.

Kubicek, DNR Departmental Archaeologist. “Aztalan State Park is a special place, blending natural beauty and unique history. This grant will allow us to make some much-needed improvements and repairs to the site.”

This project is supported through the Semiquincentennial Grant Program funded by the Historic Preservation Fund as administered by the National Park Service, Department of Interior. The Semiquincentennial Grant Program was created by Congress in 2020 and commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

“National parks and National Park Service programs serve to tell an authentic and complete history, provide opportunities for exploring the legacies that impact us today and contribute to healing and understanding,” said Chuck Sams, National Park Service Director. “Through the Semiquincentennial Grant Program, we are supporting projects that showcase the many places and stories that contributed to the evolution of the American experience.”

Learn more about the Semiquincentennial Grant Program on the National Park Service’s website.

Cantaloupes linked to salmonella infections were sold in Wisconsin

At least four people in four counties are ill; two of them hospitalized

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), along with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), local health departments, and federal partners, is working to investigate a multistate outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to cantaloupes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 43 people in 15 states have been infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella. This includes at least four people from Wisconsin.

Several cantaloupes and cantaloupe-containing products have been recalled recently due to suspicion of Salmonella contamination, including:

- Whole fresh cantaloupes with a label that says “Malichita”, “4050”, and “Product of Mexico/produit du Mexique” sold between Oct. 16 and 23.
- ALDI cantaloupe, cut can-

taloupe, and pineapple spears in clamshell packaging with best-by dates between Oct. 27 and 31.

Find more information about products affected by this recall and where they were sold on the DHS Outbreaks in Wisconsin webpage.

Anyone who purchased recalled cantaloupe products is advised to not eat them and to throw them away along with any food that may be packaged with the cantaloupe (for example: fruit salad). This includes any fresh fruit that was frozen for later use. If one ate any recalled cantaloupe and are experiencing symptoms of salmonellosis, contact a doctor right away. Let them know of the possibility of Salmonella. Signs and symptoms of Salmonella infection include diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, and vomiting that lasts for several days.

Salmonellosis, or Salmonella infection, is caused by

Salmonella bacteria that are spread by eating or drinking contaminated food or water, or by direct or indirect contact with fecal matter from infected people or animals. Salmonella is a common cause of diarrheal illness, though in rare cases, it can cause bloodstream infections. Children, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems may have more serious symptoms. Though most people will recover from salmonellosis on their own, some people may require extra fluids to prevent dehydration.

This investigation is ongoing. Wisconsinites can find updates and additional information about the investigation on the DHS Outbreaks in Wisconsin webpage. For free, confidential support finding a doctor or other health care provider, dial 211 or 877-947-2211, or text a ZIP code to 898-211. Find resources online at 211Wisconsin.org.

Governor Evers grants 82 pardons, bringing total pardons granted to 1,111

Gov. Tony Evers announced on Nov. 22 that he has granted another 82 pardons, bringing his total number of pardons granted to 1,111.

“It continues to be a privilege to hear about individuals’ lives, work, and what they have done to overcome their past mistakes and build positive, rewarding lives for themselves and their families,” said Gov. Evers.

The Wisconsin Constitution grants the governor the pow-

er to pardon individuals convicted of a crime. A pardon is an official act of forgiveness that restores rights lost when someone is convicted of a felony, including the right to serve on a jury, hold public office, and hold certain professional licenses. A pardon does not expunge court records.

Under Executive Order #30, individuals convicted of a Wisconsin felony may apply for a pardon if they completed their sentence at

least five years ago and have no pending criminal charges. Individuals currently required to register on the sex offender registry are ineligible for a pardon. Executive Order No. 130 established an expedited review process for applications that meet stricter criteria, including a greater length of time elapsed since sentence completion and nonviolent nature of the offenses.

The pardon application, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions about the pardon process can be found on the governor’s website at www.evers.wi.gov/pardons.

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Wis. recognizes woman veteran of the year

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Created in 2008, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs' Woman Veteran of the Year Award recognizes women veterans in Wisconsin who have compiled records of exemplary service as military service members, veterans, and outstanding members of their communities.

Kerry McAllen, CSM (USA retired), began her military career when she enlisted in 1990. Kerry served 2.5 years of active duty in Wiesbaden, Germany, as a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic. After she returned to the United States, she joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard. She served another ten years as a Track Vehicle Repairer, Automated Logistical Specialist, and Wheeled Vehicle repairer. During that time, she also earned the Additional Skill Identifier Master Fitness Trainer distinction. While serving in the Wisconsin Army National Guard, Kerry obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts, Radio, Television, and Film in 1999.

In 1999, Kerry started working alongside her father to grow their family Commercial Real Estate business, McAllen Properties. She transferred to the Army Reserves in 2004. As a member of the Army Reserves, Kerry served two overseas combat deployment tours. During her first deployment to Kuwait in 2004, she was a Direct Support Mechanic, Tool Room custodian, Recovery Specialist, and Maintenance Support Team Leader.

After Kerry's first combat deployment, she joined her local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post and became an active volunteer and member. Kerry served her second deployment in 2009 as a brigade logistics liaison and provided daily briefings to the one-star general who oversaw logistics in all of Iraq. In 2015, after Kerry returned from her second deployment, she took over her family's business as President and CEO. Kerry proudly retired from the Army Reserves in 2020.

Kerry has taken the

knowledge that she gained in her 31 years of military service to not only serve her country honorably but also to apply it to strengthening her friendships and assisting her community.

Kerry has taken the initiative to share the knowledge that she has gained to help up-and-coming military members navigate the system. For Kerry, rank does not matter. Kerry has made it her mission to advocate for veterans not enrolled in their earned VA benefits. She takes the time to help; she has accompanied her soldiers to the VA to assist them in navigating a complicated system that is often confusing and overwhelming.

Kerry is not one to sit by idly; she has held many volunteer positions within the VFW. Kerry served two years (2019-2021) as the Commander of the Day Post 7591 of Veterans of Foreign Wars and earned "All American" status in 2020. This is not something that she did on her own, but with her leadership and dedication, she was able to motivate VFW Day Post 7591 on to this national honor.

To be able to obtain this honor, Kerry had to have a membership base of at least 102% (in a VFW Post of 511 members), conduct two Membership recruiting events, submit Post-Election reports to National Headquarters, have at least one entry in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contest advance to district judging, raise a minimum of \$100 to support Veterans and Military Support Programs Services, put forth a National Citizenship Education Teachers Award to the state-level VFW for judging, submit a community service report quarterly, and purchase 1,533 Buddy Poppies, which is equivalent to three for each post member (information obtained from VFW National Membership Program book). While part of VFW Day Post 7591, Kerry was honored with the All-State award 2019-2021.

Kerry continued serving the VFW in positions of greater responsibility as the District 2 Commander and then helped mentor the next

District 2 Commander to prepare them to take on that leadership position. In 2021, Kerry was elected the Wisconsin State Jr. Vice Commander. Kerry has also taken on many positions at both the Department and National Levels in the VFW:

- National By-Laws Committee 2020-2023
- 2020 VFW National Security & Foreign Affairs Committee
- Honorary National Chief of Staff 2019-2021
- State of Wisconsin VFW Chief of Staff 2020-2021
- State of Wisconsin Deputy Chief of Staff 2019-2020
- State of Wisconsin VFW Recorder 2017-2019
- Wisconsin VFW Legislative Committee Member 2019-2021
- Wisconsin VFW Centennial Celebration Chairman 2019-2022
- Wisconsin VFW Building Committee 2020-2022
- Wisconsin District 2 Commander 2021-2022
- Wisconsin District 2 Sr. Vice Commander, 2020-2021
- Wisconsin District 2 Adjutant 2017-2019.

Kerry has continued to serve VFW Day Post 7591 of Veterans of Foreign Wars as a trustee and by assisting with financial management. Kerry was also a fixture at drive-thru brat fries and Buddy Poppy drives throughout the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. She also volunteers to help with weekly bingo, regular cash raffles, and state calendar sales.

Kerry took a ruck march around Madison to bring awareness and prevention of Veteran and Military suicide to a new level by assisting in the formation of Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin. Kerry was the first President of Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin and served in that capacity for five of the eight years of this event.

In the last two years, Kerry has been a trustee and Past President of Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin. Kerry has been influential in maintaining Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin as an ever-growing organization that supports veterans in their times of need.

Kerry has also taken the



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The 2023 WDVA Women Veteran of the Year was Kerry McAllen of the US Army, retired.

time to mentor each person on the planning committee of Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin to help the committee be the best it can be while fostering each person's unique talents. Kerry has a knack for finding a way to motivate each person while understanding that their way of motivation may not be her way of being motivated. Kerry is a driving force behind the organization and has helped raise over \$82,000 for local organizations that reduce Veteran suicide.

Kerry continues to break through many barriers with her extensive military achievements. She is also an inspiration to young women, both within military ranks and the civilian world. Kerry achieved the rank of E9 (Command Sergeant Major), an "All American" post, and spearheaded the continuation of Operation Ruck 22 of Wisconsin, all while working full time as President and CEO for her family's multimillion-dollar company and while serving her community outside of these ventures, all while being in a male-dominated military structure and a disabled veteran.

Kerry didn't decide to sit back and do nothing after she retired from the Military. She leaned harder into her volunteer work and the continuance of her family business. A project that has recently become a top one in Kerry's volunteer portfolio

is The UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project. She has contributed to fundraising efforts that help return missing Wisconsin service members to their families and donated her time to travel to Brussels to aid in a recovery mission of an MIA WWII soldier. Kerry takes every opportunity to share the knowledge that she has about this project and recount the stories of her experiences on the dig project in Brussels.

Kerry helped make The UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project a well-known initiative when she found out that a namesake of VFW Day Post No. 7591 was an MIA WWII soldier. Kerry has taken on a project at VFW Post 7591 to put together a feature wall that educates the Post and the public about the namesakes of VFW Day Post No. 7591, Galen Day Sr., Donald Day (KIA WWII) and Galen Day Jr. (MIA/KIA WWII). Kerry has taken the time to reach out to the Day family members to find more information and to work on honoring these men.

Kerry has had an exemplary Army career, a successful career in her family business, and a track record of valuable volunteer work. Kerry has taken the time to mentor veterans and civilian volunteers. She has taken Operation Ruck 22 from a grassroots organization to one that just finished its 8th annual event. Kerry has tak-

en the time to find organizations that need support and give her all to them. Even though Kerry retired from the military in 2020, she accomplished many things while serving as a part-time soldier, a full-time employee, and employer and volunteer.

Past Award Winners:

- 2022: Marine Corps Veteran Captain Natalie Isensee
- 2021: Lt. Colonel Darcie Greuel, United States Army
- 2020: Joanie Dickerson, United States Navy
- 2019: Gundel "Gundy" Metz, United States Army
- 2018: Kim Graff of Milton, United States Marine Corps
- 2017: Connie Walker of Madison, United States Navy
- 2016: Cindy Brosig of Sun Prairie, United States Air Force
- 2015: Denise Rohan of Verona, United States Army
- 2014: Jennifer Sluga of Waunakee, United States Army
- 2012: Nancy Kaczor of Franklin, United States Air Force
- 2011: Holly Hoppe of Oconto, United States Air Force
- 2010: Jessica Maple of Mosinee, United States Air Force
- 2009: Marjorie Marshman of Madison, United States Marine Corps
- 2008: Connie Allord of Madison, United States Marine Corps.

Making a musical this holiday



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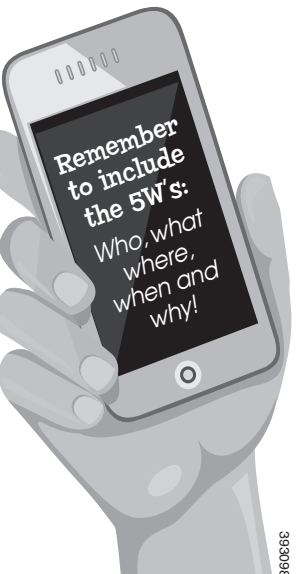
Monroe Theatre Guild will present Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn*, a full-scale musical production. Performances at Monroe Theatre Guild are Dec. 1 and 2 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., Dec. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Dec. 10. at 2 p.m. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased online at monroetheatre.com, or at the MTG ticket window at 910 16th Ave., Monroe on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by calling 608-325-1111. From left to right, Jenny Richardson as Linda, Luke Smetters as Jim, Jon Maxwell as Danny, Ben Holland as Ted, and Nadine Patchin as Louise as they rehearse.

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Wis. Bike Fed hosts Santa Cycle Rampage

The Wisconsin Bike Fed announces the registration information and event details for the 23rd Annual Milwaukee Santa Cycle Rampage on Saturday, Dec. 2.

"It's the World's Largest Winter Holiday Themed Costume Bike Ride for Charity!" explains event organizer and Wisconsin Bike Fed Assistant Director, Jake Newborn. "We expect over 1,800 Santas, Elves, Reindeer, Ralphies, Grinches, and more to celebrate the joy of cycling at this fundraiser for the Wisconsin Bike Fed. Funds raised from this event support our programs like bike education for kids, free repairs for low income residents, and staff time for advocacy projects like Milwaukee's National Ave."

Santa Cycle Rampage is a slow roll-style, police-escorted route with two main ride start options that end at the Bike Fed office at 187 E Becher St, Milwaukee:

1. Join the start and ride a full loop ride from the Bike Fed office and back. 12 miles
 2. Join the Rampagers at Hollander Grand Cafe on Downer Ave and ride the 2nd half. 6 miles
- New this year is a short 3 mile very family-friendly ride, the "Elf Cycle Frenzy," which will be led by the Safe Routes to School instructors. Riders will leave from the start/finish line immediately after the main ride leaves to ride through the Bay View neighborhood and return for hot cocoa. Participants may register for this fun event in the same way as the main ride and stay tuned for more details emailed to registered riders.

Pre-check in event

- Friday, Dec. 1:** 187 E Becher St. inside Wheel and Sprocket.
- 2 to 6 p.m.: Registered riders can pick up packets and merchandise items to avoid day of event long lines



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The 23rd Annual Milwaukee Santa Cycle Rampage will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2. New this year is a short 3 mile very family-friendly ride, the "Elf Cycle Frenzy."

Details and registration Saturday, Dec. 2

- 7 a.m.: Staff setup. Media invited to conduct interviews.
- 8 a.m.: Riders begin to arrive.
- 9:30 a.m.: Ride begins.
- 10:15ish a.m.: Ride reaches

Cafe Hollander on Downer Ave.

- 11:30 a.m.: Ride returns. Media welcome.

Visit the event website for details and registration: <https://SantaRampage23.givesmart.com>.

Ride route is subject to change prior to Dec 2 due to weather conditions or construction issues.

Be merry

Riders are encouraged to dress warmly and not only as Santa but their favorite holiday characters. Ride begins and ends with warm drinks for sale and fire pits at the Wheel and Sprocket.

Riders at the Santa Cycle Rampage are encouraged to dress warmly and not only as Santa but their favorite holiday characters.

Sprocket in Bay View. Riders are encouraged to visit any of the comfort and joy locations welcoming riders in costume:

Comfort and joy businesses locations

- Hollander – Downer Ave, 2608 N Downer Ave, Milwaukee
- Lakefront Brewery, 1872 N Commerce St, Milwaukee
- Great Lakes Distillery, 616 W Virginia St, Milwaukee
- Wheel and Sprocket - Bay View, 187 E Becher St, Milwaukee
- Boone and Crockett, 818 S Water St, Milwaukee
- Hi Hat Lounge, 1701 N Arlington Pl, Milwaukee
- Nomad World Pub, 1401 E Brady St, Milwaukee
- Mobcraft Brewery, 505 S 5th St, Milwaukee
- 1840 Brewing Company, 342 E Ward St, Milwaukee
- Kochanski's Concertina Beer Hall, 1920 S 37th St., Milwaukee
- The Roman Coin, 1004 E Brady St, Milwaukee
- Component Brewing, 2018 S 1st St #169, Milwaukee
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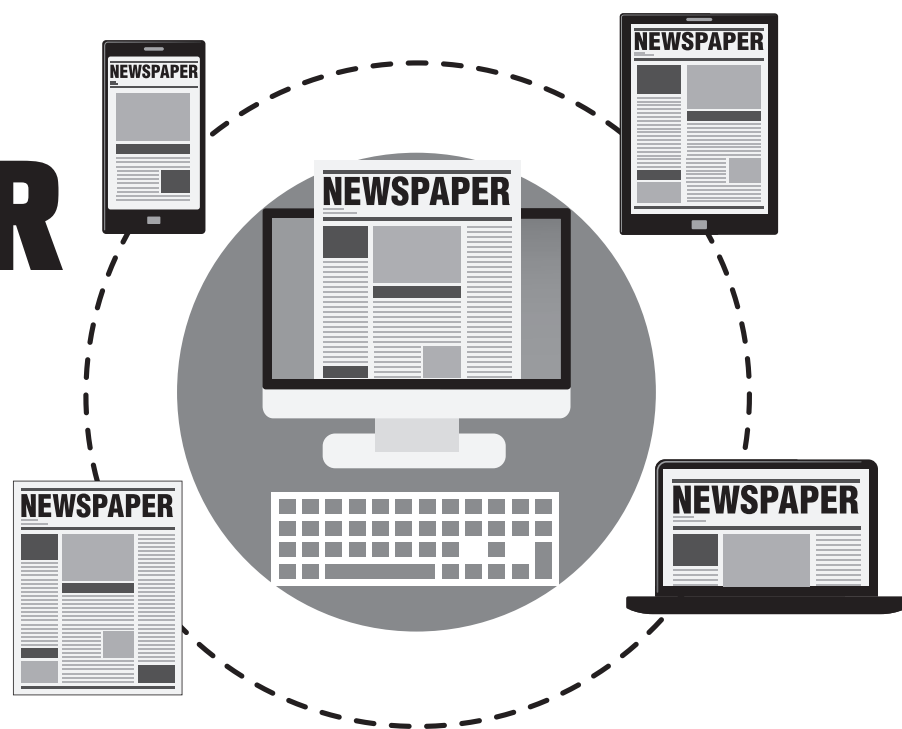
For additional information prior to the event date, please contact event organizer and Bike Fed Assistant Director Jake Newborn at 414-253-3331 or via email at jake.newborn@wisconsinbikefed.org.

To find out more about the Bike Fed's mission and programs, please visit their website.



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