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## US goes its own way

G20 shuts Trump out on climate stance, strikes deal on trade

By David McHugh and Geir Moulson  
Associated Press

### HAMBURG, GERMANY

World powers lined up against U.S. President Donald Trump on climate change, reaffirming their support for international efforts to fight global warming.

The Group of 20 summit that ended Saturday in Hamburg also revealed tensions on trade, as the U.S. administration and international partners forged a deal that endorsed open markets but acknowledged countries had a right to put up barriers to block unfair practices.

The summit's final statement made clear that the other countries and the European Union unanimously supported the Paris climate agreement rejected by Trump. They called the deal to reduce greenhouse gases "irreversible" and vowed to implement it "swiftly" and without exception.

The other countries, from European powers such as Germany to emerging ones such as China and energy producers such as Saudi Arabia, merely "took note" of the U.S. position, which was boxed off in a separate paragraph that the summit host, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, made clear applied only to the United States.

She said the U.S. position was "regrettable" but that the summit had achieved "good results in some areas," and cited a hard-won agreement on trade.

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Judy Hehn's family has lived on this Janesville farm for more than 150 years. Soon, the property will be up for sale.

## NAVIGATING a farm's future

Some families handle farm succession plans; other farms come to an end

By Jim Dayton

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### JANESVILLE

The farmhouse at 3107 W. Memorial Drive sits nearly empty now, aside from a few pieces of furniture, a family photo and a framed American flag folded military-style.

Soon, the remaining items will be removed. The house will be sold. And the land on which it sits will leave the Church family for the first time since 1845.

For seven generations, the family tackled multiple types of agriculture on its 47-acre property. They were milking cows, raising poultry and selling leftover feed crops when the farm ceased production in 1968, Steve Church said.

The Churches have long known this sale was coming. Other active farms face similar prospects as they struggle to find someone to inherit ownership.

In mid-June, state representatives on the Assembly Agriculture Committee toured three Rock County farms. The legislators were particularly interested in hearing farmers' succession plans.

*How will you transfer assets fairly for all children if only one keeps farming? How can we encourage the next generation to stay in the industry? What would make the process easier?*

Without a succession plan, a farm can meet an abrupt end or head suddenly to the real estate market. Many farms leave the family if a farmer doesn't have children

or the kids aren't interested in taking over.

The four Church siblings, the last generation to grow up on the working farm, enjoyed the labor. But life pulled them in different directions, and only one still lives in Wisconsin.

"We all loved it out here," said Judy Hehn, Steve Church's sister. "I think if the time would've been right for all of us, any one of us would have done it. This is just home. For me, I can call this home for 70 years."

### Family farms

Farm succession is closely tied to the families in charge, so the label "family farm" is often used. The

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## Yanks win with walkoff homer



Associated Press

New York's Brett Gardner showers teammate Clint Frazier, center, after Frazier hit a three-run walkoff home run off Milwaukee relief pitcher Corey Knebel during the ninth inning of an interleague baseball game, Saturday at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Yankees won 5-3. The win ended a 5-game Brewer win streak. **Story, Page 1B.**

## Gazette at a Glance

**LOCAL • 3A, 8A**

### Efforts aim to build shelter

Citing the "unsettling" lack of places for victims of domestic violence to go in Walworth County, local groups are working to create a shelter in Elkhorn, said Elkhorn Rotary Club President Sara Nichols, who is also the executive director of the Open Arms Free Clinic in Elkhorn. The project, known as the Walworth County Shelter Build, recently received a \$10,000 donation from the Rotary Club.

**STATE • 2A**

### Aquaculture industry grows

After a 10-year lull, Wisconsin's aquaculture industry is seeing growth with new farms raising fish destined for the dinner plate. Chris Hartleb is a UW-Stevens Point biology professor who's tracked the state's aquaculture industry. He said there's been a resurgence in the past three years with new businesses, often run by a younger generation, opening up.

**NATION/WORLD • 9B-10B**

### Nursing home clients worry

The Senate Republicans' plan to repeal and replace President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act would cut projected Medicaid spending over the next decade by 25 percent. Supporters of the bill say nursing home subsidies would not suffer significant cuts, but opponents say they are inevitable. The uncertainty is frustrating to those who rely on them.

## DEATH NOTICES • 8A

- Orma G. Allison/Janesville
- Donald Gray Engle/Delavan
- David D. McKee/Janesville
- Johanna Van Wyhe/Rockford, Illinois, and Clinton
- Patricia F. "Pat" Williams/Janesville and Edgerton

## OBITUARIES • 8A

- Linda L. Cook/Richland Center
- Bette Lee Drake/Janesville
- John "Jack" Hayes/Walworth
- Edwin N. Kjornes/Cazenovia and Janesville

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Laura Diehl is shown with her husband, Dave. Diehl is reaching out to parents who have lost children a year after the publication of her book, 'When Tragedy Strikes: Rebuilding Your Life With Hope and Healing After the Death of Your Child.' She has organized a free event to help grieving parents Saturday, July 15, at Festival Foods in Janesville.



ANNA MARIE LUX

BETWEEN THE LINES

that saved Becca's life at age 3 damaged her heart and cut her life short at age 29.

## Reaching out

Author organizes event to offer resources for grieving parents

### JANESVILLE

A year ago, Laura Diehl put tools for healing in the hands of grieving parents with the publication of her book, "When Tragedy Strikes: Rebuilding Your Life With Hope and Healing After the Death of Your Child."

This month, she is inviting parents to a free event at Janesville's Festival Foods on Saturday, July 15.

"Because of the suffocating darkness I found myself in when I lost my child, I feel compelled to reach out to other parents," Diehl said. "I don't want any grieving parent to feel alone and isolated as I did."

Diehl's oldest child, Becca, died Oct. 12, 2011, when her heart gave out. Ironically, the chemotherapy

### IF YOU GO

**What:** Reaching Out with Hope One Year Anniversary. Event celebrates the hope Laura Diehl's book, "When Tragedy Strikes: Rebuilding Your Life With Hope and Healing after the Death of Your Child," has given to grieving parents.

**When:** 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

**Where:** Community room, Festival Foods, 2233 Humes Road, Janesville.

**Information:** For more information or to get a ticket to enter the drawings, go to [wtson-year.eventbrite.com](http://wtson-year.eventbrite.com)

**Details:** Gramke Monument Works is main sponsor of the event and is donating books to the first 25 people who attend. Other sponsors will offer door prizes. Also at the event will be NAMI of Rock County and Pregnancy Helpline.

For information on the monthly support group for grieving parents, visit [goshope.org](http://goshope.org).

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Bring your meetings & special events



## Grief/Session aims to help parents cope

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The death brought Diehl a grief so profound she could not put it into words.

But she still had her husband, Dave, and four other children.

She wanted to live for the people she loved and to cherish them even more.

Diehl documented her painful journey in the book, which received the Gold Medal Book Award for Non-Fiction in the 2017 Christian Book Awards competition.

An ordained minister, Diehl and her husband started a monthly support group for parents in Janesville and created the website Grieving Parents Sharing Hope, which has resources and tools to help parents.

"We are here to be a light of hope in their place of darkness," Diehl said.

Grieving parents often are misunderstood, even by family members.

"One parent told me her son died by suicide four years ago, and it's still very traumatic to her," Diehl said. "But the family is telling her it is time to move on."

Five years or less is still considered fresh grief when a parent loses a child, she explained.

Still, the parent is expected to be normal at work and attend family functions.

"What people don't realize is we have to go through deep pain before we can socialize and be out again," Diehl said. "It always takes longer than we want it to or than we think it should."

Like so many parents who have lost children, Diehl understands how difficult it can be to answer a common question:

"How are you?"

"To respond, you have to run through a bunch of options in your head," Diehl said.

"You have to ask yourself if it is someone who wants—or even deserves—the truth. Lots of times, a grieving parent just responds with, 'I'm fine.'"

She explained that our culture is uncomfortable with grief.

"As a grieving parent, we put on a mask so everyone around us can be comfortable with our grief," Diehl said. "But the mask is emotionally draining, and it perpetuates a misunderstanding about grief. People think we are OK, and we are not."

Diehl will speak at a national workshop for grieving parents in Washington, D.C., next month and to another group in Florida in September.

She said she is at a higher functional level than many grieving parents six years after the loss of a child.

"I think part of it is because I chose to reach out and help others," Diehl said. "No matter what happens, when you reach out and help others, it brings a measure of healing to your own soul."

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