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Benefit draws 300 people in support of VetsRoll trip to Washington, D.C.

By Tony Ends
CORRESPONDENT

Area friends and members of Orfordville's American Legion Post 209 passed another benefit milestone last week in the 15th year of the VetsRoll trip.

A record \$89,600 raised last Saturday evening, Feb. 10, pushed the Orfordville benefit total above \$500,000 raised since VetsRoll launched its mission in 2010. This was the 13th time the Wells-Davis-Young-Neal Legion Post in Orfordville hosted a benefit for VetsRoll.

The funds help sponsor a trip for military veterans to help them achieve closure, experience gratitude, and feel respect for sacrifices they made in national service, according to the VetsRoll.org website mission.

VetsRoll achieves this by underwriting trip expenses for 200 to 220 veterans and "Rosie the Riveters" to view Washington, D.C. monuments to those who served in the nation's foreign war efforts.

The annual trip held in May sends a 10-bus motorcade – 56-passenger, deluxe motor coaches from Badger Coaches of Madison – plus a media motor coach, and a support van with a wheelchair lift to the Capitol. The total entourage of 400 people in the caravan includes trip assistants, who pay their way, plus support staff, media, and drivers.

"I love the people of Orfordville," said Samantha Freitag, lead local VetsRoll benefit organizer, in a phone

interview Sunday. "They really turn out to support our veterans each year. So many people volunteer to help make this possible.

"We didn't have to buy anything; different organizations and a lot of individuals donated to this benefit, which the Legion graciously hosts," Freitag said.

This year's VetsRoll proceeds in Orfordville exceeded last year's record-setting \$70,640 raised, a 25% increase. More than 300 people came out to support VetsRoll last Saturday night. "It was a successful evening, for sure. Our record-setting evening included dozens of donations," Freitag said. "Notably, an anonymous donor gave a private jet flight to a Green Bay Packers game and eight regular season tickets, including limo service.

After seeing the success of the evening, he donated the same donation for a second group, bringing the total contributed to \$24,000." VetsRoll welcomes veterans (active duty by Dec. 31, 1966; stateside or deployed overseas and honorably discharged with DD214 certificate) to join the WWII veterans and the "Rosie-the-Riveters" as VetsRoll trip participants.

"The meat raffle sponsored by 'Friends of Ben Neal' brought in more than \$12,000 for the night," Freitag said. "Their volunteers handled everything connected with that portion of the benefit. They really do a great

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A tornado passed near Evansville on Thursday, Feb. 8.



Another view of the tornado near Evansville.



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Evansville resident Kevin McNeal catches a view of the tornado on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Tornado strikes near Evansville

A tornado touched down in Wisconsin near Evansville on Thursday, Feb. 8. It was the first ever tornado recorded for the state in the month of February.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado was spotted just between Evansville and Edgerton. It was an EF-2, a tornado described as "significant," with winds between 111 and 135 mph. This tornado took place from approximately 5:45 p.m. Thursday until 6:15 p.m. The tornado is estimated to have been on the ground for about 30 minutes, covering about 25 miles.

After the tornado touched down in Rock County near Evansville, it tracked northwest of Edgerton and dissipated in southwest Jefferson County, just west of Fort Atkinson.

Just before the Evansville tornado, an EF-1 tornado, with winds less than 110 mph, hit closer to Juda and Albany. This tornado was confirmed to have taken place just before 5:15 p.m. on Thursday evening. It was on the ground for approximately 9 miles over 14 minutes. Damage was reported to a number of struc-

tures, along with snapped or uprooted trees.

These tornadoes were part of a storm system that blasted across southern Wisconsin and other parts of the Midwest that brought strong winds, as well as lightning and even hail. Two other tornadoes were reported in Illinois.

At approximately 5:50 p.m. on Feb. 8, the Rock County Sheriff's Office along with the Evansville Fire District, Evansville EMS, Evansville Police Department, Brooklyn Fire District, Beloit Fire Department, Beloit Police Department, Janesville Police Department, Janesville Fire Department, Footville Fire Department, Fitchburg Fire Department, Stoughton Fire Department, Albany Fire Department, Verona Fire Department, Turtle Fire Department, Town of Beloit Fire Department, Brodhead Fire Department, Wisconsin DNR, Wisconsin State Patrol, Rock County Department of Public Works, Rock County Communications Center, SWEPT, American Red Cross, Mercy MD, and Rock County Emergency Management responded to reports of severe weather damage east and northeast

of Evansville.

As units began arriving in the area, they verified damage ranging from minor to major to several structures and out-buildings and encountered debris closing area roadways. Damage to power infrastructure caused outages spanning from west of Edgerton to Footville. Minor injuries were reported due to the storm.

With the power outages in the area, a warming shelter was established at the Evansville Fire Station.

The following roads were closed due to the tornado on Thursday: West HWY 14 from County M to County HWY H, County M from Territorial Rd to County HWY H, West HWY 59 from Tolles Rd to County HWY H, North Tolles from HWY 59 to HWY 14, North Wilde from HWY 59 to HWY 14, North Riley from HWY 59 to HWY 14.

At 8:57 p.m. on Feb. 8, Rock County Administrator Josh Smith declared an emergency for this event. Preliminary reports at the time indicated damage at several locations in and around Evansville.

All reported injuries were minor.

Many local and state resources have responded. In addition to the agencies listed above, City of Beloit Emergency Management and Public Information Officer, Dane County, Emergency Management, Wisconsin Emergency Management, City of Milton Police Department, Edgerton Police Department, Town of Fulton Police Department, Wisconsin Air Coordination Group, and Verizon Frontline Crisis Response Team also assisted.

As of 8:53 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, Highway 14 reopened for eastbound and westbound traffic. Several side roads remained closed at the time due to debris and other hazards. Authorities asked the public to avoid auxiliary roads.

Evacuated residents were told at that time that they should not return to their properties at this time. As non-evacuated residents assessed their properties, they reported damage to 211.

Rock County Emergency Management and local partners conducted preliminary damage assessments and

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E-4 Trevor Allen, who served in the Army from 2002 to 2005, was one of the Quilts of Valor awardees at the VetsRoll benefit at Orfordville American Legion Post 209 this past Saturday, Feb. 10.

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Sanders running for district attorney

Jason Sanders, a prosecutor in the Rock County District Attorney's Office, announced his candidacy for Rock County District Attorney in the November 2024 election. His current boss, long-term incumbent David O'Leary, simultaneously announced that he is not seeking re-election, and is endorsing Sanders for the office.

Sanders has a decade of experience in criminal trial work, as both a prosecutor and defense attorney, and currently prosecutes a wide variety of crimes, including homicide and drug offenses.

"Our neighbors deserve safer streets, which can only happen through vigorous prosecution of violent, dangerous offenses," said Sanders. "And our young people deserve a chance to correct themselves before they become lifelong criminals. If the people



Jason Sanders

of Rock County join the people in our courthouse by trusting me to do this job, our office will prioritize

aggressive prosecution of the violent and the dangerous, while embracing common-sense programs to help low-risk people turn their lives around."

O'Leary stated that it has been a privilege to serve as Rock County District Attorney for 28 years, and wants to thank his family and friends who have supported him over those years. O'Leary is proud of the work his office has done in protecting the community and giving a voice to the victims of crime. O'Leary added that he is confident that Sanders has the experience

and ability to continue to lead the DA's office in the future.

Sanders' campaign website, jasonsanders.org, lists several dozen endorsements for the position, including most of the current Rock County prosecutors, as well as many other local attorneys.

Sanders is a 2014 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, and was a teacher who coached football and basketball before deciding to go to law school. Sanders, his wife, and their children are Janesville residents. He is also the current Vice President of the Rock County Bar Association, and an enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe (Chippewa). District Attorney is a partisan election, and like O'Leary, Sanders is running as a Democrat in the general election on Nov. 5

Obituary

ROBERT BAKER

Dr. Robert "Bob" R. Baker, DVM, 71, of Oakfield, passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at his home.

He was born on March 3, 1952 to the late Roman and Coyla (Mead) Baker in New Richmond. He grew up on the family farm near Beloit. Bob graduated as valedictorian from Brodhead High School in 1970. He continued his education for two years at the University of Wisconsin-Rock County followed by one year at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Then four years at Iowa State University where he received his doctorate in Veterinarian Medicine. Bob was hired in July of 1977 at the Brownsville Veterinary Clinic.

He was an active member of the Oakfield FFA Alumni. Bob had a love for animals and helped many with their Fond du Lac County Fair animal projects. Bob enjoyed working and helping all of his clients he met over the years.



He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an avid baseball player. Bob loved to cook and bake. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and will be missed dearly.

Those Bob leaves behind to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 43 years, Julie Baker; four daughters, Shelly (Greg) Kottke, Melissa "Missy" Baker, Mickey (Nate) Oechsner, and Bobbie (Cory) Immel; five grandchildren, Megan Kottke, Marissa Kottke, Miranda Kottke, Natalie Oechsner, and Evan Immel; a brother, Stephen J. Baker; sister, Mary K. Baker; four sisters-in-law, Debbie (Rick) Schneider, Terry (Dan) Back-

haus, Cheryl Meisenheimer, and Audrey Hoover; two brothers-in-law, Mike (Jackie) Steger and Herman (Tuttie) Steger; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, LuAnn L. Baker, his aunt, Gwen Mead, his in-laws Herman and Velma (Shady) Steger, and his brother-in-law, Ricky Steger.

A celebration of life visitation was held on Friday, Feb. 9, from 3 until 7 p.m. at the Myrhum-Patten Funeral Home, 350 Main St., Lomira. Food and drinks were provided during the visitation.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral and Cremation Service has been entrusted with Bob's arrangements. Additional information and Tribute Wall may be found at www.myrhum-patten.com.

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Colton Buttke enlists in U.S. Navy

Colton Buttke, 2022 Brodhead High School graduate, completed his Recruit Training and graduated from Navy Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Ill. on Thursday, Jan. 4. Colton is currently training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C.

Police briefs

Janesville man found guilty at plea hearing

The Rock County District Attorney's Office announced that Christopher M.D. Senecal, age 26, was found guilty at a plea hearing held on Oct. 26, 2023, of five counts of Possession of Child Pornography. Evidence presented showed that Senecal possessed, viewed and disseminated thousands of images of Child Pornography.

The Rock County District Attorney's Office would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Janesville Police Department in conducting the investigation.

Mr. Senecal faced a maximum penalty of 25 years in the Wisconsin State Prison System per count of Possession of Child Pornography. At the sentencing hearing held Feb. 5, Mr. Senecal was sentenced to 30 years in the Wisconsin State Prison System, comprised of 6 years of initial confinement followed by 4 years extended supervision on each count (20 years total ES), which will all be served consecutively. Mr. Senecal will also be on the sex offender registry for fifteen years set to begin after Mr. Senecal serves his sentence in the Wisconsin State Prison System.

believes that the case highlights how, with the help of community members and law enforcement, the criminal justice system can address the issue of sexual assault of children in our society. Assistant District Attorney Alex Goullart prosecuted the case for the State of Wisconsin.

Name of Janesville man dead in crash released

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died following a motor vehicle crash on Feb. 5. The crash occurred at the intersection of Milton Ave. and I-90 EB, in the City of Janesville, and was reported to authorities at or about 2:41 a.m.

The individual can be identified as: Ronnie R. Jones, 35, Janesville.

Mr. Jones was pronounced deceased at the scene on Feb. 5. A forensic examination was completed on Feb. 5. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Mr. Jones died from injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

This incident remains under investigation by the Janesville Police Department and the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department.

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Sam Schwengels faces off against Kadin Rynes during the second place match.



Slater Valley faces off against Elliot Kite in the second place match.



PHOTOS COURTESY JOEL STEINMANN *Brodhead Independent-Register*
 Danny Finley faces off against Brody Miess during the first place match.



Wes Egan faces off against Bode Brokopp in the first place match.

Parkview/Albany advance four wrestlers to sectionals

On Saturday, Feb. 10, Parkview/Albany wrestlers traveled to Mineral Point for the Division III Regionals with the top four wrestlers in each weight class advancing to sectionals at Mineral Point on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024. Parkview/Albany had eight wrestlers competing: Slater Valley at 113, Danny Finley at 126, Balin Lacy at 132, Peter Roth at 138, Jayden Anderson at 157, Sam Schwengels at 190, Wes Egan at 215, and Sam Vogt at 285. Finley and Egan placed second, and Valley and Schwengels placed third. As a team, the top two advanced to team sectionals which were hosted by Fennimore on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Fennimore (with 292 points) and Iowa/Grant Highland (with 268 points) will compete for the team title and the right to go to team state March 2. Parkview/Albany finished in

fifth place out of 13 teams.

113 Slater Valley (41-7) placed 3rd

- Champ. Round 1 – Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 41-7 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 41-7 won by fall over Layne Hendrix (Lancaster) 19-18 (Fall 0:33)
- Semifinal – Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 41-7 won by fall over Jace Conner (Iowa-Grant/Highland) 8-11 (Fall 3:51)
- 1st Place Match – Lukas Orloff (Pecatonica/Argyle) 39-5 won by fall over Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 41-7 (Fall 3:24)
- 2nd Place Match – Elliot Kite (Mineral Point) 21-20 won by fall over Slater Valley (Parkview/Albany) 41-7 (Fall 3:56)

126 Danny Finley (45-3)

placed 2nd

- Champ. Round 1 – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 45-3 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 45-3 won by fall over Cole Pautz (Mineral Point) 11-21 (Fall 3:07)
- Semifinal – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 45-3 won by fall over Colton Tollefson (Fennimore) 22-12 (Fall 4:14)
- 1st Place Match – Brody Miess (Riverdale) 32-7 won by decision over Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 45-3 (Dec 3-0)
- 2nd Place Match – Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 45-3 won by no contest over Colton Tollefson (Fennimore) 22-12 (NC)

132 Balin Lacy (9-22) place is unknown

- Champ. Round 1 – Nolan Schoepp (Fennimore) 11-11

won by fall over Balin Lacy (Parkview/Albany) 9-22 (Fall 1:25)

- Cons. Round 1 – Balin Lacy (Parkview/Albany) 9-22 received a bye (Bye)
- Cons. Round 2 – Hunter Moe (Ithaca/Weston) 14-21 won by fall over Balin Lacy (Parkview/Albany) 9-22 (Fall 0:30)

138 Peter Roth (21-18) placed 6th

- Champ. Round 1 – Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 21-18 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Malin Hahn (Fennimore) 24-15 won by tech fall over Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 21-18 (TF-1.5 6:00 (16-0))
- Cons. Round 2 – Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 21-18 received a bye (Bye)
- Cons. Semi – Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 21-18 won by fall over Cameron Hogan (Boscobel/Wauze-

ka-Steuken) 5-19 (Fall 1:02)

- 5th Place Match – Quinten Kite (Mineral Point) 18-20 won by major decision over Peter Roth (Parkview/Albany) 21-18 (MD 9-0)
- Champ. Round 1 – Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 23-26 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Job Wetter (Boscobel/Wauzeka-Steuken) 30-6 won by fall over Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 23-26 (Fall 2:39)
- Cons. Round 2 – Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 23-26 received a bye (Bye)
- Cons. Semi – Jayden Anderson (Parkview/Albany) 23-26 won by fall over Brandon Miess (Riverdale) 11-26 (Fall 0:41)
- 5th Place Match – Logan Wolf (Lancaster) 31-16 won by fall over Jayden Anderson

(Parkview/Albany) 23-26 (Fall 0:40)

190 Sam Schwengels (46-2) placed 3rd

- Champ. Round 1 – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 won by decision over Darren Laufenberg (Iowa-Grant/Highland) 14-9 (Dec 6-3)
- Semifinal – Kadin Rynes (Riverdale) 28-6 won by decision over Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 (Dec 11-6)
- 3rd Place Match – Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 won by fall over Sawyer Swiggum (North Crawford/Seneca) 30-10 (Fall 0:43)
- 2nd Place Match – Kadin Rynes (Riverdale) 28-6 won by no contest over Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 (NC)

215 Wesley Egan (46-2) placed 2nd

- Champ. Round 1 – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 received a bye (Bye)
- Quarterfinal – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 won by fall over Jackson Seippel (Lancaster) 22-17 (Fall 3:22)
- Semifinal – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 won by major decision over Dalton Wolf (Fennimore) 35-9 (MD 13-3)
- 1st Place Match – Bode Brokopp (Iowa-Grant/Highland) 29-10 won by decision over Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 (Dec 4-1)
- 2nd Place Match – Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 46-2 won by no contest over Dalton Wolf (Fennimore) 35-9 (NC)

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BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
ALBRECHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
1400 21st Street, Brodhead, WI**

6:00 P.M.

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I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ABOUT THE APRIL 2 REFERENDUM

II. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

III. BUILDING TOURS

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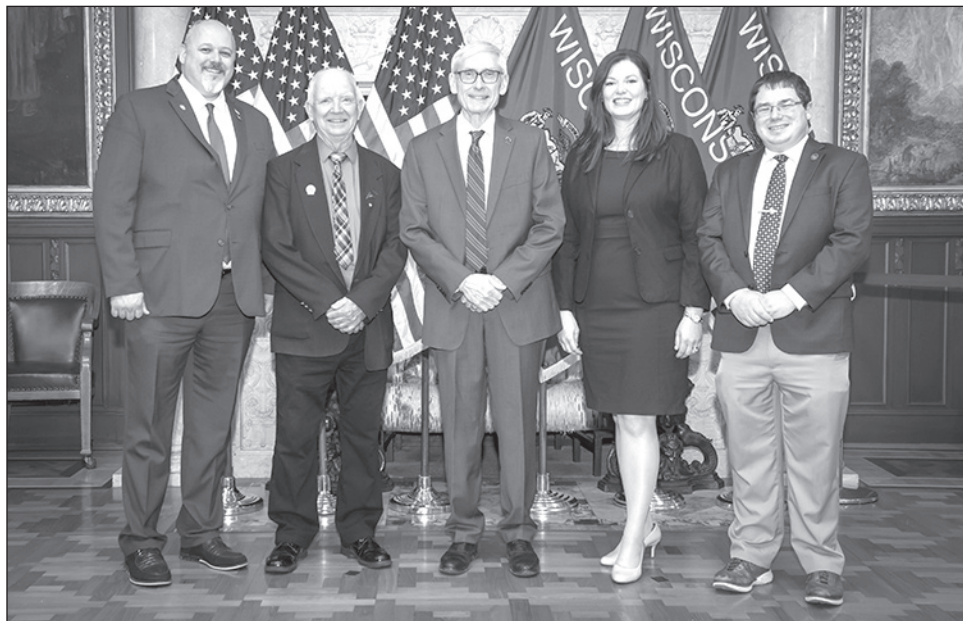
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Sen. Spreitzer applauds 2024 State of the State address by Gov. Evers

In late January, Governor Tony Evers delivered his sixth annual State of the State Address to the State Legislature. State Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement after the Governor's address:

"I was proud and honored to escort Governor Evers to his 2024 State of the State speech ... along with Rep. Jenna Jacobson. Thanks to Governor Evers and legislative Democrats, the state of our state is strong - and getting stronger every day.

"There is so much to be proud of today. I appreciated the opportunity to personally thank Governor Evers for working with the legislature and me over the past year to enact many strong bipartisan bills into law. Together, we have worked to enact a historic increase in state funding for local communities through shared revenue, created an agricultural roads improvement program, expanded access to affordable housing across Wisconsin, strengthened our state's farmland preservation program to support our farmers and protect our environment, and invested in our dairy producers and products. I am deeply grateful for the Gov-



PHOTOS SUBMITTED Brodhead Independent-Register
Senator Jesse James (far left), Representative James Edming (center left), Governor Tony Evers (center), Representative Jenna Jacobson (center right), and Senator Mark Spreitzer (far right) before the Governor's State of the State address.

ernor's strong leadership in helping to negotiate and secure these bipartisan accomplishments.

"In the final two months of our legislative session, there is much more to be done to support our state's economy and working families. I appreciate that Governor Evers declared 2024 the Year of the Worker to

continue supporting the hard-working people of our state. I look forward to working with Governor Evers and my legislative colleagues, and hope that we are able to come to a consensus on critical issues such

as investing in affordable child care and providing paid family and medical leave in Wisconsin. I look forward to building on last year's strong bipartisan wins in the final months of the legislative session."



State legislators and other state leaders listen to Governor Tony Evers deliver the 2024 State of the State address.



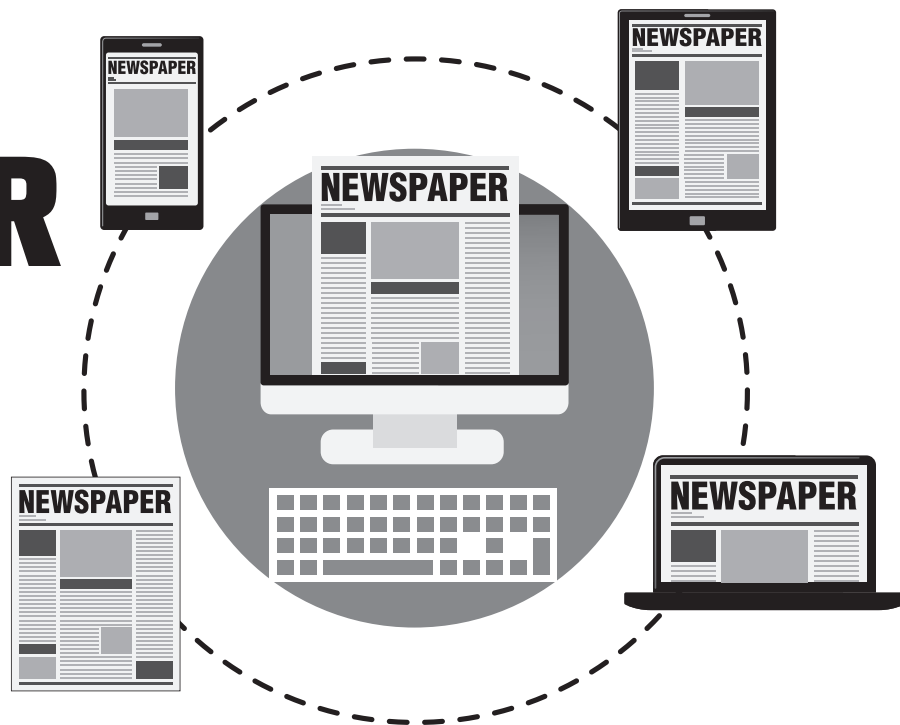
Representative Jenna Jacobson (left) and Senator Mark Spreitzer (center) accompany Governor Tony Evers (right) to the 2024 State of the State address.

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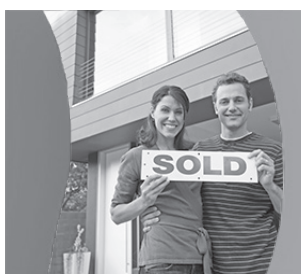
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• Tornado (Continued from front page)



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Locals took photos of the damage to the surrounding area near Evansville on Friday, Feb. 9, after the tornado on Thursday.

worked to clear the area. All Evansville Community School District schools were closed Friday “due to the storms and loss of power,” according to a Friday morning Facebook post from the schools.

Residents were asked to cooperate with damage assessors. The Wisconsin Air Coordination Group performed a flyover across the affected area. The Rock County Sheriff’s Office Unmanned Aerial Systems Team also flew drones to survey damage.

As of 12:34 p.m. on Feb. 9, Territorial Road reopened. Several side roads remained closed. These roads were marked by barricades.

A significant number of area residents and businesses were offering donations.

A press conference was held at 3 p.m. on Feb. 9, at the Evansville ACE Hardware. Residents impacted by the Evansville tornado were encouraged to attend the Porter

Town Hall Meeting at 5 p.m. on Feb. 9, at Evansville Fire District located at 425 Water Street.

As of the morning of Saturday, Feb. 10, all roads, except Gibbs Lake Road, had reopened. Local authorities scaled down the Command Post established after the Evansville tornado. Law enforcement maintained an increased presence in the affected area.

For property access and other non-life-threatening law enforcement needs, residents in the affected area should call the Rock County Communications Center non-emergency line: 608-757-2244. Residents should continue to dial 211 for damage reports and unmet resource needs.

On Saturday, Rock County Emergency Management arranged for porta potties and pallets of bottled water at Porter Town Hall at 8809 N. Wilder Road in Evansville, and Yahara Valley Elementary

School at 8643 N. Raymond Road in Edgerton for residents and volunteers involved in cleaning up after the Evansville tornado.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, at 12:45 p.m., local authorities received notification from electrical companies working in the affected area that Gibbs Lake Road would reopen sometime during that afternoon.

Over the next week after the tornado, residents should expect intermittent power outages on Highway 59, Caledonia Road, and Gibbs Lake Road as electrical companies conduct repairs in the area.

The Rock County Sheriff’s Office has received information about kayakers on the Yahara River and Badfish Creek. They have not had an opportunity to survey these waterways for debris and hazards. They strongly advise against paddling the Yahara River and Badfish Creek at this time.



• Benefit (Continued from front page)

job.” Freitag also expressed gratitude to auctioneer John Hoolapa for his contributed services in the fundraiser.

A VetsRoll trip to Washington, D.C., consists of four days (always the Sunday to Wednesday before Memorial Day weekend).

There is zero cost to the

veterans, and assistants pay \$550 for their transport, room, and board during the trip.

All veterans who joined the military May 1, 1975, or earlier and were active duty and honorably discharged are eligible to apply for participation in VetsRoll, according to the event’s website. There

is a considerable waiting list, so veterans who are ages 85 and older as of May 15 will bypass the waitlist. Ages 84 or younger will go on the waitlist in the order their information is received.

The cost to send a veteran on a VetsRoll journey is about \$850. Thus, the benefit held in Orfordville is essential.

World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam era veterans, with “Rosies” who have taken this journey, now number 2,470 and have come from 38 states. Trip expenses VetsRoll benefits defray include 7,690 hotel rooms, 58,200 meals, and 337,000 miles veteran participants have traveled.

Veterans and “Rosies” who helped war efforts have come in greatest numbers from Rockford, Ill.; Janesville, and Beloit to participate in VetsRoll journeys.

VetsRoll.org got its start on Feb. 1, 2010. John and Kimberly Finnegan, with Mark and Darlene Finnegan, co-owners of Finnegan’s RV Center in South Beloit, Ill., came up with the VetsRoll idea. They wanted to honor their parents Cy and Barbara Finnegan for their World War II service.

Cy was born in Litchfield, Minn., and was a WWII Navy veteran in the South Pacific Philippine War Theater. Barbara is a lifetime resident of Beloit and worked as an Army Signal Corps civilian office employee as a de-coder for the War Department in Arlington, Va. She later worked as a wiring cable lacer at Jorgensen Engineering in Beloit until the end of the war. Barbara was treated as a “Rosie-the-Riveter” (the mostly women who went into the work force during WWII to allow more men to head overseas; keeping U.S. factories running at capacity and indirectly leading to the Allied victory).



TONY ENDS PHOTOS *Brodhead Independent-Register*

This year’s VetsRoll benefit enjoyed the help of The Lincoln Academy’s Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students who volunteered to help with raffle tickets.



Molly Wellnitz and Mike Rath help display items for auction during the fundraising benefit and raffle for VetsRoll. Top prize this year was made possible through an anonymous donor, and it included two separate prizes of 6 tickets each to see the Green Bay Packers play, including rides to the games on a private jet. The two bundles of tickets sold for \$12,000 each.



VetsRoll fundraiser coordinator Samantha Freitag praised the wider Orfordville and Rock County community, both for volunteering to help with the benefit, and for packing the American Legion Post in support of the trip to Washington, D.C., and in appreciation of all military veterans and service members.

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