

AGENDA

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

Jefferson County Courthouse

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

June 3, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
4. Review of the Agenda
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of the May 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes
7. Communications
 - a. Stagecoach Inn Saved By Wetlands, Bike Trail – Daily Union
 - b. Landmark Oak Tree Victim of Roadwork – Daily Union
 - c. Dorothy Dash Set at Luther School – Daily Union
 - d. Thank You Fort HealthCare – Jefferson County Living
 - e. Picnic in the Park – Jefferson County Living
 - f. Charles and Evelyn Payson donation
 - g. Discover Wisconsin Press Release – County on Discover Wisconsin – Daily Union
 - h. UW-Whitewater Professor's App Helps Park, Recreation Programs – Daily Union
 - i. Run for It – Dorothy Dash – Daily Union
 - j. Playground Fundraiser for Korth County Park Slated – Daily Union
 - k. Cabin Fever! Funds Sought for Mason Log Home – Daily Union
 - l. Portion of Glacial River Trail to be Closed for Three Weeks – Daily Union
 - m. Apply for Community Garden Plots at Dorothy Carnes Park – Daily Union
 - n. Picnic in Park At Korth Park Saturday Night – The Leader
 - o. Felled Landmark Bur Oak Remembered in Fundraiser – Daily Union
 - p. Parks Department June 2013 Events
8. Discussion and possible decision on donation policy – Our Favorite Tree – Tracy Hegg
- ~~9.~~ Discussion and possible decision on Donation for Glacial River Trail Sign and Statue
10. Discussion on Parks Department Financial Update

11. Update Korth Playground Project
12. Update on Hwy 26 Project
13. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) project
14. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO S.19.85(l)(E), Statutes, to deliberate the potential purchase of public property
15. Reconvene in open session to take possible action on the items discussed in closed session
16. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for: July 1, 2013 at 1:00 pm
17. Adjourn *2:43 - Ross / mbe 4-0*

The Committee may discuss and/or take action on any item specifically listed on the agenda.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator at 920-674-7101; 24 hours prior to the meeting, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

320 S Main Street, Rm 202

Jefferson WI 53549

May 6, 2013 @1:00 p.m.

Committee: Glen Borland, Mike Kelly, Rick Kuhlman, Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:00 p.m.

2. Committee members present included: Borland, Kelly, Kuhlman, Nass and Tietz. Others present: Joe Nehmer, Jane Stanger, Kevin Wiesmann, Kathleen Cauley, Phil Ristow, John Molinaro. Others present: Ken Carpenter and Professor Eric Compass, from UW-Whitewater

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In compliance

4. Review of the Agenda – Items 11, 16, 12 and 8 will be moved up.

5. Public Comment - None

6. Approval of the April 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Nass, seconded by Kuhlman, to approve the April 8, 2013 meeting minutes with the change in Item 5 Public Comment from the Town of Milton to Town of Milford. Carried 5-0.

7. Communications

a. Rock River Designated as National Water Trail – Daily Union – Watertown Daily Times

b. 150 Year Old Oak Tree Coming Down for Hwy 26 Expansion – Daily Union – Janesville Gazette, USA Today, Milwaukee Journal

c. Trailhead Groundbreaking, Waterloo – Daily Union

d. Koshkonong Dredging Complete – Daily Union

Nehmer announced Discover Wisconsin will be airing on June 1st and 2nd on Fox's Discover Wisconsin highlighting biking. Jefferson County will be featured in one quarter of the show.

11. Discussion and possible decision on Adopt-A-Trail Program Rules

Nehmer presented a draft of Terms and Conditions and an Adopt-A-Trail Application and Permit for the Parks Department. Fort Atkinson Rotary and Jefferson Rotary clubs have stepped forward to maintain the trail between Hwy 18 west of Jefferson down to K-Mart in Fort Atkinson. The Rotary has already completed their first clean up day and collected 28 bags of garbage.

Motion to remove Item 16 from the Terms and Conditions made by Nass, seconded by Kelly. Motion failed, 2 yes, 3 nos.

Motion to adopt the Terms and Condition as is, made by Kelly seconded by Nass, carried 5-0.

12. Discussion and possible decision on Glacial Heritage Area Memorandum of Understanding Revision

Ristow explained the changes the DNR has made regarding the new regulations and rules for hunting, Wisconsin DNR has now adopted hunting in the State Parks. What they proposed in the MOU includes little less hunting than the one we had passed. We now need to approve the updates and take the proposed amendments to the County Board and explain the changes. The County Board needs to approve the MOU and then we need to send it back to the DNR for signing.

Motion by Nass, seconded by Tietz, to adopt the changes and move to the County Board for approval. Motion carried 5-0.

8. GHA Mapping – Professor Eric Compas

Nehmer introduced Eric Compas from the Geography and Geology Department at UW-Whitewater. Eric has also volunteered his time at Canoecopia and helped us out with GHA, Rock River Trail, County Parks, Bike Trails as well as a number of other projects. The university has received a Federal Grant to help small businesses with their computer mapping. Compas gave a brief presentation on what they have accomplished with the grant in creating a business. They have created a company at the university to help businesses. He explained what the company could do for Jefferson County Parks in GIS (Geographic Information Systems), mapping and how it is put out to the public on the network in forms of I phones, Smart Phone, I pads and so forth for public information. The committee expressed their wishes to go forward with this project.

9. Discussion on Parks Department Vehicle Use

Wiesmann presented a report of usage of vehicles and mowers, inventory, including mileage records showing the use of vehicles.

10. Discussion on Parks Department Financial Update

Buchholz presented a report of Parks Department financials as of 4/22/13.

13. Discussion on Jefferson County Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

Tabled and will bring back at the June Parks Committee Meeting.

14. Update Korth Playground Project

Buchholz updated the committee on the fundraiser to be held on May 18th at Korth County Park to raise funds to install a playground.

15. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project

Nehmer updated the committee on the ground breaking ceremony held for the trailhead facility in Waterloo. There was a great turnout. The next impletation team meeting will be on May 20th and we will be hosted by the Parks Department. Tietz updated the committee on the Waterloo – Watertown Bike Trail and as well as the Horse Trails Committee.

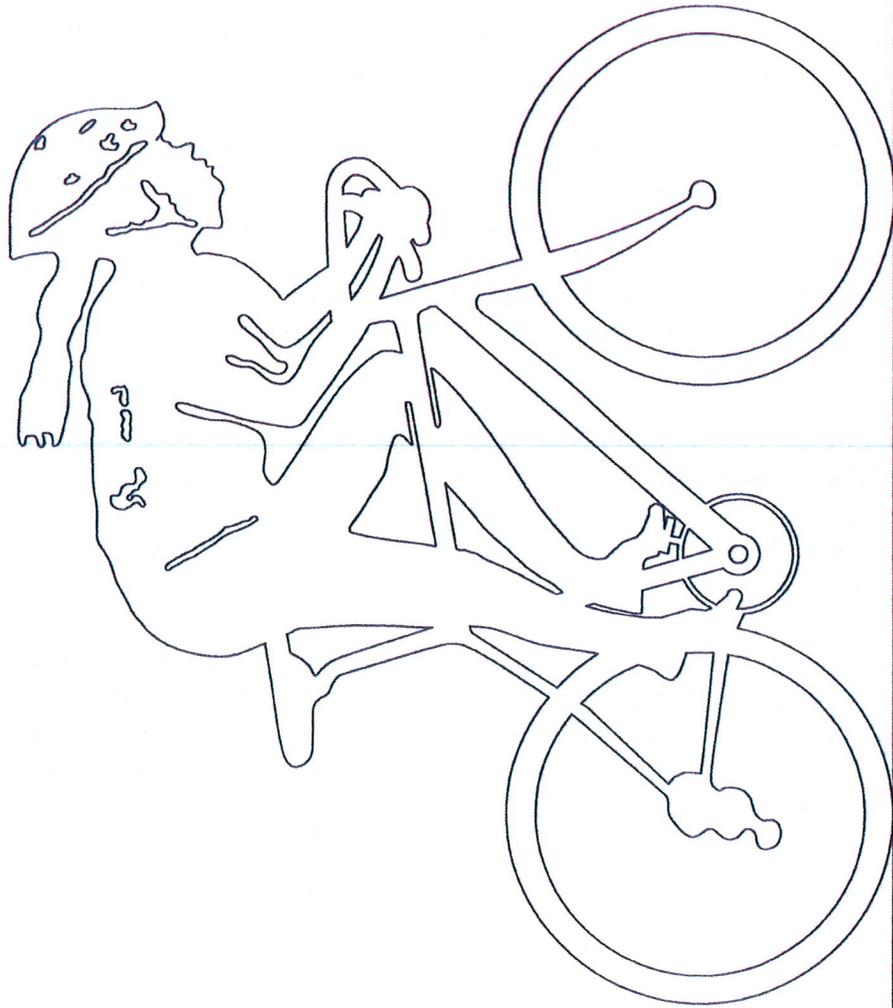
16. Update on Rock River Trail Initiative (RRTI)

Nehmer announced there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime this summer, which will be in either Beloit or South Beloit. Also the initiative donated 10,000 oak trees to be planted along the Rock River.

17. Set Tentative Meeting Dates/Times for June 3, 2013 at 1:00 pm. The September meeting will be changed to Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 2:41 p.m. made by Kuhlman, seconded by Nass. Carried 5-0.



GLACIAL RIVER TRAIL

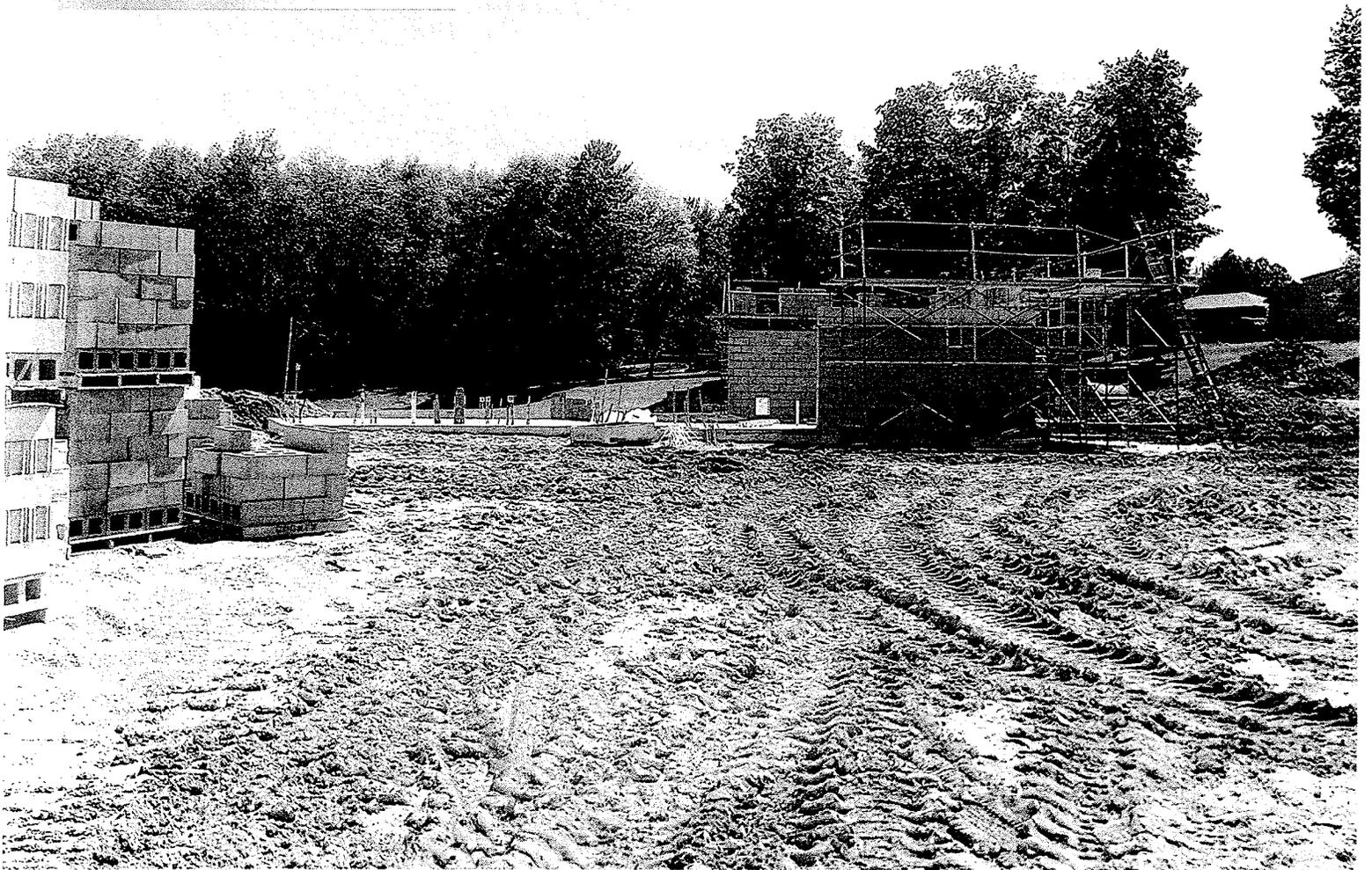
Parks Department June 2013 Events

- June 1 Fort Atkinson Farmers Market – selling “My Favorite Tree” posters
- June 1 River Clean-Up Day – cancelled due to high water
- June 1 8 a.m. GHA Hike the Ice Age Trail
- June 1 1 p.m. Dog Park Friends Education Event – Behavioral Specialist
- June 8 9 a.m. GHA Paddle – Red Cedar Lake
- June 9 12-5 p.m. 2 Rivers Bicycle & Outdoor (Watertown) Open House
- June 15 9 a.m. GHA River Clean-Up Day
- June 18 Friends of Rose Lake meeting
- June 22 8:30 a.m. Family Fun Float
- June 24 6:30 p.m. Friends of the Dog Park meeting
- June 29 11-3 p.m. Bike & Hike with the Artists (flyer)
- June 30 1 p.m. Dog Park Friends Educational Event – Which Dog? When? (flyer)



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DISCOVER WISCONSIN DEBUTS "AMERICA'S BICYCLELAND" SHOW JUNE 1-2

Jefferson County featured in upcoming episode of popular TV show

Jefferson County, WISCONSIN – (May 14, 2013) – Jefferson County is featured in an upcoming episode of the nation's longest-running tourism show, *Discover Wisconsin*. "America's Bicycleland" premieres June 1-2 and will reach more than 250,000 viewers across the upper Great Lakes region, including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Northern Illinois and Upper Michigan.

"We've focused a lot on bicycling through the county," said Dennis Heling, executive director of Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium. "You can literally ride from one end of the county to the other going through our towns and cities, and we wanted to show the Midwest everything you can see and do right here. *Discover Wisconsin* is helping us do just that."

Host Emmy Fink first stopped by the Trek manufacturing plant in Waterloo, where she was given a tour to learn how each bike is made. The Jefferson County-based company began in 1976 with just six employees and a simple mission to build the best bikes in the world. Today, it has grown to employ more than 2,000 people internationally and is one of the world's largest bicycle and cycling manufacturers and distributors.

Being home to a major bike company means the area also boasts several top bike trails, such as the Kettle Moraine State Forest near Palmyra. The Southern Unit of the State Forest is home to the Emma Carlin trail system, which consists of three moderate to hard loops. There is also the 52-mile Glacial

Drumlin State Trail with a visitor center in Lake Mills. Just off trail are some must-stop attractions such as Aztalan State Park and a museum operated by the Lake Mills-Aztalan Historical Society that features two pioneer church buildings and other structures from the 19th Century.

“In Jefferson, you can bike along a beautiful river, take in the historic glacial heritage area and make a stop at a local ice-cream parlor,” said Chad Diedrick, managing producer for Discover Wisconsin. “It really doesn’t get any better than that!”

About Discover Wisconsin

As the nation’s longest running tourism program, *Discover Wisconsin* can be seen statewide on Fox Sports North (FSN) Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. For more on this and other episodes or the broadcast schedule in other areas please visit www.discoverwisconsin.com. Connect with Discover Wisconsin on Facebook at www.facebook.com/discoverwisconsin and Twitter at www.twitter.com/discoverwi.

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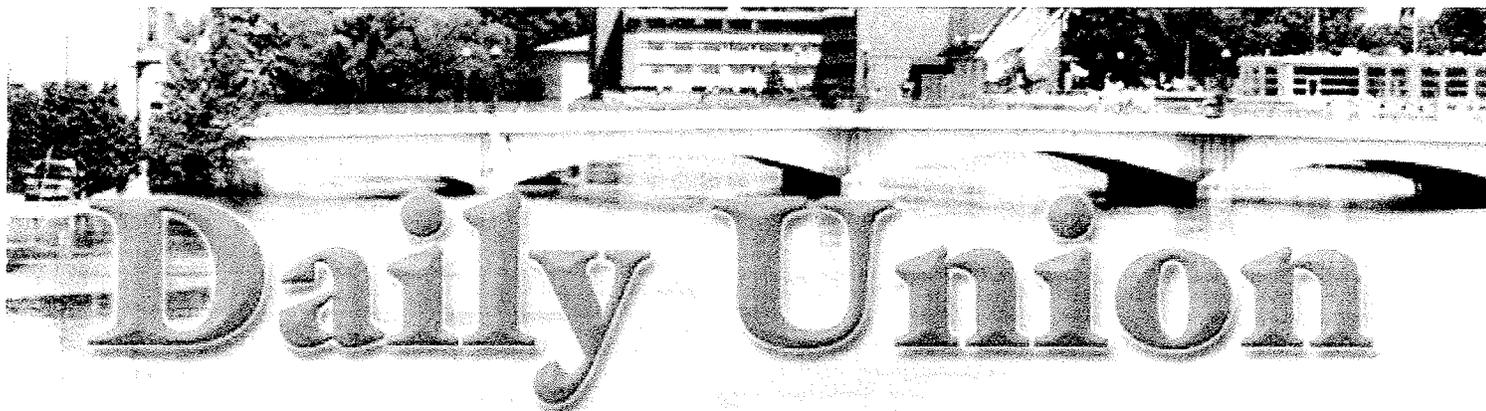


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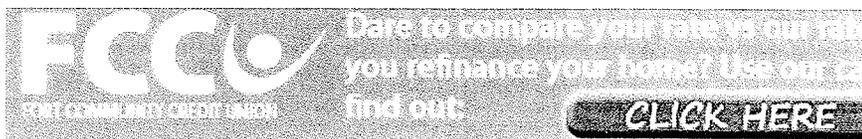
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Wetlands at top of echelon Landmark oak tree victim of roadwork

KOSHKONONG - Sometimes with progress comes pain, and there was plenty of that to go around Thursday when a landmark oak tree was cut down to make way for the expansion of State Highway 26.

The bur oak, which has stood on the west side of the highway about one-half mile north of County Line Road for at least a century-and-a-half, had been the cause of concern ever since it was revealed the additional lanes planned for the highway between Milton and Fort Atkinson would go right through the tree's location in the Town of Koshkonong. More than 600 people signed a petition on Change.org asking government officials to save the tree, but to no avail.

"We've had numerous people concerned. It's a very emotional concern," said Mark Vesperman, a project manager with the state Department of Transportation. "It's a very nice tree out there."

"We talked to several people and we looked to see what would happen if we took the highway and went one direction around the tree," he said. "To the west, it would have to bypass some wetlands along there, so it was pretty hard to move to the west where the old railroad corridor is."

The wetlands that lie along the Highway 26 corridor between Milton and Fort Atkinson make road construction difficult logistically, but also pose legal problems when it comes to changing plans. The DOT is legally obligated to avoid wetlands whenever possible, leaving a relatively thin stretch for the new roadway.

"So we looked at going east and we ended up with five or eight acres of ag lands and we went through two locations of wetlands and also



TREE TO TRUNK — A landmark bur oak growing off St was cut down Thursday to make way for the expansion of Highway 26. Strangers were upset upon learning that the tree would be cut down to save it, to no avail. Pictured above, Robin Booth, Rhonda Strangers before meeting at the stump, stopped along Highway 26 Thursday. Below, a far-away view shows the tree's stump. — L

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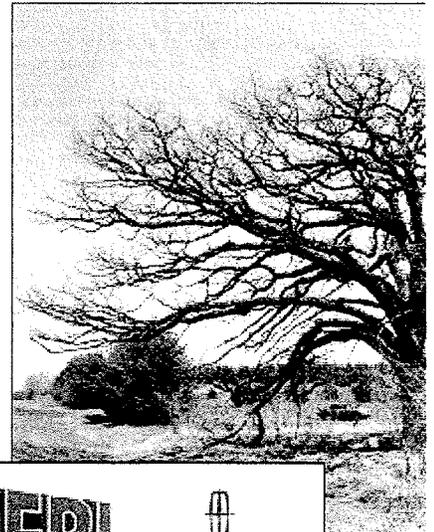
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ended up hitting more trees because of the direction we took along the fence line," Vesperman said.

Ultimately, the DOT deemed the financial cost and total impact of moving the road to avoid the bur oak to be too great.

"Trees are not technically a protected resource like the wetlands are," said Vesperman. "They are important, but sometimes you've got to say, 'OK, we can avoid this versus this.' And in the echelon, the wetlands are right there on top."

Other concerned residents looked into the possibility of moving the tree to another location, but it was determined that project could cost up to \$300,000. An investment that large was too much to ask when the tree that survived centuries of storms, pioneers and perhaps even the Black Hawk War might not live through the trip.





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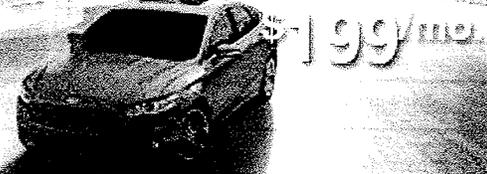


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Though many were bracing for its demise, the actual felling of the tree came as a surprise. The job was said to be we for the tree's last stand. However, with rain forecast for the next few days, Thursday ended up being D-Day.

However, residents haven't seen the end of the mighty oak. Jefferson County Parks Department director Joe Nehmer tree's trunk and plans to use the wood as a public display.

"Perhaps a ring of the tree could be featured here at the courthouse, and (we could) talk about Jefferson County histc segment of it could be featured near the covered bridge and talk about the history of the area, as well," Nehmer said, River Trail near the tree's original location.

He identified with residents who have expressed disappointment over the loss by turning the tree into a memorial of s

"There's a ribbon around the tree and a 'Rest In Peace' sign and ... it's just very sad," he said. "It's a landmark and it's

Many more trees already have been leveled to pave the way for the expansion, although DOT project manager Teri S can to minimize the impact.

"What we're doing is we're only clearing the trees that are in our grading limit, so the trees that we're removing are go pavement where they are," she said.

Most of these trees cannot be left in place because they would not survive the project or would not meet safety stand.

"So we're only taking the trees that it's necessary to take; we're not just clearing right-of-way to right-of-way," she saic

Although the DOT said it has mitigated this project's impact on the land, many people have questioned the necessity the first place. The expansion project, initiated in 2001, stems from a 1999 study showing that traffic has been increas corridor, and will continue to increase in the future.

The expansion aims to preserve the functionality of the area's transportation, while minimizing agricultural and commi



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Portion of Glacial River Trail to be closed three weeks

KOSHKONONG - A portion of the Glacial River Trail will be closed a few weeks during expansion of State Highway 2

In cooperation with the Jefferson County Parks Department, the state Department of Transportation decided that star River Trail will be closed from Schwemmer Lane, near the Highway 26 bypass interchange, south to Koshkonong Mo

The bike trail will be reopened when construction operations have completed a temporary bypass around the new bri three weeks.

The DOT said that closing the trail for this brief duration and constructing an alternate route will be the safest option f

Persons with questions may contact Chris Fredrick of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at Christopher.Fre

Glacial River Trail segment closing

KOSHKONONG — A portion of the Glacial River Trail will be closed a few weeks during expansion of State Highway 26 south of Fort Atkinson.

In cooperation with the Jefferson County Parks Department, the state Department of Transportation decided that starting Monday evening, May 18, the Glacial River Trail will be closed from Schwemmer Lane, near the Highway 26 bypass interchange, south to Koshkonong Mounds Road.

The bike trail will be reopened when construction operations have completed a temporary bypass around the new bridge location. That should be in about three weeks.

The DOT said that closing the trail for this brief duration and constructing an alternate route will be the safest option for everyone using the trail. I

Persons with questions may contact Chris Fredrick of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at Christopher.Fredrick@dot.wi.gov or at (608) 868-2055.

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Date Ran 5/21/2013
Period 4
Year 2013

Business Unit	Description	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prorated Variance	Total Budget	Annual Remaining	Percentage Of Budget
1801 Parks	Revenue	(1,333.00)	(5,110.00)	(7,034.00)	(20,440.00)	13,406.00	(61,320.00)	(54,286.00)	11.47%
	Expenditures	121,521.32	83,998.57	308,114.85	335,994.28	(27,879.43)	1,007,982.83	699,867.98	30.57%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		120,188.32	78,888.57	301,080.85	315,554.28	(14,473.43)	946,662.83	645,581.98	31.80%
1806 Carol Liddle	Revenue	(10.21)	(16.67)	(40.28)	(66.67)	26.39	(200.00)	(159.72)	20.14%
	Expenditures	-	6,796.58	-	27,186.33	(27,186.33)	81,559.00	81,559.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		(10.21)	6,779.92	(40.28)	27,119.67	(27,159.95)	81,359.00	81,399.28	-0.05%
1809 Carlin Weid	Revenue	-	(8.33)	-	(33.33)	33.33	(100.00)	(100.00)	0.00%
	Expenditures	-	15.25	-	61.00	(61.00)	183.00	183.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	6.92	-	27.67	(27.67)	83.00	83.00	0.00%
1811 Korth Park	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
1812 Carnes Park	Revenue	(12,435.00)	(1,938.00)	(24,118.00)	(7,752.00)	(16,366.00)	(23,256.00)	862.00	103.71%
	Expenditures	361.59	7,903.75	404.94	31,615.00	(31,210.06)	94,845.00	94,440.06	0.43%
	Other Finances	-	1,379.42	-	5,517.67	(5,517.67)	16,553.00	16,553.00	0.00%
Total		(12,073.41)	7,345.17	(23,713.06)	29,380.67	(53,093.73)	88,142.00	111,855.06	-26.90%
1813 Park Buildings	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	1,431.79	1,329.25	5,947.20	5,317.00	630.20	15,951.00	10,003.80	37.28%
	Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total		1,431.79	1,329.25	5,947.20	5,317.00	630.20	15,951.00	10,003.80	37.28%
1814 Garman Nature	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	554.40	-	554.40	-	554.40	-	(554.40)	#DIV/0!
	Other Finances	-	1,074.50	-	4,298.00	(4,298.00)	12,894.00	12,894.00	0.00%
Total		554.40	1,074.50	554.40	4,298.00	(3,743.60)	12,894.00	12,339.60	4.30%
1816 Glacial Heritage	Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Expenditures	-	1,212.75	-	4,851.00	(4,851.00)	14,553.00	14,553.00	0.00%
	Other Finances	-	833.33	-	3,333.33	(3,333.33)	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%

Total	-	2,046.08	-	8,184.33	(8,184.33)	24,553.00	24,553.00	0.00%
1821 Snowmobile Trails								
Revenue	-	(3,806.25)	(21,229.85)	(15,225.00)	(6,004.85)	(45,675.00)	(24,445.15)	46.48%
Expenditures	-	3,806.25	-	15,225.00	(15,225.00)	45,675.00	45,675.00	0.00%
Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total	-	-	(21,229.85)	-	(21,229.85)	-	21,229.85	#DIV/0!
1824 Bike Trail								
Revenue	(28.65)	(41.67)	(28.65)	(166.67)	138.02	(500.00)	(471.35)	5.73%
Expenditures	-	41.67	1,400.00	166.67	1,233.33	500.00	(900.00)	280.00%
Other Finances	-	175.00	-	700.00	(700.00)	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00%
Total	(28.65)	175.00	1,371.35	700.00	671.35	2,100.00	728.65	65.30%
1826 Dog Park								
Revenue	(4,256.53)	(2,720.08)	(18,933.53)	(10,880.33)	(8,053.20)	(32,641.00)	(13,707.47)	58.01%
Expenditures	878.87	2,720.08	2,857.75	10,880.33	(8,022.58)	32,641.00	29,783.25	8.76%
Other Finances	-	1,777.58	-	7,110.33	(7,110.33)	21,331.00	21,331.00	0.00%
Total	(3,377.66)	1,777.58	(16,075.78)	7,110.33	(23,186.11)	21,331.00	37,406.78	-75.36%
1840 Groundskeeping								
Revenue	(779.61)	(5,116.17)	(4,029.12)	(20,464.67)	16,435.55	(61,394.00)	(57,364.88)	6.56%
Expenditures	1,760.47	5,121.90	5,076.98	20,487.58	(15,410.60)	61,462.75	56,385.77	8.26%
Other Finances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total	980.86	5.73	1,047.86	22.92	1,024.94	68.75	(979.11)	1524.16%
Total All Business Units								
Revenue	(18,843.00)	(18,757.17)	(75,413.43)	(75,028.67)	(384.76)	(225,086.00)	(149,672.57)	33.50%
Expenditures	126,508.44	112,946.05	324,356.12	451,784.19	(127,428.07)	1,355,352.58	1,030,996.46	23.93%
Other Finances	-	5,239.83	-	20,959.33	(20,959.33)	62,878.00	62,878.00	0.00%
Grand Total Parks	107,665.44	99,428.72	248,942.69	397,714.86	(148,772.17)	1,193,144.58	944,201.89	20.86%

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BIKE & HIKE WITH THE ARTISTS



**At Korth and Pohlmann Parks
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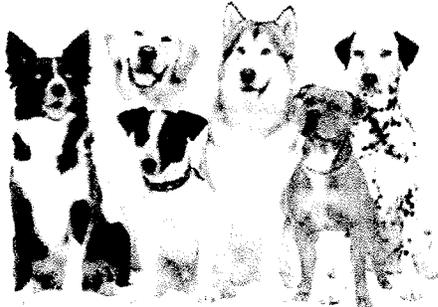
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Sunday, June 30, 2013

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(rain date is Sunday, July 14, 2013)

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Summer 2013 Education & Fun Event Series

June 1 - Dog Park Etiquette

Behavioral Specialist Khris Erickson discusses dog behavior and interaction. What's normal, what's aggressive, and more.

Time: 2:00pm **Location:** at the Area 1 shelter

June 30 - Which Dog? When?

Behavioral Specialist Mittsy Voiles provides valuable information for families thinking about getting a dog, those who have recently added a dog to their family, or are considering adding another dog.

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July 27 - To be announced

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Jane Stanger

From: Joe Nehmer
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 10:16 AM
To: Jane Stanger
Cc: Kim Buchholz - Parks
Subject: FW: Poster project to raise funds for trees

June agenda – Donation Policy

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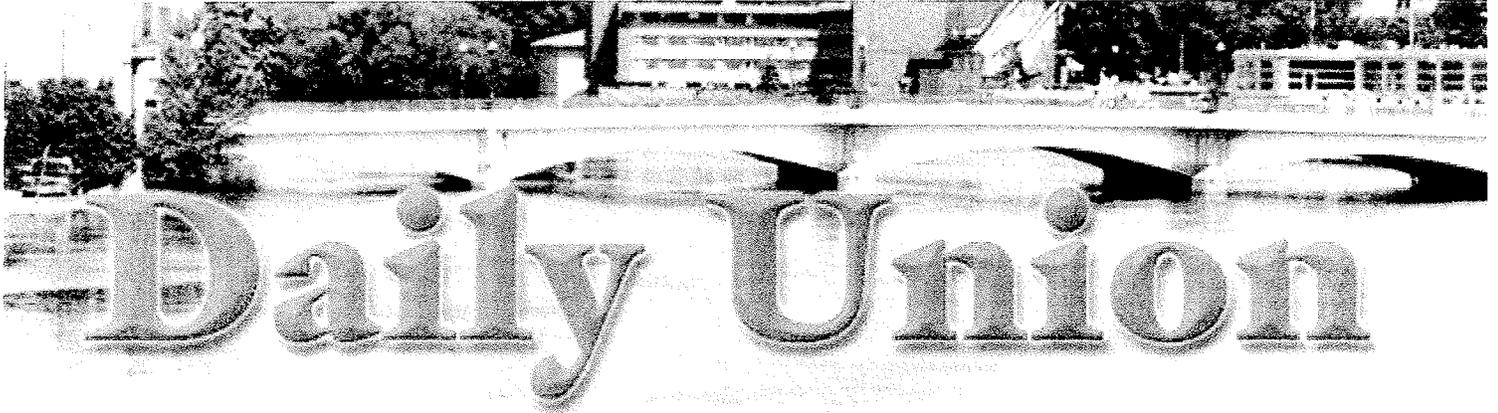
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County on "Discover Wisconsin"

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"America's Bicycleland" premieres Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, and will reach more than 250,000 viewers across Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Northern Illinois and Upper Michigan.

"We've focused a lot on bicycling through the county," said Dennis Heling, executive director of Jefferson County Economic Development. "We can literally ride from one end of the county to the other going through our towns and cities, and we wanted to show it do right here. Discover Wisconsin is helping us do just that."

Host Emmy Fink first stopped by the Trek manufacturing plant in Waterloo, where she was given a tour to learn how the County-based company began in 1976 with just six employees and a simple mission to build the best bikes in the world for more than 2,000 people internationally and is one of the world's largest bicycle and cycling manufacturers and distributors.

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"We became interested in this because of it being our ancestors' homestead," said Mason. "We announced the challenge to wrap it up. So we've been successful so far, but we want to put a push on to complete that at this point."

Since announcing the grant in September, the family has garnered about \$10,000 toward the project, and looks to finish it soon.

"There is a lot of interest. As people learn about it, they get kind of caught up in it. We've had a lot of support from people here. And it's just such a nice park - a neat area. It's just beautiful. Even before anyone knew about the home and the project there."

Mason said he was aware of the family homestead while growing up along nearby Hoard Road, but he never knew all the details.

"I didn't know as much about it as I do now, and when I was younger, I probably wasn't as interested," he said. "So I've been a youngster, I spent a lot of time out on Rose Lake. And there were people through the generations in our family who knew about it."

He is hopeful that the project will be just the first of many, including a possible restoration of some of the property's other buildings.

"Once it's up and people can feel it and experience it, we're hopeful that will be a catalyst that moves things further along."

"I think the nature of the history and how it comes to life in something like that, and having those journals be intact with them, it's actually read some of those journal entries and put yourself in that place - it's a really neat way to interpret something in too many places that have that type of history attached to it. I think it's an exciting project and a worthwhile project."

Tax-deductible donations to the Mason log home may be made through the Jefferson County Parks Department, 320 Milwaukee Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53549.

Persons who are interested in volunteering for the log home project may contact the Jefferson County Parks Department at 535-5553 for information on your availability and contact information.

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May 9, 2013

John Molinaro, Chair
Jefferson County Board
320 South Main St.
Jefferson, WI 53549

Dear Mr. Molinaro,

We would like to express our thanks for the county's highly efficient and effective help during the recent flooding. It would have made it far easier for us and our neighbors to withstand catastrophic flooding than it was in 2008.

In 2008 we saved our house through the use of thousands of sandbags. For over three weeks we had water around the house, at its peak 20 inches deep, often with pounding waves. We will be forever grateful to the governments and volunteers who made it possible for us to survive. At the outset of the flood there were times when we literally did not know where the next row of sandbags would come from – or if we would even be able to get them. We had to make many trips into Fort to get as many sandbags as would fit into the car without overloading it too badly, with each trip providing only a fraction of the bags needed for a single layer.

This time was completely different. The prompt and well planned actions of the county and of Koshkonong township could not have been better designed to meet needs. The county provided filled sandbags at the locations where people most needed them. This was a great help to people who needed more bags than they could easily fill, and was so much better than 2008. In addition, Koshkonong Township delivered sand and bags to convenient locations well above the likely high water level so that people could fill them near where they would be used. Fortunately the water did not rise nearly as high as it did in 2008, but if it had people would have been far better equipped to deal with it and would have suffered far less anxiety about where the next sandbags would come from.

Enclosed is a check as a token of our appreciation for the smooth and proficient response to the emergency conditions, and also a separate check for the Parks Department in appreciation for the bike trail south from Jefferson to the county line.

Yours, with many thanks

Charles & Evelyn

Charles and Evelyn Payson

Cc: Donna Haugom

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Jane Stanger

From: Joe Nehmer
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Kathi Cauley
Cc: Kim Buchholz - Parks; Kevin Wiesmann; Jane Stanger; Phil Ristow
Subject: FW: Poster project to raise funds for trees

Hi Kathi,

I would like to work with this person to replace the trees we lost along the bike trail south of Fort Atkinson. In light of our new donation policy, I felt it appropriate to ask for your comment on the best way to proceed.

Thank you,

Joe

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Tracy Hegg
608-359-7384

Picnic in Park At Korth Park Saturday Night

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The event will take place at Korth Park, which is located on the southwest shore of Rock Lake at W8930 Korth Lane. Access to Korth Lane is from CTH S.

Kids can enjoy various lawn games and a bouncy house. The whole family will enjoy the 1 p.m. magic show and/or putting together a life-sized log cabin.

Food will be for sale during the entire event. Pickin' Up Speed, a bluegrass band, will be performing from 4 to 7 p.m. There will also be a silent auction and raffle.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase and install a nature themed playground near the main park shelter which overlooks Rock Lake.

Contact the Jefferson County Parks Department with any questions at (920) 674-7260.

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Citizens are encouraged to support our children while enjoying a day in the park. Please direct any questions to Jane Stanger, Jefferson County Parks Department, (920) 674 7260 or janes@jeffersoncountywi.gov

Picnic in the park

Modern Woodmen of America, Chapter 401, in partnership with the Jefferson County Parks Department, is hosting a playground fundraiser for Korth County Park on Saturday, May 18

Thank you, Fort HealthCare

To the editor,

The Jefferson County Parks Department would like to extend a huge thank-you to Fort HealthCare for their \$15,000 sponsorship of the new playground to be installed at Korth Park. We are honored to be

able to partner with Fort HealthCare. The new Korth Playground is currently being designed and installation is anticipated to occur this fall. The Jefferson County Parks Department in partnership with Modern Woodmen of America, Chapter 401 is holding a fundraising event at Korth Park for the playground on May 18 from Noon to 7 p.m. Join us for food (Lake Mills American Legion Post 76's famous sliders), kids games, silent auctions (sports memorabilia and much more), raffles and music (Pickin' Up Speed). If you are unable to attend the event but would like to donate to the project, donations are being accepted by Modern Woodmen, Chapter 401 at N1590 S. Main St. in Fort Atkinson WI 53538. Modern Woodmen is matching donations up to \$5,000.

Kim Buchholz
Jefferson County Parks Department

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Apply for community garden plots at Dorothy Carnes Park

JEFFERSON — It's that time of the year when gardeners' heads and hearts start to envision the coming season of mouth-watering produce, bounteous flowers, and fresh fruits.

The Jefferson County Parks Department is offering a number of garden plots to members of the community again this year at

Dorothy Carnes County Park. The garden is located at the park's east entrance off Banker Road, north of Fort Atkinson.

This community garden was started in a 2007 partnership between Heart of the City and Jefferson County. There are two plot sizes available: 10-foot x 10-foot for \$12.50, and 10-foot x 20-foot for

\$25. Priority will go to those utilizing organic gardening practices.

The gardening area features a tool shed, shared gardening tools, access to water, and an abundance of gardening knowledge passed along from gardener to gardener.

The plots go fast, so don't wait; rent yours today. Gardeners of all skill levels are encouraged to rent a plot.

Anyone interested in renting a garden should either stop by the Jefferson County Parks Department office at 320 South Main Street, Room 204 in Jefferson, or download an application from the Heart of the City webpage at www.heartofthecity.us, and click on 'Community Garden' tab.

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UW-Whitewater professor's app helps park, recreation programs

By Chris Welch
Union staff writer

WHITEWATER — A tech company founded by a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater professor and based in the Whitewater Innovation Center officially launch-

ed its new mobile-based platform Thursday.

Slipstream LLC formally announced the launch of Strive, a mobile application — or “app,” in the vernacular — that is designed, generally, to link organized recreational activities with

social media.

Officially, it is a “mobile community engagement platform,” Slipstream says.

According to Slipstream CEO and UW-Whitewater associate professor of information technology and business education Choton Basu, Strive is an app that can be downloaded to cell phones for free. It works with formal, often municipality-sponsored, recreational programs such as little league baseball teams, soccer teams, dance lessons, nature walks, or any recreational activity with the participants.

During Thursday morning's event at the Innovation Center, it was announced that Slipstream has partnered with the National Recreation and Park
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at hospital May 14

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Whitewater Innovation Center-creat

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 Association to incorporate Strive in its member communities across the country. Slipstream is actively working with the Wisconsin cities of Whitewater, Fort Atkinson, Lake Mills and Monroe to get them Strive-enabled.

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County of San Diego, Calif., which provides park and recreation services to more than 3 million residents. Agencies in Colorado, Montana, Alabama, Ohio and Virginia also are slated to start piloting Strive.

The app is available for download in the iTunes store and can be used by members of Strive-enabled communities.

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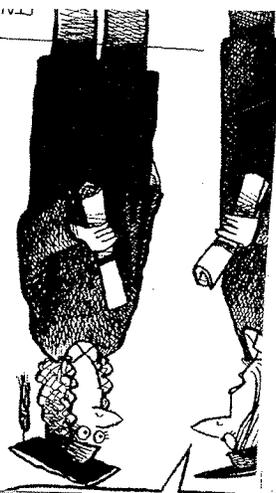
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allow registration only if the agencies want it; otherwise, we just push the events to get the word out so everyone can see it.

"We have a relationship, basically a partnership, with the National Recreation and Park Association, which is based in Virginia, and it oversees agencies all over the country," Basu continued. "For anyone who is a member of the NRPA group, they get it for free, too."

Basu explained how the idea originated.

"I have been toying with this idea for a very long time," he said. "I wanted to find a way, when I volunteer to be a coach for baseball and soccer, (to get the information easily available). I always watched the parents find it difficult to get registered because they had to do everything manually by hand every year. One of the things with our app is that you get the location of the event — it will actually give you mapping directions on how to get there. So as a parent, you do not have to be worried if the team is playing a team at a different location than usual; finding the right directions and time is all self-contained in the app. As a parent and a volunteer, I have



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Iris Welch
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Slipstream app to aid park, recreation programs

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... on top of social media. "It's on Twitter and Facebook; it's completely integrated. When you sign up on something, you don't click on the app and it will bring all of your Facebook friends to the app," he said. "Then, you don't send invites to them to attend or participate in the same events, and you can see who has signed up for the events.

"Social media is how people communicate these days," he added. "The idea of brochures and catalogues from park and recreation departments are becoming obsolete."

Slipstream users can add friends via Facebook, Twitter or email, invite them to activities and share their experiences and photos. Other features include the ability to receive important notifications, track stats, manage schedules and use interactive maps to easily find their way to events. Athletes can even create digital or printed trading cards using the stats they record on the app.

Basu noted that he conceptualized this quite a while ago, and some colleagues became involved to help him with this.

"Basically, it is a combination of UW-Whitewater, people from

business ideas." He predicted that faculty can go beyond their classes, engaging colleagues, students, businesspeople and government agencies.

"I think we are going to see more and more wonderful things happen. The Tech Park is a key to that, and I love the vision that our chancellor had to make it," Basu said.

"I have been involved in a lot of projects as a professor at UW-Whitewater, but I think one of the coolest things going on right now is that faculty can openly contribute to the formation of new ideas at the University Technology Park," he added.

"One of the programmers we work with, who was also one of my students, said that innovation does not need an address. We can take all these ideas, bring together talent and stuff happens. Instead of being cynical, like people who say universities should not go beyond teaching, I think it can get beyond this and have a place where faculty, business, and government agencies can come together to form solutions, I think that is an exciting story."

Tara Fitzpatrick-Navarro, of the NRPA, agreed, adding that Slipstream's app is an exciting project.

"Our nation's local parks and recreation are the go-to places where you can get healthy, be active, enjoy the company of family and friends and experience life," she said. "NRPA is so pleased to be partnering with Slipstream because this innovative app will help park and recreation agencies carry out their mission to improve quality of life for all people."

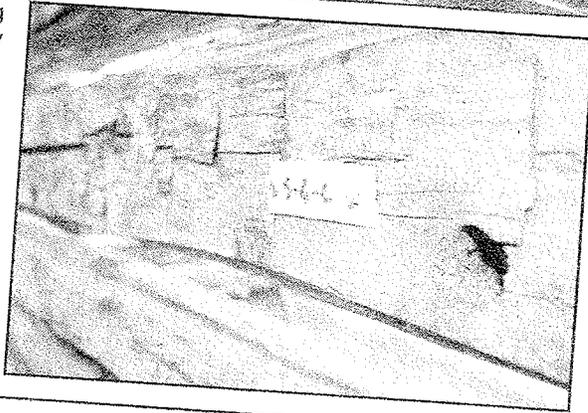
"We really think with Slipstream more people will be able to benefit from their local parks and recreation and truly appreciate and understand what value parks and recreation bring to the community, Fitzpatrick-Navarro added.

UW-Whitewater Chancellor Richard Telfer said the Slipstream app represents what the Innovation Center is all about.

"This product is the result of UW-Whitewater faculty members, students and the community sharing their creative talents," he said. "This is exactly the kind of collaboration we envisioned when we conceived of the technology park. Companies like Slipstream have found the Whitewater Innovation Center to be a supportive base to grow their businesses."

ed its new mobile-based platform social media. Officially, it is a "mobile app" Thursday.

LOGGING IN — Restoration of the Mason log home, uncovered in Dorothy Carnes County Park in 2004, is well under way, with plans to finish and reassemble the 19th-century structure within the year. Shown above, Jefferson County parks operations supervisor Kevin Weismann explains the process of the home's reconstruction, currently taking place in the department's indoor garage. At right, numbered tags will help as crews deconstruct the cabin again to reassemble it at the site. Below, the foundation is under reconstruction at the original site, where the home will once again stand. — Daily Union photos by Lydia Statz.



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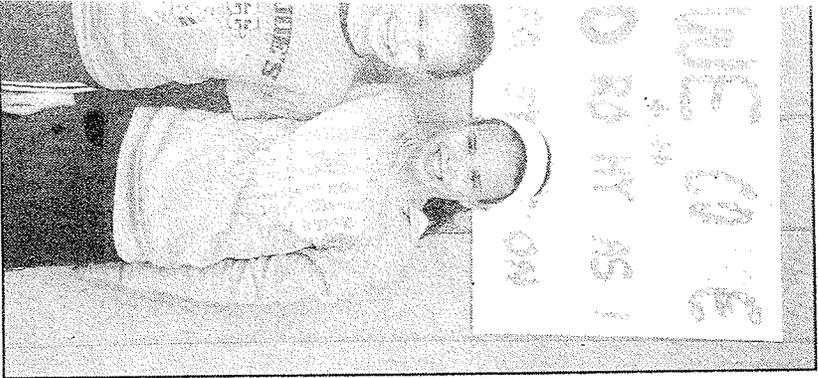
"There is a lot of interest. As people learn about it, they get kind of caught up in it. We've had a lot of support from people sending in donations," Mason said.

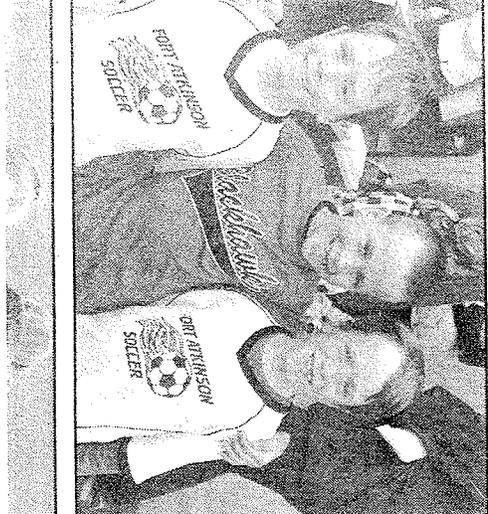


RUN FOR IT! — The second annual Dorothy Dash, a K-5 race to raise money for Dorothy Carnes County Park, was held Saturday at Luther Elementary School in Fort Atkinson. The event was organized by Brooke Hartwig and Jenna Lovejoy, fifth-graders from Purdy Elementary School, through the district's mini-grant program. The girls enjoy spending time at the park and wanted to help raise money so that others would enjoy the park's trails. They decided on a race as a unique

and fun way to get the community involved. Students in grades K-5 grade donated \$5 each to participate, and all proceeds went to the park. Youth in grades K-2 raced three-quarters of a mile, while those in grades 3-5 raced a full mile. Medals went to the top finishers in each grade. The top finishers in the younger age group were Noah Hartwig, second grade, first place; Ethan Larson, second grade, second place; and Josh Larson, second grade, third place. Top runners in the older age division

included Landon Zorn, fourth grade, first; Lucas Hansen, fourth grade, second; and Preston Whitcomb third grade, third place. All runners received a Frostie Freeze coupon and a bottle of water donated by Abenroth Water Conditioning Inc. Jenna and Brooke say they would like to make the event an annual tradition. Shown here are scenes from the event. — Daily Union photos by Lydia Statz.





Dorothy Dash set at Luther School

The 2nd Annual Dorothy Dash will take place on Saturday, May 11, on the Luther Elementary School soccer fields in Fort Atkinson.

The cost of admission is \$5 per participant.

The Dash will begin at 1:15 p.m. for students in Kindergarten through grade 2; 1:45 p.m. for students in grades 3-5.

The distances run will be three-quarters of a mile for grades K-2 students, and one mile for students in grades 3-5.

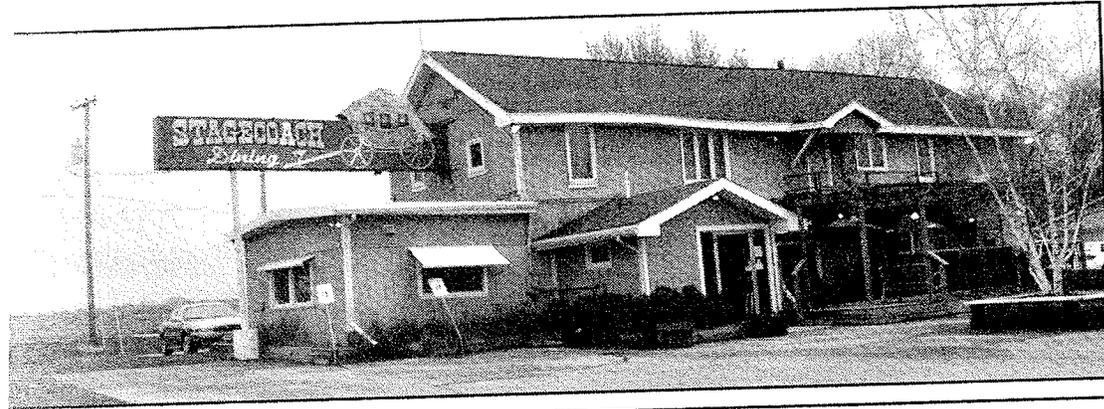
Participants can register the day of the race, from noon until 1 p.m.

All proceeds will be donated to Dorothy Carnes County Park.

This race is sponsored by the Fort Atkinson Junior Women's Club, and District Mini-Grant recipients Jenna Lovejoy and Brooke Hartwig. Both Jenna and Brooke are fifth-graders at Purdy Elementary School in Fort Atkinson.

Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers of each grade.

Each participant will receive a Frostie Freeze coupon donated by Frostie Freeze, and they also will receive bottled water donated by Abendroth Water.



CH STOP — As roadwork on the widening of Highway 26 between Milton and Fort Atkinson any area residents are upset by the number of trees cleared to make way for the project. But the wetlands that make it difficult to bend the road around the curves have helped preserve an iconic area business.

The Stagecoach Inn will watch as the highway swerves to avoid the wetlands and Glacial River Trail, leaving the business untouched. Sean Shinkay, the restaurant's owner, expects the supper club to remain open as usual throughout the project. Pictured clockwise from top left: The Stagecoach Inn sits just feet from the highway, but will be

left relatively untouched; Here is a small example of wetlands the DOT is obligated to protect; and a view of a marshland just south of the Stagecoach Inn leaves a narrow corridor for the road's location. A related story appears on page 1. — Daily Union photos by Lydia

Stagecoach Inn saved by wetlands, bike trail

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LONG — The same wetlands that made it possible to preserve the State Highway 26 corridor's original right-of-way have saved the Stagecoach Inn, located at the intersection of Old Highway 26 and County Line Road between Milton and Fort Atkinson, from being lost to the highway expansion. The inn, which has been a family business since 1924, will watch as the roadway swerves to avoid the wetlands, allowing business to continue as usual. The inn's owner, Sean Shinkay, says the inn will remain open as usual throughout the project. "I worked with the state a few times through this project because I'll have to make some parking lot modifications to benefit my business," he said. "And I'm happy with how the state worked with me through all of that." Work is under way on the first stage of the Fort Atkinson-to-Milton portion of the expansion, although most motorists won't notice any disruptions. "At the north end of Old 26, they are currently building the fill on the east side of existing 26 for the bridge that is going in," said DOT project manager Teri Schoppe.

being able to get in the way of the state-designated bike trail, so the new lanes will come over to the east side. I'm basically saved by the swamp and saved by the bike trail."

Some changes are inevitable, and the restaurant will lose access from the highway as its driveway is switched to County Line Road. However, Shinkay expects to remain open throughout the entire project with no ill effects.

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Schoppe. Old Highway 26 will be connected to W1 via an overpass, one of two new bridges that will be constructed during this project. Traffic impact studies up to this point have been minimal, and it is expected that they will remain that way for most people.

Over the weekend, crews might begin construction material from the east side of the road to the west side overnight in order to minimize the impact on local traffic. The entrance to Old Highway 26, currently open to local traffic only, eventually will be closed after an alternate access point is constructed.

Work likely will ramp up when the weather warms, but for now, construction on the expansion is slow-going.

"They didn't get started when they were going to work as much as they can because it's raining out and hopefully, it stops raining soon,"

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