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Multiple tornadoes hit southern part of state

Delavan, Janesville, Argyle among towns damaged, historic church destroyed

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The National Weather Service (NWS) has confirmed at least five tornadoes as part of Saturday night's severe weather event in southern Wisconsin.

NWS crews are surveying more communities as cleanup efforts continue.

An EF-1 tornado with peak winds of 105 mph hit Delavan in Walworth County around 8:22 p.m. on Saturday night, according to a NWS report. The town of Delavan is a few miles northwest of Williams Bay, where severe damage was reported.

Another EF-1 rated tornado with an estimated 105 mph winds developed south of Marshall in Dane County, according to a NWS report. The tornado lifted south of Watertown with a path length of 4.6 miles. The tornado damaged multiple farms and outbuildings, a few homes and numerous trees, according to the report.

The local storm report confirmed three more tornadoes. An EF-1 tornado developed west of Watertown near the intersection of County Roads



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In Argyle, the Apple Grove Lutheran Church was leveled after a storm moved through the area late Saturday. According to the parish website, the historic church was destroyed by a tornado Saturday evening.

Q and T and progressed northeastward causing substantial damage to a home, farm buildings and trees along West Road. The estimated peak winds were about 105 mph with a path length of 2.1 miles.

Yet another EF-1 tornado developed south of Geneva Lake and moved northeast across the lake before lifting south of Lake Como. The estimated 100 mph wind tornado

damaged multiple trees, piers and caused other structural damage.

The NWS report also confirmed an EF-2 tornado with estimated peak winds of 115 mph around 7:42 p.m. to 7:53 p.m. on Saturday. Most of the damage was at an EF-1 level, but some places on the southern side of Janesville had greater damage, according to the report.

A National Weather Service meteorologist warned locals to stay away from flood waters, any downed power lines and unsafe trees with loose branches.

Locals are also reminded that anyone with storm damage can report it to the NWS, including on their website, Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).

The next day, on Sunday, National Weather Service crews were out assessing damage in areas including Argyle, Marshall, Janesville, Watertown, Walworth, Williams Bay, Sun Prairie and DeForest.

In Argyle, a historic church, the Apple Grove Lutheran Church, was demolished. The church had been at the site since 1893. In a post on the church website, Pastor Dan Bohlman said, "It is with the deepest sadness that I have to share with you that Apple Grove was hit by a tornado this evening. The church is completely destroyed." Bohlman had been pastor at the church since 1992.

In Rock County, at approximately 8 p.m. on June 22, Rock County Sheriff's Office,



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On Sunday, June 23, Janesville Deputy City Manager Ryan McCue spoke during a press conference on the severe weather and possible tornado in the town.

Janesville Police Department, Janesville Fire Department, Beloit Police Department, Beloit Fire Department, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Rock County Communications Center, Rock County Emergency Management, and Rock County Department of Public Works responded to reports of severe weather damage on the south side of the City of Janesville and in the Town of Rock.

As units arrived in the area, they verified damage ranging from minor to significant and encountered debris closing roadways. Damage to power infrastructure caused outages on the south side of the City of Janesville and in the Town of Rock. No injuries have been reported.

The City of Janesville is

starting cleanup after the possible tornado ripped through the city late Saturday night.

Janesville Deputy City Manager Ryan McCue spoke on the damage Sunday. "As you all know last night," McCue said, "the City of Janesville, along with parts of Rock County, experienced a tornado, and we have significant damage throughout the city. Keeping our affected residents and helping them is our top priority. We want everyone to assume that wires that are down or entangled in trees are live, and do not touch them, and trees can conduct electricity, so we want everyone to remain safe while we clean up this mess. Currently there are no known injuries

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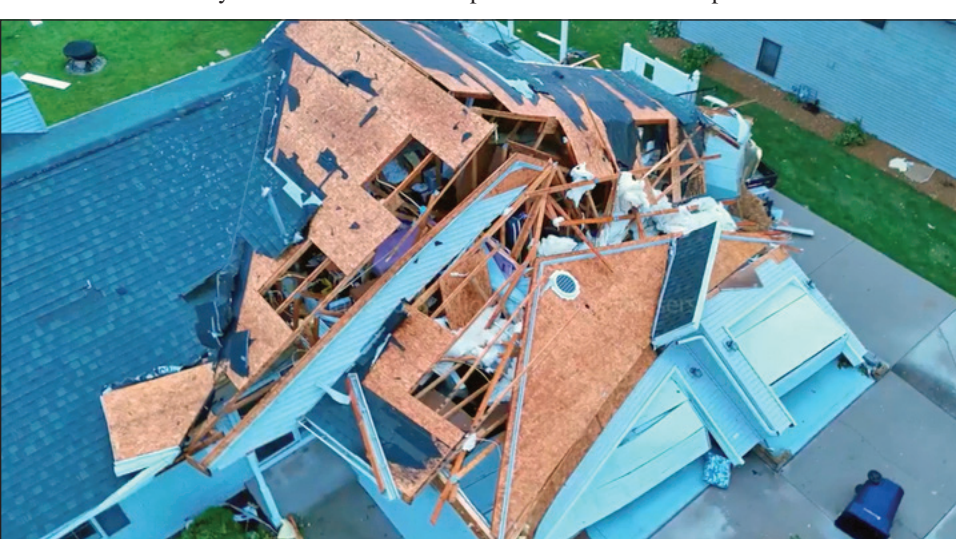


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Drone footage of storm damage in Janesville, taken on Sunday, June 23.



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City Glass Company of Janesville assessed damage around its facility on June 23.

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Director of sports sales, development named for JACVB

The Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (JACVB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Cipollone as the new Director of Sports Sales and Development. In this newly created role, Tony will lead efforts to attract sports tournaments and events to Northern Rock County, further enhancing Janesville's reputation as a premier destination for sports tourism.

Tony brings a wealth of experience in athletic administration and event management to his new position. Most recently, he served as the Executive Director of Athletics, Wellness and Recreation at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, where he successfully revived a dormant collegiate athletic program and oversaw operations, recruitment, and compliance. The Cuyahoga Community College recently won the All Sports Award for the Ohio Community College Athletic Association for the first time in school history, with successful seasons in baseball, softball, soccer and both men's and women's bas-

ketball.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tony to our team," said Christine Rebout, Executive Director of the JACVB. "His proven track record of building successful sports programs and his extensive experience in event and athletics management make him the ideal candidate to lead our sports sales efforts. We are confident that Tony will play a key role in driving economic growth through sports tourism in our community."

In his new role, Tony will be responsible for creating and executing a sales strategy for Janesville's sports tourism market, especially important with the coming addition of the Woodman's Sports and Convention Center, as well as maintaining relationships with local sports venues and hotels, and developing professional relationships with event organizers. He will also represent the JACVB at sports conventions and other industry events to continue promoting Janes-



Tony Cipollone

ville as a premier destination. Tony has completed Destinations International's Professional Destination Management (PDM) certification, and is a member of Sports ETA and Destinations International.

"I am both honored and humbled to join the esteemed JACVB in this newly created role. My extensive involvement in athletics – as an athlete, coach, administrator, and parent – has equipped me with a profound understanding of the dynamics essential to the success of events and sports organizations," said Tony. "This multifaceted experience positions me well to contribute meaningfully to the JACVB's mission."

The JACVB has consistently driven significant economic impact to the community through sporting events, tournaments, and competitions, supporting and helping to bring major events to Janesville including World Water Ski Show Tournaments, Ladies Professional

Golf Association (LPGA) Pro-Am, SAFECON aviation competitions, Tour of America's Dairyland cycling criterium races, and large youth sports tournaments such as the Ohio Valley Regional Youth Baseball Tournament and Rock Soccer Clash. Tony's expertise and dedication will build on this success, further establishing Janesville as a premier destination for top-tier sports events.

The Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (JACVB) is a private, non-profit Destination Marketing Organization, whose mission is to lead, support and promote tourism in the area by promoting Janesville as a prime destination for meetings and conventions, motorcoach, sporting events, and leisure travelers, thereby creating a positive economic impact on the community and enhancing the quality of life. The JACVB is funded by local hotel room tax and receives approximately 60% of the room tax collected by the City of Janesville with the remainder going into the city's general fund.

BBB tip: What to do if a business's social media account gets hacked

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If you think hackers are only after the social media accounts of large companies, think again. Small businesses are three times more likely to be targeted by cybercriminals than larger companies. Your data, social media followers, and company reputation are valuable to con artists, no matter the size of your business. And what's more, scammers know that a smaller company is less likely to have training in cybersecurity and social media best practices, making them an easier target.

What can you do to protect your business's social media accounts? And how can you get your account back if you've already been hacked? BBB recommends the following tips.

How to restore a compromised account

- Run a malware scan. Ensure the hackers do not install viruses on your device by running a scan with reputable security software. If the scan identifies any malware, delete it and restart your device.
- Change your passwords immediately. If you can still access your account, change your password. Then, change the passwords to all of your other social media accounts, even if you only see suspicious activity on one network, just in case.
- Report the social media hack. Once you change your password, or if you are locked out of your account by scammers, contact the social media network. Don't delete any damaging posts immediately since you may need them as evidence of the hack. Take screenshots of unauthorized posts or messages and then report the issue. Follow any instructions to restore your account, which may vary from platform to platform.
- Report compromised information. If you suspect your sensitive, personal information was compromised, report it at IdentityTheft.gov, where you can create a personalized recovery plan.
- Review your activity log and account settings. Look at the activity log to determine when and where your social media account was accessed. Then review your followers, the accounts you follow, and recent comments and messages.
- Let your customers know. Especially if hackers posted something to your account or sent out messages to your followers, it's important to notify your customers. Let them know what happened, and assure them the issue is resolved as soon as it is.

How to secure your business's social media accounts

- Understand hackers' motives and tactics. Hackers can use your social media account for a variety of nefarious reasons. They may be planning to run malicious ads using your stored credit card information, hoping your followers will pay attention since they come from a trusted source. Scammers can also target your followers via direct messages with phishing attacks. Or they may be after your sensitive personal or business information. Sometimes, they might try to steal your sales revenue or even sell your account on the black market. Regardless of the motive, scammers can only hack your account if they get a hold of your login and password information. To steal that, they may target you or one of your employees with a phishing or malware attack, so protecting that information is critical.
- Create a social media policy. Write a social media policy with clear guidelines and requirements for your brand and employees. What should it cover? It can contain rules about brand voice and post guidelines, but it should also clarify your employees' responsibilities. Who is responsible for crafting social media posts? Who has access to the passwords and login information? What devices can be used to log in to your accounts? These questions should be answered in your policy. You should also include a plan of action if your company does experience a security crisis. How will you handle a hacked account? Laying out a step-by-step plan ahead of time can minimize the damage caused by an attack.
- Recognize the signs of a hacked account. If you see unfamiliar posts on your account, you didn't authorize; someone has gained access to your account. You may also get messages from friends saying they received a strange message or email from you. And if your data has been compromised in a data breach or malware attack, or if a device with stored login information was stolen, hacking becomes more likely.
- Use strong passwords. Avoid easy passwords. Use long passwords with numbers, letters (upper and lower case), and symbols. Never use the same password twice. And if that sounds like a lot to manage, consider using a password manager.
- Set up two-factor authentication. Multifactor authentication (MFA) makes it harder for cybercriminals to access your account, even if they've gotten a hold of your password. Setting it up for your business accounts is a must.
- Keep antivirus software up to date. Protect your computers and mobile devices from malware attacks by installing antivirus software and running regular scans.

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Rock County teachers gain hands-on experience

Fifteen educators from around Rock County gathered at Blackhawk Technical College recently to conclude their experience in the Rock Externship Program. This initiative immerses teachers in various business environments, allowing them to shadow specific occupations or disciplines for a week to gain insights they can bring back to their classrooms.

This year, participants came from Beloit Turner High School, Beloit Memorial High School, The Lincoln Academy, Craig High School, and the Beloit Learning Academy. The externs were placed at companies including Alliant Energy, JP Cullen, Seneca Foods Corporation, Corporate Contractors Inc., Shine Technologies, IKI Manufacturing, Scot Forge and Rock County Public Health.

The workshop at Blackhawk provided educators an opportunity to share their experiences and collaborate on integrating their new knowledge into their teaching. They gathered at the college's Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning for a day focused on teamwork and curriculum development.

Now in its third year, the Rock Externship Program

is supported by Blackhawk Technical College and Rock County 5.0.

Participants

- Stephanie Aasen, Beloit Turner – JP Cullen
- Brian Michels, Beloit Memorial – CCI
- James Hansel, Beloit Memorial – Scot Forge
- Sarah Schwarm, Beloit Memorial – Rock County Public Health
- Amanda Sellen, Beloit Memorial – IKI
- Leeanna Schultz, The Lincoln Academy – Seneca Foods
- Brook Ruston, Beloit Memorial – Shine
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- Sheridan Michels, Beloit Memorial – Alliant Energy
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Front row, from left to right: Amanda Sellen, Sheridan Michels, Amy Wargowsky, Kimberly Schwantes, Leeanna Schultz, Brooke Ruston, Shelly Learned. Back row, from left to right: Breja Fink, Sarah Schwarm, Brian Denu, Mark Schildt, Brian Michels, Jim Hansel, Julie Horvath. Not pictured: Stephanie Aasen.

Registration now open for Cops and Bobbers

Sheriff Fell of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that the second 2024 Cops and Bobbers event will be held on Friday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Riverside Park, Harry C. Moore Pavilion, at 1160 Riverside Drive in Beloit.

Youth participants assisted by Sheriff's Office staff will fish the lagoon from shore. Check-in will start at 9:45 a.m.; an adult guardian must be present at drop off.

There are twenty-five spots available for kids ages 7 to 12. These spots will fill on a first come basis. Guardians can register their kid(s) online at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/

sheriff's-office/recreational-patrol/cops-and-bobbers.

Upon submitting the registration form, review the on-screen confirmation message.

Life jackets, fishing gear, and lunch will be provided during the event. Participants will receive an event t-shirt.

The Sheriff's Office is seeking sponsorships for the Cops and Bobbers Program. These events are free to participants due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors. To learn more about sponsorships, email Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Lund at 608-373-3816.

Advanced tech, live demos coming to Farm Progress Show

Farm Progress is pleased to announce the upcoming Farm Progress Show, a leading national outdoor farming event, scheduled for Aug. 27 to 29 in Boone, Iowa. This year's show introduces a new, more efficient northern traffic route for attendees and offers advanced ticket sales online, providing a streamlined experience for all visitors.

Matt Jungmann, national director of events for Farm Progress said, "The Farm Progress Show is a testament to the innovation of the agricultural community. We are proud to offer an event that not only showcases the progress in the industry but also serves as a hub for farmers, exhibitors and businesses to connect and share their passion for agriculture."

Attendees can look forward to field demonstrations that display the capabilities of the latest farming equipment in action. Corn has been planted and will be ready in time for the live harvesting demonstrations. New seeds, crop protection solutions, fertilizer and more implements will also be showcased, offering insights into the advancements that are driving the industry forward.

Visitors will also have a chance to get behind the wheel. The Ride and Drive program is back, and it will give attendees

a hands-on experience to test-drive the latest vehicles, emphasizing the progress in equipment design and functionality.

For the first time, there will be two Varied Industries Tents. Both will feature a comprehensive array of agricultural products and services, reflecting the diverse needs of the farming community. The show is expected to draw a broad international audience, highlighting the increasing global demand for agriculture.

Save money by purchasing tickets online, available now for \$15 per adult. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit the official website at www.FarmProgressShow.com.

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1,000 members strong: ABC of Wisconsin celebrates new record

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin is celebrating a new record: 1,000 member companies. This achievement highlights the association's commitment to fostering long-term relationships with contractors and its investments in apprenticeship and training programs.

"Our members understand the importance of safety, skilled labor and ongoing training for Wisconsin's commercial construction industry. Reaching 1,000 members is a testament to ABC of Wisconsin's dedication to providing these services," said John Mielke, president.

The association includes nearly 800 merit shop contractor companies offering services like plumbing, electrical, carpentry, bricklaying, HVAC and more. Collectively, these member companies employ a significant number of skilled workers. Merit shop construction workers represent more than 70% of Wisconsin's commercial construction workforce.

"ABC members include small

businesses, family businesses and independently owned contractors across Wisconsin. We are proud to support these companies, and we know their influence benefits every community where they live and work," Mielke added.

The growth of ABC's membership is closely linked to increased attention on workers in the skilled trades. ABC of Wisconsin's Apprenticeship Trust manages the largest apprenticeship program in the state, with more than 2,100 apprentices currently training in 12 distinct trades.

"The demand for skilled trades is high and these jobs offer family-sustaining wages. We are proud of our apprentices and the partnerships we have with technical schools and employers. Growth in apprenticeship is good for everyone, as it fills important roles in the construction industry and ensures excellence in our buildings and infrastructure," Mielke emphasized.

Jessie Cannizzaro, Board Chair and ABC member, noted, "When I travel the state and speak with our

members, it's clear they value training and apprenticeships, but they also value the advocacy and networking our association provides. Our members appreciate having a unified voice at the State Capitol and the opportunity to grow their businesses through collaboration on projects throughout Wisconsin."

Established in 1950, Associated Builders and Contractors is a national construction industry trade association that represents more than 23,000 members. The ABC Apprenticeship program in Wisconsin has more than 2,100 active apprentices in 12 different skilled trades utilizing 13 different technical colleges. Founded on the Merit Shop philosophy, ABC and its 68 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. The Wisconsin Chapter, based out of Madison, is among the largest in the country with over 1,000 member companies. Learn more at abcwi.org.

Gov. Evers, WisDOT announce roads guide

Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), recently announced the publication of the 2024 Rustic Roads Guide.

The latest edition features two new roads and the work of talented local photographers from around the state, including the cover image of the Aurora Borealis over Rustic Road 60 in Vilas County. This comes just after Gov. Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Tourism announced Wisconsin's tourism industry saw another record-breaking year in 2023, with \$25 billion in total economic impact, surpassing the previous record year of \$23.7 billion set in 2022.

"Wisconsin has quiet, rural roads all over that take visitors and travelers alike to some of the most beautiful scenes our

state has to offer," said Gov. Evers. "The new Rustic Roads Guide reflects years of local efforts to welcome travelers to explore all of Wisconsin, and I want to thank the state and local officials, photographers, and all those involved who have worked to keep this great program growing."

Rustic Roads is one of WisDOT's oldest programs. The program began in Taylor County in 1975 and now features approximately 760 miles of scenic, lightly traveled country roads through 61 counties. Unique brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially designated rustic roads, which range from two miles to 37 miles in length and have a maximum speed limit of 45 miles per hour.

"Wisconsin's Scenic Byways and Rustic Roads are both

the result of working with local leaders, and we are thankful for the ongoing efforts that make these programs so strong," said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "We are ready to work with community leaders anywhere in the state to show there is always one more great destination in Wisconsin."

Earlier this year, Gov. Evers and WisDOT announced the addition of two new additions to the Rustic Roads Program. Rustic Road 125, which spans 9.4 miles near the American Birkebeiner Trail in Northwestern Wisconsin's forests, and Rustic Road 126, which crosses Honey Creek in Walworth County and passes what was once a one-room schoolhouse.

"A road trip on Wisconsin's Rustic Roads and Scenic Byways is a great way to turn

down the noise and tune in with loved ones," said Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "Whether you seek them out or just happen on one in your travels, these roadways guide travelers to scenic views, unexpected destinations, and memory-worthy experiences."

The 2024 Rustic Roads Guide also features the Scenic Byways Program, which highlights non-interstate highways primarily along Wisconsin waterways, allowing travelers to explore more of the state's beauty, recreation, and cultural or historic attributes.

For a free copy of the 2024 edition of Wisconsin Rustic Roads, visit www.travelwisconsin.com/order-guides or contact the Wisconsin Department of Tourism at 1-800-432-8747.

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By Kelly Burchfield
BRODHEAD CHAMBER

It's time for the Annual Brodhead Family Fest, brought to you by the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce

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Join family, friends, and neighbors on Saturday, June 29 for this free community festival that kicks off with

the "Shop The Park Outdoor Market" in beautiful Putnam Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will be offering a variety of vintage treasures, boutique clothing, arts and crafts, and much more!

The Independence Day fun begins with the annual patriotic parade at 11 a.m., starting near the police department and continuing north along West 3rd Avenue, past Putnam Park to 3rd Street, east to Cedar Street, and ending at Legion Park. For safety reasons, parade participants are encouraged to hand out candy or other giveaways, ensuring they are out of traffic instead of throwing them in the street.

After the parade, come back to Putnam Park for a day full of food, fun, and fireworks! The event promises to bring back many favorites like the Community Band, King of Kids Music, David Landau, and new this year, When Pigs Fly. Plus,

enjoy additional free activities like laser tag, a Kids Fishing Derby, face painting, a petting zoo, inflatable games, and a free cornhole tournament with a chance to win prizes! New to Family Fest is the Beer Garden. Family Fest 2024 will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display over Putnam Park.

We hope you can join us for a fun day of community togetherness, creating memories, and celebrating Independence Day at the 3rd Annual Brodhead Family Fest on Saturday, June 29!

For complete details, including a schedule of events, parade sign-up, vendor forms, sponsor list, and more, visit BrodheadFamilyFest.com.

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Friday, June 28

- 8:30 p.m. – Movie in the Park: Spongebob the Movie at Veterans Park

Saturday, June 29

Activities:

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Shop the Outdoor Market in Putnam Park
- 11 a.m. – Independence Day Parade
- Noon to Dark – Beer Garden and food stands open
- Noon to 4 p.m. – Friendly Lakeside Critters (petting zoo); kids fishing
- Noon to 6 p.m. – Kids games; pool open; Watchout Lazer Tag; Better Brodhead Booth; frog toss game
- Noon to 8 p.m. – Inflatable games and bounce houses

Entertainment:

- All Day – Live DJ and Radio Broadcast
- 1 to 2 p.m. – Community Band
- 2:30 p.m. – Salute to our Veterans
- 3 to 4 p.m. – Free concert featuring David Landau: The King of Kids' Music
- 5 p.m. to dusk – Free concert, When Pigs Fly
- Dark – Fireworks display

• Tornadoes (Continued from front page)

from this tornado. There was a report of one household with trapped residents in the basement. The fire department was able to rescue them. We have many partners in the City of Janesville helping us out, with Rock County, the City of Beloit, the Southwest Incident Management Team, Wisconsin Emergency Management, the State Control, DNR [Department of Natural Resources], twelve neighboring fire departments, SWEPT [Southern Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Team], Red Cross, Salvation Army, and ECHO [Everyone Cooperating to Help Others]. We are currently doing drone assessments above the affected area, and we have our building inspectors inspecting affected properties.”

He also mentioned that McFarland Farms suffered a lot

of damage as did parts of the Town of Rock. Further damage assessments will be completed. Any county residents in need of assistance can please review the following information released by the City of Janesville.

“Earlier this evening, on Saturday, June 22, a reported tornado touched down on the south side of the City of Janesville. This weather event caused considerable damage to structures and infrastructure. First responders are currently on the scene, and the City has activated its Emergency Operations Center to mobilize additional resources.”

The City of Janesville, in collaboration with the Salvation Army of Rock County and Dr. Daniel Hale Williams County Resource Center, is offering transportation and

additional services to those affected by the weather event. Residents in need of assistance and resources can head to either facility. Transportation will be provided from the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams County Resource Center to the Salvation Army of Rock County. The Dr. Daniel Hale Williams County Resource Center is located at 1717 Center Avenue, with the Salvation Army of Rock County at 514 Sutherland Avenue.

The City’s Emergency Operations Center will provide additional information on its response and available resources when they become available.

For questions, contact the City of Janesville at 608-373-6025. Residents can also call the Rock County Communications Center’s non-emergency line at 608-757-2244.



PHOTO COURTESY CHICAGO AND MIDWEST STORM CHASERS Rock Valley Publishing
A home received a lot of damage after a tornado moved through Janesville on the evening of Saturday, June 22.



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This is the scene outside of what remains of Apple Grove Lutheran Church near Argyle. The congregation held its normally scheduled Sunday service.

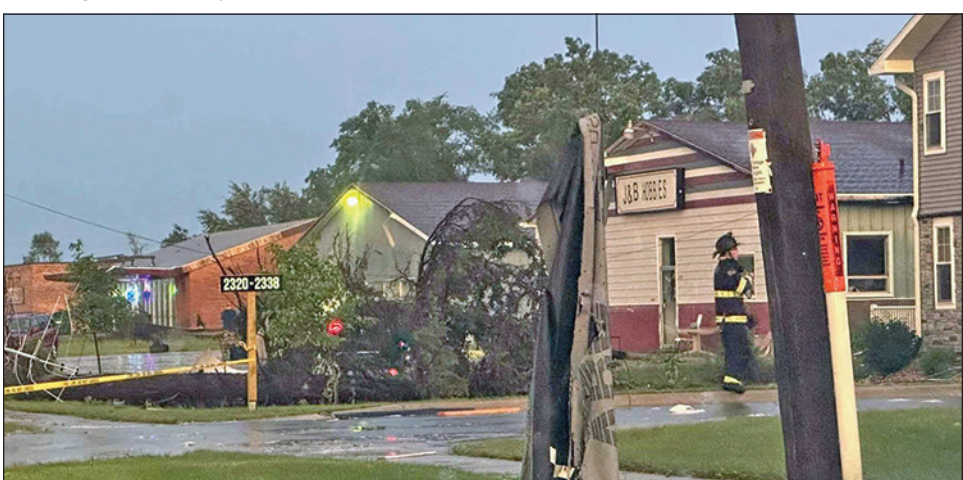


PHOTO COURTESY JERIMIAH LAMBERT Rock Valley Publishing
A fireman surveys damage in Janesville.

College news

University of Iowa students receive degrees in 2024

In May, more than 6,500 University of Iowa undergraduate, graduate, and professional students received their degrees. The 2024 spring semester graduates have engaged, excelled, and stretched to reach their academic goals.

As a top global university, Iowa is a destination for learning, discovery, and innovation. They bring art and science together to create a unique interdisciplinary education. With over 200 areas of study to choose from, students are encouraged to mix and match majors, minors, and certificates to earn a degree that reflects their unique interests.

From inside the world-class medical center to the most prestigious creative writing program in the U.S., students have access to quality academic support and are equipped with the tools they need to stand out in a competitive workforce. The 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio allows students to work directly with experts in their field while earning valuable, practical skills.

The campus seamlessly blends into the heart of downtown Iowa City, making it easy to access academic resources and belong to a larger, welcoming community. With over 500 student organizations, clubs, and communities on campus, and countless in-town events scheduled throughout the year, Iowa makes it easy to build a network of friendships and connections that

last a lifetime.

Beloit

- Elena James at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Criminology, Law and Justice; Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Milton

- Claire Gransee at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Communication Studies; Degree: Bachelor of Arts

- Grant Kosharek at College of Dentistry; Major: Dentistry; Degree: Doctor of Dental Surgery

Monroe

- Joshua Hunter at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Exercise Science; Degree: Bachelor of Science
- Whitney Wells at Graduate College; Major: Psychological and Quantitative Foundations; Degree: Specialist in Education

6,600-plus Huskers named to Deans' List

More than 6,600 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students have been named to the Deans' List for the spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more

than one college.

- College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 3.75; Dean Tiffany Heng-Moss.

- College of Architecture, 3.75; Dean Kevin G. Van Den Wymelenberg.

- College of Arts and Sciences, 3.7; Dean Mark E. Button.

- College of Business, 3.6; Dean Kathy Farrell.

- College of Education and Human Sciences, 3.75; Interim Dean Nicholas J. Pace.

- College of Engineering, 3.5; Dean Lance C. Perez.

- College of Journalism and Mass Communications, 3.7; Dean Shari Veil.

- Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, 3.7; Dean Andy Belser.

- Explore Center for undeclared, pre-engineering, pre-health and pre-law students, 3.6; Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Undergraduate Education Amy Goodburn.

Following is a list of area honorees, listed alphabetically by hometown, with their year in school, college(s) and major(s). Some international students are listed under their adopted hometowns in the United States. Some students chose not to be listed. Students in the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Public Affairs and Community Service are listed in the UNO Deans' List.

Beloit

- Anne Marie Memorando Wilmer, senior, Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences, psychology.

Janesville

- Xander Todd Wuetrich, freshman, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, PGA golf management.

Monticello

- Jack William Krebs, senior, Dean's List, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, environmental science and water science.

Monroe student named to Champlain College Spring 2024 Dean's List

Quinn Moorman of Monroe was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Moorman is currently majoring in Social Work.

Making the Dean's List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate them on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain's distinc-

tive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. Champlain ranks in multiple categories of U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges;" is included in The Princeton Review's 2024 list of "The Best 389 Colleges;" was named a 2023-2024 College of Distinction for Education, Business and Career Development; and was awarded one of America's Best Colleges by Money for combining quality and affordability. Website is www.champlain.edu.

Local student graduates at Marquette University

This past spring, the following students graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

There were 2,852 students who graduated from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 143rd Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at Fiserv Forum and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,600 undergraduate and 3,700 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a differ-

ence in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Contact Jack Goods in the Office of University Relations with questions.

Orfordville

- Sophia Flood Elyafi, Juris Doctor, Law

Beloit students make Dean's List or graduate at Monmouth College

Emily Davis of Beloit has made the Dean's List at Monmouth College for the spring semester. An elementary education major, Davis is the child of Jessica L. Daniels of Beloit.

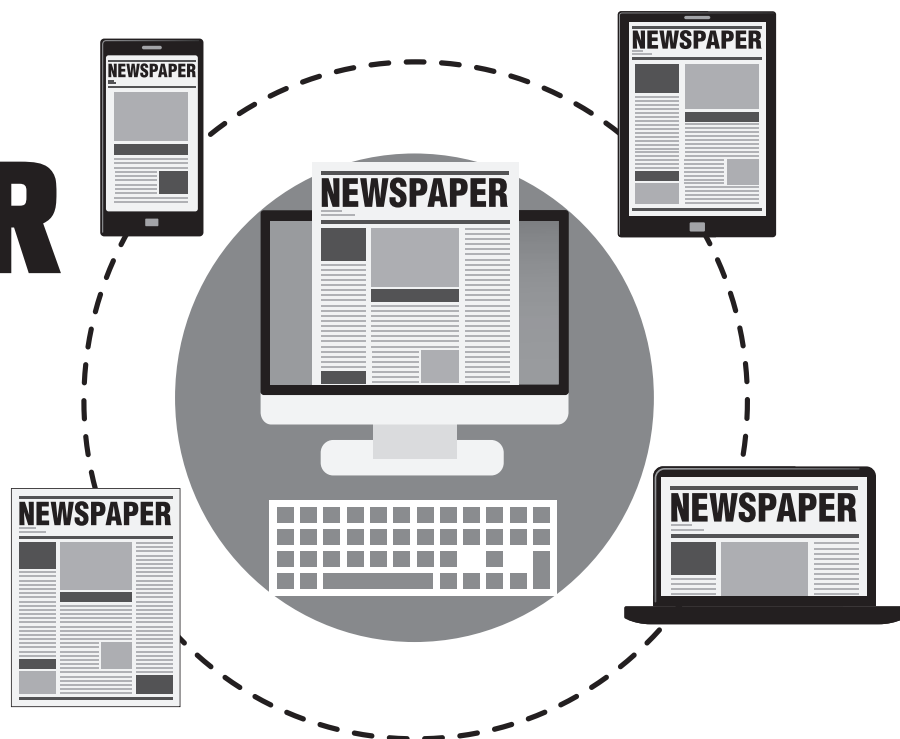
Katelyn Landon of Beloit recently graduated from Monmouth College with a degree in sociology and anthropology. Landon is the child of Peter and Kathryn Landon of Beloit.

Monmouth held its 167th Commencement Exercises on May 19. Actress Sigourney Weaver and her husband, writer/director Jim Simpson, gave the Commencement address.

Founded in 1853 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Monmouth College provides a transformative educational experience within a caring community of learners. A residential liberal arts college that is the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, Monmouth College empowers students to realize their full potential, live meaningful lives, pursue successful careers, and shape their communities and the world through service and leadership.

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In brief

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. Contact Danielle Harnack at 608-295-0423 or Ronald Nath at 608-921-8225 for questions and to sign up.

Sign up for caregiver classes at the ADRC

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County is offering the 6-week SAVVY Caregiver Training Program on Monday afternoons July 29 to Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center located at 1717 Center Ave., Janesville. There is no cost to attend this program.

Who is SAVVY for? Any family or friend caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another form of

progressive dementia. What is SAVVY? Savvy Caregiver is a proven curriculum developed by Dr. Kenneth Hepburn and colleagues at the University of Minnesota. Grounded in research, this educational series teaches strategies, practical real-world skills and helps to reduce stress, both in the caregiver and the person for whom care is being provided. Savvy Caregiver increases the caregiver's sense of competence and well-being even though there may be little experience. The course will provide a base of dementia knowledge and cover a variety of related caregiving topics and information.

Reserve a spot today for the SAVVY Caregiver Training Program by contacting Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or via email at karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

Pickleball nets available in Orfordville

Locals in the Village of Orfordville can now play pickleball at Purdy Park. Orfordville

keeps the nets at the Village Hall. Please stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to pick up a net; there are four nets. Residents can sign out a net for 24 hours.

Orfordville going through a reassessment

The Village of Orfordville is going through a Reassessment this year. If local residents have someone come to their home regarding their property, they must have credentials from Associated Appraisal.

ADRC announces elder benefit schedule

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County announces the elder benefit specialist schedule for July 2024.

Times will be by appointment only. Please call 757-5414 to schedule an appointment.

- Tuesday, July 2, 11 a.m. to noon, Creekside Place, Evansville
- Monday, July 8, 11 a.m. to

noon, Janesville Senior Center

- Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m. to noon, Clinton Senior Center
- Thursday, July 11, noon to 4 p.m., Grinnell Senior Center
- Wednesday, July 17, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Edgerton

Library

- Wednesday, July 17, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Elm Drive Apartments
- Thursday, July 18, 11 a.m. to noon, Hedberg Library, Janesville
- Tuesday, July 23, 11 a.m.

to noon, The Gathering Place, Milton

- Wednesday, July 24, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Riverview Heights Apartments
- Thursday, July 25, 8 a.m. to noon, Grinnell Senior Center

Police news

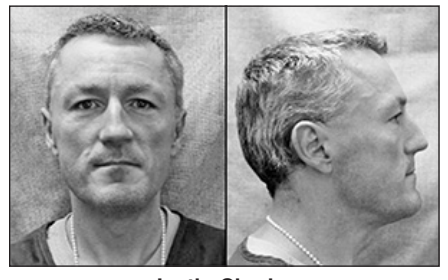
Sex offender relocates to Janesville program

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Justin J. Charles will be relocating to Rock Valley Community Programs, 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, on June 26.

Charles was convicted on July 19, 2012 of three counts of Possession of Child Pornography, Case Number 10CF131, in Washington County.

While residing at 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, WI, conditions of Charles'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 Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry website, www.wistaysafe.gov.



Justin Charles

A.G. Kaul visited Rock County Sheriff's Office

Attorney General Josh Kaul visited the Rock County Sheriff's office on June 18 as it was one of twelve law enforcement agencies around the state that received grants from state opioid settlement funds negotiated in part by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Twelve Tribal nations, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies received grants for projects to prevent and reduce the dangers of opioid use. This grant program is part of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' plan to use the state's share of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation settlement with opioid distributors and manufacturers.

Hacked

(Continued from page 2)

• Be careful with third-party apps. Instagram warns users that they can gain complete access to their account if they give their login information to a third-party app by handing over their password and username or even a login token. The same is true for any social media network. If you use

a third-party app, like a social media scheduler, ensure it's from a reputable source.

• Check your accounts regularly for suspicious activity. Keep an eye on your social media accounts. Check in daily, if possible, to ensure your account hasn't been compromised.

• Train your employees. Give your employees regular training to help them spot a phishing attack before it's too late. Review your social media policy and any up and latest threats on social with them. Keeping your team alert can go a long way toward protecting your accounts.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shirley Peterson DOD: April 19, 2024

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR50

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth August 21, 1948 and date of death April 19, 2024 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1208 22nd Street, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 16, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 16th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate.

Electronically Signed by Jennifer Prien Probate Registrar June 11, 2024

Russell Law Offices, SC 512 W. Water Street, PO Box 356 Shullsburg, WI 53586 (608) 448-3680 Bar Number 1047499

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ZONING AND PLANNING MEETING

Town of Avon Avon Town Hall 16513 W Beloit Newark Road, Brodhead, WI 53520 July 2nd, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board for the Town of Avon will be meeting on July 2nd, 2024 to hear and review the application submitted by Jason Speich along with Cassie Myre for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 12605 W Avon N Townline Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 (NE 1/4, NE 1/4; Section 1). The application request is to host equine events for clubs such as 4H, FFA, WI Little Britches, WI High Schools.

If you approve or have an objection to this request, please

express your actions by letter, telephone, or in person. If we do not hear from you, we will infer that you have no objections. Letters can be mailed to 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. For a telephone number of one of Zoning and Planning board members, please contact Stephanie Schwartzlow at 608-921-3656.

Stephanie Schwartzlow Avon Town Clerk 608-921-3656

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT ROCK COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

Mariner Finance, LLC Successor in Interest to Personal Finance Company, LLC 2228 Humes Road Suite 1 Janesville WI 53545 Plaintiff,

vs.

TYLER HOLST AND ALYSSA A. HOLST N3738 DECATUR SYLVESTER RD MONROE WI 53566 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No.: 2024CV000519 Classification Code: 30301 The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after 06/26/2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 51 S MAIN JANESVILLE, WI 53545 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attor-

ney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) 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 17th day of June, 2024.

DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano Jillian E Caggiano State Bar No. 1101032

MAILING ADDRESS: 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 641-3715

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE WI

ATTENTION ORFORDVILLE RESIDENTS

Copies of the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for the Orfordville Water Utility are available at the Orfordville Village Hall. Copies are also posted at the Orfordville Library and the Bank of Brodhead (Orfordville Branch).

Laura Wickstrum Deputy Clerk 303 E. Beloit St Orfordville, WI 53576 608 879-2004

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NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW For the Town of Spring Grove

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Spring Grove of Green County shall hold its first meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Spring Grove Town Hall,

N2475 Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of the assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board or by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method of valuation; unless the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's manual under Sec. 73.03 (2a) of Wis. Statutes, that the Assessor requests. The Town of Spring Grove has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the

Assessor under this paragraph which provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Sec. 19.35 (1) of Wis. Statutes. The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone. Respectfully submitted, Town of Spring Grove Arlinda Faessler, Clerk

*If you want to appear before the Board of Review, you must give the Town Clerk "NOTICE OF INTENT" to file an appeal no later than 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2024. Also, you must present the completed objection form to the Town Clerk on or before 2:00 p.m., July 5, 2024. The clerk will schedule an appointment time for you.

Arlinda Faessler, Clerk N2475 Hwy GG Brodhead, WI 608-897-4643 6/20/2024 Arlinda Faessler, Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-06-18

The Town Board of the Town of Spring Grove, Green County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

That, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.30(1e)(a), the office of town clerk shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elect of the town board.

The term of office for the appointed position shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed 3 years per § 60.30(1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officer for additional terms. However, removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for "cause" as defined under § 17.001 and required by § 60.30(1e)(f).

This ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on November 5, 2024. The referendum question(s) shall be:

"Shall the person holding the office of clerk in the Town of Spring Grove be appointed by the town board?"

The salary of the appointed position shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per § 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by § 60.30(1e)(b).

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2024. Town of Spring Grove, Green County, Wisconsin.

Patrick A. Faessler, Chairperson

Attestation: Arlinda Faessler, Clerk

Posted: June 18, 2024

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Appeals of the Village of Orfordville will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 303 E. Beloit Street.

Applicant Kurt Sundblom of 204 Dickson Street is requesting a 6-foot rear setback for an addition to his existing building. Property is zoned C-1 Commercial and requires a 25-foot rear setback.

Applicants Chris and Shannon Dickson of 128 S. Richards Street are requesting a variance to build an attached garage of 2,096 feet. Property is zoned R-1 Single Family Residential, current ordinance allows an attached garage not to exceed 936 square feet.

Adjoining landowners, or landowners within 100 feet of the above mentioned properties will be notified separately by mail.

Sherri Waege Village Clerk

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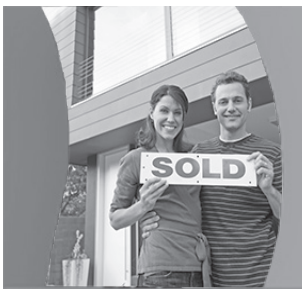
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