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Wes Egan gets 100 wins for Parkview/Albany

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Parkview/Albany wrestling parted ways to three different tournaments. Varsity boys went south of the border to Polo, Ill., JV boys went to Whitewater for the WI Challenge Series Tournament and the girls headed north to Kickapoo for the Lee Griffin Invite.

POLO

At the Polo Wrestling Invitational in Polo, Ill., Parkview/Albany finished 7th out of 17 teams with Wes Egan getting his 100th win in the quarter finals with a pin. Slater Valley at 113, Sam Schwengels at 190, and Wes Egan at 215 finished in first place. At 126, Danny Finley finished in third place. At 165, Jayden Anderson finished in sixth place.

Slater Valley (19-3) placed 1st

- Quarterfinal – Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 19-3 received a bye (Bye)
- Semifinal – Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 19-3 won by fall over Nicholas DuBois (Lisle (Sr.)) 9-9 (Fall 1:02)
- 1st Place Match – Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 19-3 won by major decision over Kristian Gersch (Richmond (R.-Burton)) 2-1 (MD 12-4)

Danny Finley (21-2) placed 3rd

- Champ. Round 1 – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 21-2 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 21-2 won by major decision over Preston LaBay (Oregon) 9-10 (MD 17-4)



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- Semifinal – Lucas Nelson (Polo) 19-5 won by decision over Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 21-2 (Dec 7-5)
- 3rd Place Match – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 21-2 won by injury default over Shayden McNew (Genoa (G.-Kingston)) 9-3 (Inj. 0:00)

Jayden Anderson (11-13) placed 6th

- Champ. Round 1 – Jordae Crow (Erie) 1-2 won by fall over Jayden Anderson

(Parkview/Albany) 11-13 (Fall 3:26)

- Cons. Round 1 – Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over Jose Hernandez (Galena (H.S.)) 0-2 (Fall 1:12)
- Cons. Round 2 – Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by injury default over Gus Nack (Galena (H.S.)) 2-4 (Inj. 0:00)
- Cons. Semi – Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over

Tymone Kuziora (Rockford (Guilford)) 6-6 (Fall 1:12)

- 5th Place Match – Skylier Crooks (Fulton (H.S.)) 13-9 won by fall over Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 (Fall 3:57)

Sam Schwengels (23-0) placed 1st

- Champ. Round 1 – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 23-0 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany)

ny) 23-0 won by tech fall over Jack Ries (Galena (H.S.)) 3-2 (TF-1.5 0:00 (16-0))

- Semifinal – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 23-0 won by decision over Quentin Berry (Oregon) 11-6 (Dec 8-5)
- 1st Place Match – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 23-0 won by fall over Karlondo Dubois (Rockford (Jefferson)) 15-3 (Fall 5:41)

Wesley Egan (22-1) placed 1st

- Champ. Round 1 – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 22-1 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 22-1 won by fall over Daniel Holman (Fulton (H.S.)) 14-11 (Fall 1:35)
- Semifinal – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 22-1 won by fall over Dawson Holland (Freeport (H.S.)) 13-11 (Fall 1:26)
- 1st Place Match – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 22-1 won by fall over Landen Elder (Oregon) 4-6 (Fall 1:40)

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Comets split games with Johnson Creek, Pecatonica

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Albany Comets have quietly turned their 2023-2024 boys' basketball season around. After the first four games of the season, the Comets held a record of just 1-4. After a seven-game win streak, the Comets appeared revitalized as one of the area's most improved teams.

Albany's win streak began all the way back on Dec. 11, 2023, when they picked up a 57-22 victory over Benton. Drew Sertle led the Comets with sixteen points in the victory that got it all started for them.

The Comets ended 2023 with their sixth consecutive victory as they faced off with the Parkview Vikings. It took a comeback effort, but the Comets had a massive second half as they outscored the Vikings 28-14.

Albany had an electric night offensively as three players finished in double figures. Brayden Bakken led the team with seventeen points, which was a season high performance. Ty Durtschi was next up with twelve points, and Sertle added eleven in a 50-42 victory. Parkview was led by Aiden Crane, who put up eighteen in the loss.

Albany's winning ways carried over from 2023 to 2024. On Tuesday, Jan. 2, the Comets opened the new year with an away game against Johnson Creek. Prior to the matchup, Johnson Creek held a record of 4-6. Meanwhile, the Comets were sitting at 7-4.

The game was probably much closer than the Comets would have liked. Albany never really separated themselves from Johnson Creek in the first half. They managed to take a seven-point advantage into the break with a 23-16 lead.

Johnson Creek began to find success on the offensive end in the second half, however. After a lackluster first half, Johnson Creek saw their shots start falling in the second. As the game clock ran down, Albany's lead began to dwindle.

Albany's struggles came at the free throw line. The Comets hit just eleven of their twenty-five free throws on the night, for a clip of just forty-four percent. Kaeden Zurfluh was the most efficient free throw shooter, hitting three of his five attempts. Durtschi was also four for seven on the night.

If the Comets had a better night at the charity stripe, their lead would have been much more commanding. Still, Albany's first half was just enough for them to hold on for a 46-42 victory over Johnson Creek.

It was Albany's seventh consecutive victory as they picked up their eighth win of the season. One of Albany's strengths is their depth in production. Anyone can lead the team in scoring on any given night. Against Johnson Creek, it was Zurfluh who led the way with fourteen points. Durtschi was next up with thirteen points. Sertle was the third Comet in double figures with eleven. Bakken finished the day with eight points, three steals, four rebounds, and two assists.



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2023-24 Juda high school basketball teams



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The 2023-2024 girls basketball team for Juda.



The 2023-2024 junior varsity boys basketball team for Juda.



The 2023-2024 varsity boys basketball team for Juda.

Alice in Dairyland applications open

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites individuals with a passion for promoting agriculture to apply to be the 77th Alice in Dairyland through Jan. 31, 2024.

As one of the most widely recognized communications professionals in Wisconsin agriculture, Alice in Dairyland travels extensively promoting Wisconsin's agricultural industry and its impact on the state economy. In this highly visible and fast-paced position, Alice in Dairyland serves as a full-time spokesperson, cultivates relationships with television, radio, and print media outlets throughout the state, writes and delivers speeches at events, and utilizes social media to tell the stories of Wisconsin agriculture. Additional duties include developing and executing marketing plans, delivering classroom presentations, and networking with industry professionals. Alice must also learn and retain information about the diversity of Wisconsin agriculture and be able to tailor that information to educate both urban and rural audiences.

"Serving as Alice in Dairyland is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I will be forever thankful for this experience," said 76th Alice in Dairyland Ashley Hagenow. "In this role, you are a teacher, communicator, agri-marketer, professional speaker, media professional, relationship builder, student, and so much more. Serving as an ambassador for Wisconsin agriculture is the most rewarding and exhilarating experience. I look forward to continuing the important work of promoting Wisconsin's diverse and abundant agriculture industry while developing skills to use throughout my career!"

Alice in Dairyland applicants should have an interest in Wisconsin agriculture, public speaking experience, and at least three years of experience, education, or training in communications, marketing, education, or public relations. Applicants must also be female, Wisconsin residents, and at least 21 years old.

This one-year, full-time, contractual position starts July 8, 2024. The chosen candidate will travel extensively and be required to be in-person at the

DATCP's Madison office each week. The annual salary for Alice in Dairyland is \$45,000 and includes holiday, vacation, and sick leave, and use of a state vehicle while on official business. Reimbursement is provided for an individual health insurance premium up to \$450 a month and professional travel expenses.

To apply, provide a cover letter, completed application form, resume, and contact information for three professional references to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov or PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911 by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31. Application materials are available on the Alice in Dairyland website.

Qualified applicants will have a preliminary interview on Feb. 24 at DATCP's Madison office or via Microsoft Teams. Top candidates are required to attend a two-day program briefing and press announcement March 1 to 2, and the three-day final interview process May 2 to 4, in Door County.

For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit aliceindairyland.com and follow Alice online on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

College news

SNHU announces fall 2023 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Alexander Himmelmann of Beloit
- April Winfield of Beloit
- Jessica Beyer of Beloit
- Zachary Miskowic of Brooklyn
- Debra Jones of Janesville

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most In-

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Tawney Severson named to Dean's List at UW-Superior

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Tawney Severson of Albany to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2023 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Founded in 1893 as a teacher's college, UW-Superior has more than 50 program offerings, select online and graduate programs, competitive Division III athletics programs and research and scholarship programs that support the community and region.

The University of Wisconsin-Superior is a nationally recognized public liberal arts institution of more than 2,700 students in the Superior-Duluth, Minnesota, metropolitan area. UW-Superior has more

than 50 program offerings, select online and graduate programs, competitive Division III athletics programs, continuing education, research and scholarship programs that support the community and region.

Michael Schliem named to Wartburg College Fall Term Dean's List

Michael Schliem of Brooklyn was named to the Wartburg College Fall Term Dean's List.

The college recognized 484 students for Fall Term.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg College, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls about 1,500 students. A college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Wartburg is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. The college is characterized by vigorous academic expectations and community engagement within an environment of strong personal support.

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To file a notice of a claim against Golz Family Farm, LLC you must send the following written information to the address below, no later 120 days following the first date of this publication:

1. A statement of the amount of your claim;
2. The legal name of the entity asserting the claim;
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4. Any other information you believe may be useful to verify the nature and amount of the claim, including copies of any relevant documents.

Please send all of the above in-

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Attorney Walter E. Shannon
Shannon Law Office, LLC
104 W. Main St.
Evansville, WI 53536

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If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Walter E. Shannon, Shannon Law Office, (608) 882-5944.

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You are hereby notified that Bizhogs, LLC has been dissolved, effective December 28, 2023.

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 2. The legal name of the entity asserting the claim;
 3. Identification or brief description of the agreement or other circumstances under which the claim arose; and,
 4. Any other information you believe may be useful to verify the nature and amount of the claim, including copies of any relevant documents.
- Please send all of the above information to:
Ms. Karen Hogan
c/o Attorney Walter E. Shannon
Shannon Law Office, LLC
104 W. Main St.
Evansville, WI 53536

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If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Walter E. Shannon, Shannon Law Office, (608) 882-5944.

/s/ Karen K. Hogan, Member
Bizhogs, LLC
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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Village of Orfordville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Orfordville Village Hall. Applicant, Brookelynn Weeks has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for Bricks & Stones LLC, for a restaurant, bar, and events. The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the Village Board at a Special Board Meeting following the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjoining landowners or landowners within 100 feet will be notified separately by mail.

Sherri Waega
Village Clerk
Village of Orfordville

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Town of Decatur- Regular Town Board Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:00pm Decatur Town Hall 1408 14th Street, Brodhead WI 53520

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 18, 2023
 - b. December 21, 2023
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Payment of the Bills
7. Citizen Concerns
8. Roadwork
 - LED speed sign
9. Traffic Study on St John & Golf Course road
10. Limiting vehicle length on Decatur road
11. Landfill contract
12. Updating accounting program
13. WTA District Meeting
14. Road agreement with Spring Grove on Airport road
15. Move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider 'employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,' regarding the following: Performance evaluation of patrolmen.
16. Future agenda items
17. Set Dates for Future Meetings

18. Adjournment

Emma Brugger Clerk/Treasurer

Posted January 5, 2023 at Town Hall, Website, Trackside Mobil, Brodhead Library, Newspaper

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VILLAGE OF OFORDVILLE

Liquor License Notice

Notice is hereby given that the following application is on file with the Village Clerk of the Village of Orfordville. License will expire June 30, 2024

Class "B Intoxicating Liquor License and Fermented Malt Beverage" to Bricks and Stones LLC, Brookelynn Weeks owner, for premises located at 214 Viking Drive.

The Village Board will decide on the above mentioned application at 6:30 p.m. at a Special Board Meeting on January 25, 2024 at the Orfordville Village Hall.

Sherri Waega
Village Clerk
Village of Orfordville

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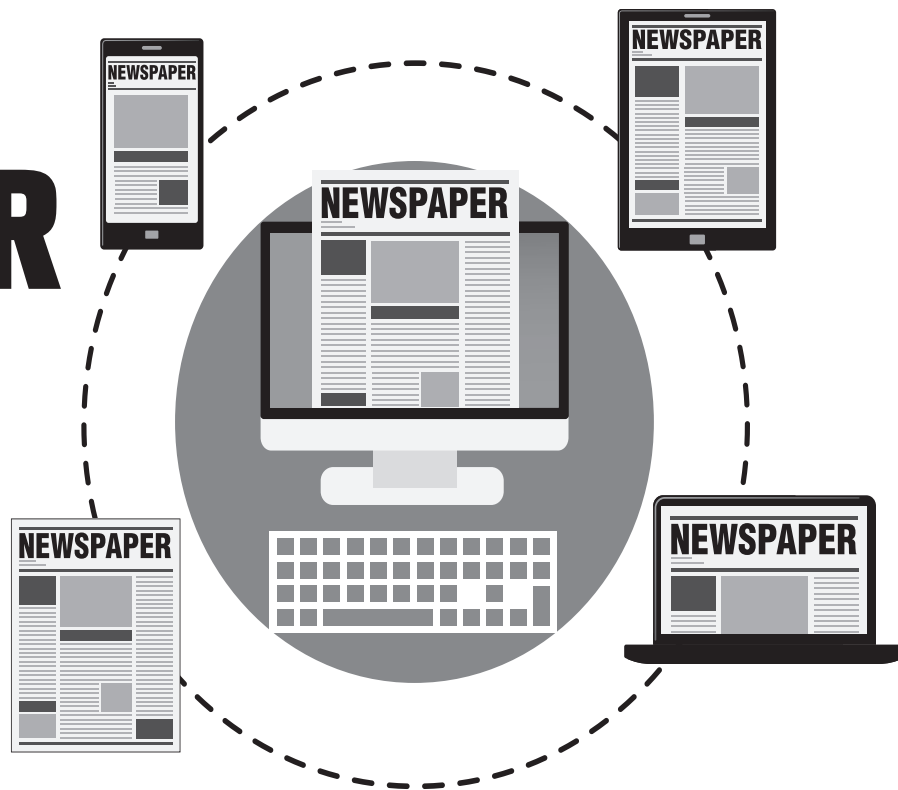
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Bike Fed to host Ride Across Wisconsin fundraiser again this year

Register now for event that revisits La Crosse to Milwaukee route

The Wisconsin Bike Fed is proud to announce the 9th Ride Across Wisconsin on August 17 to 18, with registration having already opened on Sunday, Jan. 7.

The Bike Fed's largest fundraiser of the year will revisit its route from La Crosse to Milwaukee one last time with options to ride entirely on paved surfaces or on a combination of crushed limestone trail and low stress roads to explore this beautiful state by bicycle.

One of 2023's ride influencers, Brendan Carberry (aka "Outside Brendan") offered a review of the RAW route on his YouTube channel:

"Beautiful farmland, sunrise over the corn stalks, this is, like, as good as it gets for road riding... Every single backroad in Wisconsin is just buttery smooth."

"Wisconsin gravel is so good. The size of the gravel, they call it crushed limestone, just a small layer on top of a super hard subsurface ... this trail all the way along is incredibly smooth ... it is basically pristine ... you just fly right along."

The 2024 RAW route showcases quintessential Wisconsin attractions including the Elroy-Sparta State Trail Tunnels, Wisconsin Dells – Waterpark Capital of the World, Merrimac Ferry, Trek's World Headquarters, and a new finish line at City Lights Brewing Company. With one- and two-

day options, riders can choose a 235-, 165-, 135-, or 100-mile challenge based on their abilities and ambitions.

This year, riders can participate in a one-day ride either traveling 100 miles from La Crosse to Wisconsin Dells or 165 miles to Trek Headquarters in Waterloo with a festive finish line party in both locations. Riders who choose a two-day adventure will stay overnight in the Wisconsin Dells and finish at Trek Headquarters in Waterloo – or continue on to complete the full 235 miles across Wisconsin at the finish line party in Milwaukee.

New option in 2024 – Team Relay.

For those who have considered riding across this beautiful state by bike, but may find the mileage a bit too challenging or want to experience bike joy as a team effort, they now offer the team relay for two to five riders to share the miles and the registration fee.

For 2023 RAW VIP rider Steve Cohan of Madison, raising money for the Wisconsin Bike Fed during the Ride Across Wisconsin is important to him so that he and other cyclists can continue to enjoy this state from the saddle of their bikes for years to come. "It's just kind of a fun thing to do in summer, but some of us do it all year round too," he shared with Spectrum News 1 in 2023. "And Bike Fed is making sure that that stays that way."

Welcoming riders from Wisconsin, the United States, and internationally, RAW features a well-marked course,



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Bicyclers participated in the Ride Across Wisconsin in 2023.

full-service ride support provided by Wheel and Sprocket, and bountiful rest stops to refuel along the route. Participants can sign up for an all-inclusive transportation package for themselves, and their bikes, to the host city of La Crosse. A full VIP option is available that includes RAW apparel, transportation, and lodging in La Crosse. Bike Fed members are eligible for a registration discount. Details about Ride Across Wisconsin routes, registration, transportation, and support are available at www.RideAcrossWisconsin.com.

Businesses and communities interested in information on how to support riders, RAW, and the Bike Fed through sponsorship opportunities may contact Community Engagement Manager Michelle Bachaus at michelleb@wisconsinbikefed.org.

As always, RAW promises to be fun, epic, and hard – but worth it. Support of RAW

helps to make cycling in Wisconsin better for everyone.

About the Wisconsin Bike Fed

The Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin Educational Foundation, Inc. (AKA Wisconsin Bike Fed) was established as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 1988 to cultivate, motivate, and unite residents, communities, businesses, and political leaders to move bicycling forward in Wisconsin through education, legislation, and involvement. For 35 years the Bike Fed has been the only statewide organization that advocates for better bicycling for everyone who rides a bike in Wisconsin:

- Advocate for cycling – including encouragement for the governor to include transportation access and environmental concerns in the proposed 2023-24 biennial budget.
- Provide programs to make bicycling safer and more ac-



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cessible across the state – particularly in the state's most populous urban communities of Milwaukee and Madison.

• Promote Wisconsin as an economic engine for cycling – highlighting scenic trails and emphasizing the many large and small businesses that support bicycling as direct producers, repairers, or vendors of

bikes and related accessories, as well as the hospitality industry that benefits from cycling. According to the most recent impact study released by the governor's office in 2020, consumers spent \$1.42 billion in 2017 on direct bicycle-related expenditures, bringing funds into state businesses and the state budget.

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