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USDA releases DBI funds following industry advocacy

On March 7 Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) applauded news that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is releasing Congressionally-directed funding for the federal Dairy Business Innovation (DBI) Initiatives. USDA froze DBI grant monies earlier, triggering grave concern for hundreds of dairy farmers and processors, and sparking a national advocacy push.

"The release of this critical grant funding comes as an enormous relief to dairy farmers and processors who had earned grants and needed reimbursement from USDA for business improvements already made," said Rebekah Sweeney, WCMA Senior Director of Programs and Policy. "We want to express our thanks for USDA's expedited review of this program and today's decision, and thanks to the dairy leaders who pushed to secure all committed funds, and to the members of Congress who championed our cause – in particular, Senator Tammy Baldwin and Repre-

sentative Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin."

In early March, WCMA led a comprehensive advocacy campaign for the release of DBI funds, with staff and dairy processors meeting with Congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., joined by partners from International Dairy Foods Association. WCMA directly communicated with USDA leadership and coordinated a letter to the agency from 120 businesses in 29 states.

There are four DBI centers across the country, housed in California, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin to serve dairy farmers and processors regionally, supporting them with technical assistance, market analysis, research and development, as well as direct-to-business grants.

All four DBI centers have now been notified of the USDA release of funding, and reimbursement requests from businesses may resume immediately. A total of 420

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Pictured from left: Laura Purtle, The Old Stone Creamery; Tagen Vaughn, Sargento Foods; Rob Rosado, International Dairy Foods Association: Travis Martinez, Land O'Lakes: Rebekah Sweeney, WCMA: and Scott Fields. Organic Valley.

78th Alice in Dairyland top candidates revealed Natalie Roe from Monticello one of

The Wisconsin Department Candidate Biographies of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has announced the six top candidates to become the 78th Alice in Dairyland. The candidates are Allison Foster, Michelle Stangler, Mikayla Flyte, Natalie Roe, Olivia Lulich, and Sarah Hagenow.

Prior to being selected, the top candidates completed an application and preliminary interview. During the next two months, they will participate in a rigorous interview process that will allow them to showcase the communications and public relations skills required to be the 78th Alice in Dairyland. All top candidates will receive media and speaking training and earn a DATCP marketing and com-

munications certificate. This training process will pre-

the top six candidates for position

Allison Foster, Waupun, is an enthusiastic food scientist with a passion for sharing the story of agriculture and Allison food with others. Foster

Foster is a Scientist II at Grande Cheese Company where she works to improve cheesemaking processes and create new products. She holds a Bachelor of Science in dairy science from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where she gained experience in research and communications. In addition to her work, Foster coordinates care package services for Operation Not Alone is active in her family's central and manages her own Jersey cow herd. Foster combines her farm, managing an ice cream technical expertise with strong truck, selling produce at the communication skills to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers.

in Europe. She now contributes to the Ag News Daily and Positivity in Ag podcasts.

Mikayla Flyte, Coloma, is completing a master's degree in exercise science with a concentration in

sport psychology Mikayla from Ripon Col-Flyte lege. She gradu-

ated with her bachelor's degree in English and education from Ripon College in spring 2024 after student teaching at Berlin Middle School and Laconia High School. Flyte competed for five years on the college's cross country team and is now a graduate assistant coach. She Wisconsin fruit and vegetable Dane County Farmer's market, and assisting with retail, marketing, and agritourism events. Natalie Roe, Monticello, grew up on a 5,000-acre cash crop farm with a commercial grain elevator. graduated Roe Natalie Roe from the Univer-

Tourism Association is celebrating innovation, dedication, and excellence by nominating four outstanding organizations for 2025 Governor's Tourism Awards. These nominations highlight

The Wisconsin Agricultural

the transformative impact of agricultural tourism across the state, showcasing their contributions to economic growth and visitor experiences.

• Skelly's Farm Market -Nominated for the Innovation Award, Skelly's implemented groundbreaking use of technology to enhance the visitor experience. A pioneer in corn maze design since 1998, Scott Skelly has continuously pushed the boundaries of visitor engagement. In 2022, Skelly developed a cutting-edge mobile app that integrates smartphone-based gaming with the corn maze experience, transforming traditional farm attractions into interactive, video-like adventures. By 2024, Skelly and his wife Laura further advanced the app to include multi-level challenges and the nation's only known escape room within a corn maze. Skelly's Farm Market is a model of how technology can drive tourism, strengthen rural economies, and ensure farm sustainability. Their innovations attract tens of thousands of visitors annually, making the farm a deserving nominee for this prestigious award. • Food + Farm Exploration Center - Nominated for the Bright IDEA Award, the Food + Farm Exploration Center is committed to providing exceptional inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility in tourism. This interactive destination ensures accessibility through innovative features like an ADA-compliant Ag Simulator, a wellness room for individuals with sensory sensitivities, which allow visitors of

all abilities to experience farming firsthand. Additional accessibility enhancements include wheelchair-accessible exhibits, Braille signage, cane strikes, adjustable-height tables, and expanded ADA-compliant spaces. The center has made a significant community impact through initiatives like free U-Pick Harvest events (donating 5,500 lbs. of produce), field trip grants for underserved students, and collaborations with ADRC and ODC to create adaptive cooking activities for seniors and individuals with disabilities. As a Museums for

Ag tourism members nominated for award

All partner, F+FEC offers discounted admission to families receiving SNAP benefits, further removing financial barriers to access. By setting a new standard for inclusive agritourism, F+FEC strengthens Wisconsin's reputation as an innovative, welcoming destination.

• Busy Barn Farm Adventures - Recognized with a nomination for the Rising Star Award, owners Mitch and Afton Krysiak have transformed Busy Barn Farm Adventures into one of Jefferson County's

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pare the candidates for the Alice in Dairyland Finals, scheduled for May 15 to 17 in Crawford County. The three-day finals include agribusiness tours, media interviews, an impromptu question-and-answer session, candidate presentations, and more. The selection of the 78th Alice in Dairyland will be announced at a public event on May 17 at the Performing Arts Center in Prairie du Chien, and she will begin her term on July 7, 2025.

"Serving as Alice in Dairyland is the ultimate goal of this process for these young women, but the skills they will develop along the way will take them far in life no matter where they go," said Halei Heinzel, 77th Alice in Dairyland. "I look forward to discovering where each candidate shines as we move toward selecting Wisconsin's 78th Alice in Dairyland!"

Michelle Stangler, Watertown, grew up on her family's dairy farm and was active in 4-H and

FFA. She earned Michelle a Bachelor of Sci-Stangler ence in journal-

ism and agricultural marketing communications in May 2024 from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she held leadership roles in Collegiate Farm Bureau and other agricultural communication organizations. Stangler completed internships with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Mid-West Farm Report, Brownfield Ag News, and WEAU 13 News; served as the 2024 Dodge County Fairest of the Fair; and studied abroad

sity of Wiscon-

sin-Madison in December 2024 with bachelor's degrees in dairy science and life sciences communication and a certificate in digital studies. After holding many summer internships in agriculture and communications roles, Roe now works full time with broadhead as a social media coordinator. In this role, Roe combines her love of agriculture and communications,

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getting to use her creativity and strategic thinking to help her agriculture clients achieve success

on their respective social media platforms. Olivia Lulich, Lyndon Station, currently teaches agricultural edu-

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cation at Viroqua Schools. Olivia graduated Lulich from Iowa State

University with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture education, holding leadership roles in Block and Bridle, National Agri-Marketing Association, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors, and the International Sales Team while there. As a 4-H and FFA member, she owned, raised, and showed beef cattle and market lambs. She has interned with Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin,

the National Western Stock Show, and DATCP. Today, Lulich Show Stock, co-owned with her brother, sells beef cattle throughout the Midwest. Sarah Hage-

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now, Poynette, feels at home in Wisconsin's agricultural industry and enjoys telling the stories of

Sarah its hard-working Hagenow people. She is a senior at the University of Minnesota and will graduate with a degree in agricultural and food business management and a minor in international agriculture. Hagenow's vouth was characterized by involvement in 4-H and FFA, which spurred her to join the Gopher Dairy Club, Agricultural Business Club, Agricultural Mentor Program, and the dairy cattle judging

team at college. Hagenow has held internships with Heatherstone Enterprises, Viking Dairy Company, the Minnesota State Senate, and the Animal Agriculture Alliance.

Alice in Dairyland is a onevear. full-time communications professional for DATCP. The Alice in Dairyland program is supported by several partner organizations including Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, Ginseng Board of Wisconsin, Goodman's Jewelers, Kettle Moraine Mink Breeders Association, the Dairy Innovation Hub. Wisconsin Beef Council, Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board, and the Wisconsin Potato Industry Board. For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, visit www.aliceindairyland.com and follow Alice online on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

nations, attracting over 30,000 visitors annually and generating substantial economic impact and room tax revenue. Transitioning from careers in firefighting and education, they purchased the farm in 2022 and became first-time owners and operators of this tourism venue. Through strategic marketing and rebranding, they have positioned Busy Barn Farm Adventures as a must-visit destination, significantly increasing tourism in Fort Atkinson and Jefferson County. Their educational initiatives have brought over 4.500 students to the farm for hands-on agricultural learning experiences. They also actively support community engagement, hosting local proms, food pantry fundraisers, and

private tours for future agri-

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top agricultural tourism destitive programming, including Winter on the Farm, has drawn hundreds of visitors from urban Milwaukee and northern Illinois, boosting regional tourism. Their event venue, The Gathering Barn, has hosted 98 events since August 2022, further increasing local economic benefits. As active members of the Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association, they share best practices and mentor other tourism businesses. By preserving farmland, creating memorable farm experiences, and strengthening Wisconsin's agricultural heritage, Afton and Mitch exemplify rising stars in agritourism.

• Green Bay Packers 2025 NFL Draft Team - The Green Bay Packers 2025 NFL Draft Team has been nominated for the Service Excellence Award for their exceptional efforts in community engagement, including their sponsorship and promotion of Wisconsin's corn mazes as part of the lead-up to the 2025 NFL Draft. Their creative marketing initiatives have not only built excitement for the draft but also supported local agricultural tourism, small businesses, and tourism revenue across the state. Working in collaboration with Discover Green Bay and local agricultural partners; Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Gather Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association, the team played a key role in promoting NFLthemed corn mazes across Wisconsin, bringing together football fans and farm visitors for a unique fall experience. These mazes attracted thousands of visitors, driving economic impact to rural communities while reinforcing the Packers' deep connection to Wisconsin's heritage. In addition to the corn maze initiatives, the team's strategic efforts in securing the draft are projected to bring 250,000 attendees and generate \$94 million in statewide economic impact, with \$20 million directly benefiting Green Bay. Their work has positioned Green Bay as a top-tier event destination while keeping Wisconsin's agricultural traditions at the forefront sin agriculture.

culture students. Their innova- of fan engagement. By blending football, tourism, and agritourism, the Packers Draft Team has elevated Wisconsin's visibility on a national scale, ensuring that both urban and rural communities benefit from this historic event. Their dedication to community driven tourism makes them a deserving recipient of the Governor's Service Excellence Award.

"These nominees exemplify the spirit of Wisconsin tourism bringing fresh ideas, exceptional service, and unforgettable experiences to visitors," WATA Executive Director Sheila Everhart said. "Their contributions drive economic growth and solidify our state's reputation as a top-tier agricultural tourism destination."

Agricultural Tourism plays a vital role in Wisconsin's economy, blending the state's rich farming traditions with unique visitor experiences.

"Agricultural tourism is more than just a weekend visit to the farm – it's a key economic driver that supports local businesses, educates visitors about our farming heritage, and strengthens rural communities," Everhart said.

Destinations and organizations like Skelly's Farm Market in Janesville, Busy Barn Farm Adventures, the Food + Farm Exploration Center and the Green Bay Packer's Draft team highlight the importance of agriculture in shaping Wisconsin's identity while providing hands-on experiences that resonate with visitors.

"With growing interest in authentic farm experiences, these nominees are leading the way in making Wisconsin a top destination for agricultural tourism," she said.

Winners of the 2025 Governor's Tourism Awards were announced at the Wisconsin Governors Conference on Tourism dinner on March 11.

The Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association promotes and preserves the rural lifestyle, fosters partnership opportunities within the ag-tourism community, and provides tools which encourage sustainable economic growth while creating awareness of Wiscon-

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dairy farmers and processors try and in Congress." were impacted by the freeze of \$28.6 million in awarded monies

• USDA

"The targeted, small-dollar investments in dairy businesses provided through DBI have helped to stabilize and strengthen our nation's food supply chain and rural economies," said Sweeney.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to continue this important work, and ed over \$20 million in more will push for increased DBI than 250 grants to small and

WCMA, in partnership with the Center for Dairy Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, runs the Wisconsin-based DBI center, serving businesses in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Since this center's launch in 2019, it has award-



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Police news

Man arrested for OWI after traffic stop

On March 6, 2025, at approximately 12:05 a.m., a deputy from the Rock County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of S. US Highway 51 and E. Hillside Road, in the Town of Beloit. The driver was identified as Robert Feuillerat, 60, from Beloit, Wis.

Robert displayed signs of impartment, and the subsequent investigation resulted in his arrest for Operating While Intoxicated 5th offense.

Robert has four prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making the arrest a felony. Robert transwas ported to the Rock County Jail and was

scheduled for Feuillerat Jail Court on Thursday, March 5 at 3 p.m.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.'

Robert

Edgerton student part of WIAC title, NCAA bid for UWW

Svlvia Fox, a Marketing major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Edgerton, Wis., is a member of the Warhawk women's basketball team, which won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament title for the second time in three years and clinched an automatic bid to the NCAA Division IIII Tournament, which starts this week.

UW-Whitewater claimed the tournament championship for the fourth time in program history with a 64-61 triumph at nationally-ranked UW-Oshkosh in the tournament final on Saturday, March 1.

Warhawks (22-6)The overall) will make their ninth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament and 23rd appearance overall. The team has reached the round of 16 or further in each of the last three seasons.

UW-Whitewater's firstround match-up and location was revealed during the NCAA Selection Show on Monday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time on ncaa. com.



Wisconsin Historical Society announces 2025 Kids Summer Camp lineup

The Wisconsin Historical Society is recently announced that registration is now open for this year's summer camps. Campers can choose between Old World Wisconsin's historic setting or Madison's urban landscape. Whether young learners want to time travel to the 1800s, explore Wisconsin's myths and legends through tabletop games or become citizen scientists, these camps offer one- and five-day options that engage kids with the state's history in fascinating ways. Plus, there's a fun-filled morning camp for families who want to join their kids for an Old World Wisconsin summer camp experience.

This year's Old World Wisconsin summer camps include: "Big Woods Adventure Summer Camp," "Makers' Adventure Summer Camp," "History Explorers Summer Camp" and "Family Adventure Summer Madison's History Camp.' Maker Space will offer "Myths and Legends: The Journey Begins Summer Camp," "Myths and Legends Summer Camp," "Citizen Scientists Summer Camp" and "Innovation Creation Summer Camp."

The camps will be offered from June to August and advance registration is required.

Old World Wisconsin Summer Camps

Big Woods Adventure Camp Set in a scenic forested landscape, kids will step back in time to explore authentic homes and farmsteads from another era. They'll visit a cozy log cabin, an 1800s-era general store and experience life in a one-room schoolhouse. Guided by costumed interpreters, campers will engage in handson activities within a historic setting. They'll meet heritage breed farm animals, tend the garden and hear captivating stories from the past.

The camp is offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 18 and July 9, 23 and 30 for ages 6-9, and on June 20 and 25 for ages 9-12. The cost is \$75 per camper. For registration and more details, visit oldworldwisconsin.org.

Makers' Adventure Summer Camp

Discover the art of crafting as it was done long ago. Expert tradespeople skilled in metalworking, leatherworking, wool and textiles will teach young campers the historic techniques of time-honored trades. Campers will step into a 19th-century makerspace, create their own take-home souvenirs and explore historic workshops and farms in picturesque Old World Wiscon-

Designed for ages 9-12, the camp runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 19 and July 10, 24 and 31. The cost is \$75 per camper. For registration and more details, visit oldworldwisconsin.org.

History Explorers Summer Camp

This immersive four-day experience invites teens to step into the life of a 19th-century trades apprentice at Old World Wisconsin. Campers will participate in hands-on activities like blacksmithing, cooking, textiles and cobbling, all while wearing period clothing. They'll also enjoy behind-thescenes access to areas of the site not typically open to the public, including the animal barn and historic clothing collections.

Ideal for ages 13 to 18, the camp runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from June 25 to 28 and July 16 to 19. The cost is \$250 per camper. For registration and more details, visit oldworldwisconsin.org.

Family Adventure Summer Camp

Summer camp isn't just for kids anymore! Now, families can spend a morning stepping back in time to explore the 19th century at Old World Wisconsin, the state's largest living history museum. Check out an authentic log cabin, visit a one-room schoolhouse and shop in a general store, while discovering historic crafts and games once enjoyed by early Citizen Scientists American families. The cost is \$35 per camper, and the camp runs from 10

a.m. to noon on June 22 and July 11 and 27. Admission to the site for the day is included. For registration and more details, visit oldworldwisconsin. org

Old World Wisconsin is located at W372 S9727 Hwy 67, Eagle, Wis. 53119. For further information, go to oldworldwisconsin.org or call 262-594-6301.

History Maker Space Summer Camps Myths and Legends: **The Journey Begins** Summer Camp

Enter the enchanting world of Wisconsin folklore and history at this one-of-a-kind camp! Kids will dive into exciting tabletop games, create their own characters and monsters and build unique worlds inspired by the legendary "Beast of Bray Road." With plenty of chances for imaginative play and teamwork. campers will explore captivating stories, make new friends and bring their wildest ideas to life!

Ideal for kids ages 6 to 9, the five-day camp runs from June 23 to 27 and costs \$250 per camper. For registration and more details, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

Myths and Legends Summer Camp

Designed for kids 9 to 12, this camp offers a structured tabletop gaming experience where campers can dive into realms like Dungeons and Dragons and games that emulate Wisconsin's historic myths and legends. Campers will tackle the "Beast of Bray Road" legend, using problem-solving, creativity and determination to save the town and defeat the beast.

The five-day camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from July 14 to 18 and costs \$250 per camper. For registration and more details, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

that explores Madison's diverse and beautiful landscape. Designed for learners in grades 1 to 3, this science-focused camp invites young stewards to appreciate and care for nature's wonders. Campers will learn about Wisconsin's biodiversity, from prairies and lakes to urban landscapes, and discover how the natural world and man-made structures coexist. Through hands-on experiments, they'll gain insights on how to make the world a better place.

The five-day camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from July 30 to Aug. 3 and costs \$250 per camper. For registration and more details, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

Innovation Creation Summer Camp

Unleash your creativity at this exciting camp designed to inspire young minds to think outside the box! Campers will explore a variety of activities, experiment with different materials and design their own innovative projects. Inspired by the 'Wisconsin Idea' of problem-solving, this program encourages campers to build, create and think in new ways. Geared toward students in grades 4 to 6, but open to younger campers with a passion for creativity.

The five-day camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from July 28 to Aug. 1 and costs \$250 per camper. For registration and more details, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

The History Maker Space, located at 1 S. Pinckney Street in US Bank Plaza, serves as a temporary venue for the Wisconsin Historical Society's ongoing programming on Capitol Square while the new Wisconsin History Center is being built. Programming includes pop-up exhibits, author talks, public presentations, family programming and history center updates during construction of the new museum. For further information go to wisPHOTO COURTESY STEVE FROMMELL OF UW-WHITEWATER ATHLETIC

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater women's basketball team poses with the championship trophy after winning the 2025 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament championship on Saturday, March 1, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Sylvia Fox, a Marketing major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Edgerton, Wis., is a member of the Warhawk women's basketball team.

High school graduation rates reach record high

March 6 shows high school graduation rates in the state are at an all-time high.

For the 2023-24 school year, 91.1 percent of Wisconsin high school students graduated on time, marking the highest rate since the four-year adjusted cohort was introduced in 2009-10.

"This achievement reflects the hard work and commitment of Wisconsin's students and teachers," State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly said. "It's the result of countless hours, determination, and the strength of our community. This success shows what we can achieve when we work together. Moving forward, we must continue to build on this momentum and ensure every student is set up for success beyond graduation.'

The data is part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's annual certified data release, with the department's WISEdash Public Portal also being updated with certified enrollment figures for 2024-25, along with 2023-24 attendance rates and more.

"Although we should celebrate our successes, we should all continue to be concerned about - and work to reduce - the disparities in graduation rates between different groups of students," Dr. Underly said. "The reality is that students of color and other marginalized students are not doing as well, although those cohorts are also seeing some cluding grade level, gender, improvement. We need to double-down on making in- tus, disability, English provestments for those kids who ficiency, and migrant status. need it the most. We should For more information, visit also be concerned that the the Wisconsin DPI's website.

New data published on federal government seems to want to end the collection of disparities data, which would hide these challenges rather than solve them."

In 2023, the DPI partnered with Graduation Alliance, using federal ESSER funding, to re-engage chronically absent and academically atrisk students. The ENGAGE Wisconsin program has seen continued success, and Gov. Tony Evers' 2025-27 budget proposal includes additional funding to sustain its efforts.

Data released on March 6 shows chronic absenteeism rates fell to 17.7 percent for the 2023-24 school year, while attendance rates climbed to 92.4 percent, marking the lowest and highest levels, respectively, since the 2020-21 school year.

Each year, all Wisconsin public school districts and independent charter schools collect information about their students, staff, and courses based on federal and state reporting requirements. These datasets are submitted to the DPI and are stored and linked in a data warehouse.

The DPI's WISEdash Public Portal uses dashboards, or visual collections of graphs and tables, to provide multiyear educational data about Wisconsin schools and students. Data on the portal are redacted and available by school, district, or state. Data can be displayed for multiple years and can also be grouped and filtered by a variety of demographics, inrace/ethnicity, economic sta-

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Beloit student part of winning research challenge team at UWW

Alexa Gill, a Management major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Beloit, Wis., was one of five students who combined to win the Milwaukee Society's CFA Institute Research Challenge.

Representing the College of Business and Economics' Applied Investment Program, the following individuals were part of UW-Whitewater's first-ever team to win the competition:

• Alexa Gill, a management and finance major from Beloit, Wisconsin

Wisconsin

• Nathan Parrish, an accounting and finance major from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin • Josh Peterson, a finance major from Belleville, Wisconsin

• Carter Voigt, a finance major from Rubicon, Wisconsin

By winning the local final, the group will submit their presentation for the Sub-Regional competition, which will take place later this month.

The Research Challenge is an annual global competi-• Kelsey Hengst, a finance tion in which students value major from Little Chute, a stock, write a research re-

port, and present their recommendations. Additional competition rounds include the Regional Semifinals on April 8 to 9, Regional Finals on April 10 to 11, and Global Final on the week of May 5.

UW-Whitewater's Applied Investment Program gives students the opportunity to gain real-world investment experience by managing an investment portfolio worth more than \$1 million. AIP acts as an honors program for finance majors in the university's College of Business and Economics, Wisconsin's largest business school.

College news

South Dakota State announces summer, fall 2024 graduation list

South Dakota State University announces Michelle Alana Mannisto of New Glarus, Wis., has graduated following the summer and fall 2024 semesters.

Mannisto graduated with a Bachelor of Science from SD-SU's College of Natural Sciences.

Overall, nearly 950 SDSU students from 36 states and 23 nations graduated in the summer and fall 2024 semesters. Nearly 40 students received two or more degrees or certificates from a college.

Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution as well as its largest, most comprehensive school of higher education. SDSU confers degrees from seven different colleges representing more than 230 majors, minors and specializations. The institution also offers 38 master's degree programs, 16 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

The work of the university is carried out on a residential campus in Brookings, at sites in Sioux Falls, Pierre and Rapid City, and through Extension offices and Agricultural Experiment Station research sites across the state. SDSU's research expenditures for the 2024 fiscal year were \$84 million.

Milton student elected to The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Kimberly Thomas of Milton, Wis., was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most sehonor society, at St. Norbert College.

Thomas is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning.'

Local Ohio University students named to Fall 2024 Dean's List

Following the completion of each semester. Ohio University recognizes the academic achievements of its students by publishing the President's, Dean's and Provost's Lists. · Luella Eldridge of Janes-

ville, Wis. • Skyler Swearingen of

Janesville, Wis. The Dean's List recognizes

undergraduate students who complete a particular semester

lective all-discipline collegiate with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2024, approximately 6,800 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean's List.

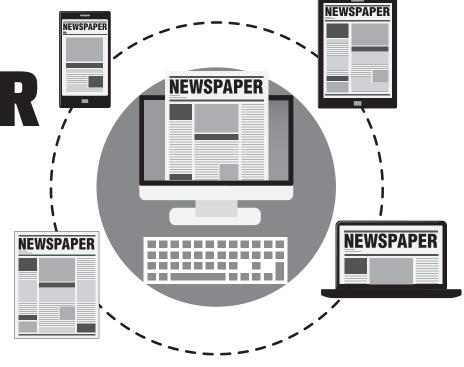
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Beloit student earns allconference honors in track and field at UWW

Kobe Chandler, a Physical Education major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Beloit, Wis., is one of nine members of the Warhawk men's and women's track and field teams who garnered All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference accolades based on their performances at the 2025 WIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 28 to March 1 in Stevens Point.

The Warhawk men placed third at the meet, while the women finished fifth.





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Whatever you do, do not "Bring Your Dragon to the Library." Unless you're a preschooler at the Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time every Tuesday at 10 a.m., that is. The series "In the Library" started off hot with stories about fire-breathing dragons and a boy who ordered a dragon that came "In the Mail." Then they made a real (pretend) fire breathing dragon using tissue paper and pom pons. Finally, they tried dragon fruit. Most of the preschoolers decided they didn't like it. Next they'll try something a bit tastier. The Library Gingerbread Man will give children a tour of the non-fiction section of Albertson Memorial Library; he lives at 398.2. Wonder what would happen if the gingerbread man was a gingerbread girl? How would the end of the story change? This story time will probably involve some cookies and frosting, too.

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DNR seeks public input on duck hunting season zones, splits proposals

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting public input on the proposed 2026-2031 duck hunting season zones and splits. Highlights from the proposed season structure include duck zone options and duck season split options.

Every five years, the U.S. (USFWS) gives states an opportunity to review and change the zones and splits for their duck hunting season structures.

The DNR will host a series of public meetings to present information on the proposed zones and splits structure for the 2026-2031 duck hunting seasons. The public is encouraged to attend or provide feedback using the DNR's Online Input Tool. Comments may also be submitted through email or mail.

Feedback regarding the to duck hunting season's pro- us/j/85219834693.

posed zones and splits structure must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2025.

Please submit written questions or comments to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, C/O Taylor Finger or Alissa Kakatsch - Bureau of Wildlife Management, 101 S. Webster St., Fish and Wildlife Service P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 or via email at Taylor. Finger@wisconsin.gov or Alissa.Kakatsch@wisconsin.gov.

To learn more about waterfowl in Wisconsin and view the 2026-2031 duck hunting season zones and split's options, visit the DNR's waterfowl hunting webpage.

A virtual hearing on the proposed 2026-2031 duck hunting seasons zones and splits structure will be held on March 19, 2025 at 7 p.m. To join in the virtual Zoom meeting, please go https://us02web.zoom.

Three people charged with rolling back vehicle odometers

of Justice (DOJ) Division Criminal Investigation (DCI) announced on March 4 that Marvin Reed Trotter, 53, Nycole Cavins, 55, and Marvel S. Trotter, 27, all of Brookfield, Wis., are facing numerous charges of Theft -False Representation Party to a Crime, for their roles in an operation of buying used vehicles, rolling back the odometers and/or altering titles and reselling them.

"Deceptive practices like those alleged in this case are unacceptable," said Attorney you to those involved in the ters, change the miles on tiinvestigation and prosecution of this case.

As alleged in the criminal complaint, investiga-tors discovered 70 vehicles titled to the co-defendants that showed signs of having odometer discrepancies. In total, an estimated 4.5 million miles were allegedly removed from the vehicles' odometers. The co-defendants own an autobody shop in Butler, Wis. The co-defendants would allegedly buy vehicles on Facebook Marketplace that needed Office.

The Wisconsin Department General Josh Kaul. "Thank work, roll back the odometles, and then resell the vehicles on Facebook marketplace at increased rates.

As in any criminal proceeding, the co-defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

A preliminary hearing for Marvin Trotter and Nycole Cavins is scheduled for April 14 at 9:15 am.

This case was investigated by DCI. Prosecution is being handled by the Waukesha County District Attorney's

FNBT announces grand prize sweepstakes winner

First National Bank and Trust (FNBT) is excited to announce Arcadio Flores from Janesville as the grand prize winner of the FNBT Exclusive Debit Mastercard Sweepstakes, which ran from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2024. Arcadio chose a \$7,500

cash prize in lieu of the original grand prize trip for two to one of four exciting destinations.

The sweepstakes rewarded FNBT customers simply for using their FNBT Debit Mastercard for everyday purchases. In total, 31 lucky FNBT

customers were awarded prizes.

Stay informed about future sweepstakes and promotions by visiting them at www. bankatfirstnational.com and following FNBT on social media for the latest updates.

Orfordville Public Library announces upcoming events

The Orfordville Public Library announces several upcoming events. The library is at 519 E. Beloit St. in Orfordville.

Trivia Night

is formatted so that all ages will enjoy participating and will actually assist their older or younger team members with their unique knowledge of all things trivial. Communi-There will be a Trivia Night ty members choose their own 5:30 p.m. Tweens and teens at Orfordville Library on Fri- teams of up to eight people, are invited to gather, play day, March 28, from 6 to 8:30 who can range from family members to coworkers to singles groups. From working together on tough questions to joking with other teams, team members bond with each other and other teams to create a fun, stimulating environment filled with friendly competition. Everyone has fun at Trivia Night.

ious topics. This family event library holds Story Time. Attendees can join Ms. Sarah for stories and activities.

Teen Tuesdays

Teen Tuesdays are held each Tuesday from 3:30 to games, use computers, connect to WIFL talk and snack

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Arcadio Flores from Janesville is the grand prize winner of the FNBT Exclusive Debit Mastercard Sweepstakes. He won a \$7,500 cash prize.

Join in on a night of trivia, door prizes, and fun. Get a team together and enjoy this free event for all ages. Call or stop into the library to register a team. Registration is not required.

Trivia night at the library is a program in which teams compete against each other in answering questions from var-

Story Time

On Thursdays at 11 a.m. the from 9 to 11 a.m.

Board Games

The library is holding Board Game Afternoons at 1 p.m. on April 9, May 14 and June 11.

Egg Hunt

Don't forget the Spring Fling Egg Hunt on April 12

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Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative offers \$10,000 in scholarships

erative will once again offer \$10,000 in secondary education scholarships to its membership, the cooperative announced on March 5. Edge is proud to award the children of its members who exemplify the voice of milk through their education, career aspirations and future goals.

Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to current students pursuing a degree in a four – or two-year program, and three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors.

Applicants must be high school seniors, graduates, or college undergraduates. They must be enrolled or planning

Edge Dairy Farmer Coop- to enroll in a full-time course of study at an accredited fouryear college or university or a two-year program at a technical, junior or community college. The area of study does not need to be agriculture-related, but applicants must be dependents of an Edge member.

"At Edge, we strive to provide maximum value to our members, and our scholarship program creates a meaningful way for us to give back to our members by investing in the future of the next generation," Tim Trotter, Edge CEO, said. 'We're thrilled to be able to support and empower our youth who drive growth within our communities.'

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership, participation in school and community activities, academic honors, goals and aspirations, recommendations and work experience. The full application and guidelines can be found on the Edge website at edgedairy.com. The application portal will remain open until Åpril 18, and applications must be submitted by that date.

For more information about the Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative scholarships, contact Kayla Mayer at kmayer@voiceofmilk.com.

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative provides dairy farmers throughout the Midwest with a powerful voice - the voice of milk - in Congress, with customers and within their communities. Edge, based in Green Bay, Wis., is one of the top cooperatives in the country based on milk volume. More information: www. edgedairy.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAIL-ABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NUTRIENT INTENT TO REISSUE A WIS-CONSIN POLLUTANT DIS ELIMINATION CHARGE (WPDES) PERMIT SYSTEM No.WI-0063177-04-0

Permittee: Williams Bedrock Bovines Inc, N1123 Hwy G, Brod-head, WI, 53520

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Williams Bedrock Bovines Inc, Main Farm - N1233 Hwy G Brodhead, WI 53520 and Jeff'e Farm – W1244 Town Center Road, Brodhed, WI 53520

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Lower Sugar River Watershed

Williams Bedrock Bovines Inc. is an existing Concentrated Ani-mal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Williams Bedrock Bovines Inc. is owned and operated by Jeff and Brad Williams. The farm currently has 1,921 animal units (1,073 milking and dry cows, 330 heif-ers, and 280 calves). William Bedrock Bovines Inc. has a total of 3,036 acres (507 owned and 2,529 controlled through manure agreements) of which 2,959 are spreadable acres. Williams Bed-rock Bovines Inc. has no large expansions planned during the proposed permit term. Approx-imately 18,563,977 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 0 tons of solid manure is predicted to be generated in the first year of the permit term The farm has approximately 188 days of liquid manure storage which will increase to 196 days after the construction of the feed leachate collection system, and at least 59 days of solid manure storage. Williams Bedrock Bovines Inc. has two production areas. The Main Farm is located at N1233 County Highway G, Brodhead, WI 53520 and is composed of 2 calf barns, a special needs barn, 2 animal barns, milking parlor, sand separation system, three waste storage facilities, and a feed storage area with associated runoff control system. Jeff's Farm is located at W1244 Town Center Road, Brodhead, WI 53520 and is composed of a freestall barn and waste storage facility. All production areas were inspect-ed the day of the inspection. Williams Bedrock Bovines Inc. has submitted an application for reissuance of their Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit. The application is complete, and the facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance. This will be the fourth permit reissuance for this facility. Wil-liams Bedrock Bovines Inc. has an approved Nutrient Manage-ment Plan (NMP) that is written according to WPDES Permit and Chapter NR 243 Wisc. Admin. Code requirements. Wil-liam Bedrock Bovines Inc. was also found to have at least 180 days of liquid manure storage. The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 598-0026. Josie Borarud@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyincluding U.S. EPA, the one, permit will be re-issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hear-ing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the nearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holi days), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the per-mit drafter for directions to their office location. if necessarv In formation on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 598-0026 or by writing to the Depart-ment. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/ topic/wastewater/PublicNotices. html. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

News briefs

Hunter safety course in Edgerton on March 25

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer the first 2025 Hunter Safety Education Course on March 25 from 6 to 7 p.m., on April 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Edgerton Conservation Club, 900 Stoughton Road in Edgerton. Students will need to at-

tend all sessions to graduate. Anyone born on or after

January 1, 1973, is required to complete a Hunter Safety Education Course to legally hunt in Wisconsin. Students must 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/hunter-education

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 tudent 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@ o.rock.wi.us

Touring the YWCA CARE House



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On January 31, Sen. Mark Spreitzer met with Brittany and other YWCA Rock County staff to learn about the vital programs they provide and get a tour of their campus. The YWCA's CARE House serves as Rock County's child advocacy center. The house offers a safe space for abused children to be interviewed and provides support groups and resources to aid their healing. From domestic violence shelter services to child care and advocacy, immigrant outreach, and racial justice initiatives, the work done by the YWCA staff is critical in helping to strengthen the local community.

three soft shell tacos or nacho chips topped with their favorite fixings as well as dessert and a choice of milk or water for \$10. Children

under 10 will receive two soft shell tacos or nacho chips and the same food for \$8. An extra taco is \$3 and carry outs are available. All proceeds will go to Juda Post Prom. Also, there will be a silent auction.

Come cheer on the donkey basketball players after eating. Donkey basketball will start at 7 p.m. Game 1 will be the Juda junior class versus Juda junior parents. Game 2 will be Juda staff versus the Juda Fire Department. Cost is \$10 per ticket presale or \$15 at the door.

Greenwood Cemetery notice for spring

Cemetery Greenwood would like to issue a reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations that one wishes to save by Tuesday, April 1 to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until May 1.

Caregiver boot camp scheduled for March 22

The Aging and Disability Resource Center will host a free Rock County Caregiver Boot Camp on Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DWRC, 1717 Center Ave. in Janesville. Cori Marsh, Aging Programs supervisor and Karen Tennyson, Dementia Care Specialist will team up to provide education and support for families on the caregiving journey.

resources, discussing difficult topics and how a caregiver can take care of themselves.

"It doesn't matter where your loved one lives: what ries at their office location at matters is families having the information they need to assist their loved one to the best of their ability as alized Pathways to Wellness caregivers can feel alone or ill-equipped. Our day will be packed with information, support and even some laughter," says Marsh. "We want to offer education and support to family/close friends that are caregivers and answer any questions they might have.3

The program is free and will include all the materials, snacks and lunch. Preregistration is required by March 17. Contact Cori Marsh at 608-757-5016 or cori. marsh@co.rock.wi.us for more information or to reg-

Healthy living with mild cognitive impairment education series

In partnership with the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and the Alzheimer's Association, the ADRC of Rock County, is pleased to be one of several in-person satellite locations presenting the Healthy Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment Education Series throughout 2024. The four programs being offered those living and coping with

Please attend one or all of the series' sessions. The ADRC of Rock County will be hosting an in-person viewing option for the se-1717 Center Ave., Janesville on Friday, March 14, from 9:15 a.m. to noon: Personwith guest speaker David Rakel, M.D.

Register to attend the program in person at one of eight locations across Wisconsin, or participate from anywhere, live online via Zoom. Programs are free and open to all.

If attending in-person, an open discussion about the session will follow the viewing. This is a free educational opportunity. Reservations are required. To make reservations please contact Karen Tennyson, dementia care specialist of Rock County, at 608-741-3615.

Oakley Union UMC to hold Soup Day

Oakley Union United Methodist Church Soup Day Fundraiser will be Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Highway S. Attendees have a choice to dine in or drive through for a meal. Soup choices: chili mac, chili with beans or loaded potato. Dessert choices: cherry pie bar or Texas sheet cake. Also included provide guidance and sci- is a brick cheese sandwich. ence-backed strategies for Coffee and water will be available for the dine-in meals. Price per meal: \$8.

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Taco Nacho Bar on March 13 at Juda School

There will be a taco/nacho bar on March 13, from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m., or while supplies last, at the Juda School cafeteria.

years and older will receive planning for the future, local

The Boot Camp will cover topics such as what memory loss, dementia and Alzhei-Adults and children 10 mer's disease, caregiving,

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a diagnosis of MCI and their care partners.

and Jennifer McAlister, BA from the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Cen-

ter and expert guest speakers to learn more about MCI and how to prepare for and cope with the diagnosis.

Join Nathaniel Chin, MD Spring craft fair to be held in Juda on March 29

There will be a spring craft fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center at N2350 County Highway S in Juda. The snow date will be Sunday, March 30.

Admission is free. Stop in to see the vendors as well as eat breakfast or lunch. The event is sponsored by The Next Generation 4-H Club.

Albany alumni banquet, basketball tournament

The Albany Alumni basketball tournament will be held March 28 and 29 and the Alumni Banquet is May 24. Mitch Trow is in charge of the Alumni basketball tournament.





LIFEGUARDS NEEDED for the Brodhead Pool

Lifeguard classes are being offered at the Monroe YMCA on March 24, 25, and 26 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, anyone who needs to be re-certified can be at the Monroe YMCA on March 24 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sign up at the YMCA is required.

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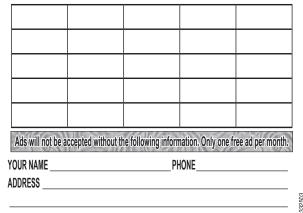
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