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Butter sculpture at NYS Fair made with WNY milk



Jaime Mowry of Mowacres Farms II speaks about the 57th annual butter sculpture at the New York State Fairgrounds in Geddes on Aug.19. DANIEL DELOACH/UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH

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SYRACUSE – Jaime Mowry was one of the first people to get an up close and personal look at the New York State Fair’s butter sculpture, which features a Wizard of Oz theme.

Mowry was a fitting attendee for the Aug. 19 unveiling, as Mowry is a third-generation dairy farmer in Genesee County. The farm that she operates with her father, uncle and brother produces milk as part of the Upstate Farms cooperative which is distributed to plants in Western New York, including O-AT-KA

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New York State Fair butter sculpture unveiled with Oz theme. **3A**

Milk Products in Batavia. O-AT-KA provided the 800 pounds of butter used in this year’s sculpture, so there’s a good chance it contains some milk from Mowry’s farm.

“People [are] able to come and witness something like this made out of butter and just hopefully appreciate all the hard work that went into it from start to finish,” Mowry said. “It’s pretty neat.”

Mowacres Farm II is in Le Roy but is the successor to the farm her grandfa-

ther founded in Vermont. The operation moved to western New York in 1972 after her grandfather wanted to escape the harsh winters of the Green Mountain State.

“Jokes on him because winters are just as bad where we are now,” Mowry said with a laugh.

A family legacy

The farm passed to the next generation, Mowry’s father and uncle, who are now in the process of turning over the reins to her and her brother.

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Wind, solar energy at risk under Trump

Executive orders, rules slow or stop projects

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New wind and solar power installations, and the cheap, clean energy they provide to America, may not survive the second Trump administration.

Building on public concerns and his own dislike of “ugly” wind turbines and “ridiculous” solar farms, President Donald Trump has issued a blizzard of directives and executive orders limiting new solar and wind projects. The Trump administration has paused permits on all new wind and solar projects on public land, onshore and offshore.

Instead, the administration is promoting energy production from oil, natural gas and coal, which the Biden administration had made more expensive through regulations Trump is dismantling.

“They’re basically trying to make it impossible or next to impossible to build wind or solar power in this country while at the same time rolling back regulations on fossil fuels,” said Nick Krakoff, senior attorney with the Conservation Law Foundation.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin said in March that the administration’s efforts “are driving a dagger straight into the heart of the climate change religion.”

Wind and solar power have been two of the fastest-growing energy sectors in the United States and produced as much as 17% of the country’s electricity last year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Ninety-five percent of renewable energy projects are on private land, according to a report by the Brookings

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Same-sex marriage appeal worries LGBTQ+ community

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Exhausting and terrifying. That’s how Jeremy Atherton Lin described the recent appeal that seeks to overturn Obergefell v. Hodges, the 10-year-old Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage in the United States.

On July 24, former Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis filed an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court about \$100,000 she was ordered to pay to a gay couple to whom she refused to issue a marriage license in 2015 because of her religious beliefs.

“The High Court now has the opportunity to finally overturn this egregious

opinion from 2015,” Mat Staver, head of conservative legal group Liberty Counsel, which is representing Davis, said in a statement.

But experts like Kenneth Gordon, a marital and family lawyer in Florida, say the potential to overturn Obergefell is a “long shot.” Obergefell is sound, from a legal perspective, Gordon said, and

same-sex marriage is widely accepted by the general public.

Even if Obergefell was overturned, same-sex marriages would likely remain protected in the United States. In 2022, former President Joe Biden signed the Respect for Marriage Act into

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