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# Commission clears supervisor of ethics charges related to CAFO action

By Tony Ends  
 CORRESPONDENT

A state commission created under former Gov. Scott Walker has rejected citizen charges that their Town Supervisor Mike Witt violated state conflict of interest law.

Commission staff advised Green County citizen complainants by letter in December 2019 of the state action. It clears Witt of allegations related to his vote over citizen objections in a Town of Sylvester June 2019 meeting.

Town Supervisor Witt's motion and vote at the 2019 meeting concerned town challenge of a DNR waste permit awarded to Pinnacle Dairy in 2018. The town has since largely settled most of its permit issues with the state and dairy, but until now the ethics charges lingered.

Local citizens who pressed the charges, and who are still trying to ensure protections from the new me-

ga-dairy, are just now becoming aware that both ethics and some waste permit charges have been dropped.

Wisconsin Ethics Commission staff advised local complainants of the commission's Dec. 3, 2019, decision in the letter dated Dec. 6, 2019. One of half-a-dozen of the citizens who filed the ethics charges last year subsequently shared the letter with the press.

"After consideration of the investigation report and the evidence obtained during the investigation," wrote ethics specialist Colette C. Creve, in the letter to citizens, "the Commission adopted preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law and determined that there was not sufficient evidence to establish probable cause to believe that a violation occurred."

Pursuant to state statutes Creve wrote to citizens, "your complaint has now been dismissed."

Wisconsin Ethics Commission came

into being under then controversial 2015 Wisconsin Act 118, which eliminated the Government Accountability Board on June 30, 2016. The act replaced the GAB with two separate commissions, one to oversee state administration of elections and the other to handle ethics.

As regards the 2019 conflict of interest charges in eastern Green County's Town of Sylvester, the commission rejected the citizens' allegations following a staff investigation into case number 2019-ETH-40. That case alleged Town Supervisor Witt violated the code of ethics for local public officials, in discussing, deliberating and voting regarding the town's participation in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Case No. 19-0002.

A packed town hall back in June 2019 challenged Witt's voting on the case. Citizens protested that Witt has business dealings with the subject of the town's case before the DNR – the Tuls family of Nebraska, which operates Pinnacle Dairy.

Pinnacle's 5,800-cow dairy, permitted just since 2018, is one of five concentrated animal feeding operations that the Tuls operate in Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Town of Sylvester's sole board sur-

vivor of spring 2019 elections, Dave Schenk, last June leveled conflict of interest charges at newly elected supervisor Witt. Witt does custom farming business with Pinnacle Dairy. Witt also takes manure from Pinnacle for his farmland.

Reached last Friday by phone, Schenk said the tense controversy within the town seems largely to have subsided since late August 2019. At that time, Schenk said, the dairy signed an agreement with the town on remaining DNR permit issues, excepting two that the Wisconsin State Supreme Court is poised to decide in a related CAFO case in Keweenaw County.

Citizens' 2019 charges against Witt to the Ethics Commission followed Witt's motion to back Sylvester away from contesting state DNR's 2018 waste permitting of Pinnacle Dairy.

Both the town and Green County waged a 2-year back-and-forth over state permitting of the massive dairy. At issue was the Nebraska-based Tuls family's wet siting of Pinnacle Dairy on a former wetland in the Town of Sylvester. The DNR at first refused to permit the dairy in the sensitive Sugar River Watershed near Brodhead, Wis.

Town, county and state agency

concerns actually held up Pinnacle's permitting from the time it was first proposed in 2015. In the more recent conflict of interest situation last year, the Town of Sylvester and six citizens were set to go before an administrative law judge at a contested case hearing in early 2020.

Yet new town supervisor Witt, with a new town chair also elected in April 2019, greatly narrowed the town's challenge of the DNR waste permit to Pinnacle Dairy. Some locals feared the conflict of interest charges raised specter of a new expression of CAFO political power and influence over local citizens' interests.

Wis. Stat. Chapter 19.59, notes Wisconsin Towns Association literature, prohibits a public official from using his or her position to "obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself or herself or his or her immediate family, or for an organization with which he or she is associated."

In response to questions regarding the Ethics Commission's December ruling, Administrator Daniel A. Carlton, Jr., said Dec. 11, 2019, "I don't have any

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## Juda vs. Argyle

Juda senior, Payton Johnson, goes up for a shot. Payton scored a total of 11 points. Juda senior, Payton Johnson, goes up for a shot. Payton scored a total of 11 points. (More photos on page 4.)

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further information to share with you regarding this matter. There is no process by which to appeal the Commission's determination.

"If any individual believes that any local official has violated the local code of ethics," Carlton said, "they may either file a complaint with the Commission or they may file a complaint with the local district attorney." Green County District Attorney Craig Nolen, however, refused citizens' appeals regarding their conflict of interest allegations against Witt, prompting their filings with the state.

In correspondence last Aug. 27, Carlton said he could not legally comment on specific complaints per the statutes. He cited those statutes, which Walker signed into law in 2015, to the press early in the Town of Sylvester complaint process regarding Supervisor Witt. "As far as the complaint process in general, it's addressed in statute and in the Commission's adopted policy. The complaint process is specifically set out in WIS. STAT. § 19.49(2)," Carlton said last year.

"Once a legally sufficient complaint is filed with the Commission, the Commission must forward it to the Respondent within 5 days. There is a 15-day

period for the Respondent to respond. The Commission cannot take any action within that 15-day window, Carlton said by email response to the press.

"The statute does not provide a timeframe within which it must act. However, our practice is to provide the complaint and the response to the Commission at the next scheduled meeting. (FYI-Our meeting schedule through 2020 is up on our website.) At that meeting, the Commission would determine whether there is a reasonable suspicion of a violation. If the Commission finds no reasonable suspicion, the complaint is dismissed. If the Commission finds reasonable suspicion it can either order staff to investigate, refer to the local DA, or can hire a special investigator.

"Whoever is assigned to investigate must report to the Commission every 30 days. The Commission is required to meet every 90 days and, if investigation is going to continue, the Commission must specifically vote to continue. Once the investigation is completed, the Commission will determine at the next scheduled meeting whether probable cause exists to believe a violation of law occurred. If probable cause is found, the Commission can authorize the staff to file a suit, refer the matter to the DA, or

it can offer a settlement."

Per the confidentiality statutes, records the Commission obtains or prepares in connection with an investigation, including the full text of any complaint the Commission receives, are not subject to the right of inspection and copying under the 2015 law, "except under certain circumstances."

Those circumstances laid out in the statutes stipulate that ethics charges records can be made open to public inspection and copying only for:

- A record of the action of the commission authorizing the filing of a civil complaint,
- A record of the action of the commission referring a matter to a district attorney or other prosecutor for investigation or prosecution,
- A record containing a finding that a complaint does not raise a reasonable suspicion that a violation of the law has occurred, or
- A record containing a finding, following an investigation, that no probable cause exists to believe that a violation of the law has occurred.

"Ethics complaints ought to be public information," said Matt Rothschild, the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, asked this past

week to comment on the citizen complaints the Ethics Commission set aside in Green County.

"So should the investigations into those complaints," Rothschild said. "It's outrageous that we, as citizens of Wisconsin, are not entitled to read the record of the Ethics Commission's investigation into the conflict-of-interest allegations against Mike Witt, or anyone else for that matter."

As previously reported last summer, Supervisor Witt readily admitted to about 25 citizens at a town meeting in June that he grows silage for the new dairy and harvests and hauls silage from neighboring fields for Pinnacle. He also said he takes liquid manure from its slurries as part of Pinnacle's land base.

Yet in a series of June 2019 meeting votes, Witt never recused himself from the decision-making. He ultimately and successfully disassociated the town from all but one permit challenge. "I sought legal counsel on my own," said Witt, at the time last June, telling the public meeting that a lawyer advised him unless he benefits directly from a vote on town business, there is no conflict of interest.

"There is no guarantee Pinnacle will benefit from this (town) permit deci-

sion. Yes, I do business with them, but I was doing business before Pinnacle was built, and I'll still be here if Pinnacle is not," Witt said in the town meeting last June.

Town Chairman Dan Moehn, also new to the board last year, seconded Witt's motion, strongly supporting Sylvester's withdrawal from contesting the state waste permit. Both new members to the town board said the town didn't have enough money for expensive expert witness testimony to successfully contest the state DNR waste permit to Pinnacle.

Pinnacle Dairy LLC received the DNR permit, which regulates discharge from the livestock operation at N4135 Decatur Sylvester Road. This waste is discharging on land adjacent 10-mile long Searles Creek within the Lower Middle Sugar River Watershed, and a broad area of especially Eastern Green County's groundwaters.

The 2018 state DNR waste permit is supposed to ensure Pinnacle's discharge accords with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions to manage and use manure and process wastewater.

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# Green County Board update

Welcome to 2020! Things are already starting off with changes afoot! The 2020 Budget for Green County is now in effect, nomination papers and declarations of candidacy were due in to the County Clerk's office Tuesday Jan. 7, and there will be some changes on the board: five supervisors are not seeking re-election, and there are a couple of contested seats. At this time there is one seat that will be vacant as the current supervisor is not running again and no one has taken out papers to run for that district. If there is anyone in District 14, Adams and Jordan Townships, who is interested in a seat on the County Board, please have them contact Mike Doyle, our County Clerk. If the seat remains vacant after the election, the County Clerk will appoint someone to fill that position. I would like to extend a personal thank you to all who signed my nomination papers. It was great to get to meet more neighbors and have a chance to talk a bit about our county. I greatly appreciate your support and confidence in my representation of you.

This brings me to elections for 2020. There are our election dates on the calendar this year: February 18 is the Spring Primary which will narrow down the field for Supreme Court Justice candidates for the April election; April 7 is the Spring Election which is a big ballot - presidential primary, county board, school boards, some town and municipal seats, various referenda, Supreme Court Justice, and Appeals District 4 Judge; August 9 is the Fall Par-

tisan Primary for Wisconsin's November ballot for partisan seats that are not presidential; and finally, the November 8 General Election which is another big ballot including President, US Senator and Representatives, District Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Register of Deeds. These are all important elections and I encourage you to mark your calendars now and make plans to get to the polls those days. If you have questions about what will be on your ballot, where you vote, or anything else related to these elections visit the Green County website at [www.co.green.wi.gov](http://www.co.green.wi.gov). Toward the bottom of the home page are links that give you this information and more.

The Green County Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month, with some exceptions during election months, at 7 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse on the Square in Monroe. All meetings, including committee meetings, are open to the public and listed on the county website with agendas and minutes. You are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact your county board supervisor, their contact information can be found on the website as well. I represent District 24, the Town of Albany and the southeast corner of the Town of Brooklyn. You can reach me at 608-371-9074 or [eroth@greencountywi.org](mailto:eroth@greencountywi.org). Happy New Year!

## Albany Historical Society presents Show & Tell

The Albany Historical Society will present a Show & Tell program on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. Members & visitors are welcome to bring an item, picture, letter or story.

One example: Hear the story of a slave freed by the Union Army at the end of the Civil War that came

to this area.

The museum is located at 119 N. Water Street in Albany, WI 53502. The program will follow a short business meeting and is free. Refreshments will be served after the program. Contact Jane Copus at 608-214-8289 or email: [jcopus1@frontier.com](mailto:jcopus1@frontier.com).

## Albany Police report

**Dec. 30, 2019**

- Cited for Non-Registration of Auto was Meghan L. Krupke (26) of Albany, WI.

**Jan. 3, 2020**

- Cited for Operating Motor Vehicle W/O Insurance was Jesus C. Lopez (21) of Oregon, WI.

- Cited for Operating While Revoked was Brent A. Wollin (28) of Albany, WI.

**Jan. 4, 2020**

- Cited for Operating After Suspension of Registration was Adam T. Dalton (33) of Madison, WI.

**Jan. 5, 2020**

- Cited for Operating W/O a Valid License and Operating W/O Motor Vehicle Insurance was Andres Perez-Viveros (26) of Monroe, WI.

- Cited for Operating While Revoked and Operating W/O Motor Vehicle Insurance was Mathew P. Thies (35) of Albany, WI.

## MSOE announces Dean's List and Honors List

The following area student received academic honors from Milwaukee School of Engineering for the 2019 Fall Quarter:

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

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## Obituary

**RICHARD "DICK" A. KAPKE**

Richard "Dick" A.

Kapke, age 73, of Edgerton, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at UW Hospital, Madison. He was born in

Edgerton on May 19, 1946, the son of Verne and Mildred (Cox) Kapke. Dick married Susan K. Williams on Feb. 24, 1968 in Stoughton. He was a crop and dairy farmer and he loved to work! He enjoyed riding horses, dancing, listening to country western music (especially, Johnny Cash) western movies and his "pie, cake or cookies." Dick was a faithful and dedicated husband and father and his biggest passion in life was spending time with his family. He was an honest, upfront man and you always knew where he stood.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Susan of 51 years; four children: Andrew Kapke of Brodhead, Keven (Michelle) Kapke of Milton, Peggy Kapke Anderson of Janesville and Richard (fiancé, Amanda Mueller) Kapke of Janesville; 12 grandchildren: Silique, Josie and Ryan (fiancé, Emily) Kapke, John, Jacklyn and Jacob Kapke, Katelyn, Alissa and Trista Anderson and Kendra, Kincaid and Kenzie Kapke; a great grandson, DJ; brother, Roger Kapke of Madison; and niece, Kari (Dave) Winter. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Fulton Church with Rev. Bob Wolniak officiating. Burial was at Fassett Cemetery. A visitation took place at Apfel Ehlert Funeral Home, Edgerton and again on Saturday at Fulton Church. For online condolences and registry: [www.apfelFuneral.com](http://www.apfelFuneral.com).



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## Albany American Legion Sunday Breakfast

The Albany American Legion will be hosting their monthly Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Legion building in Albany. Serving from 8 a.m. to noon.

## Keeping farms economically and ecologically sustainable

Grant County Rural Stewardship will present a conference on Soil Health & Diversity Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 to 4 p.m. at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in the Lenx Conference Center, 1800 Bronson Blvd., Fennimore, WI.

Speakers will be Scott Mericka (Grass Dairy, LLC, Dodgeville, WI) and Mike Miles (Anathoth Community Farm, Luck, WI).

Speaker presentations will be followed by a question and sharing

opportunity.

The audience may ask questions as well as share information about their own experiences.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Grant County Farm Bureau, Organic Valley, Crawford Stewardship Project and Valley Stewardship Network.

## Albany Comet News

**THURSDAY, JAN. 16**

\*Girls basketball (H) vs. Pecatonica 6 p.m.

\*HS varsity wrestling (H) vs. Clinton 7 p.m.

\*Semester exams begin 7:50 a.m. (1, 2, 3, and 4th hr.)

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17**

\*Boys basketball at Barneveld 6 p.m.

\*MS wrestling Tri Meet vs. Parkview & Brodhead 4 p.m.

\*Semester exams begin 7:50 a.m. (5, 6, 7, and 8th hr.)

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18**

\*HS wrestling at Clinton Invite JV/V 9 a.m.

\*Girls hockey: (H) Beloit vs. Viroqua 4:30 p.m.

\*Jr. Comet League boys basketball tourney 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

-Municipal Court 10 a.m.

**MONDAY, JAN. 20**

\*No school for students

-Parks Commission, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

-Joint Recycling, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 21**

\*Girls basketball (H) vs. Monticello 6 p.m.

\*MS wrestling at Clinton MS 4 p.m.

\*Girls hockey (H) Janesville vs. Badger Lightning 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

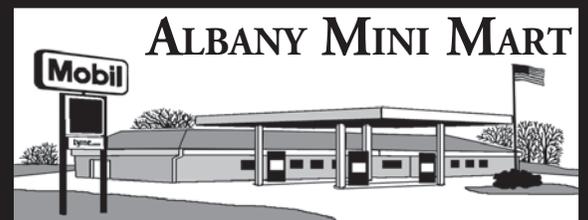
\*Big Brothers/Big Sisters Cafeteria, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

\*Adult Open Gym 7-9 p.m.

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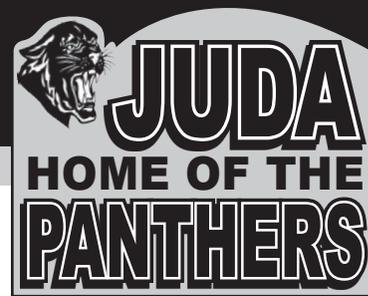
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## Juda falls to Argyle

The Juda boys' basketball team was defeated by the Argyle Orioles 29 to 57 at Juda High School on Thursday, Jan. 9. (Above left) Juda Head Coach, Aaron Duecker, looks on as Gavin Kammerer, attempts a 3 point shot. (Above right) Juda sophomore, Aron Makos, left, and Juda senior, Gavin Kammerer, right, try to block the shot of Argyle senior, Travis Dammen.

## Durand topples Juda boys

The Juda boys' basketball team was defeated by the Durand Bulldogs on Monday, Jan. 6 at Juda High School. Pictured here is Juda senior, Trent Anderson, rises up to get past Durand defenders during the match.



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### FINALS

The first semester is coming to an end, which means finals are coming. Finals will be Thursday, Jan. 16, and Friday, Jan. 17. Thursday will be odd hours ending with our 8th hour period. Friday will be the remaining even hours with STEAM at the end of the day.

### POUCHES FOR AUSTRALIA

Mrs. Einbeck and anyone else who wants to participate will be making pouches and other items to send to Australia. If anyone has fabric they are willing to donate, drop it off at the school office.

### SOLAR OPPORTUNITIES

Juda schools are cooperating with Eagle Point Solar and are planning some ideas for green energy in the future through an Energy Service Agreement. We are looking for members of the community who would be interested in exploring solar energy opportunities for their own houses. By bundling several homes together, we could get panels on your house for a reduced cost and a faster payback period. Please contact Juda Schools if you are interested in this amazing opportunity.

### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Students are continuing to learn about the skeletal system. They have dived deep into bone classification and are learning what structures define a bone as long, short, flat or irregular. Students are also learning the qualities of each of these types of bones and should soon be able to depict and describe many different bones in the human body.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Mansfield has begun teaching the hockey unit. Students have progressively learned the basic abilities and rules of hockey and will begin to play during their gym periods. In the first few days, students were taught how to pass and cradle the puck. They then moved into shooting and stick safety.

### WRESTLING

The Brodhead-Juda Wrestling Team has been very busy this past week. On Saturday, Jan. 4, the boys had a wrestling tournament in Lancaster. Brian McCullough placed 2nd, Jayson Starr placed 4th, and Jacob Miller won two of his matches. The wrestling team also had a home match last Thursday, Jan. 10. Brian McCullough won his match, and Jacob Miller and Matthew McCullough won by forfeit. The team beat Big Foot 60-12. The next meet is Saturday, Jan. 18, in Clinton. Congratulations to Brian McCullough for being ranked 11th in the state and Jayson Starr for being honorable mention!

### BOOSTERS CLUB CHILI AND GRILLED CHEESE SUPPER

The Juda Booster Club will be having a chili and grilled cheese supper on Thursday, Jan. 16, starting at 4:30 p.m. The supper will be located in the cafeteria and will be open until 7 p.m. The girls' basketball team also has a home game that night at 7 p.m. Come out and support the girls' basketball team and eat a delicious supper. We hope to see you there!

### YOUTH WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Brodhead-Juda Wrestling Team and the Juda-Albany Softball Team would like to thank every-

one for coming out and supporting the youth wrestling tournament last Sunday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team finished off their week in South Wayne competing against the number 1 ranked team in the conference, the Warriors. Early last week, the Panthers matched off against Monticello and Belmont. Unfortunately, both ending in close losses. This week the girls will be competing against non-conference Madison Country Day and ending it off at home against Argyle, ending the first round of conference. Reminder: All games start at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise. We hope to see you out supporting our girls.

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The music department is still working hard to prepare for the upcoming NOLA trip. The trip will be over spring break, and they will be traveling with Blackhawk, Monticello, and Albany. Final payment amounts were handed out last week and are due very soon. Students are also working on picking out songs for Solo and Ensemble. This year's Solo and Ensemble contest will be held in Pecatonica.

### MATH DEPARTMENT

In Math classes this week, students have been focusing on review for finals. Mr. Anderson is bringing up concepts that classes have struggled with. In addition, the engineering class is continuing their green energy studies. They have also fixed and are printing with the 3D printer.

### SENIOR SEMINAR

In Senior Sem, the seniors are finishing their ACP so they will be ready to present to a small committee at the end of April. The ACP portfolio will count as the seniors' final for Senior Sem.

### STEAM

The steam competition will be held on Friday, Jan. 17, at the end of the day. All high schoolers at Juda School will be competing using their own mousetrap cars that they assembled.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Last week on Thursday the boys played Argyle for the first time this season. Argyle ended up taking the win against the Panthers. Also earlier in the week on Tuesday, the boys played at Albany. The boys will play

a series of three games over two days against Black Hawk at Juda on Friday, Jan. 17, and then they will play two games the next day at Williams Bay High School at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. These games will be followed by a game on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at home against Belmont.

### SPANISH CLUB

There was a Spanish Club meeting last Tuesday. Since Jan. 6 is Three Kings Day, the Spanish Club celebrated by eating Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings Bread) and drinking hot chocolate. They also discussed the 2020 Spanish Club crewnecks. The money and order forms for the Spanish Club crewnecks are due to Mrs. Williams as soon as possible.

### SOFTBALL WINTER WORKOUTS

The softball team seniors are hosting workouts after school five days a week until the start of the season. The workouts are designed to prepare each athlete for a more competitive season. Those who plan on trying out for softball are encouraged to come!

### SENIOR OF THE WEEK

The senior of the week this week is Brian McCullough. His favorite high school memory is having a good time with his friends and their study hall conversations. His favorite teacher is Mr. Pickett because he is fun to banter with and tease about the Cowboys! Brian's future plans are to get an electrician apprenticeship and go on to become a licensed electrician. His favorite school lunch is ravioli and garlic bread. If he won the lottery, he would, "Buy some lakefront in Canada and invest/save the rest." If he could live in one state for the rest of his life, he would live in Wisconsin because of the scenery and all the family he has here.

### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

This week's teacher of the week is Penny Ramos. She teaches fourth-grade reading, language arts, and social studies as well as fifth-grade reading. She can't believe that she's been teaching for thirty-one years! She started college at UW-Rock County in Janesville, then transferred out of state to Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colorado, where she earned her associate degree. She then finished her bache-

lor's degree at UW-Whitewater. It's hard for her to pick her favorite high school class, but she enjoyed English, science, and math. Penny's favorite animal is her kitten Houdini.

### ART DEPARTMENT

This week in the art department the kindergarten is working on their clay pinch pots. First grade is finishing up their clay owls. Second grade is finishing their northern lights painting and starting to work with oil pastels. Third grade is making pom poms, and fourth grade is working on a background for string art. Fifth grade is working on needle felting. Sixth grade is working on a clay project while the middle school rotation is working on jewelry. The high school is continuing working on their final project that is due by the end of the semester.

### ENGLISH

English I is continuing their literature unit and preparing for finals. English II just finished their phrases summative and will be starting literature along with preparing for finals. English III is going to start watching Roots as part of their slavery narratives unit. Written Communication is still working on finishing their research paper. English Honors finished up their research paper last week, so they are studying for finals.

### THE PAW

As the next semester draws closer, the Juda School store will be having different students work before school and during lunch. When the quarter begins, any student in one of Mr. Pickett's business education classes will be able to sign up for a shift to work a certain amount of days by the end of the quarter. The Paw also has a spicy new snack! Students can now enjoy the fiery taste of Takis Fuego.

### LUNCH

Thursday, Jan. 16, breakfast will be scrambler; lunch will be hamburgers, fries, and peaches. Friday, Jan. 17, breakfast will be long johns; lunch will be cheeseburger mac, broccoli, and pineapple. Monday, Jan. 20, NO SCHOOL. Tuesday, Jan. 21, breakfast will be muffins; lunch will be soup. Wednesday, Jan. 22, breakfast will be pancake wraps; lunch will be chicken patties, au gratin potatoes, and pears.

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# Village of Orfordville meeting summaries

## Village of Orfordville planning commission meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gary Phillips called the meeting to order on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at 6 p.m. Present were Chairman Phillips, Mike Eggleston, Beth Schmidt, David Olsen, Terry Morris, and Jason Knox. Also present were Jason Nehls, Jeb McMahon, and Clerk Sherri Waage. Absent was Steve Ryan.

## REVIEW LAND DIVISION PLANS FOR 201 S. WRIGHT STREET

Jeb McMahon was present to explain that he would like to separate the storage units off from the nine unit apartment building at 201 S. Wright Street. McMahon intends to sell the apartment building.

Discussion held on the seventeen parking spaces. Current ordinance requires two spaces for each unit which is 18. McMahon explained that when the apartment was built, seventeen spaces were allowed as there are seventeen bedrooms in total.

McMahon explained that he has met with Foley Electric and Alliant Energy as the storage sheds receive power from the service at the apartment. McMahon intends to establish a power service at the storage sheds. Discussion held on the utility easement in place. McMahon advised that he is aware of the easement and the utilities will be within the utility easement.

McMahon advised that he is working with Combs & Associates and will move forward with the plan based on discussion held. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Morris, seconded by Schmidt to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried.

## Village of Orfordville police committee meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Phillips. Present were Chairman Phillips, Chuck Boyce, and Jason Knox. Also present were Chief Brian Raupp, Terry Gerber, and Clerk Sherri Waage.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion by Boyce, seconded by Knox to approve the Dec. 19, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD:** None.

## LICENSE APPROVAL: None. DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Waiting on parts for the Bidirectional Amplifier

2. Laptops are at Rock County as there is a software issue.

3. There were two officers working on New Years Eve. There were no problems.

4. The abandoned camper is for sale. There are two bids so far.

5. The Department of Justice completed the Juvenile Justice Audit.

**2020 REFERENDUM:** Chief Raupp explained the cost for a new officer. He would like a referendum to exceed the revenue limit so he can hire a second full time officer. Chief Raupp explained that a grant became available as of today which may pay for three years of the new officer. Chief Raupp will look into the grant. Chief Raupp is going to look into marketing the referendum, and may use Facebook for a survey of the residents. No action taken.

**ELECTRONIC NICOTINE ORDINANCE:** The draft of the Ordinance is being reviewed by the Village Attorney. No action taken.

**NEW SQUAD:** The Committee went to the police garage to look at the new Tahoe squad. The squad should be striped next week.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Boyce seconded by Knox to adjourn at 7 p.m. Motion approved.

## Village of Orfordville public works committee meeting

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Terry Gerber called the meeting to order Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at 7 p.m. Present were Chairman Gerber and Nikki Tuffree. Also present was Nick Todd, Jason Knox, and Clerk Sherri Waage. Absent was Beth Schmidt.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve the Dec. 18, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

## DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS OF PUBLIC WORKS

There is an underground valve next to the dome at the WWTP that is not working and will have to be repaired by Portzen. Todd explained it is under the blacktop so that will have to be cut.

Todd is ordering inventory/asset tags for labeling equipment.

The new SCADA system is still

not working properly. There are still problems with the dialer.

Todd is working on getting bids for televising the sewer mains in town.

Todd is looking into purchasing a backup generator on a trailer that can be used for the lift station. Todd can use leftover grant money for the purchase.

The DNR has approved new chemical pumps for both wells.

The DPW employees will be replacing the door at Well #2.

The newer F550 had a wire problem in the solenoid that needed repair. A pump also went out.

The roof at the Village Hall is now completely done.

Todd is looking into getting a 200 amp service permanently installed at the blue shed at the Village Hall.

The newer F550 needs new tires.

Todd got a price from Fahrner Asphalt for crack filling N. Main Street and E. Spring Street.

Todd is getting a price for a new mower for parks. Todd may be able to get a substantial discount if the mower is purchased through SourceWell.

**TELEVISIONING SEWER MAINS:** Todd explained that he is getting prices for lining the sewer mains. Todd explained that the WWTP treats unnecessary water that leaks into the mains. Todd further explained that there is grant money left from the WWTP project from Rural Development. The item will be on the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on

January 27, 2020. No action taken.

**BACK UP POWER GENERATOR** Todd explained that he is also getting prices for a backup generator on a trailer for the lift station. Todd further explained that the generator can be used for the new lift station that may be in the works. Todd added that the grant money left from Rural Development can be used for the purchase of the generator. No action taken.

**NEW MOWER FOR PARKS:** Todd explained that he has some money budgeted in 2020 in parks for a new mower. Todd is looking into financing the difference. Todd is looking at ordering a mower from SourceWell if the price is cheaper. The item will be on the agenda at the Regular Board Meeting on January 27, 2020. No action taken.

**LINING SEWER MAINS:** Todd is getting prices for lining many sewer mains in town. This will help with the inflow and infiltration of water that we are treating unnecessarily at the WWTP. Todd explained that there is grant money left from Rural Development to pay for it. No action taken.

**PURCHASE OF A FOUR GAS METER KIT:** Todd explained that the Village does not have a four gas meter detector, as required for confined spaces. Todd would like to purchase the kit for \$1,300. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to purchase the four gas meter detection kit from Autumn Supply. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried.

## Monticello Area Historical Society January meeting

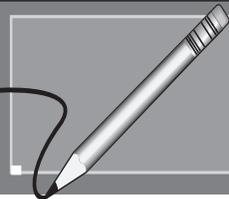
The Monticello Area Historical Society (MAHS) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 in the Zwingli UCC Lounge, 416 E. Lake Ave., Monticello.

Following a short business meeting, Jim and Janet McNeill along with Lucille Elmer and John Kummer will give a talk on the Monticello Sales Barn.

The MAHS and the McNeill's encourage any former workers, buyers or sellers of livestock at the Monticello Sales Barn to attend and share stories, pictures and artifacts.

This is a free presentation and will start about 7:15 p.m. Come join us; the Public is welcome to attend both activities.

# TAX TIME 2020



## Six ways your taxes will change in 2020

By Karla Bowsher  
MONEY TALKS NEWS

The due date for filing your 2019 federal income tax return is April 15, 2020. If you want to make the most of everything from tax deductions to tax-advantaged accounts this year, now is the time to learn the rules that will apply to your next return.

### 1. No individual mandate penalty

Most of the tax code changes stemming from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 took effect in 2018. One exception is the change to the shared responsibility payment, which takes effect this year.

The shared responsibility payment — commonly referred to as the individual mandate penalty — has applied to folks required to have health insurance under the Affordable Care Act but who didn't get coverage and didn't qualify for an exemption.

### 2. Higher medical expense deduction threshold

Another way in which 2010's Affordable Care Act had an impact on taxes was by raising the threshold for deductible medical and dental expenses from 7.5% to 10% of adjusted

gross income, which made it harder to qualify for the deduction.

This meant that if you itemized your tax deductions, you could deduct eligible out-of-pocket medical expenses if they exceeded 10% of your income, rather than the previous 7.5%.

### 3. No alimony deduction

Elimination of the alimony deduction is another Tax Cuts and Jobs Act change that took effect in 2019 rather than 2018. For divorce and separation agreements made or modified this year or thereafter, alimony payments will not be deductible, says IRS Publication 5307.

### 4. Higher retirement account contribution limits

This year, you can stash more cash in various types of tax-advantaged retirement accounts, as we detail in "Limits for 401(k), IRA and Other Retirement Plans to Rise in 2019."

The 2019 contribution limits include:

- 401(k) base contribution: \$19,000 (up from \$18,500 last year)
- 401(k) catch-up contribution (for taxpayers age 50 and older): additional \$6,000 (unchanged)

- IRA base contribution: \$6,000 (up from \$5,500)

- IRA catch-up contribution (for taxpayers age 50 and older): additional \$1,000 (unchanged)

### 5. Higher HSA contribution limits

Health savings accounts are another type of tax-advantaged account for which the contribution limits generally increase as the years roll along.

The 2019 contribution limits for people who are eligible for an HSA and have the following types of high-deductible health insurance policies are:

- Self-only coverage: \$3,500 (up from \$3,450 last year)
- Family coverage: \$7,000 (up from \$6,900)

### 6. Higher standard deductions

Standard deductions are somewhat higher this year on account of inflation. The IRS reports that they are:

- Married filing jointly: \$24,400 (up \$400 from last year)
- Married filing separately: \$12,200 (up \$200)
- Head of household: \$18,350 (up \$350)
- Single: \$12,200 (up \$200)

### 7. Higher income brackets

Income tax brackets are also somewhat higher in 2019 than they were last year on account of inflation.

The IRS reports that the tax rates and corresponding 2019 income brackets are as follows for folks whose tax filing status is single:

- 37% tax rate: Applies to incomes of more than \$510,300
- 35%: More than \$204,100 but not more than \$510,300
- 32%: More than \$160,725 but not more than \$204,100
- 24%: More than \$84,200 but not more than \$160,725
- 22%: More than \$39,475 but not more than \$84,200
- 12%: More than \$9,700 but not more than \$39,475
- 10%: \$9,700 or less

For complete 2019 tax rate tables for all tax filing statuses, see IRS Revenue Procedure 2018-57.

News from  
Parkview in Orfordville:  
**Viking Times**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 16**

- Basketball: Girls 7th & 8th grade games, 4 p.m., Brodhead MS vs. Parkview Jr.
- Wrestling: Varsity Dual, 7 p.m., Hustisford vs. Parkview

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17**

- Wrestling: MS Triangular, 4 p.m.
- Basketball: Girls JV, 6 p.m., Parkview vs. Palmyra-Eagle
- Basketball: Girls Varsity, 7:15 p.m., Parkview vs. Palmyra-Eagle
- Wrestling: Varsity Invitational, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 18**

- Wrestling: Varsity Invitational, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19**

- No events scheduled

**MONDAY, JAN. 20**

- No school

**TUESDAY, JAN. 21**

- Basketball: Girls 7th & 8th grade games, 4 p.m., J.C. McKenna MS vs. Parkview Jr.
- School Board meeting, 6 p.m., Parkview Elementary School
- Basketball: Boys JV2 (rescheduled from Dec. 19, 2019) 6 p.m., Evansville vs. Parkview
- Basketball: Girls JV, 6 p.m., Wayland Academy vs. Parkview
- Basketball: Girls Varsity Game: 7:15 p.m., Wayland Academy vs. Parkview

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22**

- No events scheduled

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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
District Office Board Room  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
7:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, December 4, 2019 edition of the Independent Register.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jodi Kail, and Don Buchanan

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Regular Meeting: November 13, 2019  
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved, as printed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve payment of the Insight FS bill as presented. Motion passed, 5-0-1 [M. Krupke abstained].

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve payment of the athletic officials as presented. Motion passed, 5-0-1 [J. Wahl abstained].

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve payment of the remainder of bills as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Administrative Team presented information reports.  
High School Principal Jim Matthys recognized Jen Flory and Marnie Leifker for their work updating Skyward with all codes for CTE (Career and Technical Education) information.

Middle School Principal Lisa Semrow thanked Lauren Metcalf for creating the FFA monthly newsletter and working with her leadership team to brainstorm ideas to increase FFA membership at the Middle School.

Elementary School Principal Dave Novy recognized Anisti Haffele for her help in covering the office when needed and always being one of the first staff members to step up and help.

Technology Director Kevin Buxton acknowledged Heather Lawrence for her work involving ACCESS testing. This is an online test that uses the same system as the Forward exam, which is given in the Spring. Every year there is some kind of an update to this testing system, and Heather is always patient with the IT Department as they figure out what all needs to be done. She also keeps the IT Department informed of how the updates and system are working.

Superintendent Lenny Lueck also recognized Heather Lawrence for all of her work with the District's English Language Learner students and for her work with the Access Testing. He also thanked Dave Novy for another wonderful Veterans' Day Program. Finally, he recognized Lauren Metcalf for her work with the Food 4 America program. She also arranged for FFA students to speak at the November School Board meeting and Optimists Club meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one was present to give public comment.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**OATH OF OFFICE/SWEAR IN**

**NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Newly appointed Board member Don Buchanan took the Official Oath of Office. The Oath was read and signed by Don and by the District Board Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF 2021 MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**TRIP TO MEMPHIS & NEW ORLEANS**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the request for a H.S. music department trip to Memphis and New Orleans in the spring of 2021. Motion carried, 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF 2020 WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP**

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the request for an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington D.C. in the Fall of 2020. Motion carried, 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**OF STUDIES FOR 2020-21**

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the 2020-21 High School Program of Studies as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF POLICY SECTION D**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the second reading of Policy Section D. Motion carried, 6-0.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF POLICY SECTION E**

Review of Policy Section E was postponed to the next Board meeting.

**FOOTWEAR FOR FOODSERVICE,**

**CUSTODIANS AND**

**MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

Superintendent Lueck presented information regarding potential shoe stores/providers and the associated costs related to potentially providing footwear for Foodservice, Custodians, and Maintenance personnel. The Board of Education continued to discuss certain parameters to set regarding this situation. The Board will continue to discuss this situation and plan on making a decision prior to the 2020-21 school year.

**ACCEPT DONATION(S)**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to accept the following donation(s):

- \$200.00 monetary donation from Ron Albrecht to the E.S. to be used for students in need of school supplies or for families with hot lunch account deficits
- \$100.00 monetary donation from Larry and Karen Ayres to the M.S. TOOL Team
- \$100.00 monetary donation from Brodhead Optimists to the E.S. to be used to purchase extra gym shoes to keep on site for students in need
- Yamaha Keyboard from Mike and Jennifer Flory to the M.S. Band Program
- Trumpet from Sandy Miller to the M.S. Band Program
- \$500.00 monetary donation from Olin Oil Company secured through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program to the E.S. to be put toward updating their technology

Motion carried, 6-0.

**RESIGNATION(S)**

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation of Brenda Kallas, Middle School Para-Educator, effective immediately. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the resignation of James Mauk, High School and Middle School Vocal Music Teacher and Show Choir Director, effective December 20, 2019.

**EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Dawson Van Wyhe as JV2 Boys Basketball Coach, beginning November 18, 2019, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (0-3 years, \$2,222.00). Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Kathy Visger as Assistant Show Choir Director, beginning December 11, 2019, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (0-3 years, \$939.00). Motion carried, 6-0.

**VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)**

None at this time.

**FUTURE AGENDA [January 8, 2020]**

- Audit Report
- Draw Lots for Ballot Order
- Approval of 2020-21 School Calendar
- Review WASB Resolutions
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy Sections E, F, G, and H
- Approval of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Class Trip
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED**

**SESSION PURSUANT**

**TO WI. STS. 19.85, (1), (c)**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85, (1), (c) at 8:00 p.m. for the discussion of:

- Staffing
- Administrative Contracts

Motion carried, 6-0.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to return to open session at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to take no action on all Administrator contracts except to move the Building and Grounds Director to a two-year rolling contract consistent with the other Administrative contracts. Motion carried, 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

**DATE: 12/11/19**

BRUCE COMPANY	\$200.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY SERVICES INC	\$2,925.97
CESA #2	\$2,163.00
CESA #3	\$750.00
CITY OF BRODHEAD	\$2,050.08
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	\$61,825.14
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	\$292.49
PEPSI-COLA	\$1,091.12
PIGGLY WIGGLY	\$435.06
ESJD DBA PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY	\$5,332.77
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	\$1,769.54
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$1,755.61
THE RICHARDSON SCHOOL	\$20,118.00
SPEICH OIL INC	\$311.93
TESCHENDORF, KEVIN	\$135.00
VARISTY ATHLETIC APPAREL	\$622.50
VISA	\$2,427.27
WE ENERGIES	\$1,419.32
WELLNITZ, KELLY	\$102.49
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.	\$14,608.80
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	\$1,258.00
BANDT COMMUNICATIONS	\$263.00
BOCKHOP, BRENT	\$234.00
BRODHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	\$564.18
CORVUS INDUSTRIES, LTD	\$495.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	\$149.75
FITZGERALD, BRITTANY K	\$315.00
IISC-EDUCATION	\$1,822.28
LINCOLN ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$247.50
LUNDE, DAWN	\$315.00
MECHANICAL INC	\$1,318.60
MIDAMERICA	\$42,979.90
MONROE LOCK	\$456.00
PEPSI-COLA	\$1,007.68
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	\$106.97
U.S. CELLULAR	\$131.72
WADSWORTH, SARAH J	\$268.40
WSCA ADMIN	\$255.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$206.20
ANDERSON, ANN	\$1,466.44
BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	\$175.00
BERNARD FOOD INDUSTRIES INC	\$292.75
BIG FOOT HIGH SCHOOL	\$125.00
BOCKHOP, BRENT	\$169.96
BRODHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$100.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	\$10,750.22
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$856.04
COMPUTER KNOW HOW	\$100.00
COUNTRY VIEW TRANSPORT LLC	\$1,372.00
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES INC	\$1,830.88
ENERGIZER OLSON PRESENTIONS	\$1,000.00
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	\$13,557.83
HAL LEONARD CORPORATION	\$195.00
JOHNSON CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	\$225.00
JW PEPPER & SON INC	\$567.69
K-LOG INC	\$662.00
KAMMERER, BRIAN	\$152.48
KOMPAS CARE	\$449.75
MECHANICAL INC	\$3,650.97
MENEHAN REFRIGERATION	\$1,180.00
MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	\$174.00
NASCO	\$1,226.36
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	\$465.31
STRANG, PATTESON, RENNING, LEWIS & LACY S.C.	\$216.20
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	\$6,960.57
UWP ROPES COURSE	\$290.00
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	\$1,061.03
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**Town of Avon**  
Rock County

**Bids for Trash and Recycling**

**Removal**

The Town of Avon located in Southern Rock County is looking for bids for trash and recycling removal. Please send bids for the following:

Dumpsters located at 16513 West Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520

- Three (3) trash receptacles
- Two (2) recycling receptacles
- Option for bulky item pickup
- Curbside pickup for approximately 195 residents
- Trash weekly
- Recycling bi-weekly
- Monthly bulky item pickup

Bids are due on or by February 1, 2020. Mail them to: Town of Avon, Stephanie Schwartzlow, 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520.

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**TOWN OF DECATUR**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 –  
7:00 PM

At the Town Hall - 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, WI

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Payment of Bills
7. Citizen Concerns
8. Building Code discussion
9. Property Maintenance Ordinance
10. Manure Hauling Ordinance
11. Commercial Recycling Concern
12. Curbside Garbage/Recycling – Day – bins not delivered
13. Roadwork
  - a. Weight Limit on Prairie Road
  - b. Prairie Road sign for deliveries
  - c. Malcove Lane – no outlet
  - d. Dura Patcher
  - e. Driveway access for fire trucks
  - f. Tree cutting
  - g. Mower rental
  - h. Other
14. Red Cedar Lane Parked Cars
15. Resolution of Inclusion Under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS)
16. Wisconsin Towns Association 2020 District meeting registration
17. Full-time and part-time patrolmen job descriptions
18. Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – switch positions between Ann L. Schwartz and Jamie E. Olson as of February 10, 2020
19. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
20. Future Agenda Items
21. Set dates for future meetings
22. Adjournment

Ann L. Schwartz  
Clerk/Treasurer  
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**MEETING NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF SPRING GROVE**

The Town of Spring Grove monthly Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, N2475 Hwy

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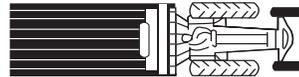
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By letter dated July 13, 2018, the DNR granted the local request for a contested case hearing of its permit. It limited the town and citizens' hearing to the following issues:

1. Whether the permit is unreasonable because it does not demonstrate separation of the base of the storage facility from water saturation in accordance with federal standards.

2. Whether the permit is unreasonable because it does not assure that the perched water table will be drained at the wet site of the dairy, where thick, water-bearing layers of soil – as much as 7 to 23 feet thick – were found at many locations on the 127 acres of cropland.

3. Whether four sections of the permit are unreasonable because they don't require constructing and operating manure and wastewater storage in ways assuring compliance with groundwater protection standards and effluent limitations.

4. Whether seven sections of the WPDES permit, and the approved Nutrient Management Plan are unreasonable because they don't require sampling or monitoring at land application sites.

5. Whether the permit's groundwater monitoring is unreasonable because it insufficiently determines whether Pinnacle Dairy is complying with applicable groundwater protection standards, and protecting groundwater and drinking water supplies.

6. Whether five sections of the permit are unreasonable because they authorize discharging manure and process wastewater pollutants that exceed state water quality standards and cause or contribute to exceeding state groundwater standards.

7. Whether the permit fails to indicate whether Pinnacle Dairy is eligible for alternative concentration limits and, if so, does not include such limits.

8. Whether four sections of the permit, and the approved Nutrient Management Plan, are unreasonable because they don't limit the number of animal units the permit authorized.

As an outcome of the June 2019 Town of Sylvester meeting, Witt and Moehn, reduced the contested issues to the saturation problem. They also set a limit on town legal fees in the contested case hearing of up to \$10,000 to obtain expert testimony to prove the saturation concern.

Then, in August 2019, the Town of Sylvester announced a settlement with Pinnacle Dairy over the DNR waste permit challenges. The town board voted Aug. 27 to accept an agreement worked out with Pinnacle's attorneys, including dairy concessions on several of the protections the board sought.

Several other issues in the DNR waste permit challenge are still rid-

ing on another town's case in Keweenaw County, with a similar CAFO permit challenge before Wisconsin's Supreme Court since January 2019.

Before the town reached this agreement and subsequent to citizen conflict of interest charges before the state, Witt began leaving town meetings and withdrawing himself from discussing or voting on matters related to the contested case hearing.

According to the Wisconsin Ethics Commission website, its mission is to "promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of Wisconsin in their government, support the operation of pen and responsible government, preserve the integrity of the governmental decision-making process, and protect the rights of individuals through the administration of Wisconsin's campaign finance, lobbying and ethics laws and through readily available and understandable disclosure of information."

In the Keweenaw County case before the state high court, two issues pertain directly to protections the Town of Sylvester sought in amendment to DNR waste permitting of Pinnacle Dairy.

The high court is weighing an Oct. 29, 2014, decision of the Wisconsin State Division of Hearings and Appeals in another water pollution permit challenge. Two of the most important parts of the decision include orders for groundwater monitoring on a CAFO's land base and an animal unit limit as enforceable permit conditions.

Specifically, in this 2014 case, the Kinnard Farms, Inc. is contesting that it must conduct groundwater monitoring at the production area and around at least two land-spreading fields. The state appeals court ruled that Kinnard must submit a plan to the DNR within 90 days of the decision that includes no less than six groundwater monitoring wells. If practicable, at least two of those wells must be in locations that monitor groundwater quality impacts from off-site manure land-spreading.

Kinnard Farms, Inc. is also now required to put a cap on the number of animals to ensure the facility does not grow beyond its current capacity to store and dispose of the large quantity of manure held on site in multi-million-gallon lagoons.

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Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Reading of December Meeting Minutes
5. Treasurers Report
6. Public Input
7. Employee Update
8. Road Projects
  - a. Truck Tires and Chains
9. Juda Fire Dept. Meeting Review
10. District Meeting
11. Driveway Permits
12. Building Permits
13. Tax Collection Update
14. Review of Monthly Bills
15. Adjournment

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