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Students digging these competitions

Contests allow them to learn more about soil and soil conservation

Each year Future Farmers of America students from across Wisconsin compete in various local land judging contests to learn about soils and conservation practices.

A state contest historically is rotated in cooperation with Farm Technology Days (this year's event in Eau Claire was postponed to 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic), allowing students to see different soil types from around the state. This contest qualifies the top five teams to compete at the National Land and Range judging contest in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma — this year's event was canceled.

Competition among students and teachers is fierce to earn that honor.

Land judging contests started many years ago with 4-H and FFA students competing to learn about soils and soil conservation.

In Green County, an annual summer contest has been held since 1968 where cooperation exists between the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Land Conservation Department, local businesses and the Moose Lodge.

Throughout the year, other contests are held in southwest Wisconsin, including a spring contest at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a fall contest that rotates between Grant, Green and Lafayette counties.

NRCS and Land Conservation staff select the site and prepare the contest working with a landowner and excavator to dig four soil pits, about four feet deep, a few days prior to the contest.

On contest day, students arrive and are assembled in four groups, one at each soil pit and evaluation area.

A horn sounds and students are given 15 minutes to review each of the four soil pits for soil properties, estimated slope, rank land classes, recommend various conservation practices and evaluate soil limitations for construction practices.

"The most interesting thing is watching the students evaluate soil



Green County FFA students compete in a land judging contest in summer 2019.

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pits," NRCS District Conservationist for Green County Jason Thomas said in a news release. "They really learn firsthand how erosion changed our landscape. Stream

bottoms around here have up to 6 feet of post-European settlement sedimentation. Witnessing this layer over the historically buried native soil is mind-blowing to the students."

The state contest in 2019 was hosted by Watertown High School near Farm Technology Days. Monticello's Natalie Roe was the

first-place individual winner at the Wisconsin State FFA soils judging contest.

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4-H offering a different kind of summer camp

Like many other events and activities this summer, the Green County 4-H program's annual summer camp had to be canceled.

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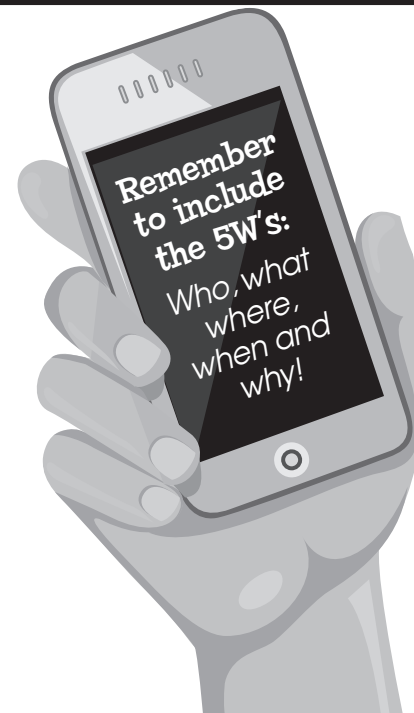
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Area schools' estimated aid increases slightly

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on July 1, as required by state law, released an estimate of the general school aids each public school district will receive for the 2020-21 school year.

Of the state's 421 districts, 72 percent (302) are estimated to receive more general aids in 2020-21, while 27 percent (114) are estimated to receive less; five districts will have no change in aid between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years.

In this area, all four districts fit into the first category — all of them are estimated to increase slightly.

Albany is expected to see the largest

increase, receiving nearly \$216,000 more than 2019-20, a 7.98 percent rise.

Meanwhile, Brodhead's estimated aid was projected to go up by \$133,177, or a 1.9 percent jump.

The Juda and Parkview districts will increase by less than 1 percent, 0.56 percent and 0.58 percent, respectively.

Estimated general school aids for 2020-21 total \$4.9 billion, representing a \$163.5 million (3.5 percent) increase over last year. Due to changes in aid deductions for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and the Milwaukee-area legacy independent charter schools, the estimated increase in payments

to districts is \$160.8 million.

A district's general aids can increase or decrease due to changes in any of the three local factors comprising Wisconsin's general equalization aid formula — property valuation, enrollment and shared costs — as well as a difference in funds available from the state.

General school aids are the largest form of state support for public schools. Wisconsin statutes require the department to publish estimated aid amounts by July 1 each year. The estimate is based on the most recent 2019-20 budget data reported by school districts to the DPI, as well as the level of

funding approved in the 2019-2021 state biennial budget.

Estimated amounts are subject to change because they are based on budgeted, not audited, school district data. On Oct. 15, 2020, the DPI will certify amounts for 2020-21 in general school aids based on audited data and the state's appropriation.

The department's July 1 aid estimate does not include per pupil categorical aid, which will be based on student membership from the 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19 school years (third Friday in September count). Per pupil aid will be paid in March 2021; under current law it will be paid at \$742 per pupil.

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Will they build it?

Village of Orfordville considers plan for new residential development

Discussion about a potential new residential subdivision took up the bulk of discussion at the Village of Orfordville's special board meeting June 29.

Village President Gary Phillips has been meeting with Zach Knutson, of Next Generation Construction, for approximately nine months regarding the prospective new housing project.

The initial plan centered on the remaining undeveloped land in Countryview Estates, but Phillips explained that a lift station would be required. So, Knutson has turned his attention to developing the land on the corner of Wisconsin Highway 213 and County Highway K in the village's southeast corner.

Phillips said the subdivision could generate about \$88,000.00 in annual tax revenue if completed.

Knutson said the latter is a better location due to the lay of the land, and it would not require a lift station. Knutson explained that it is a rural road-based plan with no curb and gutter; it calls for concrete shoulders and culverts.

Knutson wants to start work in September with a goal of building 38 homes within five years.

Attorney Tim Lindau said numerous items must be addressed:

- **Curb and gutter:** The village ordinance would have to be amended based on what Knutson is requesting. Knutson explained that the foundations would be 2 feet above grade, which will allow runoff to flow to the ditches.

- **Knutson added that underground piping would carry the runoff to a detention pond and said he will have the ribbon of concrete on the sides of the road, which provides a swale for the water to flow to the detention pond.**

- **Setbacks:** Village ordinance also would have to be amended.

Knutson said he would like 8-foot side setbacks, meaning a minimum of 16 feet. Current ordinance requires a total of 20 feet for both sides.

- **Sidewalks:** Lindau explained that sidewalks are up to the discretion of the village board. Knutson is requesting that he not be required to have sidewalks.

Village engineer Tom TeBeest recommended the board require the subdivision be built to allow for sidewalks in the future.

- **Street width:** Current ordinance requires roads to be 36 feet wide with 31 feet of the road to be paved. Knutson is requesting a change of the road to be 32 feet wide with a paved surface of 28 feet.

- **Parkland:** Lindau said that state statute requires three acres of parkland based on the preliminary plan. He added that village ordinance allows fees in lieu of parkland, with the fee being calculated by the number of lots developed.

- **Zoning change:** A portion of the front of the property is zoned C-2 commercial, which will need to change to R-1 single family.

- **Comprehensive plan:** Lindau explained that the use would have to be verified with the village's comprehensive plan. If the project does not comply, the plan would have to be amended.

- **Building permits:** Lindau said Knutson is requesting that permits be approved before improvements for infrastructure are completed.

Lindau explained that village ordinance requires improvements to be done before permits can be issued.

The village would have to amend the ordinance. Knutson said he understands an occupancy permit cannot be granted without improvements being complete.

- **Lindau said a developer's agreement would have to be drafted and approved by both parties. It would include information about reimbursement for legal and engineering fees, a letter of credit, parkland dedication, agreements for financial assistance, culvert maintenance and dedication of completed improvements.**

- **Financial assistance:** Knutson is requesting \$275,000 to assist with improvements. Lindau said the village ordinance would have to be amended because it states the improvement costs are up to the developer.

Village Clerk Sherri Waega reviewed the annual payments based on five-, 10- and 15-year loans.

Phillips said that eventually the tax revenue from the new homes would make the annual payment. Knutson said that the loan could be paid off early if his five-year construction plan is successful.

- **Approval process:** Lindau said the village would need to approve the preliminary plat and developer's

agreement. A final plat would then need to be approved based on discussions. Approval will also involve the DNR for storm water, the DOT for access onto Highway 213 and the Town of Plymouth.

Trustee Chuck Boyce asked what Knutson's plans were for parkland. Knutson said he would comply with state statutes.

Boyce also asked if this new development would contribute to runoff problems on Olson Drive. Knutson explained that the land falls in the other direction so there will be no runoff in the direction of the existing Olson Drive.

Trustee Jason Knox expressed concerns with what could happen without requiring storm sewer, referencing South Richards Street where the water sometimes ponds in yards.

Knutson explained that there would be a ribbon concrete surface on the sides of the roads to carry water down to the underground pipes, which will then carry the water to a detention pond. Knutson also said he will have to do storm sewer calculations for approval from the DNR.

Knutson further explained that the homes will be 2 feet above the ditch, the yards will be sloped to flow to the ditches and culverts will feature flared ends.

Department of Public Works Director Nick Todd explained that storm sewer calculations could change the plan but does not believe there will be an issue. Todd added that the village would need to maintain the detention ponds so sediment does not build up.

TeBeest said that having narrow streets could be an issue with parking and recommended the village consider allowing parking on only one side of the street.

Trustee Nikki Tuffree asked if the village would be setting a precedent if it assists financially. Lindau explained that it could and the reasoning should be defined specifically for this project.

Waega pointed out that the village assisted Countryview Estates with extending the streets to the subdivision.

Phillips reiterated that the investment would be good for the village because the revenues could pay for the loan and then benefit the tax base after the loan is paid off.

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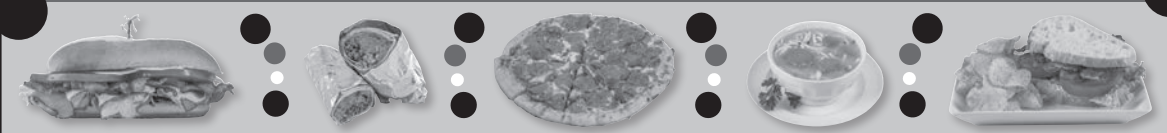
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Pandemic exposes failures of state's unemployment system

Wisconsin's crisis was years in the making

By Bram Sable-Smith

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When Fall River-based Robbins Manufacturing laid off David Ficke on March 29, the welder followed in the footsteps of hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites during the coronavirus pandemic.

He filed an initial unemployment claim, hoping it would help him survive a shutdown of much of the state's economy.

But when an early morning call to the state's unemployment helpline placed him in a queue of 400 to 500 people, Ficke knew he would wait a long time for aid as Wisconsin's first-come, first-served system drowned in a flood of claims.

Unable to pay rent at his apartment in Beaver Dam, he moved into the "Hotel Chrysler" — his 2006 Town and Country Touring Edition minivan.

Ficke drove west to a rest stop outside of Albert Lea, Minnesota. He wanted to be near his 3-year-old daughter who was living with his ex-wife and her family.

The family soon discovered Ficke was living in his van and insisted that he stay with them. That is how he ended up living with his ex-wife, her parents and her new boyfriend.

"It is what it is," Ficke, 42, said in a video interview over Facebook Messenger. Ficke could not speak over his cellphone; he lost service for lack of payment during his nearly three-month wait for jobless benefits.

But he's trying to stay positive.

"We're all here for our little baby," he said of his daughter.

Millions of claims

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has paid about 2.5 million of more than 3.4 million weekly unemployment claims it received between March 15 and June 20. The agency has denied 409,000 claims and has yet to process 509,000 others, the latter of which represents about 151,000 people.

The agency added hundreds of new and reassigned workers during the pandemic to staff phone lines and process and adjudicate backlogged claims.

DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said in a June 17 interview that his agency was "very, very close" to resolving outstanding claims from

March, the earliest days of the pandemic, and the agency is prioritizing adjudicated claims in the order they were received.

Frostman blames the slow pace on a chronically underfunded and outdated computer system and initial short staffing that left his agency ill-equipped to handle the rapid onslaught of claims.

Republican lawmakers accuse Frostman and Democratic Gov. Tony Evers for lacking urgency — waiting too long to expand call center hours and shift employees to address the biggest problems.

Not up for debate: that Wisconsin's unemployment insurance system has failed to deliver for thousands of residents at a time when they most need it, leaving many to miss bill payments, rack up new credit card debt, lean on food pantries and face eviction, even homelessness.

The state's tangled unemployment safety net has failed in a variety of ways to catch its residents, interviews with 16 laid-off workers show. Their stories highlight the difficulties of navigating the state's unemployment system under any circumstances, let alone during a global pandemic.

Wisconsin's unemployment insurance woes are part of a national trend, according to experts and media reports.

Pennsylvania as of mid-June still had yet to process 15 percent of claims filed in March. In Florida, which has received 2.3 million "unique" jobless applications, one applicant needing to provide information reported calling an assistance line as many as 400 times without getting through.

Unemployment insurance applicants in Kentucky have waited outside of state offices for hours to resolve claims issues in person. Washington State called in the National Guard to address its claims backlog. The interim director of Nevada's unemployment insurance system resigned from her post after the governor reported "threats to her personal safety" from frustrated claimants.

Benefits tough to get

The pandemic struck after a years-long push in Wisconsin and other states to make accessing jobless benefits harder.

Just 32 percent of unemployed Wisconsin workers accessed bene-

fits in 2016, down from 50 percent in 2007, according to a 2017 study by the National Employment Law Project, a nonprofit that supports protections for low-wage workers and the unemployed. Nationally, the rate of covered unemployed workers fell from 36 percent to 27 percent over the same period.

"Systems have been over-calibrated to prevent overpayments at the expense of paying appropriate benefits. States have programmed their computer systems to pause applications at every decision point, which can generate multiple eligibility determinations and denials," Michele Evermore, senior policy analyst with the unemployment law group, testified this month to the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance.

"As we have seen, that is going to slow down benefits getting to the public when there is a crisis."

Ficke's wait for help concerns how he lost a previous welding job at Karavan Trailers in Fox Lake in 2018. Wisconsin requires unemployment insurance applicants to have worked within the past 18 months and earned enough wages. Applicants must detail that job history.

Ficke is not sure whether Karavan fired or laid him off, but his exit came as the company cut more than 50 employees at once, he recalled. The exit was not traumatic when it happened, because Ficke already had started working part time at Robbins with prospects to add more hours.

Asked on his unemployment insurance application to explain why he left Karavan, Ficke checked a box signaling he was unsure. That sent his application into an abyss of claims needing adjudication — and it required reaching an elusive DWD staffer over the phone.

"I understand waiting four or five weeks. I get it, I do," Ficke said. "But when you're out eight, nine, 10, 11 weeks, you have to be able to do something for the people. We need to hold people accountable."

Problems not new

Ficke is among many who complain of getting kicked off overwhelmed DWD phone lines while trying to resolve claims issues. The pandemic made the problem more visible, but the issue is not new.

A 2014 state audit found that DWD call centers automatically blocked 80



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April Lamm, a single mom in Beloit, tapped her tax refund and federal stimulus check to pay bills in April and May. As she waits for her unemployment claim, she is looking for work she can do from home while watching her 7-year-old son. But most remote work requires a computer, something Lamm does not own.

percent of calls during times of high volume.

"It can be challenging for DWD to handle significant, temporary increases in calls during certain times of the year. If the steps that DWD has planned are insufficient and large numbers of calls are blocked in the coming months, DWD may need to take additional action," the audit said.

The audit came as Wisconsin's Republican-controlled Legislature largely focused on limiting access to unemployment insurance and reducing perceived fraud.

Beginning in 2011, the Legislature under then-Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, enacted a series of laws that created a one-week waiting period for benefits (temporarily waived during the pandemic), increased work search requirements for recipients, disqualified people on federal disability from accessing unemployment compensation and increased criminal penalties for making false statements or representations on applications.

Additionally, Walker signed a lame-duck law just before Evers took office that restricts the governor's ability to waive certain requirements for state-federal benefits programs, including unemployment insurance.

And Wisconsin's \$370 a week maximum benefit is among the most miserly in the United States, ranking 40th among the states and the District of Columbia. Through the \$2 trillion CARES Act stimulus, the federal government is adding \$600 to each check through July 31.

Unemployment applicants as of June 23 spent an average of 19 days waiting for their claims to be paid, according to DWD. But people in Ficke's shoes are waiting much longer as the agency investigates and adjudicates issues its system flags as problematic.

Help on the way?

In May the agency announced it had contracted the firm Nelnet to provide at least 200 people to process and adjudicate claims. The agency

later said Nelnet would ramp up to 300 such workers by the end of June. DWD contracted two additional vendors to add hundreds of new staff to overwhelmed phone lines. The agency received 439,000-plus unemployment insurance calls the week of June 20 alone.

All told, Frostman said the agency will be adding about 1,300 new staffers to handle the surge of claims and calls, up from 504 total unemployment insurance staff in March. But 20,000-plus people continue to file initial claims every week, only adding to the adjudication line. Many laid-off workers can't afford to wait any longer for help.

One of them is April Lamm, a 41-year-old single mom in Beloit, who tapped her tax refund and federal stimulus check to pay bills in April and May.

As she waits for her claim, she is looking for work she can do from home while watching her 7-year-old son. But most remote work requires a computer, something Lamm does not own.

The list also includes Chenon Times-Rainwater, a 41-year-old life coach and small business owner in West Bend.

She waited more than two months for her claim. It was resolved June 26, but she said the agency did not calculate her benefits correctly.

Times-Rainwater made the difficult decision during the pandemic to place her 16-year-old daughter with special needs in a group home when her family could no longer pay for caregivers to come to their house.

"We can't afford to pay her staff without income."

Times-Rainwater helps organize Wisconsin Unemployment Support Group, a Facebook gathering to trade tips and moral support for folks battling DWD bureaucracy. The group has swelled to about 4,000 members during the pandemic.

In her leadership role, Times-Rainwater said she has helped relocate 14 families that have lost their homes after losing jobs and lacking state aid.

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Agricultural producers who have not completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with their local Farm Service Agency office before the applicable deadline.

July 15 is a major deadline for most crops, but acreage reporting deadlines vary by county and by crop. Contact your FSA county office for acreage reporting deadlines that are specific to your county.

In Green County, the FSA office is located in Monroe. Call 608-325-4195. In Rock County, call 608-754-6617.

“The first step to become eligible for many USDA programs is to file an accurate crop acreage report,” FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said in a news release. “To file your acreage report, call your local FSA office to make an appointment.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FSA has implemented acreage reporting flexibilities. It can work with producers to file timely acreage reports by phone, email, online tools and virtual meetings. Some FSA offices are open for in-person appointments, but you must call first to make an appointment.

Many FSA offices are using Microsoft Teams software to virtually meet with producers to review maps and documents for certification. Producers who want to schedule a virtual appointment can download the Microsoft Teams app on their smartphone or tablet and call the FSA office for an appointment. You may also use Microsoft Teams from your personal computer without downloading software.

County offices can provide producers with maps along with in-

structions for completing and returning the maps through mail, email or commercially available free and secure online tools such as Box for file sharing and OneSpan for eSignature solutions. After planting is complete, producers should return completed maps and the acreage reporting sheet by the applicable deadline.

After completed maps and all acreage reporting information is received, the FSA will make software updates and send producers the completed Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign. Producers must return the signed form certifying their acreage report to the FSA office through mail, email or the Box and OneSpan tools by the applicable deadline.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted

by the acreage reporting date, the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

• If a producer has not timely filed an acreage report, the producer may file the acreage report within 30 days of the acreage reporting date. Because of the pandemic, late fees will be waived if filed within the 30 days.

• The FSA also is providing additional flexibilities for producers to file on acres with failed crops or crops that were prevented from planting because of extreme weather events.

For insured crops, producers who timely filed a prevented planting claim with the reinsurance company but filed a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) form after the deadline will be considered timely filed for FSA purposes. For uninsured crops, producers may start a Notice of Loss by calling their FSA county office.

- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assis-

tance Program policyholders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

When producers are working with FSA staff – either in-person or virtually – they also can take care of applications for other FSA programs, including the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

A CFAP call center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP application process. Call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee. The call center can provide service to non-English speaking customers.

Applications also can be submitted for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus for 2018 and 2019 as well as other disaster assistance programs that may be able to assist producers at this time.

Relay for Life of Green County going virtual

Drive-by event featured at Jaycee Park in Brodhead

This year, the Wisconsin Relay for Life events are going virtual, including the Green County event, which was scheduled for July in Monroe.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, participants will gather as one state to celebrate using the American Cancer Society-Wisconsin Facebook page and provide hope to those fighting cancer to prove that Hope Lives Here.

COVID-19 has put cancer patients at risk – attacking already weakened immune systems, delaying cancer treatments and closing many clinical trials. The American Cancer Society continues to pro-

vide services, support, coordinating rides, research and other support for cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers.

The Relay for Life of Green County will use Facebook to post a series of videos that feature local teams, survivors who have registered, recognize honorary survivor Lisa Martin and feature a virtual luminaria ceremony.

From 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Aug. 1, there will be a walk- and drive-by luminaria event at the Jaycee Park in Brodhead showcasing the luminaria bags that people have purchased in memory or in honor

of loved ones.

Organizers are asking cancer survivors to register online at www.RelayForLife.org/GreenCounty-WI by July 15 so they can receive shirts and be included in the virtual ceremony.

Luminaria bags also can be purchased online and donations can be made to teams, team members or to the event using the website or forms posted on the website.

The deadline for luminaria orders is Saturday, July 25, in order to complete the online presentation.

For more information, contact Jo Ann Steuri at 608-728-2980.

Spreitzer, Dems introduce Health Care Heroes Act

Wisconsin State Rep. Mark Spreitzer, D-Beloit, joined three other legislators in introducing the Health Care Heroes Act in support of front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This bill provides benefits for health care workers, including hazard pay, paid medical leave and no-cost coverage for COVID-19 testing and treatment, regardless of whether they have insurance coverage.

The other Democrats were Reps. Robyn Vining, of Wauwatosa, and Daniel Riemer, of Milwaukee, and Sen. Jon Erpenbach, of West Point.

“Throughout this pandemic, front-

line health care workers have put their lives on the line to help Wisconsinites suffering from COVID-19 and to keep our nursing home residents safe,” Spreitzer said in a news release. “I have heard directly from constituents who have been at the heart of our state’s response to COVID-19, and it is clear that we can and should do more.

“In Wisconsin, health care workers make up nearly 1 of every 10 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and this proposal directly addresses critical needs identified by health care workers across our state: hazard pay, health care coverage and

paid sick time.”

“As we see cases rising across the country and here in Wisconsin, it is unquestionable that this pandemic continues to threaten Wisconsinites and that the needs of health care workers are not being met,” Spreitzer added. “This is not acceptable, and it is not sustainable moving forward. I am proud of the work that went into this legislation. People throughout our communities have put up signs and banners in support of our health care heroes, and it is time for the legislature to go beyond words and give them the support they need and deserve.”

News from
Parkview in Orfordville:
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THURSDAY, JULY 9	Day, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
• Orfordville Library open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (wear mask, 25% maximum capacity)	MONDAY, JULY 13
FRIDAY, JULY 10	• Orfordville Library open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (wear mask, 25% maximum capacity)
• No events scheduled	TUESDAY, JULY 14
SATURDAY, JULY 11	• No events scheduled
• Orfordville Library, closed	WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
SUNDAY, JULY 12	• Orfordville Library open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (wear mask, 25% maximum capacity)
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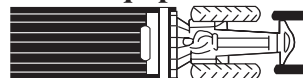
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TRUST 2016-4, U.S. BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT G. FRIE, JR., ET AL.
Defendants.

Case No.: 19 CV 95
Case Code: 30404
Foreclosure of Mortgage
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
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in the amount of \$102,156.56 the
Sheriff will sell the described prem-
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DATE/TIME: JULY 23, 2020 at
09:00 AM

TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff
sale, prospective buyer is consent-
ing to be bound by the following
terms: 1.) 10% down in cash, cas-
hiers check, or bank-certified funds
made payable to the Green County
Clerk of Courts; balance due with-
in 10 days of confirmation of sale;
failure to pay balance due will re-
sult in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
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legal liens and encumbrances. 3.)
Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin
Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition
to the proceeds of the sale. 4.) Bid-
ders not a party to this action are
subject to the requirements of Wis-
consin Statute Section 846.155. 5.)
Plaintiff opens bidding on the prop-
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COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

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53520

TAX KEY NO.: 0548.0000
Dated this 15th day of June, 2020.
/S/

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Sara M. Schmeling
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BRODHEAD, WI
SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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formers for the Brodhead Munic-
ipal 4 Substation will be received
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office of Forster Electrical Engi-
neering, Inc. located at 550 N. Burr
Oak Avenue, Oregon, WI 53575,
until 1:00 PM local time on August
4, 2020, at which time the Bids re-
ceived will be publicly opened and
read. The Project consists of fur-
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station transformer to the site of the
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tion in Brodhead, Wisconsin.

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sum basis, with additive alternate
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Issuing Office as described below.
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will not be available from the Issu-
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gineer will be responsible for full or
partial sets of Bidding Documents,
including Addenda if any, obtained
from sources other than the Issuing
Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in
accordance with the Instructions to
Bidders.

Owner: Brodhead Water & Light
By: Ed Hoff
Title: Superintendent
Date: July 7, 2020
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**NOTICE
TOWN OF MAGNOLIA
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE
MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL
14726 W. COUNTY ROAD A,
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536
JULY 14, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA:
1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Clerk's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Public Comment – limit 3 min-
utes per person
7. Zoning Change Petitions
8. Highways and Bridges
9. Discuss ATV/UTV Ordinance
and Signs
10. Town Hall Improvements
11. Agenda for Next Month
13. Pay Bills
14. Adjourn

Graceann Toberman,
Town Clerk/Treasurer
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**Town of Albany
Open Book and
Board of Review**

Open Book for the assessment
review will be held at the Albany
Town Hall, N6065 County E, Alba-
ny, WI on Tuesday, July 14, 2020
from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.. The
Town Assessor will be present at
that time to answer any questions.
Open Book is the opportunity to
discuss your property's assessed
value with the town assessor at an
informal meeting.

The Board of Review will convene
at the Albany Town Hall on Mon-
day, July 27, 2020 from 4:00 p.m.
to close.

Persons appearing before the
Board of Review must complete
an objection form and return it to
the Town Clerk before the Board of
Review convenes. Objection forms
may be obtained from the Town
Clerk.

Bonnie Zee
Clerk
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**NOTICE
TOWN OF ALBANY
ANNUAL MEETING
6:30 p.m.**

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Following Annual Meeting
July 14, 2020

Proof of posting verified – Town
Hall, Recycling Center, on the web-
site and published.

1. Approval of June meeting min-
utes.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Public Input.
4. Website.
5. Plan Commission Report.
6. Roads and Driveway Permits.
7. Building Inspector.
8. Assessor.
9. Insurance.
10. Library.
11. Recycling.
12. Other Business: Building
Maintenance, Fire Department and
EMS..
13. Payment of Bills.
14. Adjournment.

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Albany, on June 29, 2020, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2019-2020 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers In	100	5,370.00	6,471.00	1,101.00
Non-Capital Sales	260	3,200.00	3,600.00	400.00
Other Revenue, Local Sources	290	39,740.00	36,280.00	-3,460.00
Payments for Services	340	200,905.00	193,419.00	-7,486.00
State Aide - Categorical	610	24,331.00	28,015.00	3,684.00
DPI Special Project Grants	630	4,400.00	8,777.00	4,377.00
Other State Revenue Thru Local Unit	660	3,800.00	3,500.00	-300.00
Other Revenue, State Sources	690	507,671.00	506,671.00	-1,000.00
Other Federal Revenue Thru State	780	5,000.00	14,000.00	9,000.00
Refund of Disbursement	970	8,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue		6,631,453.00	6,639,769.00	8,316.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Pupil Services	210000	144,177.00	135,532.00	-8,645.00
Instructional Staff Services	220000	363,402.00	365,902.00	2,500.00
General Administration	230000	168,341.00	183,341.00	15,000.00
School Building Administration	240000	247,975.00	256,475.00	8,500.00
Business Administration	250000	1,086,702.00	1,079,491.00	-7,211.00
Insurance & Judgments	270000	69,100.00	71,600.00	2,500.00
Inter-fund Transfers	410000	503,152.00	499,224.00	-3,928.00
Instructional Service Payments	430000	1,267,015.00	1,256,615.00	-10,400.00
Other Non Program Transactions	490000	6,500.00	16,500.00	10,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		6,631,453.00	6,639,769.00	8,316.00

SPECIAL PROJECT FUND (FUNDS 21)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Total Anticipated Revenue		155,000.00	155,000.00	0.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Instruction	100000	135,000.00	120,000.00	(15,000.00)
Support Services	200000	120,000.00	275,000.00	155,000.00
Support Services	400000	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		255,000.00	405,000.00	150,000.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers In	100	492,652.00	470,769.00	-21,883.00
Payments for Services	340	7,488.00	7,498.00	10.00
State Aide - Categorical	610	144,950.00	146,000.00	1,050.00
Other Revenue	690	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Other Federal Revenue Thru State	780	20,000.00	12,000.00	-8,000.00
DPI Special Project Grants	730	85,682.00	102,941.00	17,259.00
Total Anticipated Revenue		750,772.00	741,208.00	-9,564.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Special Education Curriculum	150000	524,631.00	516,126.00	-8,505.00
Pupil Services	210000	113,446.00	115,461.00	2,015.00
Instructional Staff Services	220000	98,670.00	94,270.00	-4,400.00
Business Administration	250000	3,700.00	2,775.00	-925.00
Central Services	260000	1,955.00	1,405.00	-550.00
Insurance & Judgments	270000	3,000.00	4,700.00	1,700.00
Inter-fund Transfers	410000	5,370.00	6,471.00	1,101.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		750,772.00	741,208.00	-9,564.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Total Anticipated Revenue		153,900.00	156,900.00	3,000.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Support Services	200000	153,900.00	156,900.00	3,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		153,900.00	156,900.00	3,000.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Total Anticipated Revenue		32,000.00	25,000.00	-7,000.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Support Services	200000	4,957.00	4,957.00	0.00
Community Services	300000	27,043.00	25,043.00	-2,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		32,000.00	30,000.00	-2,000.00

Description: This amendment is an update to the budget based upon current expectations for staffing and benefits; grant revisions to revenues, expenditures and interfund transfer; account code changes; and reallocation of budget resources to other priorities due to pandemic/COVID.

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College news

Juda student recognized by Florida college

Emily Beuschel, of Juda, was among those named to the spring semester dean's list at Pensacola Christian College.

Students at the liberal arts college needed to earn at least a grade point average of 3.00 or higher to make the list.

Edgewood College honors students' efforts

The following students were named to the dean's list at Edgewood College for the spring semester: Hailley Kammerer, of Juda; Jordan Naramore, of Brodhead; and Madison Peters, of Albany.

Meanwhile, the same three area residents earned semester honors at

the Madison school by achieving a 3.5 GPA or higher, along with Brianna Richards, of Brooklyn.

Chancellor's list includes area residents

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville has announced its chancellor's list, which honors those with 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2020 semester.

That list includes several area students: Dylan Kubly, in industrial technology management, and Bailey Watson in social science comprehensive, both from Brodhead; William Roth, of Juda, in individually contracted major; and Hanna Kearns, of Orfordville, in agricultural education.

Orfordville student makes list at Dubuque

The University of Dubuque announced the students who made the dean's list for the spring semester.

It included Allen Rodriguez, of

Orfordville.

Students needed to attain a 3.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale.

UW-Eau Claire announces dean's list

Students from this area who were named to the dean's list at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin-Eau Claire this spring were Brady Deegan, of Albany, in business; Elizabeth Clark, of Brodhead, and Kelsey Cramer, of Juda, both in education and human sciences; and Sophia Flood Elyafi, of Orfordville, in arts and sciences.

Contest (Continued from front page)

In the team results, Black Hawk placed first, Cassville second, Lancaster third, Monticello fourth and Caston fifth. These five teams qualified to attend the national contest in Oklahoma in May 2020.

"I started out soils judging with no idea what to do," Roe said. "Once I went to a contest and saw how much this relates to my family's business of crop farming, I was able to pick up on it very quickly."

"I found it really interesting and questioned my parents and agriculture teacher about soils judging," Roe added. "I am so glad I have been able to

make it as far as I have in the competition aspect, and I know this will be able to help me in my future career."

"Land judging is an FFA event that I always enjoyed as a student at Monroe FFA," Monticello FFA adviser Ryan Indergand said. "During that time (1995-1997), I was lucky enough to compete in several contests with the same goal as the others on my team ... to qualify for nationals. That never happened ... since I was never able to qualify for national soils as a student, it's especially rewarding to be able to coach students like Natalie and see them continuously improve."

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot.

A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. **The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.**

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail or in person.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is:

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:

Friday, August 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on a weekend or legal holiday or on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling

place or counting location before the polls close on August 11, 2020. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Contact your municipal clerk listed below:

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 PO Box 168
 Brodhead, WI 53520
 897-4018

Town of Spring Grove, Debra Cline
 N2475 County Road GG
 Brodhead, WI 53520
 608-558-4787

Town of Albany, Bonnie Zee
 N6065 County Rd E
 Albany, WI 53502
 608-862-3322

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA Regular School Board Meeting July 8, 2020, 7:00 pm
Juda School Learning Commons N2385 Spring St.
The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

AGENDA

- Call to Order by President Pffingsten
- Roll Call: Dennis Pffingsten, Eric Makos, Pat Daniels, Sue Trotter, Jessica Matzke, Joanne Salzwedel, Stefanie Baum
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Proof of Notice
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Open Forum
- Consent Agenda-Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion: however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
 - Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 10, 2020 (Action)
 - Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)

- Approval of Contracts: (Action)
 - 66.03 Agreement for Library/Media Specialist-Monticello
 - 66.03 Agreement for Director of Pupil Services-Monticello
 - 66.03 Agreement for Speech Pathologist-Monticello
 - 66.03 School Psychologist-Monticello and Blackhawk
 - 66.03 School Counselor-Monticello
- OT Contract-Monroe Clinic
- PT Contract
- Resignations (Action)
- Donations (Action)

VIII. Reports

- School Staff/Student Report
 - Introduction of new staff
 - Athletic Director Report:Discussion/Action
 - Cooperatives
 - Coaches Contracts
 - Extracurricular Code Book
 - WIAA Agreement
- School Board President's Report
 - Board Retreat
- Administrator Report
 - Back to School Plan Updates
 - Staffing Updates
 - Insurance Update
 - Driftless Home Project
- Recreation Department Report
 - Youth sports update/park usage update
- Policy: Annual Notice Transition
 - 8500 Food Services
 - 2414 Human Growth
 - 2416 Student Privacy
 - 8510 Wellness
 - 2271 Early College Credit Program
 - Other necessary annual notice requirements

IX. Referendum Updates: Discussion/action

X. 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget: Discussion/Action

XI. Handbook: Discussion/Action

XII. Fees for 2020-2021: Discussion/Action

XIII. Approval of Academic Standards: Discussion/Action

XIV. Five Minute Recess

XV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)

XVI. Reconstruct Contract

XVII. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)

XVIII. Adjournment

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AGENDA

BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2020
 HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C.
 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

I. PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

II. FACE-TO-FACE/VIRTUAL PLAN

III. Other

IV. ADJOURN

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Obituaries

DONALD DODD

Donald Everett Dodd Sr., 86, joined his beloved wife, Evelyn, in heaven on June 30, 2020.

Don was born Dec. 21, 1933, and married Evelyn Denio on July 23, 1962.

Don and Evie farmed in the Brodhead-Albany area his entire working life. In his retirement he enjoyed gardening, woodworking and fishing with Evie. They did everything together in this life; now they continue in the next. Don and Evie attended Living Word Church in Brodhead for many years and built many wonderful relationships there.

Surviving family members are his children Lisa (Dodd) Peterson, Don Dodd Jr., Daniel Dodd, David Dodd and Douglas Dodd; siblings Randy, Brian and Stanley Dodd and Paulette Hoel; grandchildren Ben and Chris Dodd (sons Dave and Dianne Dodd),



Braden, Dillon and Sawyer Dodd (sons of Daniel Dodd and July McCaclip), Danielle and Megan Peterson (daughters of Lisa and Brian Peterson) and Haley and Lindsey Dodd (daughters of Don and Mary Dodd).



She was preceded in death by her father Brian "Ferg" Ferguson; her aunt Brenda Ferguson; her aunt Marie Smith; and her cousin Penny Sprague.

REBECCA FERGUSON

Rebecca "Becky" Ann Ferguson, 42, passed away after a long, courageous battle with Huntington's disease on July 1, 2020.

Becky was fun-loving and outgoing and loved to help people whenever she could. She was a devoted mother and a very dear friend. She was also a caregiver and a waitress for many years. Becky loved to fish and play pool, listen to music and go to parties.

Becky is survived by her mother Pat "Patty" Ferguson; her brother Bill (Rita) Ferguson; her son Austin Ferguson; her maternal grandmother Laurine Klossner; her aunt Linda (Robert) Sprague; her uncle Bruce Ferguson; her aunt Bobbie "B.B." Schlimmer and several loving cousins, nieces and nephews who were the best!

Graveside services will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead on Saturday, July 11, at 11 a.m. for final prayers. A Celebration of Life also will be held at Stables Bar and Grill in Orfordville on July 19 at 3 p.m. All are welcome to bring a dish to pass. Please join us in the celebration of Becky!

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

JULIE WALMER

Julie M. Walmer, 65, of Juda, died peacefully surrounded by her family Friday, July 3, 2020, at her son's home in Brodhead. She was born on Dec. 2, 1954, in Beloit, WI, the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Royce) Bagley. She graduated from Juda High School. Julie married Raymond Walmer on Oct. 31, 1986, in Janesville. Julie worked as a manager at Stop N Go in Monroe, a realtor and later at Shopko. She enjoyed camping, flowers and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond, of Juda; son Andy (Angel) Markham, of Brodhead; father Robert Bagley, of Durand, IL; grandchildren



Camaron, Leilah and Ayyah; brothers Lonnie Bagley, of Orfordville, and Greg Bagley, of Jeffersonville, KY. Her mother, Peggy Bagley, preceded her in death.

Private graveside services will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead with the Rev. Tiff Bates officiating. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family. The family would like to thank the Monroe Clinic Hospice for all of its kindness and support.

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