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# **Wes Egan gets 100 wins for Parkview/Albany**

On Saturday, 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.

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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

## 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

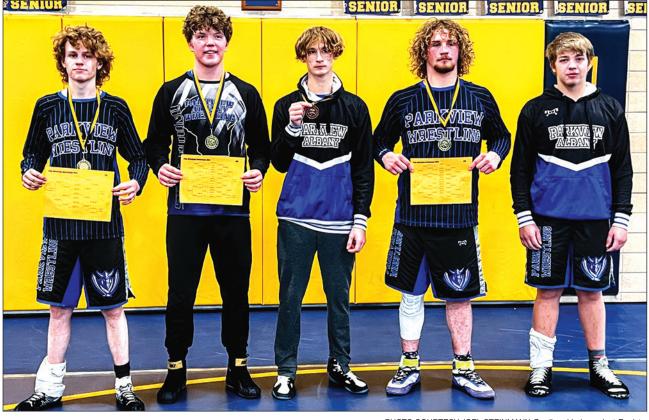


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Parkview/Albany finished 7th out of 17 teams with Wes Egan getting his 100th win in the quarter finals with a pin at the Polo Wrestling Invitational in Polo, III., on Saturday, Jan. 6. Slater Valley at 113, Sam Schwengels at 190, and Wes Egan at 215 finished in first place. At 126, Danny Finley finished in third place. At 165, Jayden Anderson finished in sixth place. From left to right: Slater Valley, Sam Schwengels, Danny Finley, Wes Egan, Jayden Anderson.

- Semifinal Lucas Nelson (Parkview/Albany) (Polo) 19-5 won by decision (Fall 3:26) over Danny Finley (Parkview/ Albany) 21-2 (Dec 7-5)
- 3rd Place Match Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 21-2 won by injury default 0-2 (Fall 1:12) 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 Anderson
- Cons. Round 1 Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over Jose Hernandez (Galena (H.S.))
- 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 (Parkview/Albafall over Jayden Anderson ny) 11-13 won by fall over

11-13 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 Schwengels (Parkview/AlbaJack 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
- 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
- Semifinal Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 22-1 won by fall over Dawson Holland (Freeport (H.S.)) 13-11 (Fall
- 1st Place Match Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 22-1 won by fall over Landen Elder (Oregon) 4-6 (Fall 1:40)

## **KICKAPOO**

At Kickapoo in the 2024 Lee Griffin Invite, Parkview/ Albany girls had two compete and finished 14th out of 17 teams, with Sydney Coyne at 235 finishing 3rd and Autumn Hill at 114 finishing 6th.

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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 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 Durts-

points, and Sertle added Comets hit just eleven of eleven in a 50-42 victory. their twenty-five free throws Parkview was led by Aiden on the night, for a clip of just Crane, who put up eighteen forty-four percent. Kaeden in the loss.

Comets held a record of just carried over from 2023 to hitting three of his five at-1-4. After a seven-game win 2024. On Tuesday, Jan. 2, tempts. Durtschi was also streak, the Comets appeared the Comets opened the new four for seven on the night. 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 strengths is their depth in 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 bounds, and two assists.

chi was next up with twelve at the free throw line. The Zurfluh was the most ef-Albany's winning ways ficient free throw shooter,

> 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 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 re-



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## Obituaries-CHRISTINE ELMER With sad

regret, we announce the passing of Christine Marie Elmer, 39, of Loveland, Colo.

Christine was born in Oklahoma City on April 21, 1984.

Christine spent her early childhood in Half Moon Bay, Calif., before her family relocated to Monticello, Wis., where she spent the majority of her grade school years. Though she attended high school in Cape Coral, Fla., she completed her final semester in Brodhead, becoming a 2002 graduate of Brodhead High School in Brodhead, Wisconsin.

A natural beauty with a vibrant, adventurous attitude, Christine created a life that she was proud of and thoroughly enjoyed. As a young adult she lived in various locations including Girdwood, Alaska, where she discovered her love of travel and adventure. She earned her associate degree in environmental en-

tain College in Steamboat She and her dog, Max, came Springs, paying her own tui- back to Wisconsin where they tion and working full time as she attended classes. The yearning to be a home-

owner and further establish her life and career brought her back to Janesville, where she bought a small house with a big, fenced yard for her dog. She later realized she missed the mountains and their promise of adventure, so she sold her house and purchased her own Rocky Mountain get-

Throughout Christine's exceptional life, her travels, either solo or with family, took her to Thailand, Costa Rica, Italy, Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, England, Barcelona, Mexico, South America, Peru, Belize, Greece, Columoia and Africa.

Christine was employed by the City of Loveland Power Department as an Electrical Designer and thrived in her position. She thoroughly loved her job and her work family, many who went above and beyond to offer their assistance in her time of need. Upon learning she had little mer and Tad Lenczycki and time left, she immediately gineering at Colorado Moun- chose to spend it with family.

were enveloped in the love and comfort of a large and boisterous family. The many precious moments, raucous laughs, jeep rides and dirt bike lessons provided by Christine will forever be cherished. Christine is survived by her

father and stepmother, Jerry and Ann-Marie Elmer of Magnolia, Wis.; her mother, Cindy Elmer of Three Rivers, Mich; her siblings, Christi Rusch (Jason Cleasby), Courtney Elmer, Cassie Elmer Gonwa (Ryan Gonwa), Nick (Danielle) Elmer, Kiah (Neil) Rashke, and Derek Tulla; her nieces and nephews, Roman Gonwa, Jack, Ali, Brielle and Scott Elmer, Oliver, Evelyn and Gerald Rashke; her grandmother, Jackie Elmer; step grandparents, Frank and Carol Gombar; several aunts and uncles; an honorary brother, Christopher (Andrew) Renehan-Hoster; a beloved dog Max and many other friends

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Earl Elgrandmother Doris Lenczyc-

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Private family services will take place at a later date. Burial of her cremated remains will also take place at a later date at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville. The DL Newcomer Funeral

Home in Brodhead is assisting with the arrangements.

### **DARWIN HAWKINSON**

Darwin "Dar" D. Hawkinson. 64. died of a heart attack on Wednesday, Dec.



27, 2023, doing what he loved. Being outside and cutting wood!

He was born Dec. 24, 1959 in Edgerton, the son of Henry and Marie (McHenry) Hawkinson. Dar was a graduate of Parkview class of 1978.

Dar married Julie A. Knutson on Feb. 27, 1999 in Negril, Jamaica, and they looked forward to celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

He was employed by General Motors for 25 years. Dar also farmed for most of his life and worked for Severson

Don't Forget...

Our deadline is

FRIDAY at Noon!

He is survived by his wife: Julie; children: William (Amber) Hawkinson, Brodhead, Tracy Hawkinson, Brodhead, and Michael (Kristin Althoff) Retzlaff, Racine; 8 grandchildren: Taylor, Draven, Trinity, Nevaeh, Lux, Kearra, Travic, and Maizie; and his faithful dog, Lacy and cat, Missy; brothers and sisters: Duane (Jeanne) of Janesville, David (Diana) of Cherry Valley, Ill., Diane Krueger of Footville, and Danny (Nancy) of Janesville; William and Tracy's mother: Karen Burke; and many nieces and nephews.

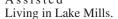
by his parents, his sister Debra Krafjack; in-laws, Merle and Patt Knutson and nephew, Marc Hawkinson.

No services are being planned.

Newcomer-Silverthorn Chapel on the Hill, Hwy 11 and South Coon Island Road, Orfordville, is assisting the family.

### MARLENE JOHNSON

Mar-Johnson, age 90, of Brodhead, died Jan. 1, 2024 at Lilac Springs Assisted



She was born on Aug. 8, 1933, the daughter of William and Gunda (Westby) Klutterman. She grew up in Evansville and attended school there. Marlene married Gerald W. Johnson on Aug. 21, 1999, in Brodhead. She enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Rev. Martin (Marie) Roeben of Valley Springs, Calif., Mark (Lynn) Roeben of Edgerton, Colleen (Jeff) Bronkhorst of Waterloo, and Tim Roeben of Evansville; grandchildren: Martin Roeben, Austin Roeben, Ashley (Chris) Buell, Quin (Jana) Roeben, and Rebecca Dimond; great-grandchildren: Beckett, Collin, Avery, Skylar, Gaven, and Dominick. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 at Everson Funeral Home with Reverend Tiff Bates officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. A visitation was Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to Lilac Springs Assisted Living in Marlene's name, or a memorial of your choice.

## **GLADYS WILLIAMS**

Gladys Mae Williams, age 90, passed away Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 at Aster Assisted Liv-

ing in Monroe. Gladys was born June 19, 1933 to William and Ada (Legler) Buehl. She grew up on a farm in Monticello, was her High School Prom Queen, and graduated from Monticello High School in 1951 as the class Salutatorian.

She married the love of her life, Walter Williams, at St John's Evangelical Church in Monroe on Sept. 19, 1954.

They farmed and she worked at Voegeli Chevrolet in Monticello, and after her and Walter rented a farm in 1961 in Juda, she then worked for Helland's Food and Lock-

Besides helping on the farm with the dairy and assisting Walter with the field work, she enjoyed gardening, maintaining her flowers and just being outside. When inside, she loved to cook and bake for Walt while also keeping up with five children, four boys and one girl. While farming in Juda the family attended the United Methodist Church He was preceded in death of Juda where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school. Gladys loved all kinds of dancing with Walter from the polka and the waltz to even ballroom dancing. Gladys and Walter pur-

chased a farm south of Brodhead where they raised their five children. During the time they farmed in Brodhead, she worked for the FSA Farm Services Agency in Monroe for over 10 years assisting local farmers. After retiring and moving from the farm, Gladys enjoyed travelling with Walt and going camping to places all over Wisconsin, as well as wintertime camping to Florida and Arizona. She loved her family deeply, including grandchildren and great grandchildren and was always happy when they visited and were around or when she could go and enjoy seeing them in sports, dance, racing or whatever they may have been involved in.

After her husband's death in 2019, she was blessed to have so many friends where she lived, at the Brodhead Senior Village. She enjoyed the group's many social events as well as sitting outside in the afternoon and evening to enjoy visits from her many neighbors and friends.

Gladys is survived by 5 children; Jeffrey (Karen) Williams of Brodhead, Jennifer (Guy) Dion of Brodhead, Douglas (Terri) Williams of Evansville, Bradley (Marci) Williams of Brodhead and Joel (Suzonne) Williams of Keithville, La. 11 grandchildren; Ashley Williams (Chris Zimbroski), Danyelle (Tyler) Bollig, Kyle Hudnall (Fonda Sanyaolu), Andy Smith, Alex Smith (Stephanie Wolfe), Aleah (Brody) Kidd, Parker (Violet) Williams, Jayden Williams, Onnika Williams, Elise Williams and Jake (Kristen) Williams. Great grandchil-Sawyer, dren: Ashlynn, Paxley, Oaklynn, Stetson, Jack, Ezra, Maiken, Zadie, Presleigh, Noah, Chandler and Luca.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ada Buehl, spouse, Walter Williams, sister, Bertha Miller, brother, William Buehl Jr. and a daughter-in-law Jan Williams. A visitation will take place

at the United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Ave on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024 from 9 a.m. to noon. Funeral services will begin immediately following at the United Methodist Church at noon. Cremation rites will be accorded at a later date.

Memorials can be directed to United Methodist Church in Brodhead.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family



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These free-to-low cost events typically begin around sunset and offer a variety of ways to enjoy the winter scenery after dark, including hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Many will include activities such as bonfires, hot chocolate, cider and other refreshments available for sale or by donation, and some will have open warming shelters.

Although the amount of gear needed varies, warm clothing with layers is recommended for all events. Trekking poles are optional. A headlamp or flashlight is recommended. Some properties may have other equipment, such as snowshoes or an outdoor track chair, available to check out. Contact the property to see what is available and to make reservations.

Most properties will require a 2024 Wisconsin state park admission fee and/or a state trail pass unless otherwise noted. A state park daily admission pass may be available to check out at participating libraries.

## 2024 Candlelight Events

Additional events may be

Supervisor, has filed paper-

work stating she will not run

to retain her seat on the Rock

County Board of Supervisors

in the Spring Election. The

deadline for incumbents to

file a Notice of Noncandidacy

was 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22,

Crary is the incumbent for

### Saturday, Jan. 13

- Wildcat Mountain State Snowshoe Park Candlelight Hike/Snow-
- Rib Mountain State Park Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

### Sunday, Jan. 14

• Havenwoods State Forest Night Candlelight Hike

## Saturday Jan. 20

- · Point Beach State Forest Candlelight Ski and Hike
- Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit Candlelight Hike and Ski

## Friday, Jan. 26

• Red Cedar State Trail Candlelight Ski, Hike and Snowshoe

## Saturday, Jan. 27

· Whitefish Dunes State Park Candlelight Ski and Hike

### Sunday, Jan. 28

• Lake Wissota Candlelight Ski, Hike and Snowshoe

## Friday, Feb. 2

• MacKenzie Center Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

### Saturday, Feb. 3

- Peninsula State Park Candlelight Hike/Snowshoe/Ski
- Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit Candlelight Ski/Hike
- Black Rover State Forest Candlelight Ski and Hike

County Board Supervisor Janelle

in the City of Beloit.

Crary files notice of non-candidacy

Janelle Crary, County Board County Board Supervisory, The Rock County Clerk, Lisa

District 11. This district in-

cludes the Wards 7, 8, 9 and 11

The deadline is past for can-

didates interested in running

for County Board Supervisor.

County Supervisor candidates

were required to submit a min-

imum of 50 signatures and a

maximum of 100 signatures.

Candlelight Ski, Hike and

## Saturday, Feb. 10

- Kettle Moraine State Forest - Pike Lake Unit Candle-
- Interstate Park Candlelight
- Governor Thompson State Park Candlelight Hike and Ski

### Saturday, Feb. 17

• Rib Mountain State Park Candlelight Snowshoe Hike

## Saturday, Feb. 24

- Hartman Creek State Park Candlelight Hike and Snow-
- · Hank Aaron State Trail Urban Candlelight Hike
- Wyalusing State Park Candlelight Hike

## Saturday, March 9

 Big Foot Beach State Park Candlelight Hike

Thanks to the Friends groups of the parks, who organize many of the events and provide many of the volunteers to make these events possible.

Find the full and additional details on the DNR's Event Calendar.

Some events are weather dependent; visitors are encouraged to check the DNR Events Calendar or call properties directly to confirm if an Mirror Lake State Park event will be held.

Tollefson, can be contacted at

608-757-5660 for more infor-

All 29 County Board Super-

visory seats are up for election

on the 2024 Spring Election

ballot. The Spring Election

will be held on April 2. If a

primary is needed, the primary

will be held on Feb. 20.

mation.

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## Officers work to stop human trafficking on state highways

The Wisconsin State Patrol's January Law of the Month encourages all Wisconsinites to learn about human trafficking and help stop the crime in this

Human trafficking is a felony crime that involves the use of force or threats for sexual exploitation or labor. Traffickers manipulate their victims through force, fraud and coercion, and use psychological tactics to maintain control.

Trafficking is often a hidden crime that happens in urban and rural communities across the country, including in Wiscon-

All State Patrol officers are trained in recognizing the basic indicators of human trafficking. the questions to ask, and options to help connect a victim with available social services.

"The interstate system can be a conduit for human trafficking, so our troopers and inspectors know what to look for on every traffic stop and will intervene if necessary," Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "We also maintain strong partnerships with other agencies, organizations and industries that can help us identify someone who may be trafficked and get them to safety."

## Partnerships to fight trafficking

The transportation and trucking industries have an important role in preventing human trafficking. The State Patrol works with commercial motor vehicle drivers to encourage them to recognize the signs of trafficking and report suspicious activity.

All new interstate companies must complete an educational New Entrant Safety Audit that includes a review of human trafficking information. The Wisconsin DMV also requires commercial driver license schools in Wisconsin to include instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

During National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in January, the State Patrol will join the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative. From Jan. 8 to 12, officers will connect with commercial mo-

tor vehicle drivers and provide educational materials to let them know what to do if they suspect someone is being trafficked.

## Identifying trafficking

All Wisconsinites can have an impact to prevent human trafficking in their communities, according to the state.

Recognizing key indicators of trafficking can help save a

The following could be signs someone is vulnerable: a sudden or dramatic change in behavior; becoming disconnected from family, friends, or community organizations; signs of mental or physical abuse, or deprivation of basic needs; and an indication of being coached on what to say, or not in control of their own decisions.

"If you encounter a situation you suspect is human trafficking, do not approach anyone involved," the state wrote in a

People should gather as much information as possible and contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-788 or text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733.

If there is immediate danger, Wisconsinites should call 911, according to the state agency.

Read more about the indicators of human trafficking and find other resources in Wisconsin here: https://wisconsindot. gov/Pages/safety/humantrfkng.



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Photos that showcase locations throughout Rock County are being sought to publish in the 2024 Rock

## Plat photo contest for Rock County open for submissions

The Rock County Register of Deeds and Rock County Parks are teaming up to host a photo contest for the 2024 Rock County Plat Book.

They are looking for photos that showcase locations throughout Rock County to publish in the 2024 Rock County Plat Book.

Submitted photos may be featured on the front cover or inside of the plat book.

The 2024 Rock County Plat Book Photo Contest runs until Jan. 15.

All photo submissions will need to meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Be taken in Rock County (examples: a beautiful sunrise/sunset, a lake or river, a park, etc.)
- Be in color, at least 400 dpi, and JPEG format
- Cover photo submissions must be portrait oriented, filler photo submissions should be landscape oriented • All entrants must complete a pho-

tograph copyright release form and

include with submission (available at https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/public-works-parks/2024-platbook-photo-contest)

Entries should be submitted electronically to parks@co.rock.wi.us, with the subject line reading 2024 Rock County Plat Book Photo Contest. Please remember to include the location of where the photograph was taken. Entrants will be notified if their photo will be featured in the 2024 Rock County Plat Book.



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Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024 • 100 Wins (Continued from front page)

## Autumn Hill (2-10) placed 6th

• Round 1 - Sierra Davenport (Dodgeville) 2-12 won by fall over Autumn Hill (Parkview/Albany) 2-10 (Fall

• Round 2 – Autumn Hill (Parkview/Albany) 2-10 received a bye (Bye)

• Round 3 – Marissa Klum (Westby) 8-5 won by fall over Autumn Hill (Parkview/Albany) 2-10 (Fall 0:12)

• 5th Place Match – Jewel Grosskompf (Ithaca/Weston) 2-2 won by fall over Autumn Hill (Parkview/Albany) 2-10 (Fall 0:34)

## Sydney Coyne (6-4) placed 3rd

• Round 1 – Sydney Coyne (Parkview/Albany) 6-4 received a bye (Bye)

• Round 2 – Kaylee Man-

ning (Ithaca/Weston) 2-0 won by fall over Sydney Coyne (Parkview/Albany) 6-4 (Fall

• Round 3 – Aslan Maule-Haucke (Kickapoo/La Farge/ Youth In.) 3-2 won by fall over Sydney Coyne (Parkview/Albany) 6-4 (Fall 0:54)

## WHITEWATER

At Whitewater (WI Challenge Series), Parkview/Albany had 6 wrestlers compete and the top 3 in each weight class qualify for JV State in Wausau on Jan 20. Placing 2nd and qualifying at 144 is Peter Roth. Trevor Haugen finished 4th. Casey Hume at 132, Balin Lacy at 138, and Jagger Wilke at 190 did not place.

## Trevor Haugen (4-5) placed 4th.

• Champ. Round 1 - Trev-

or Haugen (Parkview/Albany) 4-5 received a bye (Bye) • Quarterfinal - Trevor

Bruhn (Jefferson) 8-2 won by fall over Trevor Haugen (Parkview/Albany) 4-5 (Fall • Cons. Round 2 - Trevor

Haugen (Parkview/Albany) 4-5 won by fall over Phoenix Johnson (Darlington) 2-6 (Fall • Cons. Round 3 - Trevor

Haugen (Parkview/Albany) 4-5 won by fall over Mason Austin (Janesville Parker) 5-2 (Fall 2:32)

• 3rd Place Match - Trevor Bruhn (Jefferson) 8-2 won by fall over Trevor Haugen (Parkview/Albany) 4-5 (Fall

## Casey Hume (6-2) place is unknown.

FAMILY

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• Champ. Round 1 - Casey

Hume (Parkview/Albany) 6-2 received a bye (Bye) • Champ. Round 2 – Gavin

Sparks (Monona Grove/Mc-Farland) 4-1 won by fall over Casey Hume (Parkview/Albany) 6-2 (Fall 3:46) Cons. Round 2 – Casey

Hume (Parkview/Albany) 6-2 won by fall over Rylie Warren (Beloit Turner) 3-14 (Fall • Cons. Round 3 - Casey

Hume (Parkview/Albany) 6-2 won by fall over Alessander Arellano (Janesville Craig) 2-2 (Fall 1:28)

• Cons. Round 4 - Gavin Scheiwe-Redmond (Lake Mills) 4-6 won by decision over Casey Hume (Parkview/ Albany) 6-2 (Dec 12-8)

### Balin Lacy (4-6) place is unknown.

• Champ. Round 1 - Balin Lacy (Parkview/Albany) 4-6 received a bye (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 – Eddie Johnson (Madison East) 2-3 won by fall over Balin Lacy (Parkview/Albany) 4-6 (Fall

• Cons. Round 2 – Tayber Hanley (Milton) 5-7 won by decision over Balin Lacy (Parkview/Albany) 4-6 (Dec

## Peter Roth (11-13) placed

• Champ. Round 1 - Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over Luke Parisi (Stoughton) 0-2 (Fall 1:16)

• Champ. Round 2 – Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over Keegan Calhoun (Janesville Parker) 5-14 (Fall 0:31)

• Quarterfinal - Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over Braydon Martino (Watertown) 6-8 (Fall 0:51)

• Semifinal - Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 won by fall over Zach Hallman (Lakeside Lutheran) 6-3 (Fall



Sydney Coyne, at right, goes for a head throw at Kickapoo on Jan. 6. She placed 3rd at 235.



Autumn Hill, at left, went to Kickapoo to wrestle on Saturday, Jan. 6. She placed 6th at 114.

• 1st Place Match – Marcus Hebgen (Sugar River) 12-0 won by major decision over Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 11-13 (MD 12-4)

## Jagger Wilke (8-3) place is unknown.

• Champ. Round 1 – Jagger Wilke (Parkview/Albany) 8-3 received a bye (Bye)

• Champ. Round 2 - Jagger Wilke (Parkview/Albany) 8-3 won by fall over Brice Schwanke (Edgerton) 3-2 (Fall

Quarterfinal - Matthew by Joel Steinmann.

Pierce (Milton) 8-5 won by fall over Jagger Wilke (Parkview/ Albany) 8-3 (Fall 2:30)

• Cons. Round 3 – Alex Unke (Jefferson) 7-1 won by fall over Jagger Wilke (Parkview/Albany) 8-3 (Fall

Parkview/Albany will be back on the mat at home on Jan 11 for a triple dual with Princeton/Green Lake and Rio/Cam-Fr/Fall River/Rand. Wrestling to start at 5 p.m.

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Peter Roth, at left, at Whitewater on Saturday, Jan. 6. He placed 2nd at 144.

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Parkview/Albany win at Palmyra-Eagle duals (PARAL) over (HUST) (For.) was against the host team Pal-

start of the wrestling conference duals in Palmyra-Eagle along with Hustisford and

Parkview/Albany got off to an impressive start and kept it up all night to begin the conference season out 3-0. Slater Valley, Danny Finley, Casey Hume, Peter Roth, Jayden Anderson, Sam Schwengels, Wes Egan, Sam Vogt and Nick Stokstad were undefeated on the night.

## First Dual

In the first dual against Hustisford, Parkview/Albany

(PARAL) won the dual 60-18. • 138: Balin Lacy (PARAL) (HORI) (Fall 1:45) over (HUST) (For.)

• 144: Peter Roth (PARAL) over Gavin Peterman (HUST) (Fall 1:06)

• 150: Joe Beavers (HUST) over (PARAL) (For.)

• 157: Double Forfeit

• 165: Jayden Anderson (PARAL) over Hunter Jezwinski (HUST) (Fall 1:20)

• 175: Ethan Bryant (HUST) over (PARAL) (For.) • 190: Sam Schwengels (PARAL) over Shane Joeckel

(HUST) (Fall 0:19) 215: Wesley

(PARAL) over (HUST) (For.) • 285: Nick Stokstad (PARAL) over (HUST) (For.)

• 106: Adalyn Raue (HUST) over Lexi Hanson (PARAL) (Fall 4:48)

• 113: Trevor Haugen (PARAL) over (HUST) (For.) 120: Slater Valley (PARAL) over (HUST) (For.)

126: Danny Finley

• 132: Casey Hume myra-Eagle with Parkview/ (PARAL) over Kayla Mil- Albany winning 54-11.

## Second Dual

The second dual was against Horicon with Parkview/Albany winning 51-30.

likan (HUST) (Fall 0:28)

• 106: Lexi Hanson (PARAL) over Ruby Brandt (HORI) (Dec 5-3) • 113: Nathyn Erz (HORI)

over Trevor Haugen (PARAL) (Fall 4:29) Slater Valley 120:

(PARAL) over Rylan Erz (HORI) (Fall 1:53)

• 126: Danny Finley (PARAL) over Kylee Firari

• 132: (PARAL) over Brayden Schuenke (HORI) (Fall 1:42)

• 138: Cylus Hetzel-Sawyer (HORI) over Balin Lacy (PARAL) (Fall 3:11) • 144: Peter Roth (PARAL)

over Kayden Phillips (HORI) (Fall 1:12) • 150: Breckin Hinz (HORI)

over (PARAL) (For.) • 157: Ethan Strieff (HORI) over (PARAL) (For.)

• 165: Jayden Anderson (PARAL) over Quinton Brad-

ley (HORI) (Fall 1:34) • 175: Hunter Flick (HORI)

over (PARAL) (For.) • 190: Sam Schwengels

(PARAL) over (HORI) (For.) • 215: Wesley Egan (PARAL) over (HORI) (For.)

• 285: Nick Stokstad (PARAL) over (HORI) (For.)

## **Third Dual**

The final dual of the night ed by Joel Steinmann.

• 150: Double Forfeit

• 157: Double Forfeit

• 165: Double Forfeit

 175: Jayden Anderson (PARAL) over Lawrence Rupinski (PAEA) (Fall 0:35)

• 190: Sam Schwengels (PARAL) over Dylan Riener (PAEA) (Fall 1:07)

• 215: Sam Vogt (PARAL) over (PAEA) (For.)

• 285: Wesley Egan (PARAL) over Jaime Guevara

(PAEA) (Fall 0:45) • 106: Kyler Poulson (PAEA) over Lexi Hanson

(PARAL) (Fall 1:21) • 113: Trevor Haugen

(PARAL) over (PAEA) (For.) 120: Slater Valley (PARAL) over (PAEA) (For.)

• 126: Danny Finley (PARAL) over Devon Semrad (PAEA) (Fall 1:17)

• 132: Casey Hume (PARAL) over (PAEA) (For.)

• 138: Zane Sprager (PAEA) over Balin Lacy (PARAL) (Fall 1:18)

• 144: Peter Roth (PARAL) over (PAEA) (For.) (PAEA 285 sportsmanship -1.0)

On Saturday, Jan. 6 the girls headed north to the Kickapoo invite, with wrestling starting at 10 a.m. The JV boys headed to Whitewater for the JV state qualifier wrestling starting at 9 a.m. and the Varsity boys headed to Polo, Ill. for a tournament with wrestling to start at 9 a.m.

This article was contribut-

teams

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



The 2023-2024 varsity boys basketball team for Juda.

# **Alice in Dairyland** applications open

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,

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 fulltime 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.

land 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

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 expens-

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
- 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. Recog-

and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn gion. more at www.snhu.edu.

## 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 have to be graded with a tradileast 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 academic expectations and students in the Superior-Du- community engagement within luth. Minnesota, metropolitan nized as one of the "Most In- area. UW-Superior has more sonal support.

novative" regional universities than 50 program offerings, by U.S. News & World Report select online and graduate programs, competitive Division III athletics programs, continuing education, research and scholarship programs that support the community and re-

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

Michael Schliem of Brooklvn 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 tional letter grade.

Wartburg College, a fouryear 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 an environment of strong per-

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Please send all of the above in-

formation to:

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

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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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Ms. Karen Hogan c/o Attorney Walter E. Shannon

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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 land-owners within 100 feet will be notified separately by mail.

Sherri Waege 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 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Brodhead WI 53520

## MEETING AGENDA: 1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the

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3. Additions/Corrections to the

- 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
- Landfill contract
- 12. Updating accounting pro-

13. WTA District Meeting Road agreement with

Spring Grove on Airport road
15. Move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider 'employ ment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,' regarding the fol-lowing: Performance evaluation of patrolmen.

16. Future agenda items 17. Set Dates for Future Meet-

18. Adjournment

Emma Brugger Clerk/Treasurer

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### VILLAGE OF **OFORDVILLE** Liquor License Notice

Notice is herby given that the fol-lowing application is on file with the Village Clerk of the Village of Orfordville License will expire

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

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.

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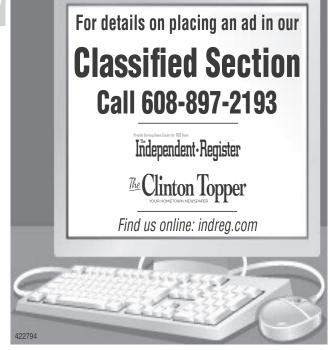
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# Bike Fed to host Ride Across Wisconsin fundraiser again this year

## 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 twoday 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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The ninth Ride Across Wisconsin will be Aug. 17 to 18. Registration opened in January.

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.

