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Parkview-Albany football enters new chapter

By Trenten Scheidegger
 CORRESPONDENT

The Parkview-Albany football program needs a breath of fresh air. With an overall record of 1-27 over the last three years, the program is hoping to take things in another direction with their new head coach, Damian Dressler. Parkview-Albany held their first official practice under their new coach last Tuesday, Aug. 6.



Damian Dressler

cent different. We are going with a completely different scheme. Defensively, it will be similar,” Dressler explained, when asked how many changes the new staff will have to implement.

Additionally, the Vikings will be holding a quarterback battle, amongst a number of other position battles, throughout pre-season. The Vikings have two quarterbacks with varsity starting experience under their belts, and nothing is set in stone as of yet.

For his first practice, Dressler was also pleased with the turnout. With some athletes unable to attend the first practice, Dressler estimates about thirty-five kids to be part of the varsity program. That is an increase from last year, a trend that the new Parkview-Albany coach hopes to see continue.

The Vikings opened their 2024 practice by jumping into positional drills, displayed in the photographs.



Running backs and quarterbacks went through different reads and handoff drills to start practice.



Quarterbacks and backs working on reads as coach Dressler watches over.

1927 Chevrolet Capitol a highlight of revamped Rock County Legacies Museum

Community invited to celebrate grand opening Aug. 21

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) invites the community to attend the grand opening of the revamped Rock County Legacies Museum 2.0: The Heartbeat of Janesville's GM. The event will feature live music by the Wild Flamepoints, food trucks and a Janesville-made car show. Attendees are also welcome to pick up a piece of history: a brick from Janesville's General Motors plant. The event is set for 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the RCHS Museum and Visitor Center, located at 426 N. Jackson Street in Janesville. Admission fees are waived for this night only. Donations are always welcome.

Sponsored by Blackhawk Community Credit Union (BHCCU), the updated exhibit moves from focusing on employee stories to showing more memorabilia from General Motors, JATCO, Fisher Body, and the UAW, all donated by community members and BHCCU.

The exhibit spans the history of GM in Janesville, from its beginnings in 1919 as the Janesville Machine Company to its closing in 2008-2009.

A highlight of this exhibit is a 1927 Series AA Chevrolet Capitol, built at the Chevrolet-Fisher Body Assembly Plant in Janesville. The vehicle was donated to RCHS by Janesville residents and lifetime RCHS members Joe and Tina Pregont. It was originally purchased by Joe's father, Jack Pregont, who was the original owner of the 1927



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The RCHS will have a grand opening for the revamped Rock County Legacies Museum 2.0: The Heartbeat of Janesville's GM on Wednesday, Aug. 21, starting at 5 p.m. One of the exhibit's highlights is this donated 1927 Series AA Chevrolet Capitol, built at the Chevrolet-Fisher Body Assembly Plant in Janesville.

Chevy. Hundreds of memorabilia and artifacts have been added to the updated exhibit, including a bulletin board about UAW and GM military service veterans, milestone photos, Jatco jackets and uniforms, a Janesville bike used by workers to haul tools and make repairs within in the plant, and much more. Many banners also are on display, including one from 2002 that commemorates the last medium-duty truck to roll off the assembly line. The banner is

accompanied by a video. “The updated exhibit is a testament to the impact that GM had on our community. People have donated so many artifacts, and we are honored to display as many as possible,” said Tim Maahs, RCHS Executive Director. “The grand opening of the updated exhibit is the beginning of another exciting new museum experience for everyone.”

Maahs said the artifacts in the newly revamped exhibit show the story of the men and women who worked at

the plant. “When you walk through this exhibit, you’ll get a real sense of the plant, including what people wore, signs they saw, milestone photos, and even blueprints.”

The Rock County Legacies Exhibit was developed in a collaboration with BHCCU, which was founded within the walls of the GM plant 58 years ago. The credit union collected stories, artifacts, and mementos from the community and the plant for many years. The original exhibit opened at RCHS in 2022, focusing on the stories of the people of Janesville's General Motors.

“RCHS is honored to share the history of the Janesville General Motors family of businesses and the UAW through our updated Rock County Legacies exhibit,” Maahs said. “Thanks to BHCCU and all the community members who shared artifacts, stories and photographs, the history of GM is captured, not lost.”

Following the grand opening, the Rock County Legacies exhibit 2.0 will be open Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the RCHS Visitor and Museum Center. Pricing is \$20 for the public and free for RCHS members and people age 10 and under. Admission includes the Pickard China, Pauline Pottery, and Parker Pen exhibits

RCHS has been welcoming the community to its campus since 1950 when William Tallman's Italianate-style mansion was donated to the city of Janesville, with the

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First confirmed West Nile virus in the state

DHS urges everyone to protect themselves against mosquito bites

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announces the first West Nile virus (WNV) infections in Wisconsin this year in a healthy blood donor from Washington County, whose blood screened positive for WNV, and in a dead bird from Chippewa County that tested positive for the virus. The positive blood donor is not considered a human case because they never developed any symptoms of WNV, which is required to be a probable or confirmed case. The infections confirm that there are mosquitoes infected with WNV in the state that can transmit the virus to other people and animals.

“The first activity of West Nile virus this year in Wisconsin is a reminder that we still need to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites even as summer winds down, as the risk of West Nile virus continues until the first frost. While West Nile virus and other viruses spread by mosquitoes pose a risk to all Wisconsinites, people who have weakened immune systems are at higher risk for significant illness,” said State Health Officer Paula Tran.

WNV is spread to humans, birds, and other animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes acquire WNV by feeding on infected birds. The virus is not spread directly from person to person, animal to animal, or animal to person.

Most people (80%) who are infected with WNV do not have symptoms, so occasionally healthy blood donors may unknowingly donate blood while infected with WNV. To prevent spread of WNV through blood transfusions, all donated blood in the U.S. is tested for the virus. Any blood product that tests positive is removed from the blood supply.

DHS has monitored the spread of WNV since 2001. An average of 18 cases of WNV illness are reported among Wisconsin residents each year. WNV cases in humans have been reported from June through October; however, most people with WNV report becoming ill in August and September.

Those who become ill with WNV usually experience mild symptoms such as fever, headache, muscle ache, rash, and fatigue. However, some people (less than 1%) who become infected with the virus get seriously ill with symptoms that include high fever, muscle weakness, stiff neck, disorientation, mental confusion, tremors, confusion, paralysis, and coma. Older adults and those with compromised immune systems are at greater risk of developing severe illness that can be fatal. It is important

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Kandu launches program for elderly residents

Kandu Industries Inc., a Rock County, Wis.-based non-profit that provides programs and services to people with disabilities and disadvantages, recently announced the launch of its newest program Minds in Motion, which offers activities-based, person-centered programming for elderly residents with disabilities or memory impairments.

Participants spend at least 80 percent of their time in Kandu's care engaged in enriching community outings. Daily activities are carefully chosen and specifically designed to maintain and improve clients' physical and cognitive functioning while supporting their mental and emotional health. Kandu's model of care is activity-based rather than

medical, differing greatly from memory care units in assisted living facilities.

"Our program staff takes great care to facilitate interactive, independence-building community activities for our Minds in Motion clients, including visits to local attractions, restaurants, businesses, cultural events, workshops, volunteer opportunities, outdoor excursions, and social gatherings. Clients then return home to their own families, bringing with them the positive benefits they experienced while in our care," explained Julie Smith, Kandu client services director.

It can be difficult for primary caregivers to provide the social interactions their elderly loved ones need to truly thrive,

mainly due to barriers including costs, lack of resources, the ability to physically support them, and transportation. Reports indicate that the number of people with dementia and other memory related disabilities is expected to more than double in the next decade, meaning more and more families will be looking for resources designed to keep their loved ones in their homes longer as opposed to nursing facilities.

For aging adults suffering from social isolation and loneliness, mental health and physical health often decline in tandem. Disabilities and memory impairments can exacerbate these problems. Kandu's Minds in Motion program provides opportunities for aging adults to increase physical



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Kandu clients at the Milton library.

movement, maintain cognitive abilities, and create social relationships, all leading to better mental and physical health outcomes.

"The recent purchase of our new facility has provided the additional space necessary to accommodate and grow our programming, allowing us to better serve the community's needs," said Kathy Hansen, executive director. "Launching

the Minds in Motion program embodies our commitment to creating inclusive opportunities that promote health, happiness, and independence for people with disabilities and disadvantages. By focusing on community engagement and personalized activities, we are increasing social connections for elderly residents while also providing much-needed support to their families."

Police news

Name of victim in motor vehicle crash revealed

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died following a motor vehicle accident on July 26. The incident occurred near the 1200 block of Ritsher Street in the City of Beloit, and was reported to authorities at or around 2:30 a.m. The individual can be identified as: Brandi H. Van Gemert, 31, Beloit.

Ms. Van Gemert was pronounced deceased at the scene on July 26. A forensic examination was completed on July 26. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Ms. Van Gemert died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

This incident remains un-

der investigation by the Beloit Police Department and the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department.

Slow-no-wake lifted on portion of Rock River

According to U.S. Geological Survey Gauges, the water level for the Rock River at Lake Koshkonong dropped to 7.99 feet. County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the Rock River in Newville when the water level exceeds 8 feet, therefore, the Rock River from the south end of Lake Koshkonong, south to the Indianford Dam is no longer a slow-no-wake speed restriction.

According to U.S. Geological Survey Gauges, the water level for the Rock River in Afton is 7.67 feet. County

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

Also, the County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the Rock River in Beloit when the water level exceeds 8.5 feet based on the U.S. Geological Survey Gauges in Afton, therefore, the river from W B R Townline Road Bridge to the Stateline is no longer a slow-no-wake speed restriction.

Slow-no-wake is defined as operating a vessel at a speed as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control.

Main Street Alliance applauds antitrust ruling against Google

Judge's decision a major victory for small business owners

The Main Street Alliance (MSA), a national network of small business owners advocating for inclusive economic policies, welcomes the recent ruling by Judge Amit Mehta, declaring Google a monopolist in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. This landmark decision is a significant win for small business owners across the nation, ensuring a fairer and more competitive digital marketplace.

Judge Mehta's ruling in the case of United States of America vs. Google LLC found that Google has unlawfully maintained its monopoly by excluding rivals from the general search engine market. This exclusionary conduct has stifled competition, raised prices for advertisers, and deprived consumers of potential higher-quality search alternatives.

A win for small business owners

The Main Street Alliance has long championed fair

competition and equitable access to resources for small businesses. The ruling against Google aligns with MSA's mission to combat corporate consolidation and advocate for policies that level the playing field for small businesses.

"This decision is a monumental step towards restoring fairness in the marketplace," said Richard Trent, Executive Director of the Main Street Alliance. "For too long, small businesses have struggled against the overwhelming dominance of corporate giants like Google. This ruling not only recognizes the anti-competitive practices that have disadvantaged small businesses but also sets a precedent for stronger enforcement of antitrust laws."

Empowering entrepreneurs

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, fostering innovation, creating jobs, and strengthening communities. However, the monopolistic practices of companies like Google have hindered the growth and success of countless entrepreneurs. By

paying billions to secure default search engine status on popular devices, Google effectively prevented competitors from gaining a foothold, thereby limiting consumer choice and stifling innovation.

Traditionally, Main Street has been synonymous with brick-and-mortar businesses, but this ruling highlights the growing importance of online entrepreneurs who also deserve protection from monopolistic overreach. Ensuring a level playing field in the digital marketplace is essential for the success of all small business owners, whether they operate physical stores or online enterprises.

Next steps and broader implications

As the case moves into the remedy phase, the Main Street Alliance urges the court to implement measures that will effectively dismantle Google's monopoly and promote competition. Potential remedies include ending exclusive dealing contracts, breaking up Google's various business segments, or requiring the company to share data with competitors.

News briefs

Footville to present movie in the park

On Saturday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Movie in the Park at Footville Community Park. The movie will be "Disney's Elemental."

All proceeds go back to the community funds for future events.

In-person job fair at Rock County Job Center

There will be a job fair in Rock County on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Rock County Job Center located at 1717 Center Avenue in Janesville. The event will have 27 local employers in attendance and 600+ job openings.

The Job Fair will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Individuals may

update and print their resumes in the Resource Room prior to the event. For a complete list of employers, please visit online at: <https://wisconsin-jobcenter.org/events/>. Individuals having questions can email DETWDA11Business-Services@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

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. Clearly print the words that will be engraved on the brick next to the appropriate line number.

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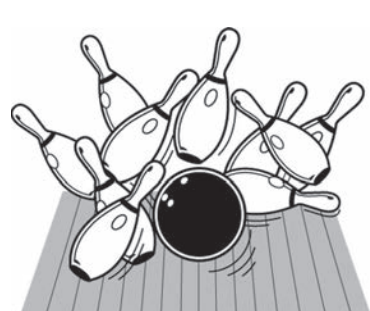


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Sign up for fall gun deer hunt for disabled hunters

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds eligible hunters hoping to participate in the Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters With Disabilities to contact and confirm a location with a hunt landowner sponsor before Sept. 15.

Thousands of acres of land are available for this year's hunt, which will take place Oct. 5 to 13. Hunters should contact sponsors directly to participate in the 2024 hunt. Some properties can accommodate more hunters than others, so hunters are advised

to contact potential sponsors as early as possible to determine availability. "This special hunt offers hunters with disabilities the opportunity to deer hunt during

a time and in a place that is more accessible for them," said Brooke VanHandel, DNR assistant deer and elk specialist. "We are so thankful for our landowner sponsors who are

willing to partner with hunters and open their properties to allow more individuals to participate in Wisconsin's deer hunting tradition." To sign up for a hunt, hunt-

ers or assistants should provide their name, contact information and DNR customer ID number. To be eligible, hunters must possess a valid Class A, C or D disabled permit or qualifying Class B permit. Eligible hunters may sign up for one sponsored property per year and must possess a gun deer license.

Wisconsin's outdoors are for everyone. The DNR is committed to providing various hunting, fishing and recreational permits and unique opportunities designed to help give people with disabilities the opportunity to partake in Wisconsin's abundant natural resources.

For more information, visit the DNR's Deer Hunting for Hunters with Disabilities webpage.



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Eligible hunters should sign up for the Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters With Disabilities by Sept. 15.

ADRC to offer health and wellness programs

To learn more or to register for any program, please contact the Health Promotion Coordinator at the ADRC of Rock County by calling: 608-757-5309 or email: Lisa.Messer@co.rock.wi.us.

Visit the website to view program brochures and register online at: www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/human-services/adrc.

The Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder series is taught by a female for females. It is designed to give older women learning strategies for preventing or lessening symptoms. Suggested donation is \$10.

The August and September series will be held at Cedar Crest Senior Living in Janesville and is open to the public. It will be held on three Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Dates are Aug. 23, Sept. 6 and Sept. 20. Please register by Aug. 15. The address is at 1702 S. River Road, Janesville.

The October and November series will be held at Edgerton Public Library. It will be held on three Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Dates are Oct. 15, Oct. 29 and Nov. 12. Please register by Oct. 1. The address is 101 Albion Street, Edgerton.

Stepping On is a seven-week series that is proven to reduce falls by 31%. The suggested donation is \$15. The series includes five guest speakers.

The September through November series will be held at SSM/St. Mary's Hospital, Janesville. It will be held on seven Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. from Sept. 30 to Nov. 11. Please register by Sept. 20. The address is SSM Health, lower garden level, 3400 E. Racine Street, Janesville.

Healthy Living with Chronic Pain is a high-level, evidence-based program for people who have on-going, persistent pain.

Developed at Stanford University, the workshop sessions meet for two and a half hours, once a week, for six consecutive weeks. Suggested donation is \$20.

The October and November series will be held at Cargill United Methodist Church, Janesville. It will be held on six Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. from Oct. 23 to Nov. 27. Please register by Oct. 11. The location is at Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville

Powerful Tools for Caregivers will be an online course.

It is a virtual caregiver workshop which meets once a week for six weeks and is designed to help caregivers better cope with the challenges of caregiving. It will be held on six Wednesday evenings from Sept. 18 to Oct. 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$20. Contact the ADRC of Rock County at 1-855-741-3600 or via email at Karen.Tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

WFU announces grant recipients

The Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation has awarded \$28,500 this year for events and projects that enhance life in rural Wisconsin. Over \$13,000 was given in the second quarter, with projects including:

- Badger State Farms Handicap Accessible Workshop Area
- The Food Group's Emerging Farmers Conference
- Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership
- REAP Food Group Harvest Dinner
- Savanna Institute's Perennial Farm Gathering
- Wisconsin Association of Ag Educators Professional Development Conference
- Wisconsin Public Radio

The WFU Foundation also approved several Local Initiative grants for activities organized by Farmers Union chapters. This quarter's funded projects included a groundwater modeling project for farmers and rural residents coordinated by Vernon-Crawford Farmers Union, a regional local foods dinner organized by the Pepin-Pierce and St. Croix chapters, and support for the Little Farm Hands Ag Ed Center building project by Amnicon-Douglas Farmers Union. Chartered in 1998, the



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Badger State Farms in Wisconsin Rapids was one of 10 WFU Foundation awardees in the second quarter. The support helped fund a handicap accessible workshop area on the farm, which offers animal therapy experiences for educational purposes.

WFU Foundation supports efforts that foster family farming, enhance the quality of rural life, provide opportunities for public education and dialogue, and encourage cooperative economic development. "We are pleased to be able to support these organiza-

tions and individuals who are working to transform their communities and who align with our mission," said WFU President Darin Von Ruden. "These awards illustrate WFU's continued commitment to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, ru-

ral communities, and all people."

Grant applications are reviewed quarterly, with application deadlines on the 15th of February, May, August, and November. Apply right now at wisconsinfarmersunion.com/foundation.

DNR publishes fall hunting, trapping forecasts



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The DNR's fall forecasts outline expectations and reminders for hunters and trappers for the upcoming seasons.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently released the 2024 fall forecast series, detailing the hunting outlook for a variety of popular game species.

These forecasts outline what hunters and trappers across the state can expect while pursuing their favorite game species. In addition to information about specific game species, they also include helpful reminders about public land access opportunities, game registration requirements and season dates.

"The species forecasts are the result of a thorough analysis of federal and local

species surveys, the findings of DNR research projects, weather patterns and the on-the-ground information we receive from our advisory committees and staff," said Shawn Rossler, DNR furbearer specialist. "They are based on both science and the observations of DNR professionals and experienced outdoorspeople from across our state."

Hunters and trappers can explore fall forecasts for species they are interested in.

For more resources and information about many of Wisconsin's most popular game species, visit the DNR's Hunting webpage.

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Juda youth ball teams for 2024



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The Juda 8-year-old boys' youth ball team. Standing: Dane Merritt, Coach Josh Merritt, Lincoln Myhre, Coach Kendall Myhre, Kenneth Norton, Coach Jerad Norton, Cullin Soddy. Kneeling: Easton Homan, Louis Field, Levi Row, Mason Field.



The Juda 8-year-old girls' youth ball team. Standing: Maddison Doran, Coach Tyler Doran, Jaelyn Kainz, Coach Angie Kainz, Rebel Rittenhouse, Coach Manda Rittenhouse, Kinzley Boeke. Kneeling: Dakota Baum, Allycen Swedlund, Cailyn Har-nish, Chloe Brooks, Josie Row. Sitting: Maliyah Doran, Kaydence Myhre, Anderly Luckey, Emberliegh Hanson.

College news

Edgerton resident now on SVSU's Deans' List

Nearly 1,800 students from Saginaw Valley State University earned a spot on the winter 2024 semester Deans' List. Jenna Schmitt of Edgerton was among those honored for academic excellence. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better. Saginaw Valley State University is a comprehensive university with more than 90 programs of study for 7,000 students. Located on a sub-

urban campus in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, SVSU is committed to a supportive and empowering environment for students. SVSU emphasizes undergraduate teaching and learning, and community-based research. SVSU has received the Community Engagement classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a distinction achieved by only 7 percent of U.S. colleges and universities. SVSU is establishing itself as a leader in STEM education for the Great Lakes

Bay Region, partnering with businesses, foundations and school districts to improve students' performance in math and science at the middle school, high school and university levels. **Janesville student has been accepted at Palmer College of Chiropractic** Kylee Arn of Janesville has been accepted for enrollment in the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

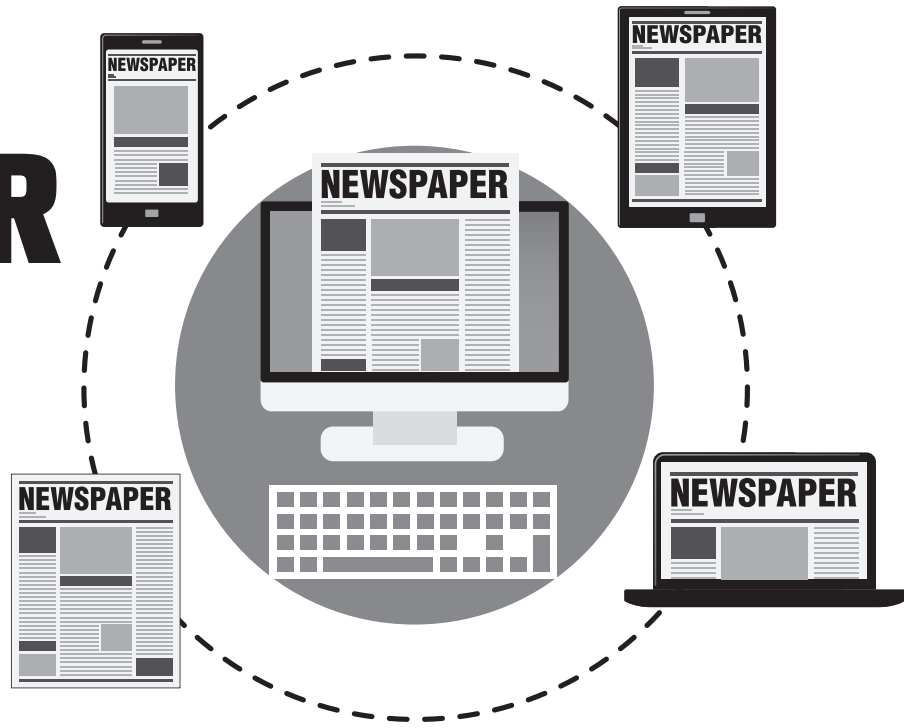
Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida. **Local students named to Dean's List at college** The following students were named to the 2024 spring trimester Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa. • Kyle Wille of Edgerton • Amy Whiteman of Monroe

• Peter Bouc of Brodhead **Clinton student awarded chiropractic degree** Emma Weisensel of Clinton graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa, on June 14, 2024. **Janesville student earns Bachelor's Degree** Sean Wiza, from Janesville, earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering degree in Computer Engineering from Cedarville University. Located in southwest Ohio,

Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 5,456 undergraduate, graduate, and on-line students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

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Orfordville youth ball teams for 2024



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The Orfordville 8-year-old boys' youth ball team, first team. Standing: Trent Clarke, Wyatt Lindroth, Coach Kerry Lindroth, Kail Nesler, Coach David Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Coach Ben Fenwick, Case Fenwick, Coach Dan Wellnitz, Jacob Wellnitz, Sawyer Martin. Kneeling: Ian Stuetgen, Lucas Schwartzlow, Ben Brown, Theron Forster. Sitting: Kaden Davies, Maxwell Brueggen, Jaxxon Grunzel, Jordan Knutson. Missing: Callen McWilliams.



The Orfordville 8-year-old girls' youth ball team, first team. Standing: Ida Statton, Coach Kara Sankey, Ruby Sankey, Coach Jenna Jones, Fiona Jones, Coach Maria Mielke, Camille Mielke. Kneeling: Aubree Olson, Lainey Laursen, Liza Tews, Delaney Carr. Sitting: Ella Ireland, Lenora Seibert. Missing: Ella Atkinson, Becca Popp, Amelia Schmit.



The Orfordville 8-year-old boys' youth ball team, second team. Standing: Kash Carter, Casen Cavitt, Coach Sarah Cavitt, Cade Cavitt, Coach Louis Nath, Layton Nath, Phoenix Pomplun. Kneeling: Luke Neild, Jack Neild, JJ Amundson, Oliver Hauri. Sitting: Cole Lewis, Robert Knutson, Chase Naatz, Oscar Mielke. Missing: Jackson Allen.



The Orfordville 8-year-old girls' youth ball team, second team. Standing: Isla Bunts, Coach Morgan Cox, Elsie Cox, Coach Richie Cox, Haylee Nelson, Coach Amber Anklam, Brynlee Keck. Kneeling: Hadley Spoerry, Vivian Aasen, Holly Wollin, Parker Sturdevant, Paisley Allen, Rae Burns. Sitting: Everleigh Schwartzlow, Rylee Huffman. Missing: Nora Satre.

• Legacies (Continued from front page)

agreement that it serve as a museum for the community. RCHS operates the Lincoln-Tallman Museum, along with a Museum and Visitor Center; the Tallman Carriage House; the RCHS Archives; the Frances Willard School House; and the Stonehouse. A nonprofit organization, RCHS offers tours to people of all ages, provides thought-provoking programs, and hosts many events each year, including an annual awards gala and a holiday tree show.

The history of GM in Janesville dates back to 1918, when the company branched out into farm vehicles by buying the Samson Tractor Co. Within 12 months after the purchase, nearly 150 tractors per day were rolling off the production line. Car production at the Janesville plant began in 1923, but the Great Depression shuttered the plant from 1932 to 1934. The plant made 16 million

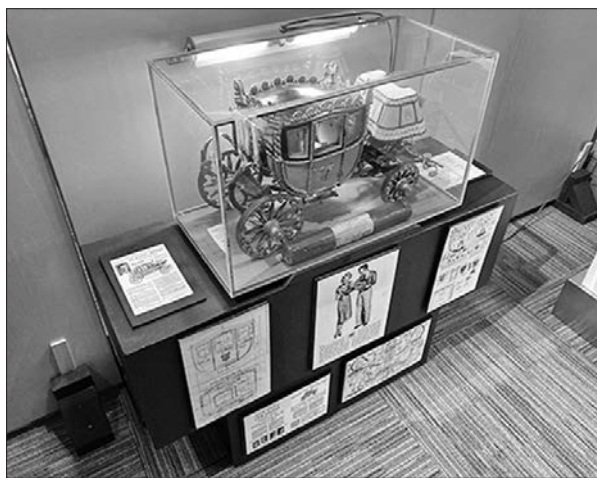


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The exhibit spans the history of GM in Janesville, from its beginnings in 1919 as the Janesville Machine Company to its closing in 2008-2009.

105 mm artillery shells during World War II, then returned to automotive production after the war. The Janesville GM plant ceased all production in April 2009.

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• West Nile (Continued from front page)

people contact a health care provider if they suspect they have WNV illness.

The best way to avoid illnesses spread by mosquitoes is to reduce exposure to mosquitoes and eliminate mosquito breeding sites. Mosquito activity and the risk of WNV will continue through the rest of the summer until there is a hard frost (temperatures below 28 degrees Fahrenheit for at least four straight hours). DHS offers these tips to protect oneself and one's family against mosquito bites:

Avoid mosquito bites

- Apply an insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to exposed skin and clothing.
- Prior to heading out-

doors, treat clothing with permethrin; do not apply permethrin directly to skin.

- Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning hours, when mosquitoes that spread WNV are most active.

- Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from skin.

Mosquito-proof home

- Prevent mosquitoes from breeding around one's home by removing stagnant water from items around the property.

- Empty standing water that has collected in tin cans, plastic containers, flower pots, discarded tires, roof gutters, and downspouts.

- Turn over wheelbarrows, kiddie pools, buckets, and small boats such as canoes and kayaks when not in use.

- Change the water in bird baths and pet dishes at least every three days.

- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs; drain water from pool covers.

- Make sure window and door screens are intact and tightly-fitted to prevent mosquitoes from getting into your home.

- Trim or mow tall grass, weeds, and vines since mosquitoes use these areas to rest during hot daylight hours.

Find more information on illnesses spread by mosquitoes and additional ways to Fight The Bite on the DHS website.

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Co-op model helps ensure a veterinary business's future

By Nicole Sweeney Etter
UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN-MADISON

With retirement on the horizon, veterinarians John Dally, Ann Vetter and Mark Baenen wondered what would become of the two Wisconsin clinics they co-owned. They hoped Spring Green Animal Hospital and Mazomanie Animal Hospital would continue to serve future generations of pets, but they knew that many younger veterinarians don't have the desire or financial capacity to take over an established practice. At the same time, they were troubled by the trend of corporations buying up independent veterinary practices nationwide.

When Dally suggested they convert to a worker-owned cooperative, "It just made intuitive sense to me," he said. "You can become an owner with minimal financial risk, and you get to have a say in your job."

In late 2021, Dally reached out to Extension's UW Center for Cooperatives (UWCC) to explore whether the model could work for their business. UWCC is the oldest university-based center in the United States dedicated to supporting cooperative businesses.

In January 2023, the business became Cooperative Veterinary Care. It is believed to be the first worker cooperative veterinary practice in the country – and the co-op's members hope their journey inspires others to take this less-traveled path to busi-



PHOTOS COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON *Rock Valley Publishing*
Dr. Liz, left, and Certified Veterinary Technician Jill giving Tipper the cat an exam at the Mazomanie Animal Hospital.

ness sustainability.

A practical succession plan

The veterinary medicine field has changed dramatically in recent years. As people invest more time and money in their animal companions, private equity firms have recognized the profit potential in the neighborhood vet clinic – a relatively recession-proof business. While veterinary practices have traditionally been owned by the veterinarians who work there, an estimated 25% of vet clinics nationwide are now corporate-owned, a number that is expected to reach 60% in the next decade.

For many independent veterinarians, the lucrative purchase offers from giant corporations are too alluring to resist. But Dally, Vetter and Baenen didn't like the idea of eventually selling the practice they'd lovingly built to an out-of-state corporation.

That was a relief to Eric Howlett, a newer veterinarian on staff. Before joining Mazomanie Animal Hospital, Howlett worked in a corporate-owned practice. He thinks the profit-driven pressures are a key factor in the veterinary field's high burnout rate.

"I saw how awful that environment was," he said. "There was pressure on veterinarians to

see more patients. They weren't trying to tell us to change our medicine, but there was definitely a lot of pressure on support staff to become salespeople, and nobody got into this business to sell things."

Some retiring veterinarians don't even have the corporate buyout option. Corporate consolidators are typically interested in larger practices, leaving smaller, rural clinics to close if they can't find another buyer. That's why the founders of Spring Green Animal Hospital acquired the Mazomanie clinic in 2020 – to help out a colleague who wanted to retire and to make their own business more desirable when it was time to sell. Vetter had already been forced to close her own clinic in Madison when she couldn't find anyone willing to take it over.

"That's really been the driving force behind our coop idea – to have these businesses, instead of closing, stay in these communities and offer the same level of care," Vetter said.

The challenges facing the veterinary medicine field aren't unique. The coming retirement wave from Baby Boomers has been dubbed the "silver tsunami."

"The number of small businesses that are at this point of succession is huge," said Kristin Forde, a UWCC cooperative development specialist. "And the majority of small business owners don't actually have a succession plan."

Converting to a co-op can be a win-win for everyone, she noted.

"Selling to employees is a sure way to both preserve the legacy of the business owner and jobs," Forde said. "And for employees, it takes on a whole lot more meaning when they're at the decision-making table, and they're benefiting from it financially as well. Also, worker co-ops have been shown to perform higher on certain metrics, like employee retention and being more resilient during an economic downturn."

Becoming a co-op

But you can't convert an existing business to a co-op overnight. First, UWCC talked to the vet clinics' employees to explain how a worker cooperative works. Next, the business owners applied for a grant from Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to fund a feasibility study conducted by an outside firm.

Once they had an estimate of the business's value, they needed to find a way for the employees to buy it. That can be challenging for a high-value business because small business loans often require a personal guarantee, though there are lenders that specialize in working with cooperative businesses. Ultimately, Dally, Vetter and Baenen decided to finance the sale themselves because they were so committed to the co-op concept.

But there was more to figure out than just the finances. Guid-

See **VETERINARIAN**, Page 8



The board members of Cooperative Veterinary Care gather for a co-op meeting at Grandma Mary's Cafe.

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CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

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Dated this 22nd day of July, 2024.

DOBBERSTEIN
LAW FIRM, LLC
Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by
Jillian E Caggiano
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State Bar No. 1101032

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

Case No. 24CV71

TO: Iron Bull Carts LLC
251 8th St.
Monroe WI 53566

Iron Bull Carts LLC
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
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(Informal Administration)

Case No. 24 PR 60

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Electronically signed by
Jennifer Prien
Probate Registrar

Attorney Walter Shannon
Shannon Law Office
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Evansville, WI 53536
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Bar Number 1055751

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Procurement of documents: Bidding documents (electronic PDF only) will be available from Nexus Solutions, LLC.

For questions regarding bid documents contact Kyle Robers, Project Manager.

Nexus Solutions
10 West Mifflin Street, Suite 210
Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (262) 492-3209
krobers@nexussolutions.com

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For questions regarding bid documents contact Chuck Meoska, Director of Engineering.

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Madison, WI 53703
Phone: (608) 732-4765
cmeoska@nexussolutions.com

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Veterinarian (Continued from page 6)

ed by UWCC staff, a steering committee of 14 employees got to work drafting bylaws and determining co-op membership requirements, board composition, redistribution of profits, and more.

"They really wanted to set a price for membership stock that was affordable and accessible for all employees," Forde said. To make the amount meaningful and yet attainable for everyone, they set up a payroll deduction option. The group also decided that patronage distributions (called profit-sharing in the co-op world) would be based on hours worked and not job position – meaning that a full-time kennel worker could receive just as much of the profits as a full-time veterinarian (though salaries still vary). "It said that everybody's time is valuable and each of us contributes to the success of this entity in different ways, and I love that," Dally said. "That made me feel really good."

Week after week, Forde and UWCC Director Courtney Berner walked the steering com-

mittee, then the 17-member board of directors through the process of working in a very different way from what they were used to. Employees were amazed when they all agreed or when they changed their mind after a spirited discussion.

"We all get chances to voice our opinions, from veterinarians to kennel workers," Dally said. "And that takes time and it's painful. But everyone feels like they at least were heard, and they understand why a decision was made, versus the top down approach that would happen in any other business."

During one memorable meeting, Berner spontaneously suggested, "All in favor, say woof!" Without hesitation, the co-op members woofed like their canine patients. Since then, it's become a tradition to cast votes with animal noises, including meows, moos and neighs.

An attorney and accountant helped with the necessary paperwork, and by January 2023, the group was officially incorporated as Cooperative Veteri-

nary Care.

Adjusting to a new work model

UWCC's support continued even after incorporation. Forde meets regularly with Howlett, the new board president, to help him navigate through any co-op issues. UWCC also offered trainings on topics such as financial literacy – helping staff who are more used to complex health procedures also understand how to read a profit and loss statement.

For Cooperative Veterinary Care, it's a culture change that's still in progress. "There still are these longstanding sorts of cultural dynamics in a workplace that take some time to shift," Forde said.

But Howlett said he's noticed an increased sense of camaraderie and motivation amongst the staff. "There has been a subtle shift over this year to people seeing themselves as part of a bigger whole in a way that is not fully transitioned yet," he said. "But I think the seeds have been sown, and we're starting

to reap those benefits."

That includes financial benefits. "Financially, we are more profitable than we've ever been," Dally said. "All of a sudden, when people had their own interests at stake, they changed their behaviors in ways that made the business more profitable – like offering to do something that might take more time and effort, but it benefits the business and the pet and the owner because it provides a better outcome."

For Dally, bringing democracy to his workplace might be the legacy he's most proud to leave behind. "I would like to have a monetary reward for the years of effort I put into this business, but I also want to do something good in the world, and this was something I had to offer," he said. "The fact that it seems to be working out a year in makes me very happy."

Curious about co-ops? Explore the resources at uwcc.wisc.edu and reach out to UWCC staff to see how the co-op model might benefit your business.

Daughter gifts dad \$200,000 winning lottery ticket

One lucky dad's Father's Day gift has turned into a huge Wisconsin Lottery prize.

Connecticut man, Burton Chase, was given a Wisconsin Winnings scratch ticket from his Wisconsin-based daughter for Father's Day this year. The ticket won Chase one of the game's top prizes of \$200,000.

A Vietnam Army veteran who has spent much of his life working on helicopters, Chase received a Father's Day card from his daughter a day before the holiday. After opening the card and scratching off the ticket, he realized he had won \$200,000.

Chase immediately called his daughters in Wisconsin and North Carolina to tell them the news. Both thought he was joking so Chase had his wife text them a picture of the winning ticket.

Weeks later, plans were made for Chase's North Carolina daughter and her husband to travel with him to Wisconsin to claim the prize. The family planned their travels for the weekend of July 19 to celebrate Chase's Wisconsin-based daughter's 50th birthday. However, the weekend of July 19 proved to be a difficult time to travel for the entire country due to the global IT outages.

Despite a harrowing travel experience, the family did make it to Madison.

Burton told Lottery staff he plans on using his winnings to take his family on a vacation to the Turks or Caicos Islands. He said he will share what's left over with his family.

Burton's winning ticket was purchased at the Walmart SuperCenter on 8760 Northridge Way in Minocqua.

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

The Wisconsin Winnings game still has one \$200,000 top prize remaining. The odds of winning the game's top prize are 1 in 372,000.

Emergency blood shortage: Red Cross supply drops 25%

The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces dangerous levels of heat and people head out for final summer travel plans. Since July 1, the Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by more than 25%, and blood donors of all types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to give as soon as possible to help patients receive lifesaving medical care.

Heat impacted more than 100 blood drives in July in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood – compounding other seasonal obstacles to blood donation, such as travel and summer activities. Together these factors contributed to a shortfall of more than 19,000 blood donations in July. At the same time, hospital demand for blood products remains strong. Blood products are being sent to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Right now, type O inventory is so low, distributions of this vital blood type are reduced below what hospitals count on.

"It's critical hospitals have both type O positive and O negative blood ready to go for patients in the most life-threatening situations," said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross. "Type O is especially important for victims of accidents and other trauma who are receiving emergency treatment. Now is the time for donors of all blood types to give and ensure hospital shelves can be restocked before any impact to patient care."

The Red Cross is working with hospitals around-the-clock to meet the blood needs of patients – but can't do it alone. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you, those who come give blood, platelets or plasma during August will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Green County Albany

• Thursday, Aug. 22: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Lions Building, 402 Cincinnati St.

Brodhead

• Tuesday, Sept. 3: Noon to 5:30 p.m., Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd St.

Monroe

• Friday, Aug. 16: 8 a.m. to noon, St. John's United Church of Christ, 1724 14th St.

• Thursday, Aug. 22: Noon to 6 p.m., Monroe Bible Church, 2613 8th Ave.

• Friday, Sept. 6: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th St.

New Glarus

• Friday, Aug. 16: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., New Glarus Bible Church, 207 6th St.

Rock County Beloit

• Monday, Aug. 26: 1 to 6 p.m., Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.

Edgerton

• Tuesday, Sept. 3: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 590 S. St. Joseph Circle

Janesville

• Monday, Aug. 19: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Janesville Masonic Center, 2322 E. Milwaukee St.

• Thursday, Aug. 22: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Alloy Inc. Janesville, 4100 Kennedy Road

• Tuesday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 2940 Mineral Point Ave.

• Friday, Sept. 6: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Uptown Janesville, 2500 Milton Ave.

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• Friday, Aug. 16: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Milton City Hall, 710 S. Janesville St.



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