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## WSA covers ground at D.C. Capitol

WISCONSIN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION

Bracing for the potential for another bruising trade war with its largest customer, the Wisconsin Soybean Association (WSA) continues to prioritize diversifying markets and searching for new trading partners.

The mission starts with having a seat at the policy table, both closer to home and in the nation's capital.

During a whirlwind visit to Washington, D.C., as part of the American Soybean Association's (ASA) board meetings and Hill Visits, four Wisconsin farmers and Wisconsin Soybean Program Executive Director Adam Kask carved out time to visit with USDA leaders and trade officials from the Moroccan Embassy.

WSA Treasurer Matt Rehberg, who had never visited a

foreign embassy in his three previous trips to D.C., said the experience was a bit intimidating at first.

"It was really interesting," Rehberg told Brian Winkens of WRDN Radio. "The people were very nice and open to talks."

During the meeting, the groups discussed trade opportunities via the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System. The U.S. and Morocco

have a free trade agreement, and Morocco is a large exporter of phosphate fertilizer, along with serving as a gateway to North Africa. Morocco has a need for high-quality soybean meal for a growing livestock industry, and the U.S. is ready to supply the demand.

"One of things we can offer is a good, clean, safe product that's better than a lot of the competitors we have around the world," Rehberg said. "Their animal feed industry recognizes that."

Earlier in the week, ASA's economic and policy teams forecasted a potential repeat of the 2018-2020 trade war with China, which could prove devastating to Wisconsin's soybean producers. In 2023, China purchased over \$18 billion in whole soybeans from the U.S.

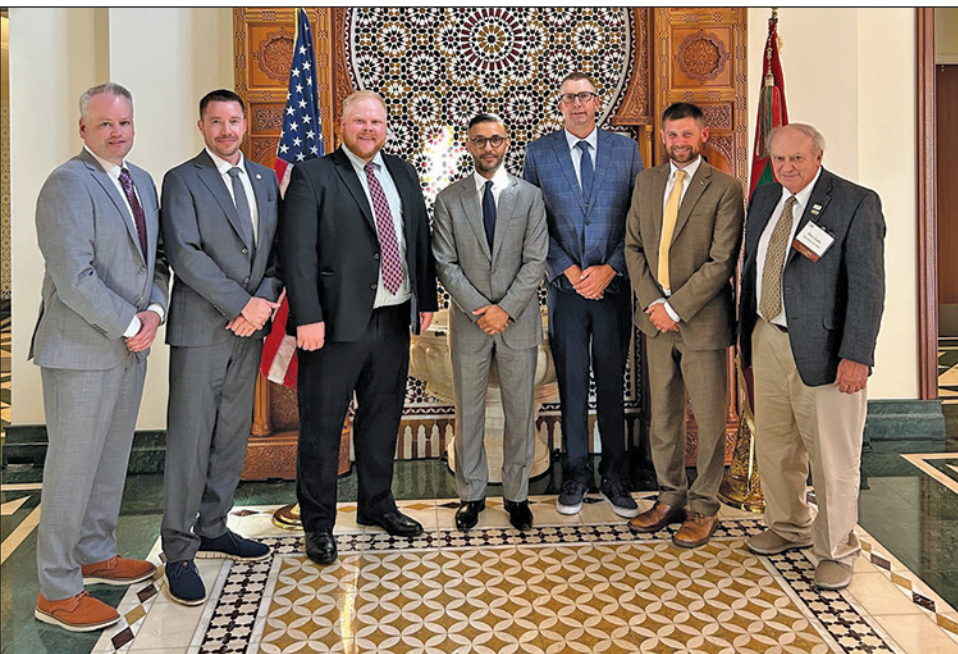
Along with urging legislators to pass a new Farm Bill - which in its current form in the House would expand the farm safety net and provide increases in trade promotion programs - Wisconsin farmers explained to legislative leaders how tariffs would hurt U.S. soybean farmers.

"It's very important we protect trade with China, and that's a message we shared with our legislators on the Hill," said Tanner Johnson,

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Wisconsin soybean farmers - American Soybean Association (ASA) Directors Tanner Johnson and Don Lutz, WSA Treasurer Matt Rehberg and ASA Young Leader Danny Brisky - visited congressional offices to promote the new Farm Bill and emphasize the importance of trade with China.



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The Wisconsin Soybean Association team met with officials from the Embassy of Morocco to discuss future trade opportunities via the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System.

## Orfordville holding ribbon cutting at Bricks and Stones

The Orfordville Economic Development Committee will host a ribbon cutting at Bricks and Stones on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m.

Bricks and Stones is located at 214 Viking Drive in the Orfordville Business Park at Highway 11 and 213.

The Economic Development Committee is excited to host this ribbon cutting and to also congratulate Brookelyn Weeks on her anniversary of being open for six months. The ribbon cutting will include food and drink specials, door prizes and giveaways, an event room showcase, and complimentary food and drink tasting from Bricks and Stones favorite vendors.

Bricks and Stones offers a twist as a modern supper club which offers creative and shareable appetizers, specialty Neapolitan style pizzas, unique entrees, and delicious desserts. Bricks and Stones prides itself on high quality food and drinks using locally sourced products. The bar at Bricks and Stones is a Wisconsin-based bar highlighting Wisconsin breweries and distilleries including New Glarus Brewing Co., Driftless Glen Distillery, Lacrosse Distilling Co, and Potosi Brewing Co.

The business has a separate room where locals can host their private events. It is a great location for meetings, showers, and family events. The private room has its own full bar, restrooms, and entrance. An extensive menu which includes appetizers, entrees, buffets, and desserts is readily available for anyone's event.

The business offers live music and brunch every Sunday which highlights Wisconsin and Illinois singers. Bring friends and family to enjoy a full menu of brunch-inspired plates and pizzas, loaded Bloody Mary's, Mimosa Flights, and Wisconsin Whiskey Cold Brews.

They are looking forward to seeing locals at the ribbon cutting for Bricks and Stones on Aug. 1 in Orfordville.

## Experience a weekend of art, music, food and more at 66th Annual Tallman Arts Festival

The two-day 66th annual Tallman Arts Festival, a highlight of the summer, is set for Saturday, Aug. 3 and Sunday, Aug. 4, running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) campus, located at 450 N. Jackson St. in Janesville.

Festival-goers can look forward to a vibrant array of activities, including exhibits from diverse artists, live music performances, delicious food options, museum tours, children's activities, and much more.

"RCHS is proud to uphold our tradition of bringing all types of artists from around the region to this weekend filled with art, music and food," said RCHS Executive Director Tim Maahs. "The artists bring truly unique pieces, which the community supports wholeheartedly."

This year's festival will

showcase a variety of artistic creations including pottery, jewelry, paintings, mixed media photography, and fiber art.

Enjoy live music on the outdoor stage from noon to 3

p.m. both days. Fans of Elvis Presley won't want to miss Saturday's tribute to Elvis by Jeremiah Fox and the Odd Company Band. The performance features three decades

of Elvis music. On Sunday, Frank & Company, a popular four-piece band, will play favorite oldies, along with some

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Many state parks in Wisconsin have accessible fishing opportunities.

## DNR: Find the perfect fishing spot

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You don't need a boat to find places to fish in Wisconsin. People of all abilities can fish at state parks with shore fishing and accessible fishing piers. Whether you are near Copper Falls State Park in northern Wisconsin, Potawatomi State Park in the eastern part of the state, Mirror Lake State Park in central Wisconsin or any park in between, there are unique and accessible spots around the state waiting for you to cast a line.

Since the Americans with Disabilities Act, every fishing pier the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources builds is accessible to people with disabilities. The accessible fishing piers are designed to accommodate wheelchairs, are wider to offer enough room for turning around and have lower railings and rod holders so that anglers can cast out and fish.

You can use the interactive map on the Find a Park page to explore fishing opportunities at state parks by filtering the map to "Fishing" in the "Activities" section. You can also use the map to find other amenities like accessible campsites, cabins and fishing piers. Some state parks are also home to

tackle loaner sites.

### Invest in fishing spots this summer

Help protect and preserve the waters you cherish by donating to the Cherish Wisconsin Outdoors Fund when you purchase your fishing license through Go Wild.

By donating, you'll be helping to improve habitats at the state-owned fisheries, forests, prairies, streams and lakes across Wisconsin that we all love.

### \$25 rebate on special license plates

We are celebrating 30 years of Endangered Resources license plates by offering a \$25 rebate for new purchases now through Dec. 31.

The rebate offer is available for people who buy new Endangered Resources license plates or for current plateholders who switch from one plate design to another. People can buy a license plate at any time, and there is no need to wait for registration renewal.

To buy a new plate, visit the Endangered Resources license plate webpage to download and complete the DNR Rebate

Form and the WisDOT Endangered Resources License Plate Application Form. Please allow up to six weeks for processing the rebate checks.

### Visit the State Fair

It's time for another Wisconsin State Fair! The DNR once again will be on hand at State Fair Park in West Allis, Aug. 1 to 11, for all the fun and festivities. Plus, Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine is offering a great subscription deal during the 11-day fair, including a cool new T-shirt.

Head out to the fair to talk with staff, pick up complimentary copies of the magazine and sign up for the fair deal: one year (four seasonal issues) plus a T-shirt for just \$15. You also can get the magazine deal when you subscribe, renew or give a gift online at WNRMag.com during the State Fair dates only. Or call 800-678-9472 and ask for this special State Fair T-shirt offer.

Find the DNR at the north building of the fair's Exploratory Park, across from the Original Cream Puff Pavilion. For State Fair details, including hours and admission information, see [WISStateFair.com](http://WISStateFair.com).

## News briefs

### Hearing notice for Orfordville water rate increase application

The Public Service Commission will host the Public Hearing for the Orfordville Water Rate Increase Application on Wednesday, July 31 at 11 a.m. The Hearing Notice is also published in the Brodhead Independent Register and posted at the Village Hall, Library, and the Post Office.

### Footville creating memorial park for veterans

Footville is in the process of creating a permanent tribute to the area men and women that sacrificed so much for America's freedom. The Veterans Memorial Park will offer a Walk of Honor with seating and beautiful landscaping in which to sit and reflect.

They are also offering inscribed pavers for the walkway. Trees, planters, and signs can also be purchased with dedication plaques on each of them. Pavers can be purchased for all U.S. honorably discharge veterans, military, National Guard, and Auxiliary for the surrounding area or somehow affiliated with Footville.

Pavers are 8x8 and there can be up to five lines with 14 maximum characters per line; symbols count as 4 character spaces. All lines are centered. Spaces and punctuation count as characters. To order a paver, go to [donationbricks.com/footvilleveterans](http://donationbricks.com/footvilleveterans). Clearly print the words that will be engraved on the brick next to the appropriate line number.

### RCMO releases name of deceased individual

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individ-

ual that died following an incident on May 11. The incident occurred on the 1200 block of Dewey Avenue in the City of Beloit, and was reported to authorities at or around 3:04 a.m. The individual can be identified as: Nikkita Green, 49, of Beloit.

Mr. Green was pronounced deceased on July 20 at a care facility. A forensic examination was completed on July 22. Cause and manner of death are pending at this time. Additional testing is underway at this time.

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

### Kids get free admission to Old World Wisconsin on select dates

Old World Wisconsin welcomes families to visit on July 31 to Aug. 4 and Aug. 7 to 11 to receive free general admission for children ages 12 and under.

With a variety of hands-on activities and historic buildings to explore throughout the site during this special promotion, there's no better time to plan a trip to Old World Wisconsin before the summer season ends. This offer does not require advance registration – simply check in at the front gate to participate for a special savings of \$13 per child.

Kids can explore all the site has to offer from working farms with heritage breed farm animals to a blacksmith shop where the sparks fly at a strike of the hammer and more. Free activities like riding vintage high-wheel bicycles and exploring the new Naturalist Cabin exhibit are a great way to make fun memories will learning about history. Time Travel Tokens will be available for

purchase to unlock even more experiences such as shopping at the General Store or crafting a leather keychain at the Shoe Shop to take home. For those who are thirsty, redeem a token for an old-fashioned soda water from the Four Mile Taproom and don't forget to swing by the Brewhouse to see historic brewing methods in action while the parents sample ale made right on site.

### 150 motorcycle riders celebrate Harley festival

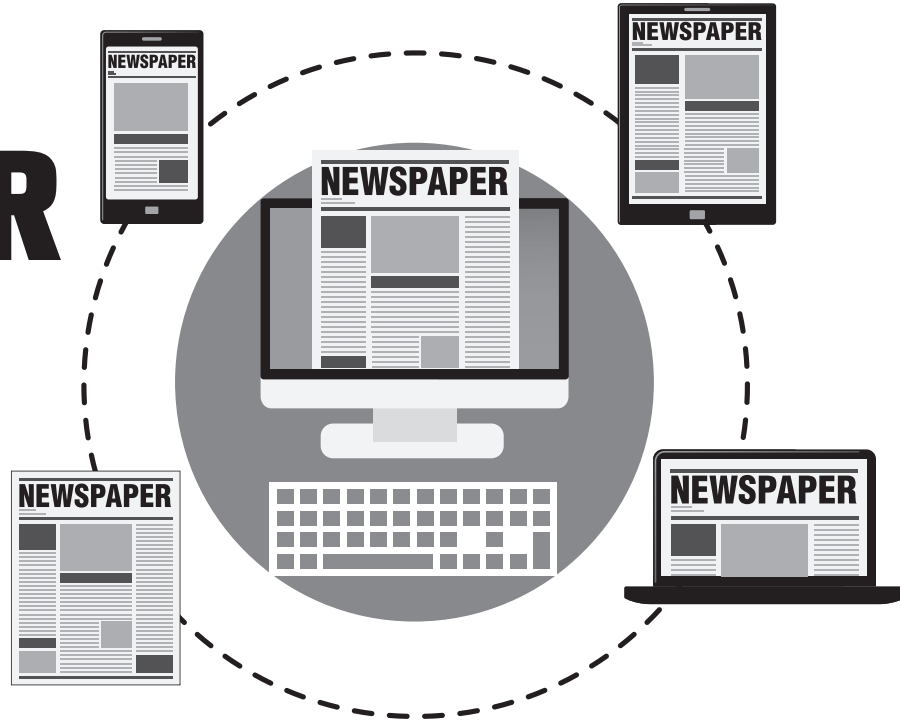
Approximately 150 Harley-Davidson riders embarked on a journey to Old World Wisconsin on Friday, July 26. After gathering in Milwaukee for the Harley-Davidson Homecoming Festival invited riders from around the country traveled the 60-minute route from Milwaukee to Eagle to explore the 600-acre living history attraction.

Old World Wisconsin is a favorite place of homecoming festival honoree Willie G. Davidson, Harley-Davidson's long-time head of styling who developed the brand's iconic look, and whose grandfather founded the company in 1903. The riders were welcomed by "Wooly," Old World Wisconsin's friendly two-month-old heritage breed lamb, and his mom. Following the ride, participants enjoyed a picnic lunch on the scenic grounds of Old World Wisconsin before returning to Milwaukee for an evening of festivities.

Old World Wisconsin's General Manager of Guest Services Emily Duval said: "It's an honor to be included in this special Harley-Davidson Homecoming Festival weekend and we offer our congratulations to Willie Davidson for such an amazing career."

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# Equine skills center earns reaccreditation

Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills (Smiles) in Darien once again recently earned the designation of Premier Accredited Center by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (Path Intl.).

Smiles partners individuals who have special needs, with certified professionals and equines to achieve health, wellness and learning goals. By earning Path Intl. Premier Accredited Center status, Smiles has demonstrated it is operating in accordance with almost 200 Path Intl. standards for the equine-assisted services (EAS) industry. Out of nearly 800 Path Intl. Member Centers, only 250 hold this prestigious distinction.

To become a Path Intl. Premier Accredited Center, Smiles, successfully passed an evaluation by trained Path Intl. site visitors. Center evaluations cover a wide range of topics such as horse management, participant safety, equipment, quality of instruction, facility operations, volunteerism and best-business administrative practices, all with specific standards that must be met. These standards were developed and adopted by the Path Intl. membership to ensure that centers follow procedures essential to safe, quality EAS programming. Path Intl. Premier Accredited Center is a designation indicating to the public that a center has met



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**Workers at Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills (Smiles) in Darien help an individual with special needs by partnering certified professionals and equines to achieve health, wellness and learning goals for the individual.**

a rigorous set of quality and safety standards. Path Intl. requires that Premier Accredited Centers be re-accredited every five years to maintain this designation.

“By reattaining its Path Intl. Premier Accredited Center status, Smiles has demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards when introducing individuals with special needs

to a variety of equine-assisted services,” said Path Intl. Chief Executive Officer Kathy Alm. “Path Intl. Accreditation is a respected benchmark in the EAS industry. It demonstrates leadership and a commitment to safety and to the highest professional standards.”

For those that have not been to the business, stop in for a visit as the team loves to show

visitors around. Those that are already familiar with Smiles, can also stop in and say hello. They are located at N2666 County Road K, Darien, and they have wonderful volunteer opportunities for community members.

For more information, please contact Executive Director, Troy Moldenhauer, smiles@smilestherapeuticriding.org, or visit their website online at smilestherapeuticriding.org.

For more information about the Path Intl. Premier Accreditation process visit: pathintl.org/accreditation/.

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in

equine-assisted services (EAS) for individuals with special needs and others. At 794 member centers, more than 46,600 children and adults, including 5,200 veterans, may find improved health, wellness and a sense of pride, independence and fun through involvement with horses. Member centers offer therapeutic horsemanship including riding, driving, interactive vaulting, groundwork and stable management; physical, speech and occupational therapies; mental health services incorporating equines; and coaching and learning programs, among other services. There are nearly 40,000 volunteers, 4,863 Path Intl. certified professionals, 5,250 equines, and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at Path Intl. Member Centers achieve their health, wellness and learning goals. Through a wide variety of educational resources and certification programs, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAS programs. Path Intl. offers the first and only independently accredited certification program in the EAS industry. The Path Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification, first accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies in 2022, demonstrates the competency of therapeutic riding instructors and adds credibility to the EAS industry as a career path.

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who, along with Don Lutz, represents Wisconsin on ASA. “We’re trying to open up new markets and find new uses, but obviously the China market is very difficult to replace.”

Wisconsin farmer leaders visited the offices of Rep. Derrick Van Orden and Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin. During the Hill Visit, growers managed to endure the hottest stretch of temps in D.C. since the 1930s.

“Beyond it being incredibly hot, we had great visits on the Hill,” Johnson said. “We have great support from our legislative leaders and had really constructive conversations with their staffers.”

WSA also underscored the need to support soy in biofuels tax credits and explained how the soy checkoff benefits the state’s farm economy by creating value-added uses, building new markets and funding agronomic research. “We really need the stabil-

ity that those tax incentives provide,” Lutz said. “That’s a program that can be put in right now, and we also want to make sure that pro-check-off language makes its way into the Farm Bill.”

The team also had a unique chance to visit USDA’s headquarters, where they met with the global commodities leaders to learn more about the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) for U.S. soy and oilseeds. Another meeting was held with Lance Honig, who oversees USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

“They went over their data collection process and degree of security they use,” Johnson said. “It was a good lesson in the importance of the data USDA collects and the importance of those procedures.”

Joining the WSA team in D.C. was ASA Young Leader Danny Brisky, who participated in his first visit to Capi-

tol Hill and federal buildings. Brisky earned a spot to participate in the Young Leader’s third phase and said the camaraderie with his fellow farmers made for a fruitful visit to the nation’s capital.

“It was truly an amazing experience,” said Brisky, who hopes to remain an WSA director after his at-large position expires next year. “We’re lucky to have an organization like WSA representing us in Madison and D.C., and I was glad to play a role in telling our story.”

Although Congress wasn’t in session, WSA was successful in sharing its message to policymakers.

“Being here really does matter,” Rehberg said. “You have to be able to tell your story, and that’s what we did.”

### Farm fair face-to-face

Washington, D.C. wasn’t the only place where WSA made an impact the week of July 15. Back home in Wis-

consin, WSA Directors Steve Trzebiatowski and Katie Kaczor participated in the Great American Farm Fair in Waterford as part of the Republican National Convention in nearby Milwaukee.

During the fair, WSA visited with commodity groups, Rep. Van Orden and heard from House Ag Committee Chair Glenn “GT” Thompson. Trzebiatowski, a past WSA president, spoke for 10 minutes with Rep. Van Orden about policies and an Aug. 16 demonstration at Chippewa Valley Technical College promoting the benefits of SoyFoam, a soy-based, PFAS-free firefighting foam.

“That was huge. The congressman was all about the firefighter foam,” Trzebiatowski said. “We look forward to staying in touch with him and hope he can attend, because he’s a big advocate for farming and firefighters.”

## • Tallman (Continued from front page)

country and contemporary tunes.

Food trucks include Backyard BBQ, and Snacks & Stuff Food Truck.

Attendees can also explore the Lincoln-Tallman Museum, where tours will provide a glimpse into the mansion’s history and elegance during the William Morrison Tallman family’s era. Tours are free for RCHS members; an admission fee will be charged for non-members.

The day would not be complete without children’s activities. Parents are welcome to allow their children to play in the fenced, supervised children’s area while they browse the grounds. Activities include a variety of crafts and games under a large tent.

The Tallman Arts Festival is one of the RCHS’ largest fundraisers of the year. Proceeds support the care and maintenance of the Lin-

coln-Tallman Museum. The home is owned by the City of Janesville.

Tickets for the event are \$10 per day and free for children ages 15 and under. Tickets will be available at the entrances of the RCHS campus. Parking is free across the street in the Mercy Hospital parking ramp. For more information, visit rchs.us/TAF.

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

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# A rocking good time at the Rock County Fair

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**ANTIQUES:** German cuckoo clock; antique clock; 2-trunks; pocket knife collection with bigger knives; copper boiler; copper coal bucket; pot belly stove.

**HOUSEHOLD:** portable dishwasher; 10 & 45 gallon aquariums; twin log bed with frame; log wagon wheel bench; log reclining chair; leather horse couch; Western hall tree; lots of western decor; Christmas villages; lanterns; Plastic shelving units; conference table with chairs; Rustic corner hutch; gun safe.

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# Help kids avoid the 'Summer Slide'



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Parents can help their kids avoid the dreaded "summer slide," where students lose some of their academic gains from the school year, by encouraging their children to participate in TurfMutt's environmental education and stewardship program.

While kids are enjoying some time off from school this summer, it is also important to keep their minds active. Parents can help their kids avoid the dreaded "summer slide," where students lose some of their academic gains from the school year, by encouraging their children to participate in TurfMutt's environmental education and stewardship program.

The TurfMutt youth education lesson plans are free and aligned to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) standards for kids in grades K-8. The lessons are available on the TurfMutt website and in the USGBC Learning Lab. They are designed as a fun and engaging way for students to learn valuable science lessons in their own backyards, parks or school yards.

The lessons focus on getting kids outside to conduct interactive experiments and other fun activities. "Our lesson plans help kids learn how to care for the green space around us so they can learn early on how to be good stewards of the environment and why that is so important," said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation.

In the lessons plans, superhero and Foundation spokesperson, Mulligan the TurfMutt, is joined by her "outdoor power" pals Big Rooty, Water Warrior, Green Ranger, and Professor Botany. The superheroes battle the environmental "bad guys" including Carbon Creep, Dust Demon, Heat Freak, and Dr. Runoff.

Mulligan is a real-life rescue dog who was adopted by Kiser at the TurfMutt Foundation's annual pet adoption event Mutt

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– **President and CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation, Kris Kiser**

Madness. The event is hosted in conjunction with the Kentucky Humane Society and held at the Equip Exposition trade show each year. "No one loves and appreciates a yard and green space more than a dog like Mulligan," said Kiser. "Parents and teachers know that kids are more likely to engage in learning when it's fun, and that's what the TurfMutt curriculum is, thanks to Mulligan leading the way."

The arts are included in the lessons, as well. One of the plans provides an original drama script where students can act out parts for flowers, sun, trees, shrubs and environmental villains, such as Carbon Creep. By putting on the play as a class or for others, students can learn how green plants, trees and shrubs help local communities.

The TurfMutt lesson plans are free on the TurfMutt website and available via subscription from the USGBC Learning Lab. Prior TurfMutt lesson plans, created with Scholastic, Discovery Education and Weekly Reader, are also housed on the TurfMutt website.

For more, sign up for Mutt

Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation at the website. To learn more about creating the yard of one's dreams, visit TurfMutt.com. Look for Mulligan the TurfMutt on the CBS Lucky Dog television show on Saturday mornings.

TurfMutt, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2024, was created by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) TurfMutt Foundation and has reached more than 70 million children, educators and families since 2009. Championed by Foundation spokesperson, Mulligan the TurfMutt, and through education partners such as Weekly Reader, Discovery Education and Scholastic, TurfMutt has taught students and teachers how to "save the planet, one yard at a time." Today, TurfMutt is an official USGBC Education Partner and part of their global learning lab. TurfMutt has been an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2017, the TurfMutt animated video series won the coveted Cynopsis Kids Imagination Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt's personal, home habitat was featured in the 2017-2020 Wildlife Habitat Council calendars. Find more information online at [www.TurfMutt.com](http://www.TurfMutt.com).

## RCHS seeks yard sale donations for popular fundraising event

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) is seeking everything from furniture to paintings – and anything re-saleable that community members are willing to donate – for a community-wide yard sale set for Saturday, Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the RCHS grounds, 450 N. Jackson St., Janesville.

The yard sale, last held in 2022, gives people an opportunity to donate quality, gently used items, while offering everyone who attends the chance to search for treasures. The event will raise funds to help RCHS with its mission of enriching and engaging the communities in Rock County through preservation and dissemination of the unique heritage of our area.

"The RCHS yard sale fundraiser is a wonderful impetus to declutter, while bringing others' joy when they discover items that are perfect for their needs," said Tim Maahs, RCHS Executive Director. "At the same time, the

donations will help RCHS to raise funds for the continued care and maintenance of the Lincoln-Tallman Museum."

RCHS is accepting donations of anything re-saleable – with the exception of clothing – between Aug. 5 to 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. To donate on a weekend, please call 608-346-3279.

The yard sale will be open to the public, regardless of weather.

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# Emerald Ash Borer confirmed in all 72 Wisconsin counties

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) confirms the detection of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Burnett County, which means the pest has now been confirmed in all 72 of Wisconsin's counties.

DNR staff responded to a report of EAB at a private residence in the town of Meenon on June 13. Two trees on the property showed characteristic symptoms of EAB infestation, including tree decline and visible woodpecker damage to the outer bark, known as "flecking."

DNR staff members collected samples from the symptomatic trees and sent them to the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for identification. In July, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed that the insect specimens taken from the trees were emerald ash borer.

The state's first confirmed



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The emerald ash borer has now been detected in every Wisconsin county.

sighting of EAB took place in Ozaukee County in July 2008. Although the ash tree-killing beetle is less established in northwest Wisconsin than in other parts of

the state, this year's detections indicate that the pest is expanding its foothold in the region. EAB is usually transported to new areas by hitchhiking a ride on firewood.

EAB larvae bore into ash trees and carve winding, S-shaped galleries beneath the trees' bark, typically starting in the upper canopy and progressing down the tree. The galleries restrict the movement of water and nutrients to affected areas of the tree, leading to branch dieback, canopy thinning and tree death.

EAB is expected to eventually kill more than 99% of Wisconsin's white, black and green ash (and their ornamental varieties). Landowners concerned about EAB should contact a forestry professional or ISA-certified arborist and consult the state's EAB Information Resource webpage to learn about management options. In the parts of northern Wisconsin where EAB populations remain low, there is still an opportunity to reduce the insects' impact.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) monitors the presence of EAB in Wisconsin.

DATCP will continue to track the spread of EAB at the township and municipal level to inform management efforts to slow the spread. Visit the Wisconsin EAB Online Detections map to see where EAB has been found in Wisconsin or to report new detections.

The Burnett County detec-

tion will not result in any federal regulatory changes. EAB was federally deregulated on Jan. 14, 2021, and Wisconsin rescinded its state quarantine on July 1, 2023.

For more information, visit the DNR's Emerald Ash Borer webpage or download the Emerald Ash Borer fact sheet.

## Sweating through summer in the state

### Half of Wisconsinites limit air conditioning use, says study

Inflation has weighed heavily on millions of cash-strapped Americans over the past few years. As a result, many are forced to cut back on non-essential items, perhaps skipping trips to the movie theaters or opting for budget-friendly family road trips over more expensive resort vacations. With recent heatwaves gripping much of the country – and more predicted to come – BadCredit.org wanted to explore how many Americans are prepared to cut back on their air-conditioning expenses and instead choose to sweat it out this summer.

According to BadCredit.org's survey of 3,000 respondents, as Americans strive to make ends meet, even previously considered essential expenses are being scrutinized and limited. Indeed, almost half of (47%) Wisconsinites surveyed said they will be cutting back on their air conditioning this summer (compared to 47% nationally).

When asked which methods they would use to stay cool instead, the results were as follows:

- Fans: 57%
- Spending more time in public places with air conditioning (e.g., malls, libraries): 12%
- Drinking cold beverages: 12%
- Taking cold showers: 7%
- Using blackout curtains or shades: 7%
- Spending time at friends' or families' with air conditioning: 5%

However, for the majority of Wisconsinites surveyed, getting by without air conditioning appears to be daunting. When asked to rate their ability to stay cool in the

summer months without the use of air conditioning on a scale of 1 to 10, respondents reported it to be a mere 3.8/10.

### Health implications and social adjustments

The impact of heat waves on health is significant, with 1 in 3 respondents reporting they have experienced health issues related to excessive levels of heat at home. Furthermore, 46% admit to having previously invited themselves to friends' or family's homes to save on air conditioning costs.

### Changing vacation plans

When asked about their upcoming summer vacations, 68% said they would consider vacationing in cooler locations rather than the traditional beach hotspots. This shift is pertinent given the heatwaves currently affecting large parts of America.

### Air conditioning as a human right

An overwhelming 80% of people think that having access to air conditioning should be considered a basic human right, particularly amid global warming concerns.

"Clearly, consumers across the country are facing hard choices. They can stay comfortable at home in hot weather and suffer the financial hit of a huge energy bill, or turn the thermostat up to sweat it out and save money," said BadCredit.org Consumer Finance Expert Erica Sandberg. "Closing the gap between the temperature outside and what it is inside can reduce the amount you have to pay. I'm a big believer in using as many strategies as you can to remain as cool as possible."

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