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## New president elected at Dairy Business Association

The Dairy Business Association, Wisconsin's leading advocacy group, elected a new president during the group's annual business meeting at DBA's Dairy Strong conference on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Greg Siegenthaler, vice president of milk marketing, sustainability and sourcing for Grande Cheese in Fond Du Lac, Wis., was elected president. Siegenthaler is a long-standing DBA member and previously served as the organization's vice president.

"We are excited to have Greg lead our association during what is likely to be a very exciting year for our association," Tim Trotter, Dairy Business Association CEO, said. "We are seeing a vast amount of opportunity for DBA to continue to provide the programs and services dairy farmers, and the entire dairy community, need to continue to be successful. It is also important to note that Greg is the first cheese processor elected to serve as president."

Siegenthaler succeeds Lee Kinnard, dairy farmer from Casco, Wis., who term-limited out as president but remains as a board member.

The association also elected two producer members and one

corporate member to the board:

- Duane Ducat, partner and manager of Deer Run Dairy in Kewaunee, Wis. Ducat has been a member of DBA since the association was founded and is actively involved in various other agricultural organizations, including his local farmer-led watershed conservation group Peninsula Pride Farms and Farmers for Sustainable Food.

- Steve Schalla, Bomaz Farms in Hammond, Wis., was re-elected to the board. As a long-serving DBA member, Schalla has been a member of DBA's government affairs committee and has participated in many events, including Dairy Day at the Capitol, advocating on behalf of dairy farmers across the state. He will hold the position of secretary on the board.

- Amy Penterman of Vine Vest Partners, LLC, is an experienced crop insurance agent and farms in Thorp, Wis., with her husband. Having previously served as a producer director, she is familiar with DBA and has been involved in the organization for many years.

Outgoing board members include Steve Bodart of Agri-Growth Solutions and Kevin Collins of Collins Dairy in

Greenleaf, Wis.

Other DBA board members include: Travis Speirs of Shiloh Dairy, vice president; Chris Schneider of Nicolet Bank, treasurer; Spencer Frost of Frost Farms; Jessse Dvorachek of Wayside Dairy and Lee Kinnard of Kinnard Farms.

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](http://www.dairyforward.com).



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 Members of the Dairy Business Association pose for a picture at DBA's Dairy Strong conference on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

## Rock County real estate property taxes due soon

The first installment of the 2024 real estate property tax bill is due on or before Jan. 31.

Please read the tax bill to see if the payment goes to the county treasurer or to the local treasurer. For example, City of Janesville property owners pay the county treasurer while Town of Janesville property owners pay the Town of Janesville treas-

urer.

For property owners who pay to the county treasurer, the office is open for in-person payments. There are also two tax payment drop boxes located inside the Rock County Courthouse at 51 South Main Street in Janesville. One drop box is before security and one is after security on the second floor next to the Treasur-

er's office door.

Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please make check, money order, cashier's check, or official check payable to: Rock County Treasurer, and include all tax ID numbers with amounts that are being paid on each. If paying by mail or bill pay, the mailing address is 51 South Main Street, Janesville,

WI 53545. Those that would like a receipt mailed back should please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Anyone interested can also pay online using GovTech services through the website, if the county collects the first installment.

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# College news

## UW-Green Bay announces academic honors

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is a school of resilient problem solvers who dare to reach higher with the power of education that ignites growth and answers the biggest challenges. Serving 11,188 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students as well as 85,883 continuing education learners annually, UW-Green Bay offers 200 academic degrees, programs, and certificates. With four campus locations in Northeast Wisconsin, the University's access mission welcomes all students who want to learn, from every corner of the world. Championing bold thinking since opening its doors in 1965, it is a university on the rise as well as Wisconsin's fastest-growing UW.

Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all A grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages. All were full-time students in the fall/winter term, earning 12 or more credits of graded

coursework. This list includes students attending all four UW-Green Bay campuses in Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan. An online list can be found at [www.uwgb.edu/CMSAssets/provost/AcademicHonors.asp](http://www.uwgb.edu/CMSAssets/provost/AcademicHonors.asp)

### Albany

• Allison Rhyner, Semester High Honors

### Brodhead

• Kirsten Fish, Semester High Honors  
• Jersey Medenwaldt, Semester Highest Honors  
• Victoria Urness, Semester High Honors

### Juda

• Kiarra Moe, Semester Honors

### Students named to Dean's List for fall 2024

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin Polytechnic University, offers more than 70 industry-aligned undergraduate and graduate degrees and 40

professional certificate programs. Established in 1891, the university prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with more than 1,000 national internship placements and an employment rate of 99% for recent graduates. UW-Stout is a top-rated Military Friendly and Best for Vets institution, a DOE Green Ribbon recipient for sustainability, and the only four-year institution in the U.S. to win the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

University of Wisconsin-Stout offers a polytechnic education distinguished by applied learning and research, business and industry collaboration, and career-focused experiences to prepare students for success in engineering, technology, design, management and other fields. It is one of the 13 Universities of Wisconsin.

### Brodhead

• Matthew Collins, BS Mechanical Engineering, BS Plastics Engineering  
• Lexie Holt Lobeck, BS Early Childhood, BS Polytechnic University, offers more than 70 industry-aligned undergraduate and graduate degrees and 40

### Orfordville

• Noah Flood Elyafi, BS Computer and Electrical Eng.

### SNHU announces fall 2024 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2024 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

• Melinda Needham of Janesville  
• Jarrod West of Janesville  
• Dianesha Japp of Janesville  
• Nicole Pena of Janesville  
• Relena Anderson of Janesville  
• Raphael DeViana of Janesville  
• Kooper Propp of Edgerton  
• John Gilbert of Beloit  
• Amanda Cha of Beloit  
• April Winfield of Beloit

• Ashlee Bilderback of Beloit

• Monica Celestin of Milwaukee

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News and World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

### SNHU announces fall 2024 Dean's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

• David Selgren of Milton  
• Lisette Montero of Beloit

### Area students named to Fall 2024 Dean's List

Students were named to Wisconsin Lutheran College's Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester. To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or higher.

• Daniel Deltgen, of Janesville, a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Daniel is a graduate of Joseph A. Craig High School.

• Jillian Scharlau, of Edgerton, a freshman at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Jillian is a graduate of Edgerton High School.

• Veronica Tollakson, of New Glarus, a freshman at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Veronica is a graduate of New Glarus High School.

Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is an independent, nationally ranked Christian college located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The college, which prepares students for lives of Christian leadership, is recognized for its academic excellence and superior student experience. For more information, visit [wlc.edu](http://wlc.edu).

### Janesville student earns Dean's List placement

The office of Central Methodist University Provost Rita Gulstad announced recently the students included on the Fall 2024 Dean's List.

More than 1,000 students across all campuses and on-

line learning met the requirements for placement, including a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

Elli Teubert, of Janesville, was among those who earned recognition by the University.

Since its founding in 1854, CMU has evolved into a university that confers master's, bachelor's and associate's degrees through programming on its main campus in Fayette, Mo., and through extension sites and online.

### Monroe student named to fall 2024 dean's list

Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the fall semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Kira Lambert from Monroe made the list. Lambert was among more than 5,300 students named to the fall 2024 dean's list.

Missouri State University is a public, comprehensive university system with a mission in public affairs. Their purpose is to develop fully educated persons with a focus on ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement.

### Local student named to fall 2024 Dean's List

Northern Illinois University announces its fall 2024 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research university with a global network of nearly 260,000 alumni. With expertise that benefits its region, the country and the world, NIU offers more than 170 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs across seven colleges: Business, Education, Engineering and Engineering Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts. Through its main campus in DeKalb and education centers for students and working professionals in Naperville and Rockford, NIU serves a diverse and international student body of over 15,400. The 16 NIU Huskies Division I athletic teams compete in the Mid-American Conference. For more information, visit [niu.edu](http://niu.edu).

Student from this area who achieved this honor:

### Albany

• Alex Schliem, Psychology-B.A., Albany High School

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# Highway 35 named state's most feared road to drive in winter

Parts of all states in the Lower 48 have experienced subfreezing temperatures recently due to a weather pattern that will keep arctic air in place across the eastern half of the country at least until the end of the month. Driving in winter is significantly more treacherous than in summer due to a combination of challenging weather conditions and reduced visibility. Snow, ice, and sleet can make roads slippery, drastically reducing tire traction and increasing stopping distances. Black ice, which is nearly invisible, poses a particular hazard by catching drivers off guard. Winter also brings shorter daylight hours, fog, and heavy snowfall, all of which impair visibility and reaction times. For this reason, many drivers fear driving in winter, and in particular, certain routes.

Gunther VW Daytona carried out a survey of drivers in each state to identify their most feared roads during winter. Nationally, the top 5 were as follows:

- #1 Alaska Highway (Alaska Route 2): Also known as the Alcan Highway, this route in the top spot stretches from Dawson Creek in British Columbia through the Yukon to Delta Junction in Alaska. While generally well-maintained, winter brings challenges like snow, ice, and reduced daylight. Travelers should be prepared for rapidly changing conditions and limited services in remote areas.

- #2 Interstate 90 (I-90), New York: Running east-west across the state, I-90 is particularly dangerous in Western New York. Lake-effect snow from Lake Erie can lead to sudden and heavy snowfall, creating treacherous driving conditions and frequent road closures during winter months.

- #3 Seward Highway (Alaska Route 9): Linking Anchorage to Seward, this highway is known for its scenic beauty but also for hazardous driving conditions during winter. The combination of narrow lanes and frequent wildlife crossings, along with icy surfaces, increase the risk of accidents.

- #4 Pennsylvania Route 6 (U.S. Route 6): Known for its scenic views, the Pennsylvania stretch of U.S. Route 6 winds through the northern part of the state, including the Pocono Mountains. During winter, this route can become treacherous due to snow-covered roads and reduced visibility.

- #5 James Dalton Highway (Alaska Route 11): Spanning approximately 414 miles from north of Fairbanks to Deadhorse near the Arctic Ocean, the Dalton Highway is notorious for its isolation, steep grades, and severe weather conditions.

In winter, the combination of ice, snow, and limited services makes it extremely treacherous. This highway has been featured on television shows like "Ice Road Truckers" and the BBC's "World's Most Dangerous Roads," highlighting its perilous nature.

Five Wisconsin roads were named among the most feared in the country:

- #13 State Highway 35: Also known as the Great River Road, WI-35 follows the Mississippi River along Wisconsin's western border. The scenic route's curves and elevation changes can become particularly hazardous when covered with snow or ice during winter.

- #52 U.S. Route 2: Traversing the northern part of the state, US-2 is susceptible to heavy snowfall and icy conditions. The combination of winter weather and rural, less-maintained stretches can pose significant risks to drivers.

- #83 Interstate 94: Running through major cities like Milwaukee and Madison, I-94 experiences heavy traffic year-round. During winter, snow and ice can create treacherous conditions, leading to increased accident rates. Notably, the stretch of I-94 in Milwaukee has been identified as one of the most dangerous highways in the state, with 16 fatalities reported between 2000 and 2019.

- #96 State Highway 29: Connecting Green Bay to the western regions of Wisconsin, WI-29 sees a mix of urban and rural traffic. Winter storms can lead to dangerous driving conditions, with snow and ice contributing to accidents.

- #116 U.S. Route 41: US-41 runs through eastern Wisconsin, connecting cities like Green Bay and Milwaukee. Winter weather can lead to slick roads and reduced visibility, increasing the risk of accidents. The highway has been associated with multiple-vehicle collisions during winter months.

"Winter driving presents unique challenges, from sudden ice patches to blinding snowstorms, making certain roads far more treacherous than others," says Joe Gunther IV of Gunther VW Daytona. "Our survey highlights the highways and routes that drivers fear most during the colder months, underscoring the importance of preparation and caution. Proper vehicle maintenance, reduced speeds, and emergency preparedness can make all the difference. Above all, if conditions are truly dangerous, sometimes the safest decision is to stay off the road entirely."

Gunther VW Daytona had provided some useful tips for staying safe while driving on icy

roads in winter:

## 1. Slow down

Reduce your speed significantly to maintain better control. Speed limits are based on ideal conditions – not icy roads.

## 2. Increase following distance

Keep at least 5 to 10 seconds of distance from the vehicle ahead.

This allows extra reaction time in case of sudden stops.

## 3. Brake gently and early

Apply brakes slowly and smoothly to prevent skidding.

If your car has anti-lock brakes (ABS), apply steady pressure to let the system work.

## 4. Accelerate gradually

Avoid sudden acceleration, which can cause tires to spin.

Start slowly when moving from a stop to maintain traction.

## 5. Steer smoothly

Avoid sharp turns or jerky movements that can lead to skidding.

If you start to skid, steer into the skid (in the direction you want to go).

## 6. Use low gears on hills

When going downhill, shift into low gear to control your descent.

Avoid using cruise control, as it can cause your tires to spin unexpectedly.

## 7. Check your tires

Ensure tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread for grip.

Consider using winter tires or chains in extreme conditions.

## 8. Clear snow and ice from your car

Remove all snow/ice from windows, mirrors, and lights for visibility.

Clear snow from the roof to prevent it from sliding onto your windshield.

## 9. Watch for black ice

Be extra cautious on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas, where black ice forms first.

If the road looks wet but isn't spraying water, it might be ice.

## 10. Keep an emergency kit

Carry essentials like a blanket, flashlight, ice scraper, shovel, sand/salt, water, and non-perishable snacks.

A charged phone and extra battery pack are crucial in case of emergencies.

## 11. Stay home during dangerous conditions

If driving isn't necessary, avoid the risk and wait for conditions to improve.

# Reading and singing and clapping

This past week the Albertson Memorial story time had so much fun reading and singing and clapping their hands. They chanted along with the book: *We Want Snow!* Then they had a glorious time making a mess with snow play-dough. It was like magic mixing the ingredients until they came together to make a smooth, silky white clay. A few sprinkles of iridescent glitter and they had sparkly snowmen and tiny forts and castles. Next they will learn about feeding the animals in the snow and find out in what order do the birds and animals show up at the bird feeder. They will practice putting them in order and string Cheerios on pipe cleaners to make a small bird feeder to take home.



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# Semi driver killed in crash with snowplow

On Jan. 10, at around 11:47 a.m., a fatal crash occurred in Rock County on I-39/90 near mile marker 182 eastbound, near Beloit and between Janesville.

The investigation showed the accident involved a semi tractor trailer and a Rock County Department of Public Works snowplow. At the time of the

incident, the plow was clearing snow on the inside median as part of winter maintenance efforts following that morning's snow event. The semi tractor trailer struck the plow on the rear passenger side. The semi jackknifed and blocked all southbound interstate lanes.

The driver of the plow reported being uninjured,

but was evaluated at a local hospital.

The semi driver, a 59-year-old man from Milwaukee, was killed in the crash.

Traffic on I-39/90 was rerouted for a time, utilizing STH 11, CTH G and CTH BT.

The crash remains under investigation by Wisconsin State Patrol.

## • Tax (Continued from front page)

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Remember to check the tax bill for the lottery and gaming credit, and if one qualifies, they must apply by Jan. 31. After Jan. 31, locals may still apply with Wisconsin DOR online.

For questions, please call the office during normal business hours at 608-757-5670 and listen to the voice message and stay on the line.

Public parking is in the front only in upper and lower parking lots, and those who come must go through security if they want to come to the second floor.

# New skill explorer helps job seekers navigate career options

For those looking for a job in the new year, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) offers a free online tool to help find the perfect match. DWD's updated Skill Explorer helps job seekers discover opportunities that fit their experience and abilities while navigating career paths more effectively.

Developed by DWD's Bureau of Workforce Information and Technology Support (BWITS), Bureau of Job Service and Office of IT Coordination, Skill Explorer allows job seekers to search for job openings based on their acquired skills. Skill Explorer uses advanced technology to analyze skill sets and pro-

duces occupational categories spanning various industries. Users can explore careers by experience level, career groupings, or education level. The tool provides useful information for job seekers of all levels – from entry-level, career-changers, or career climbers. Employers, educators, students, parents, and others can also benefit.

"Our updated Skill Explorer helps more people find the right job opportunities based on what they already know and do well," said DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek. "Whether you're just starting out or looking to make a change, Skill Explorer can help you. It's a smart way to

widen your career options and find a great job."

Unlike traditional job search platforms that focus on job listings, Skill Explorer evaluates a user's current skill set and highlights transferable skills that can open new doors. It also introduces users to careers they might not have considered but are a good match. Enhanced features include comprehensive career planning support, such as a job center locator, education resources, a certification resource locator, and links to useful resources like apprenticeship opportunities and internships through WisConnect.

"The updated Skill Explor-

er greatly expands the career realm for job seekers. It identifies a user's current occupational skills and illustrates overlaps in careers users may not have ever considered," said BWITS Director Dennis Winters. "Moreover, it identifies what additional skills may be acquired to pursue a new career path."

DWD first launched Skill Explorer in 2013. The enhanced tool now delivers a modern and simple user experience to help job seekers explore career pathways. Its innovative star rating system showcases jobs that are in demand. Start exploring today by visiting [skillexplorer.wisconsin.gov](http://skillexplorer.wisconsin.gov).



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# BTC releases fall 2024 President's Honors lists

Congratulations to the Blackhawk Technical College students who have been named to the President's High Honors list (4.0 GPA) and President's Honors (3.5 GPA or higher) for Fall 2024. Students on both lists were enrolled in six or more credit hours.

## President's High Honors Albany

Kaylynn Bacon, Hailey Kind, Serena Parmer

## Belleville

Taylor Carnes

## Beloit

Sierra Banda, Amy Beck, Maggie Becker, Joel Berry, Markeyetta Bland, Avery Bohm, Ariana Bruno, Katrina Carlyle, Riley Cates, Aimee Cobos, Lakeesha Conner, Morgan Coyne, Regina Davidson, Demeon Davis, Kristi Davis, Kaylin Dilley, Alice Dimassis, Tyler Dirksen, Tyler Edwards, Fae Egli, Christina Elliott, Danielle Ferrara, Brianna Flock, Trisha Foy, Sarah Franks, Sophia Franzen, Kristine Glos, Vianey Gonzalez, Britnie Gordillo, Tasha Griffin, Stacy Hanna, Abbigaile Hatch, Nieda Henson, Adrianna Herrera, Kathleen Jeffers, Savanezh Jensen, Lisset Jimenez, Hal Kerr, Clay Koch, Sara Koch, Julie Lerma, Jenifer Litwiler, Jacquelyn Lopez-Lavariega, Danielle Luberda, Michelle Mejia, Lasonya Monroe, Cecilia Morillo-Ramirez, Lilly Noble, Catelyn Nolan, Kelly O'Neill, Lizeth Ortega, Beloit, Emma Pentecost, Laura Rivord, Cynthia Rodriguez,

Ariana Rojas, Emanuel Rojas, Kari Strong, Alicia Suter, Samuel Tews, Courtney Tillman, Eva Urish, Aleara White, Stefany Wissinger, Amayah Wright, Leixia Zhang

## Brodhead

Hanami Boldin-Hastings, Cori Clark, Tessa Kloeping, Matthew Moczynski, Wendy Pryce, Jerrica Schwartz

## Brooklyn

Lucas Massei

## Edgerton

Jessica Babcock, Ava Beckwith, Logan Branch, Kathleen Christianson, Kylie Cornett, Amy Hornaday, Dan Mickelson, Jordan Romeo, Clara Villarreal, Joanne Wagenhoffer, Luke Walker

## Evansville

Amanda Conrad, Journey Heissner, Karen Nicholson, Nicole Rufenacht

## Footville

Nicholas Schmit

## Janesville

Andres Adame, Holly Ard, Matthew Bahr, Amber Basiks, Samuel Briggs, Maria Broge, Julia Brooks, Aisha Butler, Rayanna Casper, Alexander Castellanos, Rebecca Chidester, Craig Corder, Otis Coulthard, Lyric Criollo, Chealsey Crookshanks, Chace Currie, Melany Douang, Conrad Eby, Taylor Ervin, Grayden Geske, Tina Goodger, Kenzie Gray, Kydreel Green, Clarissa Grezka, Deea Hawkins, Kaiti Heinzen, Olivia Hill, Elijah Hoffland, Anna-

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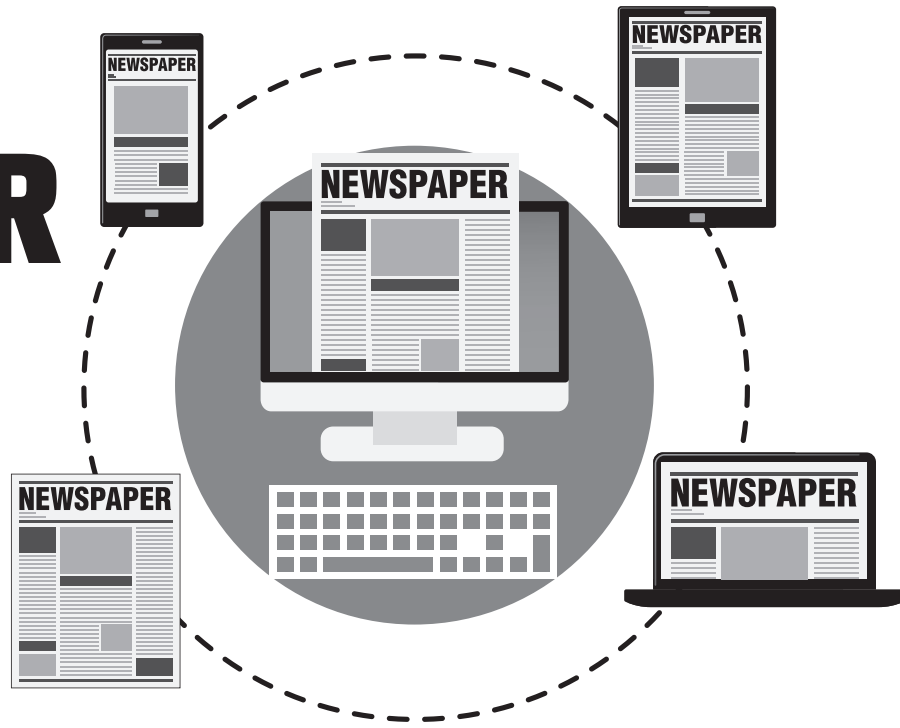
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# FMMO referendum passage announced at Dairy Strong

Attendees at the 2025 Dairy Strong conference heard Jan. 16 that the referendum of the final Federal Milk Marketing Order rule has passed.

The rule will be published Jan. 17, ensuring the continuation of FMMOs, a program aimed at providing business assurances for dairy farmers and processors.

Dana Coale, deputy administrator for USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, announced that producers in each of the 11 federal orders approved the following pricing formula amendments:

- Updating the skim milk composition factors to 3.3

percent true protein, 6 percent other solids and 9.3 percent nonfat solids.

- Removing 500-pound barrel cheddar cheese prices from the Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting Program survey.

- Updating the Class III and Class IV manufacturing allowances to \$0.2519 for cheese, \$0.2272 for butter, \$0.2393 for nonfat dry milk and \$0.2668 for dry whey, all on a per pound basis, and the butterfat recovery factor to 91 percent.

- Returning the base Class I skim milk price formula to the higher-of the advanced Class III or Class IV skim milk prices for the month. In



Heidi Fischer, president of Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative, speaks at the 2025 Dairy Strong conference.

addition, adoption of a Class I extended shelf life (ESL) adjustment for all ESL prod-

12-month lag.

- Updating the Class I differential values to reflect the increased cost of servicing the Class I market.

Heidi Fischer, president of Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative, said the cooperative's members, board, and staff have remained closely engaged in the reform process, from submitting producer testimonials to advocating for change that positively affects producers.

"We are encouraged by this positive outcome that the vitality and importance of Federal Orders remains," Fischer said during a press conference at Dairy Strong. "And while there is always

more to do to keep the orders relevant and purposeful, at this juncture we are encouraged that the FMMO will continue to provide the market stability needed for both producers and processors."

The rule will be effective June 1, 2025, for all changes except for those to the skim milk composition factors. The amendments to skim milk composition factors will be implemented Dec. 1, 2025. These changes will apply to milk marketed on and after these dates, as applicable, and those changes will be reflected in both the advanced prices and pricing factors released before the start of the month and the class and component prices announced after the close of the month.

"We are pleased with this announcement today, but also recognize there is more to be done," Edge CEO Tim Trotter said. "We are glad that AMS recognized the importance of risk management, through the introduction of ESL pricing for beverage milk, and lag for implementation of higher skim component tests. More work should be done to improve milk check transparency so dairy farmers know if their milk is pooled or not pooled. We hope all future changes will also be done in a way that does not interfere with other USDA programs that benefit dairy farmers, such as livestock insurance."

Edge will continue to monitor the implementation of the new rules and stay engaged with the farmers and processors these changes affect, Trotter said.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

# Red Cross in state welcomes new officer

## VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE

### Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Village of Orfordville will meet on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to hear the following requests. Applicant Zach Knutson of Mill Valley Subdivision is requesting a land division for Lot 40 to separate the lot into two lots to build two single family homes. The second applicant is Jason Nehls of LRN Properties who is requesting to rezone 416 E. Beloit Street from C-1 Commercial use to R-1 Single Family Residential use. The Planning Commission will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025 and then make a recommendation to the Village Board on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., both meetings will be held in the Main Board Room at the Village Hall. Adjoining landowners and landowners within 100 feet of the above mentioned properties are being notified separately by mail.

Sherrri Waege  
Village Clerk

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN GREEN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Terry Sedbrook  
N3740 Park Rd.  
Brodhead, WI 53520

Plaintiff

And,  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave.  
N.W. Ste. N2625  
c/o Office of Solicitor  
Washington, DC 20210  
Subrogated Plaintiff,

-vs-

Amanda Sperry  
705 E. 5th Ave.  
Brodhead, WI 53520

And,  
ABC Insurance Corp.  
Defendant(s)

Personal Injury - Other #30107  
Amount claimed is  
greater than \$5,000.

### SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a defendant:

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

Within (45) days after receiving this summons, you must re-

### AMENDED NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Albany  
April 1, 2025

**Election Details**  
An election is to be held in the School District of Albany on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office	Incumbent
Board Member	Sherry Gertsch
Board Member	Amy Hollis
Board Member	Justin Monson

**Office Terms**  
The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025, for the two candidates with the highest number of votes, and two years for the one candidate with the least number of votes beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

**For Candidates**  
A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk.

If nomination papers are required, the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the office of the school district clerk.

**Primary Election**  
If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025

**Additional Information**  
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote in 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 village of Albany on January 13, 2025  
/s/ Carrie A. Anderson  
Carrie Anderson, School Board Clerk

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spond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566 and to Paul Benson, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 14 N. Parker Dr., Suite 110, Janesville, WI 53545. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within (45) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and also may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

DATED December 19, 2024

Paul Benson Law Firm  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Terry Sedbrook  
/s/ Paul Benson  
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### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF WJZ CLEANING, LLC AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOTICE OF CLAIM

Notice to any and all Creditors of WJZ Cleaning, LLC:

You are hereby notified that WJZ Cleaning, LLC has been dissolved, effective December 3, 2024.

It is hereby requested that any and all persons with a claim, known or unknown, against WJZ Cleaning, 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 WJZ Cleaning, 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 de-

scription of the agreement or other circumstances under which the claim arose; and,  
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:

Ms. Pamela J. Burke  
c/o Attorney Walter E. Shannon  
Shannon Law Office, LLC  
104 W. Main St.  
Evansville, WI 53536

PLEASE NOTE: A claim against the dissolved limited liability 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 publication 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 WJZ Cleaning, LLC or its members, agents or employees.

If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Walter E. Shannon, Shannon Law Office, (608) 882-5944.

/s/ Pamela J. Burke,  
Personal Representative  
Wendy J. Zweifel Estate,  
Member

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### ZONING AND PLANNING MEETING Town of Avon Avon Town Hall 16513 W Beloit Newark Road, Brodhead, WI 53520 February 4, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board for the Town of Avon will be meeting February 4, 2025 to hear and review the application submitted by Cameron Basina for Conditional Use Permits for the property located at 17618 W State Road 81, Brodhead, WI 53520 (E 1/2, NE 1/4 Sec 7). The application requests two (2) Conditional Use Permits: 1 – Doggy Daycare and 2 – Salon. If you approve or have an objection to this request, please express your actions by letter, telephone, or in person. If we do not hear from you, we will infer that you have no objections. Letters can be mailed to 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. For a telephone number of one of Zoning and Planning Board members, please contact Stephanie Schwartzlow at 608-921-3656.

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk  
608-921-3656

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### AGENDA BROADHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2025  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
2501 West 5th Avenue,  
Brodhead, WI  
7:00 P.M.

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the Agenda.*

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- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- AGENDA**
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
    - 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - 2. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
    - 3. RESIGNATION(S)
    - 4. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
    - 5. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
  - VII. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,235,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES
  - VIII. REFERENDUM UPDATE
  - IX. SET OPEN ENROLLMENT SEAT LIMITS FOR 2025-26
  - X. APPROVAL OF WIAA SPORTS CO-OP RENEWALS
  - XI. FUTURE AGENDA
  - XII. ADJOURNMENT

Persons needing special accommodations should call (608) 897-2141 at least twenty-four [24] hours prior to the meeting.

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### AGENDA BROADHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
2501 West 5th Avenue,  
Brodhead, WI  
6:00 P.M.

- AGENDA**
- I. REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES (FIMSUM)
  - II. DEVELOP SHORT/LONG RANGE PLAN OF COMPLETION
  - III. PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION FOR FULL BOARD APPROVAL
  - IV. ADJOURN

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### CITY OF BRODHEAD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Brodhead Board of Appeals on **Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, to consider the following request for variance to the zoning/building codes:

Request by Robert Burns for a variance to **Section 480-14. R-1 Single Family Residential District**. The applicant is requesting the front yard setback to be increased from 25 feet to 35 feet and the side yard setback reduced from 20 feet to 17 feet. Legal description is: **ORIGINAL PLAT BLOCK 166 N 1/2 LOTS 5 & 6.**

All persons, their agents or attorneys will be given an opportunity to be heard in relation thereto.

Kristin Covert, City Clerk  
City of Brodhead

Posted: January 17, 2025  
Published: January 22, 2025

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The American Red Cross of Wisconsin is pleased to announce that Melinda Lanham has been named Regional Chief Development Officer. In this role, Melinda will work with external partners – including local businesses and business leaders, individual donors, board members, and volunteers – to advance the Red Cross mission by raising funds to support the organization's work.

"We are delighted to welcome Melinda to the American Red Cross of Wisconsin," said Mark Thomas, Regional Executive and CEO of the Red Cross of Wisconsin. "Melinda brings a wealth of fundraising experience to the Red Cross mission, having served in leadership and volunteer roles for over 20 years which will undoubtedly strengthen our ability to deliver aid, support communities, and fulfill our mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering."

Prior to joining the American Red Cross, Melinda served as Sales Manager at Proctor and Gamble, as a recruiter for Pinstripe Talent Inc., and as the Director of Development at Versiti Blood Research Institute Foundation. Most recently, Melinda was the Senior Director of Development, Major Gifts, at Vivent Health, formerly known as the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Committed to supporting her community, Melinda has been a long-time member of the Board of Directors for St.



Melinda Lanham

Anthony on the Lake. Past volunteer and board commitments also include Junior Achievement Women's Association Board of Directors and Kathy's House Board of Directors.

A native of Indiana, Melinda holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

"I am honored to join the American Red Cross, an organization with such a noble history of delivering comfort, compassion, and hope in the face of disasters," said Melinda. "I look forward to leveraging my fundraising experience and working side-by-side with the extraordinary volunteers, donors, and staff to advance the Red Cross mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in times of crisis."

The American Red Cross of Wisconsin works from five state chapters and proudly serves 68 counties in Wisconsin and eight counties in the U.P., delivering disaster care, veteran support, blood services, and health/safety classes to 5.8 million people. In fiscal year 2023, Red Cross volunteers provided care, food, hope, and shelter to more than 3,874 people following local disasters. Volunteers helped install nearly 3,153 smoke alarms throughout the Wisconsin Region.

# State joins \$106 million multi-state settlement

The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), a member of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), announced on Jan. 17 that Wisconsin has joined a taskforce of state securities regulators and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in a \$106 million settlement with Vanguard Marketing Corporation (VMC) and The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard) for failing to supervise certain registered persons and failing to disclose potential tax consequences to investors following a change in investment minimums for certain target date retirement funds.

The settlement stems from a three-year multi-state task force investigation coordinated through NASAA's Enforcement Section Committee, to conduct a comprehensive investigation, parallel to a concurrent investigation by the SEC.

The investigation revealed that in 2020, Vanguard lowered the investment minimums for its Institutional Target Retirement Funds (TRFs). As a result of the lowered investment minimums, a large number of retirement plan investors redeemed their Investor TRF shares to purchase Institutional TRF shares. The large number of redemptions caused Vanguard to sell highly appreciated assets in the Investor TRF, which triggered significant capital gains taxes for hundreds of thousands of retail investors who remained invested in the Investor TRF. Vanguard did not disclose the potential capital gains and tax implications to Investor TRF shareholders which was a consequence of the migration of shareholders from the Investor TRF to the Institutional TRF.

"This joint investigative

effort underscores the crucial role our members play in investor protection," said NASAA President and DFI Securities Administrator Leslie Van Buskirk. "This settlement shows the value of state and federal authorities working together to benefit investors."

The Vanguard Group, Inc. is the parent company of Vanguard Marketing Corporation, a FINRA- and state-registered broker-dealer. Vanguard markets and sells target retirement funds to investors who hold shares in qualified accounts that offer special tax treatment, including deferred taxes, as well as to investors who hold shares in taxable accounts. Historically, the amount of capital gains distributions and resulting tax liability for shareholders in Investor TRFs has been modest. The SEC will notify the investors that were impacted by this action and will administer the remediation payments, through its Fair Fund program, to compensate investors for the capital gains taxes.

"As demonstrated by this enforcement action, we are working collaboratively to protect Wisconsin investors and the integrity of our financial markets," said DFI Secretary Cheryl Olson-Collins. "This settlement is an important reminder to every firm and financial professional to comply with our securities laws."

Wisconsin residents who have questions or concerns about this settlement, their investments, or financial professional, should contact the DFI's Division of Securities by calling 608-266-2139 or emailing [DFISecurities@dfi.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DFISecurities@dfi.wisconsin.gov). Residents can also visit BrokerCheck and research the background and experience of financial brokers, advisers, and firms.



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- **15 years old:** Lifeguarding.
- **16 years old:** Park maintenance.

Applicants must qualify for a work permit (14 years of age and in high school) to be considered. Applications are available at the Brodhead Pool & Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead website ([www.cityofbrodheadwi.us](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us)) and are due to the Pool & Recreation Director by Friday, Feb. 28. If you have any questions, please call the Brodhead Pool & Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

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More than 200 student musicians from the Augustana College Department of Music presented Christmas at Augustana on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8.

# Students performed in Christmas at Augustana

The Augustana College Department of Music presented Christmas at Augustana on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8, 2024. More than 200 student musicians took the stage to share their talents in what has become a highlight of the Augustana and Quad-Cities holiday season. Presented by Quad City Bank and Trust, Christmas at Augustana has thrilled audiences since 2008. The performance featured the Augustana Brass Ensemble, Augustana Symphony Orchestra, Ascension Ringers,

Augustana Choir, Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble and Augustana Concert Chorale. Last month's Christmas at Augustana performers included:

- Marina Linos, an Augie Ages major from Janesville, Wis., who performed in the Concert Chorale.

A private college of the liberal arts and sciences, Augustana enrolls 2,500 students on a 115-acre residential campus in the Quad Cities along the Mississippi River. Augustana prioritizes engaged learning

in 100 majors, minors and other academic programs, building each student's potential through customized success teams, hands-on learning, 170 student organizations and 28 NCAA DIII athletic teams. The college also serves 40 graduate-level students in a fully accredited master of science in speech language pathology program. Augustana's location and community partnerships provide students access to internships, jobs, student teaching and research opportunities.

## News briefs

### Albany releases voting information for primary

The spring primary date is Feb. 18, and voting in Albany will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 206 North Water Street, Albany.

To register to vote and absentee ballot request, please go online to [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

Deadline to register in person is Jan. 29, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Deadline to register by mail is with mail postmarked by Jan. 29.

Deadline to register in person is Feb. 14, 2025 at 4 p.m. In person registration starts Jan. 30.

Deadline to absentee vote by mail is Feb. 13, 2025 at 5 p.m. Absentee in person voting is from Feb. 4 to 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Deadline to acquire residency for the Feb. 18 election is Jan. 21.

### Name released of motor vehicle crash victim

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died following a motor vehicle accident on Jan. 10, 2025. The incident occurred on Interstate 39/90 Eastbound near mile marker 182 in the Town of La Prairie, and was reported to authorities at or around 11:45 a.m. The individual can be identified as: Louis M. Mankiewicz, 59, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Mankiewicz was pronounced deceased at the scene on Jan. 10, 2025. A forensic examination was completed on Jan. 11, 2025. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Mr. Mankiewicz died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

This incident remains under investigation by the Wisconsin State Patrol and the Rock Coun-

ty Medical Examiner's Department.

### Name of victim in motor vehicle revealed

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died following a motor vehicle crash on Dec. 30, 2024. The incident occurred at the intersection of County Road A and County Road H, in the Town of Janesville and was reported to authorities at or about 6:09 a.m.

The individual can be identified as: Edward J. Le Donne, 58, of Sussex, Wis.

Mr. Le Donne was pronounced deceased at the hospital on Dec. 30, 2024. A forensic examination was completed on Dec. 31, 2024. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Mr. Le Donne died from injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

This incident remains under investigation by the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department.

### Vehicle accident victim's name released

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died following a motor vehicle accident on Jan. 11, 2025. The incident occurred at the intersection of County Highway Q and State Highway 213 in the Town of Beloit, and was reported to authorities at or around 8:05 a.m. The individual can be identified as: Christian A. Caldwell, 27, of Oak Creek, Wis.

Mr. Caldwell was pronounced deceased at the scene on Jan. 11, 2025. A forensic examination was completed on Jan. 13, 2025. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Mr.

Caldwell died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

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

### RCSO offers ATF safety education course

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their second and final 2025 ATV Safety Education Course on Feb. 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., and Feb. 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 200 East U.S. Highway 14, in Janesville.

Students must attend both sessions to graduate.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, is required to complete an ATV Safety Education Course to legally operate an ATV or UTV 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.

<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/atv-education>

Class size is limited to 30 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 session 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](mailto:trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us).

# MOBILE LIFT SALES AND SERVICE LIQUIDATION AUCTION

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**FORKLIFTS:** Clark LP 4,000 lb. forklift, Toyota 4,000 lb. with side shift, Spyder forklift with Kubota diesel approx. 12' lift, Spyder forklift with approx 6' lift Onan powered, large selection of forks.

**CRANE:** Brodereson IC-80-ID 8 ton carry deck.

**TRAILERS:** Spyder transport trailer, 6' x 12' 7,000# tilt bed trailer, 6' 8' tilt bed, 8' x 12' homemade trailer.

**WELDERS:** Millermatic wire welder, Lincoln Pro Core 135, Lincoln Pro Mig 135, Lincoln Weld Pak 100 HD.

**TOOLS/EQUIPMENT:** Lowe hydraulic auger with bits and forklift & skid loader mounts, Emglo portable Honda powered compressor, electric/hydraulic pipe bender, power hacksaw, Bridgeport model 110, drill presses, Famco 12 ton ratcheting arbor press, paint shaker, parts washers, Atlas 2 post car lift, AaLadin hot water pressure washer, chain break, Onan generator, numerous DeWalt cordless, Milwaukee power tools, multiple Binks paint guns and equipment, large heavy duty steel fab tables, tool boxes, Coats tire machine.

**SMALL ENGINES/ENGINE PARTS:** 20+ small engines including numerous Onan twin cylinder, numerous Kohler twin cylinder, Honda twin cylinder, Kubota diesels, huge assortment of NEW Onan/Kohler/Kubota small engine parts.

**MISC.:** large selection of hardware, hydraulic hose fittings, chains, chain couplings, electric motors new and used, large flammables cabinets, chains, tie down straps, large selection of wire, HUGE selection of steel stock, heavy duty rolling industrial carts, metal shelving, Lawson parts organizers (loaded), shipping materials, hydraulic cylinders, hydraulic repair kits,

**WHEELS/TIRES:** NEW & USED skid loader/Spyder tires, lawn and garden tires, trailer tires, new and used rims.

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