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## Accident-scene actions earn honor for area man

Rural Manchester resident  
garners statewide recognition  
for rendering first aid to man  
severely injured in crash.

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MANCHESTER, Iowa — A brutal February snowstorm closed local roads, stranded vehicles and led to crashes in the area, including one that left a local man severely injured.

But thanks to a rural Manchester resident's quick actions and the first aid he

rendered, William Brunsmann today is alive and recuperating at a nursing facility.

For those efforts, Luke Preussner was among 20 Iowans honored this week at the Iowa Capitol. The citizens and first responders were recognized by the governor for their actions and valor, often putting themselves in harm's way to help others.

"It was an honor. The only reason I got the award is because I happened to be there by God's grace," Preussner told the Telegraph Herald. "I would like to think anybody in my position would have tried to

do the same and help to the best of their abilities. That's all I did. I tried to do what I could."

Gov. Kim Reynolds said in a statement that all those presented with the awards are "outstanding people that we, as a state, can all be proud of."

"They strengthen our communities and show us what true heroism is," Reynolds said. "They remind us that heroes don't always wear capes or sports uniforms. They don't seek the spotlight — they've just chosen to do the right thing at the right time, and we're grateful for their actions."



Luke Preussner

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## Wisconsin officials weigh rules on nitrates

Area officials and ag producers eye  
potential impacts of new standards  
for runoff and fertilizer application.

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State officials this week started the process to draft rules in Wisconsin that would provide nitrate performance standards in regions in which soil is prone to infiltration.

Although sensitive regions have not yet been officially defined or designated, recent research conducted in southwest Wisconsin indicates the region's karst geology and the contamination of private wells could make it an area of focus.

"I think we already kind of know that we do have a problem," said Lafayette County Board Supervisor Kriss Marion, who operates Circle M Market Farm in rural Blanchardville.

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board this week authorized the start of an about-30-month rulemaking process. The results require final approval from the Legislature before they could be implemented.

The standards govern issues such as runoff pollution, along with prohibitions and practices for agricultural facilities, including manure application, crop rotation and setback distances.

While the DNR already established statewide standards, revised rules will designate sensitive areas and provide special guidance for producers in those regions.



Kriss Marion

### IMPACTS

A minority of producers — those that oversee large farms or concentrated animal operations

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Read the DNR statement on targeted nitrate standards, [TelegraphHerald.com](http://TelegraphHerald.com)



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Outreach Coordinator Danielle Willis organizes gifts to be distributed as part of the Sponsor Angels program at St. Mark

Youth Enrichment. The Dubuque nonprofit is providing more than 210 children's winter clothing items to those in need.

## Angels warming hearts, kids

Dubuque nonprofit's  
winter clothing gift  
drive provides help  
for families in need.

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Wrapped presents, new winter coats and snow pants have been piling up at St. Mark Youth Enrichment.

The Dubuque nonprofit organization this week is providing more than 80 families

with more than 210 children's winter clothing items as part of the annual Sponsor Angels donation drive.

"It helps out because Christmas time for a lot of people — including us — can be stressful financially," said Stacy Stechman, of Dubuque, whose five children have received Sponsor Angels gifts for the past several years. "It's a huge sigh of relief when we get the Sponsor Angels (gifts) for our kids because getting something new for them is an

extra-special treat."

Beth McGorry, St. Mark's director of donor relations, said new coats and snow pants can make a big difference for children because schools often limit outdoor recess activities for students who aren't properly dressed.

"They can't play in the snow. They have to stay on the pavement," she said. "Who doesn't want to play in the snow?"

She said this effort helps erase divisions between low-income children and their peers.

"There are so many times when you live under the poverty level that you don't feel normal," she said. "You have a free (or) reduced (-price) lunch. You know that Mom and Dad are struggling. You don't always have the same clothes as everybody. But the day after Christmas, and the first day back from Christmas, you have snow pants, boots and a nice new outfit just like everybody else. That's what

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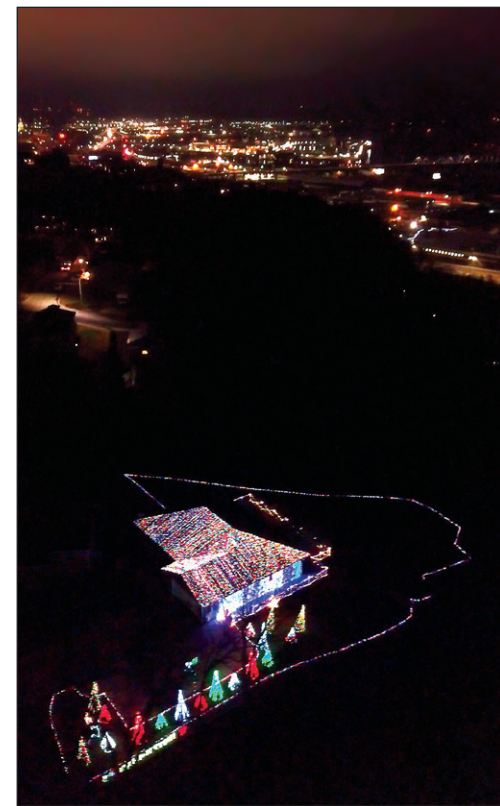
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### correction

As part of a proposed change to a City of Dubuque ordinance, dogs at John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area could be off leashes only when retrieving objects tossed by their owners into the pond for "out-and-back exercise." Dogs must be leashed at all other times. A story Wednesday on Page 1A failed to make that distinction.



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### Holiday highlight

A house decked out with Christmas lights overlooks the south end of Dubuque.



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