



Chris Danou's Capitol Report

News & Notes

I wanted to mention to folks that September 23rd through October 2nd will mark the 51st annual Oktoberfest celebration in La Crosse. Originally, Oktoberfest began as a 16–18 day [beer festival](#) held annually in [Munich](#), [Bavaria](#), [Germany](#), running from late September to the first weekend in October. It is one of the most famous events in Germany and is the world's largest fair, with more than 5 million people attending every year. The Oktoberfest is an important part of [Bavarian](#) culture, having been held since 1810. Other cities across the world, including La Crosse, hold [Oktoberfest celebrations](#), modeled after the Munich event.

The Wisconsin based Oktoberfest Celebration is on the Northside and Southside Fest grounds in La Crosse. The event features the blending of the German Oktoberfest with Americanized style. Parades, pageantry, royalty, brew, bratwurst, and world famous entertainment has made La Crosse's very own Oktoberfest one of the finest in the nation. The cost to attend is \$8 at the gate. Some of the activities include live music, a bean bag tournament, the famous Maple Leaf Parade, the Oktoberfest Walleye Classic, and Craft Beer Night. There is a designated driver booth with complimentary soda and shuttle bus services to and from many local hotels. For more information see the La Crosse Oktoberfest web-site: <http://www.oktoberfestusa.com/Home.aspx>

I also wanted to mention that Galesville will hold its 29th Annual Apple Affair on October 1st. Apple Affair has been a major event in Trempealeau County. It began in 1983 as part of Wisconsin's effort to promote the state's apple orchards. This family event is held on the square in downtown Galesville the first Saturday in October. Orchards from the area set up stands on the square in Galesville where visitors can purchase apples and apple treats served up by local growers. Some of the delicacies include apple pie, apple slices, caramel apples, Apple Normandy, Queen's Apple, apple cider, apple juice -- if it's apple, you'll find it at Apple Affair. For more information check out the Apple Affair web-site: <http://www.galesvillewi.com/appleaffair.html>

Finally, congratulations to Jackson county native Steve Boe who recently has been hired by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation as the new District Coordinator in west-central Wisconsin. I have had the opportunity to know Steve as he was a candidate for the 91st Assembly District seat in 2008, and has been a Legislative Assistant in Madison over the past few years. In the recent weeks, Steve has been getting familiar in his new position and I am confident that he will serve the Western Wisconsin agriculture community well. Steve will serve the Farm Bureau's District 4, which includes the counties of Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe and Trempealeau. I look forward to working with you in your new position Steve!

That's the latest update. Hope you are enjoy the football season, hunting and the cool fall weather!!!