

Public health contact tracers in spotlight with COVID-19 pandemic

By David Wahlberg
WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL

When Dane County's COVID-19 cases started to climb, Caitlin Gutierrez was pulled from her regular job at Public Health Madison and Dane County as a nurse doing home visits with high-risk pregnant women.

She became a coronavirus contact tracer, calling people who test positive for COVID-19 and those they are in close contact with and encouraging both groups to stay away from others to reduce the spread.

Contact tracing, a little-known but routine function of public health agencies, helps curb outbreaks of measles, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases and other infections. Now the work has become a much-discussed tool to fight the coronavirus and reopen the economy.

"In addition to increasing our testing capacity, we also need to bolster our contact tracing efforts," Gov. Tony Evers said last week in announcing his plan to eventually loosen restrictions on businesses and lift his "Safer-at-Home" order implemented March 25.

The governor's "Badger Bounce Back" plan, released April 20, calls for hiring 1,000 more people to do contact tracing for COVID-19. That is on top of 250 state workers who recently have been reassigned and trained to assist local health departments in contact tracing and another 100 workers expected to be trained soon, said Traci DeSalvo, an epidemiologist with the state Department of Health Services.

"As things are beginning to open up and people are back out in the public more, what we really want to do is reach those contacts quickly and ensure they are following appropriate quarantine so we're reducing the potential risk of exposure to other people," DeSalvo said. "It becomes even more important as people are



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Caitlin Gutierrez, a public health nurse with Public Health Madison and Dane County, is working as a contact tracer for COVID-19.

out and about more once Safer-at-Home is over."

In Dane County, the local health department typically has a dozen people who do contact tracing as part of their jobs.

Now, the agency has 36 people doing contact tracing for COVID-19,

including 10 retirees who returned to help, said Sarah Mattes, spokeswoman for Public Health Madison and Dane County.

Since mid-March, Gutierrez has been one of them. Working from home, she calls residents who test positive for COVID-19 and explains

that they should isolate themselves for at least a week and until three days after they no longer have a fever.

She interviews them for 45 minutes or so to learn how they may have been infected, if possible, and who they may have exposed to the virus.

People who live in the same

household are considered at high risk of acquiring COVID-19. Anyone who spent at least 10 minutes within 6 feet of the person who tested positive, as early as two days before the person got sick, is at medium risk, Gutierrez said.

She or other nurses call those people. If they already have symptoms, they are treated as probable cases and asked to self-isolate. If they don't, they are asked to quarantine, avoiding others for two weeks. If they develop symptoms, they are asked to call their doctor and discuss possible testing.

Low-risk contacts are not being called, and follow-up calls to check on people with COVID-19 and their higher-risk contacts were stopped in late March because the volume of work increased, Gutierrez said.

However, the number of contacts per person has generally declined in recent weeks as more people are staying at home.

"It makes our web of contacts a lot smaller and decreases the spread," she said.

Gutierrez, 27, who grew up in Fitchburg and graduated from UW-Madison, started working at the local health department two years ago after getting a nursing degree at Edgewood College.

She misses doing home visits with pregnant women and new mothers but said responding to the pandemic and providing worried patients and contacts helpful information is rewarding.

"We're going to continue to do contact tracing and follow-up for as long as we need to," she said. "It is super important work."

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Green County will offer another Clean Sweep hazardous materials collection program for county farmers and residents starting May 2 and running through Oct. 31.

The collection site is located at the Green County landfill, W2002 County SS in Brodhead.

The Clean Sweep program is an opportunity to dispose of banned

products or supplies damaged by moisture or contamination. This will be the 13th year that Green County has offered such as program. A total of more than 125,000 pounds of hazardous material has been collected through the previous collections.

All Green County residents may dispose of materials at the landfill during normal business hours from 7

a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and from 8 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, May 2, May 30, July 11 and Aug. 1.

Farmers will be able to dispose of up to 200 pounds and homeowners can dispose of up to 50 pounds of hazardous materials free of charge without registering.

Those wishing to dispose of more than these amounts need to register by calling the Green County landfill at 608-897-8605.

Items should be properly identified, and only authorized personnel will accept materials during normal

business hours.

Examples of hazardous items that will be accepted include: oven cleaners, spot removers and drain cleaners; herbicides such as Atrazine, Roundup, Banvel, Silvex, brush killers and many others; insecticides including Diazinon, DDT, Chlordane, Thimet, Furadan, Sevin and others; fungicides including Captan, lead, marine and auto paint, solvents, animal health products, mercury, degreasers, roofing tar, wood finishes, oil-based paint and stains, hydraulic fluid, pool chemicals, old gasoline, paint strip-

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Items that will not be accepted include tires, latex paint, firearms and ammunition, Freon 11 and 12 radio-active material, compressed gas cylinders, yard waste, antifreeze, waste motor oil, fluorescent tubes, recyclable materials or biological wastes.

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Those who have large amounts of paint left over can purchase a hardener at paint stores. Another option is to line a box with a plastic bag, add kitty litter or other absorbent material and then pour the paint over the material, let it dry and then place the bag into the regular garbage.

Only Green County residents can participate in this program. For more information, visit the Green County-Extension website at green.extension.wisc.edu or call 608-328-9440.

Monroe Clinic to sponsor blood drive

The Monroe Clinic and the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center are hosting a blood drive.

The event will take place on Tuesday, May 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1724 14th St. in Monroe.

Appointments are required to maintain social distancing. Donors will be screened before donating and can't have donated blood after March 10.

To reserve a time slot, visit bloodcenter.org/donate.

For more information, contact Monroe Clinic volunteer coordinator Dawn Meier at 608-324-1569.

Humane society postpones its annual meeting to July

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Green County Humane Society Board of Directors has decided to postpone its annual meeting, normally held the first Thursday of May, until July.

This year's event is now scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 9.

Check online at greencountyhumane.org for more information or updates as the date draws closer.

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Dairy groups take action vs. limits at retail outlets

The Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection have been fielding calls from concerned consumers and farmers about retailers limiting the amount of dairy that shoppers can purchase.

The two organizations have been working diligently to contact retailers in Wisconsin to understand why, to urge them to lift the limits and to continue to drive consumer demand for dairy.

The good news for them is that DFW and DATCP can confirm many stores already have and are lifting limits.

Both organizations have been reaching out to retailers to explain the importance of ceasing limits due to the impact it has on dairy farmers. As of last week, they had confirmed that Festival, Pick 'n Save and Target stores across the country have removed all limits and that Kwik Trip and Metcalfe's never had them.

"We all want to keep Wisconsin's milk moving from the farm to consumers," DATCP interim Secretary Randy Romanski said in a news release. "That's why DATCP appreciates the partnership of Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin as we all work to support our state's dairy farmers and help find ways to keep the food supply chain moving."

Due to the volume of inquiries they are receiving regarding stores across the Midwest limiting milk and dairy, DFW and DATCP have set up an online form (www.WisconsinDairy.org/StopLimits) for farmers and consumers to report any retail limits they see.

In addition, DFW has reallocated staff to deal with the inquiries and reach out to the retailers.

A key partner in this effort has been the Wisconsin Grocers Association. The two organizations have worked with WGA President and CEO Brandon Scholz to urge retailers across the state to remove limits on dairy through its newsletter updates.

Additionally, in an effort to drive dairy sales, DFW went a step further and created signs for retailers to post encouraging consumers to support local dairy farmers. They've also been heavily promoting milk and dairy advertising on television and via social media with their Here For You campaign.

"Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and DATCP are deeply engaged with the grocery network and supply chain across the state," Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin CEO Chad Vincent said in the news release. "While we can't lobby or influence the price of milk and dairy sold, we serve as the voice of farmers

and have heard their requests. As a result, we have been on the phone asking individual retailers to lift purchasing limits for dairy."

The two most asked questions from farmers and consumers are "Why are there limits?" and "What can I do if I see limits?"

The dairy industry, in Wisconsin and beyond, continues to work along the supply chain to ensure that stores have milk and dairy products for consumers. There are three factors in the supply-chain that retailers must work with to get product on the shelf:

- Processing and storage capacity: Processing plants can only produce a certain amount of product over time based on their plant layout and production lines. If there are back-ups in production, due to reduced workforce or line capacity limits, it can create a bottleneck.

Fresh milk is perishable and must be processed quickly due to a short shelf life. Product that can be held for a longer period of time such as cheese, powders and shelf-stable milk can last longer in storage, which can alleviate the bottleneck.

- Availability of trucks: There is the same number of truck drivers

but increased demand for products and reduced over the road services. This is placing a strain on truck drivers that can result in slower than expected refill rates.

- Product supply for everyone: Milk is in 94 percent of households and dairy is in 99 percent. Thus, retailers need to make sure milk and other dairy products are available at all times.

If shoppers buy 5 to 10 gallons on a weekend, it's difficult to restock those shelves quickly, which in turn means someone who only shops during the weekday may not be able to have a gallon of milk for the week.

The groups are asking residents who see limits to take these actions:

- Ask to speak to the store or department manager to understand why there are limits in place, and if appropriate, respectfully ask that they be removed.

- If speaking to the manager doesn't resolve the issue, take a photo of the sign and provide store information, the date you were there and your contact information on this form on DFW's website: www.WisconsinDairy.org/StopLimits.

Seeking dairy queens

Green County Ag Chest looking for candidates

The Green County Ag Chest is inviting girls to consider being a candidate for its Community Dairy Queen program.

To be eligible, entrants must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the upcoming school year. Candidates must attend the local school or have the address or phone number of the community they wish to represent.

The Community Dairy Queen is one of 11 queens who represent their community, Green County and Wisconsin in the promotion of dairy products, resources, industries, tourism and people, especially youth and youth organizations.

Community dairy queens are eligible to compete for the title of Green County Dairy Queen and Green County Dairy Princess.

The community dairy queens are required to attend monthly Green County Ag Chest meetings, give

radio reports and write newspaper articles. They attend area fairs and festivals and promote dairy products. They support community activities, visit many new places, meet lots of people and make lifetime friends.

Those who wish to run or have questions should contact their current Community Dairy Queen and/or your Community Queen chairpersons.

For information about the program or the Ag Chest, go to green-countyagchest.com.

Complete the Dairy Queen information sheet found on the Ag Chest website under Queens Program. Email information to Rae Reeson at drreeson@tds.net or Sue Rieder at pin.es_02@yahoo.com before May 10. Community judging is Saturday, May 16. All community candidates must attend.



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Festival, Pick 'n Save and Target stores across the country have removed all dairy purchase limits, and Kwik Trip and Metcalfe's never had them.

Yesteryears canceled

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce has canceled the Yesteryear's Weekend, which was scheduled to be held May 22 through May 25, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Chamber officials will wait and see as to whether it can be held at a future date.

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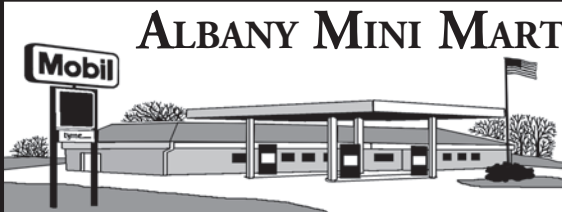
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A telehealth visit is a valuable option for a variety of conditions and an alternative for some follow-up visits.

“Telehealth visits enable us to continue social distancing practices while ensuring our patients continue to receive the care they need and have come to expect from Monroe Clinic,” Monroe Clinic chief medical officer Dr. Darren Pipp said in a news release. “The safety of our patients, staff and providers continues to be our top priority.”

A telehealth visit is billed to the patient’s insurance at the normal in-person provider’s visit copay. If the patient does not have insurance, the fee for a telehealth appointment will be the same out-of-pocket cost as a normal in-person provider visit.

Monroe Clinic patients who would like to schedule a telehealth visit should call their provider’s office. Visit monroeclinic.org/telehealth to learn more about Monroe Clinic’s telehealth services.

For continued COVID-19 updates, visit monroeclinic.org/coronavirus.

Insurance, tax changes among points of interest in COVID-19 relief bill

By Julia Hunter
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Gov. Tony Evers last week signed into law the state’s first COVID-19 relief package in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Legislative leaders acknowledged the deal as a good first step but signaled more legislation was needed as the pandemic continues.

Evers said in a statement the bill lacks “meaningful support for small businesses,” noting it did not include additional investments in WEDC’s 20/20 program.

Unemployment insurance

- If an unemployment claim is related to the public health emergency declared by the governor, the bill provides that the claim not be charged as normally provided, but instead is charged to the unemployment reserve fund, which is a pooled account financed by all employers.
- The bill requires the secretary

of workforce development to seek advances to the state’s unemployment reserve fund from the federal government in order to allow the lowest unemployment insurance contribution rates specified under current law (Schedule D) to remain in effect through 2021.

Public notice

- Regardless of whether the 2020 assessment roll is completed at the time of the 45-day period beginning on the fourth Monday of April, the board may publish a class I notice under Chapter 985 that the board has adjourned and will proceed as provided under current law.

Tax law changes

- It makes a number of changes to conform Wisconsin’s tax law to federal tax law changes enacted in March 2020 in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

Specifically, this includes the treatment of paycheck protection loans to businesses and employees

under the small business administration’s loan guarantee program for the period of time from Feb. 15, through June 30. A portion of the loans may be forgiven on a tax-free basis under certain conditions.

- Authorizes the secretary of revenue to waive, for any person who fails to remit general fund taxes or transportation fund taxes and fees by their due date, the interest and penalties that accrue during the period covered by the COVID-19 public health emergency if the due date falls within that period and the secretary determines that the person’s failure is due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Economic development

- Requires two reports: one by WEDC examining the adverse effects of the new coronavirus on a variety of state industries, and an audit by the Legislative Audit Bureau on how money authorized by the bill was spent.

State ventilator triage guidelines delayed as coronavirus activity appears to level off

By David Wahlberg
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A state committee drafting guidelines on who should get ventilators if supply is scarce delayed action last Thursday, in part because the need has become less urgent as COVID-19 activity appears to have leveled off.

“We’re now in a situation where time is on our side,” said Dr. Azita

Hamedani, chair of the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee. “That wasn’t the case two or three or four weeks ago when we started.”

A committee work group recently released proposed ventilator triage guidelines, saying patients likely to survive at least a year and who are younger should get ventilators if not enough are available in a potential COVID-19 surge.

But the Survival Coalition of Wisconsin Disability Organizations, which said the proposed guidelines were mostly fair, suggested some changes.

Andrea Palm, secretary of the state Department of Health Services, called for a broader “stakeholder engagement process” before guidelines are adopted.

Hamedani, chair of UW-Madison’s emergency medicine department, said the committee should also learn more about ventilator triage guidelines in other states and at hospitals in Wisconsin that already have them. Several committee members said there was not as much

of a rush to adopt state guidelines as before.

“There was a lot of pressure on the work group with anticipation of a surge,” said Dr. Mark Kaufman, chief medical officer for the Wisconsin Hospital Association. “But I think we all feel that perhaps that pressure is less.”

Some 343 of 1,223 ventilators at Wisconsin hospitals are being used, a hospital association dashboard said last Thursday. Some 471 of 1,437 intensive care beds are in use, 162 of them by patients with COVID-19, the dashboard said.

Doctors have started using alternative breathing devices on some

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USDA program helps feed kids in Wisconsin

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue recently announced Wisconsin has been approved to operate Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.

Wisconsin will be able to operate Pandemic EBT, a supplemental food purchasing benefit to current SNAP participants and as a new EBT benefit to other eligible households to offset the cost of meals that would have otherwise been consumed at school.

For the 2019-2020 school year,

Wisconsin had approximately 414,000 children eligible for free-and-reduced-priced lunch, or nearly 48 percent of children in participating schools.

Under FFCRA, states have the option to submit a plan to the Secretary of Agriculture for providing these benefits to SNAP and non-SNAP households with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to pandemic-related school closures.

The USDA is working with states and local authorities to ensure schools and other program operators can continue to feed children. This latest action

complements previously announced flexibilities for the Child Nutrition programs that:

- Allow parents and guardians to pick up meals to bring home to their kids;
- Temporarily waive meal times requirements to make it easier to pick up multiple-days’ worth of meals at once;
- Allow meals to be served in non-congregate settings to support social distancing;
- Waive the requirement that after-school meals and snacks served through certain programs be

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April 23

Warrant arrest

At approximately 5:05 p.m., deputies arrested Jean E. Justice, 25, of Monroe, at 2827 Sixth St., Green County Sheriff's Office, City of Monroe, for a Department of Corrections warrant.

Justice was held at the Green County Jail.

April 22

Criminal arrest, domestic related

At approximately 10:58 a.m., deputies responded to a reported domestic disturbance in the W3000 block of Wisconsin Highway 11 in the Town of Jefferson.

The investigation resulted in a traffic stop being conducted and Curtis L. Curry Jr., 24, of Albany, being arrested for disorderly conduct, domestic abuse related, and cited for criminal operating without a valid license.

Curry was held at the Green County Jail pending bond or an initial court appearance.

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 2:07 p.m., deputies responded to the N6600 block of Wisconsin Highway 69 in the Town of Washington, for a reported hit-and-run crash.

The investigation revealed that a vehicle struck a legally parked vehicle's passenger side and then fled the area. There were no injuries reported. The victim's vehicle sustained minor

damage with no airbag deployment and was driven from the scene.

This incident remains under investigation.

April 21

Hit and run

At approximately 5:39 a.m., deputies responded to the 1400 block of Second Street in the Village of New Glarus for a report of damage to mailboxes and tire tracks in yards.

The investigation revealed that a southbound vehicle had entered the east ditch, struck a culvert and struck multiple mailboxes. The driver then fled.

This incident remains under investigation.

Warrant arrest

At approximately 1:43 p.m., deputies and Monroe Police officers arrested Brian W. Bahler, 31, of Monroe, in the 2500 block of 17th Avenue in the City of Monroe for an active arrest warrant for 16 counts of felony bail jumping and eight counts of prostitution, sexual contact.

Bahler was held at the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance.

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 7:54 p.m., deputies, along with Juda Fire Department, Green County EMS and Wisconsin State Patrol, responded to a two-vehicle crash with reported injuries in the W3000 block of Wisconsin Highway 11 in the Town of Jefferson.

This incident remains under investigation.

April 20

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 9 a.m., deputies responded to the intersection of Wisconsin Highway 11 and County Highway S in the Town of Jefferson for a report of a two-vehicle crash.

The investigation revealed that Kevin J. Ryan, 63, of Juda, was traveling westbound on Highway 11 near the intersection with County S when he began to pull over due to a semi unit with a wide load that was traveling through the intersection.

At this time, a westbound vehicle traveling behind Ryan did not observe Ryan pulling his vehicle over and collided with Ryan's vehicle.

Virgil E. Helmeid, 83, of Brodhead, was driving the second vehicle. Both vehicles came to a rest.

Ryan reported that he was not injured and that he was wearing his seatbelt. The vehicle sustained minor damage and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle was driven from the scene.

Helmeid reported that he was not injured and that he was wearing his seatbelt. An adult passenger in his vehicle reported that they were not injured and that they were wearing their seatbelt. The vehicle sustained moderate damage and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle was driven from the scene.

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 10:43 a.m., deputies responded to the N4400 block of Wisconsin Highway 69 in the Town of Monroe for a report of a ve-

hicle versus farm tractor crash.

The investigation revealed that Cory D. Bauman, 20, of Monroe, was operating a farm tractor hauling equipment southbound on Highway 69 when he proceeded to make a left turn into a field access.

At this time, a southbound vehicle traveling behind Bauman collided with the farm equipment. Carolyn K. Johnson, 72, of Monticello, was driv-

ing this vehicle.

Johnson reported that she was not injured and that she was wearing her seatbelt. The vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

Bauman reported that he was not injured. The equipment sustained minor damage. Bauman drove the farm tractor and equipment from the scene.

Obituary

GUY PETERSON

Guy Peterson was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the age of 60 years. Born May 5, 1959 in Waukesha, WI to Joseph and Elizabeth "Betty Ann" (nee Maney). Survived by brothers Brian, Jay, Ted (Melinda), and Neal (Tammy); nephews Bernard and Karac Peterson; nieces Jaclyn (Lance) Armstrong and Keri Jo Peterson; grandnieces Alexis and Avril Peterson; best friends Tom Nacius, Wendy Winklemann, Barb Szpek, Dick and Barb DeVoe, Charmayn Lemanski, Tammy Peterson and many other relatives and friends. He was

godfather to Jaclyn and Keri Jo. He was a professional driver who over his career drove motor coach buses, semi-trucks, milk trucks, school buses and limousines. He was one of the kindest and most gentle people you could meet. He had a passion for animals and loved all his dogs, cats and horses. Visitation will be Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Bevssek-Verbick Funeral Home in Muskego, WI from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 2 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, please be aware that only 10 people will be allowed in to pay their respects at one time in order to maintain social distancing.

Gypsy moth spraying set to begin in May

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will spray for gypsy moths in 18 western Wisconsin counties, including Green.

Residents in the affected areas listed below can expect loud, low-flying, small, yellow planes as early as 5 a.m. "Aerial spraying is the most efficient and effective treatment method to help slow the spread and delay the impacts associated with gypsy moth outbreaks," DATCP gypsy moth program manager Christopher Foelker said in a news release. "It's important to slow this invasive pest. Well-established gypsy moth populations cause damage to forests, which impacts natural resources, wildlife, tourism and the

• Program

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accompanied by educational activities to minimize exposure to the novel coronavirus; and

- Allow states to serve free meals to children in all areas, rather than only those in areas where at least half of students receive free or reduced-price meals.

Other actions include:

- Launching a new coronavirus webpage to proactively inform the public about USDA's efforts to keep children and families fed;

- Providing more than one million meals a week through public-private partnership Meals to You;

- Increasing access to online purchasing by expanding the online purchasing pilot to more than half of all SNAP households;

- Debuting "Meals for Kids" interactive site finder – to help families find meals for children while schools are closed across more than 35,000 locations;

- Allowing states to issue emergency supplemental SNAP benefits totaling more than \$2 billion per month to increase recipients' purchasing power;

- Collecting solutions to feeding children impacted through feeding-kids@usda.gov; and

- Providing more than 1,500 administrative flexibilities in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to allow for social distancing.

To learn more, visit fns.usda.gov/coronavirus.

timber industry."

Aerial spraying in western Wisconsin will focus on where gypsy moth populations are low or beginning to build in an attempt to slow them from moving further west.

Spraying is scheduled for Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Crawford, Douglas, Dunn, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Polk, Richland, Rusk, Sawyer, Trempealeau, Vernon and Washburn counties.

DATCP's plan is to start in southern Wisconsin in mid-May and end in the northern part of the state in July. Maps of treatment areas are available at datcpgis.wi.gov/maps/?viewer=gm.

The ability to spray is dependent on when caterpillars hatch and weather conditions (calm, no precipitation, low humidity). Planes fly low just above treetops so the treatment reaches the canopy leaves where caterpillars feast.

From mid-May to early June, planes

will spray a treatment called *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk) to kill caterpillars. Btk is made from a naturally occurring soil bacteria and is used in certified organic food production. It is not toxic to people, bees, pets or other animals.

However, people with severe allergies may prefer to stay indoors during nearby treatment applications. In late June to early July, planes will spray a gypsy moth pheromone that prevents the adult male gypsy moth from searching for a female to reproduce. The mating disruptor is organic and biodegradable.

For information, visit datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/GMAerialSpray.aspx. To receive up-to-date information on treatment plans during the spray season, you can do any of the following: Sign up for email updates, call 800-642-MOTH or visit facebook.com/widatcp and twitter.com/widatcp.



News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

Because of the fluid situation with the COVID-19 response, many scheduled events have been, or will be, canceled over the next several weeks. We recommend you verify any events or meetings still listed here are still happening before you travel to attend.

ALL DAYS

- No school - social distancing
- Orfordville Library closed

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- No events scheduled

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- No events scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- Fire Department pancake breakfast canceled
- Village-wide rummage sales postponed to Aug. 8

MONDAY, MAY 4

- Town of Rock Board meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- Town of Center open book, noon to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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Whether you're shopping for a new home, renovating your own or creating a new build from scratch, check out some of the biggest trends of 2020 for a bit of inspiration.

Top 5 hottest home building trends

These days, home trends are about more than good design and aesthetics – they're about creating spaces that reflect our values and are more comfortable and enjoyable to live in. From net-zero and net-positive construction to tiny minimalist homes, trends are all about your family's lifestyle.

Here are some of the top trends in 2020:

Sustainable design

This one has been popular for a long time, but green design has evolved to be about much more than energy-efficient appliances and LED light bulbs. Now, it's all about making sure everything in your home reduces your carbon footprint and minimizes any impact on the environment.

To try the trend yourself, think big and get creative – install solar panels on your roof, choose building materials that don't require deforestation

and up-cycle old furniture for decorative elements instead of buying new.

Disaster resiliency

Climate change affects us in so many negative ways, and one of the top concerns is the increase in natural disasters. From wildfires that last for months to major floods that affect entire cities, we now need to prepare for the worst when building our homes.

Switching to disaster-resilient materials is an important first step. Many builders now prefer to use stronger, more energy-efficient materials like insulated concrete forms instead of more traditional materials like wood. For example, Nudura ICFs can withstand winds of up to 250 miles per hour (equivalent to an F4 tornado) and offer a fire protection rating of up to four hours.

Outdoor living

Many of us are now choosing to forgo getting a cottage or summer home and recreate the experience in our own backyards. This trend helps you make the most of your existing space and take full advantage of your yard or patio during the summer months.

You can design a full living space outside, complete with an outdoor television and comfy couches, as well as a kitchen and refrigerator for entertaining. Consider adding a fireplace or firepit to keep warm during cool summer nights and enjoy the outdoors through spring, fall and even winter if you're brave.

Home automation

This is another longstanding trend that shows no signs of slowing down. It has also evolved to encompass more of the home to make life even more comfortable and convenient.

From an oven that can be turned on remotely to preheat, to skylights that can open and close automatically to create the perfect ambient temperature, there are more ways than ever to integrate smart home technology into your living space.

You can start small with voice assistant and smart light bulbs and work your way up to a total smart home system that includes home security, temperature controls and all your electronic devices.

Customization

You don't have to settle for what mass manufacturers decide to build, or what works for everyone else. Creating a home that's as unique as you are is the latest trend, with custom-built storage and personalized architectural features to make your space stand out.

You can even go as far as building a custom home that's suited to your family. Older home demolitions and purchasing land-only properties is becoming more common, allowing you to work with an architect to create exactly what you want with a new build.

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Brodhead community gardens scheduled to open in early May

Interested in growing your own food? Do you have limited or no space for a garden where you live? Would you like to have fresh beans in July, tomatoes in August and butternut squash for dinner in October?

Then you are a candidate to join the Brodhead Community Gardens.

There is an acre of land available behind Gasser True Value for residents to have a plot to grow what they wish.

The spaces are approximately 20-by-25 feet or roughly 500 square feet. Participants may reserve up to four sections per family and may keep the same plot year after year.

The cost for a plot for the 2020 growing season is \$10 for one or two plots and \$20 for three or four plots.

Due to the coronavirus epidemic, there will not

be a growers' meeting this spring. Members who had plots last year may sign up by sending a check to: Dennis Singstock, 2725 S. State Road 213, Orfordville, WI 53576.

Make checks out to the Brodhead Community Gardens. Please reserve your plots by May 1, which is when organizers will start taking new memberships.

Participants are asked to use limited amounts of fertilizer, use organic herbicides and insecticides and clean up their spaces by Nov. 1.

All vegetables are the property of the grower, and gardens will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. for planting, weeding and harvesting. There will be water available onsite.

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DATCP offers produce safety program virtually

To continue serving Wisconsin produce farmers during the public health emergency, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is offering virtual on-farm readiness reviews, a program that helps growers prepare to comply with the produce safety rule.

An OFRR is a non-regulatory assessment of a produce farm's safety practices, and the program assists producers to make sure those practices align with federal regulations.

The produce safety rule was created as part of the Food Safety Modernization Act, which passed in 2011 in an effort to shift U.S. supply safety efforts from response to prevention.

In 2019, DATCP's Safe Wisconsin Produce team conducted 32 in-person OFRRs at produce farms.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Food and Drug Administration in March temporarily suspended on-site visits to slow the spread of the virus. The DATCP is committed to scheduling OFRR video calls with produce farms until the FDA lifts its order and allows on-site visits to resume.

"We have seen the demand for OFRRs increase year after year, so we want to adapt to the current situation and ensure that Wisconsin produce growers have access to the technical support they are requesting," DATCP Produce Safety supervisor Shawn Bartholomew said in a news release.

OFRRs are voluntary and come at no cost to producers. During the assessment, DATCP will review what does and does not align with

federal regulations and, if necessary, guide producers through resources to learn more about best practices.

Growers who already have scheduled an in-person OFRR have the option of a virtual assessment or rescheduling once FDA suspensions are lifted.

Producers can schedule a virtual OFRR any time during the growing season by emailing SafeProduce@wi.gov, calling 608- 224-4511 or visiting safeproduce.wi.gov.

Virtual OFRRs must be scheduled at least 10 business days in advance.

Here is a link to the Food Safety Modernization Act and produce safety rule: [datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SafeWIProduceAbout.aspx](https://www.datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SafeWIProduceAbout.aspx).

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A Donald Trump impersonator is seen during the protest. The large presence of Trump signs and merchandise — mixed with anti-abortion and pro-gun-rights messages — highlighted the country's larger political and cultural war.



BRAD HORN/WISCONSIN WATCH *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Two men carry assault-style rifles during the protest of Gov. Tony Evers' Safer-at-Home order. The man on the left said his name was Adam Lemp, which is also the name of a Maryland man who was shot and killed by police who said he was armed, in a story that is widely discussed in gun rights circles. The man who identified himself as Lemp said he was against Evers' stay-at-home order, but he was largely attending the protest to spotlight gun rights.

Anti-lockdown protesters descend on state Capitol

Demonstrators want Evers to lift restrictions

An estimated 1,500 protesters, most of them not wearing face masks and many carrying American flags, gathered at the Wisconsin State Capitol on Friday demanding an end to the wide-ranging shutdown of normal life and business in Wisconsin aimed at curbing the coronavirus pandemic.

Capitol Square, honking at the end of each speech. The 90-minute demonstration featured yellow "Don't Tread on Me" flags and signs calling on Gov. Tony Evers to reopen Wisconsin, as Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and a handful of other states have begun to do. Similar protests have sprung up in other states.

he attended the rally because of what he sees as government overreach. "I think the initial response was excellent. I think the shutdown was warranted," Leykin said. "We now know what we're facing. It's time to let the citizens decide for themselves how and who to protect."

was no exception. Officers in face masks stood quietly at the periphery; Evers had said before the event that he supports protesters' First Amendment rights and that Capitol Police would not force demonstrators to stand 6 feet apart.

Dorr, a Minnesota gun rights activist whose family is behind nearly identical protest groups in other states.

The group directs members to a website that doubles as the website for the Wisconsin Firearms Coalition, one of a series of Dorr-backed gun groups.

Before its public-facing Facebook event page was taken down earlier this week, organizers from #Reopen Wisconsin advised attendees to decide for themselves whether to honor social distancing guidelines. Most chose not to.

The demonstration was aimed at the decision by the Evers administration to extend the Safer at Home order to May 26. Wisconsin's Republican legislative leaders have asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to block it, arguing that Andrea Palm, Evers' health secretary, lacks the legal authority to extend the order beyond Friday.

A national poll released this week found relatively few Americans share the protesters' sentiment.

Most respondents — 61 percent — considered government steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 "about right," 26 percent felt they don't go far enough, and 12 percent said they went "too far," according to the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey.

While stories of lockdown-induced hardship took center stage, signs of the country's larger political and culture war were hard to miss. The protest included anti-abortion activists, armed gun rights supporters and demonstrators wearing Trump-branded apparel and driving trucks with Trump signs.



Some messages slammed the scientific establishment, which has been urging limits on people's movement to curb spread of the virus. Several protesters declined to give their names, saying the news media are biased against them.

Misinformation
Speakers and some protesters, including a woman who said she was a nurse, used misleading and unverified information to argue that COVID-19 is less deadly than portrayed by health experts.

Cudahy family physician Dr. Timothy Allen told the crowd he was "very concerned that more people are dying from this quarantine than are dying from COVID. We're transferring death, at best, from one group to another."

Allen said he reached that conclusion from an April 17 New England Journal of Medicine article which he claimed stated it was "very clear" the number of deaths from quarantine will equal, or be greater than, the number of deaths from COVID-19. The journal published 10 articles that

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Protesters

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day on COVID-19. None of them contended that the quarantine would cause deaths on the scale of COVID-19.

A few counter protesters were sprinkled among the audience, scolding people who were crowding the Capitol during the viral pandemic — some more gently than others.

Holding a small sign that read “Please go home,” Dr. Angela Janis, director of psychiatry at University Health Services in Madison, said she was speaking out on behalf of medical professionals — even if her efforts to keep a distance proved difficult.

“I felt it was my duty to make our voices heard,” she said.

Diane Maasz of Waukesha said she believed the Safer at Home order was “unconstitutional.” Maasz said the number of COVID-19 in Wisconsin cases was “negligible” and mostly concentrated in Milwaukee.

On Friday, the state Department of Health Services reported 5,356 infections and 304 deaths from the coronavirus — with 2,431 cases and 154 deaths in Milwaukee County.

“Why should the whole state be shut down for that?” she said.

La Crosse resident Russ Lachman echoed that sentiment. La Crosse County has seen 25 cases and no deaths so far.

“You got two major areas in Wisconsin that are bad ... but the rest, especially the western part of the state, northern part of the state, there’s nothing,” Lachman said.

Richard Everett, who described himself as being from the Green Bay area, said the statewide shutdown violates his freedom. He believes the state is exaggerating the danger in an effort to control the population.

Brown County, which includes Green Bay, has become a COVID-19 hotspot. Fueled by a spike of 147 cases in recent days tied to the JBS Packerland meat packing plant, the county now has 605 cases.

It’s not the flu

Kayla Garny, a high school student from New Berlin, came to the protest without a mask. Garny said people are “exaggerating” the severity of COVID-19.

“I feel like I already had it before. My antibodies are built up. And if I do get it, it will be like the flu,” she said. “The flu is higher in killing people than corona.”

The flu can be deadly. But public health experts note there are treatments, vaccines and widespread immunity among the population to help combat the flu. Those safeguards do not exist for this coronavirus, which in recent months has



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ripped through facilities including nursing homes, jails and prisons.

One woman wearing a facemask stood in front of a News3Now camera live-streaming the protest. She criticized participants for possibly spreading the virus. “You know what I see here? A bunch of dead people.”

Keeping their distance

Some protesters had more nuanced messages. Carolyn Warnke of Mukwonago was wearing a facemask with “Open WI” written across it. She has asthma and was staying away from the crowd.

“We can still get back to work,” she said, “and social distance.”

Warnke said it was “hard to know what’s true” when the predicted number of deaths and cases have not come to pass in Wisconsin. State officials say those forecasts were based on the assumption that Wisconsin took no action to curb the pandemic.

Teri King, who lives outside of Chicago, was selling Trump-branded hats and T-shirts. King, who said she gives a cut of her proceeds to pro-police groups, said she and a friend plan to attend an upcoming

rally in Springfield to open up Illinois.

“I believe in social distancing. I also believe we should be wearing masks,” said King, who pulled up her scarf with a smirk when reminded it was not covering her face. “But these businesses are hurting.”

Health care

On Thursday night, hours before the rally, nurses and other health care workers organized by SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin placed 1,300 candles on the steps of the Capitol to represent the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 so far in Wisconsin.

Nurse Ani Weaver read a statement asking people to stay home “not just for your lives and your families but out of consideration for essential workers who are risking their lives to keep the country running,” including grocery store clerks, mass transit drivers and health care and nursing home workers.

In interviews, other health care workers decried the protest. Kathy Hintz works the night shift cleaning hospital rooms in Appleton where COVID-19 patients have been treat-

ed.

Hintz said in addition to increased use of personal protective equipment, she has separated herself from her grandchildren to keep them safe. Hintz said she was “in shock” about the protest but does not take it personally.

“If they had to go through what we go through, they would have a different perspective.”

Tami Burns is a nurse at a dialysis clinic in Madison. In an interview Friday morning, Burns described the lengths to which she goes to protect her family from transmission, including having her son stay full-time with his father. Given her experiences, Burns said, it is hard not to take the protests personally.

“They have the right to protest, but they don’t have a right to put other people’s lives at risk,” Burns said. “And that’s what they’re doing by choosing this forum.”

Clergy speak out

Some Wisconsin clergy members also decried the gathering. In a press call Wednesday, the Rev. Marcus Allen, president of the African American Council of Churches, called protests in Brookfield and

Madison to reopen the state “sad” and “sickening.”

Allen pointed to data showing African-Americans are disproportionately dying from COVID-19 complications. He said his mother in Milwaukee had survived COVID-19.

The Rev. Greg Lewis, pastor of St. Gabriel Church of God in Christ in Milwaukee, said he initially did not want to dignify the protests with a response but felt compelled to because of the seriousness of the pandemic.

“I almost died of that virus,” said Lewis, detailing his hospital ordeal with COVID-19. “I know for a fact that that virus is no joke, and it’s lethal.”

Lewis said he was sympathetic to people who are out of work. But, Lewis said, staying home is keeping the pandemic at bay. And opening up too soon could be deadly — a point made by the head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week.

“What we’ve seen so far could be minor. What could be coming next,” Lewis said, “could be astronomical.”

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED DONATIONS TO THE FOOD DRIVE IN ORFORDVILLE ON APRIL 18!

It was a true demonstration of how strong our community is and the amount of compassion and kindness that everyone has in this great community! It was an amazing experience to see the outpouring of generosity that all of you gave to ensure that people around us who are in need were served. We could not have done this without all of your support. This all happened within one week, and the amount of donations that were brought in to go out to families in need was amazing! We are very fortunate to have neighbors such as you with hearts of gold. The strength of our community was demonstrated by the outpouring of support you gave. The struggles for families in need will not be going away anytime soon. If we need to do this again in a couple of weeks, we will. Again, thank you so much to everyone in this community who gave that ensured those in need will have a little boost when they are needing it the most.

— Brian Knudson —

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Program Runs From
May 2 - October 31

Monday-Friday
7:00am-3:00pm

Saturdays as listed
May 2, May 30, Jul 11, Aug 1
8:00am-11:30am

Green County

CLEAN SWEEP

Program to dispose of Agricultural and Household Hazardous Chemicals

Collection Site:
Green County Landfill
W2002 County SS
Brodhead, WI 53520

Guidelines:

- Agricultural Products**—Farmers can dispose of up to 200 pounds for free. Actual disposal costs may be charged for amounts over 200 lbs.
- Household Products**— Homeowners will be able to dispose of up to 50 pounds for free. Actual disposal costs may be charged for amounts over 50 pounds.
- A testing fee may be charged for unknown chemicals if amounts are greater than 5 gallons or 50 pounds.
- Participants with more than 50 pounds of household products or 200 pounds of agricultural products **MUST** pre-register by calling the Green County Landfill at 608-897-8605 **BEFORE** bringing their materials.
- All items should be properly identified.
- Proof of Green County residency is required.
- We reserve the right to reject any item that does not meet the intent of the program. Materials will only be accepted by authorized personnel during normal business hours from May 1 through October 31. Funding for this program is limited and the program will be suspended when the annual allocated funds are depleted.
- Businesses may dispose of hazardous materials for a fee through Veolia Environmental Services.

Examples of Items Accepted

- Home Products
- Insecticides
- Old Fertilizer
- Weed & Feed Products
- Mercury
- Oil Based, Marine, Tractor, Auto or Lead Paint
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Wood Preservatives
- Low Pressure Pesticide Gas Cylinders
- Cadmium & Lithium Batteries
- Small LP Gas Tanks

Examples of Items Not Accepted

- Explosives—Firearms or Ammunition
- Radioactive Material
- High Pressure Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Freon 11 and 12
- Biological, Infectious or Medical Waste
- Latex Paint
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Waste Motor Oil, Antifreeze

For a brochure information, please check the Green County Clean Sweep webpage at <http://green.extension.wisc.edu/> Or call the Green County Landfill at 608-897-8605 or the Extension Green County office at 328-9440.

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Brodhead High School is looking for a highly qualified, enthusiastic High School Wrestling Coach. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellent communication skills and skill in establishing positive relationships with students, staff, and parents.

Applications may be obtained at the District Office, 2501 W. 5th Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520, or on the District website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Send application to: Brian Kammerer, Athletic Director, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. 5th Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520

Deadline for Applications: Open until filled

The School District of Brodhead does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, creed, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, physical condition or disability or any other category protected by law in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, 2501 W. 5th Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520, (608) 897-2141.

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Legal Notices

Town of Avon
Regular Monthly Meeting
Teleconference Meeting
Avon Town Hall
Tuesday
May 5th, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Board
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes from March and April
5. Treasurers Report from March and April
6. Derrick and Whitney Luety CUP Application
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Action
7. Mowing Bid from Footville Rock and Lime
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Action
8. Road Work
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Possible Action
9. Payment of Bills
10. Adjournment

Please note that with the Safer at Home Order still in place we will be limiting the number of people in the Town Hall. Avon residents if you'd like to join the meeting please call **716-293-6804, pin # 66785**(if prompted).

Maybe additional posting that will be posted 24 hours in advance. The three posting places in the Town of Avon are Debbie Jean's, Sugar River Bank, and the Avon Town Hall. **Piggly Wiggly in Brodhead will be a temporary posting location until the Lobby of the Sugar River Bank is re-opened.**

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
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Town of Avon Notice of Open Book and Board of Review Open Book

Pursuant to s.70.45, Wis. Stats., the Town of Avon assessment roll for the year 2020 is **May 12, 2020 from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.** Open Book will be via phone or email ONLY due to COVID-19 virus restrictions known at present. **Call Ray Koscak at 262-253-1142 or email the assessor any time before the end of the Open Book to: Ray@wi-assessor.com**

Open Book is the opportunity to discuss your property's assessed value with the town assessor in an informal setting. Appointments are not necessary for Open Book.

Instructional material about the assessment, how to file an objection, and Board of Review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at Open Book.

Board of Review

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Avon of Rock County shall hold its first meeting on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at the Avon Town Hall located at 16513 W Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead, WI.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements under state law (sec. 70.47, Wis. Stats.) if appearing before the Board:

If a person refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view his or her property, that person will not be allowed to appear before the BOR, to testify to the BOR by phone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property.

After the first BOR meeting and before the BOR's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the BOR may contact, or provide information to, a member of the BOR about that person's objection except at a BOR session.

No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the BOR or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub. (3) (a), that person provides to the BOR clerk a notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub. (6m) and if so which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the BOR,

the person must specify in writing, his or her estimate of the land value and improvements that he or she is objecting and the person must specify the information that he or she used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the BOR, testify to the BOR by phone or object to a valuation; if the assessor or objector made the valuation using the income method; unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under state law (sec. 73.03(2a), Wis. Stats.), that the assessor requests. The Town of Avon has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses provided to the assessor under this paragraph which provides exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under state law (sec. 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.).

Stephanie Schwartzlow, Clerk
(608) 921-3656
townclerkofavon@yahoo.com

If you want to appear before the Board of Review, you must give the Town Clerk "Notice of Intent" to file an appeal no later than May 29, 2020. The clerk will schedule an appointment time for you. More information is available at www.revenue.wi.gov.

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Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting
Town of Avon
Avon Town Hall
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520
May 5th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

UPDATE DUE TO SAFER AT HOME ORDER STILL IN PLACE

The Zoning & Planning Committee for the Town of Avon will be meeting on May 5th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to hear and review the application submitted by Derrick and Whitney Luety for a Conditional Use Permit for lumber sales and storage. The property is located at 13437 W Hwy 81, Brodhead, WI 53520.

Please note that due to the Safer at Home Order currently in place there will be a limited amount of people allowed in for the meeting. If you have any concerns regarding this application, please contact one of the Zoning and Planning Board or submit a letter to 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 before May 5th. To join the meeting at home dial **716-293-6804** if prompted **pin# 66785**. Please be aware that if you use the teleconference line and have any concerns you will be ask for your name and address to verify that you're an Avon resident. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
(608) 921-3656
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Magnolia
Rock County

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Magnolia, Rock County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on June 10, 2020 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Magnolia Town Hall 14729 W. County Road A, Evansville, WI 53536.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property..
2. After the first meeting of the

board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.

3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount of valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s.73.02(2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Magnolia has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s.19.35(2), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
8. No person may appear before

the board of review, testify to the board by telephone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provided to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provided a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 10th day of April 2020.

/s/ *Graceann Toberman*
Graceann Toberman,
Town Clerk/Treasurer
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NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK

This notice was given to the Town of Magnolia by Grota Appraisal on April 9, 2020:

Open Book: May 4, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Open Book will be via phone or email ONLY due to COVID-19 virus restrictions** known at present. Call Ray Koscak at 262-253-1142 or email the assessor any time before the end of the Open Book to: Ray@wi-assessor.com

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Village of Orfordville
Rock County

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Village of Orfordville, Rock County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on May 20, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Village Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street, Orfordville, WI 53576.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Village of Orfordville has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 29th day of April , 2020

Sherri Waeger
Village Clerk
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MILK & BAKERY BIDS for ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The School District of Albany will be accepting bids for the milk and/or bakery programs for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Bid forms are available at the District Office of the Albany Schools located at 400 5th Street, Albany, Wisconsin 53502, on the Albany School District Website (www.albanywi.org)

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FEMA extends grace period for flood insurance renewal premiums

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources wants to remind the public that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the grace period to renew flood insurance policies from 30 to 120 days to help serve National Flood Insurance Program customers who may be experiencing financial hardships during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

To avoid a lapse in coverage, there is typically a 30-day grace period to renew policies. However, due to COVID-19, flood insurance policyholders may not meet the standard policy renewal deadline. The grace period allows policyholders experiencing financial

hardships avoid cancellation.

The extension applies to NFIP flood insurance policies with an expiration date between Feb. 13 and June 15, and written directly through the NFIP or through a private company that writes NFIP policies (called a "Write Your Own" Company).

Anyone can be financially vulnerable to floods. Homeowners and renters outside of designated floodplains are at risk, and most are not properly insured for floods. In fact, people living outside of mapped high-risk flood areas file nearly 25 percent of all National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance claims and receive one-third of Federal Disaster Assistance for flooding.

Recent Wisconsin spring inland flooding projections by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicate that major flooding is anticipated in Grant and Lafayette counties this spring, while moderate flooding is expected in northeast, southwest and far north Wisconsin. Minor flooding is expected statewide.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers anticipates coastal flooding along the shores of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. Water levels in Lake Michigan are expected to be at or beyond record highs with water levels reaching 4-15 inches higher than last year. Lake Superior levels are expected to be well above average.

The DNR provides technical assistance to 556 communities in Wisconsin that are members of the NFIP. The DNR partners with FEMA, to assist these communities in the reduction of flood losses through sound floodplain management practices. As members, citizens of these communities have the right to purchase flood insurance through the NFIP and could

potentially benefit from the extended grace period for premium renewals.

For more information about renewing flood insurance policies or resolving an underpayment, poli-

cyholders can contact their insurance carriers or call the National Flood Insurance Program Call Center at 877-336-2627.

Property owners or renters interested in purchasing flood insurance

should reach out to a local agent. If a local agent does not write policies, visit Floodsmart.gov to find a list of agents certified to write National Flood Insurance Program policies in Wisconsin.

Legal Notices

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bany.k12.wi.us), or by calling 608-862-3135, Ext. 2411. **Bid deadline is 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2019.**

The School District of Albany Board of Education, reserves the right to award or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to accept any bid deemed advantageous to the School District of Albany.

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Attention Spring Valley residents:

Regarding Open Book: May 12, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Open Book will be via phone or email ONLY due to COVID-19 virus restrictions known at present. Call Ray Koscak at 262-253-1142 or email the assessor any time before the end of the Open Book to: Ray@wi-assessor.com

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Rock Energy Cooperative has announced its 2020 scholarship recipients are Carter Urness (left), who is graduating from Brodhead High School, and Sarah Olin (right), a senior at Parkview High School. Each will receive \$1,000 to assist with educational expenses at an accredited college or technical school. The co-op awards scholarships each year to graduating seniors living in its service territory. Since 1989, Rock Energy has awarded more than \$122,000 in financial aid. Funds for the scholarships come from unclaimed capital credits.

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