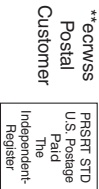


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BTC graduates 18 new law enforcement recruits

Blackhawk Technical College held a special ceremony Friday, May 16 to recognize the efforts of 18 students who completed training through its Law Enforcement Recruit Academy.

This was the 94th class to graduate from the academy, which provides the basic law enforcement training required to become a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin.

“It never gets old to see these men and women in uniform,” Troy Egger, Academy Director, said to the graduates. “This is the 11th graduation I’ve seen.” He added, “The skills these students learn will help them save lives.”

Ryan Simonson, class speaker, thanked faculty, classmates, his personal support network, and everyone involved in helping him through the academy.

“Everyone in this class showed strength and perseverance throughout the process,” said Simonson, who

works for the Rock County Sheriff’s Office.

Lt. Richard LeFeber received the Instructor of Excellence Award from the graduates.

“All the instructors at Blackhawk do an excellent job,” he advised the graduates. “When you make mistakes, learn and move on.”

Chief Deputy Jude Maurer of the Rock County Sheriff’s Office was the keynote speaker. He encouraged the graduates to maintain their mental resilience – this means understanding which things can be controlled and which things can’t be controlled.

“Law enforcement is an honorable and noble profession,” he said.

Two students also were recognized for four different awards of excellence:

Academic Achievement Award: Ryan Simonson

This award is given to the student with the highest

achievement for each of the three end-of-phase tests. The class had a 90-percent average. Simonson had more than 96 percent.

Outstanding Physical Fitness Award: Riley Long

To graduate, each student must pass a physical readiness test. This award is given to the student who demonstrated outstanding physical fitness and showed the most effort in the 32 hours of physical fitness throughout the past 18 weeks.

Ryan Copeland Marksmanship Award Recipient: Ryan Simonson

This award is named after Officer Ryan Copeland, a 2013 academy graduate who was killed in an on-duty traffic crash in 2015, and is given to a student who is ranked top in the class for marksmanship.

Terry Fell Leadership Award: Ryan Simonson

This award is named after Terry Fell, who was the academy director for 10 years and a former City of Beloit Police Chief, Rock County Sheriff’s

Office Chief Deputy, and Rock County Board member. Fell’s legacy is of leadership, honor and sense of duty. The award is given to a student who embodies those characteristics.

Members of Class 25-94

- Ivan Belmontes, Beloit Police Department
- Natalie Bittner, Town of Beloit Police Department
- Norman Bogdan, Janesville Police Department
- Hannah Derrickson, Mt. Horeb Police Department
- Kolin Hamilton, Rock County Sheriff’s Office
- Tyler Hanson, Evansville

Police Department

- Eric Jones Jr., Town of Geneva Police Department
- Riley Long, Rock County Sheriff’s Office
- Damien McCray, Beloit Police Department
- Nicolas Moore, Milton Police Department
- Matthew Mordhorst, Green County Sheriff’s Office
- Aydan Schwark, Evansville Police Department
- Ryan Simonson, Rock County Sheriff’s Office
- Isaiah Sobers, Beloit Police Department

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Front row, from left: Natalie Bittner, Norman Bogdan, Nicolas Moore, Hannah Derrickson, Damien McCray. Second row: Aydan Schwark, Riley Long, Kolin Hamilton, Nathan Steffens, Tyler Hanson, Stuart Wollangk. Third row: Isaiah Sobers, John Zurick, Matthew Mordhorst, Nicholas Spang, Eric Jones Jr., Ryan Simonson, Ivan Belmontes.

Child assault investigation results in arrest of convicted sex offender

On May 4, the Green County Sheriff’s Office received information regarding incidents of child sexual assault reported to have taken place in the Village of Albany and in rural Green County in the Town of Exeter.

Due to the nature of the alleged crimes, the Green County Sheriff’s Office Detective Division was assigned to conduct further investigation. The Green County Sheriff’s Office collaborated with the Village of Albany Police Department and Rock County Human Services to conduct a joint investigation which included utilizing the Child Advocacy Center in Rock County to assist in forensic interviews.



Derrick Prescott Nipple

As the investigation continued, Green County Law Enforcement developed probable cause to support the arrest of Derrick Prescott Nipple, 36, of rural Belleville, for the following child sex crimes:

- 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child (Victim under 13) – WI SS 948.02(1)(e)
- Exposing Genitals (to a child) – WI SS 948.10(1)
- Exposing a Child to Harmful Materials – WI SS 948.11

With the assistance of law enforcement in neighboring Lafayette County – specifically by the City of Darlington Police Department and

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Rep. Anderson, Sen. Spreitzer announce Medicaid town hall

On May 22, Republicans in the House of Representatives passed their bill to cut \$700 billion from Medicaid, which will lead to millions of people losing the Medicaid coverage that they rely on. In response, Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) and Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) are hosting a town hall on Medicaid to hear directly from constituents about this program.

Rep. Clinton Anderson said: “The recent vote on the Republican budget bill makes one thing clear: Congressio-

nal Republicans and Donald Trump are putting the wealthy ahead of hardworking Wisconsinites. By pushing to impose burdensome Medicaid requirements, they are stripping away healthcare from people who need it. These cuts are not about stopping fraud or abuse, but about stripping healthcare from people who get caught up in paperwork and red tape – all to help pay for tax breaks that benefit the rich, not regular families.

“I believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege for the

wealthy. As your Representative, I am committed to being accessible and responsive. That is why I am holding this town hall. To hear directly from you about the role Medicaid plays in your life and to stand together in defending it from these dangerous attacks.”

Sen. Mark Spreitzer said: “Every Wisconsinite should be able to get the healthcare they need, when they need it, and at a price they can afford. Medicaid is a necessary and lifesaving program that covers 40% of births, 38% of children,

and 60% of people in nursing homes. These Republican budget cuts will devastate Wisconsin families, children, and seniors. I invite anyone impacted by these Medicaid cuts, whether because they are healthcare workers, Medicaid recipients, or caretakers, to join us on Monday, June 2, to share their stories of the benefits of Medicaid.”

The Medicaid Town Hall will be held Monday, June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard, in Beloit.

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Winning \$350,000 SuperCash ticket sold in Janesville

Last Wednesday night was a jubilant evening in Janesville. A winning \$350,000 SuperCash ticket was sold at Kwik Trip on 2810 E. Milwaukee St. for the May 21, 2025, drawing.

A Wisconsin-only Lotto game, the winning numbers were 1-2-5-13-20-27. It is the seventh SuperCash top prize won in 2025.

Jamie, Kwik Trip manager said, "We are thrilled to have

a big winner purchase their ticket from this store."

Big wins at the Janesville Kwik Trip are becoming a yearly occurrence. The Lottery retailer sold winning scratch tickets of \$30,000 and \$10,000 (3X) in 2024, a \$88,000 Badger 5 jackpot in 2023, and a winning \$100,000 scratch ticket in 2022.

Wisconsin Lottery retailers who sell winning tickets

over \$599 receive a two percent Retailer Performance Program Winning Ticket Incentive, up to \$100,000.

Players have 180 days from the draw date to claim their winnings. Information on how to claim a Lottery prize is available at wilottery.com. Players can also check their tickets using the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app, available on the App Store or Google Play.

A Wisconsin-only game, SuperCash hosts daily drawings seven days a week. Tickets must be purchased before 9 p.m. to be included in that day's drawing. SuperCash offers two plays for \$1 and has a Doubler feature at no cost.

The odds of winning the \$350,000 SuperCash top prize are 1:1,631,312.

The odds of winning a Badger 5 jackpot are 1:169,911.

News briefs

Rock County Dairy breakfast in Evansville

The Rock County Dairy Breakfast will be hosted by the Richard Templeton family on Saturday, June 7 at Templeton Farms, 9743 Evansville Brooklyn Road, in Evansville.

Tickets for adults are \$10 and tickets for kids 10 and under are \$5.

Check the Facebook page for updates. Questions? Contact 608-290-4921.

Planning Ahead course coming to Albany library

Planning Ahead is a seven-session course that guides participants through several topics, including handling financial changes, advance medical and legal directives, estate planning, choices in end-of-life care, final wishes, and understanding grief.

The program will be held on Wednesday from May 28 to July 9, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Albertson Memorial Library at 200 N. Water St. in Albany.

A free workbook will be included with the course to help people with the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life.

New 4-way stop sign west of Janesville

The Rock County Highway Department has informed the Rock County Sheriff's Office of an upcoming change in traffic flow at the intersection of CTH A and CTH H, approximately 3.5 miles west of Janesville.

Effective Wednesday, May 28, the CTH A and CTH H intersection will have new 4-way stop-control signage installed.

Currently, the stop control is only on CTH H. The new installation will include new flashing stop signs, flashing stop ahead signs on CTH A, warning flags, reflective strips, "new traffic pattern" signs, and message boards giving notice of this change.

The installation began early in the morning of Wednesday, May 28, and will be completed and usable the same day. Please prepare for the new flow of traffic, as well as potential delays during installation.

Adopt a Flower Pot in Orfordville before June

Orfordville is holding their Adopt a Flower Pot again. Help beautify the village by sponsored a flower pot. The flower pots will be displayed on prominent street corners and in the local parks.

There is no need to worry about upkeep. Simply sponsor a pot for \$25 by filling out a form. Please return the form to the Village of Orfordville with a \$25 sponsor fee before June 2 to participate.

Sponsors will be mentioned in an appreciation post on Facebook, and will also be provided with a certificate of appreciation.

Footville announces notice of open book

The Open Book Session on property tax assessments for Footville will be held on Wednesday, June 18, from noon to 3 p.m., and on Thursday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Board of Review will be in session to hear objections that have not been resolved on Thursday, July 24, from noon to 2 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak at the Board of Review must submit a Notice of Intent to File an Appeal along with an Objection Form (PA-115A) to the Village Clerk before noon on Tuesday, July 22. Objec-

tion Forms (PA-115A) may be obtained at the Village Office or from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website at www.revenue.wi.gov.

Clean Sweep on June 28 for hazardous chemicals

The Clean Sweep drop-offs for hazardous household and farm chemicals will be in Beloit on Saturday, June 28, and Janesville on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Drop-off events are open to all Rock County residents. Space is limited so advance registration is required by calling the Rock County Land Conservation Department at 608-757-5588. Acceptable wastes include pesticides, mercury, solvents, oil-gas mixes, old gasoline, and contaminated vehicle fluids to name a few. No latex paint, motor oil, electronics, or batteries as all can be recycled locally.

Information on what to save for Clean Sweep and what to do with common household chemicals are all at the Rock County Clean Sweep website at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/clean-sweep, or can be mailed by request.

Rates for household, non-agricultural chemicals: \$5 for one small five quart pail of items; up to two boxes/5-gallon buckets of items are \$10 each; three boxes or 5-gallon buckets is \$40 for all; vendor rates apply for more than four boxes/buckets. County residents can get free disposal for up to 200 pounds or 30 gallons of agricultural chemicals with inventory required in advance.

Don't forget June Days in Orfordville

June Days will be June 6 to 8, with fireworks being on Saturday night.

Celebrating 125 years for Orfordville

Orfordville residents and businesses are invited to join in celebrating Orfordville's 125th Anniversary – a milestone that marks the village's history, community spirit, and future. The celebration will be held on June 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Orfordville Village Hall.

There will be historical exhibits, food, and more. Also, official Orfordville 125th Anniversary merchandise is now available. Shop online now at <https://orfordville125.printful.me/> and have items shipped directly.

Sky Carp to celebrate Hispanic Heritage June 3

The Sky Carp have joined Minor League Baseball teams in participating in Copa de la Diversión. The Sky Carp will wear jerseys that celebrate the local Hispanic heritage of the Stateline region. Guests can enjoy food and free paletas for the first 200 attendees. The Sky Carp will also welcome Grupo Folklorico Tercera Generación, traditional dancers from Beloit, to the game.

The team will celebrate Copa de la Diversión on June 3 against Fort Wayne at 6:05 p.m. During the game, the team will be known as the Paletas de Beloit. Paletas are a Mexican frozen treat made from fresh natural fruits, similar to a popsicle.

Copa de la Diversión is Minor League Baseball's initiative aimed at engaging U.S. Hispanic and Latino fans. It establishes an innovative platform that authentically connects MiLB teams with their diverse communities, embracing the culture and values that resonate with Hispanics and Latinos nationwide.



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June at the Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Cindy Clint
ALBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Here's what's happening during the month of June at the Albertson Memorial Library:

The Albertson Memorial Library Summer Library Program is all set to "Color our World" each Tuesday in June. There will be stories, crafts, and activities with a different color as the theme each week. Join us on an exciting journey as we explore various techniques to incorporate vibrant colors in a variety of styles onto t-shirts. T-shirts will be provided by the library. Two sessions will be held each Tuesday: 10 to 11 a.m. recommended for children pre-K through kindergarten and 1 to 2 p.m. recommended for children first grade and up. We understand that families may have children in both age groups, so please feel free to come to just one of the sessions with all your children. Please note that each session is tailored to that specific age group, so the activities and information may be more basic or more advanced depending on the session attended. Our schedule is as follows:

- June 3 – Blue
- June 10 – Red
- June 17 – Yellow
- June 24 – Purple

The Albertson Memorial Library 2025 Summer Reading Challenge is open, to all ages, from June 1 to Aug. 29. Participants can earn prize entries by tracking their reading. Sign up at the library and get a reading log. Read any material – audiobooks, eBooks, novels, etc. – to fill the log. Choose a prize for each completed log and return it for a new log – one log equals one entry. Repeat until Aug. 29. Prizes are showcased in our community display cabinet – feel free to stop by and take a look! Winners will be notified after the drawing.

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our website and at the library the Friday before the meeting. Join us to learn about the library's future plans!

Join the crafty fun at the library on June 4 at 6:30 p.m. for Diane's Craft Night, where you'll have the chance to make a see-through sharpie bookmark. Create a timeless bookmark for your favorite person; these nifty bookmarks are waterproof! Or give your current bookmark a snazzy new jacket makeover. Can't make it? No worries! You can collect a kit from the library anytime during June and enjoy crafting this project whenever it suits you!

Join the adventure at the Albertson Memorial Library on June 14 at 2:30 p.m. as

we begin our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase". Our campaign will kick off at level 1 and progress gradually over time. The first session is scheduled earlier to allow ample time for character creation. Subsequent sessions will take place at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Players are welcome to join at any point. If you missed creating a character at the first session, please reach out to us so we can plan for an early arrival. For those who prefer to create their own characters, we request adherence to D&D 5e material. Any unofficial content must receive approval from the DM. This campaign is suitable for ages 15 and up. If you're interested in attending, please let us know. No sign-up is necessary; we just want to gauge how many players will be joining.

As summer approaches, life tends to get busier. Our ultimate adult craft bash will be taking a break. Creative Capers will not hold meetings in June, July, or August. However, this crafting party will return in September.

"A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende is a powerful tale of resilience, love, and the impact of war on the human spirit. Join the Albertson Memorial Library's monthly book club, All Booked Up, on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion of this epic novel. We will delve into themes, character development, and the key lessons to take away.

Join the Sugar River Writers on June 26 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate your passion for the written word! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned writer, we warmly welcome everyone to come and participate!

Please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary, on Instagram at www.instagram.com/albertsonmemoriallibrary or check out our calendar of events on our website at www.albertsonlibrary.org for additional information.

Library Learnings

Preparing to celebrate your graduate? Let the Albertson Memorial Library assist you with your party planning. We offer a wide variety of items available for checkout from our Treasure Trove, ensuring your celebration is both enjoyable and budget friendly. You can find canopies, tables, roasters, and outdoor games among our offerings! These items can be borrowed at no charge, just bring along a valid Albertson Memorial Library card. Items can be checked out for one week, and patrons are welcome to visit the library to reserve items for their desired dates.



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Elementary students from Albany Elementary School visited the Albertson Memorial Library recently.

Elementary students visit Albany library

The elementary students from Albany Elementary School visited the Albertson Memorial Library recently for their final story time of the school year and as part of the kickoff for the Summer Library Program: Color Our World.

The 4-year-olds through

4th grade had a grand time listening to the story "Hello, Red Fox." There was a short lecture about how the eyes and the brain work together to perceive color and then the fun began ... a magic trick inside the eye. After staring intently at a picture for a few moments, the students could

see an afterimage – an orange fish turned into a blue fish, for example.

Some of the students had a hard time seeing the afterimage, most likely because they had a hard time sitting still without blinking or moving their heads at all.

The students also learned

about the Summer Reading Challenge and the prizes they could win, simply by keeping track of the books they read. The prizes were highlighted in a scavenger hunt/tour of the library. More information can be obtained by visiting Albertson Memorial Library in Albany.

Janesville announces the 2025 lineup for Music at the Marv

Downtown Janesville, Inc. (DJI) and the City of Janesville are thrilled to announce that Music at the Marv, Janesville's free weekly summer concert series, will begin on Tuesday, June 3. Weather permitting, each Music at the Marv concert will begin on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Lower Courthouse Park in Janesville. The portion of Main Street behind Courthouse Hill between Court St. and Saint Lawrence Ave. will once again be blocked off from 5 to 8:15 p.m. for the concert and vendors.

Organizers are excited

to present a diverse lineup of talented musicians that brings genres that span top hits, 60's, 70's, reggae, salsa, funk, blues, and more.

- June 3 – The BriTins
- June 10 – That Gurl
- June 17 – Too Deep
- June 24 – Tony Rocker and The Comeback Special Band
- July 1 – Gin, Chocolate and Bottle Rockets
- July 8 – Nauti Nauti
- July 15 – End Fight Scene
- July 22 – Orquesta Sal-Soul Del Mad
- July 29 – That 90's Band
- Aug. 5 – VanDwellers

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- Nicholas Spang, Edgerton Police Department
- Nathan Steffens, Janesville Police Department
- Stuart Wollangk, Sheboygan Police Department
- John Zurick, Janesville Police Department

Blackhawk's Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Academy prepares students for certification

as a law enforcement officer. Over a course of 720 instructional hours, recruits focus on the theories of law enforcement needed to be a sworn member of law enforcement in Wisconsin. In addition to the class instruction and hands-on practical exercises, recruits spend at least a half-hour of outside study time

•Assault (Continued from front page)

the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office – Nipple was taken into custody in the 800 block of Galena St., in the City of Darlington, on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 20.

Following his arrest, Nipple was transferred to the Green County Jail in Monroe, where he is being held without bond pending an initial appearance in Green County Circuit Court. Additional sex crime charges

are being referred to the Green County District Attorney's Office for review. This investigation remains active and no additional information will be released at this time.

Nipple has previous sex crime convictions in the State of Wisconsin. Nipple was convicted of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child under Green County CCAP case 2010CF52 where he plead no contest to

the charge in Green County Circuit Court in August 2010. Nipple was also previously convicted of a sex offender registry violation under Green County CCAP case 2013CF86 where he plead guilty in Green County Circuit Court in September 2013. Due to previous criminal convictions, Derrick Nipple is a lifetime sex offender registrant.

As official charges are is-

sued, additional information can be found on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Page (CCAP) at <https://www.wicourts.gov/casesearch.htm>. "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 unless proven guilty."

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Kandu Industries, a Rock County nonprofit dedicated to serving individuals with disabilities and disadvantages, recently announced it will host its 12th Annual Grapes and Hops wine and beer tasting fundraiser. The event returns for its fourth year to the Revv Aviation hangar at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, 4606 S. Atlantis Drive in Janesville, on Friday, May 30, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Known for its atmosphere and immersive experience, Grapes and Hops goes beyond traditional tastings by offering themed booths hosted by local “celebrities.” Guests will sip and sample from a concourse of creatively staged stations inspired by themes such as a 1920s Speakeasy, The Jetsons, and Rocky – all while interacting with community members pouring their favorite wine

and beer selections.

A continuous spread of unlimited gourmet hors d’oeuvres will be served throughout the evening. Guests will enjoy live entertainment by the Mike Dangerous Band, a high-energy Chicago-based group performing hits across decades and genres – from Motown to pop, and classic rock to ‘90s throwbacks.

Between musical sets, the excitement continues with a live auction featuring exclusive experiences and luxury items, including:

- Club seat tickets to a Green Bay Packers game of your choice
- A glamping adventure in a U.S. national park
- A seven-night stay for four in Tuscany
- “Ultimate Brewing Experience” at Good Works Brewing (create your own beer)
- Discovery flight with Revv Aviation

- In-home private chef dinner from Genisa’s
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Weather permitting, Revv Aviation will showcase antique and training aircraft for guests to view up close – adding a unique aviation twist to this already unforgettable evening.

Tickets are \$95 in advance – \$110 at the door – and can be purchased online at kanduindustries.com. Attendance is limited, and early ticket purchase is highly encouraged.

Proceeds from Grapes and Hops directly support Kandu’s mission-driven programs, including employment training, social enrichment, and daily living services for individuals with disabilities throughout Rock County. This year’s event is generously supported by a number of community

sponsors including major sponsors DSB Technologies, Charter Next Generation, Computer Magic, Johnson Financial Group, Playstar, Tricor, and Gage Marine.

Businesses or individuals interested in an event sponsorship or volunteering can learn more at kanduindustries.com or contact Linda Diedrich at 608-755-4123,

ext. 107. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$500 to \$10,000, offering valuable exposure and a chance to make a meaningful difference in the community.



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Volunteer celebrity pourers from TDS Telecom featured in their “Survivor” themed booth at Kandu’s 2024 Grapes and Hops event.

BTC announces winners of Golden Brick Award

Blackhawk Technical College is proud to announce the recipients of its 2025 Golden Brick Awards, recognizing individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the College and the broader community.

The winners will be honored during a breakfast event on Wednesday, June 4, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Beloit-Janesville Campus Conference Center. The ceremony will highlight the stories and achievements of each honoree, while offering guests a firsthand look at the programs and spaces that make Blackhawk a vibrant, hands-on learning environment for stu-

dents and a valuable partner to the community.

2025 Golden Brick Award Winners

- Community Partnership Award: Green County Human Services
- Philanthropic Award: Phil and Karen Knudsen
- K-12 Partnership Award: The Lincoln Academy
- Distinguished Alumni of the Year: Brandon Giles, Director of Laboratory, Respiratory, Sleep, and EEG at Beloit Health System, and 2013 Medical Laboratory Technician graduate
- Rising Star Alumni Award: Josh Lichtfuss, Man-

ager at Grande Cheese and 2021 Business Management graduate

- Faculty Member of the Year: Melissa Dix, Web Software Developer Instructor
- Staff Member of the Year: Lena Verkuilen, Teaching and Learning Resources Administrative Assistant

Special thanks to JPCullen, SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital–Janesville, Blain’s Farm & Fleet, and First National Bank and Trust for sponsoring this year’s awards.

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UWW at Rock County recognizes students at award ceremony

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County recognized more than 60 students at an award ceremony in May to celebrate the 2024-25 academic year.

The following students from the local area earned at least one award:

Albany

- Inanda Converse, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: First Year Lecture – Promising Students.

Beloit

- Carlos Almaraz, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics.
- Calista Castellanos, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.
- Erin Connolly, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society for two-year colleges).
- Jameson Flanagan, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.
- Sebastian Grajeda, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: Lab Rat Award.
- Andres Mora, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).
- Armando Reyes-Campos, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Roselyn Rosas, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Alexandra Sanchez, who is enrolled in the Criminology degree program and earned the following award: Warhawk Solution Center Worker of the Year.

- Nash Swanson, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: First Year Lecture – Promising Students.

- Samara Woods, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: First Year Lecture – Promising Students.

Brooklyn

- Linsie Stoltz, who is enrolled in the Associate of Arts Collaborative degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

Clinton

- Itzel Gonzalez, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Student Club of the Year member (Grandma’s House).

Edgerton

- Aster Cross, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics; TRIO/LSC Student Staff and Tutors.
- Liberty Wyss, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

Janesville

- Kasey Aceves, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science

degree program and earned the following awards: English 102 Student of the Year; TRIO/LSC Student Staff and Tutors; TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Jasmine Bertschy, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Jacob Boeke, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following awards: Excellence in First Year Chemistry; Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics.

- Aliana Carrillo-Roeling, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following awards: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society); TRIO/LSC Student Staff and Tutors; TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Molly Cullum, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: TRIO/LSC Student Staff and Tutors.

- Zoritz Dragisic, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: Lab Rat Award.

- Sam El-Khatib, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics.

- Ephraim Gates, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics.

- Ryan Granger, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics.

- Alex Hart, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

- Serenity Hernandez, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Andy Holmbeck, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following awards: Rock Star Award; Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society); Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society for two-year colleges).

Award winners fought against invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) congratulates the 2025 Invasive Species Action Awards winners from Northeast Wisconsin, presented by the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council during Invasive Species Action Month.

Invasive plants can cause unsightly and costly problems for forests, parks, trails and even individual landowners. Once given a foothold, these hardy, fast-growing species can take over an area, crowding out and replacing native plants and upsetting the natural balance of habitat for plants and wildlife.

However, there are individuals all over Wisconsin who

dedicate time, money and effort to fighting invasive species. It can be long, solitary and often thankless work, and these individuals deserve recognition.

Tom Bressner of Madison, Wisconsin, and Moweaqua, Illinois, is one of the 2025 honorees. Bressner has served on the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council for almost 13 years. During this time, he has thoughtfully provided his perspective as a senior advisor for the Wisconsin Agri-Business Association. Bressner's contributions to the Council have been significant, and the Council thanks him as he looks forward to retirement.

This year, 16 individuals

and one group were honored with Invasive Species Action Awards across the state. These honorees have been invited to Wisconsin's 21st annual Invasive Species Action Awards event, a ceremony set for Wednesday, June 4, at the Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station in Black River Falls.

Each winner will receive a plaque and a thank-you from the Wisconsin Invasive Species Council. DNR Secretary's Director for Western Wisconsin Jill Schoen will also be there to recognize the impacts of invasive species control and acknowledge all the outstanding work being done on this critical issue.

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- Angelina Jorgenson, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: First Year Lecture – Promising Students.

- Zae Keller, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Warhawk Solution Center Worker of the Year.

- Abi Leon, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following awards: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society); TRIO Students of Distinction; Student Club of the Year member (Grandma's House).

- Paige Letcher, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

- Malachi Payne, who is enrolled in the Political Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO/LSC Student Staff and Tutors.

- Alexis Peralta-Ruiz, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

- KiKe Perez-Zarate, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

- Carlos Rios, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.

- David Romero Arroyo, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: TRIO Students of Distinction.

- Kealand Sauser, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society).

- Alex Severt, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following awards: TRIO Students of Distinction; Warhawk Solution Center Worker of the Year.

- Olivia Smecko, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following award: Lab Rat Award.

- Daniel Torres, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society for two-year colleges).

- Cade Vogt, who is enrolled in the Arts and Science degree program and earned the following award: Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics.

Milton

- Cade Stowe, who is enrolled in the Psychology degree program and earned the following awards: Sigma Delta Mu (Spanish Honor Society); Warhawk Solution Center Worker of the Year.

Monroe

- Kristopher Gillespie, who is enrolled in the Liberal Arts degree program and earned the following awards: Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking; Inquisitive Minds – Mathematics; Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society for two-year colleges).

Students were recognized by URock faculty and staff members for their work in the classroom and within the campus community.

UW-Whitewater at Rock County held its 2025 spring commencement ceremony for graduates of the College of Integrated Studies on Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Wells Cultural Center.

The commencement speaker was Jane Blain Gilbertson, owner and executive chair of Blain's Farm and Fleet. The company was founded in 1955 and currently employs 5,500 associates in stores throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan. A Janesville native, Blain Gilbertson received her Bachelor of Science in Retailing from

Miami University. She currently serves as vice chair of the Wisconsin Manufacturing and Commerce Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce and on the board of the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, Janesville Performing Arts Center, and the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce.

The student speaker was Gloria Lara, a Delavan resident and mother of three who is earning her Associate of Arts and Sciences. Her academic goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in social work followed by a dual master's degree in social work and public health. She eventually hopes to develop a nonprofit community-based program to support first-generation daughters of immigrants.

During the ceremony, the Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Aimee Thurner, who attended URock in 1998. She is the president and CEO of the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, where she has worked for more than 20 years, and serves on the board of directors for Visit Beloit and the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards were also announced at the Rock County campus ceremony.

Learn more about UW-Whitewater at Rock County by visiting uwu.edu/rock.

Making handprints and having a ball



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA ROTH *Rock Valley Publishing*

The Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time celebrated Dads for another week, reading "A Wild Father's Day," "I love my Daddy Because ..." and "Dad, Are You the Tooth Fairy?" Two weeks ago the preschoolers made footprints. This week, they used handprints to illustrate their pictures. Afterwards, everyone had great fun playing in the new ball pit in the Kid's Corner. The ball pit is filled with all the colors of the rainbow, the theme for the upcoming Summer Library Program: Color Our World. AML is offering two different classes every Tuesday from June 3 through July 8. The morning session meets at 10 a.m. for the youngest patrons, aged 4 through 6, and features rainbow projects. The afternoon session, at 1 p.m. is for school agers, grades 2 through 5, who will explore more science-related activities including leaf chromatography and spitting white light. The SLP participants will also use a variety of art techniques to make a t-shirt, including bubble printing, plant pounding, and alcohol inks. By the end of the summer, everyone will have a unique t-shirt to remember the summer of fun.

JUNE DAYS JUNE 6 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Live Music ~ END FIGHT SCENE ~ 7PM
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Food Trucks ~ Lion's Club Corn Grill ~ Face Painting ~ Beer Garden ~
Papa Dox Axe Throwing and joining us all weekend- M&M Carnival Games

SOMETHIN' SIMPLE ~ 1pm BLUE STEEL ~ 7pm

Fritz Yaun Annual Softball Tournament ~ Beer Garden ~
Splash Dash 5K Fun Run ~ Quilts of Valor Presentation ~
Andy's Pork Chops & Brats ~ Food Trucks ~ Lion's Club Corn Grill ~
Pickleball ~ OFD CPR Demo ~ Face Painting ~ Caricature Artist ~
Papa Dox Axe Throwing ~ M&M Carnival Games

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JUNE 8 RAINBOW BRIDGE ~ 1PM

Parade ~ Fritz Yaun Softball Tournament ~ Beer Garden ~
Andy's Pork Chops & Brats ~ Food Trucks ~ Lion's Club Corn Grill
Corn Hole Bags Tournament ~ Face Painting ~ Caricature Artist ~
Papa Dox Axe Throwing ~ M&M Carnival Games

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF STORAGE LIEN SALE

Sugar River Storage, located at 600 Dixon Drive and 210 Summit St., Albany WI 53502 will conduct a lien sale at 5 p.m. on June 15th, 2025. Following is a brief description of the units subject to sale.

Unit 106, Tim Volenberg - personal property
Unit 98, Kim Pitman - tools, door, tubs of personal property

Sale is subject to minimum bid and cancellation or reschedule. Units may be redeemed by paying owner, Sugar River Storage, PO Box 40, Albany WI 53502 anytime prior to sale. Excess funds will be sent to State Treasurer. For information call 608-558-1510

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Appeals for the Village of Orfordville will meet on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to hear a variance request. Applicant George Maas of 209 N. Main Street, Orfordville has applied for a variance for a reduced side yard setback. Maas is requesting to build an addition to his existing garage which will be two feet from the side yard. The existing garage is currently two feet from the side yard. The meeting will be held at the Village Hall in the Main Board Room at 303 E. Beloit Street. Adjoining land owners or land owners within one hundred feet will be notified separately by mail.

Sherri Waage
Village Clerk
Village of Orfordville

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

To be held Monday, June 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly town board meeting at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI for the following purpose: To consider an application by Kore Kauffman, 18250 W Hafeman Rd., Brodhead WI 53520 for an ag business conditional use permit to operate family farm business for a hydraulic repair shop to be an asset and service to the local farming community on his property. This conditional use is provided for in the Town of Spring Valley Zoning Ordinance section 4.4. The property is zoned A-1, located at 18250 W. Hafeman Rd., E part of SW1/4, of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31.

The Town of Spring Valley Planning & Zoning Committee recommended the board approve the application at its April 28, 2025 meeting and has advised the Board of their recommendation. A quorum of the Committee members may be present for information-gathering purposes.

Dela Ends, Clerk
Town of Spring Valley

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ZONING AND PLANNING MEETING

Town of Avon

Avon Town Hall
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520
June 3rd, 2025 @ 6:15 p.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board for the Town of Avon will be meeting on June 3rd, 2025 to discuss the recommendations from Rock County Planning, Economic, & Community Development Agency regarding the land division for Ray W Johnson - Johnson Family Trust located at SW ¼ of SW ¼ in Section 32 (parcel number 6-1-281).

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 in-

fer 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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ZONING AND PLANNING MEETING

Town of Avon

Avon Town Hall
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520
June 3rd, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board for the Town of Avon will be meeting on June 3rd, 2025 to discuss the recommendations from Rock County Planning, Economic, & Community Development Agency regarding the land division Justion Wiemer located at 8311 S Nelson Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 (NW ¼ of SW ¼ Section 10).

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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BOARD OF REVIEW

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Village of Orfordville
Rock County

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Village of Orfordville, Rock County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on June 4, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Village Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street, Orfordville, WI 53576.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.
2. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board about the person's objection, except at a session of the Board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.
3. The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board's first scheduled meeting, and the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the Board of Review within the first 2 hours of the Board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evi-

dence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the Board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

5. When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Village of Orfordville has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.
7. The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
8. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 19th day of May, 2025.

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Village Clerk

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Police news

Registration open for Cops & Bobbers event

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the first 2025 Cops & Bobbers event will be held on June 17, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Floating Toy, 723 East Ellendale Road, in Edgerton. Youth participants accompanied by Sheriff's Office staff will fish Lake Koshkonong from pontoon boats. Check-in will start at 9:45 a.m.; an adult guardian must be present at check-in.

There are twenty spots available for kids ages 7 to 12. These spots will fill on a first come basis.

Guardians can register their children online at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-soffice/recreational-patrol/cops-and-bobbers.

Upon submitting the registration form, review the on-screen confirmation message. Life jackets, fishing gear, and lunch will be provided during the event. Participants will receive a t-shirt.

The Sheriff's Office is seeking sponsorships for the Cops & Bobbers Program. These events are free to participants

due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors. To learn more about sponsorships, email Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Lund at 608-373-3816.

Orfordville man dead in motor vehicle crash

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died following a motor vehicle accident on May 19. The incident occurred in the 1400 Block of Madison Road in the City of Beloit, and was reported to authorities at or around 7:07 p.m. The individual can be identified as: Jay L. Wood, 58, of Milton.

Mr. Wood was pronounced deceased at a local hospital on May 19. A forensic examination was completed on May 20. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Mr. Wood died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

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

Mr. Runaas was pronounced deceased at a local hospital on May 13. A forensic examination was completed on May 14. Preliminary results of the examination confirm that Mr. Runaas died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time.

This incident remains un-

College news

Brodhead student graduates from University of Dubuque

This spring, the University of Dubuque celebrated the academic accomplishments of undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students with two commencement ceremonies on campus. The University of Dubuque Spring Commencement was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center. The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Commencement was held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, in Blades Chapel, Blades Hall.

Brodhead

• Hannah Shickles, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude

University of Dubuque Spring Semester 2025 Academic Dean's List

The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Spring Semester 2025 Academic Dean's List.

Full-time students in good academic standing – registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term – who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term.

Dean's List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively.

Brodhead

- Alexis Kammerer
- Hannah Shickles
- Onnika Williams

UWW students present at national conference

A total of 21 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater presented undergraduate research projects at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research on April 7 to 9, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The following students from the local area attended the national conference:

- Heather Guiney, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Psychology.

- Natalie Shortreed, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Environmental Science – Geoscience.

- Brianna Gaulin, of Orfordville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Environmental Science.

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study by sponsoring the annual conference. Student scholars from all institutions of higher learning and from all disciplines attend the event.

Local students make President's List at Western Technical College

The following local residents were named to the Western Technical College President's List of High Distinction for the Spring 2025 term. To be included on the President's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and carry six or more credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

- Kaylyn Field of Beloit
- Paityn Kail of Brodhead

Area students named to Dean's List at Wisconsin Lutheran College

Students were named to Wisconsin Lutheran College's Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.6 or higher.

- Rylie Arensdorf, of Janesville, a junior at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Rylie is a graduate of Joseph A. Craig High School.

- Jillian Scharlau, of Edgerton, a sophomore at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Jillian is a graduate of Edgerton High School.

- Samuel Schmidt, of Janesville, a sophomore at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Samuel is a graduate of Lakeside Lutheran High School.

New Glarus student is a university honors and awards recipient

Upper Iowa University has announced its 2025 Honors and Awards program recipients. As one of the honorees, Rebekah Bailey of New Glarus was awarded the Clark/Bowen En-

der investigation by the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department.

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dowed Scholarship.

Beloit student graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College in May

Rebecca Schildgen, of Beloit, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Social Services. Rebecca is a graduate of F. J. Turner High School.

Local student graduates from Coe College

Congratulations to Olivia Marcellus, who was among a group of truly exceptional graduates this past year at Coe College.

Marcellus, of Orfordville, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The graduating Kohawks demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts; were leaders in research and community service; and completed thousands of internship hours with local, national, and international organizations. They leave Coe equipped with the resumes and determination to expand their leadership roles into their budding professional lives.

Marcellus was among more than 200 students who received degrees.

Beloit student named to Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University

Bryn Marshall of Beloit was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Spring 2025. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Bryn Marshall also earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in Nursing from Cedarville University.

Central College student scholarship recognition

Central College students were recognized during the annual Scholarship Dinner for scholarships earned and applied to the 2024-25 academic year.

• David DiStefano of Janesville received the Journey Scholarship Fund and The Artis Vande Voort Leabo Scholarship. DiStefano is a member of the Class of 2028.

• Alexah Mellenberger of New Glarus received the Marcia Hopkins Hibbard Scholarship in Mathematical Sciences. Mellenberger is a member of the Class of 2025.

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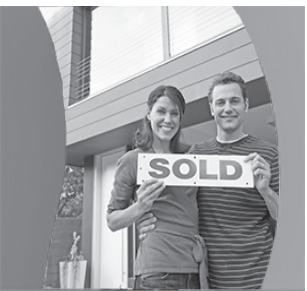
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Bohm named new WTCS Ambassador for Blackhawk

Avery Bohm has been named Blackhawk Technical College’s Student Ambassador for the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). As part of this leadership program, she will represent Blackhawk at the state, participate in events over the next year, and join a network of ambassadors dedicated to advocacy for technical education.

Avery, a Beloit Memorial High School graduate and Business Management student at Blackhawk, works as a student worker and peer advisor in the college’s Financial Aid Office, assisting students with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process and loan decisions. Outside of campus, she runs her own in-home custom bakery, crAVEable.

“Growing up, education always seemed like a checklist – get good grades, pass all the classes, graduate, go to college, and eventually land a stable job,” Avery said. “While this traditional trajectory is what many aim for, I’ve always felt that I wanted more than just to follow a set path. I wanted to truly enjoy the learning process, explore new ideas, and challenge myself, all while still being able to balance the many responsibilities I have in life.”

Financial struggles have influenced Avery’s educational choices, and she wanted to attend college without accumulating much debt. Financial aid, scholarships and a work-study program at Blackhawk have made that possible.

“This path has not only given me the opportunity to gain valuable skills, but it has also allowed me to run my small business, earn an income, and contribute to supporting both myself and my family,” she said. “In



Avery Bohm

the end, I’m able to pursue a meaningful education that aligns with my goals, passions, and needs, all while creating a sustainable future for myself and those I care about.” Avery was nominated by Alicia Acker, Career Services and Leadership Development Coordinator at Blackhawk, who said Avery is an exceptional student with a deep commitment to her peers and the college community.

“Avery is dedicated to her academics and approaches every challenge with enthusiasm, focus, and a strong work ethic. She is very professional, an excellent communicator, and a great example of what can be accomplished with hard work, determination, and a passion for education,” Alicia said.

As part of the WTCS Ambassador program, one student from each of the state’s 16 technical college districts is selected to act as an advocate for vocational and technical education. Students serve a one-year term and are called upon to make special appearances, give presentations and participate in various events on behalf of the WTCS.

To be considered for this honor, students must be nominated by faculty or staff and complete an application packet. Students are then selected to participate in the interview process. During the interview, students deliver a presentation describing their personal journey and decision to attend a technical college. The student selected receives a \$1,250 scholarship.

Avery was celebrated at a banquet on April 10 in Wisconsin Dells with family members and leaders from the state’s technical colleges and WTCS.

GENE & LINDA BUDD AUCTION

TRACTORS, TRAILERS, FARM EQUIPMENT, TOOLS & SHOP, LAWN & GARDEN, LUMBER, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 • 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: N2473 Carnie Rd., Monroe, WI. From Monroe, head west on HWY 11 for approx. 1 mile, head south on Carnie Rd. for ½ mile to the sale.

NOTES: After many years in the Monroe area, the Budds have decided to offer this fine collection at public auction and are relocating to be closer to their grandchildren. All pieces are very clean and well taken care of.

TRACTORS: 1948 JD B, NF, gas, 3 pt hitch, PTO, new distributor & battery, single hyd; 1949 Massey Harris, NF, gas, pto, new water pump, fan belt, & alternator; both tractors are parade ready.

TRAILERS: 2008 Gold Star Enterprises 18’ Flatbed, tandem axles, beaver tail, pull-out ramps, mounted in winch; 4’x8’ Utility Trailer, lights.

SNOWBLOWER: Toro Power Clear 721 snow thrower, 21” 212 single stg. gas with elec. start, like new.

MISC. FARM ITEMS: 6’ pull behind, 3 pt blade; 38”x10” 9-bolt tractor rims; 2-sets of JD rear wheel weights; AC WD45 tractor hood; 2-AC WD45 fenders; 6”x30’ flat belt; multi-sized drain hoses; 4-sets of tractor chains; farmer’s jack; 2 5/16 rec. hitch ball; 3 pt boom; Farmall Parts: 2-sets of rear wheel weights; fenders for H or M; battery boxes; seat.

TOOLS & SHOP ITEMS: 3-Craftsman tool chests, on wheels; Enco 5/8 drill press; port. Sandborn air comp.; 8-gal. port. central pneumatic compressor, 2 hp; 2-older compressors; Wagner twin stroke paint sprayer, piston pump, ½ hp.; bench top 7” wet tile saw; Campbell Hausfeld HVLP paint pump; bench grinder; 3-alum. step ladders, 6’, 8’, & 12’ alum. ext. ladder; Knipco heater, 115,000 BTU; Omni 105 kerosene heater; elec. hoist 880 lbs., remote, like new; tire changer; wrenches, (SAE & metric); central pneumatic earthquake ½” prof. air impact wrench; Hitachi 3 ½” nail driver; ramps; 2-ton floor jack; 2-wheel carts; 4-28” tie down straps; chains & binders; steel shelving units; asst. elec. cords; Ace Transfer pump, power take off for PTO; squirrel fan; asst. of hand tools incl. sockets, screw drivers, ratchets, & drill bits; motorcycle jack; battery boxes; Craftsman pole saw; 3-3’ class A chimneys; Cen-Tech rotary laser leveling kit.

LAWN & GARDEN: Generac 3000 psi pressure washer; Ingersoll 3016 garden tractor, with 42” mower deck, including 48” snow blower attach., approx. 2,556 hrs., rear tire chains, & weights, runs good; JD 160 lawn tractor, 38” deck, runs, but starts hard; 18” MTD garden tiller; 42” pull behind aerator; 30” lawn sweeper; Fimco pull behind sprayer with booms & motor; seeder/fertilizer; 14” Weber charcoal grill; sev. garden hoses; bird baths; wooden JD mailbox, 11”x25”; wheelbarrow; live traps; 4-resin deck chairs; wrought iron/wooden patio bench; misc. garden tools.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: 1930-1940s metal scooter; meat cleaver; machete; red coaster wagon; size 9 Mickey Mouse boots; David White transit with tripod & survey stick, used to lay houses; Ridgeway grandfather clock; glassware incl. Fenton, carnival, & depression; white pitcher with wash basin; white chamber pot; kerosene lamps; Olympia beer clock; Coca Cola frames & bottles; Strohl’s Beer Frame; old “bar open” sign; Singer sewing machines, 3-in cab, 2-port; sewing cabinet; Industrial sewing mach.; Magnavox console record player; 2-underwood typewriters; Elvis wall clock; Brett Favre pictures; 6’ stand-up cardboard cut-outs, Brett Favre, Marilyn Monroe, & Killian’s Red model; 45s, 75s & 4-33s records; wrought iron trivets; approx. 50 beanie babies with tags in cases, like new; Marilyn Monroe doll; Mary Moo’s John Deere figurines; NIB-Norwegian graduation Barbies; box of 1989 fleer baseball cards; Matchbox cases, 2-with Matchbox & Hot Wheels cars; toy farm tractors; luggage; VHS tapes cabinet; Yamaha PSR-21 piano keyboard with stand.

HOUSEHOLD & MISC. ITEMS: Gibson chest freezer, 7.2 cu. ft.; dining table with 6-chairs; 8-chairs; 2-drawer lamp stand; twin bed frames with headboards; recliner; hall bench; 32” LG flat screen TV; 20 ½”x48” black glass TV stand; computer desk & chair; wood framed mirror with coat hooks, old; copper wall hanging; men’s & women’s golf clubs with bags & golf clubs; wooden handle golf clubs; Teeter inversion table; books; housewares; child’s table with 2 chairs; men’s & women’s bowling balls & bags; Legos.

WOODWORKING EQUIP. & LUMBER: 2-Shopsmith jointers & 1-Shopsmith Bandsaw, bandsaw & jointer will be offered separately; Makita sliding compound miter saw; Shopsmith stand-alone scroll saw; bandsaw; 24” Accura double drum sander, model 03525, 9hp; 1” Shopsmith belt sander; Shopsmith scroll sander; 12” Belsaw thickness planer, Model 9103, older; Craftsman ½” shaper; homemade router table & lathe; porter cable plunge router, also mdl 690 & 3 trim routers; mortising mach. ½ hp motor, like new; 1 hp reliant dust collector; cabs used for work benches, one with quick release; leg vise; pipe clamps; Jorgenson wood clamps, pipe, bar, & some 6” clamps; set of used Bailey hand planes; Craftsman routers; sev. orbit sanders; sev. comb & framing squares; JDS air filter, 33”x12”x25”; lg. quantity of woodworking magazines; 1” strip sander, sells separate from the bench; spindle sander; sandpaper.

LUMBER: ¼ sawn oak (8-8’, 9-4’), 8’ oak, 2” cherry, & walnut, all various sizes.

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Bandits pitching staff shuts down Sky Carp

By Josh Flickinger
BELOIT SKY CARP

Another sellout crowd, packed with young members of Poopsie’s Reading Club, saw the Sky Carp drop the series finale 5-1 to the Quad Cities River Bandits Sunday afternoon at ABC Supply Stadium.

The Carp managed seven hits on the day, but scored their only run in the ninth inning on a sacrifice fly from Jacob Jenkins-Cowart that

plated Ryan Ignoffo.

The River Bandits scored a run in the first, two more in the fourth and cemented the game’s outcome with two more in the ninth.

The Sky Carp pitching staff had a solid day for the most part. Holt Jones pitched two scoreless innings that included five strikeouts, while Gabe Bierman and Brandon White each had scoreless outings.

Ignoffo had a breakout performance offensively, finish-

ing with three hits including a pair of doubles to pace the attack.

The Sky Carp headed to Lansing and took on the Lug-nuts in the first of a six-game series Tuesday, May 27 at 5:05 Central Time. The Carp will return to ABC Supply Stadium for a six-game series with the Fort Wayne TinCaps beginning Tuesday, June 3 at 6:05 p.m.

Visit skycarp.com for tickets.

UWW forensics team goes to national championship

Megan Ehle, a biology major from Janesville, was one of five students from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater who represented the Warhawk forensics team at the 2025 National Speech Championship on March 22 to 23 in Peoria, Illinois.

The Warhawks placed 14th in the nation at this year’s National Speech Championship.

Megan Ehle, a biology major from Janesville, Wis., reached the quarterfinals in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation and the semifinals in communication analysis and poetry. Abby Frey, a theatre major

from Madison, Wis., qualified for the quarterfinals in dramatic interpretation and program oral interpretation and the semifinals in poetry.

Other quarterfinalists included Emmallee Empey, an economics and mathematics major from Abbotsford, Wis., in extemporaneous speaking; Justin Rietmann, a computer science and English major from Merrimac, Wis., in impromptu speaking; and Amelia Moody, a management and entrepreneurship major from Fitchburg, Wis., in prose performance.

For the second time in its history, the team also attend-

ed the American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament.

A nationally recognized competitive speech team, the UW-Whitewater Forensics Team wins more than 100 awards annually. The team is advised by Brian Schanen, UW-Whitewater lecturer of communication, and competes year-round against the top teams from collegiate institutions around the country.

UW-Whitewater annually hosts the Whitewater Forensics Institute (WFI), which is scheduled for July 6 to 12 for competitors of all experience levels entering grades 9 to 12 next fall.

UWW students conduct undergraduate research

More than 150 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater conducted undergraduate research during the 2024-25 academic year. Several students presented their research at events around the nation.

The following students conducted research at UW-Whitewater during the 2024-25 academic year:

- Andrew Rynes, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Computer Science.
- Anna Olson, of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Theatre.
- Avi Stone, of Edgerton, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Theatre.
- Brianna Gaulin, of Orfordville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Environmental Science.
- Caitlyn Dickman, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
- Emma Middleton, of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Environmental Science.
- Grace Quade, of Milton, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Communication.
- Heather Guiney, of Janesville, whose major at

UW-Whitewater is Psychology.

- Beto Patino Luna, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Geography.
- Jacob Kostinek, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Undeclared.
- Kaylynn Bacon, of Albany, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Undeclared.
- Kayne Dimmig, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Human Performance.
- Keala Eaton, of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Arts and Science.
- Kendyll Smith, of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Arts and Science.
- Kylie Abbott, of Beloit, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Biology.
- Mickey Stampfl, of Brooklyn, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Physical Education.
- Natalie Shortreed, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Environmental Science - Geoscience.
- Shae Weir, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Environmental Science.
- Jacob Slinde, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Chemistry.

• Alexis Jones, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Psychology.

• Benjamin Skaleski, of Janesville, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Undeclared.

• Cade Stowe, of Milton, whose major at UW-Whitewater is Psychology.

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