

# Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson celebrating 25 years with event Oct. 29

## Informational gathering at Legion Dugout

The Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson observes its 25th anniversary in 2017. In recognition of the club's 25th anniversary, members will host an informal gathering at the American Legion Dugout in Fort Atkinson on Sunday, Oct. 29, from noon to 3 p.m. There, current Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson (KCFA) students, former students, former members, and KCFA

friends and family are invited to join the club's founders and current members for refreshments, memories and conversation. The club was founded in 1992 by Patty Beran, formerly of Fort Atkinson and now of Whitewater, and Rita Hasel and Marleen LaPlant, both of Fort Atkinson. The three started meeting in the parking lot of the Fort Atkinson Fire Department to train their dogs, and they eventually decided to form a club. The club has offered training at a variety of locations through the years, including upstairs in the municipal building, the gymnasium of the municipal building, the Norland Corp.

building and the former elementary school in Hebron. In 1996 the club moved to an upstairs space in the former Thomas Industries building just off North Main Street in Fort Atkinson. In 2003, the club moved to its current space on the ground floor of that building, occupying two brightly-decorated training rooms, a meeting room and storage area. Today, the KCFA has 34 members and offers dog-training classes, community education programs and social activities for members. Training classes offered include Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Skills and Everyday Manners, Continuing Basic, Intermediate, and Rally Obedience.

Enrollment is open to the public. The club participates in community events including the Fort Atkinson Holiday Parade, the Furry Friends 5k fundraiser for the Humane Society of Jefferson County, the Gemeentelikeit Parade, and responsible dog ownership educational events. The annual KCFA Fun Match offers dogs and handlers the opportunity to practice or brush-up on their skills in preparation for official competitions. Several club members also make visits and presentations at schools, libraries and senior living facilities with their certified therapy dogs. The club recently spearheaded fundraising for, and coordination of,

the K9 Veterans Memorial in McCoy Park, in partnership with the Friends of McCoy Park and the Fort Parks and Rec Department. In 2010, as a memorial to the late Marie Heinke, the club placed a sculpture and a water fountain with separate spigots for humans and dogs on the Glacis River Bike Trail. The Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Meetings are open to the public and those interested in exploring membership cordially are invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.kcfadogs.org](http://www.kcfadogs.org) or call (920) 568-0364 and leave a message.

## INSURANCE

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Rose Garden, Trump called the deal "a very good solution" that would calm insurance markets, giving him time to pursue his goal of scrapping the Affordable Care Act, the target of Republican derision since it was signed into law in 2010.

Although top Democrats and some Republicans praised the Alexander-Murray agreement, Trump backed off after a day of criticism from many in the GOP.

In an evening speech at the conservative Heritage Foundation, he said that "while I commend" the work by the two senators, "I continue to believe Congress must find a solution to the Obamacare mess instead of providing bailouts to insurance companies."

The subsidies go to insurers for reducing out-of-pocket costs for lower-income people. Since Obama's law requires insurers to make those cost reductions, insurers and others have warned that halting the subsidies would force premiums higher and prompt some carriers to abandon unprofitable markets.

"This agreement avoids chaos," Alexander said. "I don't know a Republican or Democrat who benefits from chaos."

Alexander said the president had encouraged his efforts in two phone calls in recent days. But Trump has called the subsidies bailouts of insurers, and he's noted that insurers have contributed little to his campaigns.

Just minutes before Alexander announced the deal, White House legislative director Marc Short told reporters that "a starting point" in exchange for restoring the cost-sharing payments "is eliminating the individual mandate and employer mandate." Those are the central pillars of the health law, and Democrats solidly oppose eliminating them.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was noncommittal about the agreement. "We haven't had a chance to think about the way forward yet," he said.

Aides to House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., did not provide a statement from him.

Both McConnell and Ryan have been eager to turn national attention away from the GOP push to scuttle Obama's law, which crashed in

the Senate twice, and toward an effort to cut taxes.

Reaction from other Republicans toward the Senate agreement was mixed. For many conservatives it's practically unthinkable to sign off on federal payments that would arguably prop up a law they've been voting for seven years to destroy.

Rep. Mark Walker of North Carolina, chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee in the House, tweeted: "The GOP should focus on repealing & replacing Obamacare, not trying to save it. This bailout is unacceptable."

Freedom Caucus Chairman Rep. Mark Meadows, who's been at work on a proposal of his own, was slightly more positive, calling the Alexander-Murray bill "a good start" but saying much more work needed to be done.

Alexander said he and allies including Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., would spend the next several days trying to build up support with the goal of formally introducing legislation later this week. If the legislation does pass, it would almost certainly be as part of a larger package including must-pass spending or disaster relief bills and that might not be until the end of the year.

The deal includes provisions allowing states faster and easier access to waivers that would allow them to shape their own marketplace plans under the health law. It would provide for a new low-cost catastrophic coverage insurance option for all consumers. It would also restore \$106 million for outreach and enrollment programs aimed at prodding people to buy policies — efforts that Trump has slashed.

A federal judge ruled in a 2014 lawsuit brought by House Republicans that Congress never legally authorized spending money for the insurers' subsidies. Obama and Trump, initially, continued making the payments, though Trump declared last week he would pull the plug, he payments, which cost around \$7 billion this year, lower expenses like copayments and deductibles for more than 6 million people. But discontinuing them would actually cost the government more money under the health law's structure, because some facing higher premiums would end up getting bigger tax subsidies, to help pay for them.

## Rep: Trump says fallen soldier knew what he signed up for

MIAMI (AP) — President Donald Trump told the widow of a soldier killed in an ambush in Niger that her husband "knew what he signed up for," according to a Florida congresswoman who says she heard part of the conversation

on speakerphone. Rep. Frederica Wilson said she was in the car with Myshia Johnson on the way to Miami International Airport to meet the body of Johnson's husband, Sgt. La David Johnson, when Trump called.

When asked by Miami station WPLG if she indeed heard Trump say that she answered: "Yeah, he said that. To me, that is something that you can say in a conversation, but you shouldn't say that to a grieving widow." She added: "That's so insensitive."

But in a tweet today, Trump said Wilson's description of the call was "fabricated."

"Democrat Congresswoman totally fabricated what I said to the wife of a soldier who died in action (and I have proof). Sad!" Trump wrote without specifying what proof he had.

Wilson shot back on CNN that "the president evidently is lying, because what I said is true." Wilson said she and others in the car with Johnson heard Trump.

Sgt. Johnson was among four servicemen killed in the African nation of Niger earlier this month. They died when militants thought to be affiliated with the Islamic State group ambushed them while they were patrolling in unarmored trucks with Nigerian troops. Wilson, a Democrat, said she did not hear the entire conversation.

## WEST RESOURCE FAIR



West Elementary School in Jefferson, in cooperation with several community services, offered a free resource fair to families after school Wednesday, Oct. 11. The event included free flu and TDAP shots for children; vegetable sampling with the Jefferson County Master Gardeners; the Great Apple Crunch, facilitated by Fort HealthCare and Americorps; toothpaste and toothbrush giveaways from the Jefferson County Community Dental Clinic; and information from all of those organizations, plus the Jefferson County Literacy Council and the Jefferson County Health Department. In addition, children could take part in a bilingual story activity featuring "El Perro Con Sombro." Shown above, West students Jayden Ridgeman, a fourth-grader, and his brother, Jacksyn Ridgeman, a second-grader, try out the Great Apple Crunch, encouraged by Americorps representative Hawthorn McCracken, who is working with local children under the auspices of FortHealth Care. The apples the students are trying, locally grown as is the focus of the promotion, were provided by the hospital and grown at Jelli's Market in Helenville. Shown directly below right, Zofia Raduege, 9, a fourth-grader at West, tests a variety of vegetables while learning about nutrition from Master Gardener Sharon Schweitzer. Below left, AnnaLisa Hagenbart, a seventh-grader at Jefferson Middle School, smiles and points to her Band-Aid after getting the free flu shot offered to children of all ages. Shown at bottom, Jefferson County Master Gardeners Mike Hotter and Diane Kachel with a display of fresh produce for families to sample, some of it grown in the garden right at West Elementary School.



## Rev. Martin to preach at St. Paul's Mission Festival in Fort Atkinson

The Rev. Joshua Martin of Jefferson will preach at the Mission Festival at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson on Thursday, Oct. 19, and Sunday, Oct. 22.

Prior to his arrival at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jefferson, Pastor Martin, a native of Minnesota, served in Spiesheim, Germany, as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) civilian chaplain in Europe. For eight-and-a-half years, he shared God's word with some of the WELS men and women who serve in America's Armed Forces. Before becoming the WELS civilian chap-

lain, Pastor Martin spent over six years in Killeen, Texas, home of Fort Hood, one of the largest military bases in the world. His efforts there helped to prepare him for his work in Europe.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, at 9:15 a.m., Pastor Martin will give a presentation on the work being done by the WELS to serve military men and women in Europe.

Worship times are Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located at 301 S. High St.

If you or someone you love is dealing with a serious illness, it's important to know all of your care options early - when it's still a choice, not a necessity. Nothing matters more at the end-of-life than saying the things that need to be said, and doing the things that need to be done. Like saying "Please forgive me." "I forgive you." "Thank you." and "I love you." Turn to Rainbow Hospice Care when time matters most.

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