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Fury's Olivia Cronin earns shut-out against Cougars



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Alyssa Knauf skated toward the puck as Madison Metro Lynx begin to close around her.



Olivia Cronin had her work cut out for her, but managed to earn a varsity shutout against Cap City Cougars.

Rock County announces death of retired K9 'Dex'

Retired Rock County Sheriff K9 "Dex", formerly assigned to Deputy Shawn Nolan, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Dex started active duty in April of 2010 and served until his retirement in October of 2016. Dex worked in the Patrol Bureau, SWAT, and the Special Investigation Unit.

Dex had served this County with great enthusiasm. He assisted his partner, Deputy Nolan, by performing sniffs for narcotics at schools and traffic stops. He assisted and apprehended suspects in burglaries and worked diligently in locating missing persons.

Dex was spoken highly of by his fellow deputies that he protected and was one of the best partners that Deputy Shawn Nolan ever had the pleasure of working with.



Retired K9, "Dex"

Holiday Deadlines for Brodhead Independent-Register

- Display**
10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28
- Classifieds**
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- Legal Notices**
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Mercyhealth donates \$100K to Blackhawk Technical College Nursing Program

BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

RELEASE

Mercyhealth announced a milestone donation to Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) nursing program in Rock County. At a press conference of nearly 50 guests, Javon R. Bea, President and CEO of Mercyhealth, presented a check for \$100,000 to BTC's Nancy B. Parkers Nursing Scholars Program. In recognition of the donation, BTC has renamed a simulation lab in its Health Sciences Wing in honor of Mercyhealth.

The scholarship was created by the Parker Family Foundation in the name of Nancy B. Parker for her lifelong contributions to, and involvement with, nursing activities, including her service to Mercy Hospital (now Mercyhealth) in Janesville where she served on the Board of Trustees for many years. The program targets high-achieving students who have been accepted into the BTC nursing program but have financial need. The goal is to improve nursing student recruitment and retention as well as to fill anticipated nursing shortages in Rock and Green Counties by retaining top talent in our communities.

The Parker Foundation made an initial gift of \$250,000 to establish the program with a commitment to donate an additional \$250,000 based on a challenge match to the local community. In total, this is a \$1,000,000 investment into nursing students and the community. Mercyhealth's donation is the lead gift in BTC's campaign for the program.

"This donation is a testimony of the growing and mutually beneficial partnership between Mercyhealth and Blackhawk Technical College," said Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of BTC.

"There is an increasing need for nurses and other healthcare professionals in our region. The support and trust of Mercyhealth is a vital factor in our ability to produce graduates to fill much-needed positions in our area."

"We are very proud of our long-standing partnership with Blackhawk Technical College. This scholarship program will help nursing students financially so they can focus on their education," said Javon R. Bea, President and CEO of Mercyhealth. "These students train



BTC WEBSITE PHOTO Brohead Independent-Register

at our hospitals and facilities and we hire many students upon graduation. Blackhawk Technical College has an exceptional reputation and we're glad to take part in increasing graduation rates and keep these wonderful students in our community – all of which help Mercyhealth retain the best nurses for our patients."

In addition to the Mercyhealth gift, the BTC nursing program has a lot to celebrate. According to the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Program Reports, the BTC Nursing Program earned a first-place ranking among all nursing programs (1,189 programs) in the United States and its territories. The comparison group is all RN programs (BSN, Associate Degree or Diploma) that have at least ten graduates and take the NCLEX-RN examination during the reporting year. BTC earned the first place ranking based on a student pass rate of 100 percent on the licensure exam.

By Erica Gokey, with assistance of stats from TrackWrestling

EDITOR

Parkview traveled to Waterloo to participate in team duals last week. Parkview finished 1-4 on the day. Camron Duncan, Korben Brown, and Chase Carrat were 5-0. Shaun Lynch and Luke Schwengels were 4-1. Lucas Vonderhaar and Travis Calkins were 3-2. Melih Hemia and Arthur Terry were 2-3. Results for the following weight classes are as follows:

106 Camron Duncan (PARK) over (WATE) (For.)

113 Kyle Fugate (WATE) over Lucas Vonderhaar (PARK) (Fall 1:48)

120 Shaun Lynch (PARK) over (WATE) (For.)

126 Brandon Springer (WATE) over (PARK) (For.)

132 Juan Alonso (WATE) over (PARK) (For.)

138 Carlos Garcia (WATE) over (PARK) (For.)

145 Joe Newton (WATE) over Melih Hemia (PARK) (Fall 5:26)

152 Korben Brown (PARK) over Dylan Bostwick (WATE) (Fall 0:25)

160 Jordi Aguero (WATE) over Arthur Terry (PARK) (Fall 4:44)

170 Luke Schwengels (PARK) over Jacob Garza (WATE) (Fall 1:45)

182 Reynol Limon (WATE) over Travis Calkins (PARK) (Fall 3:24)

195 Chase Carratt (PARK) over Cole Lauersdorf (LALU) (SV-1 10-8)

cisco Moreno (WATE) (Fall 1:01)

220

Gavin Wright (WATE) over (PARK) (For.)

285

Gage Everson (PARK) over (WATE) (For.)

It was a close matchup, but Waterloo managed to get the edge and come out on top with a 48-36 victory over Parkview.

Lakeside Lutheran 41, Parkview 33

106

Camron Duncan (PARK) over (LALU) (For.) 113: Paul Keintz (PARK) over (LALU) (For.)

120

Nick Thomas (LALU) over Shaun Lynch (PARK) (Fall 1:36)

126

Riley Schmidt (LALU) over (PARK) (For.)

132

Jesse Horta (LALU) over (PARK) (For.)

138

Ryan Garcia (PARK) over (LALU) (For.)

145

Jacob Horta (LALU) over Melih Hemia (PARK) (Fall 1:15)

152

Jameson Terry (PARK) over Max Thiele (LALU) (Fall 5:50)

160

Isac Veers (LALU) over Arthur Terry (PARK) (TF 16-0 0:00)

170

Travis Calkins (PARK) over (LALU) (For.)

182

Double Forfeit

195

Chase Carratt (PARK) over Cole Lauersdorf (LALU) (SV-1 10-8)

220

Austin Meyer (LALU) over (PARK) (For.)

285

Justin Learned (LALU) over Daniel Sickels (PARK) (Fall 0:27)

Parkview wins against Lake Mills 106

Camron Duncan wins by forfeit

113

Lucas Vonderhaar wins by forfeit

120

Shaun Lynch wins by forfeit

145

Melih Hemia lost by pin

152

Korben Brown wins by pin

160

Arthur Terry lost by pin

182

Travis Calkins wins by forfeit

195

Chase Carratt wins by forfeit

Parkview vs. Milwaukee Marshall 106

Camron Duncan wins by pin

113

Lucas Vonderhaar lost by pin

120

Shaun Lynch wins by pin

152

Korben Brown wins by pin

160

Arthur Terry wins by pin

170

Luke Schwengels wins by pin

182

Travis Calkins wins by forfeit

195

Chase Carratt wins by pin

285

Gage Everson lost by decision

News from Parkview High School

Viking Times

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

- No school-Winter break
- Boy's basketball: JV2 vs. Elkhorn 3:30 p.m.; varsity vs. Albany 5:30 p.m.; JV vs. TBD 7 p.m.
- Girl's basketball: JV vs. Albany 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

- No school-Winter break
- Library story time 11 a.m.
- Girl's JV2 Tournament at Juda 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

- Nothing scheduled

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

- Nothing scheduled

MONDAY, DEC. 31

- New Year's Eve

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

- New Year's Day

NO SCHOOL-WINTER BREAK

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

- Classes resume
- Technology Committee meeting 5:30 p.m. at PES
- Zumba: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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Evansville/Albany wrestling powers through Clinton, Monroe



EVANSVILLE/ALBANY FACEBOOK PHOTO Brodhead Independent-Register

The Blue Devil's Gunner Katzenmeyer stays on top of Monroe's Garrett Voegeli.



Adam Adkins (left) goes head to head with Alex Witt.



Branden Lange, of Albany, was at the meet to cheer on his teammates. Lange is out of commission due to an injury to his back and pelvis.

Albany School District seeks applicants for school board

The Albany School District is seeking district residents who want to become members of the Board of Education. Applications for candidacy are available in the school office until December 21, 2018, or from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 26, 27 and 28, 2018 and on Jan. 2, 2019. The date for filling applications is Jan. 2, 2019.

Each spring, the residents of the Albany School District elect new Board Members to replace the incumbent Board Members whose terms of office expire. There are seven positions on the Albany School District Board of Education. The election cycle elects two positions in each of two years and three positions in the third year. There will be at least one vacant Board Member position open for the April 2, 2019 election. The terms of office expire for incumbents Barb Briggs, Steve Elliott and Philip Kubesh.

School boards and school board

members deal with local educational conditions and decide local educational issues. Their power and authority are established in the Wisconsin and federal constitutions and statutes. School boards have the general responsibility for the management and supervision of their school district.

The major responsibilities of the school board are student achievement, policymaking, Board-Administrator relations, evaluation of policies, people, and programs in the District, budget responsibility, community communications, and student advocacy.

Experience has shown that successful school boards are:

- Committed to students in the district
- Open minded
- Willing to develop by attending seminars and workshops,
- Able to visualize and to understand changes in our society

Able to work with other school board members,
Free from conflict with any other interests.

The legal requirements for being a school board member are:

- 18 years of age or older
- A citizen of the United States; and
- Reside in the school district for at least 28 consecutive days at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy.

Please call 608-862-3135, Option #3 or email brenda.uhe@albany.k12.wi.us for more information or to obtain the declaration of candidacy forms. Forms are also available on the Wisconsin Elections and ASD websites. Even though Albany School will not be in session from December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019, the office will be open on December 26-28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you would like to pick up papers on those dates, please call ahead.

By Erica Gokey, with assistance from TrackWrestling

EDITOR

On Dec. 13, Evansville/Albany traveled to Clinton for a dual matchup and came back with a 69-12 win. The next day Evansville/Albany hosted Monroe for a dual matchup and came out on top with a 40-33 win. Results for each weight class are as follows:

106

Gunner Katzenmeyer (EVAL) over Adam Christofferson (CLIN) (Fall 1:02)

113

Camden Staver (EVAL) over (CLIN) (For.)

120

Jared Miller (EVAL) over (CLIN) (For.)

126

Austin Scofield (EVAL) over Rylan Maly (CLIN) (Fall 3:39)

132

Matt Kostroun (EVAL) over Ben Jacobs (CLIN) (Fall 1:57)

138

Adam Staver (EVAL) over (CLIN) (For.)

145

Evan Senter (EVAL) over (CLIN) (For.)

152

Patrick Crull (EVAL) over (CLIN) (For.)

160

Riley Long (EVAL) over Jackson Repaal (CLIN) (Fall 0:53)

170

Ricky Braunschweig (EVAL) over (CLIN) (For.)

182

Zach Wynstra (CLIN) over Adam Adkins (EVAL) (Fall 3:10)

195

Baylin Crull (EVAL) over Sam Carrillo (CLIN) (Dec 6-2)

220

Cutter Lange (EVAL) over Logan

Runnels (CLIN) (Fall 2:35)

285

Clayton Rankin (CLIN) over Waylon Klitzman (EVAL) (Fall 4:58)

Evansville/Albany 40,

Monroe 33

106

Gunner Katzenmeyer (EVAL) over Garrett Voegeli (MONR) (Dec 5-0)

113

Camden Staver (EVAL) over Kyle Haldiman (MONR) (MD 15-3)

120

Jared Miller (EVAL) over (MONR) (For.)

126

Austin Scofield (EVAL) over Dakota Wickstrum (MONR) (Fall 1:34)

132

Matt Kostroun (EVAL) over Zack Roper (MONR) (Fall 0:34)

138

Nick Wille (EVAL) over (MONR) (For.)

145

Adam Staver (EVAL) over Jaden Clark (MONR) (Fall 1:12)

152

Patrick Crull (EVAL) over Gabe Witt (MONR) (Dec 1-0)

160

Logan Clark (MONR) over Riley Long (EVAL) (Fall 4:41)

170

Patrick Rielly (MONR) over Ricky Braunschweig (EVAL) (Dec 5-0)

182

Alex Witt (MONR) over Adam Adkins (EVAL) (Fall 2:29)

195

Julian Gruber (MONR) over Baylin Crull (EVAL) (Fall 1:27)

220

Kelsey Domingez (MONR) over Cutter Lange (EVAL) (Fall 3:58)

285

Bodie Minder (MONR) over Waylon Klitzman (EVAL) (Fall 1:21)

Albany Comet News

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

*No school-Winter break

*Girl's hockey Fox Cities Tournament

*Girl's basketball at Orfordville JV 5:30 p.m./Varsity 7 p.m.

*Boy's basketball at Orfordville 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

*No school-Winter break

*Girls hockey Fox Cities Tournament

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

*Boy's basketball at River Ridge Tournament 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

Nothing scheduled

MONDAY, DEC. 31

-New Year's Eve

*No school-Winter break

-Library closed

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

-New Year's Day

*No school-Winter break

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

*Classes resume

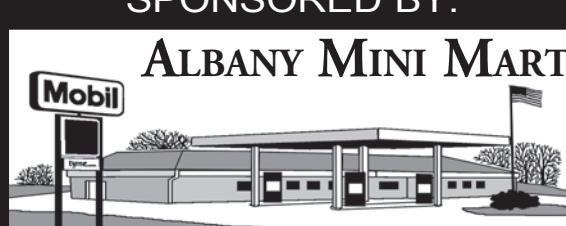
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*School Board member forms are due at 5 p.m. today

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Pastor's corner

Peace on Earth

By Pastor Russ Doebler

LIVING WORD CHURCH, BRODHEAD

A classic part of the Christmas story, which has inspired many carols, is the angels announcing to the shepherds the birth of Jesus. Luke's Gospel tells the story of the angel appearing, explaining the details, and then being joined by countless angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

So peace has become a motif of the Christmas holiday: Jesus came

to bring peace on earth.

Peace is also a major topic of political campaigns, news reports, and bumper stickers. Everyone wants peace, but not everyone agrees on how to get it.

Some say the way to peace is to put down our weapons and stop fighting. Others say to do that means being overtaken by oppressors, which isn't peace, so we have to fight for freedom to establish peace.

Isn't it interesting that the topic of peace creates conflict?

Peace is illusive in our society.

Some psychologists say that anxiety is increasing so much in our culture it's snowballing. This year Barnes & Noble realized a 25% increase in sales of books on anxiety.

It seems like the more time-saving devices we invent, the less time we have. The more pastimes we pursue, the more stressed we are. The more entertainments we indulge, the less happy we are.

According to the Bible, peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the presence of God. That's why Jesus—God's presence in human

form—brings peace to earth.

The angels' message gives us insight into a peace that cannot be attained through political means, whether those means be militaristic or pacifistic.

The secret is this: According to the angels, the context for peace is God's glory. Any attempt to achieve peace apart from God's glory will be the effort of people to manufacture knock-off peace. The end result is people quarreling about what peace is and how to attain it.

The message of Scripture is that

if we want peace on earth, it must begin with peace in our hearts. God gives peace that the Bible describes as beyond understanding. It's beyond what politics and psychology can create or explain. True peace is produced by the Holy Spirit—a miraculously induced emotion—as we live for God's glory.

We have a choice either to live for our own glory, comfort, and benefit, or to dedicate ourselves to live for the pleasure of the one who gave us life in the first place.

Surprisingly, the angels declare that peace is not for everyone. The promise is only for those whom God favors. Since the Bible teaches that every human being has fallen short of earning God's favor, we are all in trouble.

To fix that problem and bring us peace, Jesus submitted Himself to conflict, receiving the worst violence possible by dying in our place to pay the ransom to release us from the treadmill of a stressed society.

But that ransom is useless to you, the Bible teaches, unless by faith you receive the forgiveness Jesus offers and don't attempt to earn God's favor with good deeds or religion.

As this Christmas season winds down, allow God to speak to you about the peace that Jesus came to give. A peace that is more than just the absence of conflict. A peace that is attainable only when we stop trying to force it and let God work it in us personally.

Parkview girls impressive in win over MCDS

By Trenten Scheidegger

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Parkview girls traveled up to Madison Dec. 10 to face off with Madison Country Day School.

The Lady Vikings dominated their first half, as they carried a 27-point lead into the break. The dominant lead came from an impressive offensive performance by Olson in the first half, who hit on two 3-pointers on her way to 12 points before the break.

The Parkview defense was equally impressive as they held Madison Country Day School to just 10 points.

Parkview went into halftime with a 37-10 lead.

Baars led the way offensively in the second half for the Vikings. She had 10 points following the break, as Parkview kept their foot on the gas. Mumm also found her rhythm in the second as she had 7 points in the half.

The Vikings defense continued to lockdown the MCDS offense in the second half, as they held them to just 10 points once again, on their way to a 65-20 victory.

Olson and Baars led the team in scoring, each finishing with 14 points. Mumm followed with 11, and T. Burrell finished with 8.



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A cold, snowy day is perfect for a Packer game

By Linsey Mueller
8TH GRADE ALBANY STUDENT

On Saturday, Dec. 1, I had the amazing opportunity of going to Green Bay, Wis. I received a two-night hotel stay, two tickets to the Dec. 2 Packers game, and two sideline passes. I earned all of this because I won the Top Point Earner Contest on the Fuel Up website.

To achieve this status, I was required to have the most points on the website by a certain date. On the Saturday before game day, my dad and I drove up to Green Bay. We checked into our hotel. After dropping our things off in our room, we left for the Festival of Lights at Lambeau Field.

This event had a cookie decorating station, hot chocolate, and a card making area. After going through

the different parts of the festival inside the stadium, we decided to go outside over to Titletown, which is just across the street from Lambeau.

Our first stop was the Ice Lounge. The Ice Lounge is always kept at 23 degrees, to keep the ice from melting. The inside of this lounge was breathtaking. There were different ice sculptures, including a train and football player.

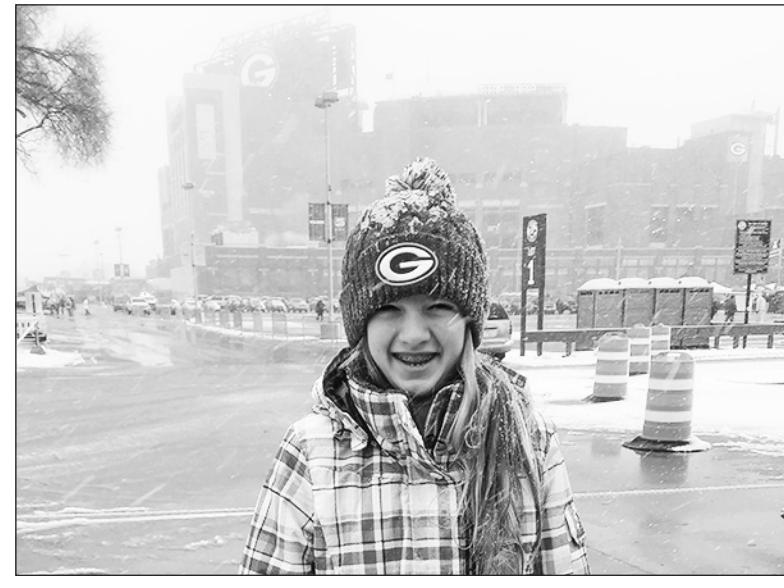
There were also ice tables and an ice bench. Overall, it was very cool (literally!).

After the Ice Lounge, we walked past the ice-skating rink over to the Titletown field. It was an amazing thing to be standing on it, with the lights shining and the snow blowing all around.

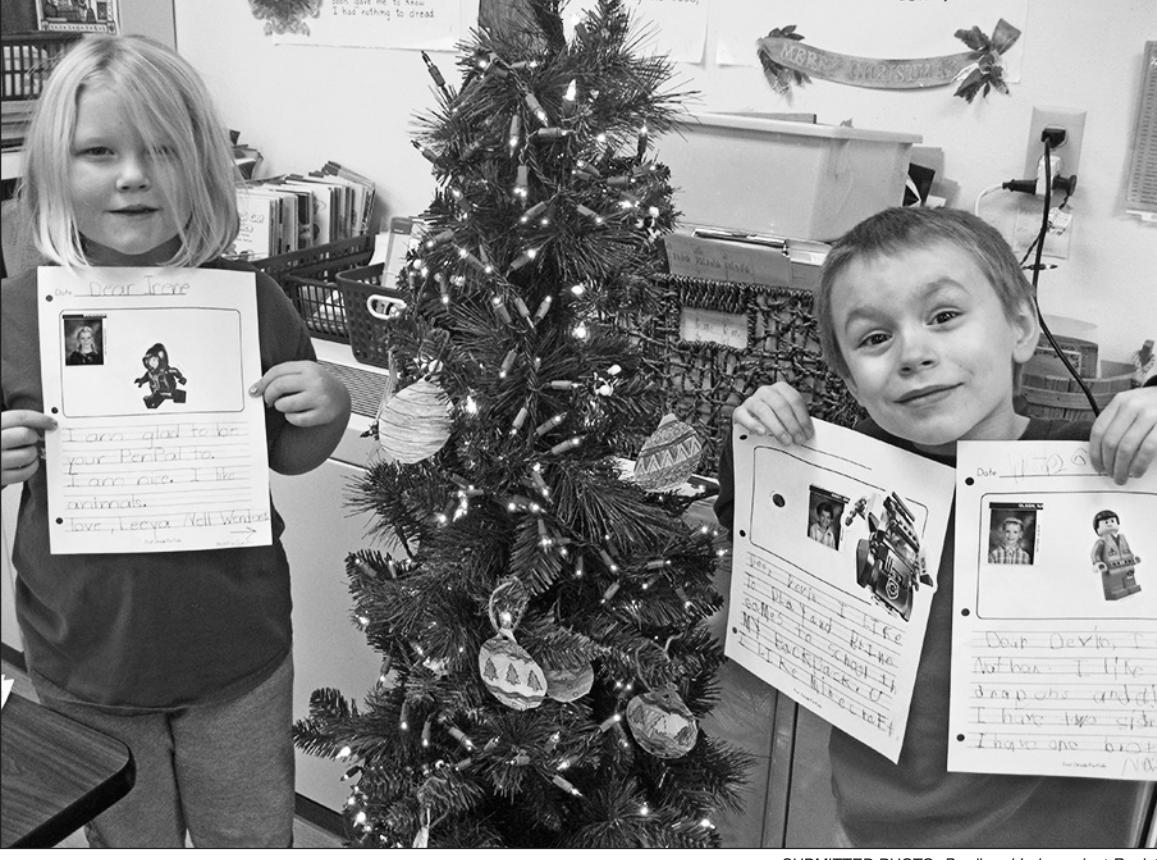
To finish off the Festival, we watched a laser light show on the

side of the stadium, complete with fireworks. The next day, game day, we headed to Lambeau and picked up our tickets. We went into the stadium and traded in our sideline passes for passes, which we tied onto our coats.

We then walked down onto the sidelines of the field, and watched the players warm up! It was an awesome experience. After watching the players for about thirty minutes, we headed up to our seats and got ready to enjoy the game. It was really fun to cheer on the Packers, and it was perfect Packer weather as it was snowing too! Sunday night, we stayed in the hotel again and then left in the morning for home. This opportunity was very memorable, and I'm so glad I was able to enjoy it.



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Fog and snow had no chance of tampering with Linsey Mueller's excitement.



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Irene and Devin show off the pen pal letters they've received.

Albany first grade pen pals

Students in Mrs. Cashman's first grade class here in Albany have new pen pals this year. Each student was matched up with a first grader in Albany, Minn.

The project started in October and will run through May. The students will mail physical, handwritten letters in the mail each month back and forth. The teachers also have been emailing pictures, news of the classroom, information about the towns, and videos to each other to share with each class.

The last envelope we sent had Christmas cards and letters. Also, students made a paper ornament for their pen pal to hang up on a Christmas tree.

Our students like having a new

friend who lives in another Albany. Irene Stokstad was matched up with Leeya from Minnesota. Leeya told Irene that she likes animals and that she has cats and dogs.

Irene shared with her pen pal back that she likes candy and that her favorite food is mac and cheese. "I like that I will get to know Leeya all year with more letters she sends," Irene said.

Devin Haney from our class got matched with Nathan and Brayden from the other school. "I can't wait to meet them in a live chat that we can do at school in January," Devin states.

Our students also have been doing research online with Mrs. Cashman to see pictures of the other Albany

and compare information about their Albany with our Albany. Albany, Minn. has an EC-grade 5 elementary school with 525 students.

It serves the communities of Albany, Avon, Farming, St. Anthony and St. Martin. Their nickname is "The Huskies." They have a female principal like we do. They have a lake and we have a river. Our students are jealous that Albany, Minn. has several fast food restaurants as the town is 3 times bigger than us and is right off an interstate north of the twin cities.

"It will be fun to get to know more about their Albany and about the students as the year goes on," says Mrs. Cashman. This is the 3rd year that Mrs. Hoeschen's first graders have written to our first graders.



Linsey admires the sculptures at the Ice Lounge.

Community update on Albany Facility Planning meeting Jan. 9

The public is invited to attend a Facility Planning Update on Jan. 9 at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Talking points include:

- Roof Maintenance
- ADA compliant bathroom renovation
- Secure entrance addition

All these projects being considered would be completed using a tax neutral plan. The entire plan would be brought to the full Board for consideration at the regular Board meeting January 14, 2019.

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Belleville School District receives loan

The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) approved a State Trust Fund Loan totaling \$750,000 to the Belleville School District to finance building improvements.

The Board approved loans totaling \$12,950,106.50 at today's meeting. They include:

- Belleville School District, Dane and Green Counties / Finance building improvements / \$750,000
- Cambria-Friesland School District, Columbia and Green Lake Counties / Refinance WRS prior service pension liability / \$336,000
- Clark County / Finance 2019 road construction / \$2,200,000
- Town of Clayton, Winnebago County / Finance water and sewer projects / \$1,500,000
- Town of Hunter, Sawyer County / Finance roadwork / \$73,000
- Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County / Refinance BCPL loan #2018059 / \$138,287.50

• City of Menasha, Calumet and Winnebago Counties / Refinance BCPL loan #2019025 / \$3,890,000

• Village of Mishicot, Manitowoc County / Purchase vehicles and equipment / \$125,000

• Rusk County / Finance capital purchases and building projects / \$772,147

• Trempealeau County / Finance road construction / \$1,512,042

• Trempealeau County / Purchase police vehicles / \$132,000

• Trempealeau County / Finance HVAC/courthouse upgrades / \$532,400

• Trempealeau County / Finance IT upgrades / \$39,230

• Village of Valders, Manitowoc County / Finance TID #2 projects / \$750,000

• Town of Wilton, Monroe County / Finance flood damage repairs / \$200,000

The BCPL operates entirely on pro-

gram revenue, without taxpayer money and distributes more than 96 cents of every dollar of interest earned on BCPL State Trust Fund investments to Wisconsin's public schools. The 2018 earnings of \$35.7 million are the sole source of state funding for K-12 public school library materials.

A list of 2018 library aid received by each public school district is available at: (<http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov/docview.asp?docid=28530&locid=145>).

Established in 1848 by the State Constitution, the BCPL consists of the Secretary of State Doug La Follette, State Treasurer Matt Adamczyk, and Attorney General Brad Schimel. The BCPL manages the Common School Fund, which was created in Article X of Wisconsin's Constitution, as a permanent endowment to benefit public education.

To learn more about the agency, visit <http://bcpl.wisconsin.gov>.

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Winnebago County 4-H award winners honored

On Nov. 18, University of Illinois Extension hosted a special ceremony at Klehm Arboretum to recognize local 4-H award winners and volunteers for their accomplishments over the past year.

Winners selected based on project work, activity participation and leadership/community service accomplishments. This year's top award winners included Sowmya Monroe, named Outstanding Sr. 4-H Member and Christiana Gewargis who was the Outstanding Jr. Member. The Club of the Year award went to Midway Marvels 4-H Club, guided by the leadership of Elizabeth Russo and Marlene Strohman. The Winnebago County 4-H & Extension Foundation sponsored these awards.

The 4-H Experience Award system offers recognition to members who are involved in club, county, multi-county, regional, state, national and international activities. Recognition based on the number of experiences in each of the following areas: Participation, Community Service, Leadership and Project Learning.

Bronze medallion award winners included Ella Anderson, Carter Anderson, Gabrielle Baumgardner, Eloise Franklin, Claire Hopkins, Amelia McCray-Grotto and Campbell Russo. Christiana Gewargis, Nathan Lyons, Kielyn Jackson-Ramos, Leo Ramos, Sadie Ramos, Doris Russo and Gavin Roush all received Silver medallions. Gold medallions winners were Sowmya Monroe and Quinten



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Outstanding 4-H Club of the Year, Midway Marvels 4-H Club. Pictured from left to right: Connor Sherman, Elizabeth Russo (4-H Leader), Doris Russo, Campbell Russo, Amelia Runne, Sowmya Monroe, Ryan Sherman, Tim Russo, Stacy Cwiklo (4-H Program Coordinator), Isabel Runne and Marlene Strohman (4-H Leader).

Roush. Krzysztof Gajda received the Emerald Award in Leadership.

Awards for Outstanding Treasurer – Rebecca Baird, New England Banner 4-H Club and Outstanding Secretary – Zizi von Vittinghoff, Screw City Scholars 4-H Club.

A special presentation given by Sowmya Monroe, Midway Marvels 4-H Club, highlighted her recent trip to Japan through the 4-H Inter-

national Exchange program. In this program, youth have opportunities to travel internationally for 4-6 weeks in the summer. Countries to explore include Norway, Finland, South Korea, Japan and Costa Rica.

There are many adult volunteers in this program that lend their leadership and mentoring skills to our youth by working with them in their clubs, at project workshops and

also at the fair. "These volunteers use positive youth development to help teach and guide these youth in learning crucial life skills needed to become responsible members of the community" states Stacy Cwiklo, 4-H Program Coordinator, University of Illinois Extension. "We wish to extend our appreciation to all those adult leaders who make this program a success!"

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. Membership is open to all youth ages 5-18 and the new 4-H year is just underway. Now is a perfect time to get your youth involved in the 4-H program! Learn more by calling the Winnebago Extension office (815) 986-4357 or visiting our website: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>.

McHenry Historical Society to display quilts in January

The McHenry County Historical Society will display a selection from its archive of about 160 quilts from Jan. 4-31 at the Woodstock Opera House – during box office hours. The free display features nine quilts from the 1870s through 1940s, including the following examples:

• Signature Quilt, 1900-1905

This red, white and blue Signature quilt was made by the Women's Relief Corp to raise money for the local Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization composed of Civil War veterans of the Union Army. The names of Woodstock citizens who donated money to the cause were embroidered on the quilt in red and white thread.

The quilt was auctioned off in 1905 and was won by Charles A. Lemmers of Woodstock. Charles A. Lemmers, a son of Cornelius and Lois Wheeler, was born in Woodstock on May 21, 1864. After a basic education in the Woodstock schools, he "entered the office of the New Era at Woodstock to learn the printer's trade." In 1883 he became the editor of the McHenry County Democrat.

Later, in 1902 that paper merged with the Woodstock Sentinel and he became a part owner of that paper, as well as its editor. On Oct. 6, 1886, in Lake Geneva, Wis., Charles Lemmers married Lake Geneva native Alice Marlott. Charles was very interested in the affairs of the city of Woodstock.

He served as its clerk in the 1890s, a director of the Woodstock Public Library (when it was located in the Woodstock Opera House), and was an active member of Woodstock's Presbyterian Church choir. Charles died in Mattoon, Ill. on Nov. 4, 1943. He is buried in Woodstock's Oakland Cemetery with his wife who died in October 1938. This quilt was donated to the McHenry County Historical Society by Vinita Lemmers Frame, a daughter of Charles Lemmers.

• Mosaic Quilt, 1930s

Multi-colored print and solid fabrics make up triangular pieces to create the square blocks of this mosaic quilt. The mosaic pattern was first published in 1835, and is also known as Honeycomb or French Bouquet. It is thought to be the first pieced quilt pattern published in America.

The fabric from this quilt was gathered by Adell Stull Curtiss and her friends from 1890-1910. The friends would



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Multi-colored print and solid fabrics make up triangular pieces to create the square blocks of this mosaic quilt.

exchange fabric, mostly from old dresses. The quilt was pieced by Elizabeth Gardner Boyce, mother-in-law to Adell's brother, Joel.

In the early 1930s Adell Stull Curtiss and her daughter Hulda Eleanor Curtiss sat together and finished this quilt. Adell Stull Curtiss, a daughter of Lefler and Ellen Cannon Stull, was born on the family farm about four miles north of Marengo on Nov. 12, 1854. She was the youngest of eight children.

Parents had come to the area from Pennsylvania in 1838 via an ox-drawn wagon. Adell remained on the family farm with her brother, Joel, following the death of their mother in December 1885. Rozel Curtiss was a noted physician in Marengo by the time of his second marriage, to Adell Stull on June 6, 1894.

Their daughter, Hulda Eleanor, was born in Marengo in 1899. Rozel Curtiss died in Marengo on July 3, 1932. Adell Stull Curtiss died in Woodstock on July 17, 1940. They are buried together in the Marengo City Cemetery.



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Pioneer Tree Farm

A local family had a wonderful time exploring Pioneer Tree Farm in McHenry on Saturday, Dec. 15. The farm's annual Christmas tree sale is partly a fundraising endeavor for The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, with a portion of the proceeds from tree, craft and bake sales donated to the organization. The Carlson family, from left, Marcie, Avery and John, found their dream tree and also enjoyed the complimentary hot chocolate and all the other fun Pioneer Tree Farm provides during this time of year, including woodworking, candle-making, and, of course, riding the tractor in search of the perfect tree.

Solar grant program to generate \$4.5 million in new solar energy projects for Wisconsin nonprofits

RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good program will issue 36 grants to Wisconsin nonprofit organizations to install new solar-electric systems. Altogether, these grants will total over \$445,000 and will lead to more than \$4.5 million in new solar investment. The new solar arrays, planned for installation over the next twelve months, will add 2.13 megawatts (MW) of new solar power to Wisconsin's electric mix.

This round of funding featured a diverse group of awardees from every part of Wisconsin. The winning projects include:

- Beloit College will convert a former coal-fired power plant into a carbon-neutral student activity center, complete with solar electric and geothermal heating.
- Juda School will add an additional 4 kilowatts of solar panels to their existing array, increasing their output by 50%. The school will offset 10% of its electric use through a combination of energy efficiency projects and solar power.
- Sawyer County Housing Authority will install solar arrays on 6 multi-family, low-income housing facilities, which will directly offset their residents' utility bills
- Primates Inc, a sanctuary for retired primates from the research and film industry, plans to construct a 30-kilowatt array for their habitats near Westfield.

RENEW's fall 2018 funding period builds on the success of Solar for Good's previous rounds in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. During the first and second fund-

ing rounds, RENEW issued over \$200,000 in grants, helping 23 Wisconsin-based nonprofits invest over \$1.67 million in new solar projects.

"Solar for Good has reached new heights," said Heather Allen, Program Director for RENEW Wisconsin. "With these 36 grants, Solar for good will generate \$4.5 million in new solar projects."

This will help nonprofits across the state lower their energy costs, inspire their communities, and promote a cleaner, healthier Wisconsin."

"Sometimes great projects just need a little help," said Scott Anderson, Juda Teacher.

"Because of the Solar for Good funding our project will happen and we will be able to continue our initiative to reduce costs through using more green energy."

The Solar for Good program is primarily funded by philanthropists Cal and Laurie Couillard of Deerfield. Solar for Good grants fund up to 20% of an organization's solar installation.

RENEW plans to issue another round of grant funding in spring 2019. To learn more, please visit the Solar for Good website.

About RENEW Wisconsin RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization which promotes renewable energy in Wisconsin. We work on policies and programs that support solar power, wind power, biogas, local hydropower, geothermal energy, and electric vehicles. More information on RENEW's website: www.renewwisconsin.org.



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Down to business

At the December meeting, headed by Linnea Tabaka, Young American 4-H members discussed the calendar, what service projects they are doing, and if they should have a paper goods drive. After the meeting, they took club directory photos and played gift card bingo.



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Juda 60th class reunion

Juda Class of 1958 held its 60th year celebration on Dec. 5 with a luncheon at the Swiss Alps in Monroe. From left: Eileen (Haman) Buttko, Anthony Jones, Richard Yaun, Sharon (Weidman) Roth, Bob L. Wunschel, Connie (Sonnenberg) Conway, and Joyce (Ruef) Hoesly. Those not present were Beverly (Starke) Coyle, Dennis Zimmerman, Beverly (Friedricks) Sinkola and Wennona (Burkhalter) Reed.

Written by Taylor Adkins, Dean DeVoe, Marilyn Farias, Nicole Kamholz, Quinton Kammerer, Karlee Kesler, Jacob Mahlkuch, Nathaniel Nicholson, Hannah Powers, and Lily Riebe

Panthers on the Prowl



WINTER BREAK

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT GAME NIGHT

On Friday, February 22, the Spanish Club will be hosting Game Night from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. There will be board games, jungle games, snacks, and dinner. Raffle tickets will be given to anyone who brings in a pair of gently used/new shoes (1 ticket for each pair) to win a grand prize at the end of the night! The cost of admission will be \$6 if purchased prior to Game Night and \$8 at the door. Dinner will be included in admission cost. The Spanish Club hopes to see you there!

SENIOR OF THE WEEK

The senior of the week this week is Nate Nicholson! Nate plans on going to UW-Madison for Computer Science. One thing he is most excited for in college is meeting new people in a new setting. Some advice he would give to the underclassmen is to study for finals over break.

FOOD PANTRY

The Panther Pantry is open on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We can also schedule appointments if that time does not work. Appointments can be made by calling the school at 608-934-5251.

NHS

The NHS rang the bells at Wal-Mart last Friday for the Salvation Army. Thank you to all the community members who dropped by and gave. You are making a difference in someone's life.

ART DEPARTMENT

The high school art classes are going to start working on their final. The middle school rotation class is starting a new project in their home decor unit. The sixth-grade art class is going to start a watercolor project, and the elementary classes will all be starting new projects after winter break.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Now that the holiday concert is done, the music department is focused on getting ready for solo and ensemble competition. Every high school student is going to prepare a piece, but not every student will perform it at the competition.

MATH DEPARTMENT

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SPANISH CLUB

Spanish Club is partnering with funds2org to continue to fundraise for their June 2019 trip to Peru. Funds2org is a program that collects new and gently-worn shoes and offers money per pound of shoes received.

If Juda Spanish Club can collect 2500 pairs of shoes, they will receive a minimum of \$1000 from the company. Please start collecting any new and gently-worn shoes to donate. The fundraiser will begin right after Christmas break on Monday, January 7, and will run for 60 days. There will be several drop-off locations: Juda School in the Spanish Room, Sugar River Bank of Juda, Juda Zion Church, and La Iguana. Go to <http://www.funds2orgs.com/> for more information.

FFA

Last week, FFA officers handed out gifts to the students for the Giving Tree. It was very nice to see all of the students so appreciative of their gifts.

HIGH SCHOOL STEAM

The high school STEAM proj-

ect will boot up again after winter break. Students will be thinking of plans for their structures over the holiday season. Good luck to everyone, and may the best team win!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls have an upcoming tournament during break at Juda on Friday, December 28, at 10 a.m. Make sure that you attend and show them support through each game!

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys had two games last week against Durand and Albany. Some of the leading scorers for the Durand Game were Quinton Kammerer (11 points), Dominic Taylor (10 points), Gavin Kammerer (8 points). The boys' next game is Thursday, January 3, 2019, at Black Hawk. Happy Holidays!

ELEMENTARY

Merry Christmas from the Elementary! School resumes on January 2. Hope everyone has an amazing break!

JFAB

Thank you to everyone who donated to the bake sale during the holiday concerts! Have a happy holiday and be safe!

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The foreign exchange student of the week is Yilian Lin from Weihai, Shandong Province, China. She speaks Chinese and English. She has four family members at home in Weihai. Her favorite thing about the U.S so far is the atmosphere of our school. Her least favorite thing about the U.S. is the food.

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE

The Winter Clothes Drive was a success! Three whole appliance-sized boxes were filled with winter clothing that was brought in from community members. The

clothes were then placed on a table in the OT/PT room for students in need to take during the week of December 17. The clothing that was left over will be taken to another organization close to the community. Thank you to everyone who donated!

BOOSTER CLUB SUPPER

The Booster Club is hosting a chili and grilled cheese supper on Tuesday, January 8, in the cafeteria! Chili and grilled cheese will be served from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Anyone can come to enjoy a nice supper!

TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week for teacher interviews, we have Mrs. Amber Williams (AKA Mama Coco). She has been a K-12 Spanish teacher at our school for 7 years. She graduated from De- Forest High School early and then went to UW- Green Bay to earn her major in Spanish and a minor in Education. When asked what she would change about high school,

she replied, "I probably would not have graduated a year early. I would have enjoyed myself more with the extra time, taken more AP classes to try and get college credit, and enjoyed being in the play/musical again my last year. I would have also tried to save more money because moving out on my own. It was way more expensive than I had imagined." She also heavily believes in joining all activities your school has to offer and suggests to value time spent with peers, "Take advantage of all that high school has to offer: extra-curricular programs, dances, activities. Also, how you act and who you spend time with does say something about you, as well as how you handle any challenges that come your way. How-

ever, your high school career does not define your life overall as many great new experiences await you in college and your future careers."

Mrs. Williams has taught at Juda

school for enough years to not only be the Spanish teacher, but she also directs the musical and helps to do the scoreboard at the high school basketball games. She loves Juda

school because of the students and the staff. Students are of a higher caliber at Juda; there are far fewer incidents of behavioral issues compared to other schools, with a greater emphasis on learning. The staff is all devoted to their students and to ensuring students get the best education possible." Lastly, some of her hobbies outside of school include reading, cooking, spending time with her dog, and traveling. Some of these are also advantages for the students because she makes awesome cheesecake and is fun to travel with.

BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive is coming up fast, scheduled for January 29. Seeing the community come together to give blood is amazing, and everyone who attends is highly appreciated. Next time you come in, see how you compare to others who have given blood. Have you given more or less than they have, or is it a goal for you to get to a certain amount of gallons?

FORENSICS

The Forensics team had an informational meeting on Thursday, December 20, during FLEX hour. There was a very good attendance, and the team looks like it might grow this year. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. We hope that you will come out this year and continue on in Forensics and speaking for years to come.

Fourth round of funding awarded to 24 farmer groups

Wisconsin's latest round of Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants has been awarded to 24 groups of farmers who will work with conservation agencies and organizations to address soil and water issues tailored to their local conditions.

Five of the groups are first-time grant recipients. Together the 24 groups will receive the full \$750,000 available for 2019. Grants range from just over \$7,500 to \$40,000, for activities that most often include incentives for farmers to plant cover crops and undertake other conservation practices and technologies. All include farmer-to-farmer education via field days, conferences and similar activities. Some projects include on-farm demonstration trials to gather local data for various practices.

This is the fourth round of grant awards since the funding was made available in the 2015-17 state budget. The 2017-19 budget increased the maximum amount that groups could receive to \$40,000, up from \$20,000 previously. In addition, the Legislature authorized an increase during this biennium from the original \$250,000 a year to \$750,000. Grant requests totaled nearly \$850,000 for 2019.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants are intended to give financial support to farmers willing to lead conservation efforts tailored to their own watersheds. The emphasis is on innovation and practices not already covered by other state and federal programs, and the intent is that participating farmers will reach

out to other farmers to help them adopt conservation practices.

Producer groups must work with DATCP, the Department of Natural Resources, a county land conservation committee, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, or a nonprofit conservation organization. Grant funds cannot pay for real estate, loans, equipment purchases, or lobbying, and the program places caps on the amount of funding that can be used for staff support to the groups. Each group must start with at least five farmers in the watershed.

First time grant recipients

Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation -- \$32,000
Producers of Lake Redstone -- \$40,000

Red Cedar Conservation Farmers -- \$40,000
Shell Lake-Yellow River Farmer-Led Watershed Council -- \$15,600

Western Wisconsin Conservation Council -- \$22,000

Previously funded projects receiving new grants

Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil & Healthy Water -- \$39,050

Farmers for the Upper Sugar River -- \$40,000

Farmers for Tomorrow -- \$40,000
Farmers of Barron County -- \$40,000

Farmers of Mill Creek -- \$36,535
Farmers of the Sugar River -- \$25,000

Hay River Farmer-led Watershed Council -- \$13,125

Horse Creek Farmer-Led Watershed Council -- \$18,750

Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance -- \$32,000

Milwaukee River Watershed Clean Farm Families -- \$40,000

Pecatonica Pride -- \$20,250

Peninsula Pride Farms -- \$40,000

Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers -- \$40,000

South Kinni Farmer-Led Watershed Council -- \$7,500

Tainter Creek Farmer-Led Watershed Council -- \$40,000

Upland Watershed Group -- \$29,120

Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County -- \$40,000
Waumandee Watershed -- \$19,080

Yahara Pride Farms -- \$40,000

Juda boys lose battle with Durand

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Last Tuesday the Juda boys crossed the Stateline as they traveled to Durand for an out of conference matchup.

The teams were tied at the end of the first quarter, and again at halftime as they each scored 11 in the first, and 13 in the second.

Quinton Kammerer led the way offensively in the first half as he provided 9 points of the Panthers 24 points. Trent Anderson hit two 3-pointers in the second quarter, putting him at 6 at the half.

Despite being tied at 24 coming out of the break, Durand blew things open in the third quarter. By holding the Panthers to just three points, which came from Gavin Kammerer's 3-pointer, and scoring 21 of their own, Durand found themselves with a 45-27 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Panthers managed to get back on track in the fourth as Gavin Kammerer and Dominic Taylor combined for 10 points in the quarter. It was too little too late, however, as Durand's third quarter dominance paved way for a 53-41 victory over Juda.

Quinton led the team in points with 11, and his brother Gavin was right behind him with 10 of his own. Taylor finished with 8, while Anderson and Dogukan Yetgin each had 6. The Panthers combined for six 3-pointers on the evening.

Parkview boys conquer with three-point shots

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Vikings boys' squad traveled to Madison Dec. 11 to face off with Madison Country Day School.

It was another impressive outing for the Viking offense as they put up over 100 points once again.

The Vikings found themselves with a comfortable lead at the break, thanks to the early performances of Adria Meza and Justin Balch. Meza and Balch had two 3-pointers each, as they combined for 36 points in the

first half, Meza with 16 and Balch with 20.

The Vikings went into halftime with a 52-39 lead.

The Parkview offense refused to slow down in the second half. Jarrett Brown, who was scoreless in the first half, found his shot in the second as he hit three 3-pointers on his way to 11 points for the second half.

Braydon Tracy led the way for the Vikings following the break as he totaled 13 points.

The strong offensive performance

was noted by coach Striegl, saying, "We played another great offensive game, very balanced scoring and great rebounding. The effort was good from every single player tonight." The all around play led to a 109-73 victory for the Vikings.

Balch led the team in scoring with 24 points, Meza finished with 18, and Tracy was close behind with 17 of his own. The Vikings had 4 players reach double digits in scoring, and the team hit an impressive 11 3-point shots on the evening.

Governor Walker announces the State ended fiscal year 2017-18 with a \$588.5 million surplus

Governor Scott Walker announced the State of Wisconsin, for the eighth year in a row, has ended the fiscal year with a surplus. Fiscal year 2018-19 ended with a \$588.5 million surplus according to the state's 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) issued by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) today.

"Thanks to eight years of our strong financial management and growing economy, Wisconsin has ended every fiscal year we have been in office with a surplus," said Governor Walker.

Highlights of the state's financial condition include:

Wisconsin has ended every year with a budget surplus under Governor Walker. The state ended fiscal year 2018 with a positive balance of \$588.5 million based on cash ac-

counting.

The state deposited \$33.1 million

into the state Budget Stabilization Fund. The balance is now \$320.1 million. This is the largest balance in state history and 190 times larger than the balance in fiscal year 2010.

General fund tax collections were \$18.4 million above estimates. The growth was \$626 million or 4 percent over last year. Individual income taxes were \$99.2 million higher than estimated.

State expenditures were \$174 mil-

lion less than budgeted in 2018.

Letter to the editor

Say NO to wind turbines

I am opposed to the EDF wind turbines that are being proposed for Jefferson Township in Green County.

I have read countless news articles stating the many problems

of the wind turbines. The World Health Organization has deemed them a health hazard stating the "noise" is more than an annoyance and that chronic noise contributes to cardiovascular disease, lack of sleep, hearing loss, ringing in the ears, stress and increased changes in blood pressure and heart health.

The wind industry has chronically and methodically, over a long period of time, blocked the flow of information, denying and blaming helpless victims for "poor coping skills."

There are, also, obvious and historically reported impacts of infra-sound and low frequency vibration, shadow flicker and numerous other negative health effects.

I have, also, read testimonials from farmers in WI who regret leasing their land to the wind turbine companies. They said that by signing that contract they have signed away control of their family farm and it's the biggest regret they have ever experienced and will ever experience. The money from the turbines doesn't balance out their crop loss from land being taken out of production. The kind of life they enjoyed on their family farm is gone forever, too. They said they would NOT sign that contract today.

Big wind companies make HUGE profits taking advantage of generous federal subsidies and tax credits. Without federal subsidies these wind farms are never self-sufficient. You can't always count on the wind to produce enough power to be profitable; therefore, these wind turbines only generate a small percentage of electricity into the power grid system.

Let's keep Green county productive farmland and beautiful, rolling hills, NOT an industrial wind farm!

*Lisa Sutherland
Juda, Wis.*

MSOE announces Dean's List and Honors List

The following student(s) received academic honors from Milwaukee School of Engineering for the 2018 Fall Quarter:

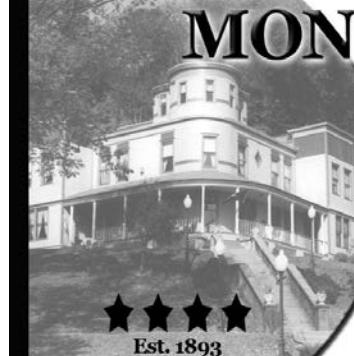
Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

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Logan Anderson, Dean's List, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Undergraduate students on the Honors List have earned a GPA of at least 3.20 (out of 4.0) for this quarter and are not on the Dean's List.

Milwaukee School of Engineering is an independent, non-profit university with about 2,800 students that was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelors and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. The university has a national academic reputation; longstanding ties to business and industry; dedicated professors with real-world experience; extremely high graduate outcome rates; and the highest ROI and average starting salaries of any Wisconsin university according to Pay Scale Inc. MSOE graduates are well-rounded, technologically experienced and highly productive professionals and leaders.



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Uprooted: Housing evictions in Wisconsin

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Rental housing evictions are pervasive in some Wisconsin communities, destabilizing families and neighborhoods. Our research finds eviction rates vary widely across the state and are particularly concentrated in southeast Wisconsin, where an effort to address the problem has begun in Milwaukee.

Last month, we published *No Place Like Home*, a report that documents Milwaukee County's high rate of rental housing evictions and presents strategies for preventing them in the future. As detailed in Matthew Desmond's Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Evicted*, which focused on Milwaukee, evictions often have a cascading effect. They can lead to job losses, increased school absences, homelessness, and other impacts on the entire community.

Recently, Desmond and his "Eviction Lab" team at Princeton University produced a website with data on evictions in counties, cities, and census tracts nationwide. Using the data, we now explore the extent of this problem throughout Wisconsin. We primarily look at eviction rates, which are the percentage of renter households in a community evicted in a given year.

Evictions Higher in Southeast

In 2016, three of the four counties with the highest eviction rates in Wisconsin were densely populated counties in the southeast corner of the state (Racine, Kenosha, and Milwaukee) and the fourth was nearby Rock County. (See Figure 1.) At least three percent of renter households in those counties were evicted that year. The data show those four counties have consistently had eviction rates over three percent dating back to at least 2010, while no other county broke the three percent mark during that period.

Racine and Kenosha counties had the highest eviction rates in the state in 2016, but Milwaukee County had the highest number of evictions (6,313).

Milwaukee County also experienced a disproportionate number of evictions; its population accounted for about 17 percent of the state's total in 2016, but its 6,313 evictions comprised more than 42 percent of

County	Eviction Rate %	Total Evictions	Renter Households	Poverty Rate %	Rent Burden %
Racine	3.86%	937	24,294	9.2%	49.7%
Kenosha	3.47%	748	21,578	11%	51.6%
Milwaukee	3.26%	6,313	193,601	17.2%	52.9%
Rock	3.23%	645	19,995	11.6%	46.9%
Wood	2.25%	206	9,170	7.2%	42.7%
Douglas	2.23%	139	6,225	11.7%	44.6%
Dodge	2.19%	214	9,788	6.1%	40.8%
Marathon	2.17%	335	15,406	7.2%	42.6%
Green Lake	2.02%	41	2,028	7.8%	36.9%
Manitowoc	1.99%	181	9,085	6.4%	36.1%
Fond du Lac	1.97%	244	12,406	6.5%	42.1%
Wisconsin	1.89%	14,871	787,739	8.6%	46.7%

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Comparison of ten counties with highest eviction rates (2016). Sources Eviction Lab, U.S. Census Bureau.

the state's total that year.

Five less-populated counties scattered throughout the state had eviction rates of at least two percent in 2016: Wood, Douglas, Dodge, Marathon, and Green

Lake. All other counties had rates below two percent.

Eviction Rates and Poverty

Evictions are often associated with poverty, but the Eviction Lab's data show not all counties with high eviction rates have high poverty rates. In fact, among the 10 counties with the highest eviction rates in 2016, half had poverty rates above the statewide average and half below. (See Table 1.)

An important contributing factor is that evictions are not evenly distributed throughout each county. Rather, they are often overwhelmingly concentrated in a small number of municipalities or even neighborhoods. For example, among Milwaukee County's 296 census tracts, 19 had extremely high eviction rates of 10 percent or higher in 2016, while 85 others had rates below one percent. The census tracts with the highest eviction rates are all high-poverty census tracts on the city of Milwaukee's north and

northwest sides.

Also striking is that counties with the highest eviction rates are not necessarily the same as those with the highest percentages of rent-burdened households. As we explained in Focus #18-2018, a household is considered rent-burdened if it spends more than 30 percent of its income on rent. Only four counties had both eviction and rent burden rates above statewide averages in 2016: Racine, Kenosha, Milwau-

kee, and Rock. Data on rent-burdened households represent five-year averages (2012-16) and are the most recent figures available from the U.S. Census Bureau for all Wisconsin counties.

One reason some counties with high percentages of rent-burdened households may not have high eviction rates is that several have large student populations, including Dane, Eau Claire, and La Crosse.

College students may be more

likely to have family support that allows them to afford rent despite low income.

Solutions Sought

An eviction prevention task force formed earlier this year in Milwaukee County plans to pursue several strategies for reducing evictions that may have relevance for other Wisconsin communities, such as establishing a resource center similar to projected numbers of graduates by gender, race, and ethnicity. The number of graduates is projected to fall by 10.6 percent for black males and 6.8 percent for black females.

Meanwhile, Hispanic graduates are projected to increase by 39.2 percent overall. Potential local impacts could include school closures and consolidations, expansion of online instruction, cuts to school budgets, or increases in voter referenda to exceed state caps on school district revenue and increase property taxes. One in Madison where both tenants and landlords can seek guidance about housing problems; increasing tenant landlord mediation services to keep housing disputes out of court; and expanding rent assistance programs for renters facing temporary financial emergencies.

Addressing evictions is a challenging task that may require greater public and philanthropic resources, but it is also one that could pay dividends in helping to alleviate poverty, improve student outcomes, and reduce homelessness.

Record number of levy limit referenda on November ballots

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During the November 2018 elections, at least fifteen communities across the state held referenda to allow cities, villages, towns, or counties to exceed state-imposed property tax levy limits, and voters in 11 of those communities gave their approval. The vote marked the largest number of such referenda on the ballot at once since 2005, when levy limits were enacted. Prior to November, there had been a total of 19 levy limit referenda in 13 years, according to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

These referenda and their outcomes may signal a trend. Since 2011, when the limits were made more restrictive, property tax collections for many local governments have largely been frozen except for increases due to new construction.

An analysis by the nonpartisan, independent Wisconsin Policy Forum earlier this year found that only 62 of nearly 600 cities and villages averaged annual new construction rates of 2 percent or more between 2012 and 2016, while 186 averaged 0.5 percent or less. In WPF's surveys of municipal leaders over the past

three years, many reported they had to alternate among spending priorities each year in order to maintain service levels.

Most of the communities where levy limit referenda were held were in east and southeast Wisconsin. Eleven local governments asked to exceed the limits for specific purposes: four for streets; four for public safety; and one for an aquatic center. (De Pere voters approved levy limit referenda in 2006, 2007, and 2008.) Two counties asked to exceed the limits to support their county health care facilities.

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Green County Board discusses raises, wind farms

BY ERICA ROTH

The Green County Board met Tuesday, Dec. 11 for the monthly county board meeting. A heartfelt and moving presentation was made by Sheriff Rohloff as he recognized five deputies of the Sheriff's Department with awards for performing life-saving measures.

It is an honor to know that we are being protected and served by such dedicated people. The Board gave them a standing ovation, but that doesn't begin to convey the gratitude and respect felt. We thank them for their service.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of the approval of several event applications, delinquent real estate tax certif-

several grant applications, delinquent real estate tax certificates, a wage increase for county employees, a presentation about the Sheriff's Office radio system, and an approval for an RFP for a county radio system.

The wage increase is for all county employees except

The wage increase is for all county employees except those represented by WPPA, which are law enforcement.

those represented by WTA, which are law enforcement. This wage increase was approved in the 2019 budget. Since the committees working on the wage study are still working on proposals and not ready to implement yet, the wage increase in the budget will go into effect.

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This wage increase will affect approximately 390 employees and will entail a one percent increase on Jan. 1, 2019, and a half percent increase on June 30, 2019.

Town and Village boards are up for election and re-election this year. If you are interested in running for a seat, contact your town or village clerk to find out how to run. Some boards hold a caucus; others only require you to fill out nomination paperwork.

Local government is where you have the most impact; if

Local government is where you have the most impact; if you are interested in working with your neighbors to make

you are interested in working with your neighbors to make your community the best it can be, I highly encourage you to run for your local board. County Board and Village/Town Board elections are alternate years, so if you are more interested in serving on the County Board that election will be in 2020. I have learned, and continue to learn so much about local government, our communities, and our county. It is an honor and privilege to serve and represent my neighbors.

ner more response from residents than other topics. One of these topics was CAFOs a couple years back, and interest

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continues today albeit a bit quieter than previously. A topic that is currently under much discussion and is being heard by county board supervisors is the proposed Sugar River Wind Farm in the Town of Jefferson.

At this time the Zoning Department and committee are looking at adopting zoning ordinances for the county. My understanding is that, similar to the CAFOs, the county has very limited freedom with adapting ordinances to be stricter than state standards. In some cases, the Towns have more control than the county.

If this, or other topics are of interest to you, you'd like to express your opinion or would like more information, all meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. You can find your supervisor's contact information and meeting schedules on the county website, as well as department contact information. www.co.green.wi.gov

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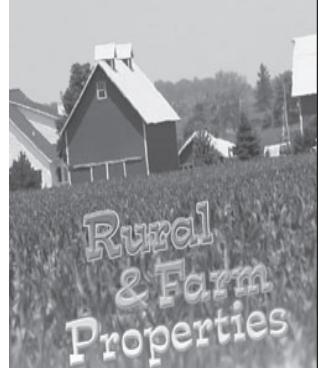
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