

# Fancy, festive fun at Janesville's Jolly Jingle

Janesville's Jolly Jingle, a festive weekend-long holiday event presented by Avondale Roofing, returns to downtown Janesville on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 6 to 8.

This year, Janesville's Jolly Jingle will feature more than thirty fun, festive events and activities designed to spread the joy and magic of the holiday season. Many events are free or low cost. The event lineup includes chances to meet Santa, a magical lighted parade, a trolley, tree lighting ceremony, dazzling fireworks display, luminaria walk to shopping and entertainment at local businesses, a spectacular walk-through light show, decorated tree show, and so much more.

This year's event promises an even more festive experience with a variety of new events that capture the holiday spirit for all ages. Visitors can kick off their holiday shopping at the Outdoor Christmas Market hosted by Genisa Wine Bar, where local artisans and vendors will offer unique gifts and seasonal treats on their charming outdoor patio overlooking the river. Couples, families, and friends can capture magical moments at the new Mistletoe Kissing Booth Photo Station or with their favorite holiday characters like Rudolph or the Grinch in Town Square, adding a sweet holiday touch to memories. For those seeking a bit of adventure, Papa Docs Axe Throwing is bringing

outdoor axe throwing to Town Square, a lively addition to the weekend's festivities.

At the Holiday Light Up Dance Party, guests of all ages can dance at a glow-themed party designed for families to enjoy together. Children and families will have a chance to skate with Elsa and Anna at the Janesville Ice Arena, then participate in the Family Polar Plunge into the "chilly" waters at the YMCA of Northern Rock County. Families can also enjoy Janesville Performing Arts Center kids' production of The Littlest Christmas Tree, a heartwarming performance perfect for children.

Jolly Jingle brings new sounds to the season with special musical performances. At the Holiday Tree Lighting, Versatile Voice Academy will enchant the crowd with renditions of Taylor Swift holiday songs. Following the Tree Lighting, Come Back Chorus will take to the streets of downtown, filling the evening with classic carols as they roam, bringing festive cheer to every corner of the celebration.

The event also includes new sensory-friendly offerings to ensure everyone can fully experience the celebration. Silent Santa at SPACE Autastic, Inc. offers a relaxed and quiet Santa encounter for children with sensory sensitivities, and the new sensory-friendly viewing area in

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### Annual Children's Christmas Benefit comes to Orfordville

The 26th Annual Children's Christmas Benefit will be held at the Orfordville American Legion on Saturday, Dec. 7. Many exciting holiday events will highlight this year's benefit.

At 6 p.m. the evening will kick off with a delicious pork chop community supper.

Santa Claus will be on hand for the children at 7 p.m

Raffles will be held

throughout the evening. Donations will be accepted for the meal. The Stateline Playboys will provide entertainment from 8 p.m. to midnight. Bring the entire family for an evening of holiday fellowship and fun.

The toys and gifts collected are distributed discreetly and confidentially among local county children so their Christmas will be a bit merrier. The purpose of the benefit is to give to

the kids what they would not otherwise have during the holiday season. It is an organization that is 100% volunteer driven.

There is no charge for the evening's entertainment or the meal. Donations will be accepted at the event. All cash contributions will be used specifically for purchasing hats, mittens, boots, clothing, toys, and supplies for children from birth to high school age. The

contributions also supply a Christmas meal to each of the families. Community members are encouraged to join in the fun and holiday spirit so that many deserving children will have a merrier Christmas this year.

If one is interested in donating raffle items, or if one would like to refer a family in need, or for questions regarding the event, please contact Brian Knudson at 608-289-2498.

### Albany senior raised over \$5,000 for youth programs

The third annual Comet Classic 3 on 3 Tournament held Nov. 10 in Albany raised a total of \$5,323.

Albany High School senior Abby Hollis hosted this tournament as a fundraiser for local youth programs and initiatives. Hollis is a high honor roll student and starter on the Albany-Monticello basketball





team and will play basketball for Clarke University next year.

She was a member of the 2024 state champion girls basketball team, is a two time All State and Academic All State selection, and has earned All-Conference honors in basketball, track, and volleyball.

In the three years of the event, over \$11,000 has been raised for community programs.

The 2024 Comet Classic consisted of 29 teams and 116 athletes. This is impressive given the enrollment for the Albany School District is 300 students who attend school in a K-12 building.

The girls' tournament was held in the morning followed by free throw and three point

PHOTO SUBMITTED Rock Valley Publishing Albany High School senior Abby Hollis hosted the third annual Comet **Classic 3 on 3 Tournament** as a fundraiser for local youth programs and initiatives.

contests. The boys' tournament was held in the afternoon.

Players at the tournament came from Albany, Argyle, Brodhead, Cambridge, Cuba City, McFarland, Mineral Point, Monroe, Monticello, New Glarus, Parkview, Pecatonica, Rio, Sauk Prairie, and Waunakee.

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### **Annual Gingerbread** Extravaganza is back

Community Action, Inc. of ly/GingerbreadExtravagan-Rock and Walworth Counties za2024 to confirm one's atis delighted to announce the return of their esteemed 11th Annual Gingerbread Extravaganza, marking a joyous return to in-person festivities.

The Gingerbread Workshop will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fruzen Middle School at 2600 Milwaukee Road, Beloit. This cherished event offers a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together and celebrate the holiday season. Attendees can look forward to decorating pre-built gingerbread houses, visiting with Santa, and enjoying the lively atmosphere in the Fruzen gym.

'We are excited to welcome the community back to our Gingerbread Extravaganza," said Marc Perry, Executive Director of Community Action. "This event not only brings festive cheer but also supports our vital neighborhood programs in Rock and Walworth counties. Your participation helps us make a significant impact in the lives of those we serve."

Order gingerbread houses online to ensure one has their masterpiece ready for the workshop.

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tendance.

All proceeds from the Gingerbread Extravaganza support Community Action's neighborhood programs in Rock and Walworth counties. "Your participation helps us make a positive impact in our community," emphasized Lexi Tintlemann, Public Relations Manager of Community Action.

For more information about the event, please contact Lexi Tintlemann at 608-295-1623 or ltintlemann@ community-action.org.

Community Action, Inc. (CAI) is a not-for-profit organization offering programs to fight poverty in Rock and Walworth Counties. Community Action develops and implements a broad range of services across the two-county area including: childcare, preschool and school age programs, affordable housing, at-risk youth programs, weatherization, community organizing and development, a homeless shelter, health education, and the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). They are a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region and United Way Walworth County. Details at www.community-action.org or www.facebook.com/communityactionrockwalworth.

### **UWW recognizes** 2024-25 TRIO students

the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater are scholars in the TRIO program, which includes federally funded programs that support low-income, first-generation, or disabled Americans at college.

The following UW-Whitewater students from the local area are in the TRIO program:

• Aliana Carrillo-Roeling of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

Janesville, whose major at enrolled at the Rock County UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

• Abi Leon of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

• Abagail Meyer of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

• Jameson Flanagan of

More than 250 students at strong academic potential for the rigor of doctoral studies. Realizes the value of researchers and scholars from disadvantaged backgrounds in academia.

· Upward Bound: Available for high school students who are interested in pursuing higher education through a technical or four-year college degree program. Most students in the program are from low-income families and/or are first-generation college students.

• Student Support Ser- Jasmine Bertschy of vices: Available to students campus, offers structured academic, personal, and career assistance to students as they complete their college education.

Every year, TRIO serves 250 students who set their sights on success in and out of the classroom. TRIO students have gone on to make contributions to the commu-Beloit, whose major at nity as teachers, attorneys, journalists, small business owners and leaders in many other fields. "What TRIO does is give students the opportunity to be successful, to recognize their own potential, and to transform their lives through education," said Dr. Arnold Mitchem, President Emeritus for the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE). UW-Whitewater offers meaningful and measurably better student-faculty interactions such as research and hands-on learning opportuni-• Trenton Redler of ties, along with small classes, Janesville, whose major at and a vibrant campus life. TRIO students take advantage of 1:1 interactions with faculty and staff on both the Whitewater and Rock County campuses all year long through academic year and summer programming.

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• Conner Winn of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

• Teylor Carter of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Liberal Arts.

• Carlos Rios of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

• Erin Connolly of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Associate of Arts and Sciences.

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TRIO programs UW-Whitewater include:

• McNair Scholars: Aims to prepare undergraduate students who have demonstrated

### Lincoln-Tallman Museum Holiday Tree Show lights up the season

More than 140 creatively decorated trees will fill the Lincoln-Tallman Museum at the Rock County Historical Society's (RCHS) annual Holiday Tree Show. Each tree is sponsored and decorated by local businesses, nonprofits, and individuals. Open-house tours of the festively adorned historic home, located at 440 N. Jackson St. in Janesville, will run from Nov. 29 until Dec. 30.

Presented by Blackhawk Community Credit Union (BH-CCU), the Holiday Tree Show features trees and trimmings of all types and sizes, in both the main and upstairs levels of the Lincoln-Tallman Museum. This year's tours include several new highlights, including a scavenger hunt for children and holiday activity booklets for extra fun.

As visitors step into the mansion, they'll be greeted by a stunning "Winter Wonderland" hallway, lined on both sides with trees of varying heights, colors, and decorations, creating a magical and immersive holiday experience.

"The annual Holiday Tree Show embodies the spirit of the season, with so many lo-

### News briefs

#### Orfordville to hold Holiday Lighted Parade

The Orfordville Lions Club will host the Annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. Parade lineup will be in Mill Valley Subdivision at the intersection of Teri Lee Lane and Luann Kay Lane. This allows for entries to easily drive into the lineup on Gifford Street. The parade route will be the same as last year. Please call Kerrie Schmidt at 608-671-0191 to register for the parade. There will be no gathering at Purdy Park after the parade this year.

Santa Claus is going to be at the Christmas at the Fire Station Event on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring a cozy blanket and a camp chair to watch Polar Express at the Fire Department. Hot chocolate, popcorn, and Santa Claus will all be available.

#### Wreath-laying to be held in Clinton Cemetery

Clinton Cemetery, an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location, will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 3,700 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day. Coordinated and led by local volunteers, sponsorship groups have raised funds throughout the year to sponsor the placement of veterans' wreaths on the headstones of fallen service members laid to rest there. This annual event seeks to further the yearlong

partnering with RCHS to bring joy to our community and to people around the region," said Timothy Maahs, RCHS Executive Director. "We are thrilled to focus more on children this year, with games and activities throughout the entire show. People of all ages enjoy this event.'

This year, Santa will be at the tree show and available for photos during all tours through Dec. 23. Families, individuals and even pets - are welcome to enter the mansion at no cost and take a photo with Santa in front of a stunningly decorated tree. Donations are welcome. To stay and tour, simply purchase a ticket at the door.

For a cup of cheer, tour-goers are invited to stop in the Lincoln-Tallman Museum lounge in the museum's lower level. Visitors are welcome to sip their beverages as they stroll through the entire mansion. The award-winning Lincoln-Talllounge is a cash bar and open during all tour hours.

The Tree Show grand opening is Friday, Nov. 29 from noon to 8 p.m. Tree show dates are Thursdays through Sundays through Dec. 30. For specific house.

Wreaths Across America is

a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organiza-

tion founded to continue and ex-

pand the annual wreath-laying

ceremony at Arlington Nation-

al Cemetery begun by Maine

businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's

yearlong mission - Remember,

Honor, Teach – is carried out in

part each year by coordinating

wreath-laying ceremonies in

December at Arlington, as well

as at more than 3,700 veterans'

cemeteries and other locations

cal businesses and nonprofits hours, please visit www.rchs. us/event/holiday-tree-show.

All are welcome to stop in the Artisan Gift Shop in the RCHS Museum Center to shop for a wide variety of locally made items.

To sponsor a tree, contact Kris Mathesius at RCHS via email at operations@rchs.us or by phone at 608-756-4509.

Tree show tickets are available online at www.rchs.us/ event/holiday-tree-show and may be used on any tour day. Tickets will also be sold at the door during tour hours. Price is \$15 for ages 13+ and free for anyone ages 12 and under.

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 man House, Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, RCHS Archives and Preservation Facility, Tallman Carriage House, Wilson-King Stone House, and the Frances Willard School-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCHS Rock Valley Publishing The Holiday Tree Show at the Lincoln-Tallman House in Janesville will

run from Nov. 29 though Dec. 30. Stop in to see all the beautiful trees, all sponsored by individuals and businesses in the community, or have a photo taken with Santa. 21, in recognition of the 3rd an-



### in all 50 states and overseas. Snowmobile safety

education course Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their final 2024 Snowmobile Safety Education Course on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 200 East U.S. Highway 14, Janesville. Students must attend both sessions to graduate.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, is required to complete a Snowmobile Safety Education Course to legally operate a snowmobile in areas open to the public within Wisconsin. Students should be at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly after the class.

Registration is now open. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat at https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/snowmobile-edu- campus, the U encourages an

sion with the student. Students will receive course materials at the first session. Please direct any questions to Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock. wi.us.

#### Edgerton native named to University of Utah's 2024 Dean's List

Rebecca Lowery, of Edgerton, was named to the University of Utah's Summer 2024 Dean's List.

Lowery was among more than 2,800 students named to the Summer 2024 Dean's List at the U. To qualify, the students earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during the summer term.

The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves more than 35,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace. The U ranks among top research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions. Known for its proximity to seven world-class ski resorts within 40 minutes of niversary of the 2021 Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy and to honor the six individuals who were senselessly and tragically killed in the attack: Tamara Durand, 52; Wilhelm Hospel, 81; Jane Kulich, 52; Leanna Owen, 71; Virginia Sorenson, 79; and Jackson Sparks, 8. "The Waukesha Christmas

Parade tragedy three years ago shook the Waukesha community and folks across our state and country. On this anniversary, we honor Tamara, Wilhelm, Jane, Leanna, Virginia, Jackson, their loved ones, the dozens of people who were injured that day, and the many whose lives were forever changed by this senseless act of violence. Kathy and I keep them in our hearts today and every day," said Gov. Evers. "Today, we also remember and recognize the strength and the spirit of the Waukesha community, their resilience, and their generosity and compassion in the wake of an unspeakable tragedy. Waukesha and Wisconsin remain 'Waukesha Strong."

### **Rock County reveals** election numbers

A total of 88,693 voters cast ballots in the Nov. 5 General Election, which is approximately 69% of the eligible voters in Rock County. Polling locations were busy throughout the day. Lines were long with the amount of interest in this election.

Rock County's unoffi-

### JAL hosting annual Holiday Art Show and Sale

The Janesville Art League (JAL) presents the Holiday Art Show and Sale – their largest art show of the year. Don't miss the fabulous Opening Reception on

Thursday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Janesville Performing Arts Center Gallery, 408 S. Main Street in Janesville.

Enjoy an evening of beautiful art, live music and tasty hors d'oeuvres. At the annual Holiday Art Show and Sale, over 50 area artists have filled the gallery with more than 150 lovely pieces of artwork for all to admire and fall in love with, any of which would make a great gift for that special someone.

They will be featuring their 2024 scholarship winners

as well as their 2024 Holiday Art Show winning artists. The reception and the gallery are free and open to the community.

The Holiday Art Show opened on Nov. 19. The art is available in the gallery for viewing and purchase through Jan. 5. The gallery is open Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. and also

mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at Clinton Cemetery, 7501 State Highway 140, Clinton by the Clinton VFW Post 10430. Veterans, active service members and families, as well as members of the public are invited.

cation. Class size is limited to thirty students. Upon submission of the registration form, the submitter will see an onscreen confirmation message with course information

The course fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the first session. If the student is under 18 years old, a parent/guardian will need to attend the first ses-

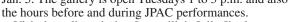
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#### **Evers: Anniversary of** Waukesha Christmas parade tragedy honored

Gov. Tony Evers ordered the flags of the United States and the state of Wisconsin to be flown at half-staff on Thursday, Nov. cial results can be found at: https://www.co.rock.wi.us/results11052024

Many thanks and deepest gratitude to the hard work of the municipal clerks, their staff, and election inspectors.

The Rock County Board of Canvassers met to certify the results of the November General Election on Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.



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### Fourth, fifth, sixth grade 2024 flag football teams



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Steelers fourth, fifth, and sixth grade flag football team for 2024. Standing: Grant Simonson, Garrett Simonson, Coach Andy Simonson, Davis Treinen, Mitchell Ginter. Kneeling: August Sankey, Beau Armtage, Matthew Thompson, Callen Purkapile, Wyatt Phalin. Missing: Coach Clayton Treinen.



Texans fourth, fifth, and sixth grade flag football team for 2024. Standing: Landon Abrahamson, Asher Crane, Coach Nate Crane, David Calkins, Reid Williams. Kneeling: Jaxon Ryan, Tucker Medearis, Brayden Clossey. Missing: Lane Kuebli.

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### **College news**

#### Alma Diaz-Cosme part of successful UWW sales team performance

Alma Diaz-Cosme, a Marketing major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Janesville, was one of 10 Warhawks who teamed up to help the school place third at the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition on Nov. 8 to 9 in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

UW-Whitewater's contingent, which included several students participating for the first time off campus, competed against 35 of the top sales schools in the world and more than 200 student competitors.

Eight UWW students qualified for the quarterfinals, including: · Abby Zimmerman, a mar-

keting major from Burlington (team cocaptain) • Michael Van Offeren, a

finance major from Rockton, Ill. (team cocaptain)

· Paige Moeller, a marketing major from Waukesha

• Garrett Dobbertin, a marketing major from Delavan • Sophia Busse, a market-

ing major from Waukesha

• Alex Brokaw, a marketing major from Kaukauna

· Kelly Larson, a marketing major from Rockford, Ill.

• Samuel Sawyer, a finance

### Jolly Jingle

front of the Janesville Performing Arts Center parking lot for the Holiday Lighted Parade provides a calm and welcoming space for all to enjoy this beloved event. Floats passing through this section of the route will have adapted their displays to have no loud music, flashing lights, or sirens.

With these exciting new additions, alongside returning favorites, Janesville's Jolly Jingle 2024, presented by Avondale Roofing, will be a memorable and inclusive celebration of holiday cheer. "In its 11th year, the event kicks off the holiday season with a long weekend of festive fun for all ages in downtown Janesville," said Shelley Slapak, Jolly Jingle Event Chairperson and City of Janesville Recreation Director. "There truly is something magical to experience for everyone, including a jingle bell hunt, tree lighting ceremony, major from Egg Harbor

Zimmerman, Van Offeren, Moeller and Dobbertin each advanced to the semifinals.

The Warhawks won the speed selling competition at the event, including top performances from Dobbertin (runner-up), Van Offeren (fourth place) and Sawyer (top 10).

Alma Diaz-Cosme, a marketing major from Janesville, and Brenden Lewandowski, a business analytics major from Waukesha, were also key contributors.

Students in the competition represented UW-Whitewater's Institute for Sales Excellence (ISE) and national champion American Marketing Association (AMA) chapter. They were coached by Pavan Chennamaneni and Jimmy Peltier, professors of marketing in the university's College of Business and Economics.

#### **Tabitha Whitehead** represents UWW at state conference

Tabitha Whitehead, a Social Work major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Janesville, was part of a contingent of undergraduate students and faculty who attended the 2024 Wisconsin Sociological Associa-

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fireworks, character meet and JP Cullen, Murphy Brothers greets, s'mores roasting, live theatre, trolley rides, a lighted parade, and more!"

During Jolly Jingle and throughout the month of December, Downtown Janesville, Inc. also offers a delicious tasting experience with their Old-Fashioned Christmas punch cards. Guests can collect punches at participating restaurants and bars while sampling a variety of holiday Old Fashioned cocktails. Vote for your favorite and enter to win a downtown raffle basket. For more information, visit www.downtownjanesville. com.

The 2024 event is presented by Avondale Roofing and sponsored by TDS, Josleyn Transport, Downtown Janesville Business Improvement District (BID), Blackhawk Community Credit Union, Paull Chiropractic, Sauk Valley Bank, Diana Shadel, Jax Custom Printing, BIG Radio,

tion conference on Nov. 1 in Waukesha.

The conference included paper sessions, poster presentations, faculty and student awards, and a professional development workshop.

The following UW-Whitewater students served as student presenters at the conference:

· Carly Meeks, a biology major from East Troy • Vanessa Rivera, a psy-

chology and sociology major from Pingree Grove, Ill.

• Kailee Weber, a psychology major from Roscoe, Ill.

· Tabitha Whitehead, a social work major from Janesville

Peter Hansen, a criminology major at UW-Whitewater from Watertown, won the WSA's student paper award for his theoretical paper.

research Undergraduate is a staple of the hands-on learning at UW-Whitewater. Many students in the sociology program and the university's College of Letters and Science work closely with faculty members - often across multiple disciplines to make discoveries and dive deep into mutual research interests.

For more information on UW-Whitewater's sociology program, visit uww.edu/cls.

LLP, Nowlan, Olivia Mc-Carthy, Tobin and Oakleigh Ryan, and Signarama. Community partners include the City of Janesville, Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Janesville Business Improvement District (BID), and Downtown Janesville Inc. Event partners include Badger Chordhawks, Boys and Girls Club of Janesville, Children's Museum of Rock County, ECHO, Genisa Wine Bar, Hedberg Public Library, JATV, Janesville Community Center, Janesville Performing Arts Center, Rock County Historical Society, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Space Autastic, Inc, Trinity Episcopal Church, and YMCA of Northern Rock County.

For more information and a complete list of events viswww.janesvillejollyjinit gle.com. Events subject to change.



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### **DBA announces Dairy Strong** conference keynote speaker

The Dairy Business Association announced on Nov. 12 that its 2025 Dairy Strong conference opening keynote speaker is Jeff Eggers. The conference is set to take place in Green Bay at the KI Convention Center, Jan. 15 to 16.

Eggers is a leading senior policy advisor, best-selling author and organizational performance expert. He is the former executive director of McChrystal Group Leadership Institute and has 20+ years of experience managing strategic efforts and leading highstakes, high-performing teams during his time with the White House, Department of Defense and the U.S. Navy.

In his opening keynote presentation, Eggers will use these experiences to share how farmers and businesses can adapt to change and embrace innovation to overcome challenges.

"Human beings are innately resistant to change. And yet we find ourselves in one of the most transformative periods in history, and farming is no exception," Eggers said. "Business owners must learn to fight complacency, embrace rapid inside Washington, D.C

change and drive innovation." Using historic examples, surprising stories and anecdotes of companies, Eggers will discuss tactics for business survival in the 21st centu-

The 2025 Dairy Strong will feature well-known speakers, panelists and breakout sessions that explore how policies, practices and priorities are shaping the future of the dairy community.

Several other speakers and sessions include:

• Dairy Market Outlook for 2025: Dairy markets are showing signs of tightening which may cause shifts in milk markets, particularly in the Upper Midwest. In this session, Dairy market experts Mike North and Marin Bozic share their insights and predictions for the milk marketing landscape in 2025.

• A View from the Inside: What's in store for Federal policies in 2025?: Hear from some of the most engaged and knowledgeable leaders in today's federal agriculture policy space as they discuss Federal policies from their view

• Climate-Smart Year One: Outcomes, learnings and implementation of the data: The first year of the FSF Climate-Smart Program has been completed with remarkable outcomes. Farmers involved in FSF's Climate-Smart Program will share their learnings and outcomes and how they plan to incorporate the information into their management plans for the future success of their farms.

For a list of speakers and other agenda details, visit DairyStrong.org.

Registration: Visit DairyStrong.org to reserve a spot at the 2025 Dairy Strong conference.

The Dairy Business Association is Wisconsin's leading dairy advocacy group, championing smart and sensible regulations affecting the dairy community. The nonprofit organization is comprised of farmers, milk processors, vendors, and other business partners who work collaboratively to ensure that dairy farms of all sizes have the support they need to keep America's Dairyland strong. More information: www.dairyforward.com.

# Beavers, badgers, and bison, oh my



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA ROTH Rock Valley Publishing

The month of "KNOW" vember is soon ending at Albertson Memorial Library in Albany, but the children had so much fun with 'Beavers, Badgers and Bison.' A big thank you to Rich Peach for letting the kids see a real bison skull and to Larry Meyer of the Wisconsin Trappers Association for lending the beaver and badger furs. They played a beaver game mimicking what happens when a predator comes around, how the beaver makes a mad dash to their safe place. A badger finger puppet finished the story time. December's story times will feature reindeer, Christmouse, and the nativity. Don't forget Snack with Santa on Dec. 7. Santa arrives via fire truck at 9:30 a.m. There will be games, crafts, snacks, and every young person will choose a free book to take home.



### Sen. Spreitzer to receive 2024 CSG 20 Under 40 Leadership Award

The Council of State Governments (CSG) has announced that Wisconsin State Senator Mark Spreitzer has been selected as one of 20 state leaders to receive the 2024 CSG 20 Under 40 Leadership Award. This year's class - representing 16 U.S. states and territories across the nation – is composed of state leaders who exemplify hard work, a dedication to public service, and a commitment to bipartisan and innovative solutions.

"I am delighted and incredibly honored to have been selected to receive this award," said Senator Spreitzer. "I look forward to continuing to learn from and work with other state leaders across the nation to better serve our communities.'

"As these exceptional leaders step forward to shape the future of their states, they embody the values that drive our work at The Council of State Governments - civility, collaboration and innovation," said David Adkins, CSG Executive Director/CEO. "The 2024 CSG 20 Under 40 Leadership Award recipients represent the best of public service, demonstrating that leadership knows no age. Their achievements inspire confidence in the promise of state government to meet the challenges of tomorrow."



Sen. Mark Spreitzer

leans.

on their bipartisan work, leadership, and work within a specific policy area. In addition to being an elected or appointed state official from a U.S. state or territory, nominees must be age 40 or younger on December 31 of the year in which they are selected. Recipients of the 2024 CSG 20

CSG 20 Under 40 Leadership

Award recipients are selected from a

competitive pool of applicants based

Under 40 Leadership Award will be recognized at the CSG National Conference in December 2024 in New Or-

Wisconsin State Senator Mark Spreitzer was elected to represent Wisconsin's 15th State Senate District in 2022, after serving four terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly. The 15th State Senate District includes parts of Rock, Walworth, and Jefferson Counties, and includes the communities of Beloit, Edgerton, Evansville, Footville, Janesville, Milton, Orfordville, and Whitewater. During the 2023-24 legislative session, Senator Spreitzer served as the Senate Democratic Caucus Vice-Chair. In November 2024, Senator Spreitzer was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Democratic Caucus Chair for the 2025-26 legislative session.

### **Beloit honors Marc Perry with special day**

Community Action, Inc. of direct outreach to the youth, worked here over the years," Rock and Walworth Counties proudly announces that the community. City of Beloit has proclaimed

leading to a more unified

Under Marc's leader-Nov. 23 as Marc Perry Day. ship, Community Action has Perry Day by honoring a re-This honor recognizes Marc achieved increased visibility, markable leader whose ded-Perry, Executive Director of new programs, and stron- ication and passion continue Community Action, for his ger relationships with local to inspire the community. municipalities. "We are no longer 'the best kept secret' in Rock and Walworth Counties," Marc noted. Marc measures success by the demand for services. "People vote with their feet implements a broad range of in Beloit. As long as our building is full, I know we are successful," he explained. Looking ahead, Marc plans to continue fostering equity and inclusion. "Until our boardrooms better reflect our community, I will continue to use my voice to advocate for those who are marginalized," he affirmed.

he said.

Community Action, Inc. was glad to celebrate Marc

unwavering dedication to the Beloit community, his advocacy for equity, and his leadership in building a brighter future.

The proclamation was announced on Nov. 18 during the Beloit City Council meeting. Marc's advocacy began three decades ago, inspired by the mistreatment of children with HIV. Reflecting on his journey, Marc shared, "As a child, I felt the sting of bias. To this day, I do not understand how someone can mistreat a child.

Marc joined Community Action to make a difference in the lives of children. His leadership was crucial during the summer of 2014 when Beloit faced significant youth gun violence. Marc and con-

Marc humbly attributed the proclamation to his parents' values and work ethic and to Community Action.

"It is a recognition of Community Action and the book.com/communityactioncerned citizens organized amazing people that have rockwalworth.

Community Action, Inc. (CAI) is a not-for-profit organization offering programs to fight poverty in Rock and Walworth Counties. Community Action develops and services across the two-county area including: childcare, pre-school and school age programs, affordable housing, at-risk youth programs, weatherization, community organizing and development, a homeless shelter, health education, and the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). They are a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region and United Way Walworth County. Details at www.community-action.org or www.face-

### Feel better fast during cold and flu season

Same-week appointments are available at: Mercyhealth Brodhead (608) 897-8664 Mercyhealth Evansville (608) 882-5613



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### Janesville student earns all-conference honors for UWW football

Paul Kim, a Human Perfor- 2024 season. mance major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Janesville, Wis., is one of 13 the WIAC Kwik Trip Defenmembers of the Warhawk football team who were recognized by the Wisconsin Intercolletheir performances during the of the Year.

Hills, Ill./Huntley) was named Tyler Vasey (Crystal Lake, Ill/

• First Team Offense: John Oak Creek) – Offensive Line Matt Burba (Lake in the Pekar (Franklin, Wis./Franklin) - Offensive Line

• Second Team Offense: sive Player of the Year, and Drake Martin (Rhinelander, Wis./Rhinelander) – Tight End, Prairie Ridge) earned the Kwik Evan Oberg (DeForest, Wis./ giate Athletic Conference for Trip Special Teams Co-Player DeForest) - Offensive Line, Alex Pethan (Oak Creek, Wis./

• First Team Defense: Matt Burba (Lake in the Hills, Ill./ Huntley) - Defensive Line, Nehemiah Lomax (Park Forest, Ill./Crete-Monee) - Defensive Line, Ethan Gallagher (Homer – Linebacker, Kyle Koelblinger

Ridge) - Defensive Back Second Team Defense:

Kamrin Hutt (Schaumburg, Ill./ Maine West) - Linebacker • Honorable Mention Defense: Noah Moris (Union Glen, Ill./Lockport Township) Grove, Wis./Union Grove) - Defensive Line, Paul Kim

(Crystal Lake, Ill./Prairie (Janesville, Wis./Parker) - Defensive Back

> · First Team Special Teams: Tyler Vasey (Crystal Lake, Ill/ Prairie Ridge) - Return Specialist

• Honorable Mention Spe-

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**BID NOTICE** 

Brodhead School District will re-

ceive bids via Procore for: Brod-

head Middle School Building

Additions and Renovations until 2:00pm on December

Lump sum bids for the defined

work scopes are solicited from

contractors specializing in, or

highly experienced in the follow-

ing Work Scopes: 1. WS #1 – Excavation, Site

Utilities, Site Demolition, Land-

scaping 2. WS #2 – Asphalt Paving,

WS #2 – Aspnatt Paving, Signage and Pavement Marking
WS #3 – Concrete
WS #4 – Masonry
WS #5 – General Trades
WS #6 – Aluminum Win-dows, Doors Frames, and Glaz-ina

ing 7. WS #7 – Roofing and Sheet

9. WS #9 - HVAC piping and

10. WS #10 – HVAC Controls

11. WS #11 - Electrical 12. WS #12 - Testing and Bal-

ancing 13. WS #13 - Food Service

Questions regarding the bidding

documents can be directed to:

krobers@nexussolutions.com

There is a Contractor Pre-bid

Walkthrough scheduled for De-cember 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 8am.

Bids shall be submitted on the bid form provided by the Bid

Documents. The completed bid

form shall be submitted without

alterations, additions or era-

sures to Nexus Solutions, LLC.,

Project Manager Kyle Robers via the Nexus Solutions project

management software Procore.

com. Each bidder will receive a

bid invitation email which pro-

vides instructions for logging on

to Procore.com and the process

In order to access the bidding

documents, please email the

Project Manager, Kyle Robers, and the Project Coordinator at mnichols@NexusSolutions.

Nexus Solutions looks forward

to the opportunity to work with your project team in our new

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for submitting secure bids.

8. WS #8 – Plumbing

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19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Metal

ventilation

Equipment

Kyle Robers

Email:

com

bidding process.

Nexus Solutions LLC

Phone: 262.492.3209

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#### **NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION** Village of Orfordville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Orfordville, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

| OFFICE            |
|-------------------|
| Village President |
| Village Trustee   |
| Village Trustee   |
| Village Trustee   |

INCUMBENT Dennis Burtness Cami Myers-Alstat Beth Schmidt Nikki Tuffree

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomi-nation papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomi-nation papers is Tuesday, January 7, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. in the office of the Village Clerk. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the

primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18,2025.

Sherri Waege Village Clerk

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> **NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION** Town of Jefferson April 1, 2025

#### Election Details

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An election is to be held in the Town of Jefferson, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed: Office

| e                     | Incumbent      |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Board Chairperson     | Doug Mayer     |
| Board Supervisor      | Kurt Jordan    |
| Board Supervisor      | Rick Nusbaum   |
| Board Clerk/Treasurer | Amy McCullough |

#### Office Terms

The term for all offices is for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 15.2025

#### For Candidates

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00pm, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the town clerk.

### Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

#### Additional Information

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Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Town of Jefferson on November 16, 2024.

Amy McCullough- Clerk/Treasurer

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### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION (SEC. 120.06(6)(B)) Tuesday, April 1, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that at an election to be held in the School District of Juda on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of the office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025.

> <u>"Office – Incumbent"</u> Township of Jefferson - Courtney Martins Township of Jefferson - Laura Powers

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the office of the School District Clerk at N2385 Spring Street, Juda, WI 53550.

**LEGAL NOTICES** STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS M. HARVEY Deceased

> Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24-PR-90

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth November 22, 1935

and date of death February 21 2021, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W893 Giese Road, Brodhead, Wisconsin 53520. 3. All interested persons

waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a

claim against the decedent's estate is February 7, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Register in Probate, Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin.

> Electronically signed by Jennifer Prien Probate Registrar October 31, 2024

Attorney Amanda M. Fields Schluesche Fields S.C. 250 N. 18th Avenue, Ste. 106 Monroe, Wisconsin 53566 (608) 325-2500 Bar Number 1094267

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#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION of MBP CONSULTING LLC and

Instructions for Submitting Notice of Claim

Notice to any and all Creditors of MBP Consulting LLC:

You are hereby notified that MBP Consulting LLC has been dissolved, effective November 4. 2024.

It is hereby requested that any and all persons with a claim, known or unknown, against MBP Consulting LLC or its members, agents, or employees, in their capacities as such, present said claim in accordance with this published notice

To file a notice of a claim against MBP Consulting LLC you must send the following written information to the address below, no later 120 days following the first date of this publication:

1 A statement of the amount of

- your claim; 2. The legal name of the entity asserting the claim; 3. Identification or brief descrip-
- tion of the agreement or other circumstances under which
- he claim arose; and,

A. Nerby, Shannon Law Office, Effective Date: 11/18/2024 (608) 882-5944.

/s/Clara A. Nerby Attorney Clara A. Nerby, Shannon Law Office, LLC, for: Mary Brintnall Peterson, Sole Member MBP Consulting LLC

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### TOWN OF CENTER -ROCK COUNTY

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION

HEARING

**CENTER TOWN HALL** 9119 W County Rd A, Evansville, WI

Monday, December 2, 2024 6:00 PM

1. Open Hearing

2. Roll Call 3. Plan Commission to consider an application for a Land Division, Zoning/Land Use Change to take approx. 3.0+ acres from an A-1 parcel, #6-4-180, Section 22-3-11, NE 1/4 of the S/E 1/4, 81.85 acres, to create an A-3 parcel making this parcel approx. 3.0+ acres which includes the right of way. 4. Finding of Facts

5. Adjourn

Devona Udulutch, Center Town Clerk

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### **TOWN OF SPRING** VALLEY

### **Monthly Meeting** Monday December 9, 2024

at 6 PM Orfordville Fire District

Meeting Room 173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

#### AGENDA

1. Call to order

Approval of agenda
Verification of proper public

- notice Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's report
- 6. Reports A. Supervisors B. Chairman
- C. Other reports
- Audience communication 8. Old business
- A. Rock County Public Works B. Road work
- 9. New business A. Donaldson Rezone
- B. Adopt 2025 Budget C. Approve 2025 Poll
- Workers D. Set caucus date
- E. WISLR Report
- 10. Future agenda items
- 1. Payment of bills 12. Adjournment

Dela Ends. Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC** 

HEARING

**CITY OF BRODHEAD** 

**RE: Vacation. Abandonment** 

portion of a public street in the City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin, described

That part of E 7th Avenue lo-

cated within the Original Plat of the City of Brodhead, Green

County, Wisconsin described as follows: bounded on the east by

the west boundaries Dicksons Addition CSM 4305 (V17-P206)

Lot 1 BNG PRT Lots 1 & 2 & All

Lots 7 & 8, BLK 10 and Dick-sons Addition Block 10 Lots 3-6,

bounded on the north by 2nd St,

bounded on the west by Dick-

sons Addition Block 26 Lots 1 &

2 and Dicksons Addition Block

26 Lots 3 & 4 and bounded on

Reserving a permanent utili-

ty easement including for such

purpose the right to operate

necessary equipment thereon, and the right of reasonable in-

gress and egress to maintain

Notice is hereby given that there has been a preliminary resolu-tion by the Common Council of

the City of Brodhead on Novem-

ber 18, 2024, tentatively vacat-

ing and discontinuing the portion

scribed above in the city.

the platted public street de-

This preliminary resolution is

subject to the passage of the final resolution by the common

council after the public hearing

scheduled for such consider-ation to be held on December

16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the

Common Council Chambers of

the City of Brodhead located at

1111 West 2nd Avenue, Brod-

2. All persons, their agents or at-

torneys will be given an opportu-nity to be heard relative thereto.

Dated this 22nd day of Novem-

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AGENDA

**BRODHEAD SCHOOL** 

DISTRICT

SPECIAL REFERENDUM

MEETING

Monday, December 2, 2024 HIGH SCHOOL AUDITERIA 2501 West 5th Avenue,

**CITY OF BRODHEAD** 

Kristin Covert, City Clerk

head, Wisconsin.

ber 2024.

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said utilities.

Discontinuance of

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and

as follows:

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN,** that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Notification is hereby given that for the purpose of filing such dec-larations, the School District Clerk has established her office at the Office of the District Administrator in the Juda School building at N2385 Spring Street, Juda, WI.

Are you interested in serving your community? Do you wonder what school board members do? Have you ever thought of running for the school board? Please join school board members and administration to learn about serving on the Juda Board of Education. We will have an informational session on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm in the Den (old library next to the cafeteria). You can also come for the scalloped potato and ham dinner that night too!

If you have any questions, please call 608-934-5251 or email Mrs. Davis at davis@judaschool.com.

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4. Any other information you believe may be useful to verify the nature and amount of the claim, including copies of any relevant documents.

Please send all of the above information to:

Mary Brintnall Peterson c/o Attorney Clara A. Nerby Shannon Law Office, LLC 104 W. Main St Evansville, WI 53536

PLEASE NOTE: Α claim against the dissolved limited li-ability company or its members, agents, or employees, is barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is brought within two (2) years after the first publica-tion date of this notice. If your claim is so barred, you will have no further rights to assert or otherwise take action with respect to your claim, against MBP Consulting LLC or its members, agents or employees.

If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Clara

2nd Saturday of the month Rock Co. Public vvorks Blag.

Recycling drop-off

Hwy 213 Orfordville 9am-noon.

www.townofspringvalley.com

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Public Contracts \$5,000 - \$25,000 **City of Brodhead** 

The City of Brodhead will be performing the following work: Installing secured access con-trol on specific doors at Brodhead City Hall at 1111 W 2nd Avenue and Brodhead Police Department at 1004 W Exchange Street in the amount of \$18,326. Please contact City Clerk, Kristin Covert for more information at 608-897-4018 ext 150.

Thomas Simpson, Mayor Attest: Kristin Covert, City Clerk Date Adopted: 11/18/2024 Date Published: 11/27/2024

### Brodhead, WI 6:00 P.M.

### JOIN WITH GOOGLE MEET:

https://meet.google.com/ oiv-jiji-thn

JOIN BY TELEPHONE: +1 727-325-2066 (PIN: 996403637)

I. CALL TO ORDER

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 

III. ROLL CALL

#### AGENDA

IV. OVERVIEW OF THE CUR-RENT REFERENDUM AND HANDOUTS

REVIEW TWO DIFFER-ENT SCENARIOS FROM THE BAIRD MODEL

VI. OPEN FLOOR FOR DIS-CUSSION

VII. ADJOURN

### at 6 PM Fire District Meeting Room 173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

Rezone Hearing for Donaldson

Agenda

Call to order

 Approval of agenda
Verification of proper public notice

notice 4. Public Hearing to consider a request by Arthur T Donald-son Marital Trust, Vivid Incor-porated Inc., Comb and Asso-ciates, Agent, for a minor land division (2+/- acres) and rezone of township T2N 10E Parcel 6-18-153, a 290 acre A1 parcel, located in the NE 1/c of the NW located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 section18, located at 18319 Footville Brodhead Rd., divide and rezone 2+/- Acres with residence from A1 to A3.

5. Adjournment to regular meeting

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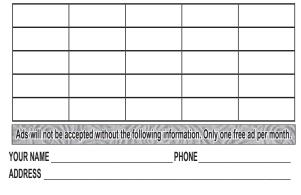
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DONATE YOUR CAR, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-888-425-2108 today!

### 1<sup>st</sup> three lines Extra lines are \$1.95 each 17 Papers

Starts for 4 weeks and if not sold you call us and we will renew at no additional charge! (Maximum run 16 weeks total)

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815-877-4044

### THE INDEPENDENT-REGISTER Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024 Drive winter blues away by spending time outside

Winter blues got you cording to research. down? Spending time outside can help boost mood and both physical and mental health.

"Getting outside in the wintertime can really help your state of mind," says Kris Kiser, President of the TurfMutt Foundation, an organization that has spent the last 15 years advocating for outdoor living and the care and stewardship of our yards, parks, and other green spaces, for the benefit of all.

He adds, "Just twenty minutes outside can make a big difference for your mood and mental health. It might take a little more preparation and planning but it's doable with the right outdoor wear.

The TurfMutt Foundation offers a few reasons why getting outside in the wintertime is good for you:

• Outdoor time elevates mood. Exposure to natural light – even in the shorter davs of winter - raises levels of serotonin, the body's "happy chemical." Sunlight is also a good way to get a natural dose of vitamin D, which is good for bones and the immune system.

• A little goes a long way. Recent research suggests that spending just a few minutes walking outside may enhance mood, memory, and the ability to absorb new information. Just five minutes can improve your mood, ac-

• More calories are burned when it's cold. Being outside in colder temperatures requires your body to work harder to keep you warm. Consequently, more calories are burned. Engage in a a flashlight, so you can see friendly snowball fight with the kids or take a walk with Fido to rev up metabolism and have a little fun.

· Activity boosts immunity. According to MedlinePlus, exercise helps decrease risk for heart disease, maintains bone health and can help flush bacteria out of the lungs and airways.

• Nature's benefits can relieve stress - fast. A study from the University of Michigan concluded that spending just 20 minutes in a natural setting reduces the level of cortisol, the stress hormone.

• Memory improves. Researchers at the University of Michigan conducted a study that revealed walking in a natural setting versus an urban one improved recall ability by nearly 20 percent.

You don't have to go far. Yard work is a good way to log time outside, maintain your property, and prepare your yard for spring. Just remember if you're using a snow thrower, chainsaw or other outdoor power equipment, read the owner's manual first and follow all manufacturer's instructions, and never disable safety fea-

tures

There's less daylight in winter, so it's important to pay attention to your surroundings. You may want to wear a head lamp, reflective clothing, or bring along and be seen. Never exercise outside when the temperature or windchill is below -10 degrees Fahrenheit due to the risk of frostbite.

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 spokesdog, 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, the TurfMutt animated vid-



eo series won the coveted at Louisville's award-win-Cynopsis Kids Imagination ning Waterfront Park on the Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt's personal, home habitat was featured Lawn as part of a \$1 million in the 2017-2020 Wildlife sponsorship. More informa-Habitat Council calendars. tion online at www.Turf-In 2024, the Great Lawn Mutt.com.

Ohio River was renamed the TurfMutt Foundation Great

### • Football (Continued from page 6)

(Wheaton, Ill./North), Special Teams Player

Matt Burba (Lake in the Hills, Ill./Huntley) was honored by the Conference as the WIAC Defensive Player of the year. Burba pressured nearly every opponent backfield this year, collecting 10.5 total tackles for a loss with 4.5 sacks (both team-highs). Two of the sacks came in the last game of the season against UW-Eau Claire. Burba also had two forced fumbles to his name during the 2024 season.

Tyler Vasey (Crystal Lake, Ill/Prairie Ridge) picked up another major award for the Warhawks. Vasey was named Special Team Player of the Year along with Stout's kicker, Luke Cool. Vasey recorded over 480 yards on kick returns despite only having 11 attempts. Vasey found the different occasions, setting both the single-season and ception.

cial Teams: Karsten Libby touchdowns from the fullback position while catching seven passes for 57 yards and three touchdowns while playing tight end.

On the defensive end, the Warhawks had four selections to the Defensive First Team including defensive player of the year, Matt Burba (Lake in the Hills, Ill./Huntley).

Burba was joined by fellow defensive linemen Nehemiah Lomax (Park Forest, Ill./ Crete-Monee). Lomax recorded 7 total sacks for loss with 1.5 sacks.

Ethan Gallagher (Homer Glen, Ill./Lockport Township) and Kyle Koelblinger (Crystal Lake, Ill./Prairie Ridge) were also first team honorees. Gallagher led the Warhawks in tackles with 66 on the year. Koelblinger had the third most with 41, and was a lockdown defensive back of the end zone on three back, with a team-high five pass break-ups and one inter-Kamrin Hutt (Schaumburg, Ill./Maine West) was the lone Warhawk on the defensive second-team. Hutt was second on the team with 57 total tackles. Hutt also recorded two forced fumbles during 2024. Noah Moris (Union Grove, Wis./Union Grove) and Paul Kim (Janesville, Wis./Park-Fellow offensive linemen, er) were honorable mention defensive selections. Moris appeared in all 10 games, recording 16 total tackles and 2.0 TFL. Kim added 31 total tackles, with 3.0 for a loss. Kim also had four pass breakups as a defensive back. For Special Teams, Tyler Vasey (Crystal Lake, Ill/ Prairie Ridge) was a first team selection. Karsten Libby (Wheaton, Ill./North) was an honorable mention on the WIAC Special Teams.





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John Pekar (Franklin, Wis./ Franklin) was the lone First Team Offensive selection for the Warhawks. The center on the offensive line, Pekar helped the Warhawks run game to nearly 5 yards a carry. Pekar appeared in all 10 games for the Warhawks this season.

Alex Pethan (Oak Creek, Wis./Oak Creek) and Evan Oberg (DeForest, Wis./De-Forest) were named to the Offensive Second Team. Oberg appeared in all 10 games while Pethan recorded nine.

Joining them on the Offensive Second Team is Drake Martin (Rhinelander, Wis./ Rhinelander). Martin was a dual threat in both the pass game and run game. Martin ran for 89 yards and two

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