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## Half-Way Tree graces Native American travel route

By Katelyn Black  
CORRESPONDENT

There's plenty of history within the city of Brodhead — from the centuries-old buildings to the different familial heritages still alive in the town.

But the story doesn't end at city limits. Just a little outside of town stands a tree with a story rooted deep in local history called the "Half-Way Tree."

According to a placard that stands

300 feet away, Native American runners marked the tree as the half-way point between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River. An 1832 United States survey confirmed this as accurate.

However, more recent measurements state otherwise.

In the 2005 book, "Every Root an Anchor: Wisconsin's Famous and Historic Trees" consulting arborist,

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## Local tourism efforts receive funding boost

Several area agencies are recipients of the recently announced TRAVEL stimulus grants from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism. TRAVEL stands for Tourism Relief to Accelerate Vitality and Economic Lift.

- Green County grant recipients are:
- Green County Tourism, \$38,750
  - Main Street Monroe, \$13,554
  - Monroe Chamber of Commerce, \$6,000
  - New Glarus Chamber of Commerce, \$20,302

The TRAVEL grant program was designed to help Wisconsin's tourism promotion and tourism development organizations resume business operations and restore economic activity stemming from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

"We're glad to be distributing grants to 158 organizations, demonstrating the importance of tourism's come back throughout the state," Tourism Secretary-designee Sara Meaney said in a news release. "Accelerating the return of economic vitality for communities around the state is of critical importance and this grant will play a major role in helping not just the tourism economy, but all of Wisconsin's economy."

Statewide, TRAVEL grants have been awarded to 158 agencies, totaling more than \$11.8 million. The effort is funded through the state's discretionary federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars.

"Tourism is an important sector of the Wisconsin economy," Gov. Tony Evers said in the release. "There's no doubt tourism has been severely impacted by COVID-19 and we're glad that the TRAVEL grants can provide some much-needed relief as the tourism industry works toward recovery."

While the TRAVEL grants initially launched at \$8 million, Evers announced an increase in the funding by \$4 million on Oct. 6, bringing the total to nearly \$12 million.

According to the news release: In 2019, there were 113.2 million tourism visits statewide, which generated an estimated \$22.2 billion, including \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue.

The tourism industry supports 202,217 full- and part-time jobs in Wisconsin and last year, the state achieved a return on investment of \$95 in consumer spending for every \$1 of promotional spending.



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This massive bur oak located near Wisconsin Highway 81 and the Brodhead Airport was used by Native Americans to note the halfway point between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River.

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# State offers grants for worker training

The Department of Workforce Development recently announced the availability of Wisconsin Fast Forward grant opportunities for employers who can demonstrate a critical need for skilled workers and are seeking WFF training grants for developing and implementing an employer-led skills training program.

"WFF training programs are designed to provide sustainable, short- and medium-term training solutions that will place workers in positions that offer long-term professional growth and economic opportunity,"

a news release said. "This training will assist with adding new individuals into the workforce and increasing wages for the trainees."

The grant program is open to all industry sectors and grant awards will range from \$5,000 to \$400,000 per grantee.

Preference will be given to applicants that propose to train underserved individuals, such as chronically unemployed individuals and economically disadvantaged individuals, including, but not limited, to W-2 and FoodShare Employment

and Training recipients, ex-offenders who have been the subject to any stage of the criminal justice process, Black, Indigenous, people of color, people with disabilities and veterans.

In addition, further preference will be given to training programs that provide training that leads to industry-recognized credentials or certifications.

To learn more about the WFF grant program, go online to [www.wisconsinfastforward.com/wff\\_standard.htm](http://www.wisconsinfastforward.com/wff_standard.htm).

The WFF grant application deadline is 3 p.m. Nov. 20.

## In brief

### Local student receives scholarships

Brookelynn Weeks of Orfordville was among nearly 400 University of Wisconsin-Stout students to receive scholarships through the Stout University Foundation.

Weeks is studying hotel, restaurant and tourism management. She received the Philip H. McGuirk Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Scholarship and the Rod

and Sharon Hennig Annual Scholarship.

### Red Cross sets area blood drives

The American Red Cross has scheduled several blood drives in the area in coming weeks.

- Oct. 31: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Glarus Area EMS, 401 Third St., New Glarus

- Nov. 2: noon to 5 p.m., at the

Lions Building, 402 Cincinnati St., Albany

- Nov. 3: noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 Ninth Ave. (County Highway T) and Wisconsin Highway 104, Brodhead

To make an appointment to donate, go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 800-733-2767, download the Red Cross blood donor app or enable the "blood donor skill" on an Alexa Echo device.

## Obituary

### BETTY MAY WENGER

Betty May Wenger, age 91, of Brodhead, passed peacefully into the presence of her Savior on Oct. 20, 2020.

Betty was born in Monroe, Wisconsin, on May 25, 1929, the daughter of Ernest and Lillian (Kundert) Nafzger.

She married LaVern Wenger on May 1, 1948, at her family home in Juda. LaVern preceded her in death on June 2, 1991.

Betty farmed with her husband for many years at their family farm in Spring Grove Township and also worked for over 30 years as a data key punch operator at Swiss Colony. Betty was affiliated with the Brodhead Gospel Hall and was born again in November of 1956; after considering truth found in the Bible about her need of forgiveness of her sin, she rested upon the words of John 3:18, 36. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Betty said, "I believe God!"

Betty enjoyed traveling and went to Switzerland four times, but Betty was most fond of her flower gar-



dens she grew at the family farm.

Betty is survived by her four children, Patricia Wenger of Brodhead, Jacqueline (John) Schmaedick of Darlington,

Michael (Lois) Wenger and Mark (Kelly) Wenger, both of Brodhead; 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Emma Wenger of Argyle, and many other relatives and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LaVern, in 1991; four siblings, Herbert Donald Nafzger, Fred Nafzger, Gladys Nafzger and Joyce Sutfin; and her stepmother, Mildred Nafzger.

A visitation was held at the DL Newcomer Funeral home in Brodhead on Oct. 23. Funeral services were held Oct. 24 at Greenwood Cemetery in Monroe.

For more information, go online to [dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) or call 608-897-2484.

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# Adventures in Agriculture

## Chocolate milk is a good mealtime mate, workout aid

Chocolate milk is the official beverage of Halloween and it is perfect added into your breakfast routine, as an afternoon snack, or heated to warm you up on a chilly fall evening.

Not only is chocolate milk delicious, but it is also nutritious. This sweet and satisfying beverage is a treat that children and parents can agree on.

Growing up I always enjoyed chocolate milk as a snack. I can remember in elementary school having milk breaks and racing my classmates to see who could finish their carton of milk the fastest. Chocolate milk is a fun snack to



By **JULIA NUNES**  
Contributor

have at home and milklife.com has tons of ideas to make it even more fun.

Chocolate milk isn't just for snack time; it can be incorporated to almost any meal. One great way that chocolate milk can be added to breakfast is right on top of your cereal. You can also make Chocolate Milk Overnight Oats. Fill your cup

with oats, chia seeds, a pinch of salt, and add in chocolate milk. In the morning this delectable dish will be ready and waiting for you and is perfect topped with chocolate chips.

Dairy products like chocolate milk, cheese and yogurt are packed with nine essential nutrients including protein, calcium, and vitamin D. The high-quality protein found in dairy helps to build strong muscles while calcium works to strengthen bones and teeth.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends that people age 9 and older include three servings of low-fat and fat-free dairy foods in their diet, and chocolate

milk can serve as one of the three.

Not only is chocolate milk great to incorporate into meals, it can also be used as a recovery aid for athletes.

Milk and milk's protein has been shown to help athletes gain more lean muscle and lose fat when compared to drinking a carb-only beverage, as part of a regular workout and recovery routine. Chocolate milk helps to refuel and rebuild muscles after a strenuous work out. Learn more at [builtwithchocolatemilk.com/science/workout-recovery](http://builtwithchocolatemilk.com/science/workout-recovery).

As temperatures begin to cool down, chocolate milk in the form of hot chocolate (topped with whipped

cream) is the perfect treat to warm you up. While you are in the dairy section of the grocery store, be sure to look for the Proudly Wisconsin badge or the number "55" on milk cartons to ensure you are buying fresh, locally produced chocolate milk from right here in Wisconsin.

*Julia Nunes is serving as the 73rd Alice in Dairyland. As Wisconsin's agriculture ambassador, her goal is to educate audiences across Wisconsin about the \$104.8 billion economic impact and importance of the state's diverse agriculture industry.*

*For more information, visit [aliceindairyland.com](http://aliceindairyland.com).*

## Ornaments on sale now

The annual Monroe Clinic Hospice Celebration of Lights service honors living or deceased loved ones and includes a special, personalized, keepsake ornament.

Ornaments may be purchased until Monday, Nov. 23, or while supplies last. To order, download a form from the Monroe Clinic website at [monroeclinic.org](http://monroeclinic.org) or call the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation to order over the phone with a credit card.

Each ornament costs \$10 and the proceeds help fund community bereavement support programs.

To provide a safe experience, the Celebration of Lights ornament pickup will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Monroe United Methodist Church, 2227 Fourth St., Monroe. Or, for a small fee, ornaments may be mailed.

A virtual Celebration of Lights service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3

and will be broadcasted on the Monroe United Methodist Church Facebook page.

Ornaments that are not picked up Dec. 3 or mailed will be available for pickup from Dec. 7 through Dec. 11 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th St., Monroe.

For more information about purchasing an ornament or the Celebration of Lights service, call 608-324-1264.

## Green County Conservation invites students to enter poster contest

The annual Green County Land and Water Conservation student poster contest is underway.

The contest is open to public, private and home school students. There are five age categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

Contest rules are:

- Any media may be used — paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters. No computer-generated posters.
- Poster size must be 14-by-22

inches or 12-by-18 inches.

- Poster should be packaged to remain flat when sent for judging.

- Posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.

- The 2021 title "Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities" must be on your poster.

- Each entry must have a signed entry form to be eligible for judging. Contact the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department for an entry form.

- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, it is encouraged that each student does as much of the work as possible by himself or herself.

Entries are due to the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department by Friday, Dec. 18, at 1627 Fourth Avenue West, Monroe. There are prizes for the top three entries in each category.

For more information call Todd Jensen at 608-325-4195 extension 3.

## • Tree (Continued from front page)

tree researcher and University of Wisconsin Madison professor R. Bruce Allison said the tree is actually about six miles away from the accurate halfway point between the two bodies of water.

Though the measurement is a little off, the tree still holds a historical significance. According to Allison, Native Americans, possibly of the Oneida tribe, would travel through the area every spring and camp by the tree. Their last expedition was in the spring of 1878, when only a father and son made the trip.

The excerpt goes on to say that the tree has never been cut, although it does have a few marks on it from tomahawks and a drought that it weathered.

The fact that the tree still stands today, marks and all, is something to celebrate for more than just local history buffs, it's also important to

those with memories involving this centuries-old bur oak tree.

"I grew up in the Brodhead area and have known about the Half-Way Tree forever," said Stacey Sarakinis, who grew up in rural Beloit and raised her children in Brodhead. "Many years ago when my oldest brother first married, he and his wife actually rented the farm that the Half-Way Tree sits on."

"The farm I grew up on was actually right on the corner of Highway 81 and County Road K, east of Brodhead. I returned to that area to assist my parents during their final

years and fell in love with Magnolia Bluff ... I left the area once again and was home visiting when I took the photos of Half-Way Tree because it is a living memorial, and who knows how much longer that old oak will stand majestically in that field?"

"I wanted the photos for posterity and for memories with my kids of that place we once called home."

According to the book by Allison, the farm where the tree stands is located on Wisconsin Highway 81 just beyond the Brodhead Airport in Green County.

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## Theater group presents 'Scary Stories'

The performers at Monroe Theatre Guild are bringing spooky entertainment to life on your device this Halloween weekend.

"Scary Stories to Read in the Dark — Theatre" will be featured on Facebook live at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and Oct. 31. You can find the guild online at [facebook.com/monroetheatre](http://facebook.com/monroetheatre).

"Four fearless performers ... will read some of Halloween's most frightening stories from the dark MTG theater," according to a news release. "What better setting than a dark, temporarily abandoned theater, with all its secretive corners and alleged ghosts, to read a good scary story?"

Monroe Theatre Guild's black box theater has been closed to the public since last March when organizers were forced to shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For those who aren't able to watch the live performances, replay videos will be available on Facebook.

To learn more about Monroe Theatre Guild, go online to [monroetheatre.com](http://monroetheatre.com).

## Albany Comet News

### THURSDAY, OCT. 29

-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 30

-Albertson Memorial Library full circulation and limited computer service, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 31

-Albertson Memorial Library closed  
-Trick or treating, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 1

No events scheduled

### MONDAY, NOV. 2

\*Albany High School National Honor Society blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Albany Lions Club building  
-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 3

-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

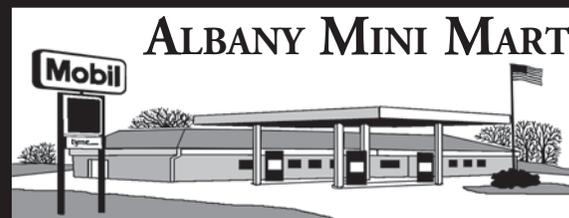
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Applicants must be residents of Wisconsin who will graduate from high school in 2021, and plan to continue their education at a college, university or vocational/technical school. Students will be evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, citizenship and school and community activities. Completed online applications are due by 5 p.m. Nov. 17. Students should go to [kohleducation.org/studentexcellence](http://kohleducation.org/studentexcellence) to learn more and apply.

Selection of recipients will be made by a state-level panel composed of representatives from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies, Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, several education-related associations and community representatives.

Since the program was established in 1990, the Herb Kohl Foundation has awarded 3,000 Excellence scholarships to graduating high school students throughout the state for a total of \$7.4 million.

# Free session offers help for families dealing with memory loss

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Rock County will host a free virtual Caregiver Boot Camp from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Darcy Toberman, information and assistance specialist; Ann Howell, information and assistance specialist; and Cori Marsh, dementia care specialist of the Aging & Disability Center will team up to provide education and support for families coping with the memory loss of a loved one.

The boot camp will cover topics such as what memory loss is, planning

for the future, what you might expect, taking care of yourself as a caregiver and local resources. Attendees will be able to ask questions and get tips about discussing difficult topics such as driving.

"It doesn't matter where your loved one lives, what matters is families having the information they need to assist their loved one to the best of their ability," Marsh said in a news release. "Our day will be packed with information, support and even some laughter."

"Over 3,800 people have Alzhei-

mer's disease or related dementia in Rock County," she said. "We want to offer education and support to those families and answer the questions they might have."

The program is free. Pre-registration is required by Nov. 3 so that materials can be mailed. You will also be provided the link to join the virtual boot camp.

Contact Marsh at 608-741-3615 or [cori.marsh@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:cori.marsh@co.rock.wi.us) for more information or to register.

More information is also available online at [co.rock.wi.us/adrc](http://co.rock.wi.us/adrc).

# Task force promotes mask campaign

Rock County residents could soon see themselves on a regional billboard by submitting photos of themselves wearing masks to the Reopen Rock Task Force. The billboards support the Reopen Rock #RockTheMask campaign, part of an initiative to keep Rock County safe, healthy and open.

Community members are invited to submit a fun photo of themselves wearing a mask, to show their support of mask-wearing as a way to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Reopen

Rock Task Force members have contributed photos of themselves to begin the billboard campaign. The billboard photos will be rotated regularly.

To submit a photo, go online to [reopenrock.com](http://reopenrock.com), click the "Submit Your #RockTheMask Photo" button and follow the prompts to upload a picture.

"The Reopen Rock Task Force strongly supports the recommendation of the Rock County Health Department that individuals wear cloth face coverings whenever in contact with anyone

who is not a part of their household, as well as its recommendation that businesses and employers require the use of cloth face coverings for employees and customers," a news release said. "As cases in Rock County and across the nation continue to rise, masks are a vital tool in the arsenal to combat unnecessary transmission."

"Masks are a simple, thoughtful and effective way to keep people safe."

For more information, go online to [reopenrock.com](http://reopenrock.com).

# Alliant Energy garners economic development honors

The International Economic Development Council has presented Alliant Energy with two awards for excellence in economic development. The awards reflect the company's commitment to help position the communities it serves for future job growth and economic success.

Alliant Energy received a Gold Award for Partnerships with Educational Institutions for its collaboration with Beloit College. This partnership transformed the 100-year-

old Blackhawk Generating Station building into a one-of-a-kind student union and recreational center called The Powerhouse. The seven-story complex is now a community asset that houses a coffee shop, conference center, theater, competition-style swimming pool, suspended 200-meter track and turf field house for football, softball, baseball, lacrosse, soccer and Ultimate Frisbee.

"We're extremely proud to be recognized for what was truly a collabo-

orative effort between Alliant Energy and Beloit College," said Rob Crain, Alliant Energy's director of customer community and economic development in Wisconsin. "We worked together to create a 21st century use for a 20th century facility. It is inspiring to know that The Powerhouse will provide long-term benefits for students, faculty, staff and the broader community for generations to come."

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## News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

### THURSDAY, OCT. 29

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 30

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 31

- Orfordville library open 9 a.m. to noon

- Orfordville trick or treating, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 1

- Orfordville library closed

### MONDAY, NOV. 2

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Parkview School Board Finance Committee meeting, 5 p.m., Parkview Elementary School

- Parkview School Board special meeting, 6 p.m., Parkview Elementary School

### TUESDAY, NOV. 3

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Parkview School Board Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., Parkview Elementary School

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# Take action to increase your cybersecurity

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 5 office are urging citizens to get the resources they need to be safe online.

"Protecting against potential cyberattacks should be a part of everyone's overall disaster preparedness plan," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Take the time now to set up the proper controls in your online life — whether at home, work or school — to keep you, your family and your information safe and secure."

"Cybersecurity starts with each of us, and is everyone's responsibility," said Alex Joves, regional director, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Region 5. "Cyber self-defense basics can go a long way to keeping you and your data out of the hands of bad actors."

Officials offer the following tips:

- Use strong passwords that are 12 characters or longer. Use upper and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. Use a password manager.
- Use a stronger authentication such as a PIN or password that only you would know. Consider using a separate device that can receive a code or uses a biometric scan (e.g. fingerprint scanner).
- Watch for suspicious activity that asks you to do something right away,

offers something that sounds too good to be true or needs your personal information. Think before you click.

- Check your account statements and credit reports regularly.

- Use secure Internet communications.

- Use sites that use HTTPS if you will access or provide any personal information. Do not use sites with invalid certificates. Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) that creates a secure connection.

- Use antivirus solutions, malware and firewalls to block threats.

- Regularly back up your files in an encrypted file or encrypted file storage device.

- Limit the personal information you share online. Change privacy settings and do not use location features.

- Protect your home network by changing the administrative and WiFi passwords regularly. When configuring your router, choose the WiFi Protected Access 2 (WPA2) Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) setting, which is the strongest encryption option.

To learn more about National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, or to find tip sheets and resources for reducing cybersecurity risks and protecting yourself online, visit CISA's website at [www.cisa.gov/national-cybersecurity-awareness-month-resources](http://www.cisa.gov/national-cybersecurity-awareness-month-resources). You can also find cybersecurity information at [www.ready.gov/cybersecurity](http://www.ready.gov/cybersecurity).

# Application period open for farm conservation funding

Farmers and forest landowners interested in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 20 for the program, which is administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Locally, applications for EQIP are being accepted at the USDA service centers at 1627 Fourth Avenue West, Monroe, and at 440 N. U.S. Highway 14, Janesville.

EQIP is the primary program available to farmers and landowners for farm and woodland conservation work, offering payments for more than 120 basic conservation practices. Last year, Wisconsin received more than \$33 million in funds for EQIP practices.

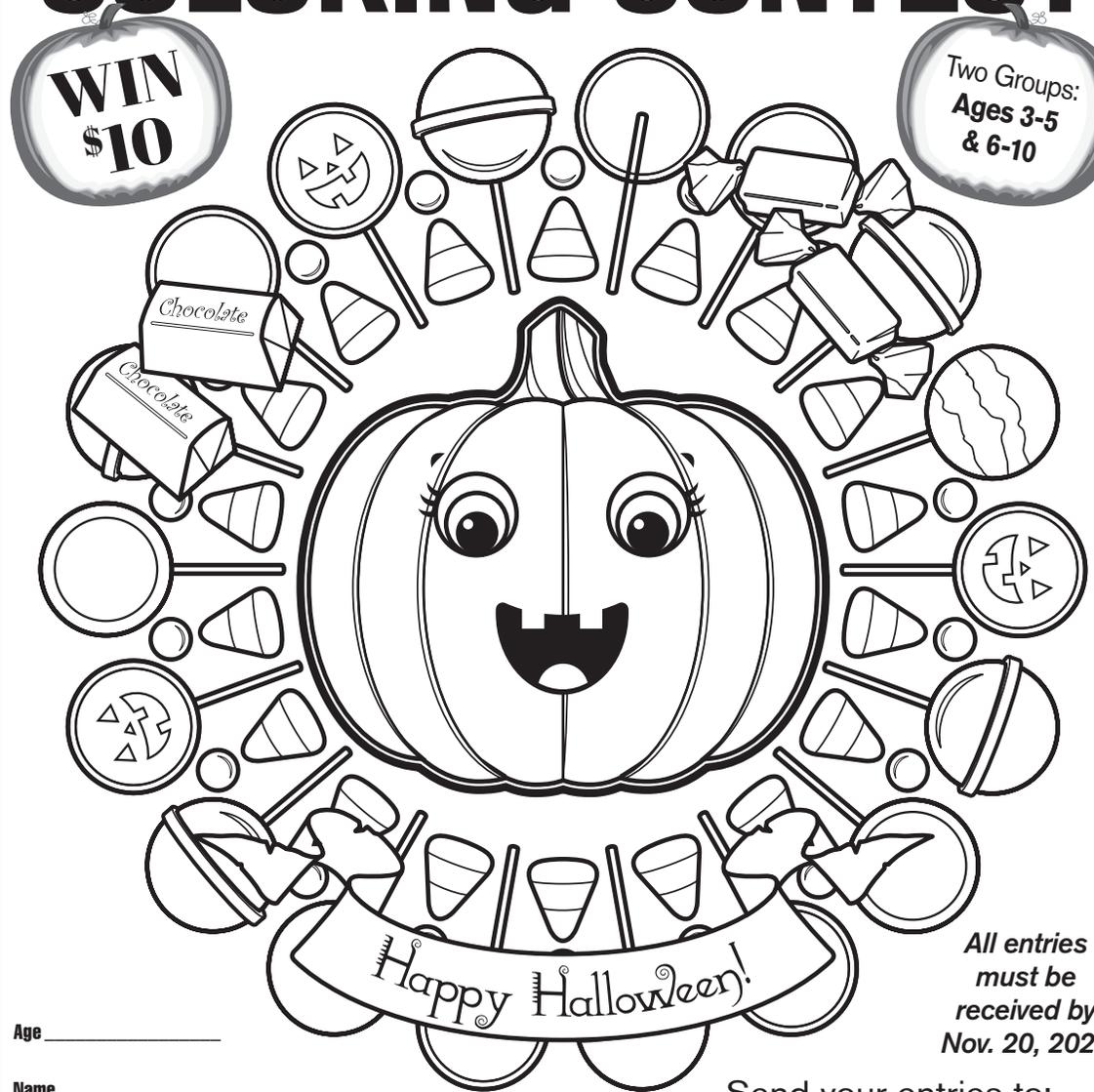
"The new Farm Bill allows NRCS to support conservation that ensures cost-effective financial assistance for

improved soil health, water and air quality and other natural resources benefits," Angela Biggs, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service state conservationist, said in a news release. "By getting EQIP applications in early, NRCS staff will have time to assist in planning conservation practice needs."

All eligible applications received by Nov. 20 will be evaluated, prioritized and ranked for funding in 2021.

Farmers who are interested in practices that may require permits, such as manure storage or streambank restoration, should begin planning and seeking permits as soon as possible, Biggs said. Applicants with shovel-ready projects (designs completed and permit applications submitted) will receive a higher ranking.

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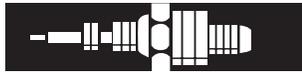
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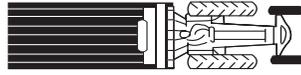
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**CIRCUIT COURT,**  
**GREEN COUNTY**  
 IN THE MATTER OF  
 THE ESTATE OF  
 JEAN A. McCLAREN  
 Deceased  
**Notice Setting Time to Hear**  
**Application and Deadline**  
**for Filing Claims**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
 Case No. 20-PR-000089  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
 An application for informal admin-  
 istration was filed.  
 The decedent, with date of birth  
 October 31, 1938 and date of death  
 September 26, 2020 was domiciled  
 in Green County, State of Wiscon-

sin, with a mailing address of W138  
 Halfway Tree Road, Brodhead, WI  
 53520.  
 The application will be heard at  
 the Green County Justice Cen-  
 ter County Courthouse, 2841 6th  
 Street, Monroe, Wisconsin, before  
 Gloria Baertschi, Probate Registrar,  
 on November 17, 2020 at the open-  
 ing of Court.  
**You do not need to appear un-  
 less you object. The application  
 may be granted if there is no ob-  
 jection.**  
 The deadline for filing a claim  
 against the decedent's estate is  
 January 18, 2021.  
 A claim may be filed at the Green  
 County Justice Center County  
 Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Mon-  
 roe, Wisconsin.  
 This publication is notice to any  
 persons whose names or address  
 are unknown.

Form completed by:  
 Attorney Charles R. Wellington  
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 Thompson, S.C.  
 916 17th Avenue, Box 710,  
 Monroe, WI 53566  
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 Bar Number: 1013271  
 The Independent Register  
 10/21, 10/28, 11/4/2020  
 WNAXLP 383408

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**  
**Town of Decatur, Green County,**  
**Wisconsin**  
**November 3, 2020**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that  
 at an election to be held in the Town  
 of Decatur, on November 3, 2020,  
 the following resolution will be sub-  
 mitted to a vote of the people:

**TOWN OF DECATUR**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3**  
 A RESOLUTION TO SEEK ELEC-  
 TOR INPUT ON USAGE OF ATV/  
 UTVS ON TOWN ROADS IN THE  
 TOWN OF DECATUR, GREEN  
 COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

**RECITALS**  
 A. Wis. Stats. § 23.33(8) grants  
 the Town of Decatur the author-  
 ity to designate a specific route or  
 all Town Roads within its jurisdic-  
 tion as All-Terrain Vehicles ("ATV")  
 and Utility-Terrain Vehicles ("UTV")  
 routes.

B. ATV/UTVs are allowed to op-  
 erate on certain on Town Roads  
 on a temporary basis within the  
 Town of Decatur; however, ATV/  
 UTVs are permitted to operate on  
 all city-maintained roads within the  
 City of Brodhead, except Highway  
 11.

C. This advisory referendum is not  
 seeking input regarding ATV/UTV  
 use on the Sugar River State Trail  
 and the Town of Decatur DOES  
 NOT exercise authority over wheth-  
 er ATV/UTVs are permitted on the  
 Sugar River State Trail.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-  
 SOLVED** as follows:

1. The Town Board requests  
 elector input on the usage of ATV/  
 UTVs on Town Roads and hereby  
 resolves that the following advisory  
 referendum question be directed to  
 the voters of the Town of Decatur at  
 the election scheduled for Novem-  
 ber 3, 2020:

"The Town of Decatur has au-  
 thority to designate all Town Roads  
 as ATV/UTV routes. This authority  
**DOES NOT** extend to the Sugar  
 River State Trail. Should the Town  
 of Decatur designate all Town  
 Roads as permitted ATV/UTV  
 routes (not including the Sugar Riv-  
 er State Trail)?"

The question will appear on the  
 ballot as follows:

The Town of Decatur has author-  
 ity to designate all Town Roads as  
 ATV/UTV routes. This authority  
**DOES NOT** extend to the Sugar  
 River State Trail. Should the Town  
 of Decatur designate all Town  
 Roads as permitted ATV/UTV  
 routes (not including the Sugar Riv-  
 er State Trail)?"

**EXPLANATION**  
 A "yes" vote will indicate to the  
 Town Board your support for des-  
 ignating all Town Roads (not includ-  
 ing the Sugar River State Trail) as  
 ATV/UTV routes.  
 A "no" vote will indicate your dis-

approval of designating all Town  
 Roads as ATV/UTV routes.  
 Done in the Town of Decatur on  
 October 28, 2020.  
 /s/ Jamie E. Olson, Town Clerk  
 The Independent Register  
 10/28/2020  
 WNAXLP 383701

**TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, November 9, 2020**  
**at 6 PM**  
 Orfordville Fire District  
 Meeting Room  
 173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI  
**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Reports
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
  - A. Rock County Public Works
  - B. Road work
  - C. Budget Discussion
9. New business
10. Future agenda items
11. Payment of bills
12. Adjournment

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 The Independent Register  
 10/28/2020  
 WNAXLP 383704

**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH**  
**Orfordville, Wisconsin 53576**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
 at the Town Hall in unincorporated Hanover, WI a **PUBLIC HEARING** on  
 the proposed 2021 Budget of the Town of Plymouth will be held. The  
 proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Office  
 and will be available for inspection at the public hearing. The following is  
 a summary of the proposed budget.

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET			
	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	% change
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>General Property Taxes (Levy)</b>	<b>165,966.00</b>	<b>167,464.00</b>	0.009%
Other Taxes (MFL)	1,254.00	1,200.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	159,887.00	159,885.00	
Licenses and Permits	4,100.00	4,100.00	
Public Charges for Services	65,632.00	67,079.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,764.00	6,431.00	
Subtotal	402,603.00	406,159.00	0.009%
Estimated January 1 Balance	59,291.00	5,136.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>461,894.00</b>	<b>411,295.00</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General Government	84,813.00	81,963.00	
Public Safety	52,854.00	52,903.00	
Public Works	306,967.00	253,755.00	
Health & Human Services	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Conservation & Development	5,674.00	5,674.00	
Subtotal	457,308.00	401,295.00	-0.122%
Estimated Year End Operating Balance	4,586.00	10,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>461,894.00</b>	<b>411,295.00</b>	

**NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 immedi-  
 ately following the completion of the Public Budget Hearing which begins at  
 7:00pm; the Plymouth Town Board will hold a special town board meeting  
 to approve the 2021 Town of Plymouth Budget and the 2020 Municipal  
 Levy.  
 Dated this 28th day of October 2020  
 By: Susan Douglas, Clerk  
 Town of Plymouth, Rock County  
 The Independent Register  
 10/28/2020  
 WNAXLP 383981

**TOWN OF DECATUR**  
**PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET HEARING**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Proposed 2021 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting for the  
 Town of Decatur will be held on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:00  
 PM at the Town Hall, 1408 14th Street, Brodhead. A copy of the entire  
 proposed budget and supporting documents are available on the town  
 website at [www.townofdecatur.com](http://www.townofdecatur.com), upon request from the Town Clerk  
 by phoning 897-4965 (Town Hall), by writing: P O Box 333, Brodhead, WI  
 53520, or by emailing: [clerktreasurer@townofdecatur.com](mailto:clerktreasurer@townofdecatur.com).  
**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2020 BUDGET	PROPOSED	% CHANGE
	AMENDED	FOR 2021	
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
General Property Tax	\$283,400.00	\$287,211.00	1.34%
Curbside Collection	\$104,000.00	\$119,600.00	15.00%
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$84,393.00	
Other	\$3,650.00	\$3,650.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$127,078.00	\$127,663.00	
Licenses & Permits	\$9,600.00	\$9,620.00	
Interest	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$165,566.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenues	\$694,494.00	\$633,337.00	-8.8%
Beginning Balance	\$183,827.00	\$270,000.00	
Designated Funds	\$46,254.00	\$35,024.00	
	\$924,575.00	\$938,361.00	
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
General Government	\$115,800.00	\$95,600.00	
Public Works	\$366,000.00	\$385,500.00	
Public Safety	\$95,021.00	\$98,174.00	
Health & Human Services	\$3,510.00	\$3,510.00	
Other	\$174,000.00	\$96,000.00	
Insurance	\$11,075.00	\$13,600.00	
Total Expenditures	\$765,406.00	\$692,384.00	-9.54%
Designated Funds	\$46,254.00	\$25,824.00	
Ending Balance	\$112,915.00	\$220,153.00	
	\$924,575.00	\$938,361.00	

Current Indebtedness of the Town: \$162,941.20 for purchase of new  
 Town route truck

Jamie E. Olson  
 Clerk/Treasurer  
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**Town of Avon**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., at the Avon Town Hall,  
 16513 W Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead, WI a public hearing on the Proposed 2021 Budget will be held.

A detailed budget can be viewed by contacting the Town Clerk, Stephanie Schwartzlow at (608) 921-3656

Receipts	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Approved	2021 Proposed Budget
General Transportation	\$105,187	\$105,187	\$115,711	\$115,711
State Shared Revenue	\$16,639	\$16,577	\$16,507	\$16,463
Bank Interest	\$2,076	\$1,721	\$1,500	\$1,500
Recycling Grant	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$1,200
DNR in lieu of taxes	\$8,487	\$9,185	\$9,200	\$9,200
2% Fire Rebate	\$1,854	\$2,031	\$2,100	\$2,100
Other Income - Bldg. permits, zoning hearing, licenses, etc	\$10,660	\$11,256	\$2,000	\$2,000
Exempt Computer Aid	\$582	\$597	\$597	\$597
Town Tax Levy	\$160,201	\$155,181	\$159,073	\$160,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$306,886</b>	<b>\$303,234</b>	<b>\$307,887</b>	<b>\$308,847</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Government	\$64,048	\$63,398	\$69,025	\$71,429
Fire Departments	\$32,752	\$29,303	\$31,373	\$33,900
Road Work	\$192,119	\$169,506	\$171,200	\$176,418
Landfill and Recycling	\$12,957	\$14,441	\$16,600	\$11,100
Town Hall & Cemeteries	\$5,525	\$6,600	\$6,000	\$14,500
Animal Control	\$1,325	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$308,726</b>	<b>\$284,748</b>	<b>\$295,698</b>	<b>\$308,847</b>

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR CITY OF BRODHEAD**

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The Common Council will meet in the  
 City Council Chambers 1111 W 2nd Avenue and Virtually via GoToMeeting for the purpose of holding a PUBLIC  
 HEARING on the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2021. The proposed budget is available for inspection at the City  
 Hall, 1111 W 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, a copy  
 of the budget is available at the Brodhead Memorial Public Library, 1207 25th Street.

The following is a summary of the Proposed 2021 Budget.  
 Dated: October 20, 2020

	Approved Budget 2020	Proposed Budget 2021	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Revenue</b>				
Property tax collections	\$1,880,081	\$1,994,584	\$114,503	6.09%
Other taxes	3,203	3,500	297	9.27%
Tax equivalent	230,500	220,000	(10,500)	-4.56%
Special assessments	---	---	---	---
Intergovernmental revenue	1,016,668	1,004,764	(11,904)	-1.17%
Licenses and permits	65,938	66,127	189	0.29%
Fines, Forfeits and penalties	44,134	41,600	(2,534)	-5.74%
Public charges for service	85,411	82,055	(3,356)	-3.93%
Pearl Island Grant/Donations	---	---	---	---
Interest Income	28,470	6,000	(22,470)	-78.93%
Rental Income	18,000	13,340	(4,660)	-25.89%
Sale of property	---	---	---	---
Grants / Donations / Other	28,974	28,345	(629)	-2.17%
Transfer in	---	---	---	---
	\$3,401,379	\$3,460,315	\$58,936	1.73%
<b>Expenses</b>				
General Government	\$ 468,794	\$ 438,022	\$ (30,772)	-6.56%
Public Safety	1,517,839	1,547,884	30,045	1.98%
Public Works	489,914	492,169	2,255	0.46%
Health & Human Services	154,100	168,506	14,406	9.35%
Culture, Recreation, & Education	260,768	266,835	6,067	2.33%
Transfer to debt service	319,300	356,235	36,935	11.57%
Transfer to library fund	190,664	190,664	---	0.00%
	\$3,401,379	\$3,460,315	\$ 58,936	1.73%

Keri Miller, Treasurer  
 City of Brodhead  
**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/377448341>  
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# Legal Notices

**TOWN OF DECATUR  
GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE  
TUESDAY, November 3, 2020  
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**  
At the Town Hall  
1408 14th Street, Brodhead  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all electors residing in the Town of Decatur for the purpose of voting in the General Election for Federal, Congressional, Legislative and State, and County offices and for Blackhawk Technical College and Town of Decatur Referendums. For absentee ballot or further information, contact the Town Clerk at 1408 14th Street, P.O. Box 333, Brodhead, WI 53520, phone: 897-4965 (Town Hall), or email: [clerk@townofdecat.com](mailto:clerk@townofdecat.com).  
Jamie E. Olson  
Clerk/Treasurer  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR TOWN OF MAGNOLIA, ROCK COUNTY HELD AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL 14729 W. COUNTY A, EVANSVILLE, WI 53536 NOVEMBER 10, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 2020 at the Magnolia Town Hall a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET of the Town of Magnolia in Rock County will be held. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection from the Town Clerk on October 25, 2020. A copy of the proposed budget can be obtained by contacting Graceann Toberman, Clerk/Treasurer at 876-6771.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN TO BE HELD AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL 14729 W. COUNTY A, EVANSVILLE, WI 53536 NOVEMBER 10, 2020 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 2020, immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed year 2021 budget which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Magnolia Town Hall, a special town meeting of the electors, called by the Town Board pursuant to section 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes, will be held for the following purposes:

1. To approve year 2020 town tax levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to section 60.10 (1) (a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2020 By: *Graceann Toberman*  
Graceann Toberman,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Magnolia, Rock County  
**TOWN OF MAGNOLIA  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD  
MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2020  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Adoption of the Town of Magnolia Town Budget will be included on the agenda of the regular monthly meeting.

Graceann Toberman,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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**Board of Adjustments Meeting  
Town of Avon  
Avon Town Hall  
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,  
Brodhead, WI 53520  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
The Board of Adjustments Committee for the Town of Avon will be

meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to hear and review the application submitted by John Heldt to build a pole building within 6' of the property line on 16204 West Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520.  
**ATTENTION Due to the current mandate and health crisis we are asking that only our Board of Adjustments and Applicate attend this meeting.** If you approve or have an objection to this request please express your actions by letter or telephone. If we do not hear from you, we will infer that you have no objections. Letters can be mailed to 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. For a telephone number of one of Board of Adjustment members, please contact Stephanie Schwartzlow at 608-921-3656.

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk  
608-921-3656  
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**NOTICE OF TESTING TOWN OF AVON**  
Notice is hereby given there will be a public test of electronic voting equipment on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Avon Town Hall, 16513 W. Beloit Newark Road, Brodhead, WI, which will be used at the General Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk  
**LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE**  
The General Election to be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, in the Town of Avon, the following polling place location will be used:

Avon Town Hall  
16513 W. Beloit Newark Road  
Brodhead, WI 53520  
608-897-8181  
(election day phone number)  
**THE POLLING PLACE WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the Municipal Clerk.

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
15444 W. Skinner Road,  
Brodhead, WI  
608-921-3656  
**(Office Hours 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)**  
**All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.**  
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**NOTICE  
TOWN OF SPRING GROVE  
2020 PRESIDENTIAL &  
GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Presidential & General Partisan Election for the Town of Spring Grove will be held at the Town Hall, N2475 County Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Deb Cline, Clerk  
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**TOWN OF SPRING GROVE  
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Notice is hereby given that the optical scan tabulation voting equipment to be used at the General Election on Tuesday November 3, 2020 in the Town of Spring Grove, will be conducted at the Town Hall, N2475 County Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Deb Cline, Clerk  
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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources collaborates with various agencies and health officials to help ensure that Wisconsin's public water systems provide safe drinking water for residents.

# DNR publishes drinking water report card

The Department of Natural Resources recently published its 2019 Annual Drinking Water Report which summarizes compliance with the drinking water requirements and highlights statewide efforts to help public water systems provide safe and adequate drinking water supplies.

Last year, more than 99% of Wisconsin's public water systems provided water that met safe drinking

water standards. "This level of success depends on a lot of hard work by many people all over the state," said Steve Elmore, program director of the Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater. "Managing Wisconsin's drinking water resources and adhering to state and federal regulations would not be possible without strong collaborative partnerships between the DNR, the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, public water systems, county health officials, professional associations, individual operators, other water quality organizations and water consumers."

Helping achieve compliance takes many forms. The DNR inspects public water systems regularly and provides on-site assessments when bacterial contaminants are detected. Through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, the DNR provided more than \$60 million in assistance to 29 communities around the state in 2019 to help them make repairs and improvements to their drinking water systems.

Gov. Tony Evers declared 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water, focusing attention on the importance of safe drinking water and initiating new efforts to address concerns about contamination.

"Wisconsin faces numerous challenges, including aging infrastructure, limited funding, nitrate contamination and threats from emerging contaminants," said Adam DeWeese, DNR Public Water Supply section chief. "But the DNR and many other people are working hard to meet those challenges and protect the state's drinking water."

To obtain copies of the Drinking Water Report, contact the Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater DG/5, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53707 or call 608-266-1054. The report is also available on DNR's website, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), by searching "drinking water."

**Frank Sass Retirement**  
*Online ONLY Auction*  
**October 16 – November 7**

Frank owned and operated Sass Tree Service in Brodhead, WI for many years. He has sold his business and will be moving out of state. Frank is an avid hunter, carpenter and builder. He created a unique style of hand sawn octagon log furniture. This auction consists of very clean and ready to use shop items including hand tools, wrenches, sockets, grinders, saws, tree service ropes and winches, new nuts and bolts and many boxes of new nails. Household items consist of general kitchen items, glassware, furniture, bedroom sets, office equipment, blankets and throws, TVs and sound systems. Frank enjoyed Indian artifacts and western style décor. He has a large assortment of Indian knives, spears, arrow heads and wall hangings.

**SPECIALTY ITEMS** include 2001 Harley Davidson Deuce, 2005 Honda Rubicon 4-wheeler, Cedar strip canoe, 22 T log splitter, Mexican style saddle, and western saddle – must see pics.

Details for online bidding and pictures can be found at [KoningAuction.hibid.com](http://KoningAuction.hibid.com). Sign up to bid and view all the 450+ items for bid. Questions can be sent to Koning Auction Service, Monroe, WI, David Koning, WI Auctioneer #052-604 at 608-325-9808 or [dkoning@wekz.net](mailto:dkoning@wekz.net).

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IEDC also awarded Alliant Energy's "Powering Tomorrow" email newsletter a Bronze Award for magazines and newsletters. The bi-monthly communication targets site location consultants and is designed to start the conversations that eventually lead to new construction and new jobs in towns located in Alliant Energy's service territory.

"We have great opportunities for business attraction and expansion in Iowa and Wisconsin," said Scott Drzycimski, Alliant Energy's director of customer community and economic development in Iowa. "With each edition of our email newsletter, we help site consultants learn more about the growth sites and communities we serve."

Alliant Energy provides regulated service to 490,000 electric and 225,000 natural gas customers. For more information, go online to [alliantenergy.com](http://alliantenergy.com).