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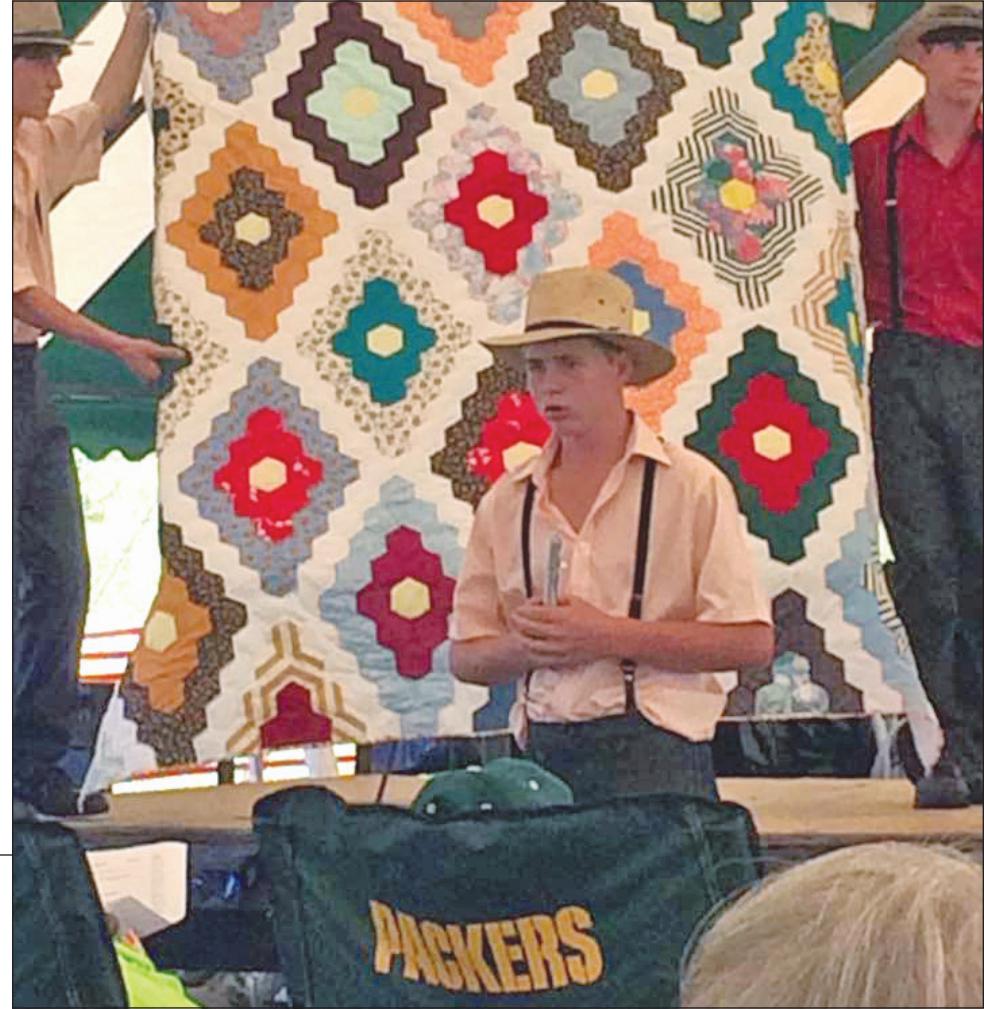
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Blackhawk Technical College announces spring 2020 President's List

Congratulations to the Blackhawk Technical College students who have been named to the President's List for spring 2020. Students on the President's List were enrolled in nine or more credit hours earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Albany

Alexa Coplien, Nursing-Non Clinical

Daniele Hall, Nursing

Sophia Schoen, Nursing

Brodhead

Justyce Burhans, Early Childhood Education

Katelyn Dawedeit, Nursing

Joseph Fitters, Law Enforcement Recruit Academy

Whitney Gerber, Fire Protection Technician

Ashley Graves, Nursing (non-clinical)

Colleen Johnson, Agribusiness Specialist

Kylie Leitzen, Nursing (non-clinical)

Erin Lemezis-Schadewaldt, Human Services

Maria Mendoza, Human Services

Keri Mertens, Culinary Arts

Melissa Murray, Nursing

Brandon Straub, Criminal Justice Studies

Kyle Wescott, Criminal Justice Studies

Jacquelynn Wehrle, Nursing

Vicki Wiegel, Nursing

Brooklyn

Makynzie Gleichauf, Business Management

Footville

Briana Hazeltine, Medical Assistant

Morgan Sanwick, Criminal Justice Studies

Monroe

Michael Alba, Criminal Justice Studies

Tatum Allbaugh, Nursing

Carrie Bartelt, Medical Assistant

Olivia Beechler, Laboratory Food Science Tech.

December Blum, CNC Technician

John Bragg, Undeclared

Shong Chang, Physical Therapist Assistant

Davin Cohran, Undeclared

Lindsay Egger, Surgical Technician

Kristine Fenn, Medical Assistant

Sami Gough, Agribusiness Specialist

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Brittany Graber, Nursing

Shiane Hartwig, Human Services

Amber Johnson, Accounting

Haley Lehman, Business Management

Brett Lyne, Criminal Justice Studies

Jennifer McLoud, Nursing

Vanessa Meier, Nursing

Bailey Miller, Nursing

Lori Moctezuma-Zayas, Criminal Justice Studies

Katelyn Nelson, Nursing

Stephanie Pautsch, Early Childhood Education

Lacey Pfund, Medical Laboratory Technician

Nicole Prien, PTA (non-clinical)

Daniel Rhoe, Nursing

Selena Sanchez, Nursing

Melody Sangermano, Medical As-

sistant

Eric Scace, Medical Laboratory Technician

Kailyn Seffrood, Nursing

Derek Whitcomb, Undeclared

Jaclyn Williams, DMS (non-clinical)

Monticello, WI

Alexis Gruber, Advanced Dental Assistant

Erin Lehr, Nursing

Sue Sherman, Lab Technician Assistant

Orfordville, WI

Amanda Alm, Nursing

Casey Bennett, Agribusiness Specialist

Justin Ganus, Human Services

Isabella Marcellus, Nursing (non-clinical)

Brogan Swenson, Human Services

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Green County Sheriff's report

July 12

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 10:45 p.m., deputies, Green County EMS, Monroe Fire Department and Alliant Energy responded to the W6900 block of Smock Valley Road in the Town of Monroe for a single-vehicle crash with injuries.

The investigation revealed that a vehicle driven by Luis R. Munoz Garcia, 16, of Monroe, was westbound on Smock Valley Road when he looked at his phone and failed to negotiate a curve.

The vehicle entered the north ditch, struck a power pole and overturned. Munoz Garcia reported wearing his seatbelt and having suffered injuries.

The vehicle sustained severe damage with airbag deployment and was towed from the scene. Munoz Garcia was transported from the scene by ambulance for further medical evaluation.

He was cited for inattentive driving and released pending court.

July 11 Domestic abuse arrest

At approximately 12:03 a.m., deputies responded to a residence in the 100 block of East Old Highway Road in the Town of Cadiz for a report of a disturbance.

The investigation resulted in Randall E. Halvorson, 66, of Browntown, being arrested for false imprisonment (felony) and disorderly conduct, both domestic abuse related.

Halvorson also was arrested for obstructing an officer. Halvorson was incarcerated in the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance.

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 3:21 p.m., deputies responded to the N8300 block of County Highway E in the Town of Brooklyn for a report of a car versus deer crash with injuries.

The investigation revealed that Mikayla R. Montalto, 25, of Columbus, was traveling southbound when a deer entered the roadway and collided with her vehicle.

Montalto reported that she was wearing her seatbelt and that she sustained non-life threatening injuries. Two adult passengers in the vehicle reported that they were wearing their seatbelts and not injured.

The vehicle sustained disabling damage and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

OWI arrest

At approximately 8:14 p.m., dep-

ties responded to the intersection of County Highway E and Condon Road in the Town of Decatur for a report of a vehicle in the ditch.

The investigation resulted in the driver of the vehicle, Jarard J. Wargowsky, 36, of Janesville, being arrested for operating while under the influence (alcohol) first offense.

Wargowsky also was cited for operating after revocation (traffic crime) and for failing to maintain control of a vehicle. Wargowsky was incarcerated in the Green County Jail pending the release to a responsible party.

The Brodhead Police Department assisted deputies with the investigation.

July 9

Obstructing an officer

At approximately 5:52 a.m., deputies responded to the W8700 block of Wisconsin Highway 11 in the Town of Cadiz for a report of a vehicle in the ditch.

Upon deputies' arrival, it was determined that the occupants of the vehicle fled the scene.

The investigation revealed that a vehicle was traveling westbound on Highway 11 when the driver lost control of the vehicle and entered the north shoulder of the roadway.

The vehicle then entered the north ditch, where it became stuck in an area of tall grass. The vehicle sustained minor damage and the airbags did not deploy. The time of the crash is unknown. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

While deputies were on scene, they observed a subject walking behind farm equipment at a nearby business that was closed. The subject was identified as Nickolas G. Ashley, 34, of Middleton.

Deputies learned that Ashley was involved with the vehicle and he provided them with misleading information. Ashley was cited for obstructing an officer and released pending a court appearance.

The case remains under investigation.

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 4:58 p.m., deputies, Green County EMS and the Juda Fire Department responded to the intersection of Wisconsin Highway 11 and County Highway OK in the Town of Spring Grove for a report of a two-vehicle crash.

The investigation revealed that Virginia L. Kussner, 71, of Davis, Illinois, was traveling westbound on Highway 11 when she slowed down to make a left-hand turn onto County OK.

A vehicle going westbound be-

hind Kussner struck her vehicle. Both vehicles then came to a rest. Stanley T. Bruegger, 26, of Warren, Illinois, was driving the second vehicle.

Kussner reported that she was not injured and was wearing her seatbelt. Her vehicle sustained severe damage and the airbags deployed. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Bruegger reported that he was not injured and that he was wearing his seatbelt. His vehicle sustained moderate damage and the airbags did not deploy. Bruegger drove the vehicle from the scene.

Bruegger was cited for inattentive driving.

Felony arrest

At approximately 8:17 p.m., deputies responded to a business in the N1800 block of Five Corner Road in the Town of Monroe for a report of a recording device that was found by an adult female subject in a bathroom/locker room area.

Deputies conducted an investigation, which resulted in Alfonso Galan Francisco, 33, of Monroe, being arrested for capturing an intimate representation in a locker room (Felony) and invasion of privacy.

Galan Francisco was incarcerated in the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance.

July 8

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 4:47 p.m., deputies responded to the N1400 block of County Highway K in the Town of Jefferson for a report of a single-vehicle crash.

The investigation revealed that David Mendez, 54, of Monroe, was traveling southbound when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a guardrail, the vehicle coming to a rest.

Mendez reported that he was not injured and that he was wearing his seatbelt. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Mendez was cited for failure to maintain control of a vehicle and was released pending a court appearance.

July 7

Motor vehicle crash

At approximately 5:51 p.m., deputies responded to the N1200 block of County Highway T in the Town of Spring Grove for a report of a single-vehicle crash.

Upon arrival, it was discovered that the vehicle occupants had fled the scene.

July 4

• Cited for outside consumption of alcohol was Zachary J. Noll, 21, of Peoria, IL.

• Cited for outside consumption of alcohol was Matthew R. Thompson, 25, of Monroe.

• Cited for outside consumption of alcohol and underage consumption of alcohol was Reid N. Carlson, 20, of Belvidere, IL.

• Cited for littering within the village was Joshua E. Lange, 46, of Freeport, IL.

• Cited for outside consumption of an alcoholic beverage was George W. Orth, 30, of Belvidere, IL.

• Cited for outside consumption of an alcoholic beverage was Joseph J. Miller, 26, of Prairie Du Sac.

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• Cited for outside consumption of an alcoholic beverage was Daniel Cheval, 31, of Hanover Park, IL.

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The crash remained under investigation.

Child pornography

At approximately 4:45 a.m., the Green County Sheriff's Office, assisted by members of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed a search warrant at W6250 Iliff Road in the Town of Monroe.

Members of the Stateline Area Narcotics Task Force also assisted during the search.

The investigation began in early June after the Sheriff's Office received a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children cyber tip related to the distribution of child pornography.

Seized during the search was a cellular device that had multiple files that depicted child pornography. As a result of the ongoing investigation and the subsequent search warrant, Troy Lee Thomm, 39, of the above listed address, was arrested for possession of child pornography.

Thomm was incarcerated in the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance. The case remained under investigation.

July 6

Motorcycle crash

At approximately 8:23 a.m., deputies, Blanchardville EMS and the Blanchardville Fire Department responded to the W7900 block of Wisconsin Highway 39 in the Town of Monroe for a report of a single-vehicle crash.

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SATURDAY, JULY 18

-Recycle center open, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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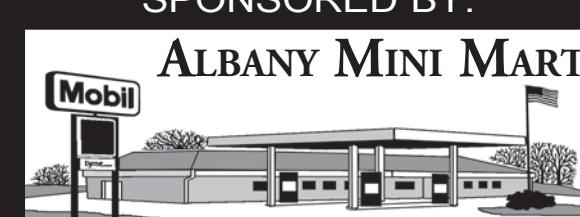
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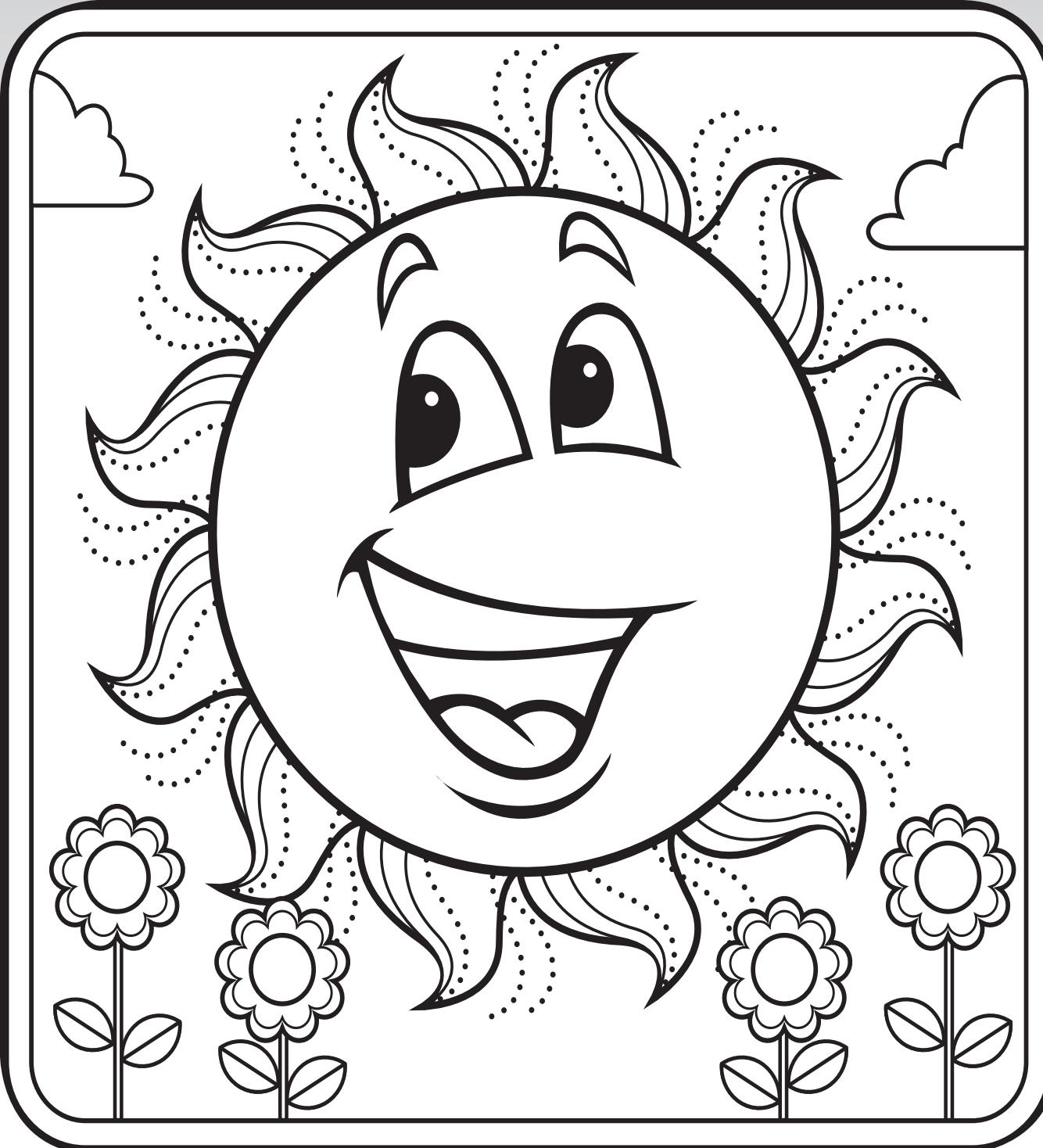


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Transportation aid for local governments set

Area municipalities get their pieces of funding pie

Gov. Tony Evers and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson on July 7 announced more than \$160 million in transportation aid for local governments as part of the governor's 2019-21 biennial budget.

Local governments received quarterly payments last week totaling \$160,249,246 for general transportation, connecting highway and expressway policing aids from the WisDOT.

"As our economy continues to recover from the effects of this pandemic, it is critically important for us to invest in our state's infrastructure," Evers said in a news release. "After years of neglecting our roads and bridges, The People's Budget made historic new investments to provide the 21st century transportation system we need in order to thrive."

"Funding for local roads is an important part of economic development in our state, whether it's getting to work or school or transporting goods to market, an investment in infrastruc-

ture is an investment in our state's economy for years to come."

Every area municipality will receive only general transportation aids except for the City of Brodhead, which will get \$5,389.73 in connecting highway aids in addition to \$41,691.11 in GTA.

Green County will receive \$575,380.92 in general transportation aid.

The Town of Albany will receive \$26,753.04, the Town of Decatur gets \$27,180.09, the Town of Jefferson will see \$38,211.12 and the Town of Spring Grove receives \$33,638.40.

The Village of Albany is slated for \$32,159.62 in funding.

In Rock County, the Town of Spring Valley receives \$38,381.94, the Town of Plymouth gets \$32,436.09, the Town of Center receives \$31,693.68 and the Town of Rock will have \$33,461.01 at its disposal.

Meanwhile, the Village of Orfordville will get GTA funding of \$20,735.16 and the Village of Foot-

ville gets \$10,191.37.

The local assistance increase is part of more than \$465 million in new funding for transportation projects included in the governor's 2019-2020 state budget, the largest dedication of new, ongoing revenue to the transportation fund in a generation, according to the news release.

The budget included \$320 million in new funding for the State Highway Rehabilitation program, \$1.9 million more for local roads and provided \$75 million in one-time funding for

the Multimodal Local Supplement grant program.

For calendar year 2020, local governments will receive more than \$505 million in general transportation aids, a 10 percent increase over calendar year 2019 allocations.

General transportation aids help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction. Connecting highway aids reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within

municipalities.

Quarterly payments for cities, towns and villages are sent the first Monday in January, April, July and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25 percent of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January, 50 percent on the first Monday in July and 25 percent on the first Monday in October.

Visit this link for a list of local payments: wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-business/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/0720-GTAList.pdf.

State distributing masks, PPE to schools, food processors, businesses

Gov. Tony Evers announced last week additional efforts are underway to distribute personal protective equipment to schools, food processors and businesses across the state.

Wisconsin Emergency Management was to begin shipping more than 2 million cloth face masks and more than 4,200 infrared thermometers to K-12 public, charter and private schools throughout the state.

Meanwhile, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection also was helping to facilitate the delivery of approximately 60,000 masks to food processors and businesses.

"Whether it's a school, cheese plant or restaurant, we are doing everything we can to ensure that everyone has access to the essential resources and PPE they need to prevent the spread of COVID-19," Evers said in a statement. "As our economy continues to reopen, we know businesses want to protect their customers and workers and schools across our state are preparing to reopen safely for our kids, educators and staff, so these efforts are critically important to ensure they have the resources and supplies they need to keep folks safe."

A survey was sent to school administrators in mid-June to determine their interest in an allotment

based on existing enrollment information. At least 398 public school districts, 23 charter schools and 617 private schools indicated they would like to receive supplies, with more requests expected.

The shipments are intended to supplement additional efforts that districts may choose to undertake to purchase masks and other PPE.

"Risk mitigation and health factors will drive decisions regarding school operations this fall," State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor said in the news release. "This allocation of cloth masks and thermometers will greatly help Wisconsin schools as they plan appropriately for students to return to school. I am grateful for the partnership between the DPI and WEM, which further supports schools as officials work to ensure the safety and health of our students, educators and families."

In addition to the supplies, the Department of Public Instruction and Department of Health Services collaborated on guidance for schools related to the use of cloth masks and thermometers. This guidance was distributed to schools earlier this month and is available at: dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/Education_Forum_web.pdf.

"Wisconsin's agricultural and food

businesses have faced many challenges throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," DATCP Secretary-designee Randy Romanski said. "Acquiring sufficient PPE has been a significant hurdle, especially for small, local businesses.

"DATCP is proud to connect the dots with Gov. Evers and WEM to help Wisconsin's food processors, restaurants, grocers and convenience stores access to the resources they need to ensure the safety of their employees and customers," Romanski added.

The approximately 60,000 masks for which the DATCP is facilitating distribution includes 22,500 masks for the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, 22,500 masks for small grocers through the Wisconsin Grocers Association, 8,000 masks for small food processors through the Midwest Food Products Association, 2,500 masks for small cheese plants through the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, 2,000 masks for small meat processors and 2,000 masks for the Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association for public-facing workers.

The cloth masks and infrared thermometers were supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at no cost to the state.

• Guest of Honor

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Chair (2015-17).

President of the International Committee on Animal Recording since 2017, Mattison has contributed to numerous collaborations that have resulted in further operational and infrastructure efficiencies among member organizations as a result of pooled efforts and resources.

Mattison has been involved in animal traceability efforts in Wisconsin.

sin. He served as a lead in writing the bylaws for the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, a nonprofit organization that works to protect animal health through livestock and premises identification and traceability.

Mattison's portrait will be displayed at the National Dairy Hall of Fame and National Dairy Shrine Museum in Fort Atkinson.

He will be presented with the Guest of Honor at the 2021 awards banquet — this year's event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic — on Sept. 30, 2021 in Madison.

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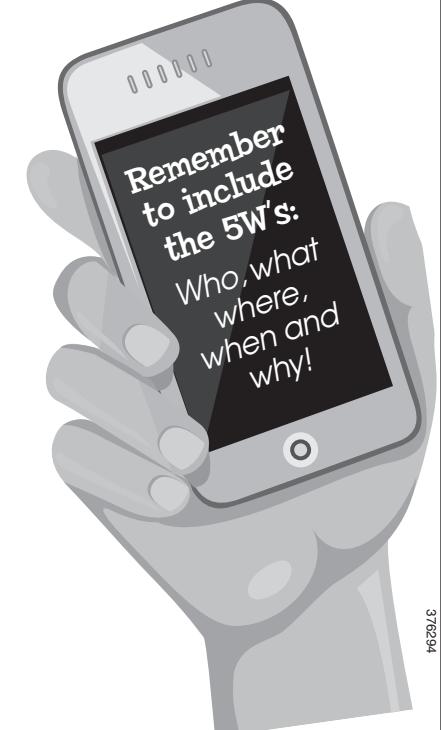
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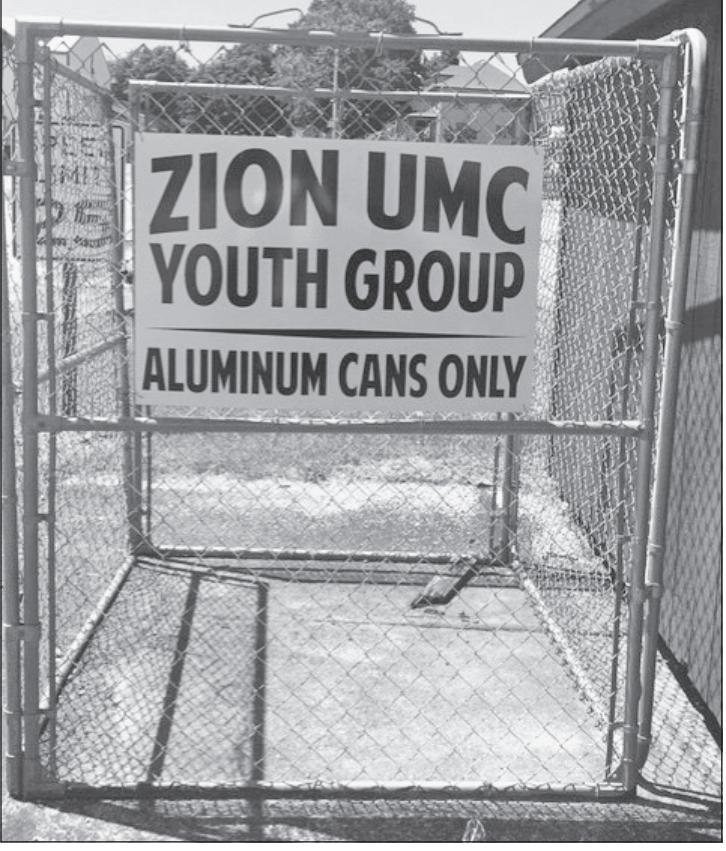


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False conspiracies swirl about contact tracing

Health experts say these efforts are essential for slowing COVID-19

By Howard Hardee
FOR WISCONSIN WATCH

Having posed a series of increasingly paranoid-sounding questions about the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Appleton City Council member William Siebers cleared his throat, preparing for the most outlandish yet.

"I've got to be serious," he said. "Are there going to be any cameras situated in the city of Appleton that (are) going to supervise anybody who is quarantined or isolated in their homes to make sure they don't leave their homes?"

Siebers' question was designed to prompt a city staffer to explain that, despite what residents may have heard, Appleton was not planning to adopt an official Big Brother policy.

Conspiracy-tinged rumors swirled around Appleton ahead of the council's June 17 online meeting. Council members received an email in May from somebody who claimed to have witnessed city employees installing surveillance cameras in parts of town that still lack cameras, Alderwoman Katie Van Zeeland said.

"So, there is this conspiracy theory that local government is at least partially responsible for some sort of surveillance system to make sure that when the state is under quarantine guidelines, people are staying at home," Van Zeeland said. "Somebody is doing some fear mongering."

A June 17 post on the Facebook page Wisconsinites Against Excessive Quarantine urged Appletonians to oppose the city council's acceptance of up to \$1.2 million in state reimbursement for its public health response to COVID-19.

The post warned that "bad stuff is about to happen at the council

meeting tonight," and "there are now cameras set up all over for surveillance."

It drew hundreds of reactions and comments online and fueled a barrage of questions to the council about contact tracing and isolation protocols from concerned residents — and from people who don't live in Appleton.

Commenting by email on the out-of-towners who weighed in on the debate, Siebers said: "I got the impression that they were not aware that their (own) communities also have available to them money to reimburse (COVID-19) expenses."

Van Zeeland took to Facebook to address the suspicions of residents who accused the government of overreaching in efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. In an interview, she said she watched skeptics perform "mental gymnastics" to make conspiracy theories "make sense to them."

The council decided to address the rumors head-on, "so staff could refute them," Van Zeeland said.

The 15-member council voted unanimously to approve the funding. But the episode frustrated Van Zeeland, who says local representatives are giving residents no reason to believe they are being watched, yet rampant misinformation has required them to prove that negative, a nearly impossible task.

"You can look at our budget; we have nothing like that in our budget," she said. "You can look at all of our meetings and minutes. Everything is public; you can ask for my emails. ... I guess I don't know how to prove that something that does not exist does not exist. That's the hard part about this."

Appleton isn't the only place in Wisconsin where coronavirus skeptics are making themselves known.

Employees of the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department have reported receiving verbal harassment and threatening emails and being followed while driving health department vehicles. The department's logo has since been removed from the vehicles, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

Contact tracing key pandemic tool

Conspiracy theories about contact tracing have percolated on social media since early May, after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published guidelines about how state health authorities should implement this "core disease control measure" to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, which has killed at least 130,000 Americans — including about 800 Wisconsinites, according to government estimates.

President Donald Trump's administration included contact tracing in its Opening Up America Again guidelines but left it up to state governments to assemble tracing teams.

Contact tracing identifies and informs people who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has hired 1,000 contact tracers at \$20 an hour to help track the virus' spread, a strategy that experts touted as crucial in reopening the state's economy and protecting public health.

But suspicion and mistrust of contact tracers quickly gained traction on Facebook and Twitter. A social media monitoring project by Wisconsin Watch and First Draft News — an international nonprofit concerned with trust and truth in the digital age — has tracked a series of false narratives about the disease investigators.

The unsupported theories go well beyond a national grid of surveillance. Some suggest that Gov. Tony Evers has been selling the information gathered by contact tracers, while others say the tracers are "communist soldiers."

Among the more bizarre: that contact tracers are tracking people by requiring a Wisconsin ID to get a haircut. And many posit that tracers work in conjunction with Child Protective Services to remove children from the homes of high-risk medical professionals — a popular theme of disinformation surrounding the issue, according to analysis by First Draft researcher Keenan Chen.

"While forced removal did happen in China and perhaps in some other



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Public Health Madison and Dane County employees and members of the Wisconsin National Guard operate a drive-through testing facility for COVID-19 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

countries, there has not been any indication or report that (U.S.) law enforcement agencies have used such a tactic," he said.

Bill number fuels false narrative

Much of the social media misinformation surrounds HR 6666 — the COVID-19 TRACE Act, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, an Illinois Democrat. The bill would direct \$100 million to contact tracing programs.

The bill's assigned number happens to be one digit away from 666 — the "number of the beast" — which only fueled suspicion from national figures such as Charlie Kirk, author of "The MAGA Doctrine" and a reported sower of misinformation. In a viral Twitter post, he called tracing programs "a totalitarian power grab."

Further muddying the waters, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul recently warned that scammers might be posing as contact tracers to steal personal information.

"Contact tracing is a key part of the effort to reduce transmission of the coronavirus, but it's important to know that scammers may try to pose as contact tracers," Kaul said in a statement. "Before giving anyone information for contact tracing, please make sure they are a legitimate contact tracer and not someone trying to commit identity theft."

Real contact tracers won't ask for money, your Social Security number or bank or credit card information, Kaul said. They won't identify the person who tested positive by name. They will call by phone — not send text messages or emails asking you to follow a link — and identify them-

selves by first and last name and their health department.

Public Health Madison and Dane County said in a June 30 Facebook post that local contact tracers are increasingly encountering "people with COVID-19, especially younger people, refusing to tell us the names of close contacts."

"People might be hesitant to give the names of their contacts because they think they have been doing something 'bad' — like gathering — and don't want to get others in trouble," Christy Vogt, a health education coordinator for the county, said in an email. "Some people think they've already told their friends they tested positive and that that is 'good enough.' And others might be concerned that if they tell us close contacts, those people will be quarantined and unable to go to work, which could be a burden."

"We want to reiterate that our contact tracers are not getting anyone in trouble and aren't here to judge — they just want to contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community."

Despite the swirl of misinformation, Gabrielle Lentz, a contact tracer for the Trempealeau County Health Department, says it hasn't interfered with her work. All of the residents she's contacted have been cooperative and understanding of the protocol.

"I have not had any cases where people question what we're doing," she said. "Most people are aware that this is part of the process with COVID-19 cases at this point. Even pretty early on, we always just

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explained that we're with the health department, and that it's confidential and why we're following up. I haven't had any bad feedback."

Lentz emphasized that contact tracers are bound by state and federal law to keep personal information confidential. Data is uploaded into the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System, "a secure, web-based system designed to facilitate reporting, investigation and surveillance of communicable disease," according to the DHS website.

"That is also confidential information that only select state epidemiologists and health departments have access to," Lentz said.

So much distrust, disinformation swirling

Some level of skepticism of lockdown measures is understandable, said David Perlman, an expert on digital deception who founded Cognitive Security Technologies, a San Francisco-based firm that helps protect clients from "adversarial weaponized misinformation."

"Under better circumstances, I

think America is capable of having a pandemic response where we would do contact tracing, and then the government would pack up and go home when the crisis passed; it wouldn't be a slippery slope (to authoritarianism)," he said. "But right now, there's so much mistrust in the current federal government and it's hard to be optimistic about that. Nobody is saying, 'I'm sure it will be fine.'"

In a common theme of COVID-19 conspiracy theories, the May email to the Appleton City Council also mentioned fifth generation (5G) mobile phone networks.

Van Zeeland has received emails about the purported dangers of 5G since joining the council last year. And as the mother of an autistic child, she's acutely aware of vaccination opponents, including some who cite debunked research to support their claims. She senses crossover with the contact tracer conspiracy theorists.

"Crunchy moms saying, 'You vaccinated your child and that's why they're autistic,' I've had those in-

teractions with people," she said. "There's a similarity there between the medical freedom people. They seem to be embracing these conspiracy theories as well."

During the council's June 17 meeting, Siebers asked if the city has or plans to forcibly remove anyone from their homes. He asked if there were plans to build or rent an isolation center in the city of Appleton. And finally, he wanted to know if cameras were monitoring people as they self-isolated or quarantined in their homes.

City staff answered "no" to each question.

"From what I gather," Siebers said, "there's some misinformation — bad information, in my opinion — being circulated."

Howard Hardee is a Madison-based journalist who reported this story for Wisconsin Watch, collaborates with Wisconsin Public Radio, PBS Wisconsin, other news media and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Obituaries

DOROTHY DOWDEN

Dorothy Alice (Lainio) Dowden, 87, of Albany, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2020, at home. She was born June 26, 1933, to Emil and Ida (Korthals) Lainio. Dody was united in marriage to David Dowden on June 26, 1954, in Waukegan, IL. Dody was born in and attended school in Waukegan.

In addition to being a devoted wife and homemaker, Dody was the clerk/treasurer for Albany Township for 45 years. She cared for many children throughout her lifetime, many of whom still call her Grandma.

Dody is survived by her children, Denise M. (Randy) Riese, of Monroe, WI, D. Lynn Novak (Ron Krupke), of Albany, Dorothy (Griff) Williams, of Wausau, WI, Daniel (Kathy)



Dowden, of Walworth, WI, and Don (Svetlana) Dowden, of Houston, TX; daughter-in-law Nancy Dowden, of Adams, WI; 15 grandchildren, Stephenie, Ashley (Joseph), Amanda (Aaron), Adam (Heather), Brad (Megan), David (Kelly), Doug (Heather), Jessica (Luke), Griff (Samantha), Michael (Caitlin), Hamilton (Megan), Kimberly (Dave), Steven (Ali), Maxim and Alexander; 17 great-grandchildren, Vincent, Charles, Alexia, Aidan, Isabella, Allie, Liam, Bode, Kylie, Mia, Mackenzie, Karlie, Charles,

Daniel, Remington, Raurie and Rooney. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers Howard, Edward and Elmer "Bud"; son David; and grandson Nickolai.

Funeral services were held July 11 at Albany Lions Club in Albany. A private burial followed in Union Cemetery on English Settlement Road in Albany.

Visitation was held July 10 at Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home and on July until time of services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given in Dody's name to Agrace Hospice. Condolences may be sent to the family at shriner111.com.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Agrace Hospice team for assisting with their mom's final journey.

RANDALL PICKETT

Randall E. Pickett, 67, of Brodhead, died July 10, 2020, at Beloit Hospital.

Randall was born on April 12, 1953, in Monroe, WI, the son of Glenn and Phyllis (Kauk) Pickett. He graduated from Judd High School in 1972 and served in the US Army from 1972-1973.

Randall loved all sports, was employed by recycling companies in the area and he farmed.

Randall is survived by his two



daughters, Amy (Marvin) Miller, of Missouri, and Nicole Pickett, of Beloit; eight grandchildren, Taylor, Jasmine, Jayson, Tulia, Melina, Keihlen, Rosalia and Kei'Shaun; siblings Diane (Terry) Meythaler, Rita (Jeff) Jubie,

Donna (Dan) Weisenberg, Roger Pickett and Donald Pickett; many nieces, nephews and other relatives; and special friend Chuck Swanson.

Randall was preceded in death by his father Glenn, his brother Darrell, sister Cheryl and nephew Scott Rismus.

Graveside services will be held at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Albany, WI, on Saturday, July 18, at 11 a.m. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

EUGENE STRUTZENBERG

Eugene Gustof Strutzenberg, 97, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in his home on July 10, 2020.

Eugene was born on March 16, 1923, in Blue Island, Illinois, Township of Worth. The farmhouse where he was born was on 127th Street (one block east of Harlem Avenue).

His parents were Gustof Herman and Emma (Ramp) Strutzenberg. At the age of 7 his parents moved to Omro, WI. Eugene graduated from eighth grade in a one-room schoolhouse (Delhi School) right across the road from the farm.

At the age of 13, he began working for different farmers in the neighborhood. With his earnings he brought his first car, a 1930 Model A Ford. He paid \$45 for it. At the age of 14, he also worked in the wheat and flax fields in South Dakota and grain fields in Oklahoma. Bought his second car, a 1935 Model T Ford, at age 16. He paid \$300 for it.

He enlisted in the Army on Feb. 12, 1943. He was part of the original 82nd Airborne Division Company E, 2nd Battalion 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Participated in the major battles of World War II — Battle of the Bulge, Normandy, Siegfried Line, behind enemy lines for 54 days. He developed gangrene in his feet fighting in the mountains of Italy. When the war was over, he stayed for five more months during the occupation of Berlin. For his bravery in combat he received many medals and ribbons (Silver Star, Bronze Star, Parachute Wings, Combat Infantry Man Badge, etc.) He was discharged from service on Nov. 26, 1945.



He used his GI Bill to attend Northwestern University to get a master's in theory, thus giving him his title as "master mechanic."

He worked at Worth Auto Parts, Suburban Auto, Litzsinger Lincoln-Mercury, Deel Lincoln-Mercury, Hawkinson Lincoln-Mercury, Marathon Gas Station and retired from the City of Palos Hills, IL, as head maintenance, maintaining 154 city units (police cars, ambulance, heavy equipment). He retired in 1988.

Eugene was a Sunday school superintendent at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Palos Park. He was an avid golfer and loved to dance.

He loved the Lord, Jesus Christ, and showed that through his action and his love for people.

Eugene married Laura Olmsted on Dec. 18, 1945. Living in Worth, IL, they raised nine children: Lauren Hoytt of TN; Sally (Jeff) Ebel and LaVon (Ed) Compton, both of Nashville; Reed (Sharon) and Marlene (Bellottini), both of Rockford, IL; Armin (Cheri) of Crest Hill, IL; Lind of Freeport, IL; Neal (Donna) of Worth, IL, and Vern (Jan) of Austin, TX.



News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

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FRIDAY, JULY 17

- Orfordville Library, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (wear mask; 25% maximum capacity); storytime 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- Orfordville Library, closed

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- Orfordville Library, closed
- Rock County Farmers Market 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 20

- Orfordville Library open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (wear mask, 25% maximum capacity)
- Parkview School Board meeting 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- Orfordville Library open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (wear mask, 25% maximum capacity); Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Brodhead on **Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the City of Brodhead Municipal Building located at 1111 W. Second Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin to consider a conditional use permit to allow storage units on the property.

Property being purchased by Mic-Man Properties, LLC. CSM 3365 (V12-P201) LOT 2 BNG PRT NE4 NE4 (203 23rd St) BODHEAD, WISCONSIN

A full and complete copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk for the City of Brodhead. A map of the affected property may be obtained from the common council through the office of the Clerk for the City of Brodhead.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2020.
Nikolai Wahl, Clerk

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WNAXLP 377621

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Brodhead on **Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at the City of Brodhead Municipal Building located at 1111 W. Second Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin to consider an ordinance amending the zoning classification of the following described property from I-1 Light Industrial to C-1 General Commercial.

Property owned by Bessy and Peter Karabatsos. ORIGINAL PLAT BLOCK 107 LOT 5; ALSO PRT SEC 25 COM SE COR LOT 5 BLK 107 ORIG PLAT NWLY ALG E LN LOT TO NE COR POB CONT NWLY 20 FT SWLY PRL & 20 FT NWLY N LN LOT 5 TO E LN E 2ND AVE TH S TO NW COR LOT 5 TH NELY TO POB (1108 E 2nd Ave) BODHEAD, WISCONSIN

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Dated this 10th day of July, 2020.
Nikolai Wahl, Clerk

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TOWN OF DECATUR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
At the Town Hall-1408 14th Street AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of May 27, 2020
3. Land division application - Klemm
4. Adjournment
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AGENDA
BODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2020
HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C.
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA
I. REVIEW CURRENT PLANS
II. REVIEW POSSIBLE DOCUMENTS
III. UPDATE EACH SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH/RECESS PROCEDURES FROM PRINCIPALS
IV. CONTINUE WORK ON PROCEDURE LIST
V. OTHER
VI. ADJOURN
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AGENDA
BODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
6:00 P.M.

City of Brodhead, Towns of Avon, Spring Grove, Decatur, Sylvester, Spring Valley and Magnolia

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

President - Mike Krupke; **Vice President** - Jim Wahl; **Clerk** - Michael Oellerich;
Treasurer - Al Schneider; Dan Calhoon; Jodi Kail

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the annual renewal of Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) membership for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 2020-21 WIAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the High School and Middle School 2020-21 WIAA Membership Agreements, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ITEM

ACCEPT DONATION(S) Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to accept the following donation(s):

- \$200.00 monetary donation from Phyllis Anderson to be used for the Brodhead Weekend Backpack Program
- \$500.00 monetary donation from Debra Neild to be used for the Brodhead Weekend Backpack Program

Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ITEM

RESIGNATION(S) Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the resignation of Lisa Biber, High School English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation of Jean Peterson, Middle School Food Service, effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the resignation of Brenda Seagreaves, Third Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the resignation of Jake Shanahan, Middle School Counselor, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, and 7th and 8th Grade Track Coach, effective July 1, 2020. Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ITEM

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S) Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the 2020 Summer Student Workers List as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Jillian Malkow, effective July 1, 2020, as High School/Middle School Agriculture Teacher at a starting salary of \$46,079.00.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the hiring of Jillian Malkow, effective July 1, 2020, as High School/Middle School FFA Advisor at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (7-10 years, \$2,322.00). Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ITEM**VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)****ACTION ITEM**

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA [July 8, 2020]

- Authorization to Hire Staff
- Approval of Academic Standards
- Accept Milk & Bread Bids for 2020-21
- Establish Student Lunch & Milk Prices for 2020-21
- Establish Student Fees for 2020-21
- Approval of H.S. & M.S. 2020-21 Co-Curricular Handbooks
- Approval of 2019-20 Budget Revisions
- COVID-19 Update/Discussion
- 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), (f)**ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Michael Oellerich, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85, (1), (c) at 9:05 p.m., for the discussion of:

a. Staffing

b. Superintendent Evaluation

Roll Call Vote: All ayes [7-0].

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 9:38 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve a salary adjustment to the Comptroller modifying her annual salary to \$96,000 and allowing her to carry over ten [10] total vacation days to the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEM

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

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First results of groundwater quality study will be available soon

By Erica Roth
CONTRIBUTOR

Just over a year ago, Green County began a five-year study tracking trends in groundwater quality.

This study is the result of a recommendation from the Green County Livestock Facility Study Group.

The Green County Board approved the study, which partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and UW-Madison and the latter's Division of Extension's Center for Watershed Science and Education, one of the first such collabora-

tions in the state.

Over the course of the five years, specific water quality markers will be measured and tracked, allowing trends to be analyzed. This data can be used to understand changes to well water quality over time, effectively target management and focus public health outreach efforts related to groundwater and private well owners.

Several departments are assisting with the study, including Green County Extension, Green County Public Health Department, Green

County Land & Water Conservation Department, Green County Land Information Office and Green County Land Use & Zoning Department.

Year 1 of the study is complete and the data will be available soon. The 2020 Green County Well Water Trend Data Report for Year 1 will be posted online at green.extension.wisc.edu within the next week or so, and a press release will follow soon after.

These results will provide a foundation of test results and values; the data and information in years

2 through 5 will aid and direct in the investigations of how and/or if groundwater is changing over time.

More details of the study can be found on the Extension Green County website under the Community Development tab.

- The Green County Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday every month in the boardroom of the historic courthouse on the square in Monroe. However, due to the Aug. 11 Partisan Primary Election, the next meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 18. Remember to vote on Aug. 11!

Should residents need to contact their County Board supervisor, check meeting times and agendas, find hours or phone numbers for county departments or need any number of things, visit www.co.green.wi.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you. Stay safe during this pandemic.

Erica Roth represents Green County Board District 24 (Town of Albany and a corner of the Town of Brooklyn) and can be reached at 608-371-9074 or eroth@greencountywi.org.

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IV. COVID-RELATED DISCUSSION/DECISIONS
A. Overall plan – review all aspects of plan
B. Athletics
C. Band Camp
D. Transportation
E. COVID-related outliers
V. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CONSIDERATIONS
VI. ADJOURNMENT
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MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Spring Grove Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, N2475 Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda and /or Changes
4. Reading of June Meeting Minutes
5. Treasurers Report
6. Public Input
7. Driveway Permits
8. Update on Mower Tractor Purchase
9. Mill Road Culvert Replacement
10. Update on Sign Vandalism
11. Road Projects
 - A. Paver Patching
 - B. Seal Coating
12. Review of Monthly Bills
13. Adjournment

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