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An apparent structure fire broke out at Lakeland RV Campground, sending up a large plume of black smoke that was visible from miles away. **Page 4A**

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Drafthouse owner Matt Kealy assembles cocktail kits in his downtown Janesville gastropub Tuesday. The city council voted unanimously Tuesday to give class B liquor licensees such as Drafthouse the ability to sell prepackaged liquor for people to take home.

Lifting spirits

City council votes to allow restaurant and bars to sell takeout liquor

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JANESVILLE

Matt Kealy knows he won't make a ton of money selling prepackaged liquor for curbside pickup.

The goal is to keep his downtown gastropub, Drafthouse, relevant by offering restaurant-quality food and drinks for people to consume at home as Gov. Tony Evers' order keeps restaurant dining rooms closed, Kealy said.

The Janesville City Council on Tuesday voted unanimously to give class B liquor licensees—primarily bars and restaurants such as Drafthouse—the ability to sell prepackaged liquor for people to take home.

Previously, such establishments could sell only prepackaged beer and wine for takeout.

The council also approved curbside liquor, beer and wine distribution for all licensed establishments in the city, as long as the alcohol is sold in its original packaging.

Under normal circumstances, city ordinances prohibit the sale and distribution of alcohol outside an establishment.

Alcohol cannot be sold in individual cups, glasses or other containers, according to a city memo.

Both ordinance changes will sunset when the city ends its state of emergency, according to the memo.

Council member Doug Marklein asked that the class B liquor sales change be sent to the city's alcohol license advisory committee to determine if the change should be permanent.

Janesville is one of few cities that



Drafthouse owner Matt Kealy places a bottle of vodka in a bag while assembling a cocktail kit Tuesday in downtown Janesville.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

The Janesville City Council on Tuesday voted unanimously to name Sue Conley as council president and Tom Wolfe as vice president. Susan Johnson became the newest member of the council. The council approved a resolution recognizing former council President Richard Gruber's five years of service. Gruber lost his council seat in the April 7 election.

does not allow class B establishments to sell liquor for off-premises consumption, said Wald Klimczyk, city attorney.

The city council unanimously chose to suspend its rules and waive a first reading of the ordinance so changes could be made in a day. Otherwise, the changes would have required multiple meetings over at least a month.

The advisory committee did not see the changes prior to council

review.

Council member Paul Benson, who supports the ordinance changes, said the council should do what it can to support small businesses during the pandemic.

Council member Paul Williams said he got an email from a resident who raised concerns about alcohol being sold while the safer-at-home order is active.

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Sickened at the polls?

At least seven found who might have contracted virus at polling places

By Todd Richmond

Associated Press

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Health officials in Wisconsin said they have identified at least seven people who might have contracted the coronavirus from participating in the April 7 election, the first such cases following in-person voting that was held despite widespread concern about the public health risks.

The infections involve six voters and one poll worker in Milwaukee, where difficulty finding poll workers forced the city to pare nearly 200 voting locations back to just five, and where voters—some in masks, some with no

protection—were forced to wait in long lines for hours.

It's not certain that the seven people contracted the virus at the polls. The possible connection was made because local health officials are now asking newly infected people whether they participated in the election.

"It means they were at the polls, which is a potential exposure, but (we) can't say they definitely

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Earth Day, brainchild of a Wisconsin senator, hits 50th anniversary

■ Women remember first Earth Day in 1970

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Carole Salinas of Janesville planned a special program for her students on April 22, 1970, while Martha Mealey of Delavan bought a deep blue flag showing fragile Earth from space.

Both women responded to a call by The Gazette for memories of the first Earth Day, which went

down in history as a massive grassroots movement to raise environmental awareness.

Fifty years ago today, Salinas was a senior at Illinois

State University majoring in elementary education.

Mealey was the mother of two and attended a

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Salinas



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Martha Mealey of Delavan holds an Earth Day flag that depicts the fragile Earth from space. Mealey has flown the same flag since the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

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