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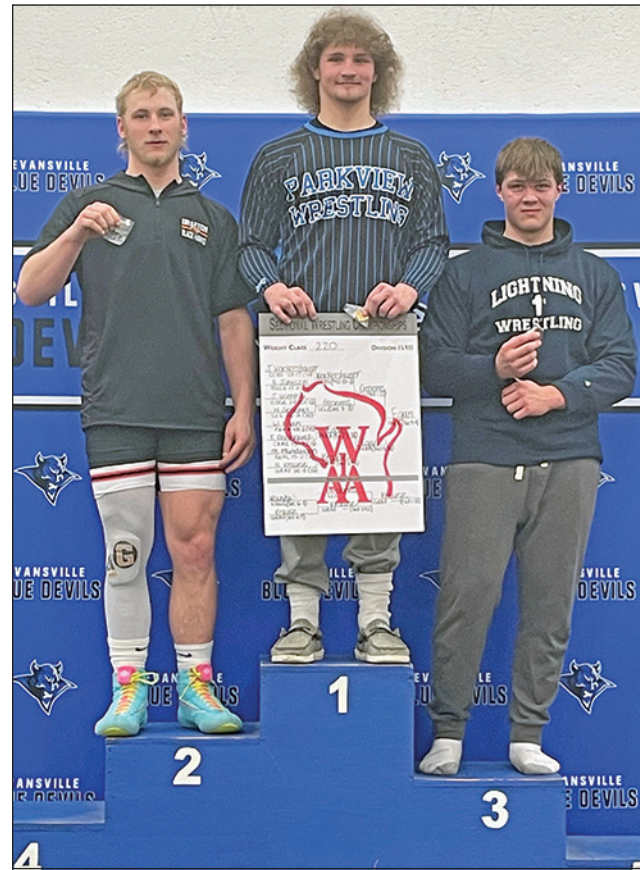
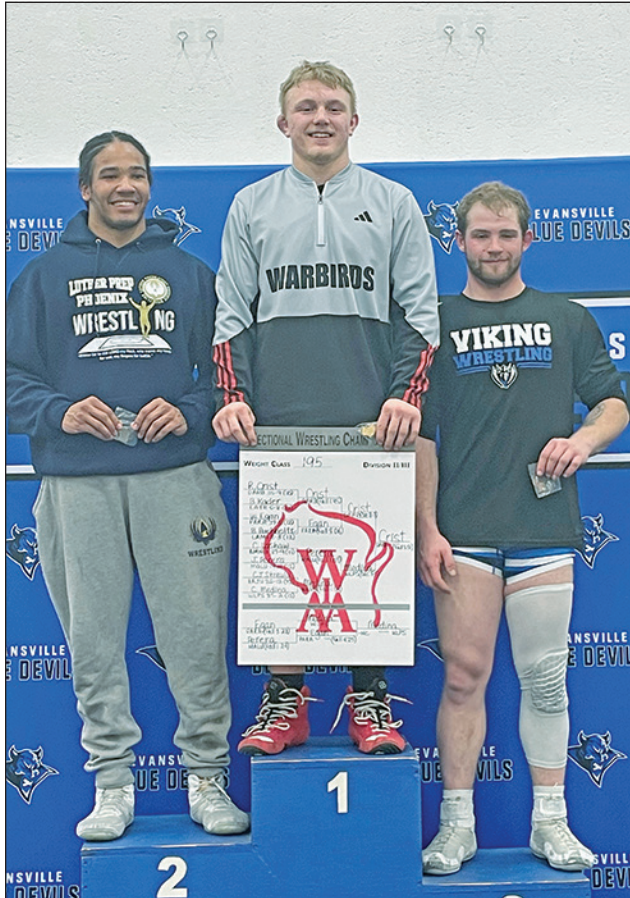
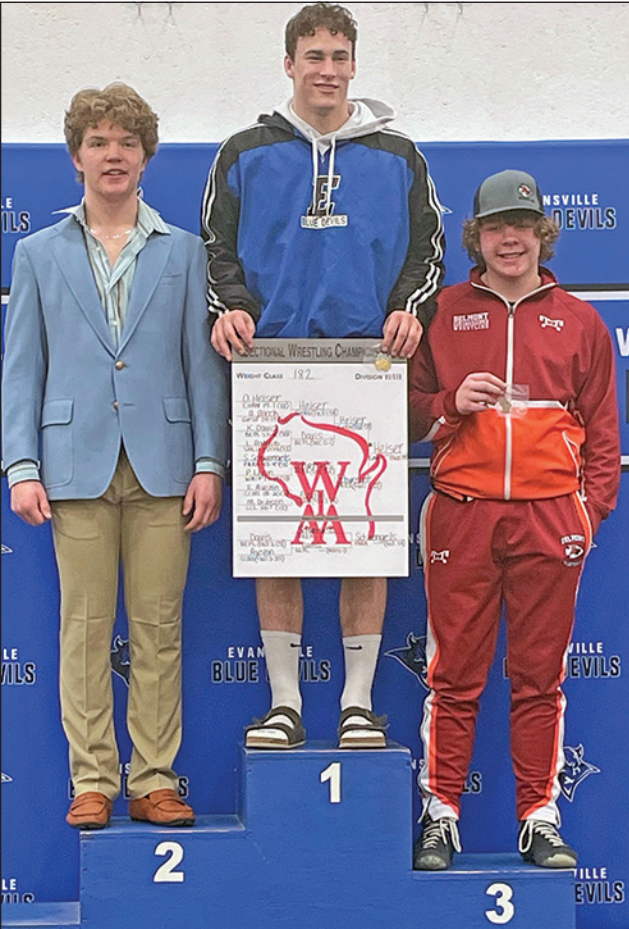
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Pictured above from left to right: Sam Schwengels in suit 2nd place. Wyatt Egan 3rd place. Wes Egan 1st place.

## Three Parkview/Albany Wrestlers punch their ticket to the Kohl Center!

By Joel Steinmann  
PARKVIEW-ALBANY COACH  
On Saturday, Feb. 18 in Evansville at the D2 sectionals 8 wrestlers continued their quest to the Kohl Center in Madison for the state tournament Feb. 23, 24, 25.  
Finishing in the top 3 and moving on are 182# Sam Schwengels 46-5 (2nd), 195# Wyatt Egan 40-7 (3rd) and 220# Wes Egan 47-2 (1st). Placing 4th 120# Danny Fin-

ley 38-10, and 138# Evan Suer 33-19. 106# Slater Valley 38-10, 132# Ian Suer 39-12.  
106# McAllister Ramage (LCL) over Slater Valley by pin. In the wrestle back Owen Voegeli (Mon) over Valley S-V 8-6.  
120# Danny Finley over Zion Salle (MALU) by pin. Semifinals Chase Rodriguez (BFWB) over Finley by pin. Wrestle back Finley received

a Bye. 3rd place match Lincoln Keller (Evans) over Finley by pin.  
132# Mason Gill (SHLU) over Ian Suer by MD 14-1. In the wrestle back Zak Ries (Turn) over Suer by Dec 11-4.  
138# Evan Suer over Trayson Thomason (WW) by pin. In the semifinals Joe Lahmar (BJ) over Suer by MD 8-0. In the wrestle back Suer over Aleksei Soloviyov (WLPS) by pin. In the 3rd place match

Mason Oellerich (BEPL) over Suer by Dec 13-7.  
182# Sam Schwengels over Payton Lyon (WW) by Dec 7-4. In the semifinals Schwengels over Fox Austin (CCBS) by pin. In the Finals Owen Heiser (Evans) over Schwengels by pin. In the 2nd place wrestle back Schwengels over Kayden Davis (BEPL) by pin.  
195# Wyatt Egan over Ben Buchholtz (LAMI) by

pin. Semifinals Ross Crist (DABH) over Egan by dec 8-3. Wrestle back Egan over Blake Kader (EATR) by pin. In the 3rd place match Egan over Jalen Perea (MALU) by pin. In the 2nd place wrestle back Chuy Medina (WLPS) over Egan.  
220# Wes Egan over Tony Rodriguez (CAME) by pin. In the semifinals Egan over Nathan Krause (GRAF) by pin. In the finals Egan over

Nate Grooms (LCL) by dec 7-4.  
In the girl's sectionals this was a single elimination tournament 107# Lexi Hanson received two byes to the semifinals. In the semi's Mya Dummman (MALU) over Hanson by pin.  
State wrestling first round will start on Thursday the 23rd with D1 in the afternoon and D2 and D3 in the evening.

## Lady Cards split games to end regular season

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTS REPORTER  
On Friday, Feb. 17, the Brodhead Cardinals girls' varsity basketball squad finished the year with an overall record of 16-7.  
The Lady Cards tipped off the week with a home matchup against a tough Rock Valley Conference opponent in the Jefferson Eagles. It was their second meeting of the season as Brodhead won the first matchup by a score of 44-31.  
Coming into their late-season game, the Cardinals were 12-4 in RVC play, while the Eagles were an even 8-8. Brodhead was battling with Evansville for a top-three finish in the conference standings, so they couldn't afford to drop this one.  
The Cards had the three-ball working in the first half. Addie Yates helped spark

some early momentum with a pair of first half three-pointers. Alecia Dahl added a three-pointer of her own as the Cards combined for a trio of them in the opening half.  
The Cards also took advantage of their opportunities at the charity stripe. Dahl went two for three at the foul line before the break, while Abbie Dix sunk a free throw and Schooff went one for two at the line.  
The combination of their work behind the arc and the solid free throw shooting helped Brodhead take a 21-12 lead into the halftime break.  
In the second half, Yates continued to have the hot hand. The junior guard hit another pair of three-pointers, which would prove to be crucial in the final outcome. Yates put up ten second half points in total as the offense

relied on her shooting.  
Dix came on strong in the second half, as well. After having just five points in the opening half, the senior forward put up ten second half points of her own. The duo of Yates and Dix combined to score seventy-seven percent of Brodhead's offense in

the second half.  
Dahl provided the other six points the Cards scored in the half with a pair of baskets and two free throws. The trio did just enough to help Brodhead hold their lead as the Cards picked up the 47-40 victory.  
Yates led the team in scor-

ing with sixteen points. Dix was right behind her with fifteen points, and Dahl finished with thirteen as the Cards had three scorers in double figures.  
It was the fifth consecutive win for the Cards as they built a nice winning streak toward the end of the season.

That streak came to an end on Friday, Feb. 17, however, as the Cards fell to the Edgerton Tide 54-37 in the final game of the season.  
While Brodhead wanted to go into the postseason playing their best ball, they finished the year with an overall record of 16-7.

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# Rock County Board Chair Seeking Persons Interested in Serving on the Rock County Board of Health

Rich Bostwick, Rock County Board Chair, is seeking persons interested in serving on the Rock County Board of Health.

State law requires that public members of the Board of Health have a demonstrated interest or competence in the field of public or community health, including health care professionals, and that the Board of Health reflects the diversity of the community.

The Board of Health supports the advancement of public health by providing policy supervision to the Rock County Public Health Department that is aligned with the department's vision that everyone in Rock County has an opportunity to reach their full health potential.

As outlined in Wis. Stats. 251.04, the Board of Health is responsible for:

Assuring the enforcement of state public health statutes  
Assessing public health needs

Advocating for reasonable and necessary public health services

Developing policy and providing leadership that fosters local involvement and commitment, emphasizes public health needs, and advocates for the equitable distribution of public health resources.  
Assuring that measures are taken to provide an environ-

ment in which individuals can be healthy Rock County residents are encouraged to submit their interest to serve as a community representative on the Board of Health by March 6, 2023, through the newly created online portal on the Rock County website. The portal can be found at this link <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/join-a-committee> or by clicking on "Residents" at the top of the County's website and following the link to join a committee. This portal can be used by residents to express their interest in serving on any County committee that has community representatives.

The Board of Health consists of nine members, including five public members whose terms are expiring. Newly appointed public members serve two-year terms beginning April 1. The Board of Health currently meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Meetings are currently hybrid, with the in-person option being held at the Health Department's Janesville location.

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Health can be directed to Rock County Health Officer Katrina Harwood at [Katrina.Harwood@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:Katrina.Harwood@co.rock.wi.us).

# Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers Diabetes Self-Management Workshop Healthy Living with Diabetes

The ADRC – Green County Office is offering a high-evidence based, self-management workshop called Healthy Living with Diabetes (HLWD) beginning on March 7.

Healthy Living with Diabetes was developed and researched at Stanford University of Wisconsin to improve confidence and reduce hospitalizations, doctor visits and emergency department visits for people with diabetes.

We all know of someone who has diabetes, whether that be our spouse, children, friends, family, or even ourselves. It's serious.

Having diabetes is a big change to people's lives – some almost feel it controls their life. What would you think of spending just 2 ½ hours a week for six weeks, to learn how you can take control of your diabetes and

your life?

That's only approximately 15 hours to learn tools that will help you for the rest of your life!

Here's what you'll learn in Healthy Living with Diabetes:

- healthy eating,
- reading nutrition labels and planning low-fat meals,
- fun ways to get active,
- foot care,
- preventing or delaying complications,
- preventing low blood sugar,
- tips for talking with their doctor and family about their diabetes and general health, and
- So much more!!

Our next Healthy Living with Diabetes starts on Tuesday, March 7th and runs through April 11th. The workshop will meet from 1:30 p.m.-

4:00 p.m. (CST), at the Monticello Public Library.

There is no charge for the workshop. When you participate in the workshop, you will receive a FREE copy of the book, 'Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions,' (Fourth Edition).

Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary. No living-in county requirements.

If you have Type II diabetes, prediabetes, or live with someone who has Type II diabetes or prediabetes, please consider signing up for this workshop. Or, talk to your friends and family who have diabetes and let them know of this opportunity.

Call the ADRC – Green County Office at 608-328-9499, to sign up today! Then, mark it on your calendar for next month.



## Red Cross Blood Drive a success in Brodhead

A big thank you to everyone who donated at the Red Cross Blood Drive held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our goal of 50 units was

met! Thanks to you, many lives were saved!

A special thanks to Anita Kammerer and Lavone Pinnow for working the drive and providing treats.

# Brodhead boys win three out of last four games

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTS REPORTER

After suffering a ten-game losing streak in the middle of the season, the Brodhead Cardinals boys' basketball team went on to win three of their last four matchups.

Last week, the Cards had a trio of Rock Valley Conference matchups against the Evansville Blue Devils, the Clinton Cougars, and the Edgerton Tide.

The Cards began the week by playing host to the Blue Devils, who came to Brodhead with an 11-9 record. This was the second meeting between these two with Evansville winning the first by a score of 71-48. Brodhead hoped to avoid the season sweep, this time around.

The cards weren't in play for Brodhead, however. Tommy Meier's squad found themselves trailing 49-28 in the first half alone. A majority of Brodhead's first half points came from behind the three-point arc. Cullen Walker, Gabe Bockhop, Sam Searls, and Brody Riese each hit a three in the opening half. It wouldn't be enough to keep pace, however, as the Cards went into the break facing a twenty-one-point deficit.

Things weren't much better in the second half. Bockhop had a nice half on the offensive end as he put up twelve second half points. Jaxon Dooley put up nine points after having just two in the entire first half. Despite the duo of Bockhop and Dooley combining for twenty-one second half points, the Cardinal offense wasn't playing complimentary basketball. The duo scored sixty four percent of Brodhead's offense in the second half.

Eventually, Brodhead fell by a score of 76-61. Bockhop led the way with seventeen points in the loss. Dooley was next up with eleven, while Walker fin-

ished with ten.

The very next day, the Cards were back on their home court to play host to the Clinton Cougars. Earlier in the season, Brodhead fell to the Cougars by a score of 73-65. With the Cards in jeopardy of suffering another season sweep, Brodhead looked to the duo of Dooley and Walker to get them back in the win column.

In the first half, it was Walker who led the way. The sophomore's aggressive play got him to the free throw line, where he seven of his eight attempts. Walker also sunk a three-pointer on his way to thirteen first half points.

Brodhead was letting it fly from deep as a team. Searls and Riese each hit a trio of first half three-pointers as the team combined for eight threes in the half. This was the type of complimentary basketball the Cards had been seeking throughout the season. Eventually, the Cards took a 46-38 lead into the break.

The Clinton defense would erase Brodhead's three-point game in the second half. Forced to go to work inside, Brodhead looked to Dooley to lead the way. Dooley, a six-foot guard, exploded for fifteen points in the second half. Only three of those came from behind the arc as Dooley looked to attack the paint against Clinton.

It was Dooley's big second half that helped the Cards secure the win as they beat Clinton 83-63. Dooley led the team with twenty-two points, while Walker was right behind him with twenty-one. Riese was next up for Brodhead with twelve points, while Bockhop and Searls each finished with nine.

Winning three out of four, the Cards were able to improve their record to 7-14 before facing off with a tough Edgerton Tide squad to end the week.

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# Brodhead police

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The purpose of the Dispatch Blotter is to raise community awareness and to assist in solving open cases. The blotter is not intended to be an all-inclusive listing of administrative and operational activities which occurred during the period reflected.

**Feb. 12**  
-12:54 p.m., Police responded to the 1100 block of 1st Center Ave. for the report of Theft; an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. This matter remains under investigation. B23-00773

-3:05 p.m., Police responded to the 1000 block of 19th St. for the report of Illegal Burning; subject burning items other than clean wood. Contact was made and a warning was issued. B23-00774

-7:10 p.m., Police responded to the 1000 block of 21st St. for the report of a Traffic Complaint; vehicles speeding in the area. Police checked the area but did not locate any violations. B23-00776

-11:00 p.m., Police responded to the 400 block of E 9th Ave. for the report of Suspicious Activity; a vehicle repeatedly driving in the area. Police checked the area but did not locate any suspicious behavior. B23-00779

-11:10 p.m., Police responded to the 300 block of E 9th Ave. for the report of an Animal Problem; a dog at large. The owner was contacted and a warning was issued. B23-00780

**Feb. 13**  
-8:45 a.m., Police responded to the 2100 block of W 5th Ave. for the report of an Animal Problem; a dog at large. The owner was contacted and a warning was issued. B23-00782

-4:19 p.m., Police responded to the 2100 block of 1st Center Ave. for the report of Suspicious Activity; subjects being followed by a vehicle. This matter remains under investigation. B23-00791

**Feb. 14**  
-6:55 p.m., Police responded to the 300 block of E 9th Ave. for a Traffic Hazard; a trampoline blown from a yard. The owner was located and retrieved the property. B23-00804

-8:22 p.m., a 27-year-old Brodhead man was cited in the 100 block of 23rd St. for Operating without a Valid Driver's License and Non-registration of Auto. B23-00807

**Feb. 15**  
-12:38 p.m., Police responded to the 1200 block of E 3rd Ave. for the report of Trespassing; an unknown subject entered a residence. This matter remains under investigation. B23-00816

-5:48 p.m., a 38-year-old Albany woman was arrested in the 1600 block of 1st Center Ave. for two counts of Retail Theft. B23-00819

-8:58 p.m., Police responded to the 400 block of 10th St. for the report of an Animal Problem; dogs running at large. Police checked the area but did not locate the animals. B23-00821

**Feb. 16**  
-8:13 a.m., Police responded to the 100 block of 23rd St. for the report of a Traf-

fic Crash; a turning vehicle slid into another vehicle. The driver was warned for Operating too Fast for Conditions. B23-00829

-5:06 p.m., Police responded to the 200 block of E 5th Ave. for the report of Theft by Contractor. This matter remains under investigation. B23-00836

-11:56 p.m., Police responded to the 1100 block of W 2nd Ave. for an Alcohol Offense; a subject with intoxicants outside a tavern. Contact was made and a warning was issued. B23-00841

**Feb. 17**  
-7 citations for violation of the City's Winter Parking ordinance were issued.

**Feb. 18**  
-7:30 a.m., Police responded to the 300 block of E 9th Ave. for the report of Disorderly Conduct; a vehicle covered in chalk paint. This matter remains under investigation. B23-00865

-5:32 p.m., Police responded to the 700 block of W 3rd Ave. for the report of Suspicious Activity; a subject received a call from someone claiming to be a family member. No information was released by the complainant; informational case only. B23-00870

-9:31 p.m., Police responded to the 700 block of 21st St for Suspicious Activity; door open at a business. Contact was made with the owners of the business; no other suspicious activity was observed. B23-00882

-11:40 p.m., Police responded to the 1000 block of 1st Center Ave. for the report of Disorderly Conduct; subjects involved in an altercation. This matter remains under investigation. B23-00885

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(minus calls below) 43  
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Anyone with information on the incidents the police still have under investigation are encouraged to contact the Green County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-422-7463 or the Brodhead Police Department at 897-2112.

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Chief of Police Brodhead, WI 53520  
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Trevor Long Business Office: (608) 897-2112  
Deputy Police Chief Fax: (608) 897-2933  
Email: bhpdp@brodheadpolice.com.

## Monroe woman killed in two vehicle crash in Avon

On Friday, Feb. 17, Deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash on W. STH 81 approximately .5 west of S. Moraity Road in the Town of Avon. Fire/EMS personnel from the Village of Orfordville and, City of Beloit also assisted at the scene along with the Rock County Highway Department.

The investigators reported a 2013 Toyota Highlander, driven by a 71-year-old female from Monroe, was traveling eastbound on W. STH 81 when the driver lost control on the slippery shoulder. The SUV slid across the centerline and into the path of an oncoming 2014 Kenworth truck, driven by a 70-year-old male from Capron, IL which was traveling westbound.

Both vehicles collided and came to rest in the westbound lane of traffic. The Monroe woman was transported to Beloit Memorial Hospital where she was later pronounced dead. The Capron, IL man appeared uninjured and denied medical attention on scene.

Both drivers had been wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash, which remains under investigation at this time.

According to Curtis N. Fell, Sheriff, no charges or citations are anticipated.  
For further information contact Captain Matt Jacobson Case: SO2308109 (608) 757-7968

## Rock County Sheriff Fell reports an OWI 4th Arrest

On Feb. 16, Captain Matt Jacobson, at 12:38 a.m., a Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputy stopped to check on a stalled vehicle on N Hwy 26 by N Harmony Townhall Rd, in the Town of Harmony, WI. Case: SO2307909 608-757-7968

The driver was identified as John J. Kimpel (53, from Janesville, WI). Kimpel displayed signs of impairment and after the investigation was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

Kimpel has three prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making this arrest a 4th Offense, which is a felony. Kimpel was transported to the Rock County Jail and was scheduled for Jail Court.

"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."

For further details, contact Rock County Sheriff's Office, Janesville, WI 53545  
Phone: 608-757-8000  
Fax: 608-757-7997

## Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

WFU is working with partners across the state to develop a Wisconsin Local Foods Directory allowing farmers to promote their products to buyers of all kinds: institutions, hunger relief organizations, restaurants, groceries, and direct consumers.

Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU) is proud to partner with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) on a recently announced Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (WI-LFPA) grant.

Other partners supporting the project include Marbleseed and the Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative.

The directory is in the development stage but, WFU hopes that members will soon be able to take advantage of this opportunity to promote their products and strengthen the local food system long into the future.

About the Project: DATCP has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service to create this program. WI-LFPA aims to strengthen local food systems, support Wisconsin Farmers, and distribute fresh nutritious foods to under-served communities.

DATCP is working collaboratively with producers, distributors, food security organizations, and tribal partners to provide program development, coordinate transportation and logistics, and procure food from local

producers. Project partners each bring unique attributes that support specific program areas in this collaboration: WFU is working to further develop local food networks by organizing on-line resources and mapping producers of Wisconsin and regional tribal territories in the Wisconsin Local Food Directory. As the project moves forward, resource lists will be compiled for project stakeholders while setting up the Directory (which will be free for all WFU members who choose to opt in). You can learn more about the directory by visiting wilocalfood.org.

### \$1.5 million grant for farmers provided by Marbleseed

Marbleseed is providing producer education and granting \$1.5 million to farmers to grow food for under-served markets.

They will distribute grants ranging from \$5,000-15,000 to farmers via pre-season contracts based on farmer-driven prices with a specific focus on marginalized farmers (including BIPOC, beginning, and veteran farmers).

For details, reach out to Marbleseed's WI-LFPA Specialists or visit: wilocalfood.org/wi-lfpa-application.

The Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative is handling the movement of food, ensuring products get to communities in need. To learn more go to wilocalfood.org/resource.

## Virtual Women's Incontinence Program offers tools & tips

If you are struggling with incontinence issues, know that you're not alone.

A program offered through the Aging & Disability Resource Center, Monroe, Wisc., can help. **Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder** is a workshop designed to give women, age 50 and older, the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms.

More than half of the women over age 50 experience issues with bladder or bowel control. These prob-

lems can be slightly bothersome or totally debilitating.

For some women, the possibility of an embarrassing situation controls their lives. They no longer go out to enjoy their usual activities. The workshop provides information, group activities, and simple exercises and dietary changes to practice at home.

Some past participant testimonials include, "I am not alone, and there are things I can do to improve my symptoms, such as exercises," "great program - wasn't

aware there was anything out there like this. It's a great help to women," and "there are 'things' you can do to improve bladder and bowel symptoms. The support and accountability to each other is very helpful. Would recommend to others."

Our Virtual Mind Over Matter offering consists of three, 2½ hour sessions, meeting every other week.

The next offering of Mind Over Matter will be on March 2, 16, and 30, from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (CST)

Virtual, via the Zoom platform.

A Zoom Practice Session will be held at 5:00 p.m. (CST) on Thursday, Feb. 23. You must be able to attend all three sessions to be eligible to participate.

This class is free of charge. Pre-registration is necessary and spots are limited.

This class fills up fast, so be sure to call right away!

To learn more or to register for the workshop, please contact the Green County ADRC at 608-328-9499.

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## Two Wisconsin animal health actions gain support of National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

The first action item encourages USDA to publish rates or guidance explaining which disease response costs the federal government will cover in order to reduce confusion for producers and aid states in developing emergency plans. These changes will enable states to confidently move forward with contracting and purchasing to facilitate a rapid response.

The second action item encourages USDA to develop incentives to help producers develop depopulation and disposal plans to prepare for animal disease emergencies. This will allow impacted farms to complete depopulation and disposal more efficiently when needed and allow them to return to production quicker.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski participated in the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) 2023 Winter Policy Conference in Washington D.C. last week.

While there, he proposed the two action items, noted above, related to animal health, which passed the organization with unanimous support.

"Over the past several days, I participated with my colleagues in robust discussions about the challenges we are facing responding to animal diseases such as highly pathogenic avian influenza," said Romanski.

"With the passage of these action items, NASDA will now work with federal government officials and industry stakeholders to move them forward."

While in Washington D.C. the regional Midwestern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (MAS-DA) group met, and Secretary Romanski was elected Treasurer of the organization.

The Food Export Association of the Midwest USA also met at the Winter Policy Conference. Romanski was also selected to serve as the next Secretary/Treasurer of Food Export-Midwest.

"As Secretary/Treasurer, I will serve on the Executive Committee and look forward

to increasing my involvement in the details of the Food Export-Midwest board to increase our region's agricultural exports around the world," added Romanski. "I look forward to this new position and identifying opportunities for Wisconsin to advance its agricultural exports."

The 2023 Farm Bill is a priority for NASDA.

NASDA has identified 10 policy areas including agriculture research, animal disease, conservation and climate resiliency, cyber security, food safety, hemp, invasive species, local food systems, special crops, and trade promotion.

"The theme of this year's Winter Policy Conference was 'United We Thrive,' and it is clear that our messages are amplified when we work together on federal policy issues," explained Romanski.

"I will continue to work with my colleagues to advocate for Wisconsin agriculture." A student from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) organization, Confidence John, participated in the Winter Policy Conference through the Agriculture Policy Summit.

The Agriculture Policy Summit teaches undergraduate and graduate students about federal agriculture policy through hands-on experiences.

"I am proud Confidence was selected to be part of the Agriculture Policy Summit, and he was a wonderful representative for Wisconsin throughout the conference," concluded Romanski. "As a native of Nigeria and a Master's student studying agroecology, Confidence brings a valuable perspective to the agricultural policy discussions."

NASDA is a nonpartisan association including all 50 states and four territories.

To learn more about NASDA, visit <https://www.nasda.org/>.

For more information contact: Sam Otterson, Communications Director, (608) 334-0220, [sam.otterson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sam.otterson@wisconsin.gov).

## Ketch Movie Night rescheduled to March 2

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# Permanent ice shanty & portable ice shanties removal dates approaching still allowed after deadlines

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The deadlines to remove permanent ice shanties, or those that are not removed daily, on inland and boundary waters are:

- Wisconsin – Iowa boundary waters by Feb. 20
- Wisconsin – Minnesota boundary waters by

- March 1
- Inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 5
- Wisconsin – Michigan boundary waters by March 15
- Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior and inland waters north of Highway 64 by March 19

Portable ice shanties can still be used after these dates, so long as they are removed from the ice when they are not actively in use

and at the end of each day. Owners having difficulty removing their shanty should seek help from local fishing clubs, vendors and other anglers.

The removal deadlines are to ensure shanties are removed and to avoid the additional costs and hazards of shanties breaking through the ice.

The DNR reminds ice anglers that no ice is ever 100% safe.

The DNR does not moni-

tor ice conditions, so anglers should check with local fishing clubs and bait shops for current ice conditions.

Here are a few ice safety tips to remember:

- Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat, to help you stay afloat and to help maintain body heat.

- Wear ice creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice.
- Carry a spud bar to check the ice while walking to new areas.
- Carry a few spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself – or others – out of the ice.

If you fall in, remain as calm as possible. While attempting to get out of the

water, call for help.

Anyone who attempts to rescue you should use a rope or something similar to avoid falling through themselves.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas or at night.

Any owners who don't take responsibility for removing their shanty should be reported to the DNR Violation Hotline online or by calling or texting 1-800-TIP-WNDR or 1-800-847-9367.

## Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce offers veterans help with employment via partnership with New Horizons of Wisconsin and Mission Wisconsin

On Feb. 17, the Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce (WVCC) announced a strategic partnership providing military veterans with ready access to technology, business certification programs and scholarship opportunities.

The partnership with New Horizons of Wisconsin and Mission Wisconsin will expand upskilling opportunities for military veterans, and service members and their families, in Wisconsin, while assisting employers with the development of military and veteran talent programs.

Wisconsin's unemployment rate of military veterans is historically low. However, underemployment has been shown to be one of the most significant challenges faced by returning veterans. According to a study conducted by LinkedIn, veterans are 37 percent more likely to

be underemployed than non-veterans.

"Expanding outreach and services to the military-affiliated population presents a unique solution to Wisconsin's workforce shortage while addressing the employment needs of our state's veterans and service members," said WVCC President/CEO Saul Newton. "Our partnership with New Horizons of Wisconsin and Mission Wisconsin allows us to strategically engage with jobseekers while providing direct assistance to employers seeking to recruit and train veteran and military talent."

Wisconsin is home to more than 300,000 military veterans, and Department of Defense data shows nearly 4,500 military service members leave active duty and relocate to the state every year. New Horizons of Wisconsin is associated with local Veteran organizations and

County Veteran Service Officers across the State.

In 2020, New Horizons was awarded a grant from AT&T to provide Career Training Programs to local veterans to up-skill themselves in order to enter the exciting world of Technology. "We are thrilled to partner with both the Veteran's Chamber of Commerce and Mission Wisconsin to open up opportunities for veterans across the state to access our in-demand technology and professional skills programs. We believe that learning new skills is the fastest way to change a life, and now veterans have a chance to change their lives with our help. It's a great partnership." Said New Horizons CEO Patrick Riley.

For more information, contact Saul Newton, [snewton@wiveteranschamber.org](mailto:snewton@wiveteranschamber.org), (414) 207-4376.

## FFA news

### The 2023 EDGE and Connect Leadership Conferences March 23-24, 2023

Join us in Stevens Point, March 23 and 24 for these high-impact, success conferences for all Wisconsin Future Farmers of America members (FFA)!

The conference content is for 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grade FFA student members.

Students will examine the influence they have on others and use it to build healthy relationships. Students will be introduced to the theme of the conference by evaluating their role in helping others feel connected. Content to be covered includes high-energy, hands-on style under the direction Rhett Laubach from YourNextSpeaker, LLC; a professional trainer who knows FFA, student successes and how to engage an audience.

FFA Member Fee \$50.00  
Meal Package: \$35.00/person Includes: Evening Snacks and Entertainment, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Lunch.

For complete details about the conference and hotel registration go to <https://wisconsinaged.org/events/edgeconnect>.

**Registration Deadline: March 3, 2023**  
FFA members are part of a total program in agricultural education, consisting of classroom instruction in agriculture, supervised agricultural experiences where students gain career skills and on the job training and leadership development through the FFA organization.

## Legal Notices

### AGENDA

**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Facility Planning Committee Meeting**

**Monday, February 27, 2023 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brodhead, WI**

**6:00 P.M.**

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### AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. COMMITTEE CHARGE AND OUTCOMES
- III. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP
- IV. PROCESS REVIEW
- V. SCHEDULE FUTURE MEETING[S]
- VI. ADJOURN

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### CITY OF BRODHEAD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Brodhead Board of Appeals on **Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, to consider the following request for variance to the zoning/building codes:

Request by Scott Cook for a variance to **1402 17<sup>th</sup> Street**. The applicant is requesting a second driveway to be constructed to his detached garage from West 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Per ordinance chapter 236, only one driveway is permitted in residential property. Legal description is: **Original Plat Block 210 Lots 1 & 2**

Request by Midwest WI, LLC & Peter Oleszczuk for a variance

to **parcel 210 01912501 (vacant lot South East Corner of Hwy 11 & Hwy 104)**. The applicant is requesting a variance reduce the number of required parking stalls from 86 to 50. Legal description is: **PT NW ¼ Crosswinds Lot 1**

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

Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk City of Brodhead

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**Town of Spring Valley Planning & Zoning Meeting Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 At the Orfordville Fire Station 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI 6:00 PM**

- Agenda:**
1. Call to Order
  2. Reading and approval of minutes
  3. Old business: A.) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Jesus Mata & Jill Clark-Mata - 14315 W State Rd 11, Parcel 6-18-130 for a (F) Non-Agricultural Business/Home Occupation. B.) Frontier Building Permit for TSV r.o.w. work
  4. New business: A.) Parkview Sunny Peace Prairie 2604 S. Coon Island Rd. - Signage - possible variance for second sign B.) Randall's Wood Shop 3433 S Dickey Rd. A2 parcel question(s). C.)
  5. Building permits: A.) Spring Valley Ventures / Farm City Elevator 4121 S County Rd T, Brodhead, WI 53520 - New storage bin.
  6. Audience communication - RC Planning Draft Mother-in-Law Suite ordinance language.
  7. Adjournment

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## Mental health management

# How I overcame the vicious cycle of worry and fear

By Stan Popovich CONTRIBUTOR

Do you ever get stuck in the vicious cycle of worry and fear in your life? As a published author of a managing fear book, I struggled with fear and anxiety for over 20 years.

Here is a brief summary of what I did to overcome the cycle of fear and anxiety in my life.

1. I got advice from the professionals: The first thing I did was to talk to various counselors since they know how to conquer fear and anxiety. Whenever I talked to the counselors, I would bring a notebook and take notes so I would not forget the advice that was given to me.

2. I became an expert on dealing with fear and anxiety: I did everything possible to learn as much as I could in removing my fears and anxieties in my

life. I talked to professionals, read books, joined support groups, and learned from my experiences.

3. I made it a habit of surrounding myself with supportive people who understood what I was going through. This really helped me when I was struggling with my anxieties and stresses.

4. I learned how to manage my fearful thoughts: The key in getting the edge off of your anxieties is managing your fearful thinking. Whenever I would get a negative and fearful thought, I would challenge that thought with positive statements and realistic thinking. I also made it a habit to focus on the facts of my current situation and not on my negative thinking.

5. I was persistent: There were times I felt like giving up because my fears and

anxieties were so powerful that I didn't know what to do. I worried about what would happen and that just made my fears stronger. During those times, I would consult with a professional and I made it a point to learn from my experiences so that I would be better able to handle these situations in the future.

6. I did not make excuses: With a lot of practice, I became very good at reducing my fears and anxieties. I realized that the answers to my problems were out there. However, it was up to me to find those techniques that would get my life back on track. Making excuses would not improve my situation.

7. I realized that you can't predict the future: I realized that there are always factors and circumstances that I cannot predict or anticipate

that could make a difference in my stressful and fearful situations. A person may be 99% correct in predicting the future, but all it takes is that 1% to make a difference. The key is to focus on the present.

8. I made the choice to get better: You have to make the effort to find the answers to overcome your situation. It will not always be easy, but you can overcome the cycle of fear and worry with hard work and a willingness to learn from your everyday experiences. It is important not to give up.

*Stan Popovich is the author of the popular managing fear book, "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear". For more information about Stan's book and to get some more free mental health advice, please visit Stan's website at [www.managingfear.com](http://www.managingfear.com).*





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# Wis. Watch - Looking into licensing

## After rejecting staffing requests, Wisconsin Republicans approve DSPS audit

By Matthew DeFour

### WISCONSIN WATCH

Republican lawmakers have authorized an audit of the state Department of Safety and Professional Services after years of rejecting Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' requests to add staff – a standoff that has led to long waits for licenses, a huge surplus of agency funds and frustrated applicants flooding legislative offices with pleas for help.

Sara Wuorinen, 32, is one of those applicants. She first contacted DSPS in September 2021 to get licensed to be a substance abuse counselor and a mental health counselor in training in northern Wisconsin, which is struggling with a rise in suicides and drug overdoses. More than 16 months later, Wuorinen still doesn't have the necessary license.

Wuorinen spent hours on hold with the department, faxed and mailed in application materials multiple times and logged conversations with 13 different department officials. She is licensed as an alcohol and drug counselor in Minnesota and has a 2020 master's degree in rehabilitation and addiction counseling from St. Cloud State University. But Wuorinen found out months into the process she had to take additional classes at the University of Wisconsin-Superior to qualify for her state license.

She said she moved to rural Wisconsin to qualify for up to \$100,000 in student loan forgiveness, but the three-year commitment doesn't start until she gets her Wisconsin license. Wuorinen took a lower-paying

job at the clinic that hired her, but went from living comfortably in Minnesota to visiting food pantries to make ends meet in Wisconsin. The experience has taken a toll on her mental and financial well-being.

"This experience has been so negative and so discouraging, it's really defeating," she told Wisconsin Watch. "I don't think they realize that these are people's lives – people's livelihoods."

After Wuorinen testified in November before a special committee the Legislature created to study occupational licensing, DSPS legislative liaison Mike Tierney reviewed her case. He found several reasons for Wuorinen's ordeal: the application was submitted under an old computer system currently being replaced and a 2017 Republican law that increased standards for licensing substance abuse counselors.

In a memo to the study committee, Tierney wrote that it comes down to better staffing at the agency. "This includes having adequate call center staff to not only answer incoming calls, but to ensure that information provided to callers is accurate," he wrote.

### License fees pay for DSPS budget

Pressure on DSPS has mounted as Republicans have refused to fully authorize the department's requests for more staff over the past four years – even though the agency's \$62.5 million budget comes almost entirely from fees. The agency runs on revenue from construc-

tion permits and 200-plus types of professional licenses from nearly half a million license holders – not taxpayer dollars.

In fact, the department has amassed a \$47 million surplus from those fees, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. The surplus was \$4.4 million a decade ago. However DSPS can't use that money to pay for more staff or technology upgrades without legislative buy-in.

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee voted Tuesday to have the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau review all aspects of the department. The committee's Republicans voted in favor and the Democrats voted against, with Sen. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, decrying the Legislature for not adequately funding the department.

"It's a shame that we needed to have this audit done," Carpenter said. "We could have taken care of the problem ourselves."

Marc Herstand, executive director of the Wisconsin chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, told the committee in his 30 years following licensing issues, the department has always been chronically understaffed. But frustration among his members seemed to have peaked in the past two years despite efforts by the Evers administration to improve the agency.

"(DSPS) has plenty of money to hire the staff like any other business would do in that kind of situation, but they're not given the authority to do so," Herstand said. "This



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**A Legislative Study Committee on Occupational Licenses holds a meeting at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Dec. 13, 2022. From left, Rep. Supreme Moore Omokunde, D-Milwaukee; Jessica Ollenburg; Sen. Janis Ringhand, D-Evansville; Legislative Council member Margit Kelley; Sen. Rob Stafsholt, R-New Richmond; Rep. Shae Sortwell, R-Two Rivers; and Albert Walker.**

makes no rational sense."

Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, a member of the audit committee and co-chair of the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee, declined to comment on whether the Legislature would add positions in the budget.

The audit comes amid high tension between the Republican-controlled Legislature and Evers over agency administration. It also dovetails with a broader push by conservative activists and some GOP lawmakers in Wisconsin and elsewhere to get the government out of the business of licensing and regulating some professions such as music, art and dance therapists, cosmetology trainees and interior designers.

In August, new DSPS Secretary-designee Dan Hereth told the Legislative Council Study Committee on Occupational Licensing the agency is processing new license applications in 45 days on average – the fastest rate in six years and down from 79 days in 2021. But committee members also heard from license applicants who spent hours on hold when they called the agency and months waiting for licenses to be processed.

"We have gotten an abundance of calls, contacts, constituent cases over the last 12 months," said Sen. Rob Stafsholt, R-New Richmond, who led the committee. "My office just for my Senate district has handled literally dozens of cases of people who are frustrated and trying to get licenses they qualify for."

### Call center data: Problems began before Evers

The agency's call center performance began to drop in 2017 under then-Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, according to data obtained by Wisconsin Watch through a public records request. The department data show just over half of all calls were "agent answered" in 2018.

The rate improved dramatically in the second half of 2022 after Evers used federal funding to hire an outside firm in June to increase the agency's call center staff from six to 26. The department also switched to a new phone system with a higher capacity in December 2021, so fewer people now get a busy signal, which wasn't logged as a call under the old system. A department spokesperson said that explains why the number of received calls under the new system nearly doubled to 400,000 in 2022.

The data show 36% of calls were answered in the first half of 2022, 71% of calls were an-

swered in the second half and 98% of calls were answered in December. The new system makes it difficult to compare the 2022 data with previous years.

The funding from the American Rescue Plan Act for extra call staff runs out at the end of June.

The improvements happened as DSPS launched its new online system, LicenseE, in May to begin replacing decades-old systems and paper applications. The department expects to have all professions moved to the new system by the end of this year.

The Legislature has authorized \$14.4 million for the technology update, and Evers allocated another \$6 million in ARPA funds this past year to replace a computer system that dates back to 1998.

"What I think we will get to when we're fully automated is much faster turnaround times for most," DSPS Assistant Deputy Secretary Jennifer Garrett told the committee in November. "We can move that (45-day) average down lower if we are adequately staffed and when the platform is fully implemented."

### Starved of staff, hit by labor shortage

Garrett also told study committee members the department has struggled to hire and retain license review and call center staff because of pay and working conditions. She said the agency had failed twice to recruit a lawyer to conduct legal reviews. But when the position was opened to remote work, DSPS hired an attorney from Green Bay, reducing the legal review time from nine weeks to six.

Hereth told the committee: "Even with new technology and continuous efforts to improve efficiency, our volume of work routinely exceeds staff capacity and resources. The bottom line is that we need more than efficiency to deliver the kind of service our applicants want and expect."

Evers asked for a net increase of 20 full-time positions in the 2019-21 budget and 12 positions in the 2021-23 budget, but Republicans only authorized one new net position in each budget. The department has six fewer positions than it did when it was created in 2011 under Walker.

Department officials have asked for 70 new positions across the agency in their 2023-25 budget request. Evers is set to release his proposal on Feb. 15.

The DSPS surplus is on top of the \$85 million in license fees transferred from the de-

partment to the state's general fund over the past 15 years. About \$31 million of that is an automatic annual 10% transfer enshrined in statute, but the other \$54 million was lapsed under Walker and his predecessor, Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle, to help balance the general fund budget. The 10% transfers remain, but the lapses ended in the 2017-19 budget.

### GOP questions management of agency

Rep. Shae Sortwell, R-Two Rivers, chair of the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform, said in an interview the agency probably needs more positions. But Sortwell wants more data to support why the positions are necessary – especially in light of the new LicenseE system, which should reduce the agency's workload.

Sortwell is also skeptical about allowing DSPS employees to work from home up to three out of five days a week. And he claimed the Evers administration failed to properly manage the workload, especially during the pandemic.

In announcing a list of nine bills the committee is recommending the Legislature to take up this session, Stafsholt accused the agency of stonewalling and sending "misleading emails" to license applicants "rather than providing us with the information we requested."

The nine bills would, among other things, require the department to post how long it takes to process each license on its website, increase renewal periods for some licenses from two to four years, allow more professionals from other states to obtain a temporary license during a department review and have Wisconsin join an interstate compact to recognize counselor credentials from participating states.

Meanwhile, Wuorinen feels stuck trying to qualify for a job she had already done for a year in Minnesota.

"In any way you put it, this is a crisis," she said. "When we have a workforce shortage already and we have people waiting nine to 12 months to get a license, it's not productive."

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