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FLL robotics team return from championship with high praise

Team 2x4 proud to bring home Champion's Finalist Award

Team 2x4, a local FIRST LEGO League robotics team with students from Clinton, Durand, and other nearby communities, recently returned from the American Robotics Open Championship, a national robotics competition held at American Dream in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Team 2x4 was honored to represent Wisconsin among 60 of the best teams in the country. "I do not see the other teams as competition, just as potential friends," shared Bethany Walton, reflecting on what it was like to compete with some of the best teams in the nation. Accomplished inventor Dean Kamen of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in 1989 inspired an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Based in

Manchester, New Hampshire, FIRST designs accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology, and engineering. Over 150,000 teams participated in FIRST LEGO League for students in fourth through eighth grades this season, with less than 3% getting to participate in post-season competitions. The team had a strong judging session sharing their engineering process in building and coding their robot, core values, and how they iterated their Innovation Project "The Custom Carver" from a brainstormed idea to a fully functional model. The Custom Carver is the first custom moldable knife handle for beginning carvers. The judges loved getting a chance to

mold a handle and were impressed that the team wrote an article for "Chip Chats," the National Woodcarver Association's Magazine. Robot performance was a big area of growth this year for them, thanks to new coach Kent Walton. The team learned a lot about physics and forces, which helped them to design, build, and code very consistently performing robots, Giant and Gigantica. One of their goals at AROC was to record an official match over 400 points. They blew that away scoring 410, 425, and 425 in their three matches. They finished 11th in the robot game, which is the highest they have ever done in a post-season competition. Team 2x4 was incredibly honored to be asked to give their presentation to the entire

audience of around 1,000 people. Then, at the award ceremony, they were given the Champion's Finalist Award. This award celebrates a team that embodies the FIRST LEGO League Challenge experience by fully embracing the Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in Robot Performance, Ro-

bot Design, and the Innovation Project. Being a finalist means the team finished either second or third for the entire competition. Evan Schneider said, "We've never won a Champion's Award at a post season tournament. It was very exciting!" The team had such a great experience at AROC. Timo-

thy Walton commented, "I'd go back in a heartbeat because it's fun!" "Collecting items from teams and winning award made for a great time," according to Mason Williams. Halee Williams added, "Everything was fun! I enjoyed

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Dads get in free at Old World Wisconsin on Father's Day

Old World Wisconsin welcomes dads for free this Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This one-day-only free general admission offer does not require advance registration - simply check in at the gate to take advantage of this special offer, a \$20 value. Guests can explore new additions to Old World Wisconsin like the newly unveiled "Wagon Works Maker Space" and the Danish Naturalist Cabin, where guests discover the region's botanical wonders and wildlife. Take a hike on the beautiful nature trails, meet the new baby animals and heritage breed Java chickens, and check out the historic farmsteads filled with recently planted rare produce. Watch a blacksmith craft tools over a heated forge and make one's way to the brew-house to see historic brewing methods in action and sample ale made right on site. Old World Wisconsin spans 600 acres of countryside dotted with a variety of farmsteads, shops and businesses to explore. Lend a hand in the Crossroads Village blacksmith forge, meet heritage breed farm animals at an immigrant homestead, or try out a historic pastime like riding a high-wheel bicycle at the Wheelmen's Club. Set against the scenic backdrop of the verdant Kettle Moraine Forest, Old World Wisconsin is the perfect spot to make lasting memories this Father's Day. Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free general admission to Old World Wisconsin and a 10% discount on special events. Members are invited to pick up their compli-



A visitor at a brewhouse event in 2022 at Old World Wisconsin.

mentary "PastPort" at any of the Society's 12 historic sites this season. Members earn stamps by visiting each site, working towards special discounts, fun prizes and the opportunity to earn a free year of membership. Old World Wisconsin is one of the Wisconsin Historical Society's 12 historic sites and museums. Rated as one of the top attractions to take kids in the Milwaukee area, Old World Wisconsin is a 600-acre regional history attraction that features interactive environments and immersive stories of 19th and early 20th century Midwestern immigrant farm and rural life. The museum offers guests family-friendly, hands-on activities as they visit a crossroads village and eight working farmsteads, explore heirloom gardens, experience beer brewing traditions, meet heritage animal breeds and try historic crafts and skills. Old World Wiscon-

sin is located on Highway 67 just south of Eagle, Wisconsin, within daytrip distance of Milwaukee, Chicago and Madison. For more information and a list of upcoming events visit old-worldwisconsin.org or call 262-594-6301. Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free general admission to this site during regular operating hours. The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit online at www.wisconsinhistory.org.



The team poses with their trophy and sponsor banner with the Manhattan skyline behind them. Team 2x4 couldn't have done it without so many wonderful sponsors! Thank you to everyone who donated and cheered the team on this season. From left: Evan Schneider, Halee Williams, Mason Williams, Timothy Walton, and Bethany Walton.

June is Dairy Month

Please stop by your favorite branch, any Friday in June for a special treat! We can't wait to see you.

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Rock County Legacies Gala pays tribute to three individuals for their significant contributions

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) will recognize a couple and an individual who through their hard work have made a difference in the county, at its third annual Rock County Legacies Gala. This year's honorees are Greg Hughes and Tom and Amanda Fong, who will be honored at the event set for Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. on the RCHS campus, located at 426 N. Jackson St. in Janesville. The event is a fundraiser for RCHS.

Greg Hughes

A Janesville native, Greg Hughes is the Executive Vice President of NBC Sports Communications, where he oversees all strategic media and public outreach on behalf of NBC Sports. He also manages all internal communications for the company. Hughes' career spans nearly 35 years in sports media, with a portfolio of programming including the NFL, Olympics, Big Ten Conference, Premier League, PGA Tour/President's Cup, USGA, The Open Championship and Ryder Cup, Triple Crown and Breeder's Cup horse racing, NASCAR, IndyCar, and much more.

Hughes is deeply dedicated to his Janesville origins, passionately upholding his commitment to the community. He is the



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Greg Hughes (far right) speaks to a group of people on the outdoor patio of Genisa Wine Bar in Janesville, a historically preserved Italianate-style building that Hughes opened in 2021.

founder and principal of four local establishments, including Gameday Sports Bar and Grill; Bazinga Classic Pub and Grille; Barkley's Burgers, Brews and Dawgs; and Genisa Italian Restaurant and Wine Bar. Each venture reflects Hughes' dedication to quality and innovation.

At the heart of each establishment is a team of devot-

ed individuals, led by a local general manager, working to deliver exceptional food and service to every patron. Through their collective efforts, each business embodies a unique atmosphere and spirit of hospitality.

"Home for me will always be Janesville, and working to make the city a better place for my friends



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Tom and Amanda Fong stand inside the iconic Janesville restaurant Cozy Inn for a portrait recently. Cozy Inn marked its 100th year in business in 2022 and is currently the second-oldest U.S. Chinese restaurant operating in the same location.

and family there is a point of pride in my life," Hughes said. "My friends and partners have worked with me to create and improve the social places in Janesville; hopefully we've been successful."

Tom and Amanda Fong

For 49 years, Tom Fong has helped his family run The Cozy Inn in Janesville – the second-oldest U.S. Chinese restaurant, and still operating in its original location. Tom owns the business along with his wife, Amanda, and sister-in-law, Michelle. Amanda is the head of the dining room, while Tom does much of the cooking. They prepare and serve authentic Cantonese-style dishes inspired by the southern part of China. According

to Tom, Amanda runs "pretty much everything. This is her passion."

Opened in 1922 by the Wong family, Tom's mother, Marie Shum, and his then-stepdad purchased the restaurant in 1975. He and his brother, John, began working in the business right away, at ages 14 and 16.

When Tom graduated from high school, he opened a large restaurant in New Orleans and later one in Miami. But in 1989, when his son was born, Tom and Amanda decided to return to Janesville and The Cozy Inn.

Tom attributes the business' longevity to the support of the community. Through the pandemic, road reconstructions and many other challenges, the

Cozy Inn's loyal customers will not be deterred.

"We have great support. I've watched different generations of families come to the restaurant," Tom said. "We feel like the Janesville community is basically family."

Tim Maahs, Executive Director of RCHS, said this event is especially meaningful for the organization because it celebrates people who are helping to enrich the community.

"The Gala is particularly important because we get to celebrate local people who are working to make our county a better place," Maahs said. "Focusing on a few local entrepreneurs is a fun twist for this year's event."

The Gala will include heavy appetizers and live music by Jeremiah Fox and the Odd Company Band. Live and silent auctions will add to the evening's line-up. Casual attire is welcome.

For more information on the Rock County Legacies Gala, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.rchs.us/gala or call RCHS at 608-756-4509.

Home to six uniquely different historic sites on a 3.5-acre campus in the historic Look West Neighborhood, the Rock County Historical Society's mission is to bridge past and present through capturing and sharing stories about Rock County, Wisconsin. Its sites include the award-winning Lincoln-Tallman Museum, RCHS Museum & Visitor Center, newly renovated Stonehouse, Archives and Preservation Facility, Tallman Carriage House, and Frances Willard Schoolhouse.

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• Team 2x4 (Continued from front page)

teaching everyone about The Custom Carver and launching a successful run one in the robot game."

There is only a short break before the next season starts on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Team 2x4 encourages families and school officials to contact them, as they'd love to help get more robotics teams in the stateline area. They are hosting an FLL Boot Camp, as well, on Aug. 6 to help new teams get a strong start.

Team 2x4 would like to thank all those companies and individuals who helped mentor and financially support their season and trip to New Jersey. They could not have done it without any of them. For those that would like to help sponsor the team, donations can be sent to Stateline Homeschool Robotics, P.O. Box 126, Clinton, WI 53525. Follow Team 2x4 FLL team #37,441 on Facebook or contact them at flteam2x4@gmail.com.



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The team was one of only two asked to present for the entire competition. Over 1,000 people looked on as (from left) Bethany Walton, Evan Schneider, Halee Williams, Timothy Walton, and Mason Williams talked about The Custom Carver.

Clean Sweep program coming soon

Clean Sweep drop-offs for hazardous chemicals will be Saturday, June 22 in Beloit and Saturday, Aug. 24 in Janesville. These events are open to all Rock County residents.

This is a popular program with limited capacity, so advance registration is required by calling the Rock County Land Conservation Department at 608-754-6617 ext. 3. Year-round service is available at Dane County Clean Sweep; separate fees and conditions apply.

Items accepted at this Rock County Clean Sweep include items such as: pesticides, herbicides, mercury, oil-based paints/stains, solvents, waxes, gasoline, among other materials. Residents can get free disposal for up to 200 lbs of crop or livestock chemicals by sending an inventory in advance to anne.miller@co.rock.wi.us or calling 608-754-6617 ext. 4758. Fluorescent bulbs are accepted, with a limit of five per vehicle for free; fees apply for more than five bulbs. Call for a free quote.

Paint and home remodeling products that are latex, water-based, or clean up with water are not accepted at this

Clean Sweep. They can go in the trash if they are solid. To make water-based paint or stain solid, mix one part cat litter or other absorbent material to one part paint, either in the can or in a disposable container.

Household cleaners in typical household strength and quantity are not accepted at this Clean Sweep if they are made to be mixed with water or to clear drains. These can be poured down the drain with the tap on or put in the trash. Be careful not to mix chemicals.

Funding for this was made possible, in part, by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

For full information about what to bring to Clean Sweep, what not to bring, and fees, visit the Rock County Clean Sweep website at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/clean-sweep, or call 608-754-6617 ext. 3. Information can be mailed by request.

Business Clean Sweep

Any small business, organization, or agency that produces 220 lbs or less of hazardous waste per month or 2,205 lbs

or less per year may be eligible to use Clean Sweep for Businesses/Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) in Rock County, also on June 22 and Aug. 24, and may use the Dane County Business Clean Sweep all year. Participants pay disposal cost and transport materials to the drop-off themselves. Both programs offer free no-obligation quotes.

Unwanted agricultural chemicals from any eligible organization, government agency, or business in Rock County can save up to 50% off disposal cost at Rock County Clean Sweep while funds last. An inventory of chemicals is required in advance to receive the discount.

To make use of the Rock County Business Clean Sweeps on June 22, please register by June 14. For the Aug. 24 drop-off, register by Aug. 16. Business program information is at the Rock County Clean Sweep website at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/clean-sweep, by calling 608-754-6617 ext. 4758 or through email at anne.miller@co.rock.wi.us, subject line "Clean Sweep."

In brief

Rock County incumbents running unopposed

The following candidates have been approved for ballot status for the Fall Elections in Rock County. All Democratic, Republican, Constitution, Libertarian, and Wisconsin Green party candidates will appear on the Tuesday, Aug. 13 Partisan Primary ballot. The candidates with the most votes for each party will advance to the Nov. 5 Fall General Election ballot. Independent candidates automatically advance to the November ballot, and do not appear on the ballot in August.

County Candidate information can be found at: www.co.rock.wi.us/home/showpublisheddocument/60257/638530311999471004

Candidates running for Federal and State offices can be found on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website online at: elections.wi.gov/elections

tions.

Rock County Clerk

- Lisa Tollefson, Democrat

Rock County Treasurer

- Michelle L. Roettger, Democrat

Rock County Register of Deeds

- Sandy Disrud, Democrat

Father's Day movie in the park in Footville

The Village of Footville is celebrating Father's Day with a movie in the park on June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Footville Community Park. The movie will be "Back to the Future."

Orfordville to flush hydrants this week

The Orfordville Public Works Department began flushing hydrants the week of June 10. Locals may ex-

perience some sediment in their water after the hydrant is flushed. Please check the screens on any faucets to make sure to remove accumulated sediment, if any.

Please call DPW Director Nick Todd with any questions at 608-751-4785.

Veteran's Memorial Park fundraiser in June

There will be a Veteran's Memorial Park fundraiser on June 30 at Bass Creek Golf Course. There will be a 9 a.m. shot gun start, at \$70 per person. Price includes 9 holes of golf and luncheon. There are hole prizes and a prize for the best patriotic decorated golf cart. Hole sponsors pay \$50 for a small sign and \$100 for a large sign. Sponsor requests need to be submitted by June 14. Contact Danielle Harnack at 608-295-0423 or Ronald Nath at 608-921-8225 for questions and to sign up.

Slow-no-wake posted on entire Rock River

According to U.S. Geological Survey Gauges, the water level for the Rock River at Lake Koshkonong is 8.4 feet. County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the Rock River in Newville when the water level exceeds 8 feet; therefore, the Rock River from the south end of Lake Koshkonong, south to the Indianford Dam is under a slow-no-wake speed restriction.

According to U.S. Geolog-

ical Survey Gauges, the water level for the Rock River in Afton is 8.73 feet. County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the Rock River in Afton when the water level exceeds 6.5 feet; therefore, the Rock River from the Indianford Dam south to the W B R Townline Road Bridge is under a slow-no-wake speed restriction.

Also, the County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the

Rock River in Beloit when the water level exceeds 8.5 feet based on the U.S. Geological Survey Gauges in Afton; therefore, the Rock River from W B R Townline Road Bridge to the Stateline is under a slow-no-wake speed restriction.

The entire Rock River in Rock County is currently under a slow-no-wake status. Slow-no-wake is defined as operating a vessel at a speed as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control.



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Clinton Kitchen under new ownership

Top: The owner of Clinton Kitchen has sold the restaurant after almost 40 years of it being in her family. The new owner, seen in this picture, is a young 20-year-old entrepreneur from Brodhead named Angel Aldama. Aldama's family owns a restaurant in Brodhead, as well, but with Clinton Kitchen, this will be his first time running a restaurant by himself. He looks forward to the support of his family and the community. Visit Clinton Kitchen at 239 Allen Street in downtown Clinton. **Above:** Connie Farrell, now former long-time owner of Clinton Kitchen, is pictured here on her last official day of work at the restaurant.

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Go to www.tn.union.wi.gov to access the full job description, or call/email Clerk Regina Riedel to request a copy: regina.riedel@townofunion.org or 608-736-7070.

Applicants should submit a resume detailing work history to: Town of Union, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI 53536, or via email to regina.riedel@townofunion.org.

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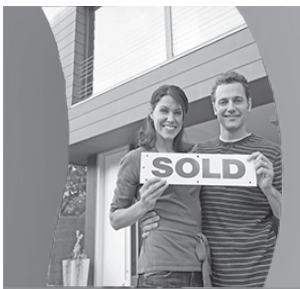
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Take Kids Fishing Day brings joy to youths

Wisconsin youths learned about the importance of fishing and conservation at the Union Sportsmen's Alliance's (USA) Take Kids Fishing Day on June 1 to 2.

Vilas Park in Madison, Chad Erickson Memorial Park in La Crosse and Riverside Park in Beloit all welcomed participants.

The community engagement and helping kids of all ages are what Beloit project leader Nate Tell took away from the event. "It means a lot to give kids the experience of fishing, especially those who wouldn't normally have the opportunity or the equipment to do so," Tell said. "To partner with the Union Sportsmen's Alliance to be part of that - to give the kids equipment, show them how to put a worm on a hook and to cast and catch fish, and to see the look on their face when they pull out a fish - is an experience you just can't put into words."

Union volunteers representing a variety of trades were on hand to provide kids and their parents with instruction and assistance, and all registered youths received a free fishing rod and reel. These events are part of a series of free, community-based youth outreach events organized under USA's flagship conservation program, Work Boots on the Ground.

"We've been doing it for eight or nine years and it's a lot of fun," Madison project leader David Branson said. "It's fun to see the kids come, and they all have a smile on their face and so do their parents. And then we get them all checked in, get them out there and get the volunteers to help them with the fishing. When they catch a fish, they're really, really happy because a lot of them haven't been fishing before."

Branson was happy with the turnout in Madison despite the rain.

"We still had 80 kids that came in with their parents and they still got out there and fished," he said. "They got wet, but they enjoyed themselves. I think it's great. We're trying to make a difference in the community and get our name out there and show people in the community that unions are a good thing."

Tell explained why kids should get outside and develop skills like fishing.

"I think it's really important because these days, with the way that technology is and has come along since the Atari, you don't have to really leave the house to get entertainment," he said. "To give them this event

to show them that there's another avenue besides being on your phone or on your game system or computer, it's big to come out, enjoy the sunshine, be near a body of water and cast a line."



Volunteers and participants gather for a photo at Riverside Park in Beloit. Seventy-five individuals participated and 17 volunteers assisted at the event.

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Burke hired as Rock County Ag Ambassador

Amber Burke has recently been named the new Rock County Agriculture Ambassador.



Amber Burke

Burke recently completed training to receive certification from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for a three-year teaching license. Burke's most recent role was as a reporter for the Wisconsin State Farmer newspaper.

The program was designed to offer valuable lessons and materials to captivate students, as well as, community residents and introduce them to the incredible possibilities in agriculture.

Burke grew up on a beef cattle farm in southeast Wisconsin, where she actively participated in various agricultural activities including 4-H and FFA. She obtained a B.S. degree in Agriculture Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and recently completed training to receive certification from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for a three-year teaching license.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to educate young people about where their food comes from, as well as help raise awareness about the vital role of Rock County's agriculture industry," Burke said.

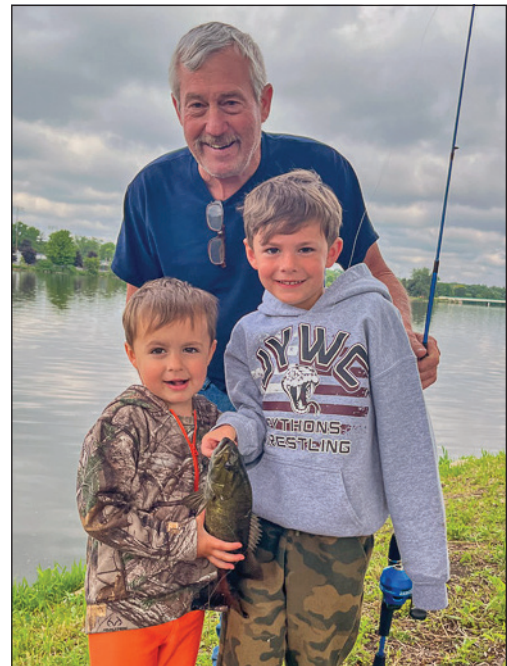
For those who would like to learn more about the program or invite the Ag Ambassador to conduct a classroom activity or join in a community event, please follow along on Facebook or Instagram at Rock County Ag Ambassador or email at info@rockcountyag.org.

Help support the mission by sending a donation to: Rock County Ag Ambassador, 1110 N. Highway 14, Janesville, WI 53546.



Above: A family enjoys time together fishing at Vilas Park in Madison. Right: Youths show off their catch at Riverside Park in Beloit. Take Kids Fishing Day aims to teach fishing and outdoor skills to the next generation.

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WFU launches another season of podcast

Wisconsin Farmers Union is excited to announce the launch of Season 2 of the Farmer-Labor Podcast, an educational series that delves into the dynamics of power within the agricultural sector. Hosted by Zoe Sullivan, this 5-episode season explores how farmers and workers build power and why their solidarity is crucial across the economy.

"Too often, the people on both ends of the food system are pitted against each other as they seek to be valued for their contributions. Meanwhile, the corporations dominating the sector are siphoning out all the profits, leaving working

people to fight for the scraps," said Lauren Langworthy, Director of Special Projects at Wisconsin Farmers Union. "That's why it's so important for farmers, laborers, and eaters to understand each other's personal stories and perspectives. We must recognize how those systemic issues in our food system - like consolidation, low prices, low wages, and inequitable access - are negatively impacting us all."

Season 2 brings together compelling voices from within the Farmers Union, Wisconsin, and beyond, making a strong case for farmers to embrace solidarity across the economy. Each episode features

in-depth discussions and personal stories that highlight the challenges and triumphs within the agricultural community. The podcast is available for free on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and the Wisconsin Farmers Union website. New episodes were available every Tuesday starting June 4.

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

DNR: It's time to forget the forget-me-nots

While these small, blue flowers may sound sweet, the two species of invasive forget-me-nots found in Wisconsin can easily escape the confines of a garden or landscaping and spread aggressively into nearby forested or natural areas.

The aquatic forget-me-not (Myosotis scorpiodes) and woodland forget-me-not (Myosotis sylvatica) are regulated as invasive species in Wisconsin. Each has small flowers with five petals; petal coloring is often blue with a yellow center. These flowers bloom between May and Sep-

tember and can quickly crowd out native plants and create a monoculture.

You have to look extremely closely - usually with a magnifying glass - to distinguish between the native forget-me-not and the invasives.

The native forget-me-not (Myosotis laxa) is very rare in Wisconsin. Many seed packets are simply labeled "forget-me-not," so knowing which species you're buying can be difficult. For this reason, we recommend avoiding forget-me-nots altogether unless you are certain it is the native plant.

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College news

University of Minnesota Duluth announces Dean's List

The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Spring Semester 2024. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.

The four colleges within UMD are: College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS); College of Education and Human Service Professions (CEHSP); Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE); and Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE).

One of five campuses that comprise the University of Minnesota System, the University of Minnesota Duluth integrates liberal education, research, creative activity, and public engagement and prepares students to thrive as lifelong learners and globally engaged citizens. With an enrollment of nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the Duluth campus offers 87 undergraduate and

post-baccalaureate degrees, and graduate programs in more than 24 different fields. See UMD's Land Acknowledgement statement. Visit d.umn.edu.

Brodhead

- Aidyn Vondra, freshman, Col of Arts, Hum. and Soc. Sci., Journalism BA

UW-Green Bay reveals academic honors

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for spring 2024 semester academic achievement. Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all "A" grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages. All were full-time students in the fall/winter term, earning 12 or more credits of graded coursework. This list includes students attending all four UW-Green Bay campuses (Green

Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan).

Brodhead

- Kirsten Fish, Semester Honors
- Jersey Medenwaldt, Semester Highest Honors

Orfordville student named to Dean's List at UW-River Falls

The spring semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has been released by Registrar Kelly Browning. It honors 1,456 students.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average. Area students are listed below by name, hometown and major.

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Orfordville

- Rachel Hammes, Animal

Science

New Glarus student named to Wartburg College Dean's List

Ty Ready of New Glarus was named to the Wartburg College Winter/May Term Dean's List.

The college recognized 466 students for Winter/May Term.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Winter Term, which runs from January through April, and one course during the one-month May Term.

Wartburg College, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls about 1,500 students. A college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Wartburg is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leader-

ship and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. The college is characterized by vigorous academic expectations and community engagement within an environment of strong personal support.

UW-Madison announces spring Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

To view an online listing, please visit registrar.wisc.edu/deanslist. Use the data display dashboard to find students from the local circulation area who have received this honor. For questions or concerns about eligibility, please contact registrar@em.wisc.edu

Albany

- Lily Brewer, School of Human Ecology, Dean's Honor List
- Kaiya Zurfluh, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

Brodhead

- Trent Anderson, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List
- Ruthie Buehl, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List
- Anna Corbit, School of Human Ecology, Dean's Honor List
- Sage Eckard-Lee, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List
- Anna Fish, School of Education, Dean's List

Juda

- Nicole Kamholz, School of Pharmacy, Honor Roll

Monroe student named to Dean's List at Missouri State University

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Kira Lambert from Monroe made the list.

Lambert was among more than 4,800 students named to the spring 2024 dean's list.

Missouri State University is a public, comprehensive university system with a mission in public affairs. Their purpose is to develop fully educated persons with a focus on ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement.

For more information about MSU, visit www.missouristate.edu. Anyone interested can also find them on Facebook, follow them on Twitter and see what's happening on YouTube. Receive notification of Missouri State news releases as soon as they are posted by subscribing to the news blog.

Beloit student named to Dean's List at University of Maryland campus

Jerrod Johnson of Beloit was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military service-members. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 135 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland. For more information, visit umgc.edu.

Janesville student earns Dean's List honor at Tennessee Tech

Tennessee Tech University is pleased to announce that Jordan Karlen of Janesville has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must attend the university full-time and earn a grade-point average of at least 3.1 on the 4.0 scale.

"Tennessee Tech students continue to excel in the classroom and beyond. Their dedication to their studies and determination to succeed helps make Tech a place that we can all be glad to call home," said Tech President Phil Oldham. "Congratulations to all our students whose hard work earned them a place on the Dean's List. They have made their university, their families and their hometown communities very proud."

Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Jordan!

Tennessee Tech is ranked as a "Best National University" by U.S. News and World Report. The university offers more than 200 programs of study and Tech grads leave with the least debt of all public universities in the state. In fact, based on total cost and alumni earnings, Tech provides students with the highest return on investment for any public university in Tennessee, according to PayScale. Find out more at ntech.edu.

Janesville student given Alpha Zeta Mu honors

Gabriella Petruzzello, Janesville, Class of 2024, earned Alpha Zeta Mu honors at Central College in the Spring 2024 semester.

Students with this honor must be full-time, complete at least three semesters at Central and achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale. Central College of Pella, Iowa, is a private, four-year college known for its academic rigor, engaged citizenship and character formation, experiential learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), athletics and service. For more information about Central College, visit central.edu.



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Kwik Trip launches fundraising campaign for the Red Cross

Kwik Trip is continuing to help prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by raising funds to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross. As part of a three-year partnership with the Red Cross, Kwik Trip will host a coin canister campaign throughout the month of June at all store locations across the Midwest. Proceeds from this fundraising initiative will go to support the humanitarian mission of the Red Cross.

Kwik Trip has a long-standing history of supporting the Red Cross with financial gifts, supplying

food, water and volunteer support. They sponsor blood drives and help to support families in the state of Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest.

“The American Red Cross relies on the generosity of our volunteers, donors and community partners like Kwik Trip to fulfill our lifesaving mission,” said Mark Thomas, Regional Executive and CEO of the Red Cross of Wisconsin. “This partnership enables the Red Cross to make a tremendous difference every day for those who rely on our services in the event of disasters and other emergencies.”

The Red Cross responds to 60,000 disasters a year – and the vast majority of these are home fires. In 2023 alone, the Red Cross of Wisconsin responded to 760 local disasters, providing over 3,800 people with comfort and essentials – making it a particularly devastating year for thousands of families affected by extreme weather, historic floods, tornadoes, home fires and more. So far

in 2024, Red Cross volunteers have helped over 1,027 people affected by about 242 home fires across Wisconsin and the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Kwik Trip, Inc. is a privately held company headquartered in La Crosse. The chain of convenience stores has locations throughout Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and serves under the name Kwik Star in Illi-

nois, Iowa and South Dakota.

“Kwik Trip is excited to partner with the American Red Cross through our coin canister campaign,” said Ben Leibl, Public Relations Specialist for Kwik Trip. “This partnership reflects our shared commitment to make a positive impact in the lives of others.”

All Kwik Trip locations will be collecting funds for

the Red Cross. No donation is too large or too small. By donating at a Kwik Trip/Kwik Star location in June, you too can help people in their time of greatest need.

“We are so grateful to have Kwik Trip in the Wisconsin Region,” said Thomas. “They continue to go above and beyond, and they have taken part in countless efforts to improve lives in our communities.”

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
WENDY J. ZWEIFEL

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR41

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/28/1972 and date of death 4/06/2024, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W3265 Blazer Rd., Belleville, WI 53508.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 28, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by
Jennifer Prien
Probate Registrar

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Evansville, WI 53536
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Bar Number 1055751

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NOTICE OF BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS CITY OF BRODHEAD, GREEN COUNTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following applications for licenses to sell beer and liquor in the City of Brodhead have been filed in the office of the City Clerk and will be considered at the Common Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall:

Class A Beer and Liquor
Dolgencorp, LLC d/b/a Dollar General, 2410 First Center Avenue, Brodhead, Andrea Michele Hay, Agent

Dolgencorp, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #25477, 106 E 9th Avenue, Brodhead, Yvonne Anne Buss, Agent

JAC Foods, LLC d/b/a Piggly Wiggly, 1604 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead, Justin Campbell, Agent

SD Brodhead Minimart Inc. d/b/a Trakside Mobil, 1109 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead, Prakash Navadia, Agent

Kwik Trip 1021, 2107 1st Center Ave, Brodhead, Jack Dotta, Agent

Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin, LLC 2416 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead, Peter Barnett, Agent

Class B Beer and Liquor
Bridges Bar & Grill, 1034 First Center Avenue, Brodhead, Donna Millard, Agent

The Bar, LLC, 1117 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, Tracy Thosten, Agent

Simple Soiree, 906 W. Exchange Street, Brodhead, Lori DeMario, Agent

Deb's Bar, 1024 First Center Avenue, Brodhead, Debra Ann Neild, Agent

Payne's Pub, 1101 First Center Avenue, Brodhead, Jon E. Payne, Agent

Villa Pizza Inn, 1011 First Center Avenue, Brodhead, Salvatore Mazzarisi, Agent

Firebolt Stone Oven Pizza and Coffee Inc, 1002 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead, Deanna Straub, Agent

Dated this 6th day of June, 2024

City of Brodhead
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

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(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24-PR-43

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2. The decedent, with date of birth April 14, 1947 and date of death March 24, 2024 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 196 Juniper Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 30, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Register in Probate, Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin.

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ADRC offers walking program for arthritis

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is offering “Walk With Ease” starting June 24 running through Aug. 5.

This will be offered as a self-directed workshop with program guidance, as needed, from a trained leader. All needed materials will be mailed upon registration.

Walk With Ease – a program developed and certified by the Arthritis Foundation – is a structured walking program that teaches participants how to safely and easily make physical activity part of their everyday life. The program is designed to help people living with arthritis better manage

their pain and is also ideal for people without arthritis who want to make walking a regular and healthy habit.

Walk With Ease offers support, information, and tools to help participants develop successful exercise routines. During the six weeks of the program, participants learn proper stretching and pain management techniques; they also build stamina and walking pace.

The program can even be modified to meet the needs of individual participants so that each person can develop an exercise routine that fits their unique goals.

“Research shows that walk-

ing is not only good for joints, but also helps improve the health of our heart, lungs, and bones,” says Laura Steiner, ADRC’s Wellness and Prevention Specialist. “Walking can also help with weight-management which in turn can reduce one’s risk for arthritis in the knee, heart disease, and diabetes. If you can be on your feet for at least 10 minutes without increased pain, for a minimum of three days per week, you will most likely have success with this program.”

Walk With Ease is shown to increase balance, strength and walking pace, as well as reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis. The program is

also shown to build participant confidence to be physically active and improve overall health. Requirements to participate include; a guidebook (provided by the ADRC), a safe place to walk, and comfortable and safe shoes.

There is no charge; however, donations are accepted to help cover the cost of materials provided.

Pre-registration is necessary. No living-in county or state requirements. Contact the ADRC to sign up by calling 608-328-9499. Please note, before starting any exercise program, be sure to always check with a healthcare provider.

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