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Leadership group plants reminder of hope

Members of the Green County Leaders group are planting roots of hope during the COVID-19 pandemic with a recent project.

Leadership group members purchased 18 trees that were planted recently in Monroe.

"The pandemic is definitely a unique challenge," said Victoria Solomon, community and economic development educator at Extension Green County. "Participants have shared in discussions that enjoying Green County's great parks and trails have been beneficial for mental health and managing stress.

"For that reason, this year the program has decided to purchase and plant 18 trees ... Each tree represents a year of the Green County Leaders program. This effort is a way to share that even though there are currently a lot of challenges, there is hope for the future.

"We are planting trees that will hopefully bring joy to community members now and to future genera-

tions."

Monroe parks and forestry supervisor Josh Trame supervised the planning project.

"The trees will be a wonderful addition to our Twining Park area," Trame said.

Green County Leaders is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and prepare for leadership roles, thereby creating a network of active and visionary individuals who leverage their experience and expertise to benefit their community and local community-based organizations. The program is currently adapting to holding virtual sessions; anyone who lives or works in Green County can participate in a session or view recorded sessions online. Go online to greencountyleaders.com for a program schedule and registration.

For more information, contact Solomon at 608-328-9440 or victoria.solomon@wisc.edu.



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City of Monroe workers plant trees purchased by the Green County Leaders group. The trees are intended to serve as a symbol of hope during challenging times such as these.



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A total of 18 trees were planted recently through the efforts of the Green County Leaders group.

Blackhawk Tech preps for new training center

Voters OK \$32 million referendum measure

Design work will begin soon for the new Blackhawk Technical College Public Safety + Transportation Center after Rock and Green County voters approved a referendum Nov. 3.

The \$32 million measure passed with about 60 percent voting in favor, according to a BTC news release.

"On behalf of Blackhawk Technical College and our students, I want to sincerely thank the voters of Green and Rock counties for voting and for supporting this project," BTC President Tracy Pierner said in the release. "The Public Safety + Transportation Center

will have a profound impact on how we deliver essential training needed to keep our communities safe and the local economy growing."

The proposed facility will include a high-speed emergency vehicle operator course, fire training tower, water rescue area, semi-truck training course, scenario training village and other specialized training facilities.

It will serve students in fire, emergency medical services/emergency medical technician, auto and diesel technician, law enforcement, truck driver training, motorcycle safety and

other programs.

In addition to serving BTC students, the training center will offer regional fire, EMT and police agencies facilities for ongoing training and skills development.

Hundreds of community stakeholders and partners participated in planning for the training center over the last two years.

"Many have had a hand in making this dream a reality," Pierner said.

Construction is expected to begin in spring. To follow progress on the project, go online to blackhawk.edu/PSTC.

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Obituaries

JERRY W. COGGINS SR.

Jerry W. Coggins Sr., age 74, of Beloit, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at Monroe Clinic Hospice Home in Monroe. He was born June 1, 1946, in Russellville, Alabama, the son of Cleo and Lola (Allen) Coggins. Jerry married Darlene F. Norris on Feb. 16, 1980, in Rockford, Illinois. He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Brodhead and was a lifelong Christian. He was a truck driver by trade, and enjoyed traveling across country. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching old western movies, horses and looking for old lost treasures with his metal detector.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; children, Danny Coggins and Sonja Blanco, Jerry Coggins Jr. and Joyce Coggins, all of Rockford; granddaughter, Valerie Blanco; siblings: Pat-sy Robertson, Jimmy Coggins, Janet Strothman and Vickie



Coggins, all of Brodhead, Carol (Greg) Merrick of Independence, Missouri, Tony (Molly) Coggins of Janesville and Lisa Coggins of Algoma, Wisconsin; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ricky.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at the Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Ken Lawson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. A visitation will be held Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. until the time of service, at the church. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

RUSSEL ROY PINNOW

Russel Roy Pinnow, age 85, of Brodhead, passed away on Nov. 6, 2020, at Janesville Mercy Hospital.

Russel was born March 4, 1935, in Monroe, Wisconsin, the son of Earl and Bertha (Schneider) Pinnow.

Russel attended Bright Country School and Atwood Country School and graduated from Brodhead High School in 1953. Following high school graduation, Russel completed the University of Wisconsin-Madison Farm and Industry Short Course and his freshman year at UW-Madison. Russel served in the U.S. Army in a guided missile battalion from January 1955 to January 1957. On Nov. 16, 1958, Russel and Josephine Cramblett were united in marriage at the United Methodist Church in Brodhead. Russel worked at Ten Eyck Orchard until 1960 when he and Jo rented their first farm and later moved onto the family farm in Spring Grove Township.

Russel was a founding member of the Brodhead FFA Alumni, was



a 4-H leader, and in 1966, received the Brodhead Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Award. Over the years, Russel received many plaques for his quality milk.

In 1995, Russel and Jo hosted the Green County Breakfast on the Farm, and in 2014 were honored as the oldest active farming couple in Green County.

In 2019, Russel was honored as a military veteran and flew to Washington, D.C., on Badger Honor Flight. Russel was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead and sang in the church choir. He was a Badger and Packer fan, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Russel is survived by his children, Randy (Katie) Pinnow, Rachel (Carl)

Hearing and Ryan (Krista) Pinnow; five grandchildren, Jamie Pinnow, Halie Pinnow, Gavin Pinnow, Tegan Pinnow and Tenley Pinnow; two great-grandchildren, Brooklyn and Dean Painter; two siblings, Larry (Mary) Pinnow and Marlene Fehner; sisters-in-law, Janice Schimmel and Darlene (Ron) Schwartzlow; and many other relatives and friends.

Russel was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Josephine in 2018; and a brother, Kenneth, in infancy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and cards may be directed to the family at DL Newcomer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 26, Brodhead, WI 53520.

Public graveside services will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2020.

The public is reminded to please follow current COVID-19 social distancing and mask protocol.

For more information, go online to dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com or call 608-897-2484.

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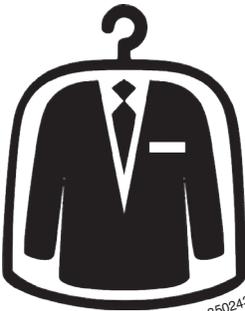
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Green County 4-Her receives statewide dairy award



Natalie Roe, a member of the Washington Center 4-H Club in Monticello, was recently named the first-place winner of the James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award.

The statewide award recognizes 4-H youth members who display excellence and outstanding leadership in dairy projects throughout Wisconsin. It is named in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, a longtime Extension dairy specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth project work.

Each of the top three winners receives \$500 for continuation of their dairy education. In addition, Roe received a scholarship of \$5,000 to study at the Department of Animal and Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

For more information about the 4-H dairy project or Green County 4-H, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H youth development educator, at 608-328-9440 or ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.

Left: Natalie Roe was the top winner of the statewide James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award. Roe is a member of the Washington Center 4-H Club in Monticello.

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Team tops Dairyland tournament

The Team Wisconsin U19 hockey team, including local members Alyssa Knauf and Anika Einbeck, recently took first place in the Wisconsin Dairyland Classic Hockey Tournament held Oct. 30 through Nov. 1 in Fond du Lac. Team Wisconsin won both games versus the Milwaukee Jr. Admirals, 8-0 and 2-1. The two games versus the Madison Capitols went into overtime. The first game ended in a 3-4 loss for Team Wisconsin. In the second game, Team Wisconsin won 3-2 in a shootout after a tie in regulation and overtime. Knauf is a senior at Albany High School and Einbeck is a senior at Monroe High School.

In brief

Youth group collects food drive donations

Members of the Juda Zion and Oakley Union United Methodist Church youth group are planning their annual food drive for the Green County Food Pantry.

Instead of going door to door in Juda as was done in the past, a drop-off point will be set up at the east end of the township garage parking lot from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 14. The garage is located on Walnut Street.

People who wish to donate should make sure to have their items bagged.

Silent auction benefits Albany library technology

Albertson Memorial Library's 13th annual fall silent auction will continue online through Saturday, Nov. 14. To access the auction, go to albertsonlibrary.org and click on the silent auction link.

Library officials hope to raise \$3,500 to support, maintain or update technology related to computers, software, wireless internet, copying/scanning services and digital subscription services such as e-books and digital audio books.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 14

-Albertson Memorial Library closed

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MONDAY, NOV. 16

-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

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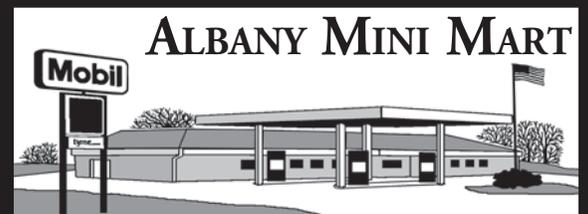
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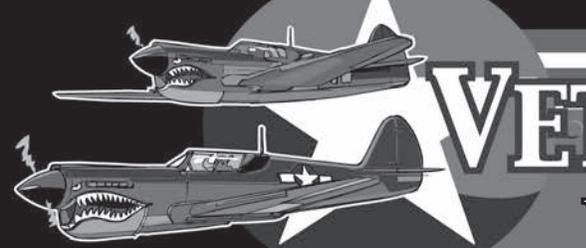


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The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts neighbor each other in Brodhead. Both veterans' organizations are well-established in the city, with about 70 members, including those who belong to both groups.

Local groups have longstanding tradition of supporting veterans

Brodhead American Legion established 100 years ago

By Katelyn Black
CORRESPONDENT

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day — a day set aside to show appreciation for those who serve long after their duty is over.

The Brodhead area is home to several local organizations that represent veterans, such as the Swann-Gehr American Legion Post 197, Wallace-Culles-Maveus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6858 and American Veterans Post 1181.

The VFW is specifically for those veterans who have served in a war zone or were in combat during a conflict, while AMVETS is for any veteran who served from 1946 to present, whether they were in a war zone or not. The American Legion is what legion.org, the official American Legion website, calls a "patriotic veterans association."

The Legion itself has a long history in Brodhead. According to Mike McGoff, chaplain for the local post, the American Legion in Brodhead was the first of the three current organizations to become established in town. It was started in 1920 after the veterans came home from World War I. The American Legion was founded nationally only one year prior.

Now, local veterans continue to keep their organizations alive and well. According to Rick Schneider of the Brodhead VFW and the Legion's McGoff, there are roughly 71 local veterans in the VFW, between 14 and 22 in the AMVETS and 70 in the American Legion.

Schneider said that these numbers are based on those who come to the meetings just in Brodhead, and active member numbers are actually quite a bit lower. McGoff added that there is quite a bit of crossover, and many of the members in one organization are also members of another.

Honoring local residents who served

Normally, Brodhead's Albrecht Elementary School holds a Veterans Day event to celebrate local veterans, but because of coronavirus concerns this year, that event is only open to students and staff. A live stream of the ceremony will be available on the school's Facebook page for anyone who wants to watch virtually.

Down the road in Orfordville, members of the Orfordville American Legion post will be flying flags at their memorial park to celebrate Veterans Day, even as the traditional



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Local groups such as the Orfordville American Legion work tirelessly to serve veterans and the community. A special Veterans Day video will be available Nov. 11 on Post 209's Facebook page.

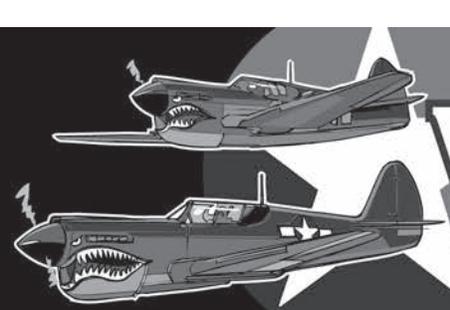
Veterans Day ceremony isn't being held at Parkview High School.

Orfordville VFW communications officer Allen Morris has put together a special video, which will be available on the post's Facebook page the morning of Veterans Day.

According to Schneider, beyond the ceremonies and Veterans Day events, veterans in Brodhead are already appreciative of the

ways many in the community show appreciation every day.

"We always appreciate your support. We support the community with our organizations, and we would like support back in helping us do what we do," he said. "We appreciate the support that Brodhead gives all the veterans; there are very good people in town supporting our veterans."



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Hospice volunteers deliver personal honors to ailing vets

By Mary Hookham
CORRESPONDENT

A team of volunteers is working to bring honor and dignity to local American veterans through Monroe Clinic Hospice. The We Honor Veterans program celebrates the service of veterans in the stateline area.

"This was the best thing that happened to Dad just before he died," said Phyllis Wells of Gratiot, Wisconsin. "It made him smile."

Wells' dad, Jack Kiebach, served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and passed away on Oct. 20. Just a few days before his death, the We Honor Veterans volunteers surprised Kiebach with a visit to honor his service and share stories of his years in the Navy. The group sang "America the Beautiful" and presented him with a pin and a wooden plaque commemorating his service.

"This was such an honor for dad and for the rest of the family," Wells said. "He even shed a few tears. His health has been failing rapidly so this was an awesome thing to have for him."

Chaplain Steve Bullock has been with the hospice program since early this year and continues to enjoy seeing the connection the veterans make with the others in the room during the ceremonies. He is grateful to be a part of recognizing the sacrifices of the veterans.

"I find it's been meaningful for the recipient as well as for the families," Bullock said. "We all want to have a way to connect, especially now during the pandemic. And singing at the end is a great experience to honor someone and let them know they are appreciated and have done something wonderful."

The team of about six volunteers has honored many veterans since the program began four years ago. The hospice outreach goes north to New Glarus, west to Shullsburg, east to Footville and south into Illinois to the Freeport area. They go into hospitals, nursing homes and private residences for ceremonies. The group researches information on each veteran, gathers up pins and plaques, and coordinates the visits with relatives to have as many attend as possible.

"This has been harder lately because of the virus," said Ken Joyce, a program volunteer and Vietnam veteran. "Even if I see the smiles virtually, I miss that part of going in and meeting our veterans and talking with them and their families."

Joyce said most veterans are proud of their service and willing to share old stories. Families also feel honored with the ceremony.

"Before the pandemic, families would plan celebrations after the ceremonies," he said.

Joyce served as an air rescue crew member in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1968. As a veteran, he finds the work of the We Honor Veterans program to be personally rewarding as well as satisfying for the veterans being honored as part of the program.

"This program has been very well received and appreciated, and it is as important for us as it is for the veterans," he said.

Wells said veterans deserve this recognition. It's a great way for people to show

their pride in and appreciation for American veterans instead of just verbally proclaiming pride.

"Veterans give so much of their lives for their countries," she said. "Us kids spent 20 years without our dad. We moved all the time and made friends everywhere, which made for a great life, but dad gave his life to his country."

"He always went wherever he was told, even when his family didn't know where that was, but we learned to trust. This is what America is all about."



Monroe Clinic Hospice Chaplain Steve Bullock visits with veteran Jack Kiebach during Kiebach's recognition ceremony. Kiebach, who served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, died Oct. 20, just a few days after his recognition ceremony.

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Monroe Clinic Hospice Chaplain Steve Bullock shows the laptop where other veterans salute Jack Kiebach, right, during Kiebach's We Honor Veterans recognition ceremony.

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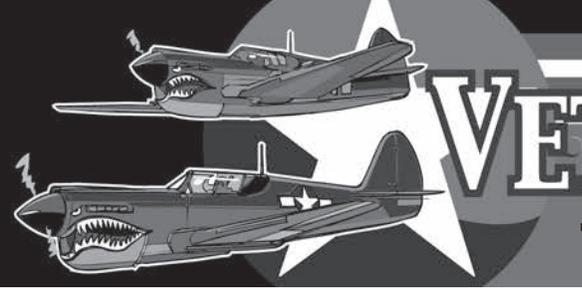
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By Mary Kolar
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Veterans such as Amelia Ann O’Keefe, born in St. Croix County, who trained as a nurse and volunteered to serve in France during World War I. Or Charles “Chuck” Davis, a veteran who lived in Rothschild before moving into our Veterans Home at King, who during the attack on Pearl Harbor, swam under burning oil slicks to save his shipmates.

We also recognize veterans like John A. Greening, a Koran War veteran from northeast Madison, who overcame health challenges to achieve his lifelong dream of serving in the Air Force, and Gary A. Dowe, a Cedarburg native and a machine gunner in the Marines, who enlisted at 17 and earned

two Purple Hearts for his service in Vietnam. Or trailblazers like Marcia Anderson, from Beloit, who became the first African-American woman in the U.S. Army Reserve to attain the rank of major general.

All of our heroes, veterans here in Wisconsin and across the country, each and every person who donned the uniform of a soldier, Marine, sailor, airman or Coast Guardsman, whether they served on the beaches of Europe, in the jungles of Asia, in the deserts of the Middle East, or here at home, wherever they served, they deserve our gratitude, on Nov. 11 and every day.

We are often humbled by the strength of our veterans, by their example of courage and heroism in some of the most difficult circumstances. This Veterans Day, during a year like few others, let us remember that, while Veterans Day is about honoring those who endured the difficulties of war, it is also about the triumph of those veterans, often over long odds and dark days. It is a story about regular people — mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and daughters — who overcame adversity and won victory through sacrifice, grit, and inexhaustible determination.

Today, during another difficult period of our nation’s history, as we face new and seemingly insurmountable challenges, let the

example of those who have served, and those who continue to serve, remind us that loss is not the only thing born of adversity — but also hope, and a better tomorrow. Let our communities draw strength from the example of our veterans and of their spirit of service and sacrifice, of stepping up and meeting challenges head-on, of “doing ones’ part,” and of protecting our neighbors.

I encourage each and every one of you reading this message to reach out to a veteran in your life to hear their story, or listen to the oral histories available on the Wisconsin Veterans Museum website at wisvetmuseum.com. I’m confident you will learn something new and perhaps find inspiration in what you hear.

Please also join us for our state’s virtual Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 11 at www.WisVetsVeteransDay.com.

To the 350,000 veterans in Wisconsin, and to veterans around the country, we thank you.

Mary Kolar is the secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Kolar was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1980, served on active duty for 28 years, and retired as a captain. As secretary, she is responsible for advocating for the approximately 350,000 Wisconsin veterans in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our state and nation.



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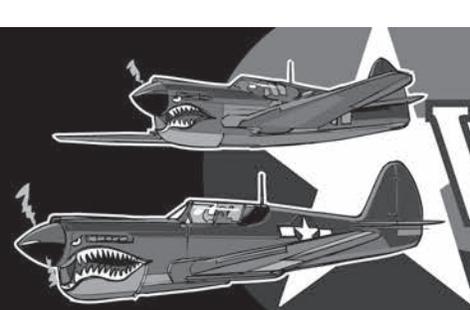
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Albany students show their appreciation for veterans

Annual program goes virtual

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Even in a time like no other, some things don't change, such as the importance of honoring veterans.

It's a tradition for students in Jeff Campbell's Albany High School civics class to organize a Veterans Day ceremony each fall. This year, they knew that things would be very different because of COVID-19.

Albany School District is currently half virtual and half in-person learning, making it crucial that students work together to successfully coordinate a project such as the veterans ceremony.

"When initially planning for Veterans Day, we started to think about what we could do in light of COVID," Campbell said. "We still wanted to do something to show our support and appreciation for our local veterans, but also knew that an in-person event was not feasible at this time."

"Both the students and I believe it is important to still carry on this event, despite our current situation, albeit virtual."

Campbell and his students want to provide an event that feels as close to the usual tradition as possible.

"For example, we are still having our younger students participate in a coloring contest and there will still be performances by the students," he said. "This year, performances will include singing the national anthem, playing taps and students reading poetry."

"We will also have special statements from various students in our school community about our veterans."

In addition, a slide show will highlight the names of local veterans, along with their branch and dates of service, Campbell said.

"Currently we are featuring mostly veterans from the Albany area, although we have some others that may be from neighboring communities," he said.

The prerecorded program will be set to live stream at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11. People may access the live stream link



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Albany High School student Payton Wachholz reads a poem as part of the school's virtual Veterans Day program. The program will be available online at 10 a.m. Nov. 11.

by going online to Campbell's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3iArsU5AfMwEAd86ls50w/videos.

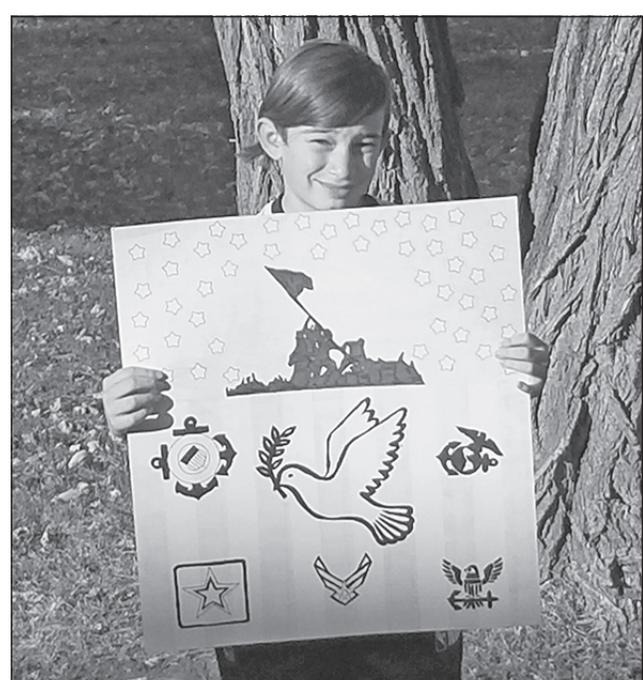
"Anyone that is unable to watch the live stream would still be able to watch the video as long as they have the link," Campbell said. "We hope to broadcast it in as many ways as possible so we can reach the highest number of veterans and community members possible."

Although there were extra challenges in putting together the 2020 Veterans Day program, Campbell said those challenges are nothing in comparison to what thousands of veterans have endured.

"Veterans, past and present, have given a lot, including sometimes their lives, for their fellow Americans and it is important that we acknowledge this as a society."



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Students illustrate 'Peace Through Service'

Albany Middle School sixth- and seventh-grade language arts students recently participated in the annual Albany Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Peace Through Service." The winning students were: (above left) Isabelle Brewer, first place; (above center) Emerson Briggs, second place; and (above right) Noah Lisser, third place. The Albany Lions Club will be hosting a dinner banquet in the spring for the three place winners and their families. Each winner will receive a certificate and a cash prize sponsored by the Lions club.

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Aviation museum, art center among grant recipients



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A donation is delivered via "air mail" in this file photo from the Kelch Aviation Museum. The museum recently received \$4,768 through a state grant for cultural nonprofit organizations impacted by the pandemic.

Several area organizations are among more than 380 statewide to receive cultural organization grants through the state.

More than \$15 million was awarded recently in the program to provide critical funds to cultural nonprofit organizations impacted by the pandemic.

The local organizations and grant amounts are:

- Alfred & Lois Kelch Aviation Museum Inc., Brodhead, \$4,768
- Monroe Arts Center, Monroe, \$65,050
- Monroe Theatre Guild, Monroe, \$13,090
- Turner Hall of Monroe, \$26,369
- Shakespeare on the Edge Inc., Monroe, \$10,010

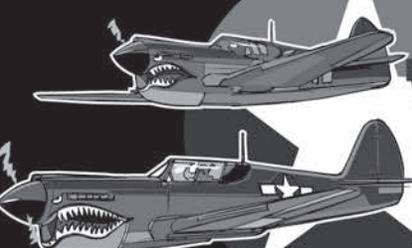
"These cultural organizations represent the vibrant fabric of communities across our state and support Wisconsin's tourism industry and local economies," Gov. Tony Evers said in a news release. "This grant program will help organizations cover essential costs related to keeping their employees and communities safe throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic."

Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the COVID-19 Cultural Organizations Grant program provides grants to nonprofit organizations whose primary missions are to produce, present or exhibit cultural disciplines such as music, dance, theater, literature and the visual arts, or items of environmental or scientific interest.

Grant awards may be used to cover pandemic-related impacts such as lost revenue, increased workers' compensation costs, cleaning and sanitization and purchases of services or equipment to facilitate telework by employees.

"Just like small businesses, cultural organizations have taken a major financial hit," said DOA Secretary Joel Brennan. "We're all in this together."

"We hope that these funds will make it possible for us to be able to enjoy the museums, theaters and music from these organizations once it is safe to do so again."



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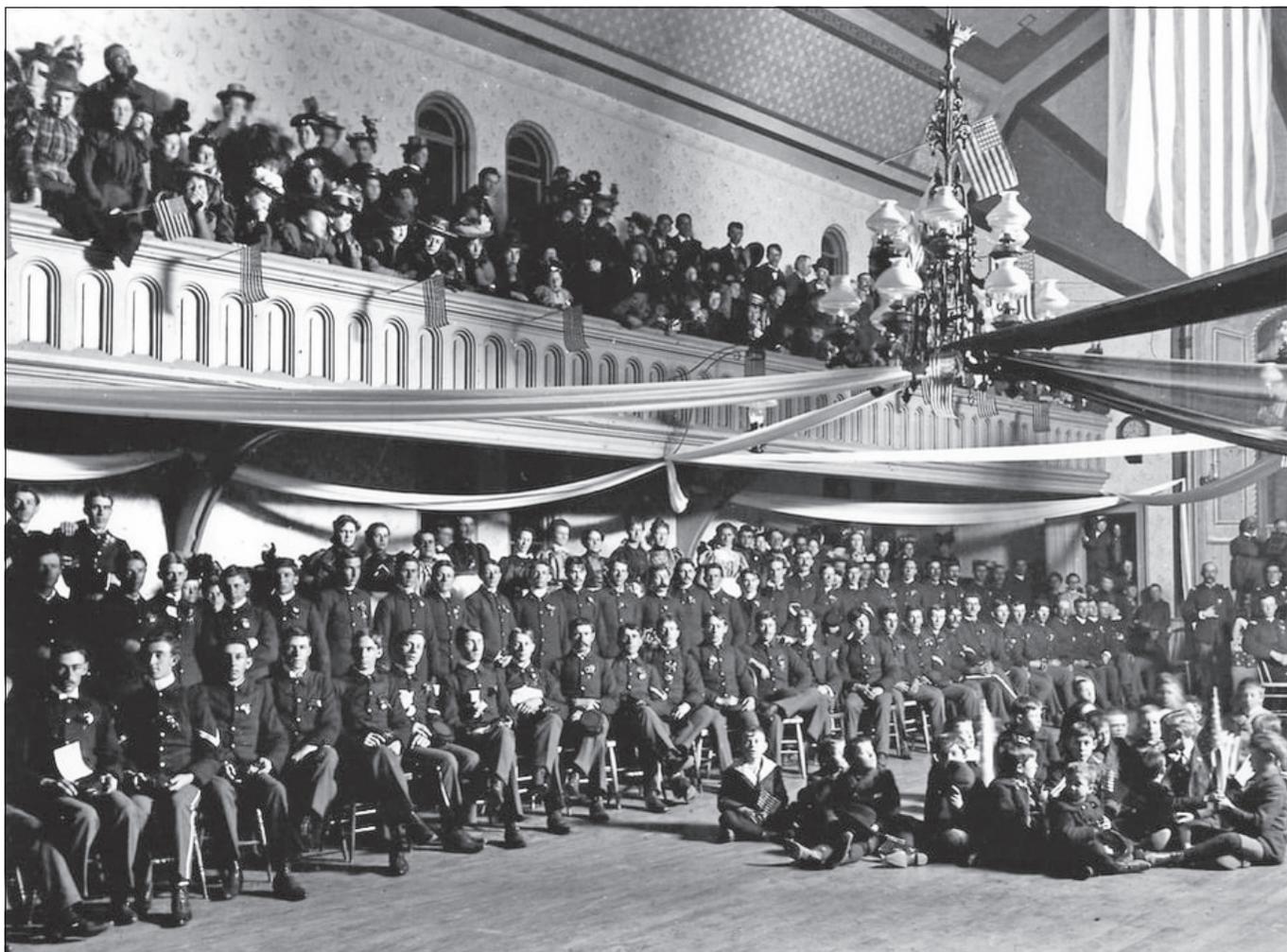
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Right: Members of Monroe-based Company H of the First Wisconsin Infantry gather at the original Turner Hall in Monroe before leaving for duty in the Spanish-American War in April 1898 in this image from the Green County Historical Society. According to the historical society: From Monroe, the local soldiers went to Milwaukee, where three infantry regiments were mobilized. Col. S.P. Schadel of Monroe commanded the First Wisconsin and Capt. F.F. West commanded Company H. M.C. Durst and Fred Buehler served as lieutenants of the company. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, the First Wisconsin lost about 47 men during the conflict, mostly to typhoid fever. The surviving company members returned to Monroe in early September 1898, according to the local historical society.

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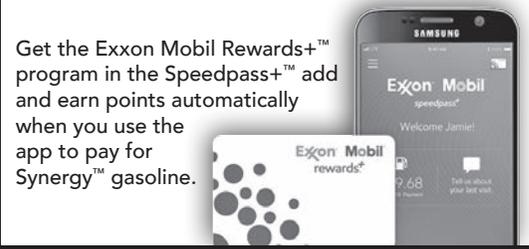
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COVID-19 study looks at social distancing orders

By Tom Ziemer
UW-MADISON

As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold in regions across the United States in the spring, governors, mayors and local leaders hoping to quell the spread of the virus turned to the only actionable defenses available at the time: They closed schools and businesses, banned mass gatherings, issued stay-at-home orders and enforced other social distancing measures.

Now, a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* by University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers quantifies the region-specific impact of social distancing measures on the COVID-19 caseload in three distinct areas: New York City, the Milwaukee metropolitan area and Dane County in Wisconsin.

Using aggregated data on the movement of cell phones, researchers from UW-Madison's College of Engineering and School of Medicine and Public Health created a computational model to simulate COVID-19 cases based on when social distancing directives were implemented and eased, as well as how diligently people adhered to those orders.

The simulation shows social distancing measures wielded major influence on case numbers, though the impact varied markedly in different areas, even within the same state.

According to their model, the timing of implementing of social distancing measures was particularly crucial in New York, where the state restricted mass gatherings March 12 and introduced increasingly stringent measures over the following 10 days.

However, according to the researchers' modeling, had the state acted one week earlier, the number of cases in New York City would have been 80 percent smaller (41,366 instead of 203,261) by the end of May; conversely, a week's delay would have increased the caseload nearly seven times, to more than 1.4 million.

The impact of the timing wasn't as dramatic in Dane County, where a one-week delay would have increased its number of cases 36 percent by the end of July.

"Everybody knows, qualitatively, social distancing measures have made a difference, but I think this is one of the most accurate estimates of how much of a change they really led to," says Oguzhan Alagoz, professor of industrial and

systems engineering and first author on the paper.

"In places where you have high population density and a lot of movement in and out of the area, the impact of social distancing is significantly greater, compared to other places. Wisconsin, for example, implemented the same social distancing measures statewide, but the impact was different in Dane County, Milwaukee and other areas. Our model actually is able to tell us this quantitative estimate of how much of a difference we are going to see from one region to another."

In collaboration with School of Medicine and Public Health professors Nasia Safdar, Ajay Sethi, Brian Patterson and Matthew Churpek, Alagoz used cellphone mobility data in the team's model as one method of tracking how citizens complied with social distancing policies.

The model also takes into account each region's demographics, infections imported from outside the area, asymptomatic transmission, age-specific adherence to social distancing rules, and limited availability of testing in the early months of the pandemic. The researchers say that a confluence of those factors drives infection rates in different areas, which demonstrates the need for region-specific modeling and policies.

"Context matters for prevention activities, and region-specific data and the expected effect of mitigation is invaluable to get buy-in and engage communities in mitigation efforts," says Safdar, a professor in the Department of Medicine and medical director of infection control at UW Hospital and Clinics.

Interestingly, the group's model showed that the timing of lifting social distancing orders wasn't nearly as consequential — provided the area's residents largely maintained their vigilance (or, in the model's terms, allowed their adherence to social distancing to drop by only 5 percent). If, for example, social distancing measures in New York City had lifted a week earlier — June 1 instead of June 8 — the number of cases would have increased by 6,738 by the end of July.

"The fate of this pandemic is in our hands," says Alagoz. "As a community, it depends on how we respond. It just depends on how people behave."

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Service officer helps veterans navigate benefit programs

By Clayton Ruegsegger
CONTRIBUTOR

The Green County Veterans Service Office has been in existence since 1941. By Wisconsin statute, there is a county veterans service officer in every county and all CVSOs are veterans themselves.

The role of the CVSO is to assist county veterans and their families in obtaining federal and state veterans benefits. There is no cost to use this service.

All federal and state veterans benefits have specific eligibility criteria that can change over time as various changes are made to the laws that govern them. What someone may not have been eligible for in the past, they may now be eligible for. If veterans are interested in a specific benefit and they are unsure if they are eligible, they should contact the CVSO for assistance in determining if they qualify.

One of the main things that can affect benefits eligibility is the type of service, whether active duty or National Guard and Reserve. There are many more benefits for active duty, whereas most of the benefits for National Guard and Reserve service are while someone is still in the Guards or Reserve, such as educational benefits.

Other factors that can affect eligibility are character of discharge, length of service, state residency at the time of joining the military and annual income.

One of the first things someone should do when they get out of the military is to get their military discharge document, a DD-214, to the register of deeds office in the county in which they live. In Green County, the CVSO office will do that for a veteran if they bring it to our office.

Some of the most common federal benefits

the Green County CVSO helps with are applying for Veterans Administration health care, military disability compensation, VA home loan questions and burial benefits for veterans. Some of the most common state veterans benefits we with are the Wisconsin DOT veterans identifier on driver's licenses, state educational benefits for veterans, DNR veterans benefits, and providing information on state veterans homes and cemeteries.

Military disability compensation is one of the more common things for which we help veterans apply. A lot of people are not familiar with what this is. This is a process through which a veteran can receive medical treatment and possibly compensation for injuries suffered in the military.

Essentially, if a veteran has a medical problem that they feel stems from their military service, they can apply to the VA to have it

"service connected." If a condition is service connected, the VA will treat the condition cost free and if it is severe enough, there may even be a monetary compensation.

Some of the more common issues stem from exposure to Agent Orange in the Vietnam War. Other issues might be from illnesses or injuries suffered while on active duty.

Hearing loss related to military noise exposure is a frequently claimed condition. If a veteran is service connected for hearing loss, they may be able to get hearing aids from the VA for free. That can be a very important benefit, as hearing aids can often be quite expensive.

This is a summary and a few examples of what the Green County veterans service office does. For more information about veterans benefits, contact the office at 608-328-9415.

Clayton Ruegsegger has served as the Green County veterans service officer since 2010.

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Office/Clerical

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Email: vicki@southernlakesnewspapers.com
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SUBMITTED PHOTOS Brodhead Independent-Register

The Christmas spirit is alive and well with these Santa pieces for sale at the Rock County Historical Society gift shop in Janesville. All of the items are locally sourced.

Historical society's gift shop features locally sourced items



Jewelry is among the items available at the Rock County Historical Society gift shop. The shop opens Thursday, Nov. 12.

In a new collaboration with local artists and craftspeople, the Rock County Historical Society will begin selling locally made items on consignment in its gift shop. The shop, located in the Helen Jeffris Wood Museum & Visitor Center at 426 N. Jackson St. in Janesville, will debut at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, as part of this year's Shop the Rock Holiday Edition. Masks and social distancing will be required.

The newly designed gift shop features a large selection, including dozens of art pieces from Janesville Art League members and other regional artists, selling on consignment. Visitors will also discover unique holiday ornaments, bags of holiday gifts, an assortment of locally made masks and an entire section of "recycled Santa" pieces, donated from community members.

Those who love jewelry will find a wide array of jewelry donated to historical society, which includes costume pieces, fine jewelry and collectibles.

"We are thrilled to be working with local artists and craftspeople who are looking for a place to sell their handmade pieces," said Tim Maahs, RCHS executive director. "This is truly a benefit to RCHS, to those who are selling their wares through our gift shop, and to community members looking for one-of-a-kind, locally made items."

The gift shop will be open Thursdays through Saturdays from Nov. 12 through Dec. 23. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Appointments also may be scheduled for the gift shop; call 608-756-4509.



Even practical gifts such as facemasks are available.



News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

<p>THURSDAY, NOV. 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. <p>FRIDAY, NOV. 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m. <p>SATURDAY, NOV. 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon <p>SUNDAY, NOV. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library closed <p>MONDAY, NOV. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkview School Board meeting, 6 p.m., Parkview Elementary School <p>TUESDAY, NOV. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Orfordville Police Committee meeting, 6 p.m. • Orfordville Public Works Committee meeting, 7 p.m. <p>WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Blood drive, noon to 6 p.m., American Legion Post 209
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Holiday Craft & Gift Expo

Admission is FREE

Saturday, Nov. 14
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Masks & Social Distancing Required

Fitness Lifestyles Racquet Center
641 W. Stephenson St. • Freeport IL 61032

Contact: Laura or Sarah at 815-233-2292
Fitnesslifestyles1@gmail.com
Fitness Lifestyles of Freeport

Legal Notices

BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT
BRODHEAD, WI
SUBSTATION VOLTAGE REGULATORS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for Substation Voltage Regulators for Brodhead Municipal 4 Substation (Specification #4055) will be received by Brodhead Water & Light, at the office of Forster Electrical Engineering, Inc. at 550 N Burr Oak Avenue Oregon, WI 53575, until 1:00 PM local time on November 18th, 2020 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of furnishing and delivering three (3) single phase substation voltage regulators to the site of the new Brodhead Municipal 4 Substation in Brodhead, WI.

Bids will be received for a single Contract to furnish and deliver three (3) 7,200 volt, 416/467 kVA ONAN 55°C/65°C rise, single phase, substation voltage regulators for use in a 12.47 kV Y/7.2 kV distribution system. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, with additive or alternate optional bid items as indicated in the Bid Form. Owner intends to select regulators based on lowest life cycle costs.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Forster Electrical Engineering, Inc. at 550 N Burr Oak Avenue Oregon, WI 53575. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies

of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment of a deposit of \$50 for each set or \$20 for an electronic version. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer 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: **October 20, 2020**
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TOWN OF DECATUR
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, November 16, 2020 –
6:00 PM
At the Town Hall-1408 14th Street,
Brodhead, WI

AGENDA:
1. Call to Order

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET of the Town of Spring Valley will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the town clerk's home or by email. The following is a summary of the proposed 2021 budget.

	2020	2021	% change
REVENUES			
Taxes: General Levy	\$186,651.00	\$186,651.00	
Other Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,262.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$209,746.00	\$169,742.00	
Licenses and Permits	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,275.00	
Misc. Revenues	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$405,097.00	\$365,230.00	-10.9%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 62,689.00	\$ 69,960.00	
Public Safety	\$ 52,122.00	\$ 54,845.00	
Public Works	\$278,586.00	\$228,725.00	
Health & Human Services	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	
Capital Outlay	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Reserve for Contingency	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$405,097.00	\$365,230.00	-10.9%

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 23, 2020, immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2021 budget, which begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI, a special town meeting of the electors will be held, called pursuant to Section 60.12 (1) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Spring Valley Town Board, for the following purpose:

To adopt the 2020 tax levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2020- by Dela Ends, Town Clerk
(608) 897-4288 tsvclerk@gmail.com
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Falsehoods were flying about Wisconsin vote count

By Howard Hardee
WISCONSIN WATCH

Falsehoods flew in all directions on Nov. 4 as the results of the presidential election hung on a razor's edge. After former Vice President Joe Biden took an early morning lead over President Donald Trump, speculation about Wisconsin's vote-counting process ran wild on social media.

Just before 10 a.m., Michael Coudrey — a conservative commentator and self-described entrepreneur who "has made significant contributions to the digital media efforts in United States politics" — incorrectly claimed on Twitter to have "direct evidence of fraud."

"Wisconsin has more votes than people who are registered to vote," he said. "Total number of registered voters: 3,129,000. Total number of votes cast: 3,239,920."

But that isn't true. The state had about 3.68 million registered voters as of Nov. 1, according to the Wis-

consin Elections Commission.

"That voter registration number is either old or made up," said Reid Magney, a spokesman for the commission. "This appears to be intentional disinformation."

It wasn't a novel premise, either. Similarly false information circulated ahead of the Iowa Caucus in February. Although the Wisconsin claim was presented without supporting evidence, the claim was retweeted more than 16,000 times in less than 45 minutes, immediately jumping platforms and appearing in Facebook groups such as Wisconsinites Against Excessive Quarantine.

"Once a lie leaves the barn, it's really hard to get it back in," said Aimee Reinhart, director of development at First Draft, a nonpartisan organization that fights misinformation. "It's almost impossible."

The simplicity of the message — "more votes than voters" — creates a readily shareable talking point that

plays into false narratives of widespread vote fraud that Trump has amplified for months.

But that doesn't mean the misleading claim is logically sound, said Michael Wagner, a University of Wisconsin-Madison journalism professor who studies political communication.

"What we'd have to believe is that the conspirators are so dumb, that they produced a vote total higher than the number of registered voters that anybody could find, figure out and then put a stop to," he said. "That doesn't make any sense."

In an email to Wisconsin Watch, Coudrey acknowledged that he cited outdated figures in his viral tweet. Still, he expressed skepticism about Wisconsin's count.

False narrative on vote counting

Another widely shared claim played into the false narrative that Wisconsin's vote-counting process can't be trusted.

Just after 3:30 a.m. Nov. 4, a pro-Trump Twitter account posted that "Trump just lost the lead after they dumped a trove of mail-ins from Milwaukee. 100k lead gone in an instant. Why did it take hours for this to be released? I'm not buying it." The post was retweeted 845 times.

In other viral posts, graphs shared by conservative outlet the Gateway Pundit, which amplified accusations of vote fraud in Wisconsin and Michigan, showed a dramatic increase in Democratic votes as evidence of the "ballot dump." Gateway Pundit also falsely claimed that Wisconsin "paused counting" ballots Tuesday night before Biden took the lead. There was no pause.

In a post sharing the graph, one Twitter user claimed, "The only thing we did on Election Day was tell them how many votes they needed on Election Night."

Elections officials had long anticipated that Wisconsin clerks would continue counting early and absentee votes past Election Day — particularly in Milwaukee, Wagner said.

"When elections are close, anything that is bad news for one side becomes evidence that there's a secret cabal of people trying to alter the results of the election, when that of course is not true. ... This was all completely expected, but because it helps Joe Biden, supporters of Donald Trump are crying foul when there has been no foul," he said.

Some conspiratorial posts on social media emphasize that much of Wisconsin's vote-counting took place overnight, after many people went to bed thinking Trump had won the state's 10 electoral votes.

"By nature, we humans are storytellers, and we have to explain why something is happening," Reinhart said. "In the absence of a full narrative, we are going to fill in those blanks."

Hinting that misdeeds have taken place "under cover of darkness" is a common trope in conspiratorial rhetoric, Wagner said. But elections officials in Milwaukee said in advance that they planned to count ballots overnight, and even live-streamed the process.

"Now we have to believe that the cabal of people secretly stealing the election announced their intention to do so — and can be observed — and did it anyway," Wagner said.

Howard Hardee is a Madison-based journalist who created a misinformation toolkit for consumers. He is a fellow at First Draft, an organization that trains journalists to detect and report on disinformation. Wisconsin Watch (wisconsinwatch.org) collaborates with Wisconsin Public Radio, PBS Wisconsin, other news media and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Payment of Bills
7. Citizen Concerns
8. Adopt 2021 Town Budget
9. Strutzenberg/Downs Lot Line Adjustment
10. Brown Deer Drive Property Concern
11. Park Road Speed Limit
12. Pinnacle Dairy Truck Route on Decatur Road
13. Street Lighting at Intersection of Country Club Dr and Eagle Dr
14. Routes to Recovery Grant
15. Roadwork
16. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
17. Future Agenda Items
18. Set Dates for Future Meetings
19. Adjournment

Jamie E. Olson
Clerk/Treasurer
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ly Meeting will be held (after the Budget Hearing Meeting) on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, N2475 County Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI

- Meeting Agenda:**
1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of Agenda and/or Changes
 4. Reading of October Meeting Minutes
 5. Treasurers Report
 6. Public Input
 7. Norm & Lorraine Williams – Hasse Surveying
 8. Election Update
 9. 2021 Budget Approval
 10. Building Permits
 11. Driveway Permits
 12. 2021 Tax Collection Resolution
 13. Road Work
 - a. Town Center Road Update
 14. Review of Monthly Bills
 15. Adjournment

Deb Cline, Clerk
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MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Spring Grove Month-

2021 Town of Spring Grove Budget Public Hearing

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
5:00 P.M.

Spring Grove Town Hall, N2475 Co GG, Brodhead, WI

Proposed 2021 Budget (The detailed proposed budget is available for inspection at the town clerk's office, by appointment.) The following is a summary of the proposed 2021 budget:

2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

	Proposed 2021 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET
REVENUES		
TAXES GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$238,694.00	\$233,977.00
OTHER TAXES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	\$ 145,071.00	\$145,000.00
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
RECYCLING GRANT	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 391,565.00	\$386,777.00
EXPENDITURES		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 73,150.00	\$ 75,510.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 304,295.00	\$297,733.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 7,064.00
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 6,470.00	\$ 6,470.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 391,565.00	\$386,777.00
Current Indebtedness of the Town	\$25,000.00	

Notice of Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Spring Grove

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the Town of Spring Grove, Green County, Wisconsin, will be held in the town at N2475 County Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:15 p.m., following the completion of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021 Town Budget which begins at 5:00 p.m. This special town meeting of the electors is called pursuant to Sec. 60.12 (1)(b) of Wis. Statutes by the town board for the following purposes:

1. To approve year 2021 highway expenditures pursuant to s.81.01 (3), Wis. Statutes.
 2. To adopt the 2020 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2021 pursuant to Sec. 60.10 (1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.
- Posted Nov 4, 2020 & Nov 11, 2020

Deb Cline, Clerk
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11/4, 11/11/2020
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