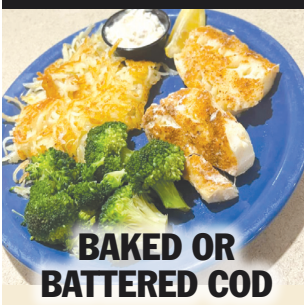


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Governor visits Platteville

Gov. Tony Evers held a roundtable on rural housing issues and his proposals to address them at the Platteville Public Library Monday afternoon.

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Swinging sports start

Iowa-Grant, Potosi/Cassville and Belmont started their baseball seasons last week, while area softball teams continued play despite less-than-ideal early spring weather.

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Weather

2023	High	Low	P"
March 27	48	30	—
March 28	46	30	—
March 29	38	25	—
March 30	56	46	—
March 31	71	33	.43
April 1	46	31	—
April 2	59	35	—
Week's precip.....	0.43		
2023 precip.....	4.15		
Average precip.....	2.05		

WEATHER FORECAST:
www.weather.gov/[Zip code]

Records	High	Low
March 27	80 1945	4 1996
March 28	78 1986	3 1970
March 29	86 1895	2 1887
March 30	86 1895	4 1964
March 31	78 1978	8 1969
April 1	82 1946	17 1899
April 2	80 1981	14 1886
Average	52	35



The first dig

Platteville Board of Education members and school district staff broke ground on the outdoor activities complex at Platteville High School Friday afternoon. The project including two artificial-turf fields and a new track will include moving dirt from what now are practice fields to the current track, which will be used for parking. The school district's goal is to open the facility for at least PHS' last home football game, the Homecoming game against River Valley Oct. 13.

Photo by Steve Prestegard



The present and future

Belmont High School student Jason Lee plays "Arabesque" during the Belmont High School Cabaret Sunday afternoon. Lee and other area musicians will be participating in the State Solo & Ensemble Festival at UW-Platteville April 29. Sunday morning was the Platteville Fire Department annual breakfast at Platteville High School, with one attendee apparently ready to sign up to be a firefighter. Related photos, page 3A and 10B.

Photos by Steve Prestegard



Where is the leak in the pool?

The Family Aquatic Center pool, shown during its opening last June, goes through 3 million gallons of water due to the leak.

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The City of Platteville is considering spending money to try to solve one of Platteville's enduring mysteries:

Where is the leak in the Family Aquatic Center pool?

The leak, which is believed to be more than a decade old, means the 390,000-gallon pool uses three times the water city staff expects would usually be needed. Between water, chemical and heating costs, the leak is costing the city an estimated nearly \$27,000 per year.

City staff is proposing to spend up to \$62,000 to hire two contractors to try

to find the leak, which was not discovered after a search through drains and fill lines with a camera a decade ago.

The funding isn't in the city's 2023 budget. Common Council president Barb Daus suggested using \$75,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funds that were earmarked for improving city broadband.

"There has been some movement on addressing broadband issues in town, and that movement has not actually involved any city money or any ARPA funding," said Daus. "If we don't have the study, we're never going to know how much it's going to cost" to repair the leak.

The Family Aquatic Center's current configuration dates to 1995, when two smaller pools were combined into one and a zero-depth entry was added to the west end of the pool. That made it one of the largest municipal pools in Wisconsin, according to city staff. The pool house, pump and filtration system were upgraded in the early 1990s.

City staff estimates that the 390,000-gallon pool should go through almost 1 million gallons of water a year, given water loss due to evaporation and from swimmers getting in an out of the pool. But the leak means the pool goes through about 3 million gallons of water a year.

"The pool is really showing its age," said Parks and Recreation director Bob Lowe, who said finding the leak would now involve dye and divers when the pool is dry and full of water.

City staff said to properly maintain a pool for 30 to 50 years it should be resurfaced every 10 years, but that apparently has not taken place since the 1990s work.

Acting city manager Nicola Maurer said park impact fees "would not be an eligible source of funding for this project."

The pool has \$3,200 available from donations and \$21,000 available from donations from the summer swim team.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR NURSES

2023 NURSES WEEK 5K RUN/WALK



SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 - 2:00 PM

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southwesthealth.org/nurses-week-5k/