Banner display at UWRF showcases immigrant voices

Katie Galarno

The stories of immigrants were brought to the UW-River Falls campus for approximately two weeks in April, thanks to a unique banner display in the University Center.

The "Immigrants Telling Their Stories" banner display featured 16 banners showcasing the stories of young immigrants around the Twin Cities from April 13-30. A unique aspect of the display was the use of QR codes, which allowed people to scan a QR code and watch videos corresponding each banner.

This was the first time that the banners from Twin Cities-based nonprofit Green Card Voices were displayed in Wisconsin. Kiki Augustin, graduate fellow and English as a second language instructor at UW-RF, said the special way of storytelling was convenient for people as they passed the display, as not everyone had hours to spare reading each banner.

"FOTK is one of several organizations — including the Kinni River Land Trust — that have become involved with the dam debate. In 2015, the license that permits the city of River Falls to keep the dams. Page and FOTK have taken the position that they wish to be involved. The goal, Wendt said, is to start a conversation to get tid of the stigma around mental health and get students the help they need.

On Tuesday, May 2, former Student Body President Chris Morgan swore in Abby Wendt as the new student body president.

"I think that's why the banners are so powerful is because they don't have as many words, you can see the story, you cannot hate them," Rozman Clark said. "And that's where I get caught up is that you are someone's story. The 'they' is only then that you can start seeing them as a neighbor and a fellow community member."
Local Girl Scout troop and UWRF make new ice cream flavors

Girl Scout cookie ice cream is a tradition in our natural pastime. Young girls with boxes of Thin Mints® and Caramel deLites® are instantly recognizable, and the most enterprising scouts, ranging from queries about the future of food science, plant machinery and management within the system.

Farmer was encouraged by Kerri’s entrepreneurial spirit and work ethic, believing in the future of young students. By expanding the visit to include a presentation and Q&A with student workers, the Girl Scout leaders were able to expand the girl scouts’ horizons while highlighting the technology and resources at UWRF. “Genevieve was thinking outside the box to approach me and offer to sell for Valley’s ice cream. We (UWRF) are fortunate to be in a position to encourage girls in science while embracing their entrepreneurial spirit,” explained Farmer.

The Dairy Pilot Plant offers 22 different ice cream flavors as well as a variety of sorbets and non-dairy alternatives. The Dairy Pilot Plant will be offering a free ice cream sample at the event.

The Girl Scout cookie ice cream options are for sale in the Falcon Foods Store on campus and include several flavors: Thin Mints™, Caramel deLites™ and Lemonades™. The option will be available for a limited time. For more information, including a link to the live video broadcast, visit the UWRF News website at uwrf.edu/News.

UWRF presents Finals Fest 2017

This year’s Finals Fest event will showcase two acts on Friday, May 5th in the Falcon’s Nest in the University Center. The event will run from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information, visit uwrf.edu/FinalsFest or visit the Facebook event page.

Wednesday, April 26

Annual Colt Sale set for May 6

The 41st Annual UW-River Falls Colt Sale is set for Saturday, May 6. Fifty-six high-quality 2-yr-old horses that have been trained by UW-River Falls students enrolled in the Principles of Horseback Riding and Colt Sale classes will be offered for sale at the UW-Campus Farm at 1475 Wasson Lane in River Falls.

The sale will preview all stallions in the Brannum Barn on Saturday morning. The fall 2016 breeding stallions will be available for potential buyers. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and will be included in the price of admission. Additional questions about their horses will be answered at 2 p.m. Buyers are welcome to bid by phone, but they must be pre-registered. Pre-registration forms can be found on the UWRF Colt Sale website at www.uwrfcoltsale.com under the “Sale” tab. It is a tradition begun with the 40th sale in 2016. UW-River Falls alumni are invited to gather under the tent for lunch when bidding is complete. Registration fees for horses can be obtained by calling the UW-River Falls Campus Farm at 715-425-4714.

More information, contact laura.wolak@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-4714.

UWRF offers summer ACT test preparation classes

UW-River Falls will offer test preparation classes in June and July for high school seniors planning to take the SAT or ACT this year. The classes will take place in the UWRF Campus Farm Barn and include a practice test.

Summer test-prep classes are offered on Saturdays for 15 weeks, beginning June 17 and ending Aug. 19. SAT classes will be offered beginning June 19 on the River Falls campus or July 17 at the UWRF Cardio Center in Hudson.

Students will receive an in-depth review of the exam material, strategies for solving problems, and a comprehensive study plan. “Genevieve was thinking outside the box to approach me and offer to sell for Valley’s ice cream. We (UWRF) are fortunate to be in a position to encourage girls in science while embracing their entrepreneurial spirit,” explained Farmer.
It’s On Us returns to UW-River Falls campus

Students wore personal stories and statistics about sexual assault on t-shirts, which were then displayed in the University Center on Thursday, April 27.

Dean of College of Arts and Sciences moves on after 27 years at UWRF

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The most difficult part of his role as dean, Caskey said, has been the uncertainty.

“If you’re a true administrator, true leader, and your answer to the question ‘What’s the hardest part?’ isn’t personnel or something, then you’re not doing your job,” Caskey said. “Telling people what to do is not leadership.”

Ultimately, Caskey said that he hopes his work at UWRF has positively impacted the college. His time at UWRF has seen the creation of the Pathways program, the English Language Transition program, a new First Year Adventure course (College of Arts and Sciences 101) and new majors like neuroscience.

Chancellor Dean Van Galen, in an email statement, expressed his gratitude for Caskey’s time at UWRF.

“Dr. Brad Caskey has deep roots at UW-River Falls and I appreciate how much of his exceptional energy, enthusiasm and creativity he has dedicated to our campus,” Van Galen said.

“Dr. Caskey will leave behind a legacy of helping our students succeed, thanks to his years both in the classroom and as an administrator. We are grateful for his service to our campus, and wish him the best in the next chapter of his professional career,” Caskey said. “I hope our students will remember that the University Center was my favorite place.”

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Caskey will officially retire from the university at the end of June, but he said he hopes for his last working day at UWRF to be around May 23 or 24. However, he said he doesn’t expect to stay away forever, currently planning to return to River Falls or Woodbury upon retirement.

“I’ll miss this place, and I’ll be back,” Caskey said.

Proposal to remove River Falls dams sparks concerns about ecology

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“I don’t think there’s any concern that clear and green things are going to stay away. Even the city would not approve for removal.

The city of River Falls has been making moves to address the river’s ecology, and said that he thinks many people were surprised how many of them nearby such as the Rush, Trimble and Vermillion, but in fact there aren’t many habitats like the Kinni.

The dam removal process itself, Coleman-Wasik added, “I think the Kinni is a unique enough ecosystem that taking some of it, ecologically speaking, taking some of it to create meaningful angling experience, if you will.”

In short, Coleman-Wasik said, there is no ecological reason for the dam removal.

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In order to keep an open line of communication between the SGA and the student body, Wendt said that she plans on having a table in the Heritage Hall in the University Center where students can meet with student senators, learn more about the SGA and talk about issues that are important to them. To start out, Wendt said, she plans on talking twice a week.

“A lot of people don’t know what Senate is, and maybe putting a friendly face in it would help to let our name out there and having the students know that we’re actually there for them,” Wendt said.

Lastly, Wendt said that she plans on making the SGA more productive. In the past, Wendt said, the SGA has run into problems where members work on their own to create a motion that seems to come out of left field that leads to unnecessary confusion and fighting during Senate meetings.

To fix this, Wendt said she wants there to be more communication within the SGA and for student senators to work together to make and pass motions.

“We don’t pick our own family, and we don’t pick our own Senate. And that’s what we are, we’re a family,” Wendt said. “We have to work together. Otherwise there’s no way that we can really represent the students. It’s not fair to them if we’re arguing during Senate meeting and not getting any thing done.”

Above all else, Wendt said that she wants to let students know that her focus on is them.

“It’s focusing on the students and what they want, because they’re the ones that we’re here to represent, and they’re living out their passions,” said Wendt. “And I want to grow that and make it better for them.”

Abby Wendt

Abby Wendt elected 2017-2018 student body president

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“I know a lot of students who suffer from depression and anxiety, and I know people close to me who suffer from it,” said Wendt. “So this has become an issue close to my heart.”

Wendt said that although she had come into the election process with a set of initiatives, her focus has changed through talking with students. One issue that came to her attention when talking with the UWRF Collegiate 4-A organization was the need for an on-campus food pantry for students.

“I think it’s a great idea, because a lot of students don’t have a meal plan and it would be nice for them to have a place on campus that they can go to and get free food,” said Wendt.

After learning that this may not be feasible, however, Wendt said that one of her focuses for next year will be to bring awareness to the fact that the only food pantry in River Falls, the River Falls Community Food Pantry, and maybe even find a way to transport students to the food pantry.

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“Hopefully,” said Roth, “this process of you, knowing, through all of these different facets of the Corridor Project, hopefully it’ll bring back more to light.”

“Everyone needs to be part of the guide, and has had experience with both the Kinni and with other, undammed rivers such as the Rush,” she said. “There’s no way to tell the effects of the dams for sure, he said, because fishing itself is so variable, but the slow, silted stretches of river that run through town, upstream of the dams, are not ideal for fishing.

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As this academic year comes to a close, the Student Voice, like every other student organization on campus, is in the process of passing the leadership role to new students. This has led to a bittersweet realization for us that we are very passionate about, it can be hard to think about moving on. The thought of not taking an active role in that organization anymore can be especially hard if our work has felt more like a group of friends just hanging out. One of the ways to get around this stress and pain is to make efforts to ensure a smooth transition. That way, as we leave, we can be assured our organization won’t fall apart without us. This has benefits for those who are leaving and those who are stepping up, as both parties can end the year confident.

Training is obviously vital to ensuring the survival of our organizations. Whether through an informative binder or hands-on experience, making sure that our new leaders know the details about how to run the organization is necessary. From learning the specific roles responsibilities to the informal tridings like going out to eat after the last meeting of the year, being adequately prepared makes the transition a lot less intimidating.

Finding people who are as passionate as we are as just as important as this transition of leadership. Feeling connected and connected to an organization on campus can be a major source of satisfaction and social interaction. It makes a huge difference when we can say that what we work on outside of the classroom is a source of pride for us.

At the Student Voice, both our editor-in-chief and our assistant editor are graduates this semester. As we get ready to leave, we feel we’re leaving the newspaper in capable hands, and we’re proud of what we have accomplished in our time here.

As for next year, this transition in leadership brings about an exciting opportunity for change. Each new generation of leadership will have the power to make the Student Voice better. This is true for every organization, from sports clubs to identity-based organizations. This change is scary, but it’s also exciting.

Colleen Brown
Advice Columnist

Dear Colleen,

How did you get started with writing an advice column? What was your favorite year for part doing this column? Did you learn anything along the way?

From,

Colleen

OK, so this is a little weird, but I asked myself a question. I said to myself that I say my “ask Colleen” and because of that I wanted to do something a little different and reflect on my time writing for the Student Voice.

I actually started an advice column for a previous class. From, Column

Dear Colleen,

How can you tell if someone has a deep affection for you (in other words, how to tell if someone likes you?) It can continue to fall in love?

If I knew that answer, I would have saved myself a lot of stress. But honestly, you probably are going to have to ask. There is a fine line between being nice and flirting. Also, I feel like you could let someone you had a deep affection for you. That one should be pretty obvious.

Best,

Colleen

Dear Colleen,

I’ve recently been told by my friends that I am not cool. At the end of the day, I am just an all-around “uncool” person. How does one become “cool?”

Sincerely,

Uncool Person

Just be you and the rest will follow. Who is to say what cool is anyway?

Colleen

Colleen Brown is a senior at UWRF going for an English literature degree. She wrote this advice column while a member of the Student Voice staff.

The Student Voice Staff

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The Circle: a shining example of stellar cast, but is an example of an interesting story that is not fully realized

Nicholas Weninger

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The problem associated with the silencing of the EPA, to name one issue, is that on the other side, Americans have the right to freedom of expression. We are prohibited from expressing speech that elicits unnecessary panic and terror, like shouting fire in a crowded theater. So my question is this: When does freedom of speech cross the line into dangerous speech? Is the line crossed when global warming and climate change are broadcast on the media so they can remember days out and parties. A diary is an example of an interesting story that is not fully realized.
Congratulations to the spring 2017 graduates of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls!
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The train depot pictured on a 1910 postcard, Jeff Bjork said the depot was one of the city’s greatest losses.

The Klinkelelinic Falls can be found on many postcards from the early 1900s.

A postcard from 1915 shows a billboard with the names of River Falls businesses.

Above: 100 years ago, on April 26, 1917, residents of River Falls joined in a demonstration of loyalty to the United States during World War I. Right: The New Normal School, now North Hall at UW-River Falls.

Old postcards speak volumes

Lisa Erickson
Falcon News Service

One hundred years ago people didn’t have iPhones, Instagram or Facebook.
The concept of a text message wasn’t even an idea yet. Landline telephones were new and expensive. Most people couldn’t afford them. The main form of communication was through letters, but people also sent short little notes with a picture—postcards.

Over the past 100 years, many things have changed in River Falls. People still communicate like they did in the past with pictures and short messages.

"Postcards were an easy way to communi-
cate with family and friends—just a quick little
note to say hi," said Jeff Bjork, a River Falls
city council member.

Postcards have changed over time and in
some places disappeared.

"Recently, I was with my son in Dunning and we went to a Walgreens store and picked up the cashier where the postcards were. She said, ‘Postcards? What are postcards?’" said Bjork.

Bjork is an avid postcard collector. He says they tell a story—a unique story about the his-
tory of a place and about the people who went there.

"I started collecting when I was young," said Bjork. He met some people who came to his grade school and talked about history. Bjork was instantly interested.

"I was a junior historian in fourth grade and I got to ring the Heritage Bell in Heritage Park. We were the first to ring it in over 50 years. I met an older woman who helped with that. She helped me get interested in preserving history," Bjork said.

That older woman was Ursula Peterson.

"I have lived in River Falls for over 60 years," Peterson said with a heavy German accent. She didn’t collect postcards for herself, but when she found one that had a connection to River Falls or another area in Pierce County she would keep it. She donated all of them to the Pierce County Historical Society. If she found one that had a connection to River Falls or another area in Pierce County she would keep it. She donated all of them to the Pierce County Historical Society. She said Kathryn Otto, the University Archives and Area Research Center.

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"It’s the artwork and the colors. Some people are very knowledgeable and they collect from a particular artist. I buy postcards, because I like them or they are historically signifi-
cant," said Otto. "You can see through the postcard a story of how things were done. Many pictures were taken of common things or places.

Bjork has thousands in his collection, but some special ones stand out for him.

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For the last two years during River Falls Days the city has been handing out commemorative postcards. Two years ago, the postcard featured Junction Mill—the highlight was the smokestack from 1898. Last year, the postcard showed the Glen Park swing bridge in the 1940s.

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City provides postcards

In 2015 and 2016, the City of River Falls created new postcards of historic sites to hand out during River Falls Days. The first postcard featured the Junction Mill Smokestack, which was located at the site of the current power plant. Last year’s postcard featured the Swing Bridge in Glen Park.

Both postcards are still available at River Falls City Hall, 222 N. Lewis St. The 2017 postcard will be available during River Falls Days, set June 13-16 in Heritage Park.

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