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### Losing a legend: Celebrated Olympian rower and Spring Green native Carie Graves dead at 68

Graves was the star of the first national championship won by a UW varsity women's team; a two-time Olympian and five-time national rowing team member. She died Dec. 19.

Doug Moe, *Madison Magazine*

In the space of less than 24 hours, University of Wisconsin women's varsity athletics gained a national championship and lost a legend. If any Badger athlete across the past half century could have truly appreciated the grit — the discipline and drive — that propelled the women's volleyball team to its heart-stopping five-set championship victory over the Univer-

sity of Nebraska, it was Carie Graves. Graves, 68, died the afternoon of Dec. 19 in a local hospital after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. Graves was the star of the first national championship won by a UW varsity women's team — the 1975 National Women's Rowing Association championship in Princeton, New Jersey. Crew was not yet an NCAA sport. I once had a chance to ask Graves what she most remembered about that national championship, and she said, "Standing on the podium. I just couldn't believe it. It was wonderful."

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Photo by Arthur Grace with permission, via Madison Magazine  
Carie Graves racing as part of the "Red Rose Crew" in 1975.

### First large bout of winter weather makes and appearance coating the Valley in 3-4 inches of snow



Photo by Taylor Scott, *Managing Editor*

Arcadia Books and all of downtown Spring Green coated in the first heavy winter weather of the season.



Photo by Nicole Aimone, *Editor-in-Chief*

A group from Alabama visits family in Spring Green for the holidays and gets to enjoy the area's first heavy winter snow. The group works to shovel and tosses a few snow balls.

### Riverway Board meets at site they hope to convert to Riverway Visitor Center in Spring Green

Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) met at the Wintergreen Conference Center near Spring Green on Dec. 9 to conduct a regular monthly business meeting. Francis Shelfhout, a planner with the Department of Transportation (DOT), gave a presentation on the upcoming project to replace to the STH 130 bridge at Lone Rock. Construction is expected to begin in late 2022 or early 2023 with completion targeted for 2024. Shelfhout requested the board's input on the design for two retaining walls that will be necessary on the Iowa County terminus of the new bridge. The retaining walls will be a post and panel

construction type. The board endorsed Option 1, which will match the retaining walls to the bridge piers in design and colorization. The walls have been deemed necessary after recent borings and geological studies were conducted.

The board also endorsed a modified proposal for limiting the use of engine compression brakes, commonly known as "jake brakes", on motor vehicles traveling on STH 133 and STH 130 in the Town of Clyde, Iowa County, across the river from Lone Rock. The Riverway Board recommended the ordinance apply only to the stretch of highway extending from the intersection of Hwy. 133 and Bigelow Hill Road to the intersection of Hwy. 130 and CTH C, the stretch adjacent

to the Wisconsin River. The proposed ordinance would provide an exemption for emergency situations. While the board has no regulatory purview over noise, it has issued recommendations in the past for reducing noise such as the decibel limits placed on airboats, hovercraft, and outboard motors. The Town of Clyde will consider adoption of a noise ordinance at a future meeting.

Patrick Michaels, Business Analyst with the Savanna Institute, gave a presentation on the organization. He said the Savanna Institute recently acquired three farms in the Spring Green area; two in Sauk County and one in Iowa County. The Institute works on agroforestry as a method to

diversify agriculture, whether as a new venture or incorporated with traditional farming practices, in order to enhance water quality, address climate change for farmers, and provide new revenue streams for producers. He said the integrated biodiversity of crops is an important goal and noted there are opportunities for farmers and the general public to visit the sites and to attend special gatherings. Michaels noted the Institute pays property taxes and found the Spring Green area to be an ideal location for the new venture because of the agricultural base in the region, the commitment to the arts, many environmentally minded organizations

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