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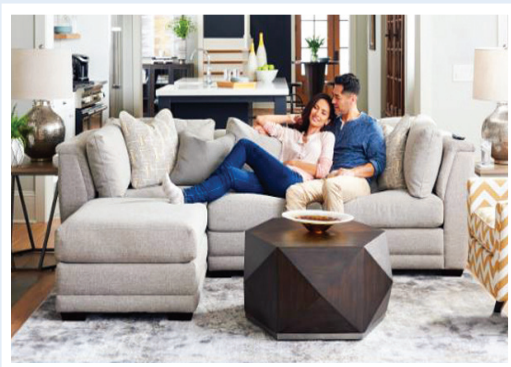
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Police briefs

Single vehicle crash leads to driver fleeing

On March 15, at approximately 12:06 a.m. Rock County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle traffic crash in the area of 2410 N. Burdick Road, Town of Janesville.



David Douglas

The driver fled from the crash scene and was later located with the use of the drone. The driver was identified as David Douglas, 60, from Janesville.

David displayed signs of impairment and after the investigation was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

David has four prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making this arrest his 5th Offense, which is a felony. David was transported to the Rock County Jail and was scheduled for Jail Court on Monday, March 18 at 3 p.m.

Sex offender relocation to Janesville

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Erick A. Olson will be relocating to



Erick Olson

Rock Valley Community Programs, 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, on March 22.

Olson was convicted on Feb. 14, 2007, of Sexual Exploitation of Children, 06CR193, and Possession of Child Pornography, 06CF193 in Western District Court, and on Nov. 1, 2007, of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, 06CF257, in Douglas County.

While residing at 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, conditions of Olson's supervision include, but are not limited to: No unsupervised contact with minors; No contact with victim; Not to consume drugs; Comply with Standard Sex Offender Rules; Cooperate with Electronic Monitoring; Comply with all requirements and be a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is not responsible for the placement of this sex offender in any manner; however, by law, they are required to provide public notice. For further information regarding the placement of this offender, please contact the Department of Community Corrections at 608-758-6075 or refer to the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry website at

www.wistaysafe.gov.

Name in officer involved incident revealed

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is confirming the name of the individual that died following an officer involved incident on March 1.

The incident occurred near the 1200 block of North Parker Drive in the City of Janesville, and was reported to authorities at or about 9:54 p.m.

The individual has been identified as Andrew J. Zigler, 52, of Janesville.

Mr. Zigler was pronounced deceased at the scene on March 2. A forensic autopsy was completed on March 3. Preliminary results from the autopsy confirm that Mr. Zigler died from firearm related trauma. Additional testing is underway at this time.

This death remains under investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department.

RCSO offers boater education safety course

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their first 2024 Boater Safety Education Course on

March 26, from 6 to 7 p.m., and April 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rock County Fairgrounds - Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville. Students will need to attend both sessions to graduate.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, is required to complete a Boater Safety Education Course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters. It is recommended that participants are at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly after the class.

Registration is now open. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat at <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/boater-education>

Class size is limited to thirty students. Upon submission of the registration form, the submitter will see an on-screen confirmation message with course information.

The course fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the first session. If the student is under 18 years old, a parent/guardian will need to attend the first session with the student. Students will receive course materials at the first session. Please direct any questions to Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Get training as a storm spotter

Rock County Emergency Management will be sponsoring the 2024 Storm Spotter Training Class on Wednesday, March 20, at Edgerton High School, provided by the National Weather Service at no cost to the public.

The presentation covers how to safely spot storms, what needs to be reported, how to communicate reports, clouds to watch, and NWS products and resources.

The event will be in the commons area at Edgerton High School at 200 Elm High Drive, on March 20 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. No registration is needed.

For more information about the National Weather Service Storm Spotter training program, please visit the Sky Warn Spotter page at: <http://www.weather.gov/mkx/spotter-schedule>.

Officer involved death occurred after car chase

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death in Beloit, that occurred the morning of Saturday, March 16.

At approximately 9:27 a.m., an alleged jacking suspect fled Illinois law enforcement traveling north into the City of Beloit. Police officers from the City of Beloit assisted in the vehicle pursuit. Officers from the Village of Roscoe, Ill. and City of Beloit attempted a vehicle containment maneuver to stop the vehicle. The subject rammed their vehicle into a Roscoe police officer's squad car. A Roscoe police officer fired their weapon striking the subject. Life-saving measures were performed. The subject was transported to a local hospital where they were later pronounced deceased.

A Roscoe police officer was transported to an Illinois hospital where they were treated for minor injuries and released. No other officers

were injured.

The City of Beloit and Roscoe police officers were wearing body cameras during the incident.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office, City of Beloit Fire Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin State Crime Lab, a DCI Crime Response Specialist, and members of DCI's Digital Evidence Unit. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Rock County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

The investigation is ongoing and no further information is currently available. Further information will be released when it becomes available.

Please direct all media inquiries to Wisconsin DOJ.

Shots fired incident in Milton leads to arrest

At 7:36 p.m., on March 13, patrol personnel responded from the City of Milton Police Department, Janesville Police Department, Rock County Sheriff's Office, Town of Fulton Police Department, and Wisconsin State Patrol to a shots fired call at 33 Northside Drive, Milton.

These responding officers established a perimeter and started evacuating the other units within the apartment building. Initial reports indicated another individual was unaccounted for and potentially with the suspect.

The City of Milton Police Department requested the Rock County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team who arrived on scene and assumed command of the incident. The Rock County Sheriff's Office Hostage Negotiations Team responded and attempted contact with the suspect. The Rock County Sheriff's Office obtained a search warrant for the suspect's apartment. At 11:50 p.m., Rock County Sheriff's Office personnel located the other individual safe in a separate unit.

All attempts to contact the suspect went unanswered. The Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team entered the apartment and did not locate the suspect within. The

Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team searched a storage area within the building and located the suspect. At 1:11 a.m., the suspect was taken into custody without incident. There is no threat to the public. The investigation is ongoing.

In addition to the above, the City of Beloit Police Department supplied the Rock County Bearcat with a driver and a Tactical Operations Unit operator and their Incident Command Trailer.

During investigation it was determined one single round was fired during the incident. The single round fired did enter another apartment within the complex. The suspect taken into custody was identified as 53-year-old John Diggles of Milton. He was arrested on the following charges:

- 1st Degree Reckless Endangering Safety (2 Counts)
- Possession w/ Intent to deliver THC <=200G
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

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Parkview/Albany wrestling celebrates season at awards night

By Joel Steinmann
COACH AT PARKVIEW/ALBANY
"Just one more" is my favorite saying! But this one will be the final one after 21 years at Parkview/Albany and 26 years of coaching. It's time to step back and slow down a little bit. There is a lot of talent coming up and it will be fun to watch them from the stands.

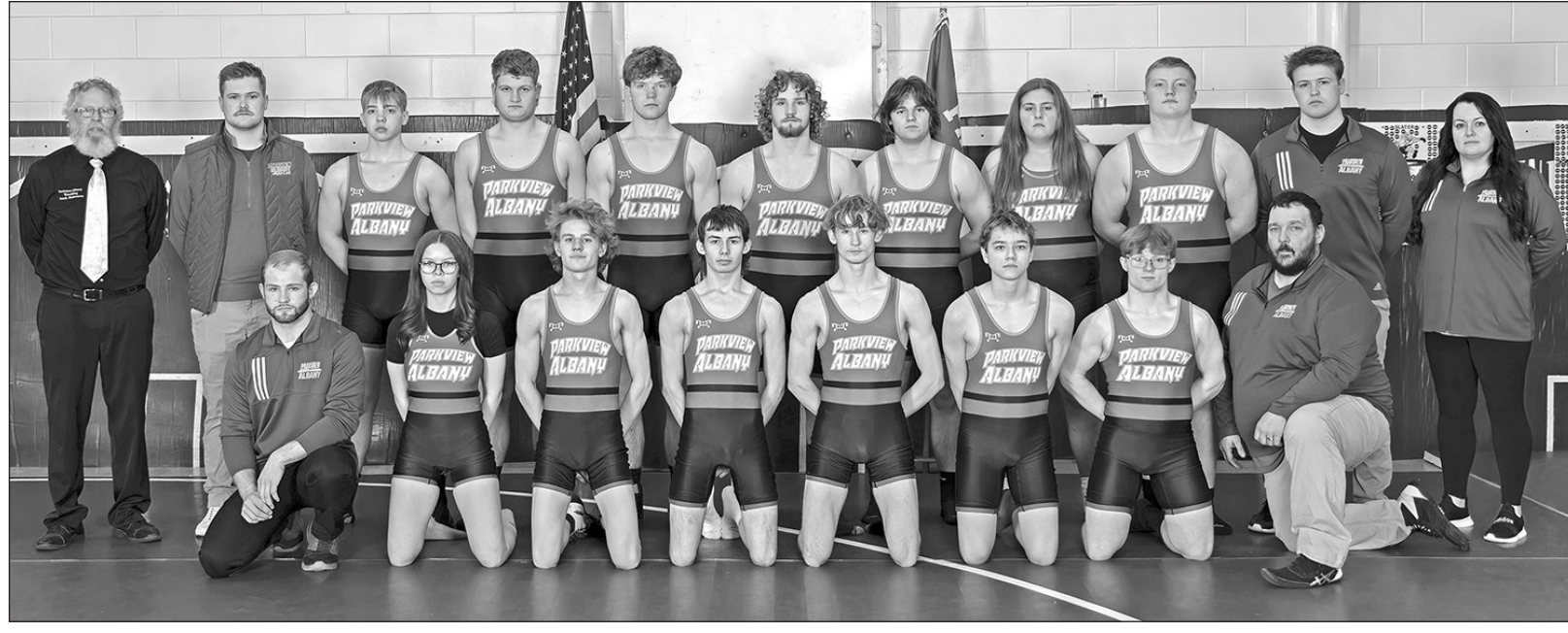


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Parkview/Albany held their awards night for 2023-2024 wrestling on Wednesday, March 13.

The 2023-2024 Parkview/Albany wrestling awards night was held on Wednesday, March 13.

Thank you to the coaching staff of Byron Brown, Gavon Brown, Heather Clarke, Al Stark, and Wyatt Egan along with our junior high coach Brett Zimmerman and our youth coach Shawn Constantini. I want to thank Connor Nolen and Ian Suer for taking time to come up and work with the wrestlers. Thank you to John Rice for being there at the tournaments to help keep the kids in order and with keeping score! The success we had again this year is because of the hard work these coaches have done. Bottom to top, top to bottom is just phenomenal and thank you so much for that.

Also, without working in the school I rely on the ladies in the office to help me with any issues that come up throughout the season - Brandi Koehler and Mary Crane. Thank you, ladies! Also, thank you for the support from Mr. Allen and Mr. Abrahamson and Richi and the custodial and maintenance staff.

A big shout out to Marcia Schwengels for helping with the coolers. That was a big help for sure. Thank you to Sarah Egan for helping me each week with writing the articles to send in to the papers, Heather Clarke for all the great photos, and Leah Haugen for helping me with

the awards again this year!

To the Albany School District: especially Derik Doescher, Stuart Ritzert and Amy Hollis, your great support for the team has been awesome. You all have been willing to help when asked, thank you all so much for that. Also, congratulations to Derik and his ladies in winning the state tournament!!

Thank you to Maggie Wohlfert and the Parkview Boosters for always being there to support the team. We would not be as successful as we are without you all!

Thank you to all the coaches' wives, girlfriends, and husband for allowing us to work with the kids. I know a lot of time is given and the support is well appreciated. I want to make a special thank you to my family: Sidney, Nik, Koel Laken, Noah, and Joie for helping out at home while I was away! But especially to my wife Val; I know it wasn't easy but you always knew my love for the sport

but more for the love of the kids. You never complained and I love you for that. Thank you so much for letting me do this!

As we all know girls wrestling has just about doubled in the state of Wisconsin from last year and we were a part of that, we started with four girls and had three stick out the season and I hope it will keep growing. Kate Brown would have been very proud of these young ladies for sure! We have been blessed this year to have Heather step up to the challenge and work with the ladies. It will be fun to watch them grow.

Team accomplishments

- **Team Duals:** 17-7 and 6-0 in conference duals and back-to-back trailways south champions.
- **Boys' tournaments:** Oakfield 2nd place, Mount Horeb 5th, Polo 7th, Monroe 9th, Laconia 4th, Conference 4th and Regionals 5th
- **Girls' tournaments:**

Wisconsin Dell no team score, Mount Horeb no team score, Kickapoo 14th, Wisconsin challenge 68th, Lad Huskies 9th and conference no team score.

• **Letter awards:** Balin Lacy, Peter Roth, Ayda Klein, Jagger Wilke, Autumn Hill, Trevor Haugen, Slater Valley, Sam Vogt, Wes Egan, Sydney Coyne, Danny Finley, Jayden Anderson, Sam Schwengels, Nick Stokstad.

Team voting awards and academic awards

- **All team Academics:** Slater Valley, Danny Finley, Balin Lacy, Peter Roth, Jagger Wilke, Sam Schwengels, Sam Vogt and Sydney Coyne
- **All State Academics:** Slater Valley, Peter Roth, Sam Schwengels and Sydney Coyne
- **All American Award:** Sam Schwengels
- **Alumni Pride:** Trevor Haugen, Ayda Klein, Balin Lacy, Jayden Anderson, Sydney Coyne, Nick Stokstad

• **End of the year rankings:** Danny Finley and Sam Schwengels 7th, Wes Egan and Sydney Coyne 6th

• **100 wins:** Sam Schwengels 125 and Wes Egan 131

• **BDN Honorable mention:** Peter Roth (138-150)

• **BDN 1st Team:** Slater Valley 113, Danny Finley 126, Sam Schwengels, 190, Wes Egan 215 and Sydney Coyne 235 Girls

• **BDN All Area Male Wrestler:** Sam Schwengels

• **All Conference 1st team:** Danny Finley 126, Sam Schwengels 190, Wes Egan 215 and Sydney Coyne 235

• **All Conference 2nd team:** Autumn Hill 107 and Slater Valley 113.

• **Trailways Conference Male wrestler of the year in the south:** Sam Schwengels

• **JV State qualifier:** Trevor Haugen (2x) and Peter Roth

• **Sectional qualifier:** Slater Valley (2x), Danny Finley (2x), Samuel Schwengels

(3x), Wesley Egan (3x)

• **State qualifier:** Danny Finley, Samuel Schwengels (2x) 6th place, Wesley Egan (2x) 5th place and Sydney Coyne

• **Inaugural Girls team:** Autumn Hill, Ayda Klein and Sydney Coyne, Coaches Heather Clarke and AL Stark

• **Fastest Pin:** Sam Schwengels 0:10 (2x)

• **Most Pins:** Wes Egan 32 Junior record and overall record.

• **4-year letter award:** Jayden Anderson and Sam Schwengels

• **Hein's Most Improved:** Sam Vogt

• **Underclassmen:** Peter Roth

• **McNair Most Dedicated:** Danny Finley

• **Captains:** Jayden Anderson, Danny Finley and Sam Schwengels

• **Most Valuable Wrestler:** Sam Schwengels

It's been an honor to coach at Parkview/Albany! Bless you all.

Parkview/Albany youth wrestlers going to state

Parkview/Albany Youth Wrestling Club is sending nineteen youth wrestlers on to the WWF Kids Folkstyle State Championships in Madison this upcoming weekend. Nineteen out of 29 youth wrestlers made the Regional Podium the previous weekend in Evansville.

Advancing on to State will be Rylee Huffman 60#, Holly Wollin 74#, Gatlin Morris-Bird 48#, Trace Haugen 54#, Weston Graham 63#, Jackson Allen 69#, Kyron Smith 85#, Casen Cavitt 105#, Deacon Spooner 120#, Tatem Constantini 72#, Jackson Butzler 90#, Clay Paffel 95#, Emerson Schmidt 120#, Westin Huffman 70#, Nolen Rebman 125#, Rylan Aasen 150#, Tavin Bomkamp 145#, Elijah Gunn 160#, Jimmy Merritt 235#.

Make a positive impact: Give blood this spring

As spring approaches, the American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets now to continue to strengthen the national blood supply. People of all blood types - especially those with type O blood - are critical to ensuring hospitals can meet the daily demand for lifesaving transfusions.

During Red Cross Month in March, the Red Cross celebrates the volunteers and blood and platelet donors who are critical to ensuring those in need receive relief and care. Help can't wait - to book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Additionally, the Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures to celebrate the epic

new film, Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire, and to invite donors to rise together and give blood.

When donors share by giving March 25 to April 7, they'll get an exclusive Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire and Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Green County Juda

• Wednesday, April 24: 1 to 6 p.m., Juda High School, N2385 Spring St.

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• Monday, March 25: 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St.

Report: IRS Direct File program could save Wisconsinites \$141M

The money-saving Direct File pilot program was created as part of the Inflation Reduction Act and is currently open in 12 pilot states

A new report by the Economic Security Project details how an expansion of the new IRS Direct File program could save Wisconsinites \$141 million in annual filing fees and generate \$339 million in value for the state.

The IRS Direct File pilot program launched earlier in March in 12 states, creating a free and easy way for many Americans to file their annual tax returns. In addition to saving taxpayers time and money in preparing their returns, the Direct File program also makes it easier for individuals and families to claim tax credits they qualify for.

The program was created as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, which is already helping Wisconsinites keep more money in their pockets by capping prescription drug prices, lowering energy rates, and more.

"Thanks to the Inflation Re-

duction Act, many Americans now have access to a free and easy way to file their tax returns. Expanding the Direct File program to Wisconsin will save millions and help working families access tax credits and keep more of their hard-earned money," said Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh.

Direct File is the Internal Revenue Service's revolutionary new project to provide free, simplified, public online tax filing for the first time in U.S. history. The program launched in 2024 with a pilot program that is intentionally restricted in scope to a small share of the taxpayers that could ultimately benefit from the service. At scale, its potential benefits for American taxpayers are extraordinarily large. A public option for tax filing, Direct File can make the tax preparation market more equitable, inclusive, and competitive.

This report is the first to estimate the total financial benefits of the Direct File program for American taxpayers.

It finds that, at maturity in five years, Direct File would save the average user \$160 in filing fees and hours of their time each year, which saves Americans a total of \$11 billion annually between filing fees and time costs. By breaking down barriers to filing, Direct File would also deliver up to \$12 billion each year in additional tax credits to low-income families currently missing out.

These savings represent an enormous return on investment given the small net cost of the program. For every dollar invested in the program, Direct File delivers \$106 in benefits to American taxpayers, between savings on tax preparation fees and access to untapped tax credits. Few programs deliver this kind of bargain.

Specifically, Direct File would deliver two types of benefits to taxpayers:

- Saving tax preparation costs and time for existing filers. Direct File could save existing tax filers \$8 billion in filing fees and an addition-

al \$3 billion in time costs. In addition, it could spare more than 400,000 filers a year from the stress of IRS correction proceedings and audits. This does not even consider additional gains to these taxpayers in terms of increased privacy and not having their data sold to third parties.

• Closing the tax credit uptake gap. Direct File could meaningfully close the long-standing refundable credits coverage gap - tax benefits like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) that low-income households are entitled to but do not claim. In total, Direct File could deliver \$5-12 billion in federal refunds per year to families who currently do not file returns. If EITC and CTC expansions from the American Rescue Plan were re-enacted, this figure would increase to \$19-47 billion per year. These estimates do not consider additional federal credits, or additional benefits from state credits and refunds that currently go unclaimed.

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State farmers attend national convention

Hundreds gather in Arizona to shape national policy

Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU) members were in Scottsdale, Arizona, this week for the National Farmers Union 122nd Anniversary Convention. Hundreds of farmers and ranchers from throughout the nation gathered March 10 to 12 to set the family farm organization's 2024 policy.

"Amidst the challenges and opportunities facing our agricultural communities, Farmers Union remains steadfast in our commitment to amplifying the voices of family farmers," WFU President Darin Von Ruden said. "As we gather at the National Farmers Union Convention, we honor our rich legacy while striving to shape policies that safeguard the livelihoods of future generations."

Wisconsin Farmers Union received several accolades from the main stage, including commendation from National Farmers Union President Rob Larew for their 'steadfast growth.' Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency's Senior Agriculture Advisor to the Administrator, Rod Snyder, recognized WFU Executive Director Julie Keown-Bomar for her role in an Eau Claire visit from EPA Administrator Michael Regan.

Representing WFU as delegates in the deliberation of policy were Paul Adams, Eleva; Linda Ceylor, Catawba; Joe Childs, Boscobel; Michael Slattery, Maribel; and Darin Von Ruden, Westby. Krist Kvalheim of Sun Prairie guided delegates through the policy process as convention parliamentarian, and Patty Edelburg of Scandinavia served on the NFU Policy Committee.

At the convention opening banquet, National Farmers Union (NFU) presented Dennis Rosen of Emerald, Wis., along with Rodney Allebach

of Minnesota and Linda Jones Borton of Ohio with Awards for Meritorious Service to Farmers Union and to American Agriculture, the highest honor presented by Farmers Union.

Rosen, a retired St. Croix County dairy farmer, served as WFU president from 1988 to 1994 and provided strong and stable leadership throughout his tenure. Following his presidency, Rosen continued to serve on the WFU Board of Directors, representing his district for 41 years.

"Dennis is a true family man, and when you have someone that serves that many years in a leadership position, he hands down a lot of good things to the folks that follow," said Von Ruden while presenting the award. "Because of Dennis's leadership, the State of Wisconsin still has a Farmers Union in it."

WFU Director of Development Danielle Endvick received the Bruce Miller Membership Award. The award recognizes individuals within Farmers Union who display a true passion for family farming and rural America, while promoting the work of Farmers Union. Endvick is a Chippewa County beef farmer and served as WFU's Communications Director for nine years before transitioning into development.

Hannah Alden of Dorchester, Melissa Mahon Stein of Soldiers Grove, and Mallaidh Mleziva of Manitowoc attended the convention as the final event in a year-long commitment to the NFU Beginning Farmer Institute.

Dave and Meghan Greenfield of New Richmond and Skye and Dylan Bruce of Ferryville attended the convention as participants in the Farmers Union Enterprises Leadership Program.



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Representing Wisconsin Farmers Union at the National Farmers Union Convention in Scottsdale on March 10 to 12 were, left to right, (front row) Darin Von Ruden, Westby; Grace Clardy, Eau Claire; Melissa Mahon Stein, Soldiers Grove; Michelle Ramirez-White, Madison; Mallaidh Mleziva, Manitowoc; (second row) Paul and JoAnn Adams, Eleva; Lori Mercer, Snohomish, WA; Danielle Endvick, Holcombe; Linda Ceylor, Catawba; Hannah Alden, Dorchester; Krist Kvalheim, Sun Prairie; and Dylan Bruce, Ferryville; (back row) Matthew Conte, Eau Claire; Patty Edelburg, Scandinavia; Catie and Dave Rosen, Glenwood City; Dennis Rosen, Emerald; David Greenfield, New Richmond; Camryn Billen, Eau Claire; Michael Slattery, Maribel; Joe Childs, Boscobel; and Tommy Enright, Amherst. Not pictured: Skye Bruce, Ferryville, and Meghan Greenfield, New Richmond.

Other members of the Wisconsin delegation included JoAnn Adams, Eleva; Camryn Billen, Eau Claire; Linda Ceylor, Catawba; Grace Clardy, Eau Claire; Matthew Conte, Eau Claire; Patty Edelburg, Scandinavia; Tommy Enright, Amherst; Michelle Ramirez-White, Madison; Dave and Catie Rosen, Glenwood City; Debbie Rosen, Emerald; and Michael Slattery, Maribel.

"Product of USA" Labeling and Local Meat Capacity

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the finalization of a rule to align the voluntary "Product of

USA" label claim with consumer understanding of what the claim means.

Secretary Vilsack also announced USDA is awarding \$9.5 million to 42 projects through the Local Meat Capacity grant program to expand processing options for the meat and poultry industry and new actions to ensure transparency and a fair and competitive market in the U.S. seed industry.

"Today's announcement is a vital step toward consumer protection and builds on the Biden-Harris Administration's work to bolster trust and fairness in the marketplace where smaller processors can compete," said Agriculture Secretary Tom

Vilsack. "This final rule will ensure that when consumers see 'Product of USA' they can trust the authenticity of that label and know that every step involved, from birth to processing, was done here in America."

Following a full program of speakers and sessions, delegates took part in the democratic policy debate that is fundamental to Farmers Union's structure. This grassroots process informs NFU's advocacy work throughout the year. The Wisconsin delegation was pleased to have language passed that urges Congress to pass a farmer-led, incentive-based milk production growth plan to match milk supply with profitable

market demand.

During the policy debate, delegates approved six special orders of business:

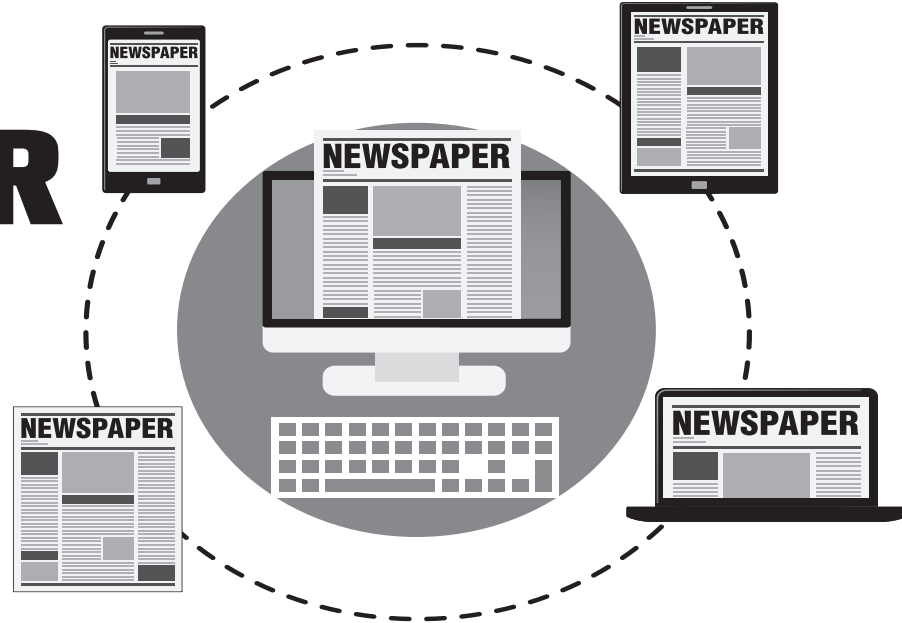
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President Joe Biden visits Milwaukee

On Wednesday, March 13, Wisconsin welcomed President Joe Biden to Milwaukee to celebrate historic infrastructure investments that will transform Sixth Street, a north-south artery through the heart of the city, and reconnect communities that have historically been left behind.

Later, in downtown Milwaukee, President Biden joined Democratic leaders and volunteers to mark the opening of the Wisconsin Democratic coordinated campaign headquarters – one of 44 Democratic offices statewide – as he highlighted the stark difference between his work to protect our freedoms, our economy, and our democracy and Donald Trump’s campaign of revenge and retribution. President Biden also underscored his commitment to protecting Social Security and Medicare as Trump threatened earlier this week to slash both programs.

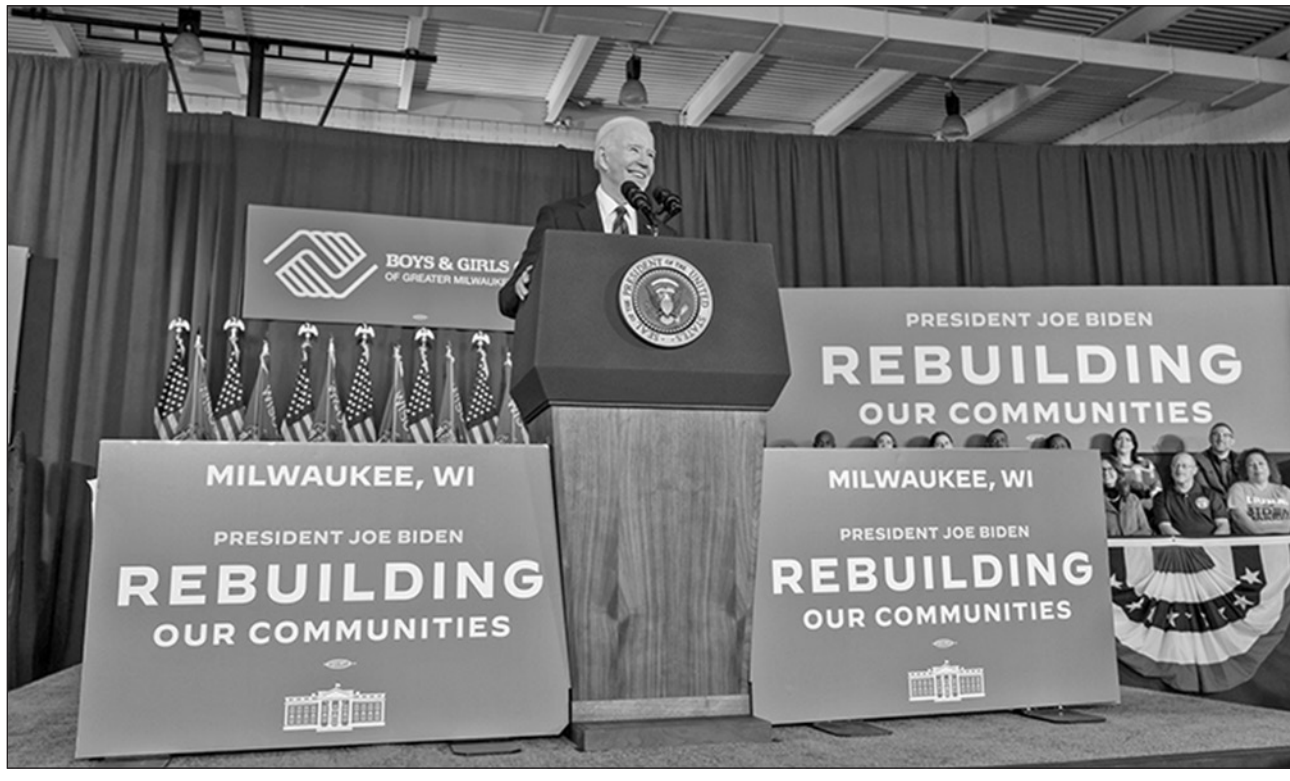


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Wisconsin welcomed President Joe Biden to Milwaukee on Wednesday, March 13. He was there to announce an investment of \$3.3 billion for projects in 42 states.

On the airwaves

• Spectrum News (Milwaukee): “President Joe Biden back in Wisconsin on Wednesday, and he brought a big announcement with him from the White House, confirming plans to spend \$3.3 billion in more than 100 communities nationwide, Milwaukee and Madison included, helping to reconnect and rebuild out there. President Biden was adjacent to one of those projects in Milwaukee Wednesday, \$36 million to improve the city’s Sixth Street corridor from North Avenue to National Avenue.”

• WTMJ (NBC – Milwaukee): “After the visit here at the Boys and Girls Club, it was off to a campaign office that just opened up in Milwaukee. Take a look, it’s game on now for President Biden. This is his first campaign stop in Milwaukee and it was to pump up the base and sort of thank supporters who are going to be there in

this new office.”

• WISN (ABC – Milwaukee): “Announcing some \$3.3 billion across the country, some 140+ projects, local infrastructure projects like we’re seeing here at the Sixth Street here in Milwaukee, just outside this Boys and Girls Club. In terms of major renovations, some \$36 million in federal funds now allocated to this project from the infrastructure law. The President unveiling those details, talking about them here moments ago.”

In print

Urban Milwaukee

Excerpt from: Biden Promotes ‘Life-Changing Improvements’ in Milwaukee Visit by Jeramey Jannene

President Joe Biden rolled into Milwaukee Wednesday afternoon to announce a federal grant that will pay to re-

build a key north-south artery through the middle of the city.

“Here in Milwaukee, there will be \$36 million in federal funding to rebuild 6th Street,” said Biden. He ticked off a list of improvements including protected bike lanes, improved bus access, an expanded tree canopy and reduced stormwater runoff. “These are life changing improvements.”

The event, held on a stage decorated with “Rebuilding Our Communities” banners, recognized the White House’s \$3.3 billion allocation to cities across the country through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Access and Equity programs.

Biden was introduced by Ray Hill, executive director of the King Drive Business Improvement District. She said her grandfather, Lawrence Hill, saw his restaurant,

Larry’s Luncheon, on W. Walnut Street demolished when 6th Street was widened in the 1960s. The widening was followed by even greater demolition to construct Interstate 43 as a parallel.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Excerpt from: President Joe Biden’s trip to Milwaukee brings campaign home to the Democrats’ crucial ‘blue wall’ by Molly Beck

President Joe Biden returned this week to the so-called “blue wall” that was crucial to his 2020 victory as he looks to build momentum for his reelection effort – a two-day trip through Wisconsin and Michigan that began in the battleground of Milwaukee. ...

At a Boys and Girls Club north of downtown, Biden argued his administration would reverse the destruction

of the Black middle class by rebuilding neighborhoods, including the Sixth Street corridor which will benefit from a nearly \$40 million federal investment to convert the thoroughfare into a more pedestrian-friendly area. ...

“The story of Bronzeville here in Milwaukee is one that we see all across the country. Our interstate highway system laid out in the ‘50s was a groundbreaking connection of a nation’s coast to coast,” Biden said at Pieper-Hillside Boys and Girls Club on North Sixth Street West Cherry streets. “The purpose of it was to transform the way people live, work and travel. Instead of connecting communities, it divided. These highways actually tore them apart.”

The Hill
Excerpt from: Biden rallies

crowd by citing Trump’s remarks on Social Security costs by Alex Gangitano

President Biden rallied a crowd in Milwaukee Wednesday by citing former President Trump’s recent remarks suggesting he’s open to cuts to Medicare and Social Security.

“Just this week, Donald Trump said cuts to Social Security and Medicare are on the table. When asked if he’d change his position, he said quote, there’s a lot we can do in terms of cutting, tremendous amount of things we can do. End of quote,” Biden said.

“I want to assure you, I will never allow it to happen,” he added during a visit to the critical swing state of Wisconsin.

The Washington Post
Excerpt from: Biden aims to repair places left broken by previous economic strategies by David J. Lynch and Cleve R. Wootson, Jr.

President Biden, speaking Wednesday in a community that he cited as a painful example of racist urban policy, highlighted a new economic strategy aimed at revitalizing places that for decades have been cut off from the nation’s growing prosperity.

Biden spoke at a Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee in a largely Black and Latino neighborhood where 17,000 homes and 1,000 businesses were destroyed in the 1960s to make way for an interstate highway. The president’s trip, which includes a stop in Michigan on Thursday, is part of an effort to court minority voters in states that are key to his political future.

In conjunction with the Midwestern swing, the White House unveiled \$3.3 billion in federal grants to remove or retrofit highways that separate minority neighborhoods in many cities from jobs, entertainment centers, hospitals and other services.

Gov. Evers takes action on 15 Senate bills

On Thursday, March 14, Gov. Tony Evers took action on 15 bills, including Senate Bill 99, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 106, which would provide additional eligibility for funding under the Clean Water Fund Program by expanding options for municipalities to fund water quality improvement projects.

“Since Day One, my administration has been working to ensure that every Wisconsinite, no matter their ZIP code, can trust the water from their tap is clean, healthy, and safe,” said Gov. Evers. “I’m proud to be signing a bill today that will expand the Clean Water Fund Program, helping ensure communities across the state have the resources they need to bolster their infrastructure and replace and modernize aging systems.”

The Clean Water Fund Program provides affordable financial assistance to municipalities throughout Wisconsin for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects that protect and improve public health and water quality for current and future generations. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Department of Administration have administered the program since 1991, providing over \$5.5 billion in financial assistance to Wisconsin municipalities.

Senate Bill 99, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 106:

Provides additional eligibility for funding under the Clean Water Fund Program.

In addition to signing Senate Bill 99, Gov. Evers also took action on 14 other bills, including:

Senate Bill 624, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 107:

Provides an alternative method for a municipality to establish a solid waste facility’s proof of financial responsibility requirement.

Senate Bill 866, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 108:

Makes several changes to the electronic waste recycling program related to manufacturer target recycling weights, manufacturer reporting, eligible electronic devices, good faith progress toward a target recycling weight, and manufacturer fees.

Senate Bill 34, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 109:

Requires the DNR to designate the full weekend prior to the third Monday in January as a weekend when license and fee requirements to fish in the state are waived.

Senate Bill 136, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 110:

Increases the cap on county supplemental snowmobile trail maintenance aid from the current limit of no more than three

times the per mile maximum to no more than five times the per mile maximum.

This would increase the supplemental aid limit from the current rate of \$900 per mile to \$1,500 per mile.

Senate Bill 255, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 111:

• Eliminates the requirement that wetlands that benefit from the in lieu fee program be open to the public; and

• Ensures that, to the extent practicable, there is no net loss of public access to wetlands.

Senate Bill 411, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 112:

Allows a person to transport a dressed or filleted game fish from inland or outlying waters if they provide a physical or digital photograph upon request that proves the time and date of the photograph and physical evidence of the fish’s length prior to the head and tail being removed.

Senate Bill 415, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 113:

Changes the expiration date of annual vehicle admission receipts issued by the DNR from the last day of the calendar year for which they were issued to the final day of the 12th month following the month of issuance, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 310, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 114:

Adds identification cards issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to the list of evidence that can be provided to validate domiciliary intent for the purposes of verifying an individual as a resident of the state for DNR online license approvals.

Senate Bill 586, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 115:

• Allows for a person to hunt a wild animal with an airgun in a season open to hunting that animal with a firearm; and

• Defines airgun to mean a weapon originally manufac-

tured to expel one or more metal projectiles by the expansion of compressed air.

Senate Bill 587, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 116:

Statutorily defines muzzle-loading firearm as it applies to hunting to mean a firearm that shoots a projectile loaded exclusively from the muzzle.

Senate Bill 744, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 117:

Makes changes to the tuition grant program for National Guard members to make the program less burdensome by providing upfront tuition payments rather than reimbursements.

Senate Bill 381, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 118:

Allows the required six hours of in-person preadoption training to be completed through a live videoconference.

Senate Bill 520, now 2023

Wisconsin Act 119:

Expands the definition of those eligible to be kinship caregivers to include adults with a “like-kin” relationship with the child, as well as first cousins once removed.

“Like-kin” would be defined to include an individual who has a significant emotional relationship with a child or the child’s family that is similar to a familial relationship.

This would include an individual who is identified as kin or like-kin, according to a Tribe, in the case of a Native American child.

The definition would not include current or former foster parents for placement purposes.

Senate Bill 741, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 120:

Implements a number of recommendations from the Wisconsin Ethics Commission regarding the operations of the commission and the laws that it administers.

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Magnolia Christian Church
County Hwy A & State Rd. 213

SPRING HYMN SING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 - NOON - 2 P.M.
— Soup & Sing-Along —

No fee, no registration.
If you want to call & RSVP, we'll be better prepared for soup count.
Call or text Dave at 608-558-8894.

451641

EASTER SERVICE DIRECTORY

These houses of worship invite you to renew your faith this Easter:



JOHN 3:16 - FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Join Us for Easter Service
Sunday, March 31
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



7150 N. Weary Road
Evansville, WI
OakGroveChurch.com

452403

Oakley-Union UMC
P.O. Box 95
W2388 Gerber Road • Juda, WI 53550
Pastor Jadyne Manjrekar

Easter Services
Good Friday at 5 p.m.
Easter worship at 9 a.m.

452410

LIVING WORD CHURCH
3825 South Cty. Rd. T • Brodhead, WI
Pastor Russ Doebler

Good Friday Service 7 p.m.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
10 a.m. Worship Service

Come & celebrate with us!

452411

Brodhead United Methodist Church

- **March 24 - Palm Sunday** •
Worship at 9 a.m. • Easter Egg Hunt
- **March 28 - Holy Thursday** •
Worship at 6 p.m.
- **March 29 - Good Friday** •
Worship at 6 p.m.
- **March 31 - Easter Sunday** •
Breakfast at 8 a.m. • Worship at 9 a.m.

501 1st Center Ave., Brodhead • Pastor Francois Mukosa

452412

FOOTVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST
117 Church Street, Footville, WI 53537
608-466-4710

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. service
- Also streamed online

452413

Holy Week at St. John's Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday Weekend
Saturday, March 23 at 5 pm and Sunday, March 24 at 9 am

Maudy Thursday Worship
Thursday, March 28 at 5 pm and 7 pm

Good Friday Worship
Friday, March 29 at 12 pm
(Community-Wide Service, hosted at Creekside) and 7 pm (Service of Darkness at St. John's)

Holy Saturday
All-day prayer vigil (no 5 pm worship service)

Festival Easter Sunday Worship
Sunday, March 31 at 6:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am
Easter breakfast served 7:30-8:30 am
Easter egg hunt for children at 8:15 am

312 S. Third St., Evansville, WI
Across from Levi Leonard Elementary School.
You're invited! Guests expected.

452397

JUDA ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH
N2350 Church St., Juda, WI

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
1:30 p.m. - Easter Musical: "One Voice" free performance!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
March 28 - 6 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29
1:30 p.m. - Easter Musical: "One Voice" free performance!

EASTER SUNDAY
8 a.m. - Sunrise Service
9 a.m. - Breakfast served by our Youth Group
A free will offering will be taken.

452399

ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 N. Main St., Orfordville • 608-879-2575

LUTHER VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
7107 S. Luther Valley Rd., Beloit • 608-879-2934

Join us for Holy Week!
Pastor Tom Kreis

Maudy Thursday Worship - March 28
Combined Worship Service at Luther Valley Lutheran Church: 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship - March 29
Combined Worship Service at Luther Valley Lutheran Church: 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service - March 31
6:35 a.m. at Nelson Family Farm, 8842 Plymouth Church Rd., Orfordville

Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion
Orfordville Lutheran Church: 8 a.m.,
Luther Valley Lutheran Church: 10 a.m.
Pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (gluten-free available)

452408

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
410 E. State Street, Albany

EASTER DAY:
March 31 - 8 a.m.

452409

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & SILENT SUPPER
Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m. - Join us for this brief service. A simple supper of soup and bread will be enjoyed in silence by candlelight in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service.

EASTER DAY SERVICES
Sunday, March 31 - Easter Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m.
Son-Rise Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Regular Service at 10 a.m.

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at **Easter**

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF EVANSVILLE RESOLUTION #2024-08

Amending the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule – Administrative Fees for Building Permits

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes section 66.0628(2) holds, Evansville Municipal Code Sec. 18.4(b) provides that all building permit and inspection fees shall be set by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-01 updating building permit fees did not include administrative fees or residential accessory uses; and

WHEREAS, edits to fees established in Resolution 2024-01 are needed to reflect allowed uses in Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Evansville that the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule is amended, effective upon adoption, as follows:

	Building Permit	New Fee	Prior Fee
(12)	Detached Garage or Sheds/Accessory Buildings (>150 sq. ft.)	\$0.19 per sq ft (Min. Fee \$182.00) + Mechanical Costs	\$0.19 per sq ft (Min. Fee \$182.00) + Mechanical Costs
(31)	Administrative Fee -- Residential	15% of total building permit cost	n/a
(32)	Administrative Fee – Commercial buildings less than 10,000 sq ft	20% of total building permit cost	n/a
(33)	Administrative Fee – Commercial buildings more than 10,000 sq ft	30% of total building permit cost	n/a
(34)	Residential Accessory Structures and Minor Alterations (Fences, Siding, Roofs, Sheds <150 sq ft, Window/Door Replacements)	\$50.00	\$50.00

Passed and adopted this 12th day of March, 2024.

Dianne C. Duggan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leah L. Hurtley, City Clerk

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CITY OF EVANSVILLE RESOLUTION #2024-07

Amending the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule – Swimming Pool Rates

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes section 66.0628(2) holds, "Any fee that is imposed by a political subdivision shall bear a reasonable relationship to the service for which the fee is imposed;"

WHEREAS, the costs to maintain pool operations has increased.

WHEREAS, the City has a priority on providing top notch services and amenities to residents and users.

WHEREAS, the City is excited to welcome the opening of a new and expanded aquatic center and splash pad, creating the widest variety of recreation amenities to date for citizens.

WHEREAS, Staff recommends increasing and imposing fees to reflect continued increased maintenance and staffing costs of facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Evansville that the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule is amended, effective upon adoption, as follows:

86	Fees - Swimming Pool Rates	Old Rate	New Rate
	Seasonal Pass-Resident	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Seasonal Pass-Non Resident	\$75.00	\$85.00
	Seasonal Household Pass (up to 4)-Resident	\$120.00	\$180.00
	Seasonal Household Pass (up to 4)-Non Resident	\$180.00	\$275.00
	Additional Household Member-Resident	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Additional Household Member-Non Resident		\$15.00
	Daily Rate - Resident	\$4.00	\$5.00
	Daily Rate - Non Resident	\$5.00	\$6.00
	Daily Rate Last 30 minutes	\$1.00	\$2.00
	Lap Swim – Resident (season pass not honored)	\$2.00	\$3.00
	Lap Swim Punch Card – Resident (season pass not honored)		\$20.00
	Lap Swim – Non Resident (season pass not honored)		\$4.00
	Lap Swim Punch Card – Non Resident (season pass not honored)		\$30.00
	Splash Pass – Resident (6-10 Admissions)	\$20.00	\$45.00
	Splash Pass – Non Resident (6-10 Admissions)		\$55.00
	Swimming Lessons - Resident (1st Lesson per household)	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Swimming Lessons - Resident (Additional lessons per household)	\$45.00	\$40.00
	Swimming Lessons – Non Resident (1st Lesson per household)		\$65.00
	Swimming Lessons – Non Resident (Additional lessons per household)		\$50.00
	Private Lessons – Resident (per half hour)	\$15.00	\$20.00
	Private Lessons – Non Resident (per half hour)	\$15.00	\$30.00
	Swim Team- Resident (per child)	\$60.00	\$80.00
	Swim Team- Non-Resident	\$70.00	\$100.00
	Group Rate (10 or more)- Resident	\$2.00	\$3.00
	Group Rate (10 or more)- Non Resident		\$4.00
	Pool Parties (per person) (season pass not honored)		\$5.00
	Private Facility Rental Per Hour-Resident	\$100.00	\$200.00
	Private Facility Rental Per Hour-Non Resident		\$250.00
	Private Facility Rental -Cabana Only		\$50.00
	Swim Pass Replacement	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Forgotten Pass	\$2.00	
	Evening Pass Resident	\$2.50	\$3.00
	Evening Pass Non Resident		\$4.00
	Non-Resident Tax Reimbursement for swim lessons- (Per household)	\$15.00	
	Non-Resident Tax Reimbursement for swim team (Per Household)	\$10.00	
	Sat Swimming Lessons- (Parent/Child) per lesson no-reservation Drop in Aquatic Classes and Lessons	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Water Aerobics	\$3.00	
	Water Aerobics Punch Card (10 Classes)	\$20.00	
	**Veterans pay no fees during the 2023 season		
	**Veterans pay no fees during the 2024 season		
	**Seniors (65+) receive a 50% discount on all fees during the 2023 season		
	**Senior Citizen (65+) Seasonal Pass - Resident		\$50.00
	**Senior Citizen (65+) Seasonal Pass - Non Resident		\$75.00
	**kids 3 and under are free		
	**Free 2024 household season passes for Capital Campaign donations \$1,000 or above as part of Recreation for Generations, must show valid certificate		

Passed and adopted this 12th day of March, 2024.

Dianne C. Duggan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leah L. Hurtley, City Clerk

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CITY OF EVANSVILLE RESOLUTION #2024-06

Amending the City of Evansville's Stormwater Fee

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes section 66.0628(2) holds, "Any fee that is imposed by a political subdivision shall bear a reasonable relationship to the service for which the fee is imposed;"

WHEREAS, the last adjustment for fees was in 2021;

WHEREAS, over time the continued use of stormwater fees to pay for all stormwater infrastructure adjustments to the rate become necessary; and

WHEREAS, to continue stormwater services, infrastructure improvement and enforcement, the rates must be increased as of April 1st 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Evansville that the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule is amended, effective April 1st, 2024, as follows:

Table 18
Projected Impact of CIP on Typical Residential Utility Bill
City of Evansville, WI

Year	Stormwater				Utility Bill (Annual)	Change Over Prior Year	% of MHI (70,828)	Year
	Increase	Storm User Charge	Utility Bill (Monthly)	Change Over Prior Year				
		Per ERU						
2022		5.28	\$ 5.28		\$ 63.36		0.09%	2022
2023	10.00%	5.81	\$ 5.81	\$ 0.53	\$ 69.72	\$ 6.36	0.10%	2023
2024	35.00%	7.84	\$ 7.84	\$ 2.03	\$ 94.08	\$ 24.36	0.13%	2024
2025	28.50%	10.07	\$ 10.07	\$ 2.23	\$ 120.84	\$ 26.76	0.17%	2025
2026	15.00%	11.58	\$ 11.58	\$ 1.51	\$ 138.96	\$ 18.12	0.20%	2026
2027	15.00%	13.32	\$ 13.32	\$ 1.74	\$ 159.84	\$ 20.88	0.23%	2027
2028	12.00%	14.92	\$ 14.92	\$ 1.60	\$ 179.04	\$ 19.20	0.25%	2028
2029	3.00%	15.37	\$ 15.37	\$ 0.45	\$ 184.44	\$ 5.40	0.26%	2029
2030	3.00%	15.83	\$ 15.83	\$ 0.46	\$ 189.96	\$ 5.52	0.27%	2030
2031	3.00%	16.30	\$ 16.30	\$ 0.47	\$ 195.60	\$ 5.64	0.28%	2031
2032	3.00%	16.79	\$ 16.79	\$ 0.49	\$ 201.48	\$ 5.88	0.28%	2032
Total Change over planning period				\$ 11.51	\$ 138.12			

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST Village of Orfordville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 5.84, Wisconsin Statutes, that a test will be conducted on the electronic voting equipment to be utilized in the Village of Orfordville for the April 2, 2024 Spring Election. This test is being conducted to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all candidates. The test shall be conducted by processing a pre-audited group of ballots so marked as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate. The test will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. This test is open to the public. Persons desiring instructions for the use of the electronic voting machines are welcome to attend.

Sherri Waege
Village Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY

SHARI SMITH,
Plaintiff
and

GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY and QUARTZ HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS CORPORATION,
Involuntary Plaintiffs,

v.

KALLISTIN ROSE DELORME and ARTISAN & TRUCKERS CASUALTY COMPANY,
Defendants

Civil Code: 30107
Case No.: 24-CV-144

Summons By Publication

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN:
TO: Kallistin Rose DeLorme,
Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff(s) named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 45 days after March 13, 2024, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is

Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton Street, Madison, WI 53703, and to Atterbury, Kammer & Haag, S.C., Alexander S. Kammer, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 8500 Greenway Blvd., Ste. 103, Middleton, WI 53562. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within 45 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 12 day of March, 2024.

ATTERBURY, KAMMER & HAAG, S.C.
/s/ Alexander S. Kammer
Alexander S. Kammer
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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
Monday, March 25th, 2024
At the Orfordville Fire Station
173 North Wright Street,
Orfordville, WI
6:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Old business:
4. New Business: 1) Rural Residential (R-R) Land Division to maintain R-R zoning at 5537 S. County Rd. T / W. Church Rd., of a 2 acre R-R parcel, Tax ID: 036 001562; Parcel Number 6-18-266.1, R&S Town N Country Homes LLC, 1801 6th Street, Monroe 53566-1155, for a pro-

posed land division of one R-R zoned 40,000 sq.ft. to 1.08 acre parcel for sale to neighbors Jared Condon and Amanda Fulton, 18502 W. Church Rd Tax ID 036 001563; Parcel Number 6-18-266.2 zone R-R. 2) Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Certification

5. Building Permits: 1) Tyler Standish 16803 W. Dornier Rd., Detached Accessory Building for parcel 6-18-27.3, 2) Jeremy Manley 14812 W. Hafeman Rd., Detached Accessory Building for parcel 6-18-240.1 3) Kristofer Nordeng 1825 S. St. Hwy 104, Interior Remodeling-kitchen for parcel number 6-18-42

6. Audience communication:

7. Adjournment

Chris Duemler
Chairman

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NOTICE TO CITY OF BRODHEAD RESIDENTS

PUBLIC TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC TEST of the automatic tabulating equipment will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** at City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. This equipment will be used at the **Spring Primary** to be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**. This public test is open to the general public and includes a demonstration of the Image-Cast Evolution (ICE) electronic voting system.

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Sen. Mark Spreitzer welcomes 2024 Senate Scholar to State Capitol

On Thursday, March 14, State Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) welcomed Jadynd Gibson, the 2024 Senate Scholar for the 15th Senate District, to the State Capitol.

Jadynd Gibson is a senior at Beloit Memorial High School, who plans to major in political science in college and later attend law school.

"I was proud to welcome Jadynd to the State Capitol this week and to congratulate her on being selected as the 2024 Senate Scholar for our district," said Sen. Spreitzer. "Jadynd's selection as a Senate Scholar is a testament to

her hard work, impressive academic achievements, and diverse community involvement. I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with Jadynd to discuss her enthusiasm for state government and politics, and I look forward to seeing all that she accomplishes in the future."

The Senate Scholar Program allows high school juniors and seniors from around the state to participate in a week-long, intensive program at the State Capitol in the spring.

Only 33 students are admitted to this program every

year – one for each Senate district.

Senate Scholars meet with legislators and legislative staff, legislative service agencies, the Governor's staff, a Supreme Court Justice, the media, and more. The Scholars also attend a Senate floor session and participate in a mock committee hearing on legislation that they have drafted.

Wisconsinites may find more information about the program and application materials online at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/ssgt/senate-scholar>.



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Senator Mark Spreitzer (left) meets with Senate Scholar Jadynd Gibson (right) in the Wisconsin State Capitol.

State Democrats oppose bipartisan bill on TikTok

By Peter Cameron
THE BADGER PROJECT

A bipartisan bill that would force a Chinese company to sell its stake in the popular TikTok social media platform or face a ban easily passed the U.S. House on Wednesday, March 13.

With an overwhelming vote of 352-65, the House sent the bill to the Senate, where it must pass before requiring the president's signature. President Joe Biden has said he will sign it.

Republicans voted in favor of the bill 197-15, while Democrats voted in favor 155-50.

All six of Wisconsin's GOP representatives vote yes on the bill. Rep. Mike Gallagher, a Republican from the Green Bay area who is retiring from Congress when his term ends at the end of the year, introduced the bill earlier this month.

The outgoing Gallagher chairs a new committee focused on the competition between the U.S. and China.

"This is my message to TikTok: break up with the Chinese Communist Party or lose access to your American users," he said in a press release announcing the bill. "America's foremost adversary has no business controlling a dominant media platform in the United States. TikTok's time in the United States is over unless it ends its relationship with CCP-controlled ByteDance."

ByteDance is the Chinese company that owns a controlling interest in TikTok. China is not really Communist anymore, though the word still exists in the controlling party's name. The country is still very authoritarian, as the government is unrestricted from taking extreme action against private businesses or citizens.

Nothing would prevent the Chinese government from accessing TikTok users' data, critics say, or from using the platform to push propaganda to its users.

U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher, Republican from the Green Bay area, introduced the bill. He is retiring from Congress at the



Mark Pocan



Gwen Moore



Mike Gallagher

in Washington.

Both of Wisconsin's two Democratic U.S. representatives voted against the bill.

"We need

end of the year.

ByteDance says about 60% of the company is owned by global institutional investors, including the American financial giants Susquehanna International Group and BlackRock. It also says three Americans sit on its 5-person board. The company's CEO has said it will exercise its legal rights to fight the bill.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which oversees the United States' intelligence agencies, reported in its Annual Threat Assessment released in February that TikTok accounts run by the "propaganda arm" of the Chinese government targeted candidates from both political parties during the 2022 election in the U.S.

"Beijing's growing efforts to actively exploit perceived U.S. societal divisions using its online personas move it closer to Moscow's playbook for influence operations," the report states.

China does not allow foreign social media companies to operate within its borders. Former President Donald Trump's administration had previously opposed Chinese ownership of TikTok. Federal courts stopped its attempted ban.

Now Trump has changed his stance and is opposing action against TikTok, apparently because he doesn't want its major American competitor Facebook "doing better," he wrote on his own social media platform Truth Social last week. Critics have also questioned Trump's connections with billionaire and GOP mega-donor Jeff Yass, who owns a stake in ByteDance.

The bill has scrambled some of the usual hyper-partisanship

to address data privacy across all social networks, including American companies like Meta and X, through meaningful regulation that protects freedom of expression," Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison) wrote on X, formerly Twitter. "Not just single out one platform."

Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) said in a press release that she understood the national security and other concerns raised by ByteDance's ownership of TikTok.

"However, I could not take the extraordinary measure of singling out a single social media platform, impacting the rights of millions of Americans," she continued. "There are better ways to address any legitimate concerns, including long overdue work to improve data privacy and security for every American across all platforms, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to do so."

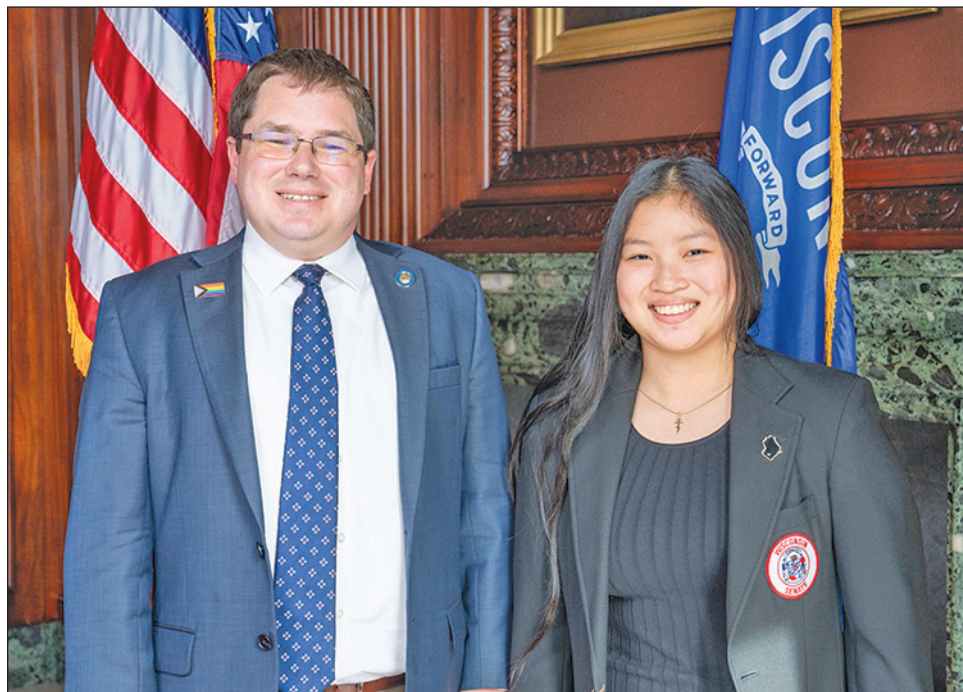
Big tech and social media companies remain largely unregulated in the U.S., and they employ armies of lobbyists to remain that way. Bills on issues such as enforcing age minimums and mandating privacy on social media companies like TikTok, Facebook and Instagram have repeatedly failed to advance in Congress.

TikTok is extremely popular with younger folks, and its user base is growing fast.

The federal government bans TikTok on government-owned devices, as does Wisconsin and many other states.

The University of Wisconsin System banned TikTok on school-owned devices in 2023.

The Badger Project is a nonpartisan, citizen-supported journalism nonprofit in Wisconsin.



Senator Mark Spreitzer (left) and Senate Scholar Jadynd Gibson (right) in the Wisconsin State Senate Parlor.

Spreitzer, Anderson speak on AI legislation

On Tuesday, March 12, bipartisan legislation introduced by Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) and Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) to provide important safeguards against the misuse of new artificial intelligence technologies in Wisconsin elections passed the Wisconsin State Senate. 2023 Assembly Bill 664 requires that any audio or video communication paid for by candidates or other political entities includes a clear disclosure if the communication contains synthetic media that is substantially produced by generative artificial intelligence.

This bipartisan legislation was led by Representative Anderson and Senator Spreitzer along with Senator Romaine Quinn (R-Cameron) and Representative Adam Neylon (R-Pewaukee). AB 664 was previously passed by the State Assembly on February 15, and will now be sent to Governor Tony Evers for his signature.

Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit):

"I am so excited to see AB 664 pass the

Senate. This bill will protect transparency when it comes to artificial intelligence and our elections. Requiring a disclaimer when audio and video substantially generated by AI will ensure that voters know what is real and what is not."

Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit):

"AB 664 is a simple bill that requires disclaimers stating that an ad 'contains content generated by AI.' The disclaimers required under this bill will ensure voters are given the opportunity to understand when they are seeing or hearing artificially created content. As products that produce synthetic media continue to advance, it is becoming more and more difficult to differentiate synthetic media from authentic audio recordings or video – making it even more important to ensure that voters can easily separate truth from fiction. I was glad to partner with the bipartisan coalition of legislators and advocates who worked together on this bill, and look forward to it being signed into law."

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Orfordville board discusses outside consumption at two events, plus raze order

The Village of Orfordville held its regular board meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Orfordville Village Hall.

Call to Order

President Dennis Burtness called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were President Burtness, Nick Howard, Beth Schmidt, Nikki Tuffree, Terry Gerber, and Jason Knox. Also present were Kerry Knutson, Librarian Sarah Strunz, Chief Jeremiah Burdick, DPW Director Nick Todd, and Clerk Sherri Waage. Absent was Cami Myers-Alstat.

Agenda Verification

Clerk Waage verified that on March 8, copies of the agenda were delivered to the President and Trustees; and posted at the Village Hall, Library, and the Post Office. There were no additions made to the agenda.

Minute Approval

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve the minutes of Feb. 26, 2024 and March 5. Motion carried.

Citizens Wishing to be Heard

Beth Schmidt explained that the Lions Club is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Trail Fun Walk on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m. The walking trail is located behind the Village Hall. Schmidt explained that

there will be a scavenger hunt for kids, three hidden pots of gold, and treats.

New Business

• Outside Consumption for Knutes Bar and Grill. Kerry Knutson was present to request outside consumption for two outdoor events. Knutson explained that on Saturday, June 1, they will be hosting a Cancer Coalition Fundraiser in memory of Kate Brown. Knutson requested permission for outside consumption and evening hours for live music. Knutson then explained that his second request is for his annual anniversary party on Saturday, Aug. 24. The party will have a pig roast, car show, live music, and raffles for the Parkview Viking Youth Wrestling Club. Chief Burdick requested that the live music be done by 11 p.m. Motion by Gerber, seconded by Tuffree to approve outside consumption for Knutes Bar and Grill for Saturday, June 1 and Saturday, Aug. 24, with live music to be done at 11 p.m. and to allow an additional hour for clean up and take down. Motion carried.

• Raze Order for 502 W. Brodhead Street. Clerk Waage explained that she has received complaints on the barn located at 502 W. Brodhead Street. Clerk Waage had GEC Engineering look at the property, who provided a condition report. Knox ex-

plained that he has an older carriage shed on his property that was in disrepair when he purchased his property, the shed was unsightly and needed repairs but was still solid. Chief Burdick explained that he has previously spoken to the property owner, but nothing has been done. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to have Clerk Waage send the property owner a letter giving 90 days to repair and to proceed with the raze order if the property owner does not do the repairs. Motion carried

with Knox voting no.

Department Head Reports

DPW Director Todd explained that he cannot give a report as the SCADA system is down. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve the Department Head reports. Motion carried.

Vouchers

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Howard to approve the vouchers with a check range of 36787-36817. Mo-

tion carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Schmidt to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 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-specifically to review employee contracts. Roll call vote: Howard, Schmidt, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness all said yes. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session.

Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness all said yes. Motion carried.

Reconvene. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Schmidt to reconvene into open session at 8 p.m. Roll call vote: Howard, Schmidt, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness all said yes. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session.

Adjourn

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Knox to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

DNR warns public to avoid burning fires

With no significant rainfall across much of the state expected in mid-March, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) once again asks the public to avoid burning due to elevated fire danger.

Some locations in northern Wisconsin have now gone over 30 days without precipitation. A combined lack of rainfall, low humidity and breezy conditions significantly increase fire danger this weekend and into the start of next week.

The weekend forecast includes an incoming cold front that is predicted to bring wind gusts over 30 miles per hour on Saturday into Saturday night for some parts of the state. Due to the forecasted conditions, the National Weather Service is predicting elevated fire weather concerns this weekend into early next week.

On windy, dry days, embers from any fire, especially burn piles and campfires, can easily escape control and cause a wildfire if not properly extinguished.

The DNR has already responded to over 80 wildfires across Wisconsin in the past week, burning 182 acres, bringing the yearly total to 244 fires burning over 500 acres. The majority of these recent wildfires have been related to debris burning.

For those that plan to spend time outside this weekend, the DNR asks they avoid all outdoor burning, including debris burning and limiting the use of campfires and bonfires. Be sure to discard hot ashes from woodstoves or fireplaces in a metal container until cold. Outdoor enthusiasts should also use caution with any off-

road vehicles or equipment that can create a spark and start a fire.

Due to current and forecasted conditions, the DNR is suspending annual burn permits in DNR protection areas across the northern two-thirds of the state. If a property is outside the DNR's jurisdiction, the owners should please check with local authorities before burning. Check the DNR's website to learn if a property is within the DNR's jurisdiction.

Always check before burning. Remember – fire danger and burning restrictions change every day.

Fire safety tips

- Report fires early by calling 911; don't try to put out a fire by oneself.
- Avoid outdoor burning until conditions improve. Burn

permits for debris burning are currently suspended in many counties.

• Operate equipment (chainsaws, off-road vehicles, lawnmowers, etc.) early in the morning or late in the day to avoid sparks at peak burn hours.

• Secure dragging trailer chains to avoid creating sparks.

• Never operate drones/unmanned aircraft over or near fires – it endangers the lives of pilots and firefighters and interferes with fire suppression operations.

Check current fire danger, wildfire reports and burning restrictions on the DNR's website.

For a more comprehensive view of current fire activity, visit the DNR's wildfire dashboard.

Orfordville police working on drug take back initiative

The Village of Orfordville held its Police Committee meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the Orfordville Village Hall, 303 E. Beloit Street.

Chairwoman Nikki Tuffree called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Chairwoman Tuffree and Beth Schmidt. Also present were Chief Jeremiah Burdick, Officer Jeremiah Burdick Jr., Officer Brad Cheske, Dennis Burtness, and Clerk Sherri Waage. Absent was Terry Gerber.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Chairwoman Tuffree to approve the Feb. 8, minutes. Motion carried.

Day to Day Operations

Chief Burdick updated the committee on the following:

- The department did a clean out of the garage prior to the March bulk pick up.
- Computer updates were done and organizing of files.
- Working on the initiative for the April drug take back event.
- Squads were organized and inventoried, equipment

was updated.

- Forms were reviewed and updated.
 - Business cards, office supplies, and batteries for the taser were ordered.
 - Obtained and reviewed the Parkview emergency plan, along with current maps of the building. Every officer now has a pdf of the plan and maps to be kept in the squads.
 - Working on a new policy regarding tow procedures for no insurance and license violations.
 - Updating department ID's.
 - Updated officers on DAAT training model.
 - Reviewed policy concerning line of duty deaths and procedures.
 - Patrol operation updates.
 - New officer Brad Cheske was sworn in. Field training, with Field Training Officer Jeremiah Burdick Jr. has started. They currently have five part-time officers that are working for the department.
- Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Chairwoman Tuffree to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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New Glarus

• Friday, March 29: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., New Glarus Bible Church, 207 6th Street

Rock County Beloit

• Tuesday, March 26: Noon to 5 p.m., Beloit Life Center, 2170 Murphy Woods Road

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• Wednesday, March 27: Noon to 6 p.m., Creekside Place Community Center, 102 Maple St.

Janesville

• Thursday, March 28: 1

to 6 p.m., Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive

• Thursday, April 4: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Alloy Inc Janesville, 4100 Kennedy Road

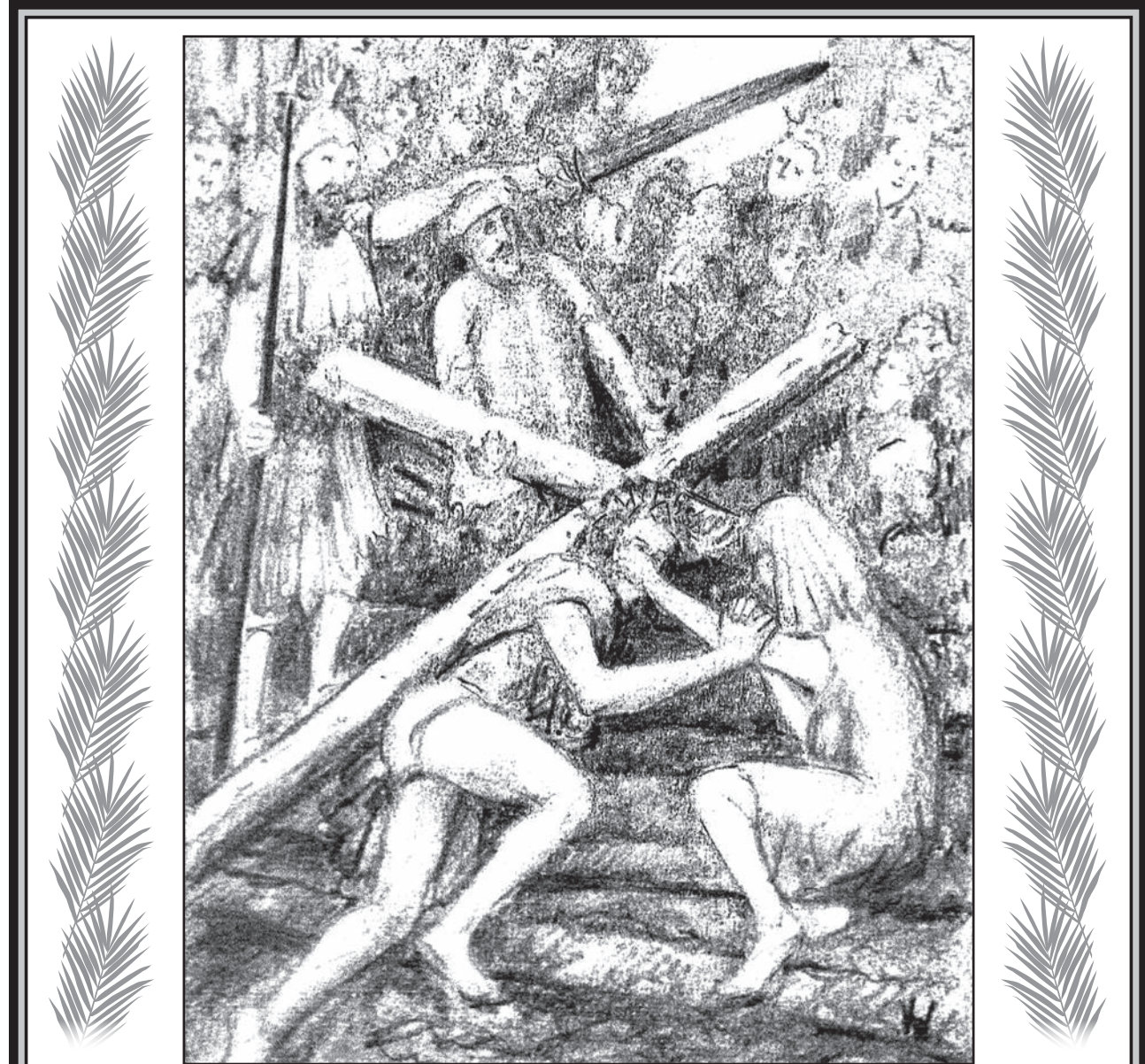
• Tuesday, April 9: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S Cty Road G

Milton

• Friday, March 22: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Milton City Hall, 710 S. Janesville St.

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• Thursday, March 28: 1 to 6 p.m., Orfordville Fire Department, 173 N Wright St.



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BY THE BRODHEAD FFA

This year has been very busy with traditional events, new events, contests and leadership opportunities. We started the year with our Food for America Event at Spring Grove Dairy. We hosted 465 4th grade students on the farm. We had 22 stations that each of the students got to learn about where their food comes from. Schools that we hosted were: Albany, Brodhead, Durand, Juda, Monroe, New Glarus, Parkview and St. Victor's.

At World Dairy Expo we had a Dairy Judging Team and Agronomy Team compete. Our Dairy Team - Mara Meichtry, Jordan Menehan and Annelise Bethke - placed 39 out of 110 Teams and our Agronomy Team - Kiara Quimby, Bethany Wenger and Alexis Miller - placed 9th out of 47 Teams. Kiara Quimby placed 4th as an individual, along with 4th place in Identification and 5th in Forage judging.

We then headed to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis Indiana for four days. Six students - Joey Brown, Jaxon Dooley, Bethany Wenger, Alexis Miller,



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The 2023-24 FFA officers pose for a photo. Back row, from left to right: Middle School Advisor - Peyton Jordan; Middle School Advisor - Jenna Pinnow; Sentinel - Joey Brown; Secretary - Onni Williams; Advisor - Mrs. Jillian Malkow. Front row: Reporter - Leilah King; Vice President - Kiara Quimby; Treasurer - Elly Harding; President - Maddie McGuire; Historian - Laney Fraley-Markley.

Leilah King, and Keegan Steinke - attended the opening session, toured Heartland Growers, Exotic Feline Rescue and ET Sprayers. We also cheered on a Janesville Craig FFA Member that received their American Degree at the

American Degree Ceremony. Four students - Tyler Steiner, Leilah King, Mara Meichtry and Laney Fraley-Markley - attended the Mission Conference in Green Bay. We also toured Lambeau field and learned about the turf manage-

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During FFA week we had many events planned. We hosted a Green County Humane Society Collection Drive to collect items for the Humane Society. We raised money by selling ice cream at



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Peyton Jordan holds the 2nd Place Plaque for FFA Creed Speaking which she won on Feb. 7 at the District 13 Leadership Development Event contest at Parkview.

lunch. We hosted an Ag Olympics Assembly at the Middle School and had a guest speaker from our state, FFA Treasurer Linsey Mueller. We also took a field trip to the CASE IH Plant Tour in Racine. Students learned about the history of the plant and walked through the working plant.

In the beginning of March we had four students - Peyton Jordan, Jenna Pinnow, Abby Withrow and Kennedy Zimmerman - who attended the Fire Conference in Fennimore. This conference is presented by the State FFA officers for seventh through ninth grade students to learn more about the organization and how they can get involved.

In February and into March the FFA Chapters are filling out applications for State Degrees, American Degrees and Proficiency applications. We had three members fill out their State FFA Degree and they will be awarded in June at the State FFA Convention, if accepted. We also had three members fill out their Proficiency Award Applications, Keegan Steinke in Sheep Production, Mara Meichtry in Diversified Livestock Production and Kiara Quimby in Nursery Operations Entrepreneurship. These awards will be announced later in the spring and awarded in June at the State

FFA Convention. We had one student fill out their American Degree application. Indeed, the last Brodhead FFA member to receive their American Degree was in 2010. If this degree is accepted they will get the degree at the National FFA Convention in October.

We also attended throughout the year a few fun trips! We attended Screamin Acres Haunted House in October, Went ice skating in December and plan on going to a Mallards game this summer in June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 21: UW-Platteville CDE Contest
- April 11 and 12: Mission and Edge Conference
- April 15: April FFA Meeting
- April 19: Midwest Horse Fair
- May 2 and 3: Annual Plant Sale 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- May 4: Annual Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 6: May FFA Meeting
- May 10: Banquet and Pie/Basket Auction at 6 p.m.
- May 11: Annual Plant Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 16: Ag Day Petting Zoo for Elementary
- June 11 to 13: State FFA Convention



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This photo was taken during the FFA Week Trip. Back row, from left to right: Brooke Mueller, Kaylee Halverson, Jordan Menehan, Onni Williams, Annelise Bethke, Hunter Condon, Jaxon Dooley, Joey Brown, Nolan Oliver, Aiden Rossetti. Front row: Autumn Avery, Keegan Steinke, Sophia Reimer, Madi Arnold, Leilah King, Elly Olson, Maddie Hawkins.

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Evansville FFA turns 75 this year

BY THE EVANSVILLE FFA

The Evansville FFA turns 75 this year! The first Evansville FFA Banquet was held in 1949.

FFA is a student-run organization focused on premier leadership, personal growth, and career success in agriculture. The FFA Officer Team organizes a program of activities for our membership that highlights career development events like judging contests, leadership development events like speaking contests, community service, fairs, and supervised agricultural experiences just to name a few.

In February we celebrated National FFA Week which highlights our active FFA

chapter. This year Evansville FFA hosted dress-up days, daily activities during TRIE, kiss a critter, and an assembly in the gym on Friday morning.

The 75th year of Evansville FFA has been busy and fun. We had a number of members attend State FFA Convention, Stoughton, Rock County, and State Fairs, National Convention and multiple leadership workshops and conferences.

Students have also been active in honing their skills for speaking contests and judging competitions.

Our Evansville Agricultural Education program puts an emphasis on community service as well. We shoveled driveways, raised money for

the AWARE Agency, volunteered with younger kids, and recently cleaned up debris from the February tornado.

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Evansville FFA we will be hosting our annual FFA Banquet on Friday, April 5 at Creekside Place in Evansville. The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meal, awards at 6:30 p.m. and an auction at 7:30 p.m. We will follow the auction with a reception until 10 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jim Kvalheim, kvalheimj@evansville.k12.wi.us or 608-882-3540 by March 22. Take a walk down memory lane and see photos and FFA memorabilia from past decades.



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Evansville FFA members get the opportunity to go to several different leadership conferences where they learn how to better help the local community and chapter and have lots of fun along the way.



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During homecoming week Evansville FFA participates in several activities including building a float, cooking lunch for high schoolers, and cooking pork for the food stand that they hold before the football game.



Above: An Evansville FFA member shows off cattle. Left: Evansville FFA also provides several opportunities for community service; one example is our Food For America program where they teach 4th graders about different aspects of agriculture.

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Parkview FFA one of eight to win award



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These members of Parkview FFA attended the National FFA Convention and State FFA Convention to receive their awards.

BY THE PARKVIEW FFA

Our chapter has 92 members this year. Our most significant achievement this year was being one of eight chapters in Wisconsin to receive a National Chapter 3 Star Award from National FFA. We also received a National Chapter Gold Rating from the Wisconsin Association of FFA and we placed 8th in the Building Communities Category in the state.

Kassandra Clint, Jenna Hume, Bridgette Neal, and Brynn Menke received their American FFA Degrees.

We hosted the District 13 Leadership Development Contest at Parkview. We had two students – Chloe Cleasy and Emma Hetelle – who placed 1st and 2nd in the Employability Skills Contest and qualified for the Sectional Contest.

Our members have attended numerous leadership Conferences including Fall Leadership Workshop, Mission Conference, Impact Conference, FIRE Conference, and

the National FFA Convention.

This spring, we will have members competing in the Floriculture, Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Horse Evaluation, and Milk Quality Career Development Events at the South Central and UW-Platteville CDE Contest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 21: UW-Platteville

Regional CDE Contest

- March 25: Chapter Meeting – Officer Elections
- April 1: Parkview FFA Alumni Meeting
- April 11 to 12: EDGE/ Mission Conference
- April 13: Volunteering at Orfordville Spring Fling
- April 19: Annual Chapter Banquet
- May 5: Ag. on the Hill Event



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Kassandra Clint received her American FFA Degree.



Left: Emma Hetelle (right) receiving her award from FFA Treasurer Linsey Mueller. Right: Chloe Cleasy (right) receiving her award from Mueller.



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High school juniors and FFA advisors from across Wisconsin posed for a picture. The group attended the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Rothschild on Feb. 15.

Over 315 attend Wisconsin FFA farm forum

More than 315 high school juniors and FFA advisors from across Wisconsin attended Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Rothschild on Feb. 15.

"FFA Farm Forum is an opportunity for the next generation in agriculture to gain new experiences and leadership skills," said WFBF President Brad Olson. "We appreciate FFA members participating in FFA Farm Forum, investing in both themselves and the future of agriculture."

The keynote speaker was UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau member Katrina Hoesley. Hoesley encouraged students to live out their best values with intention and to connect their passions with a driving purpose to ensure success.

During the one-day event, FFA members attended career-based workshops including: 'Explore the World of Marketing and Communications' with Kendall Riskedal of Broadhead Co. and Country Lights Soy Candles; 'Navigating Ag Horizons: My Journey from FFA to Farm Bureau' with Ben Sand of 715 Risk Advisors LLC; 'Redefining and Celebrating Sustainability' with Rachel

LaCount of Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation; 'Ag Lending: More Than Just Loaning Money' with Josh Schmidt of AgCountry Farm Credit Services; 'FFA, YFA and Your Ag Experience' with Katrina Hoesley of UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau; and 'Your Passion + The Right Training = Career Success' with Adam Wehling of Chippewa Valley Technical College.

"FFA Farm Forum is a great partnership between Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Wisconsin FFA to encourage leadership development and exploration of careers in agriculture," said WFBF Director of Young Leader Programs Melissa Jacobson. "We were excited to provide this opportunity for future agricultural leaders."

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors FFA Farm Forum in cooperation with the Wisconsin Association of FFA. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation was established in 1988 to provide support for agricultural education and leadership programs. Through donations and other contributions, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation invests time and resources to support the next generation of agriculturists.



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2024 FFA Farm Forum chapter photo taken of Juda members. From left: Lani Keehn, Dart Padulla, and Kelsi Cameron.



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2024 FFA Farm Forum chapter photo taken of Parkview members. From left: Allison Johnson, Emma Hetelle, Chloe Cleasby and Lacey Meldrum.



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Keynote speaker Katrina Hoesley poses for a photo.

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