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John Kalkirtz Accepts WPRA Award

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Former Supervisor for the Grinnell Hall Senior Center, John Kalkirtz was honored last week with a Service Recognition Award presented by the Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association at their Annual Conference held in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

John was previously employed by the City of Beloit as the Senior Center Supervisor for over 24 years, and managed the daily operations at Grinnell Hall. During his tenure, John distinguished himself and the quality of services provided by the Center as represented by the multiple (12) Silver Star Awards he won from the Wisconsin Parks & Recreation Association. Additionally, John is also a previous recipient of the Wisconsin Governor's Award for Innovation in Recycling as a result of a unique recycling program he offered at Grinnell Hall as a fundraiser. More recently, John completed the Senior Center Accreditation Program for Grinnell Hall through the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers before his retirement in January of 2013.

Even after retirement, John continues to remain active in the community as a member of the Badger Chorhawks Chorus (a Barbershop style singing group); a board member for the Beloit International Film Festival; and he continues to provide assistance in his new role at Grinnell Hall, now as a volunteer and social member of the Senior Center.

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