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## Nexus to locate here

Pharmaceutical firm to build \$250 million facility in Pleasant Prairie

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PLEASANT PRAIRIE — Nexus Pharmaceuticals will build a new three-story manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie, investing \$250 million over the next 10 years.

A privately-held company that is headquartered in Lincolnshire, Ill., Nexus will build a multi-phase, sterile injectable manufacturing facility in the village's Prairie Highlands Corporate Park.

Gov. Tony Evers headlined a press conference Wednesday afternoon announcing Nexus' plans in Pleasant Prairie.

"This is one of the most significant pharmaceutical investments in Wisconsin in years," Gov. Evers said. "Southeast Wisconsin is increasingly becoming a destination of choice for high-value manufacturing jobs that require a skilled, educated workforce."

The Pleasant Prairie manufacturing facility will be for production and supply of drugs in an array of therapeutic areas, including anesthesia, oncology, cardiovascular and neurology. Nexus' proprietary products are currently contract-manufactured by third-party providers located primarily in Europe and the U.S.

"We are proud to call Wisconsin the new home for our company's first manufacturing facility," said Nexus CEO Mariam Darsot. "This investment is needed to drive the continued growth of the U.S. pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. There is increasing patient demand for high quality and accessible generic



Gov. Tony Evers speaks during a press conference announcing plans for a manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie by Nexus Pharmaceuticals on Wednesday. The company will build a new three-story manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie, investing \$250 million over the next 10 years.

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Nexus Pharmaceuticals CEO

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## State Supreme Court dismisses complaint against former DA Robert Zapf

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The Wisconsin Supreme Court has dismissed a disciplinary complaint against former Kenosha District Attorney Robert Zapf, finding he did not violate ethical rules in his handling of a homicide prosecution in which a police officer planted evidence.

The court found that the Wisconsin Office of Lawyer Regulation failed to prove that Zapf violated ethical rules.

In its decision, the court rejected the findings of the referee who oversaw the Office of Lawyer Regulation hearing on the complaint against Zapf.

That referee, a retired Racine County Circuit Court judge, had recommended that

Zapf's law license be suspended and that he be barred from acting as a prosecutor in the future.

Zapf had appealed the referee's decision to the state Supreme Court.

The allegations against Zapf surrounded a 2014 homicide in which a Kenosha Police officer admitted planting a bullet and an ID in a backpack belonging to one of the suspects.

In its 47-page unanimous decision, the court found that there was no evidence that the planted evidence was not central to the prosecution, and that there was no evidence prior to trial that Zapf knew the bullet and ID were planted and not just "mishandled," or that he knew the police officer

involved had resigned because of the evidence planting allegation.

The court dismissed the charges and found that Zapf was not responsible for costs.

Zapf's attorney Richard Cayo said the court's decision was full vindication.

"We're very pleased that they found the truth," Cayo said. "Bob Zapf has been an excellent district attorney, served Kenosha for over 20 years, and deserves the gratitude of Kenosha. I hope he gets as much press in vindication as he did for the accusations."

Zapf retired in 2016.

The officer who admitted to evidence planting, Kyle Baars, pleaded guilty to misconduct in public office in 2016. He

was sentenced to one year of probation.

The three defendants in the homicide that was the subject of the evidence planting complaint were all convicted for the shooting death of 20-year-old Anthony Edwards.

Joseph-Jamal Brantley was convicted at trial and sentenced to 23 years in prison. The jury convicted him after hearing about the evidence-planting allegation.

Markese Tibbs, the man whose ID was planted at the scene, entered a plea to felony murder. He was sentenced to 16 years in prison.

Brandon Horak also pleaded guilty to felony murder. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison.



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**Former Kenosha County District Attorney Robert Zapf**



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**TODAY:**



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**DEATHS**

**Charles "Chuck" Bonofiglio**, 94, of Kenosha, died on Tuesday.

**Betty Beetschen**, 88, of Kenosha, died on July 1.

**Thelma E. Drea**, 77, of Cazenovia, died on Friday.

**Jean Catherine Kientiz**, 91, died on June 15.

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