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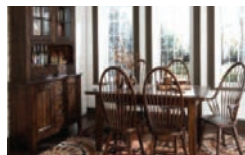
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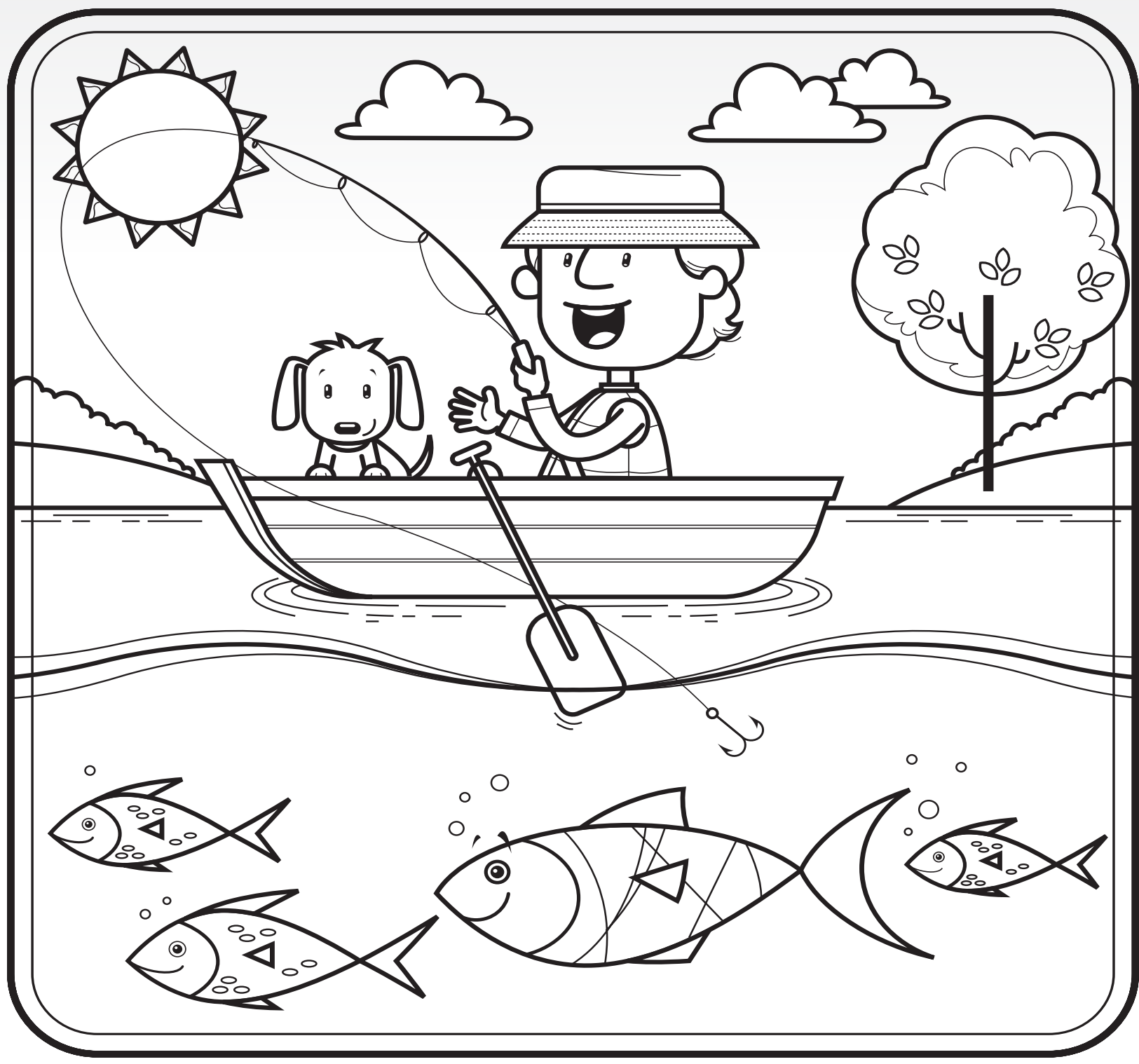


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Apartment fire in Janesville



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The Janesville Fire Department (JFD) responded to the scene of a 23-unit apartment fire on Janesville's Eastside on July 8. On arrival, JFD units found fire and smoke present from the entire attic space. Fire crews attacked the attic fire and simultaneously completed a search of the entire building and verified that all occupants had evacuated. The fire quickly went across the roof structure, requiring the removal of all firefighters from the inside of the apartment building. Aerial master streams were used to extinguish the fire. Extensive damage remains to the building. The property owners, building managers, and American Red Cross were on site to aid displaced residents. Property remediation efforts are currently underway. One firefighter was transported to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Thank you to the following for their aid: Emergency Callback personnel, City of Janesville Transit, Rock County 911 Communications Center, Janesville Police Department, SWEPT, City of Beloit Fire Department, Beloit Township Fire Department, Lakeside Fire-Rescue, Clinton Fire Protection District, Footville Fire Protection District, Orfordville Fire Department, Evansville Fire District, Town of Turtle Fire Department, and City of Fort Atkinson Fire Department.

State twelfth in nation in highest proportion of Olympians at Paris Games

Around 10,500 athletes from 206 different National Olympic Committees (NOCs) are expected to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, with a significant proportion coming from Team USA. But where in the US are these athletes from?

LiveSportsOnTV.com, a company that provides schedules for streaming and TV sports, carried out a study to analyze the birth states of US Olympians to identify which states will have the largest representation at the Paris Olympics. To provide a more accurate picture, they weighted each state by population, revealing which states produce the highest proportion of athletes. This study offers fresh insights into the geographic distribution of American athletic talent.

The top 5 states are as follows:

- #1 Washington, D.C.: Although technically not a state, when weighted against population size, Washington, D.C.

emerged with the gold medal in terms of number of athletes per capita (4 representatives). Possibly the most well-known athlete being a NBA player, also known by his initials KD, who plays for the Phoenix Suns.

- #2 Hawaii: Hawaii, a state known for its watersports, emerged in second place with 5 athletes, including John John Florence, one of the world's leading and most recognizable surfers.

- #3 Colorado: In bronze medal position, Colorado is to be represented by 19 athletes. Unsurprisingly, for a state made up of mountains, two of its Olympic representatives will be competing in sport climbing.

- #4 California: California not only has the highest number of athletes going to Paris, but also the 4th highest per capita, with 123 athletes. California is renowned for its sporting prowess, being home to numerous top-tier training facilities and a climate con-

ducive to year-round outdoor training. This state has produced some of the most celebrated Olympians in history, and its representation in the 2024 Olympics is no different. Notable athletes include Allyson Felix, the most decorated track and field athlete in Olympic history, and Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time.

- #5 Vermont: In 5th place nationally came Vermont, with two representatives – William Bender in rowing, and Ilona Maher in Rugby Sevens. Vermont, known for its picturesque landscapes and outdoor culture, has fostered a strong sporting community despite its small size.

The state of Wisconsin came in 12th place with 13 athletes heading to this year's Olympics, making it one of the top contributors to Team USA. These include athletes taking part in fencing, basketball, rowing, sailing, track and field, weightlifting, wrestling, judo, and rowing.

News briefs

Rainfall inundates sewer system in Orfordville

The Village of Orfordville experienced an extreme rainfall event on the evening of Monday, July 15. As a result of that rain event the Village's sewer collection system was inundated with water and was overwhelmed beyond the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system.

The Village installed a portable diesel powered pump in the collection system to provide relief to the collection system. Wastewater was discharged to the grassy swale along the east side of the wastewater treatment plant, between the treatment plant and Village waste site, resulting in a sanitary sewer overflow.

The public should avoid the area impacted by raw wastewater, which has been fenced off by the Village until fencing has been removed. Raw wastewater was not discharged to surface water.

Nature hike to be held at the Sunny Peace Prairie

Walk through the prairie to observe wildflowers, birds, butterflies and insects. The walk will be led by Dave Bendlin, former Milton science teacher, who leads many such programs in the area. Attendees will learn a lot about prairies and determine if they would like to plant one of their own. The event is held Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m. at the Sunny Peace Prairie, 2604 S. Coon Island Road, Orfordville. The program will last about an hour and a half. Bring the kids. There will be nets to capture insects along the walk which will be done on mowed trails. Wear good shoes especially if anyone wants to pursue an insect through the prairie.

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? It is

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.

\$4.3 million Megabucks ticket sold in Redgranite

The Wisconsin-only lotto game, Megabucks, had a

mega winner on Wednesday night. A \$4.3 million jackpot winning ticket was sold at Kwik Trip on 549 W. Bannerman Ave. in Redgranite for the July 17 drawing. The winning numbers were 6-8-14-26-33-37.

The jackpot is the largest Wisconsin Lottery prize won in 2024 so far.

Not to be confused with the multi-jurisdictional game Mega Millions, Megabucks is only offered in Wisconsin and is one of the longest-running lotto games in the Badger State. Megabucks offers two plays for \$1. The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 6,991,908.

Wisconsin Lottery retailers who sell winning tickets over \$599 receive a two percent Retailer Performance Winning Ticket Incentive, up to \$100,000.

The Megabucks jackpot was won four times in 2023. The Redgranite Megabucks win marks the second time in 2024 the game's jackpot was hit. In February, a \$3.5 million winning ticket was sold in Oak Creek.

College news

UW-Madison reveals 2024 spring graduates

A total of 8,586 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 10 to 11, including students from this area.

There were two live ceremonies, one for undergraduates at Camp Randall and one for all graduate degree candidates at the Kohl Center.

Keynote speaker and Badger hockey legend Meghan Duggan shared lessons learned during her ascent to Olympic gold.

"Failure is not final unless you choose not to learn from it," Duggan said. "Since some measure of failure is inevitable in each of the journeys you're about to take, I hope you react by learning what you're willing to do to find your own version of success."

Chancellor Jennifer L. Mnookin praised graduates for succeeding academically and being deeply engaged

in solving problems in the world, in the proud tradition of the Wisconsin Idea.

"You and I can't know today what questions each of you will ask in your lives and careers," she said. "But I can tell you this: The questions that challenge what we are certain we already know to be true are often the ones that drive extraordinary innovation."

Student speaker Gracie Nelson, senior class president, reminded graduates that, in the past four years, they had lived through COVID dorms, eight Taylor Swift albums, and three Badger football coaches. She emphasized that "it is not our resumes or the titles we hold that define us, but the depth of our humanity."

For more information about UW-Madison, visit <http://www.wisc.edu>.

Here are the degree recipients from this area:

Albany

- Payton Zurfluh, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Human Development and Family Studies, Human Development and Family Studies; School of Nursing, Bachelor of Science-Nursing, Nursing

Brodhead

- Anna Corbit, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Human Development and Family Studies
- Haley Dodd, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Music, Music: Education
- Anna Fish, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Education, Elementary Education, Special Education

Orfordville

- Nevin Crane, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Marketing.

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Sen. Johnson releases preliminary findings on assassination attempt on former President Trump

On Sunday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) released preliminary findings relating to the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump during his July 13, 2024 campaign rally in Butler, Penn.

Immediately following the shooting, Senator Johnson's office began contacting federal, state, and local government entities as well as private companies seeking information about the security failures at the rally. The preliminary findings released today are based on the initial information the senator's office obtained over the last week.

The senator is sharing this information with the public to be transparent and to ensure that all entities examining the assassination attempt are equipped with this information. The five preliminary findings are listed below:

- Secret Service did not attend a security briefing provided to local special weapons and tactics (SWAT) and sniper teams the morning of July 13;
- Local law enforcement said communications were siloed and they were not in frequent radio contact directly with Secret Service;
- Local law enforcement notified command about Crooks prior to the shooting and received confirmation that Secret Service was aware of the notification;

Following the shooting Secret Service was seen on the roof of the American Glass Research (AGR) building with local law enforcement; photos of the shooter were sent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for facial recognition; and

• Secret Service was initially not going to send snipers to the rally, according to local law

enforcement.

A timeline is also enclosed with these preliminary findings highlighting significant events based on information obtained by the senator's office.

On July 14, Senator Johnson wrote to Attorney General Merrick Garland, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray demanding a preservation of records, information relating to the security of the Butler rally, background information on the alleged gunman, and all texts and communications between law enforcement agents, including Secret Service personnel, relating to the rally from July 11 to July 14. To date, the Department of Justice (DOJ), DHS, and FBI have failed to provide any of the requested information and have not even confirmed that they will preserve the relevant records. The federal agencies' continued lack transparency with both Congress and the American public is entirely unacceptable.

Senator Johnson's office will continue to pursue the truth and in doing so, encourages anyone with relevant information on the July 13 assassination attempt or the alleged shooter to come forward to his office and email his whistleblower account: Whistleblower_PSIJohnson@hsgac.senate.gov.

A full explanation of the senator's preliminary findings, a timeline of significant events reported to the senator's office, and unanswered questions can be viewed here www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/services/files/4E6577F1-8AD2-4CB9-9FC7-5896C27A9647.

RNC meet in Milwaukee, nominate Trump, Vance

On Monday, July 15, in Milwaukee, at the Republican National Convention, Republican delegates from across the country nominated Donald J. Trump for President and Senator J.D. Vance for Vice President in a historic display of party unity after the attempted assassination on Trump.

"President Donald J. Trump and Senator J.D. Vance are the most unifying and competitive ticket in political history. Donald J. Trump's record of success as a businessman

and as a president who made America wealthy, safe, strong, and great again, coupled with J.D. Vance's inspirational biography, military service, and dedication to America's working families, will appeal to voters of all backgrounds across the country. After President Trump secured the Republican nomination in record time, enthusiasm continues to grow for his movement to Make America Great Again, and we will deliver a sweeping victory for the Trump-Vance ticket on November 5,"

said Trump campaign senior advisors Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles.

"The Republican Party is proud to nominate President Donald J. Trump and Senator J.D. Vance as our next President and Vice President of the United States. The GOP is the party of working Americans, and Senator Vance has long championed the rural men and women left behind in Joe Biden's America. His experience, on top of President Trump's accomplishments for rural communities,

like negotiating fairer trade deals like the USMCA and cutting red tape for our farmers, will show Americans in the Heartland that they have a home in President Trump's movement to Make America Great Again. We look forward to welcoming Americans of all backgrounds into our 'big tent' Party and behind the Trump-Vance ticket in the lead-up to Election Day," said Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Whatley and Co-Chairman Lara Trump.



Donald J. Trump was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee by Republican delegates from across the country during the event which took place from July 15 to 18.

Spreitzer thanks President Biden, endorses Vice President Harris

Gov. Evers, U.S. Sen. Baldwin, Rep. Anderson, State Sen. Agard also release statements

State Senator Mark Spreitzer issued the following statement after President Joe Biden announced his decision to end his reelection campaign and focus on fulfilling his duties as President for the remainder of his term:

"I thank President Biden for the lifetime of service and leadership that he has provided to our country – as a U.S. Senator, as Vice President, and as President of the United States. There is no question that President Biden has always put our country and the American people first, and I am confident that this was a decision made with the best interests of our country in mind.

"From leading our country out of the COVID-19 pandemic, to appointing Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court, to enacting landmark legislation like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the American Rescue Plan Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act – the Biden-Harris Administration has delivered for our country. Thank you, President Biden.

"As an American, as a Wisconsinite, and as a Democrat, I look forward to supporting Vice President Kamala Harris



Senator Mark Spreitzer poses with Vice President Kamala Harris.

in her campaign for President. Kamala Harris has been a crucial part of every accomplishment of the Biden-Harris Administration, and her experience as an Attorney General, U.S. Senator, and Vice President means that she is ready to lead on day one. Vice President Harris will defeat Donald Trump in November and finish the job the Biden-Harris Administration started."

Gov. Evers statement

Gov. Tony Evers recently released the following state-

ment regarding President Joe Biden stepping aside in the 2024 presidential election.

"President Biden has been an extraordinary president, one of – if not the most – well-accomplished presidents of my lifetime. He has led and guided us through some of the most tumultuous times in our nation's history – a ravaging pandemic and economic disaster, wars the world over, an insurrection, and a near-daily assault on basic tenets of our democracy and our more prized institutions. And he did so all while delivering for the American people, enacting historic investments in our infrastructure, helping rebuild the middle class, working to reduce costs for working families and seniors, fighting against attacks on reproductive freedom, passing real solutions to the climate crisis, and so much more.

"President Biden is a leader who's always chosen unity over division, people over pol-

itics, selflessness over selfishness, and decency and respect over cruelty and retribution, and that's as evident today as it has been throughout each day of his decades of public service. I've been proud and honored to support him, and I'm incredibly grateful for all the work we've been able to do together. Thank you, Mr. President.

"President Biden's decision today doesn't change the fact the choice remains clear this November. Donald Trump wants to be a dictator on day one. He is a dangerous threat to our democracy and our country, and he will enact a radical, authoritarian agenda if he returns to the Oval Office. There is much work ahead of us, and Wisconsin Democrats and I will spend every moment of every day for the next 107 days working to defeat him."

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Healing from the past to grow for the future

By Erin Thompson
WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION
Martice Scales and Amy Kroll-Scales founded Full Circle Healing Farm in 2017, leaving stable career paths to start healing their community from the ground up.

Full Circle Healing Farm is a two acre vegetable, herb, and flower farm in Mequon. The farm is located on the Fondy Farm at the Mequon Nature Preserve, a 40 acre incubator farm that has the mission of providing affordable, long-term leases to historically underserved producers. Martice and Amy started their farming journey on a quarter acre at Fondy Farm and have grown each year since.

While Martice and Amy enjoy selling at farmers markets, their true passion is growing food for people in need in their community. In 2023 and 2024, Martice and Amy received contracts through the Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance (WI LFPA) Program to grow food for food access organizations.

WI LFPA is strengthening food systems in Wisconsin by awarding farmers and community partners grants to grow fresh, nutritious food that is picked up and distributed to hunger relief partners throughout Wisconsin and provided to underserved communities at no charge. Martice and Amy founded their farm

on the same kind of values and they've been working to feed food insecure people in their community.

"Equitable food access and battling food apartheid is really important and I think WI LFPA is doing a really good job to address that," Amy said. "So many [food pantries in the area] don't have fresh produce. It's canned stuff. Fed is the best, but if we can give people fresh produce, eggs, and meat that's even better. I think it's great that we can be supporting small farmers to produce things that everyone deserves to eat. There shouldn't be a checklist of what you 'deserve' to eat just because you're living in poverty."

WI LFPA gives many farmers much needed income security through guaranteed contracts and a first introduction to wholesale markets.

"WI LFPA gave us that first exposure to wholesale for straight-up produce," Martice said. "And it was very, very low stress. It was also a guaranteed sale which, as farmers that do a lot of farmers markets, that's unusual. When you go to a farmers market, you harvest and you hope you don't come back with much. But with the WI LFPA, what we harvested was already sold. That gave us peace of mind that we don't typically get doing direct-to-consumer



WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing
Martice (left) and Amy (right) are the farmers behind Full Circle Healing Farm.

sales."

Martice and Amy are especially excited that their WI LFPA-grown produce, including culturally-relevant crops like collard greens and okra, is being provided to Tricklebee Cafe in Milwaukee. Tricklebee is a vegan, pay-what-you-can community cafe that aims to address food insecurity with dignity.

"WI LFPA is a blessing because we can give fresh produce to our community," Christie Melby-Gibbons, Tricklebee Cafe Executive Director said. "We are in an area where we struggle to find healthy options. It's important that we are a spot where people can get fresh and local food. We can name our farmers and they are our friends. The farmers don't have to do this but they choose to and that's amazing."

Martice and Amy agree that Tricklebee Cafe is an impactful, community-forward business and is another reason why programs like the WI LFPA should exist.

"When you think about a food pantry or soup kitchen, they're great, but when you come into Tricklebee you're eating at a restaurant," Amy said. "You're eating and nobody cares if you can pay. There's a beautiful sense of community there and they

make culturally relevant meals."

Along with a focus on food insecurity, the WI LFPA program was specifically designed to support historically underserved producers in growing food for underserved communities. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) considers historically underserved groups to be those that have been excluded from or have been subject to discrimination in Federal policies and programs. Farmers who are Beginning (0-10 years in business); Socially Disadvantaged (those who have been subject to racial or ethnic prejudice, such as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)); Veterans; and Limited Resource (at or below the national poverty level) are considered historically underserved. 94.8% of producers contracted through WI LFPA are historically underserved. Programs like this are a step towards healing historic harms and evening the playing field for all farmers.

In addition to shared values around food access, Full Circle Healing Farm also aligns with WI LFPA's mission to provide inclusive and equitable support to historically underserved producers. Martice and Amy decided to make the transition to farming full-time after Martice had a realization about the importance of healing generational trauma related to farming and regaining agency for BIPOC people around growing food.

"I was going to school for IT and one day I just heard the divine call that I needed to grow food and teach people that look like me how to grow food," Martice said. "I wanted to regain the power of choosing to do so. I really started to farm because it's an act of resistance."

Martice also sees farming as a healing practice that allows him to process generational trauma by taking back the act of farming as a resilient, freely-made choice. A stark contrast from the labor forced upon his ancestors through slavery and sharecropping.

He often thinks deeply about their experiences. "Last



Full Circle Healing Farm is a two acre vegetable, herb, and flower farm in Mequon. A greenhouse there holds new plants.

year I was using a scuffle hoe, doing some weeding and I was tired. I had only been working for 30-40 minutes and I was tired and I'm an adult. I just thought about my great-grandma having to be out there 10+ hours with a tool like this and unable to say that she's tired. I am trying to regain the power to say, 'I am doing this because I want to.'"

Martice wants to be a resource to other BIPOC people by using farming as a tool for growth and empowerment.

"It's important for me to be part of that group that teaches other BIPOC folks, specifically Black folks, to take back the power of growing food," Martice said. "The younger folks tend to help the older folks to start to process some of their trauma and to start to address that stigma of growing food as a person of color. But it's not just Black folks. It's many other people of color that have been put in bad positions when it comes to agriculture, like slavery and sharecropping. This country in particular has real big skeletons that it's never really addressed. Growing for me is putting me in a position to help deal with some of that generational trauma that, if it's not transformed, is just going to transfer on to the next generation. And I'd rather be the last to deal with it. I'd rather have the newer generation have a remembrance, but the healing has already happened."

Growing up, Amy always wanted to be a farmer. She went on to study social work, peace and justice, and then worked as a psychotherapist, specializing in trauma. When Martice told Amy he wanted to be a farmer, Amy jumped at the opportunity to bring her passions to the vision for Full Circle Healing Farm.

"When you really think about it, how do we heal? How do we nourish our communities? It starts with us eating," Amy said. "It starts with us having fresh access to fruits and vegetables. It starts with nourishing our children because there are so many connections between how kids

are getting nourished, mental health, and physical health, especially for BIPOC individuals. I think farming is a way we can address the core of some of these major problems we have in our world."

Since the 2023 growing season, WI LFPA has given Martice and Amy the vote of confidence that they can scale up and do more. Currently, Full Circle Healing Farm is looking to move to a larger property where they can expand their mission of nurturing young BIPOC farmers and feeding those in need in their community, while also having their own farm property in which to raise their three young kids.

"We don't have enough BIPOC farmers or young farmers," said Martice. "Our goal is to do our part in helping to shape new farmers. We will create a safe space and make them feel like they belong there too."

In January 2024 Full Circle Healing Farm became part of Martice and Amy's non-profit, Full Circle Healing: Farm, Healing Center, Apothecary. They are currently in a capital campaign to buy a property to expand their operation, with dedicated space for training beginning BIPOC farmers. More information about their campaign can be found on their website.

"I think farming for us is not just about selling food," Amy said. "We want to be doing things like the WI LFPA program where we're growing and knowing it's going to people who are food insecure because that is at the heart of our mission."

Wisconsin's LFPA program is strengthening food and agricultural supply chain resiliency, supporting Wisconsin farmers, and distributing fresh nutritious foods to underserved communities. This project is a collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Marbleseed, The Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative, and Wisconsin Farmers Union.



Martice kneels near a mulched row of onions and points out their growth.

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U.S. Sen. Baldwin statement

Recently, Tammy Baldwin released the following statement:

"Today I'm proud to endorse Vice President Kamala Harris for President of the United States. I look forward to her candidacy as a new beginning for our party and our country and I am excited to work with her to lower costs for Wisconsin families, grow our Made in America economy, and restore our fundamental rights and freedoms."

State Rep. Anderson statement

State Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) released the following statement on President Joe Biden's withdrawal from the presidential race, and a statement endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris for President.

"President Biden is a true statesman and has been a phenomenal President. Some of the Biden-Harris administration's accomplishments include the American Rescue Plan, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and signing marriage equality into law. Thank you for your over 50 years of public service President Biden. His decision to exit this race is a true act of patriotism, and shows his continued commitment to safeguard democracy by defeating Donald Trump."

"Vice President Kamala Harris is the best placed to be our next democratic nominee for President and has what it

takes to beat Donald Trump this fall. I fully endorse her to be our nominee and our next president." said Representative Anderson.

State Sen. Agard statement

Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"I am filled with gratitude for President Biden and his lifetime of public service. This decision was courageous and reflects the President's selfless dedication to his country. There is no doubt in my mind that his achievements will cement Joe Biden's legacy as one of the most consequential presidents of our time."

"President Biden has always put the interests of the nation and the people he serves first. Today, he continued that legacy of humble leadership."

"The investments in infrastructure by the Biden Administration will benefit Wisconsin for generations to come. In addition, his support for strengthening our democracy, expanding affordable health care, and protecting the right to choose; give us a road map for our continued efforts to create a more perfect union."

Democratic Party of Wisconsin statement

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement in response to President Biden's decision to step down from the presidential race:

"President Biden will be

remembered by history as one of our nation's greatest presidents – a transformational leader who dedicated a lifetime of service to our country. It has been an honor for all of us at the Democratic Party of Wisconsin to work alongside him and his team for these past three and a half years. With razor-thin majorities in the House and Senate, President Biden accomplished what other leaders dreamed of: he secured historic investments in American infrastructure, moved the nation through a deadly pandemic, faced down Big Pharma head-on to cut the cost of prescription drugs and increase access to health care, passed the most significant gun violence prevention legislation in 30 years, signed marriage equality into law, and is tackling the climate crisis every day. He rebuilt America's leadership on the world stage and reminded America about its soul – the idea at the core of our nation that all are created equal.

"Joe Biden met the moment at a time of urgent need. That's who he is. President Biden has always answered the call to service, and put duty and country first. Today's decision reflects President Biden's profound commitment to our nation. As we prepare for the next chapter in the fight to defeat MAGA extremism and win the battle for the soul of America, we feel profound gratitude for the patriotism and leadership of President Biden."

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Located within the historic Pabst Brewing Company's Mill House building near Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee's Brewery District, On Tap provided an exclusive setting for this event.

Milwaukee brewhouse hosts delegation party

In conjunction with the recent Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, which has drawn over 50,000 attendees including 15,000 journalists from around the globe, On Tap at the Brewhouse Inn and Suites hosted the Delegation on Tuesday, July 16.

Located within the historic Pabst Brewing Company's Mill House building near Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee's Brewery District, On Tap provided an exclusive setting for this event. Guests were treated to a sophisticated charcuterie board grazing table, showcasing a variety of local and artisanal cheeses, cured meats, and gourmet accompaniments.

As a special surprise, On Tap delighted attendees with a hand-carved Trump cheesehead, a whimsical nod to both Wisconsin's cheese heritage and the spirit of the convention. The event highlighted the venue's commitment to offering a unique and memorable experience, combining Wisconsin-inspired hospitality with culinary excellence.

In addition to hosting the Delegation, the Brewhouse Inn and Suites was at full capacity with Republican National Convention attendees for the 4-day convention. The hotel provided a welcoming and comfortable environment for these key figures, further underscoring its role as a premier lodging destination in Milwaukee.

"We were honored to host the Delegation during this historic convention," said Keanen Kopplin, General Manager of On Tap at Brewhouse Inn and Suites. "Our team takes great pride in showcasing our local flavors and providing exceptional service in a setting that



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reflects Milwaukee's rich brewing history." For more information about hosting events at the Brewhouse Inn and Suites and On Tap, visit <https://brewhousesuites.com/>.

Located in the original Pabst Blue Ribbon Brewery, the Brewhouse Inn and Suites stands as Milwaukee's only Historic Brewery Hotel, seamlessly combining brewing history with modern luxury. Boasting the distinction of being the only one of its

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LEGAL NOTICES

VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Village of Orfordville will meet on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The Planning Commission will discuss the following: A Conditional Use Permit for Links Motorcycle & ATV Repair LLC located at 204 W. Brodhead Street, A Conditional Use Permit for Vinnie's Auto Body at 109 S. Wright Street, Review Ordinance 320-18 C(7) Street Level Apartments, and a Zoning Code Violation of 320-18C(7). The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the Village Board on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Adjoining landowners, or landowners within 100 feet of the Conditional Use Permit Applicants will be notified separately by mail.

Sherri Waage
Village Clerk
Village of Orfordville

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF THE ORFORDVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

The Orfordville Municipal Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to a 13.07 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 40.44 percent increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2015.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$150,107 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 49.07 percent over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 10,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$75.65 to \$115.20, or 52.28 percent.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. This hearing has no physical location. Parties and Commission staff appear by Zoom. Parties and Commission staff may use the telephone connection as a backup or if no practicable internet connection exists. Members of the public attend by Zoom or by audio-only telephone connection.

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The Commission intends to livestream and record this hearing on YouTube. To access the livestream, go to the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the dropdown menu labeled "News & Events", and select item labeled "Broadcasts".

A person may testify in this proceeding without becoming a party and without attorney representation. A person may submit this testimony in only one of the following ways:

• **Web Comment.** File a comment on the internet. Go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the dropdown menu labeled "Commission Action". Select the item labeled "File a Public Comment". On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 4450-WR-104. Web comments shall be received no later than Friday, August 2, 2024.

• **Live Comment.** Make a live comment at the hearing. The ALJ may receive live comments from any member of the public in attendance after the close of any party and Commission staff testimony. The ALJ will receive such comments by stating the name of each member of the public connected to the hearing one at a time and asking if they would like to comment.

• **Mail Comment.** Send a comment by U.S. Mail. All comments submitted by U.S. Mail shall be received no later than Friday, August 2, 2024 and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 4450-WR-104 Comments, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

To access the documents, schedule, and other information about this docket, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, select the dropdown menu labeled "eServices". Select the item labeled "Docket Search (CMS)". On the next page enter 4450-WR-104 in the spaces labeled "Case #" and select "Search".

If you have any questions, please contact the Orfordville Municipal Water Utility at (608) 879-2004.

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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING

Town of Avon
Avon Town Hall
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520
August 6th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Adjustments Committee for the Town of Avon will be meeting on August 6th at 7:00 p.m. to hear and review the application submitted by Beth Miller to build a second dwelling located at 12827 W State Rd 81 (NW1/4 NE1/4 (EXC HWY), (-EXC that PT N of HWY) NE1/4 SW1/4 40 A, NW1/4 NE1/4 40 A, SW1/4, NE1/4).

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Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
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CITY OF BRODHEAD 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT

The following 2024 Budget Amendment was approved by the Brodhead City Council on Monday, July 15, 2024

Dispatcher Full Time Expense decrease \$70,000

Park Maintenance & Supplies Expense increase \$70,000

Keri Miller, City Treasurer
Date Adopted: July 15, 2024
Date Published: July 24, 2024
Effective Date: July 15, 2024

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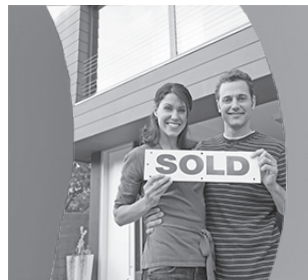
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Kandu Industries Inc. finalizes move to Milton

Kandu Industries Inc., a Rock County, Wis.-based non-profit organization that provides programs and services to people with disabilities and disadvantages, recently announced that the organization finalized its move to Milton on July 22, when its remaining clients and staff members transitioned from their Adel Street facility in Janesville to their new facility in Milton.

The finalization of the move marks a historic milestone in Kandu's more than 60-year history as the organization evolves to serve more people with disabilities and their families.

In May of 2023, Kandu announced that it purchased the Blackhawk Technical College Advanced Manufacturing Training Center in Milton, Wis. as part of a long-term strategic plan to expand and meet the growing needs of the community. The new facility also offers an array of benefits to enhance Kandu's client experience through a completely accessible layout, spacious

rooms, large windows and updated technology.

Since Kandu began transitioning to the new facility in January of this year, it has already launched two new programs, including Minds in Motion, a community-based day habilitation program for seniors, and Kandu Cares, a childcare program designed to offer caregivers respite from the challenges of providing hands-on care for children with disabilities.

"This move is not just a relocation; it represents a renewed commitment to Kandu's mission of empowering individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives," said Kathy Hansen, Kandu's executive director. "Since the first phase of our move in January, we have already launched two new programs, established new partnerships with organizations whose missions align with ours, and will soon open a memory café for individuals and families managing a dementia diagnosis. We are fortunate to have a strong, supportive board of directors and a com-



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mitted management team and staff. Together, we will continue to leverage this beautiful new facility to evolve this organization."

Kandu clients and staff will be welcomed to the new facility by Kandu's management team.

Kandu Industries is a 501(c)(3) organization, based in Rock County that provides opportunities to people with disabilities and disadvantages. For more than 60 years, these work,

social, and daily activities have enabled Kandu clients to achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the dignity of being productive citizens. Today, Kandu impacts the lives of over 200 clients along with a staff of over 100, and partners with a number of community and governmental agencies to ensure that individual choice and personal development are nurtured in the work environment as well as in other aspects of life.



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Nature lovers to search for aquatic invasive species

Rock County Land Conservation Department invites nature-lovers of all ages to Snapshot Day, a search for aquatic invasive species (AIS) on Aug. 10, at Beckman Mill Park.

Snapshot Day is a statewide effort to protect Wisconsin's streams, lakes, and wetlands by monitoring designated sites for invasive plants and animals that may threaten the state's wildlife and water ecosystems, including the valuable fish populations.

This year is Snapshot Day's 11th anniversary, coordinated in partnership by UW-Madison Division of Extension, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. Information collected during the event will provide the Wisconsin DNR with data to help them tailor response efforts accordingly for each site. Volunteer efforts are crucial to the success of this endeavor.

More and more people want to know how they can help protect the local lakes, rivers and streams they love.

"Gathering samples of invasive species on Snapshot Day is a great way to give the Wisconsin DNR a heads up on invasives that may have recently arrived at particular lakes and rivers. With this information, gathered by volunteers like me all across the state, the DNR can hopefully get out in front of the problem and reduce their impact - I think that's very important," says Dawn Nelesen, Snapshot Day 2023 volunteer.

In Rock County, Rock County Land Conservation Department is gearing up for their first time hosting

this event, "Snapshot Day is a great opportunity for community members to invest in the water bodies they know and love. Determining where these species are is critical for resource managers and local conservation groups that are trying to protect the health of these water bodies for future generations," Lizzy Reitzloff, AIS and Stream Monitoring Coordinator at Rock River Coalition stated.

Volunteers attending the Beloit event will meet Rock County LCD staff at Beckman Mill Park where they will receive a brief but thorough training in how to identify the aquatic invasive species they're looking for that day. From there, volunteers will venture out to several designated sites along local Beloit water bodies and conduct monitoring to determine whether the site contains those aquatic invasive species. Events are also being hosted in Janesville, Madison, Elkhorn, Jefferson, Hartland, and other locations across the state.

This is a free event. Recommended for ages 8 and up, minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Register and see all event details online at: wateractionvolunteers.org/events/. Advance registration is requested to help Site Leaders build monitoring plans but will remain open until Aug. 9.

Event Details

- Date: Saturday, Aug. 10
- Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Place: Beckman Mill Park, 11450 S County Rd H, Beloit, WI 53511