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Taffy, a year old alpaca is visited by students on Ag Day held on the UC Mall. (Photo by Isabella Forliti)

10th Annual Ag Day on campus brings animals and leaders

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The 10th annual Ag Day on campus took place on April 19 on the University Center Mall. The event was open to all students, all community members, and all staff.

At 10 a.m. a red ribbon cutting ceremony took place because this is the tenth anniversary of Ag Day. Speakers such as Alice in Dairyland and Princess Kay of the Milky Way were guests at the ceremony. The ribbon cutting was also livestreamed on Facebook at UWRF Ag Day on Campus for community members to see who were unable to make it.

Michelle Stangler is a sophomore on campus studying agricultural marketing communications and agriculture business, she had a large role in planning this year's Ag Day on campus. "From there we will have keynote speakers every half hour in a tent just outside of the University Center," said Stangler. The speakers varied from the speakers for the red ribbon cutting ceremony to Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair and Wisconsin State FFA officers.

There was also a milk chug contest at

noon. "The winner will get a \$100 Kwik Trip gift card. We have four of those that will be given throughout the day as well as over 300 Culver's tokens, over 300 dried cranberry samples and over 400 shirts to give out. We have so many fun things planned," said Stangler. The day concluded with a free dinner and keynote speaker Kim Bremmer.

A variety of agricultural companies were in attendance as well as multiple College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science organizations. Farm animals such as lambs, calves, alpacas, pigs and more were also relaxing for students to see on the UC Mall. "This year's theme is let the good times grow. And so we really wanted to showcase how agriculture is moving forward. We know that the end consumer has so many questions and this event does that," said Stangler. "We have so many people involved in agriculture that are doing so many great innovations and different ways that we are moving forward to protect and value that end product."

The idea behind the event is for anyone and everyone to attend, whether you know a lot about agriculture or nothing at all.



Junior, Emma Wawracz visits with Taffy the Alpaca who is handled by Mark DeBoe of Wibotawot Farms. (Photo by Isabella Forliti)

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What is your biggest achievement this semester?

By Isabella Forliti



Chloe Collum

“I am proud of my Sociology 480 research project. It was a lot of work!”



Kate Curtis

“I am proud of being awarded the undergrad award in my department!”

Isaac Roehrig

“I am proud of competing on the men’s volleyball team and being awarded the psychological sciences scholarship.”



Ally Langer

“I am proud to be graduating college!”



Brookes Lueck

“I am most proud of hitting a big personal record in pole vault on the track team.”



Cassidy DeWitt

“Learning hard music for different concerts in the music department.”

Emma Joyce

“I am proud to have gotten some workouts in!”



Sofia Klinedinst

“I am proud I went out and got out of my room!”



2022 Chancellor's Award for Student winners announced

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Eight students from a variety of colleges across the University of Wisconsin- River Falls campus have been awarded the Chancellor Award for Students. This award is the highest non-academic award that can be given to a student at the university. The eight winners were celebrated at a ceremony on the evening of April 19 joined by families, friends and a variety of supporters.

The 2022 recipients are: senior Kaye Anderson, psychology/English education double major from River Falls, senior Courtney Carson, chemistry major, animal science minor from Egan, Minnesota, senior Ian Carter, secondary education/physics double major, mathematics minor from Platteville, Wisconsin, senior Isabella Forliti, communication studies major, journalism studies minor from White Bear Lake, Minnesota, junior Brigitte Ledferd, criminology/sociology double major from Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, senior Natalie Rodgers, communication studies major, women's and gender studies minor from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, junior Joe Schlies, agricultural business major, finance minor from Denmark, Wisconsin, and graduate student Kit Zuelke, TESOL from Stratford, Wisconsin.

This award is given annually by the Chancellor's office to a small number of juniors and seniors. To receive this award students must first be nominated, have letters of recommendation to support the nomination, and be in good academic standing. There are four pillars in which nominators look at when selecting their students; undergraduate research, inclusivity, service to the community, and service to the university.

Once students become a finalist for the award they go through a rigorous interview process by a committee. The selection committee includes the chief of Staff (chair), one appointee from Student Affairs, one faculty member from each of the four academic colleges, and two appointees from the Student Senate.



Back row from left to right: Ian Carter, Kit Zuelke, Natalie Rodgers, Courtney Carson, Kaye Anderson, and Isabella Forliti. Front row from left to right: Joe Schlies, Chancellor Maria Gallo, and Brigitte Ledferd. (Photo by University Communications and Marketing)

Students, faculty petition against custodian outsourcing

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Students, parents, and faculty have shown little support for outsourcing custodial services on campus. On Monday, April 11, a group of around 40 people marched into the Chancellor's office in North Hall to protest the possibility of this outsourcing becoming a reality.

The group was led by faculty and students as they gathered outside of the building to discuss the importance of what they were going to do. A variety of perspectives were brought up, including that those on the custodial staff had endured a lot through the pandemic. Custodial staff could not social distance away from the buildings and spaces during the height of the pandemic and instead were tasked to clean places people were occupying to try to keep them safe.

Alexander Al-Najim, the Student Government Association director of academic affairs and student success spoke to the work custodial staff has done throughout the pandemic. "They got us through COVID-19, they put themselves at risk for our safety, and now it's time that we show them support to ensure our campus is safe and that they receive their benefits still."

Students and faculty marched into North Hall with a petition signed by a total of 887 people. Al-Najim said, "Over 500 signatures of the 800 signatures for the petition were students. Showing that our students value safety and community. This is not only about ensuring our community but also our safety here on campus."

"Faculty at the march expressed a multitude of appreciation for students' participation in making these big things happen."

Student Government Association President Brigitte Ledferd said about the march that occurred, "The University of Wisconsin River Falls values community. We care about each other and these are real people, living real lives, with real families. It was a great show of support today to have all of the faculty, staff, and students here opposing outsourcing. We care about each other."

A research committee presented their findings to Chancellor Gallo and staff on April 15th. The Chancellor will be making a decision on the matter some time prior to the first of May.



Student Government Association President Brigitte Ledferd and Alexander Al-Najim, Student Government Association director of academic affairs and student success, lead a group of students into North Hall. (Photo by Isabella Forliti)

UWRF hosts 57 different high schools for annual agricultural competition day

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Over 700 middle and high school students attended UWRF's annual Agricultural Technology Contest (Ag Tech Day) on April 2.

Ag Tech Day is an opportunity for middle and high-school students to participate in 15 agriculture based competitions. UWRF has hosted this event for about 61 years; it has become a tradition of sorts for the campus and everyone involved. In order to have this large scale event run smoothly there is a coordinator and assistant coordinator working tirelessly.

Kendra Jentz, this year's assistant coordinator for Ag Tech day spoke more about the leg work to get this event off the ground.

"There is a lot of different logistics, whether that's making sure that we are working with the chairs which are a lot of time faculty members of CAFES to put on the contests, whether that's milk quality and products to agronomy or that is planning the logistics, such as meals and working with Chartwells and the catering service to make sure that everyone is able to get fed."

Jentz also worked with over 80 volunteers to make sure that those who wanted to be involved in the certain contests could be.

Fifty-seven different schools from both Wisconsin and Minnesota sent their teams to UWRF.

Jentz mentioned many benefits for sending students to Ag Tech Day stating, "It allows students to gain those life long skills that are going to help them for the future and is also going to allow them to explore career options. Additionally it is a great opportunity for students to come to see our campus."

After competing at Ag Tech Day students have the opportunity to move on to state and the top team there moves on to nationals. Those are FFA's standards but the UWRF Ag Tech Team also has awards that they give out as well.

"Here at our campus, for each contest, we have awards



From left to right: Emma Statz, Caeli Sorensen, Adam Strassburg and Jenna Snorheim help out on Ag tech Day. (Photo by Lexi Janzer)

for the team that placed first as well as the individual that placed first. We also do an award of excellence which is the award that is given to the school that placed highest in the most contests out of 7 of them that we choose," stated Jentz.

This event was made possible by everyone who volunteered. Jentz expressed her gratitude towards everyone saying "Thank you for everyone who helped make it possible,

whether that was the students who helped volunteer their time beforehand to make sure the folders were stuffed, the students that volunteered in the 15 different contests during that day, to the faculty members that gave up time beforehand to help plan the contests, to the individuals to um the people who put on the contests and then also Dr. Buttles, Ethan, and Cody for helping also put on the contest, and also the state officers."

Department support needed to finalize sustainable campus community plan

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UW-River Falls' Sustainable Campus Community Plan, which is being revised for the first time since 2012, reflects the university's new approach to sustainability.

The Community Plan has been in the revision process since January and was initially scheduled to be completed by the end of this March. However, the revisions have expanded in scope, so the plan will take more time to finalize.

Mark Klapatch-Mathias, sustainability coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, said, "We need to make sure that we're integrating sustainability campus-wide. That's part of the reason why we slowed down the process."

The revised Community Plan will contain 55 priority actions related to sustainability, which fall into four categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations, and Planning and Administration. The plan will also include what the university has already done to support sustainability, and will continue to do.

"The operational categories are where we see the most opportunity for improvement," Klapatch-Mathias said. "So

that's looking at our greenhouse gas emissions and how we're designing and building our buildings. It also goes into our use of renewable energy, food and dining, and our grounds."

Other departments will need to become involved to further sustainability campus-wide.

"With 55 priority actions, maybe we can do 20 of them, maybe we can do 30 or 40. But we also need those departments to see how they can help support sustainability," Klapatch-Mathias said. "It's about working collaboratively to figure out what is actually feasible for our campus."

Several of these priority actions have already been completed or are in the process of being completed. The 2022 UWRF Sustainability Survey, which was completed this February, was one of these actions.

In addition to the Community Plan, sustainability has been a focus of UWRF's Academic Plan and Strategic Plan as well as other initiatives. "There are other teams now working on some of those plans," Klapatch-Mathias said.

"Some things could be starting now, some things we might not even start for a few years," Klapatch-Mathias said. "I think some of the departments will just start work-

ing on things right away."

Klapatch-Mathias also mentioned the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System, or STARS, a system used by campuses worldwide. "I think if we can strategically make a plan and then have various departments move it forward, we'll get back to gold."

In 2018, UWRF held a gold rating through the STARS program. However, the university now holds a silver rating and looks to regain gold by 2024.

"If we get the plan approved in the fall and have a lot of those conversations this summer about how departments will start working on it, I think we'll just keep seeing sustainability grow and grow," Klapatch-Mathias said.

In the future, UWRF plans to release annual reports on the state of sustainability on campus, with data on what the university has done to further sustainability that year. "This will allow us a good framework to do some other communications about sustainability as well," Klapatch-Mathias said. "I'm hoping we just continue to build that momentum and keep moving forward."

Students happy with board of regents mental health discussion during on-campus visit

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Board of Regents members visited UWRF on March 25 to talk to student representatives about issues the campus is facing.

Amy Bogost and Kyle Weatherly are two of the newest elected members on the board of regents. Bogost has a long history of practicing law and has provided training on implementation of Title IX at Tribal colleges. Weatherly is the CEO and co-founder of Frontdesk, a short-term housing provider founded in 2017. Prior to Frontdesk, Weatherly was the president and co-owner of Solaris, a medical device company.

While at UWRF Bogost and Weatherly toured the campus and spoke with many different students. At one meeting students represented groups like the Chancellor's Student Ambassadors (CSA), Student Government Association (SGA), and the Black Student Union.

During this meeting many topics were discussed such as the current mental health of students on campus, the flex-

ibility or lack thereof, of classes, the lack of technology at UWRF to have the flexibility that students want, and the lack of participation in extracurriculars.

Matthew Fischer who represented SGA stated, "I think one of the biggest themes that I saw come out of here is a lot of flexibility and having a flexible campus. Using that hybridization of classrooms and making sure that our university is providing the proper resources for students to succeed here."

Many students also felt that the regents brought up unexpected and important topics and were very pleased with how the regents responded to the discussion.

Kaye Anderson representing CSA's stated, "I was actually really happy with how receptive they were and how many questions they asked. I thought that they seemed super interested in the conversation that we were having and that was really nice to have."

Jeslyn Andrews who represented SGA brought up how she thought this conversation was super important for all universities to move on from COVID stating, "I think it was a great way because it shows that we as a system want to

move forward but not just move forward like everyone else but in a positive way and learn from the last two years and this experience that we've had."

Although many topics were discussed there was a common theme when interviewing students who attended the meeting and that was they want to keep UWRF unique from the rest of the universities in the system

"I want to be able to talk more about how we got to keep a continual focus on what made UWRF, UWRF and why we are still here and what we are known for today while still having options for everybody to be a diverse campus," stated Fischer

Andrews said "One thing is a lot of regents because they come from Madison and Milwaukee, they really want us to grow as a school and they always ask us that and we really don't want that. We want River Falls to be what it is and so I think that's like one thing that I want to keep reiterating to them is like don't change because we are perfect the way we are."



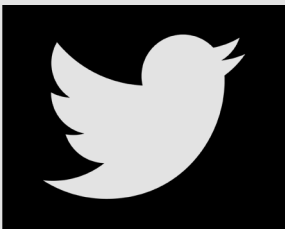
From left to right: Jeslyn Andrews, Phanice Obasi, and Linnea Milner share their thoughts with the regents. (Photo by University Communications and Marketing)



Regents Amy Blumenfeld Bogost (left) and Kyle Weatherly (right) listen to students and staff. (Photo by University Communications and Marketing)

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UW-River Falls English department marks banned books by reading 'Fahrenheit 451'

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UW-River Falls students and staff gathered in the Chalmer Davee Library to collaboratively read Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451." Originally, the event was set to be outside, at the outdoor classroom near Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA). Weather issues moved the reading indoors at the library near the circulation desk.

From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 18 volunteer students and staff took turns reading in 20-minute intervals. They finished the entire book one time through, and made it almost three-quarters in the second half of the day.

English Department Chair Mialisa Moline thought this spring would be the perfect time to host a banned book reading.

"One, censorship is all over the news. Both the left and the right have been talking about and encouraging various kinds of censorship recently," said Moline.

Most recently, a school board in Tennessee banned the graphic novel "Maus" by Art Spiegelman for inappropriate language and obscene imagery.

Moline saw the banned book reading as a way to bring the community back together as pandemic restrictions continue to lift.

"This is a shared value in the English community. So, we are very interested in the topic of censorship, how broad the topic reaches, and how dangerous it is for all of us," said Moline.

Academic Department Associate Sally Bender also emphasized the importance of bringing awareness to banned books.

"I think we need to be aware that books are being banned. It's not like something from the 1940s. It still continues today. I think we need to be aware of that, ask why, and maybe read the book and then decide for ourselves," said Bender.

Bender remembers her own experiences with a now controversial book series, "Junie B. Jones." Bender's grandmother took a liking to the series. "I was shocked, but she was able to see the humor in it and draw the line," said Bender.

"Junie B. Jones" and many other banned books are dis-



Volunteer students and staff reading a banned book during their shift. (Photo by Natalie Torbert)

played on the second floor of KFA, just before the elevators. Student intern Taylor Kiel built the display as part of her internship and read at the banned book reading.

In her closing remarks, Moline said, "Censorship of thought, of word, of idea will not stand; nor limitations on

the sharing and building of knowledge together. Not while teachers breathe. Not while students learn."

Both Bender and Moline hope to continue having a banned book reading every school year.

Local organizations host city's first Earth Fest

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The first annual Earth Fest was scheduled Sunday, April 24th from 2 - 5 pm held at Glen Park, where over 45 local organizations gathered to promote sustainability with live music, free food, activities, free well-water testing, and a clothing swap. April is Earth Month, and the City of River Falls has been hosting a series of events including a Sustainability Speaker Series about the impacts climate change has on mental health and a Bluegrass Festival the weekend of the 22nd.

The first 500 people in attendance were to go home with a free tree sapling, and those who used sustainable transportation to get to Glen Park (by walking, biking, or carpooling), received a free LED lightbulb. This event was hosted by the City of River Falls, UW-River Falls, River Falls Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Hope for Creation, and the School District of River Falls.

Mark Klapatch-Mathias is on the leadership team for Hope for Creation and is the co-chair for Earth Fest, and

played an essential role in making this event a reality.

The event was funded entirely by grants and donations. Hope for Creation, which is a group made up of local churches, UWRF, and the City of River Falls, that have the goal of advancing sustainability, was largely responsible for making Earth Fest possible. Klapatch-Mathias stated, "We wanted there to be a large community event to celebrate sustainability; where we've been, where we are now, and where we want to go."

A pledge-signing took place where representatives from CVTC, UWRF, the City of River Falls, and the River Falls School District agreed to make more sustainable efforts in the River Falls community. Hope For Creation also had a pledge that individuals could sign as well. Klapatch-Mathias said, "We're really hoping to instill some sense of ownership for sustainability at the individual level, businesses, organizations, churches, and also the broader, larger entities." There was also a recognition for COVID heroes/heroes that thanked them for their help and hard work.

The bands that performed included Chris Silver, the Barley Jacks, the River Falls High School Instrumental Aca-

pella group, and the UW-River Falls Pep Band. Locally sourced foods were served, including impossible burger sliders, attendees helped plant trees, and electric vehicles were on display. Some family activities included turning t-shirts into DIY bags, mini-golf, and a petting zoo.

The wide variety of organizations that participated included some UWRF organizations, like the Bee Club and the Green Team, and community and regional organizations that actively participate in promoting sustainability. St. Croix County offered free nitrate testing for those who provided a sample of their well water. The UWRF Green Team, Our Neighbors Place, and Wiley's Wardrobe hosted a clothing swap, where people could bring an item of clothing in exchange for something new. Clothes left after the event were donated to Our Neighbors Place and Wiley's Wardrobe. Alina Health was also in attendance to provide bikes to kids through their Free Bikes for Kids program.

There is hope that this will become an annual event, but further discussion is needed.

Students compete in debate about freedom of expression

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On April 7, a debate competition revolving around whether or not the University of Wisconsin-River Falls should adopt the “Chicago Statement” on Freedom of Expression was held on campus in the University Center.

The debate featured three teams, two of which argued against the adoption of the “Chicago Statement” on Freedom of Expression, and one of which argued for it, and two rounds of debate. The “Chicago Statement” is an overarching stance by the University of Chicago that affirms its commitment to uninhibited freedom of expression for their community. The statement speaks against things like “trigger warnings,” intellectual safe spaces, and the prohibition of speakers deemed controversial, arguing that those measures prevent students from exposure to ideas and perspectives that differ from their own, thereby acting as forms of censorship.

Due to the number of teams, the team arguing for the resolution took to the stand twice to face off against both of the con “Chicago Statement” teams. Teams were composed of two to three students, with both of the pro teams having three students, while the con team had two. Each round kicked off with the opening statements from both teams, a cross-examination period, followed by the closing statements. All competitors received \$100 for participating, the second-place team was awarded \$500, and the top prize for the winning team was \$1,000. The winning team, which argued against the adoption of the “Chicago Statement,” was made up of Anya Getschel, Ryan Arthur, and Blake Buchholz, all of whom represented the Forensics Club of Hudson High School. It is important to note that those arguing for or against the proposition are not necessarily for or against it.

The judges for the competition were Communications Studies Program Director and Associate Professor Grace Coggio and Communication and Media Studies Department Chair and Professor Jennifer Willis-Rivera. The teams’ arguments were evaluated on the strength of their opening statements, cross-examination/rebuttal, and their closing statements.

For the opening statements, the judges were looking for a clear thesis, adequate support of any claims that were made, and an effective public speaking presence. During

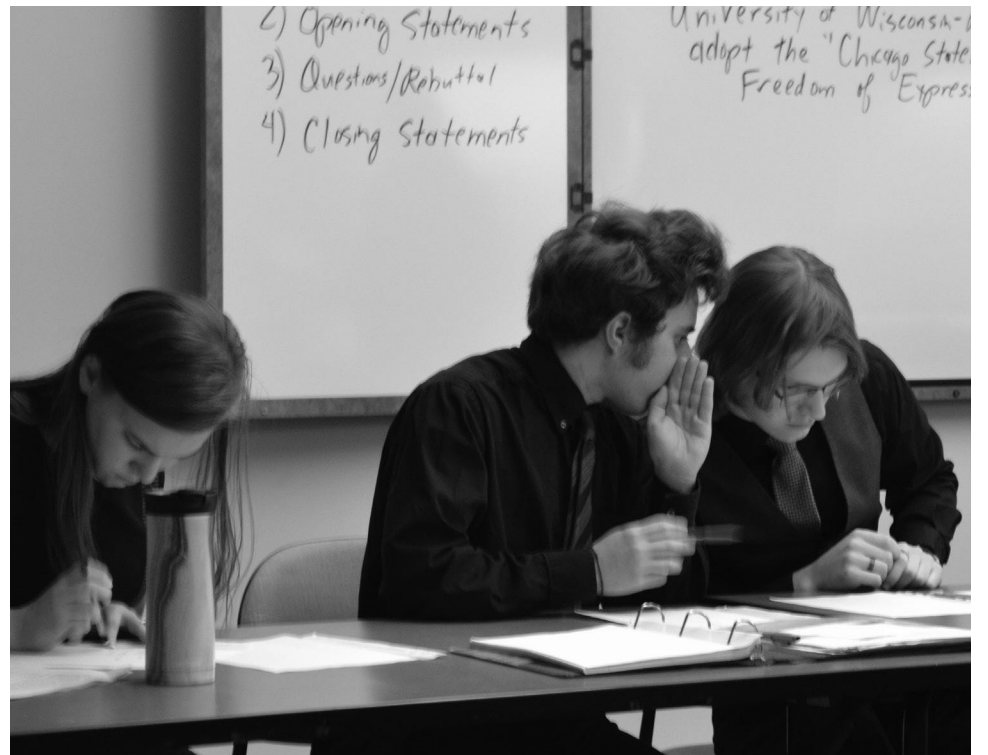
the cross-examination stage of the debate, the teams were evaluated on the astuteness of their questions as they harkened back to points made by their opposition and the soundness they displayed in their rebuttals. Etiquette was also an important metric weighed by the judges throughout the debate, meaning that the speakers were expected to politely and actively listen to their opposition before taking their turn, especially during the rebuttal period.

Speakers’ closing statements were scored, in part, based on the depth and cohesiveness of any references they made back to their opposition in order to show an understanding of the dissenting stance. Finally, the effectiveness of the final pitch, or closing argument, presented in a team’s closing statement is factored into the judge’s scoring tally.

College of Business and Economics Professor Brian Huffman put this debate on by administering a civil liberties grant, and he also served as the moderator. Huffman drew inspiration for the debate and its structure from the Oxford Union, which is a debating society in Oxford, England that draws most of its membership from the University of Oxford. Huffman sees the ability of, and opportunity for, one to argue their point of view as paramount attributes for college students in their progression.

“You have universities that have given up on freedom of speech, and I wanted to give students an opportunity to debate and make sure their minds still work,” said Huffman.

Huffman selected the “Chicago Statement” on Freedom of Expression as the topic for the debate because he wanted students to explore and assess the current state of freedom of expression in academia. He feels like people are object-



From left to right: Jeslyn Andrews, Matt Weiman, and Joey Schulte compete in the debate. (Photo by Charlie Swanson)

ing to controversy too often in today’s society, and he is a firm believer that instead of turning away from controversial subject matter, people should confront it and immerse themselves in the surrounding discourse. Picking a more black and white topic may not have evoked any meaningful takeaways.

“I could have a debate on if the sky was blue, and everyone would join the pro team,” said Huffman.

This debate competition was supposed to take place last year, but COVID-19 did what it has done best and completely disrupted the event. Going forward, Huffman wishes for the debate competition to become an annual affair on campus and would like to see much more participation from students. One of Huffman’s favorite quotes comes from Oscar Wilde and it explains why he is putting an emphasis on setting the stage for debates at UWRf: “Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong.”

For veterans, American Legion more than just bingo

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Situated on North Main Street in River Falls, a sign advertising bingo on Friday nights stands out in fluorescent red. Behind it is a building that has stood since the 1950s. It is American Legion Post 121.

Greeting any visitor of the nonprofit organization of former service members is a bar. Shiny and pristine, faces reflect from its surface. One face is the post commander’s, Melissa “Missy” Hildebrandt.

Hildebrandt joined the American Legion over a decade ago on a request from a brigadier general.

“He was the type of guy you just couldn’t say no to,” she said in an interview. He was the reason for ever attending her first Legion meeting. “I was involved from the minute I stepped into the door.”

Post 121 has over 570 members, according to Hildebrandt. “It’s like having a whole other family here.”

Members range from different ages and periods; the only requirement is the individual must be a veteran of the United States military.

One such veteran is Bill Gnatzig, who has been a member of the post for over 35 years.

Drafted by the Marine Corps in 1969, Gnatzig completed his service in 1971. A writer and journalist during his working career, he worked for the Marine Corps Leatherneck magazine at a time. He is now the public affairs officer for Post 121.

In an interview, Gnatzig expressed his sentiment towards the Legion saying, “it’s a way in continuing to serve.”

Continuing to serve is a common theme for many of the Legion’s members, and it is one echoed by Hildebrandt.

“Deep down the Legion to me is about still serving,” she said. “It’s making connections with not only veterans, but also the community.”

She explained the work Post 121 engages with the River Falls community.

“I’ll start with the things you see all the time. We have bingo,” she said. Post 121’s bingo Fridays were started by the same brigadier general who introduced Hildebrandt to the Legion.

“It was his baby,” she said. “It started off slow, but amazingly has grown into a pretty big thing. The neat thing about it is kids can come in and play.”

The reception hall, where bingo is hosted, is decorated with military memorabilia and photos, highlighting members of Post 121 and their achievements.

Along with bingo nights, Post 121 also participates in community chicken fries, sponsors Legion baseball for high school juniors and seniors, visits all local River Falls schools on Veterans Day and sponsored three blood drives, according to its 2021 newsletter.

The blood drives are a specific passion for another of Post 121’s members, Pat Singel. A Vietnam veteran, Singel “loves the blood drives” and enjoys the community work that goes into it.

This past September, Singel also worked with another nonprofit organization, Team Rubicon, in the aid of Afghanistan refugees at Fort McCoy in central Wisconsin. There he aided refugees in writing rv@sumv@s and applying for college scholarships.

Singel emphasized his experience with Team Rubicon and the American Legion as a great way to serve local and international communities.

The post commander stressed the Legion’s importance in the local community.

“I want our (community) kids to see our veterans,” she said. “All of our funds we raise are going back to the community in one way or another.”

UWRF commencement set for May 7

A total of 850 UW-River Falls students are expected to graduate this spring and summer, according to the registrar’s office. The 2022 commencement is scheduled Saturday, May 7, in the Knowles Field House at Falcon Center.

The ceremony for the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences; the College of Business and Economics, and Graduate Studies is set at 9 a.m. The ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Professional Studies is at 1 p.m.

Students graduating include:

Abbott, Jordyn C.
Ackerman, Olivia
Adler, Harmony Christina
Aguado, Nicholas Reid
Akenson, Daniel B.
Albee, Elizabeth Brooke
Albers, Sarah
Alders, Libby Jean
Alexander, Joseph
Alleman, Chloe Rose
Allsopp, Tosh Charles Helen
Alsides, Dominique Willis
Alvarado, Elian
Andersen, Hanna Danielle
Anderson, Rachel Kay
Andreou, Panayiotis
Andres, Holly Katherine
Andrusko, Benjamin John
Angotti, Danielle
Angotti, Samantha Mabel
Antone, Jordan
Arnold, Joshua Dossie
Arnt, Jacob Michael
Asher, Autumn Christine
Asp, Alexander Gussie
Austin, Mitchell
Aye, Than Dah
Bailey, Keagan Lee
Baker, Margaret Faith
Banjo, Emmanuel
Barrett, Alexis Leah
Barrett, Aubrey Anna
Barriger, Katelyn Ruth
Baumann, Lauren May
Baumann, Lindsey Ann
Beall, Evalyn Ashley
Beehler, Rainy Marie
Beem, Katherine Cecelia
Behrens, Shelby Lynn
Belmont, Michael Anthony
Bendickson, Angela Clare
Benner, Ivy
Bennett, Jacob Ryan
Bents, Lisa Jean
Bentson, Lillian Dei
Berends, Grace Diane
Berg, Geoffrey Scott
Bergmann, Madison Lynn
Bergsbaken, Shawn Peter
Bergstrom, Lucas Charles
Bergum, Bailey Theresa
Bernhoft, Jenna
Berray, Madison Nicole
Berry, Ashley Marie
Berthiaume, Kendra Grace
Best, Emily Rae
Bicha, Makenzie Leigh
Biedrzycki, Jacob
Bierbrauer, Maygen Rose
Biros, Jordan Elizabeth
Bishop, Mackenzie Rae
Bjork, Jackson Edward
Bladow, Jackie Lee
Blaha, Megan Rose
Blank, Alyssa Marie
Blaski, Alexandra Rose
Blauert, Benjamin Allan
Boles, Jillian Marie

Bond, Angela J.
Borchardt, Meaghan
Borgstrom, Carson Marcella
Bosch, ÆBrayton, Natalie
Boss, Faith
Boyer, Haley Rose
Boyum, Lauren Taylor
Bradley, Jared Marshall
Brand, Alexander Matthew
Breedon, Kevin Patrick
Brehmer, Erin Joyce
Breuer, Maria Lorraine
Brezina, Katelynn May
Britt, Keosha Marie
Brogan, Katie Marie
Bronk, Mary Elizabeth
Brooks, Matthew Michael
Brooks, Renee April
Brousseau, Hannah Celeste
Brown, Abbigale Rose
Brown, Brianna
Bryant, Nikolina Ye, ÆEun
Buchholz, Desiree Jo
Buchmann, Hannah
Buetow, Byrgen Siri
Buhl, Cole
Burbank, Brady Thomas
Burke, Alannah Dannielle
Burno, Rachel Kay
Burns, Rachel Jane
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Junior breaks longstanding 1977 track and field record

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Junior Lexi LeFever notched yet another school record on her belt for the UW-River Falls Women's Track and Field team, running a blistering 12.02 seconds in the outdoor 100-meter dash at the Hamline University Invitational on April 2.

LeFever surpassed longtime UWRF record holder Jane Ubbelohde's time of 12.14 seconds, a time that has stood since 1977. The record-setting performance also set the new benchmark for the meet itself, surpassing the previous mark of 12.18 seconds. Her standout showing at the meet also included two more first place finishes. LeFever won the long jump by leaping 5.56 meters, and her 4x100 meter relay took home the gold by running the race in 49 seconds.

LeFever opened last year's outdoor season with a time of 12.3 seconds in the 100-meter dash, and she entered this year's Hamline University Invitational with the top seed time of 12.2 seconds, which was her personal best. The conditions for the meet were windy, but not to the level that would deem the record illegitimate. LeFever, who favors running indoors, knew she had gotten off to a great start in the race, but she definitely did not foresee herself making history.

"I had no expectation at all to break that record," said LeFever.

Upon hearing the third-place time, LeFever knew she had set a personal record for herself. Next, Bethel's Sarah Stellmach's second place time of 12.11 seconds, which also bested the meet record, was announced, to which LeFever turned towards her in awe and congratulated her. She now knew that her time was of a caliber she could not have imagined. The new gold standard for 100-meter dash at the Hamline University Invitational, 12.02 seconds, was cemented in the record books with LeFever's name etched next to it.

"I thought, are you joking? This can't be real," said LeFever.

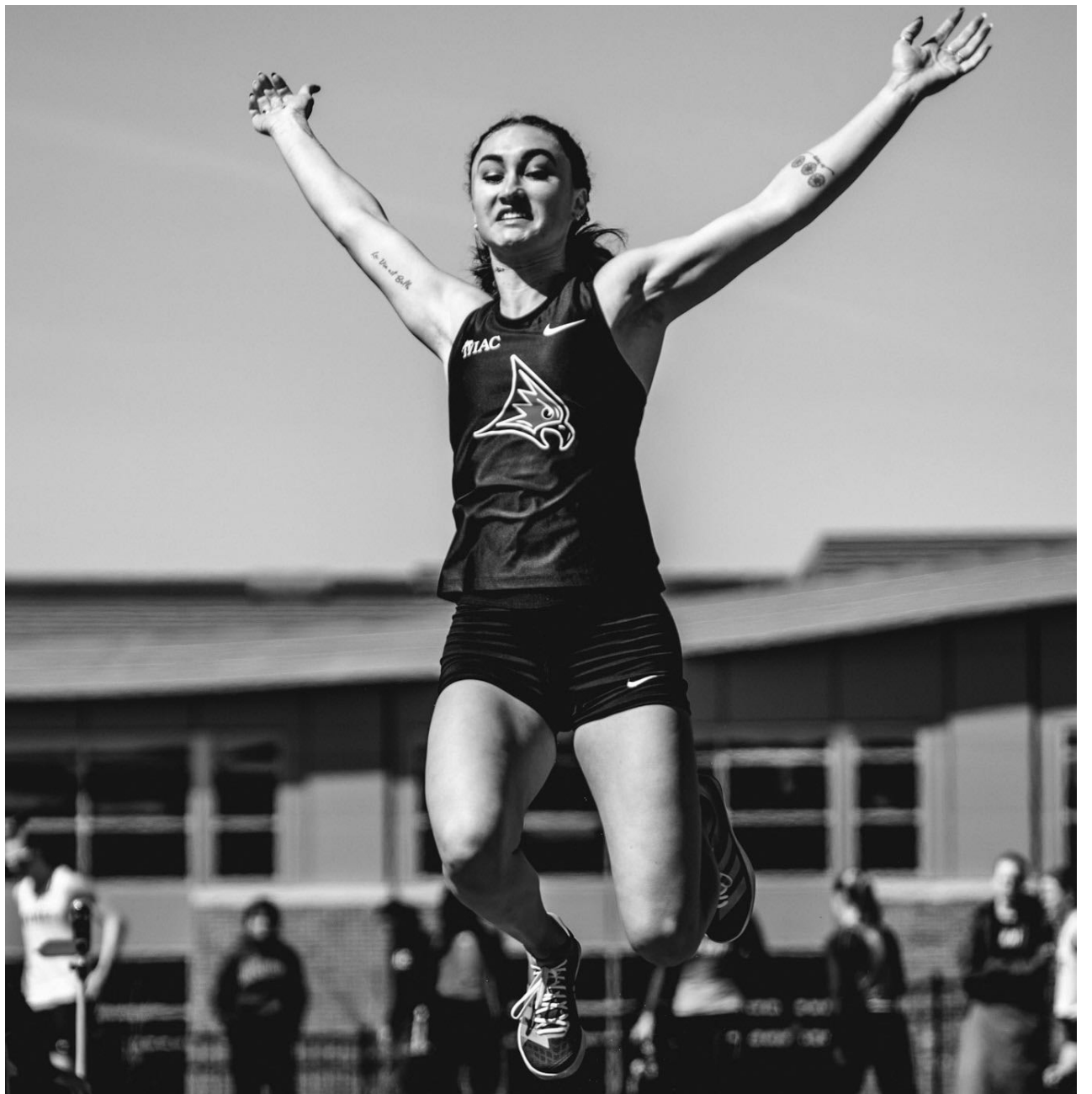
Like she does when she is barreling down the race courses, LeFever's decorated track and field career has certainly taken a few turns along the way. She began competing in the sport when she was in sixth grade. Throughout high school, LeFever was a state competitor in her 4x200 meter and 4x100 meter relays. Once she started qualifying for state in her individual events, LeFever's confidence really grew, and she began to set her sights on the collegiate level.

"I was like, huh, I must have a real talent in this sport," said LeFever.

After exploring her options, LeFever decided to commit her talents to the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds. However, running with the blue and gold threads on just didn't feel quite right for her. LeFever posted faster times while she was in high school than she did at UW-Eau Claire, and she simply struggled to break out there. LeFever sensed a change of scenery was necessary, and all it took was a tweet for her to identify her future stomping grounds.

The aforementioned consequential tweet was an announcement from UWRF that they had hired Colleen Sowa as the new head coach for track and field. Before helming the track and field operation at UWRF, Sowa served two years as a volunteer assistant coach for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers and seven years as the head girls track and field coach at River Falls High School. LeFever, hailing from Hudson, was familiar with Sowa tracing back to her high school racing days, and the prospect of receiving Sowa's tutelage and moving closer to home was extremely appealing, so she jumped ship and transferred to UWRF in January 2020. Despite only getting to work with her at UWRF for one season (Sowa rejoined the Gophers after the 2021 season), LeFever credits Sowa immensely for unlocking her potential.

"Colleen Sowa definitely had a big impact on me when I started performing how I never thought I could perform," said LeFever.



Lexi LeFever competing in long jump. (Photo by Sam Silver)

Even though her new Falcon fit felt right, LeFever needed to work out a few kinks before hitting the ground running. She still had to acclimate herself to her new team, and she knew she needed a coaching adjustment.

"Me transitioning as an athlete was kind of hard," said LeFever.

Then, LeFever's development was stunted by the extraordinary curveball posed by the onset of COVID-19. The 2020 NCAA Indoor Championships and the entire outdoor season was subsequently canceled, preventing LeFever from gaining traction in her inaugural season with the Falcons. While the competitions and team training came to a screeching halt, LeFever's drive to improve did not.

"The summer after COVID is when I really got my act together," said LeFever.

LeFever ramped up her training regimen that offseason and wound up reaching a level she had previously never thought was attainable. In 2021, LeFever staked her claim to three UWRF Women's Indoor Track and Field records: the 60-meter dash (7.71 seconds), 200-meter dash (25.03 seconds), and the long jump (58.2 meters). Her runner-up performance in the long jump at the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships garnered her All-American honors, making her the first Falcon All-American since 2013.

Following up such a wildly successful breakout year is certainly a tall task for any athlete, irrespective of their sport. With great success comes great expectations and pressure, and LeFever has had to cope with those byproducts of success as she strives to continue breaking down

barriers.

"This year has been hard on me mentally because of how well I did last year," said LeFever. "You just have to put all of your knowledge and hard work in from the practices and approach things one meet at a time."

Based on the boom that has been her encore to last year's breakout season, it seems like LeFever is having no trouble navigating the pressure and holding serve. She has been impressive all year long, and the UWRF women's outdoor 100-meter dash record is merely one of many feathers she has put in her cap so far in 2022. For her indoor season, LeFever was named All-Region by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association in the long jump, 200-meter dash, and the 60-meter dash. At the NCAA Indoor Championships last month, LeFever's third place finish in the long jump earned her another All-America nod.

LeFever intends to continue her assault on the UWRF record books, with her aim set on the outdoor marks for the 200-meter dash and the long jump. Her indoor long jump school record of 5.82 meters is identical to that of the outdoor long jump school record, giving her the confidence that she can leapfrog it. LeFever especially has her eyes on Alyssa Rasmussen's outdoor 200-meter dash record of 24.58 seconds which was set back in 2012. She craves this record because, as she says, "the 200 is my baby."

LeFever has multiple opportunities left to secure those records, with the UW-La Crosse Phil Esten Challenge meet taking place on April 22-23, the Macalester Invite on April 30, and the WIAC Outdoor Championships and the NCAA Outdoor Championships coming up in May.

Considering COVID, University readies students for workforce

We at the Student Voice feel that especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic and how the world is still adapting to life in and through a pandemic, UW-River Falls has prepared students for the workforce.

We feel confident that the resources available on campus are sufficient and guided towards fostering students in a way that prepares them to work in a variety of different fields catered to their majors. Starting from the beginning of our college careers, even considering the pandemic, advisers have been easily accessible for career advice. Help is available around every corner and if students have a question about their careers they can go to either their adviser or career services and generally find an answer to their question.

We feel that a variety of opportunities have still been available to students and have been adapted to work on multiple platforms. Whether this is online, in-person, or hybrid, there are options for all students to be flexible throughout the past few years.

An important thing to do when in college when

it comes to preparing for a future career is gaining experience by obtaining an internship. We feel that the University overall provides a variety of spaces where students can look for and acquire internships. Different departments seem to offer these opportunities more or less depending on what year students are in. All departments use and have access to Handshake as well. Handshake is a platform that career services and a variety of other departments on campus use for students to apply for jobs both on and on-campus as well as find other volunteer opportunities.

Overall, we discovered two main themes when it comes to how UW-River Falls has handled career preparation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The first theme we found was that different majors and departments handle career prep differently but overall they utilize a lot of the same resources on campus. The second main theme we found is that all of the opportunities are there and have been maintained throughout COVID, it is just up to students to take advantage of those opportunities.

COVID stays low

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As the temperature outside rises here on campus, the number of positive COVID tests are going down. With masks optional on campus, taking small steps forward and out of the pandemic has been a success so far. While the pandemic continues, there seems to finally be some light at the end of the tunnel. Remaining mindful of the COVID safety precautions taken over the last two years will sustain the well-being and low positive test rates on campus.

After the rapid rise and fall of Omicron, there have been no high-consequence COVID variants since. In the hopes that Omicron was the final severe variant, it's ideal to stay cautious seeing how quickly some variants can spread.

While pushing through these last few weeks of classes, it's crucial to continue washing hands frequently as the flu and common cold are both visiting campus this spring. As mentioned many times before, taking steps to prevent the spread of illness throughout campus should be practiced daily. Social distance if you're feeling ill, refrain from touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes, and don't go to class if feeling under the weather.

Students who do feel under the weather are urged to get tested. Testing remains open in Hagestad by appointment. Appointment hours are now Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a link to appointment scheduling on the Falcons Forward website.

As masks stay optional on campus, they remain normalized and can be worn out of comfort or safety. Masks are still effective at reducing the spread of COVID. Influenza is spread mainly through droplets as infected people talk, cough or sneeze, so masks will reduce the spread of the flu as well. As a Falcon family, it's essential to be respectful of peers' wishes and preferences when it comes to virus safety.

Free N95 masks are still available on campus at various locations such as the information desk in the University Center, the front desk at the Fitness Center, the circulation desk at Davee Library, and at every front desk in each residence hall. For more locations on where to obtain a free N95 mask, visit the Falcons Forward website.

Students are encouraged to continue to be mindful of COVID to finish off the semester strong.

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Spring has sprung: Lemon turmeric tea cake

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“I don’t want lemon bars, I want this lemon cake,” said my roommate and dear friend, Maddie. She’s right, because the first time I made this, I fell in love. I’ll admit, I’m a fan of anything lemon. From lemon poppy seed muffins to lemon tarts, I love them all. So, when this recipe popped up on my page, I knew it was fate.

Lemons often go overlooked as you make your way down the grocery aisles. Their acidity makes them perfect for bringing out bright and fresh flavors. Lemon zest packs a flavorful punch as it contains lemon oil, which is where most of that tart, lemon flavor comes from.

Also, lemons just remind me of spring, because of their bright and bold color. This lemon tea cake’s vibrant yellow color is sure to put you in a happier mood. Shh, turmeric is the secret to its bright orange color.

The recipe is from one of my favorite chefs, Allison Roman. Roman is a cook and an author on the

New York Times’s best-seller list. Her approach to cooking is flavorful yet approachable food done well. I am never left disappointed after making one of her dishes.

You’ll need to put in some elbow grease. Juicing lemons is no walk in the park. Roman’s recipe calls for the zest and juice from one lemon, but I usually end up using one and a half. The remaining lemon half will be used for the garnish. If you are not a fan of the fresh lemon slices on top, you can ditch them.

The thin slices of lemon on top are mainly there for the aesthetic. Also, the sugar helps candy the lemon slices, giving them an extra crunch. Personally, I think they add an extra punch of lemon flavor. Some might think it’s overkill, so you could still get that crunch with the sugar layer.

Prepare yourself for the fresh and bright aroma of lemon cake filling up your home. If you plan on taking it to a party, hide it. Your roommates might get to it first, it’s that irresistible.



Lemon Tumeric Tea Cake. (Photo by Natalie Torbert)

10th Annual Ag Day



Marie Prodell holds 4-week old goat, Penny. (Photo by Isabella Forliti)



Three little pigs outside of the University Center for Ag Day. (Photo by Isabella Forliti)



Three alpacas visit campus and students during Ag Day. (Photo by Isabella Forliti)