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## Brodhead library moves item pickup to lobby

### Trustees set 2021 schedule

By Dan Moeller  
 CORRESPONDENT

Last week the Brodhead library board approved moving curbside pickup items to the lobby rather than requiring patrons to deal with winter weather.

The public is reminded that the drop box for returning items is open at all times except when the

library is closed for the holidays: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, through 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, through 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

Because of the continuing high rate of coronavirus infections, the Brodhead library will continue offering only curbside service until at least the Jan. 14 board meeting.

Library director Angela Noel told the board that the number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Green County increased from 1,474 on Nov. 19 to 1,932 on Dec. 10. The number of active cases decreased

from 176 to 152, however. To date, the city of Brodhead has had 180 cases, the town of Decatur 83, and the Brodhead School District area 327. Overall, activity level is considered very high.

With winter approaching, the board decided to reaffirm the library's policy of being closed on days when the Brodhead School District cancels classes due to weather. If the school district closes early due to weather, the library will close as well. Information about closing will be posted on the library's website and also on Facebook.

The board also approved the 2021 holiday closings schedule:

- Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day
  - Saturday, May 29 and Monday, May 31, Memorial Day
  - Monday, July 5, Fourth of July holiday
  - Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day
  - Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and Nov. 26, Thanksgiving
  - Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, Christmas
  - Friday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve
- The library 2021 holiday schedule totals 9.5 holidays, while the city recognizes 10 full holidays. The

Saturday holidays are half-days at the library since it closes at noon.

The library board also approved its meeting dates for next year. They are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11 (annual report approval), March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. The meeting time remains at 4 p.m.

Following a closed session, the board decided to offer a requesting employee up to six months of unpaid medical leave, running from Dec. 1, 2020, to June 1, 2021. Because it was a medical request, the person was not named publicly.

## DNR reminds snowmobilers to ride responsibly

With winter fast approaching, the Department of Natural Resources is reminding snowmobilers to ride safely.

Wisconsin continues to offer some of the best snowmobiling opportunities around, especially in the northern part of the state. With more than 200,000 registered snowmobiles hitting the state's 25,000 miles of groomed trails across the state each winter, safety is a critical part of the ride.

Snowmobiling got off to a deadly start at the beginning of the year. There were 19 snowmobile fatalities between January and March 2020, with three of those involving someone under the age of 18. As the snow begins to fly again, it's important to think smart before heading out. "We're fortunate to have access to incredible winter recreation opportunities across Wisconsin," DNR Conservation Warden Lt. Martin Stone said. "But we have to remember to stay safe. Alcohol, excess speed, driver inexperience and operator error are the leading causes of snowmobile fatalities, so make sure to brush up on these safety rules and regulations before you head out this winter."

Winter's fluctuating temperatures, snowfalls and snowmelts have made for often-changing terrain and mixed conditions on snowmobile trails. The DNR does not monitor conditions and suggests snowmobilers contact local

fishing clubs, snowmobile clubs or outfitters to inquire about the ice conditions.

The DNR reminds the public that any person who is at least 12 years old and who is born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, is required to have a valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate in order to operate a snowmobile in most areas. Operators must carry the certificate while riding and display it to a law enforcement officer when requested.

Find more snowmobile regulations at [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov).

Ensure a safe and enjoyable season by following these tips:

#### On the trails

- Don't drink and ride;
- Stay on marked trails and routes;
- Always wear your helmet and safety gear;
- Slow down and use extra caution at night;
- Travel with a friend, carry a cell phone and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home;
- Dress appropriately, carry a first aid kit and navigation tools; and
- Take a snowmobile safety course.

Visit the DNR Safety Education webpage for details and to locate a class or take an online course.

#### Ice safety

- Remember that ice is never

completely safe under any conditions;

- Contact local sport shops to ask about ice conditions locally on the lake or river you want to traverse;
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss;
- Do not travel in unfamiliar areas;
- Slow down when traveling at night;
- Know if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents that can thin the ice; and
- Watch out for pressure ridges or ice heaves. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

For additional information on snowmobile safety classes, regulations, safety tips or to register your snowmobile, visit the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).



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The offices of three Alderperson at Large will be up for election in the April 6, 2021 Spring Election. All terms are for two years. If you are interested in running for any of these offices stop into City Hall for a nomination packet. First day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2020 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in the office of the city clerk. If you have any questions please reach out to the city clerk's office at 608-897-4018 ext 150, or [cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us).

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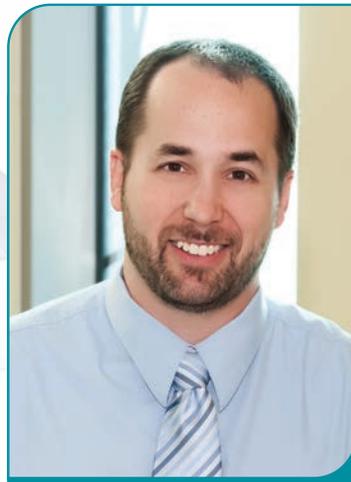
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FoodShare has been a lifeline to food for almost 700,000 Wisconsinites during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, many smaller retailers who accept the benefits haven't had the opportunity to offer alternative services for FoodShare members due to technology limitations.

Using funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Wisconsin hopes to help retailers offer a safer shopping experience for all involved.

"Wisconsin has been seeing critically high levels of COVID-19 cases for weeks, and we know that the best way to prevent the spread of this disease is by limiting exposure to others outside your household," said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. "There are some activities though, like shopping for food, that are necessities. By helping retailers expand their options for accepting electronic payments from Wisconsinites using FoodShare, we can help protect both shoppers and workers by reducing their direct contact with one another."

To be eligible to receive the equipment, retailers need to already be approved to accept FoodShare benefits in Wisconsin. Eligible retailers include not only grocers, but also other vendors that sell food, like gas stations, farmers markets and direct marketing farmers.

# Cover crops conference goes virtual

The annual Wisconsin Cover Crops Conference will be held Feb. 10 and Feb. 11 via Zoom. The conference will be free, but pre-registration is required.

More information is available at [fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covercrop](http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covercrop).

Some conference highlights include:

- A cover crop innovations update and question-and-answer session with former keynote speakers Barry Fisher, Blake Vine and Rick Clark at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

- A Feb. 11 presentation by Loran Steinlage, owner and operator of FLOLOfarms, on "Profit through Diversification." Steinlage and his wife, Brenda, farm on the edge of the Driftless area in northeast Iowa and

are known for their use of companion/relay cropping and growing diverse crops, including winter wheat, malting barley and buckwheat, as well as corn, soybeans and cereal rye.

- Feb. 11 breakout sessions covering growing small grains, cover crop grazing and using cover crops for weed management.

This year's conference also will include a virtual poster, video and photograph showcase. The goal is to highlight innovative agricultural practices, successful conservation outreach and educational activities and scientific research on cover crops, soil health and resilient cropping systems from across the state. For more information, go online to [fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covercrop](http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covercrop).

# Obituary

## DAVID LEE RIESE

David Lee Riese, age 62, passed away Dec. 9, 2020, at Fort Atkinson Hospital.

David was born Dec. 26, 1957, in Monroe, the son of Evelyn Elliott and Robert Riese.

David graduated from Brodhead High School in 1977 and worked as a hair stylist for many years before going back to school and working as a surgical technician while living in Frederick, Maryland. David enjoyed music, especially Barbra Streisand and dancing with his aunt, Barb. David was funny and witty and also enjoyed spending time with his family.

David is survived by his parents, Evelyn (Richard) Schwartzlow; four siblings, Robert (Matilda) Riese, Michael (Barrie) Riese, Thomas (Kerry) Riese and Jay (Diane) Riese; a close aunt, Barb McCarty, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

David was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ray (Opal) Elliott and Marvin (Sylvia) Schwartzlow and his father, Robert Riese.



Per David's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a burial will take place next summer at Floral Lawn Cemetery in South Beloit, Illinois.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Go online to [dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) or call 608-897-2484 for more information.



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## Celebrating 60 years

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# On the go this winter: AAA offers safety tips

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- Before starting out in snowy weather, take time to remove the snow from the entire car — not just the windshield and windows. Snow from your hood and roof can blow onto your windshield or the windshields of other drivers. Make sure your mirrors, lights and wipers are completely cleared as well.

- Ensure that you have an adequate supply of windshield washer fluid in your reservoir.

- Turn on your low-beam headlights, even during the day.

- Always drive at a speed that is appropriate for conditions — even if that means driving below the posted speed limit.

Compensate for reduced traction by increasing your following distances (normally three to four seconds) to eight to 10 seconds.

- Watch for icy surfaces on bridges and at intersections, even if the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.

- Familiarize yourself with your vehicle's braking system. Drivers with anti-lock brakes should apply firm, constant pressure while those without may need to pump the pedal in order to avoid loss of traction while stopping.

- Remember that four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive helps you to get going quicker and maintain control around curves, but it won't help you stop any faster.

- When changing lanes, avoid cutting in front of trucks, which need more time and distance than passenger vehicles to stop.

- Don't use cruise control in precipitation and freezing temperatures.

- Always look and steer in the direction you want to go.

- When you see flashers, move over a lane if possible and slow down as you're passing emergency vehicles. This law applies to any vehicle — including tow trucks — that display flashing lights and are stationary on the side of the road.

- During severe winter weather, AAA receives a high number of road service calls and members should be aware that priority service will be given to those who are stranded or in a dangerous situation. The most efficient way to request AAA Roadside Assistance is through the AAA Mobile app on a smartphone.

AAA recommends that if you become stranded, it is best to stay with the vehicle with your seat belt on. If you can start your engine, run it only long enough to keep warm. Make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow.

- AAA also advises motorists to prepare an emergency kit for their vehicle, which should include the following: cell phone and charger, jumper cables, warm gear for all potential passengers, blankets, flares, flashlight and extra batteries, extra food and water for all potential passengers, general first aid kit, non-clumping kitty litter, ice scraper, snow brush and shovel and extra windshield washer fluid.



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Staying safe on winter roads is a combination of adjusting driving behaviors and preparing in advance of your drive, AAA officials say.

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# Green County Board update

## Together, we're getting through 2020 in Green County

We are nearing the end of the calendar year of one tumultuous year. So much has changed in our everyday life, some of it positive and some of it not. Challenges will not disappear and circumstances will not change solely because we flip a page on the calendar; everything we are dealing with will still be there, as well as our neighbors, friends and family on whom we have come to rely.

I am grateful for all of the good that has come out of this past year's experiences. Even with all of the challenges and heartbreak, I have seen our community come together, again and again, excelling in resourcefulness and generosity, helping and caring for each other in



By **ERICA ROTH**  
Contributor

countless ways. Admittedly, I am a bit of an optimist and have been saying it from the get-go: We can get through this together. And we are. We are doing this. We are doing this very difficult thing, together. And if we look very closely, we might just see that we've grown as individuals and as a community through this.

Thank you, neighbors, for your kindnesses, your caring, your

neighborliness and your willingness to pull together during this ongoing pandemic. It gives me hope to see everyone doing the best they can, and helping others as they are able. Together!

### Virtual meetings

One good thing that has come out of the upheaval of the 2020 pandemic is the ability to attend meetings virtually. I have noticed that some county meetings have increased attendance by the public since virtual attendance has been offered, especially for the Green County Board meetings. As we proceed, issues are addressed and the kinks are worked out, resulting in a better experience for all. It's

still not perfect as we are still acclimating to the technology, but it is getting much better.

The county board met Dec. 8. The agenda and minutes from the meeting can be found on the Green County website, but some of the items that were covered were the approval of a one-year contract for the sheriff's department (dependent on its ratification), the approval of several contracted services for the human services department, several advisory resolutions and more.

A solar energy system ordinance was on the agenda but was removed before the meeting; it is expected to be before the board soon. Right now Green County does not have any ordinances for solar energy systems; with the recent interest locally by large-scale solar, it would be best for the county to have an ordinance and some guidelines. Our zoning department is working on this ordinance.

### Coming up

The board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, Jan. 12, in the County Board room at the historical courthouse on the square in Monroe. A virtual option for attendance is available.

All board and committee meetings are open to the public; dates, times, agendas and virtual sign-in details (when available) can be found on the Green County website at [www.co.green.wi.gov](http://www.co.green.wi.gov).

Thank you for following the health department guidelines to mask up, stay home and wash hands. Especially as we head into winter, and the cold and flu season, be careful and stay healthy.

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## Jan. 2 weigh-in set for fair steer/heifers

The annual Green County Market Steer/Heifer Weigh-In will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at Equity Livestock, south of Monroe at N1365 Wisconsin Highway 69.

All exhibitors who plan to show market steers or market heifers at the 2021 Green County Junior Fair must have their market animal weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Each exhibitor can identify a maximum of five market animals.

USDA radio frequency identification tags will be used to identify each market animal for the county fair. Exhibitors will be required to provide the premise ID number for the farm that the market animal will be housed at.

Green County Fair exhibitors must reside in Green County or be a member of a Green County FFA or 4-H club in order to have their market animals weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Market animals must also be identified and weighed to be eligible to participate in the 2021 Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction, Junior Steer/Heifer Show and the market animal performance class at the Green

County Fair.

A market animal performance class will be held again in 2021. Market animals entered in the performance class will be scanned for carcass merits and will not be sent for harvest during the fair. This will allow youth to exhibit the same market animal in both the performance and the market steer and market heifer classes with the exception of the grand and reserve champion performance market animal. The grand and reserve champion performance market animal will be selected based on their rate of gain, live show placing and scanned carcass data.

Beef steers must weigh 1,100 pounds and dairy steer breeds including Holstein, Guernsey, Brown Swiss and Normande must weigh a minimum of 1,300 at the final weigh-in to be eligible for the performance class.

Dairy steer breeds including Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and Ayrshire, must weigh a minimum of 1,050 to be eligible for the performance class. Beef heifers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds to participate in the performance contest.

The Jan. 2 weigh-in is only for market steers/heifers that will be exhibited at the Green County Fair. Steers/heifers that will be exhibited only at the Wisconsin State Fair will be self-identified by exhibitors and are not required to attend this weigh-in.

The Green County Beef Producers will be assisting with the weigh-in. Record books for the Green County Meat Animal Sale and fair rules will be distributed to all exhibitors at the weigh-in.

In case of inclement weather on Jan. 2, the snow date will be Saturday, Jan. 9. An announcement will be made over WBGR radio prior to 8 a.m. Jan. 2 if the weigh-in will be rescheduled due to inclement weather.

For more information about the weigh-in, contact Jackie McCarville, Green County University of Wisconsin-Extension agricultural educator, at 608-328-9440.

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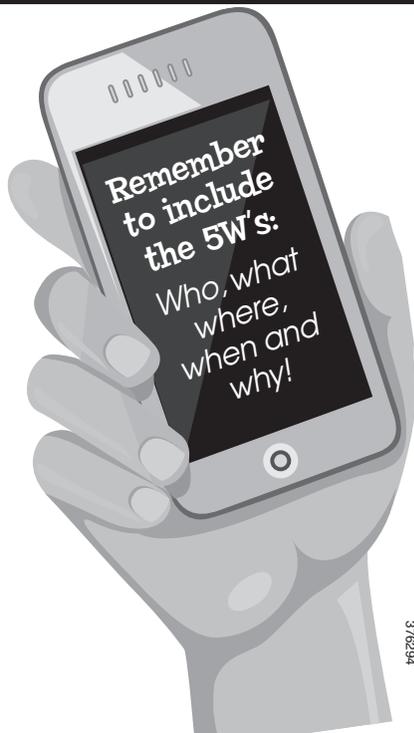
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### SATURDAY, DEC. 19

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-Village of Albany parking committee meeting, 6 p.m.  
-Village of Albany recycling meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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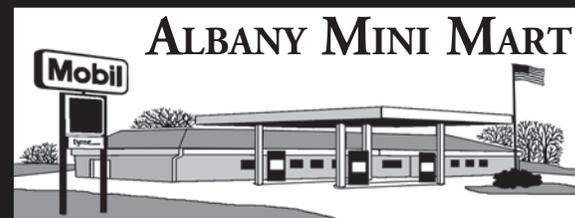
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# Aggressive policing escalates violence at protests, research shows

## A former Madison police chief touts a better way



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O’Keeffe Middle School classmates Shahaney Williams, left, and Yasmine Clendening paint a mural on Lake Street in downtown Madison in June. “I thought it was important to show that some people actually care,” Williams says, calling the murals an alternative to participating in the protests. “Some people want to participate, but they’re too afraid to walk with (the protesters), because of the tear gas and rubber bullets.”

By Clara Neupert  
WISCONSIN WATCH / NEWS414

At least 1,500 young people gathered on Madison, Wisconsin’s Mifflin Street in April 1973 for a block party featuring street dancing, potato salad and sunshine. People drank beer, smoked weed and tossed Frisbees in the neighborhood near the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus known informally as Miffland.

Police officers observed the party from a distance, greeting attendees and directing traffic away from the event. They did not wear police caps, nor did they make arrests. The Saturday unfolded peacefully, in stark contrast to Mifflin Street parties of the past.

The annual event began in 1969 as a dance and protest of the Vietnam War, erupting that year into a weekend of unrest that injured dozens. Officers in riot gear responded to a noise complaint and began arresting people for minor infractions.

The police action spurred people in the crowd to toss rocks at the officers. As tension escalated, police raided homes, launched tear gas canisters and rammed barricades with squad cars. Madison officials would view subsequent Mifflin Street parties as nuisances in need of quashing, refusing to issue permits to close streets.

In 1970, the Vietnam War protests escalated, culminating in the bombing of Sterling Hall on the UW-Madison campus that killed a researcher working late in the building. When the Mifflin Street block party rolled around the next year, in 1971, then-Mayor William Dyke dispatched a riot squad to control the crowd with tear gas.

Enter David Couper. Appointed police chief in 1972 at age 35, he arrived from Minnesota seeking to change the narrative surrounding the party — and his department. The city in 1973 issued a permit to party organizers. The event “went off without a hitch,” Couper recalled, and would continue to do so throughout his 21-year tenure.

That was due to a strategy that would forge the Madison Police Department’s reputation for overseeing protests that stayed peaceful. Called the “Madison Model” or “Madison Method,” Couper’s philosophy of respecting — and even encouraging — free speech and assembly offered a nationwide blueprint for police to ditch militarized crowd control tactics that, decades of research shows, more often escalate violence rather than prevent it.

“Why does it have to be the police versus people who want to protest? Why can’t police be there to facilitate protest?” Couper said in an interview. “When I started thinking along those lines, it all made sense.”

sa — saw police don body armor and fire crowd control weapons during protests against police brutality that, at times, turned destructive. The events unfolded during a summer of unrest that gripped American cities following police killings and shootings of Black people.

The national spotlight has shined most brightly on Kenosha, where a police officer during an Aug. 23 domestic disturbance shot Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Black man, in the back seven times, sparking consecutive nights of protests.

Violence and property damage rapidly escalated during the first night of unrest after law enforcement began firing tear gas and rubber bullets into the crowds. Officers continued such tactics during subsequent nights of protest, including on Aug. 25 — when 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse fatally shot two people and injured another after responding to widely circulated calls for vigilantes to protect property in Kenosha from protesters.

The Madison model of dialogue with protesters may not have prevented the mayhem in Kenosha, because the police department lacked training and did not first do enough to gain Black residents’ trust in the deeply segregated city, said Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, a history professor at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with expertise in civil rights and the military.

“The Kenosha department was ripe for this because they were unprofessional,” she said. “They have a history of racial problems, and they haven’t adopted any of the reforms to mitigate.”

The Kenosha Police Department did not respond to repeated requests for comment about the tactics it used with protesters. The Kenosha County Sheriff’s Office declined to respond to emailed questions.

Law enforcement’s response in Kenosha — including the early use of armored vehicles and the decision to arrest protesters en masse for curfew violations — ran counter to established best practices for policing protests.

“History has taught us that the premature or ill-advised use of force against protesters, particularly the use of riot control techniques, often amplifies conflict with protesters and can instigate violence,” Edward Maguire, a professor of criminology and criminal justice at Arizona State University, wrote in a 2015 Saint Louis University Public Law Review study.

The pillars of Couper’s philosophy remain embedded in the Madison Police Department’s standard operating procedure. They include protecting speech and assembly rights and balancing the rights of demonstrators with those of the community. “We use restraint in the use of force. We

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### Summer of unrest and escalation

Those questions are resonating decades later as police have become targets of mass protests. Several Wisconsin cities — including Kenosha, Madison, Milwaukee and Wauwato-



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protect people first and property second,” the document says.

But after Madison this summer saw its own smashed storefronts, toppled statues and tear gas clouds during confrontations between riot gear-clad police and protesters — interspersed between weeks of peaceful demonstrations for racial justice — Couper is among those questioning whether his former department retains the trust needed to keep the peace during future confrontations.

“If you start using tear gas or pepper spray, you’ve pretty well lost things,” said Couper, now an Episcopal priest, poet and peace activist in rural Blue Mounds, Wisconsin. “People are going to remember that for years.”

## Decades of scrutiny

Couper came of age in policing during the turbulent 1960s, a decade featuring vivid examples of abusive policing against protesters. Photographers captured the most infamous images in Selma, Alabama, on the “Bloody Sunday” of March 7, 1965. That was when white police officers viciously whipped, clubbed and tear gassed peaceful civil rights marchers — led by John Lewis, who would later serve Georgia in Congress — as they sought to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Racial unrest swept cities nationwide during the summer of 1967, with Detroit and Newark, New Jersey, seeing the most violent clashes between police and Black residents. Milwaukee, where decades of racist housing policies and police brutality fueled outrage in Black-majority neighborhoods, saw an uprising that resulted in four deaths and 100 people injured.

President Lyndon Johnson’s Kerner Commission would later conclude that police action sparked half of the 24 nationwide uprisings in 1967 probed in detail. The commission recommended massive investments in housing and economic programs to bolster quality of life for Black residents whom the government had long neglected. The recommendations continue to echo today in deeply segregated Wisconsin, home to some of the nation’s worst racial disparities. The commission’s report also called for police departments to “eliminate abrasive practices” and to institute “fair and effective mechanisms for the redress of grievances against the police.”

That report came after a previous Johnson commission called on police to more carefully plan their response to protests and engage with organizers beforehand.

“Police must not react to disorder in the course of demonstrations too quickly or with too much force,” said that commission’s 1967 report, which subsequent presidential commissions would echo in 1969 and 1970.

## ‘Us versus them’ triggers escalation

Following a stint in the Marines, Couper forged relationships with Minneapolis-area residents as he patrolled neighborhoods by foot beginning in 1960. Couper said he “figured (police) had to do something different” after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1968. Couper was appointed police chief in Burnsville, Minnesota, where he instructed officers in peaceful policing.

“When I treat people with respect, I get respect,” Couper said. “And when I’m respectful, people come to trust me. And when they trust me, they give me information about the bad stuff that’s happening in their neighborhoods, and the job gets done.”

As Couper policed in Minnesota, Madison saw tumultuous protests against the Vietnam War and other targets, including police brutality and racism. Protesters — many of them University of Wisconsin students — held sit-ins, marched and damaged property. Police often re-



**A crowd disperses as police deploy tear gas during a protest in downtown Madison on Aug. 24. The protest came in response to the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha one day earlier.**

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sponded with billy clubs and tear gas.

Decades later, Ducksworth-Lawton said researchers continue to see evidence that such militarized policing only escalates tension and violence between crowds and police. People of color — particularly Black residents — are most likely to face the most harm.

“The problem is that the ‘us versus them’ militarized occupation mentality creates anxiety and nervousness and (police) don’t know how to de-escalate,” she said.

Officers are more likely to keep crowds peaceful by targeting enforcement against those whose actions are endangering the public, while continuing to protect the rights of peaceful protesters — rather than gearing up for war and indiscriminately arresting people or firing crowd control weapons, ASU’s Maguire wrote in 2015.

But how can officers stay safe without protective gear? Maguire pointed to a “graded response” as a potential solution.

“In a graded response, tactical assets are staged nearby but out of sight and can be deployed rapidly if needed,” he wrote. “If they are visible to the crowd, instead of enhancing officer safety, they may place officers at greater risk by escalating matters.”

## Military tactics and mayhem

The late August events in Kenosha illustrated how crowds respond to policing.

Around 5 p.m. on Aug. 23, Kenosha Police Officer Rusten Sheskey, who is white, shot Blake as he walked away from police and tried to enter a vehicle following a domestic dispute. Sheskey later told investigators that he thought Blake was trying to kidnap one of his children, his attorney told CNN. The incident left Blake paralyzed from the waist down and was investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, which in October turned over its files for an independent expert to review.

Citizen journalist Kristan T. Harris livestreamed evening hours of the Aug. 23 protests for The Run-down Live. One video shows police officers at 8:52 p.m. lined up behind yellow caution tape at the intersection where Blake was shot — red and blue lights reflecting off their helmets — as residents mill about and pepper officers with questions.

Around 9:04 p.m., three people are seen jumping on a parked, unoccupied police car, smashing its windshield. More damage can be heard as Harris’ camera surveyed the scene. One officer appears to try leaving the scene 10 minutes later, slowly moving her car forward — only to be blocked by crowds.

Outside of the car, a brick hits an unhelmeted officer’s head, knocking him to the ground, where he receives medical attention. Two minutes later, an armored Bearcat vehicle rolls through the neighborhood.

But baton-wielding officers soon break formation and begin walking out of the neighborhood, which appears to defuse the tension.

Footage from another livestreamer, Kenosha resident Koerri Washington, shows several police cars leaving the neighborhood around 9:30 p.m.

“Most of the crowd is dispersed now,” Washington narrates.

Washington’s camera follows as some begin walking downtown. Cars share the road with the walkers and honk their horns. Someone throws rocks at a parked police car downtown just after 10 p.m., smashing its windshield, footage shows.

Those on foot gather in front of the Kenosha County Sheriff’s building, where a handful of protesters are seen knocking on its glass doors. Washington says he saw snipers on rooftops nearby. The video pans to a line of officers dressed in full riot gear, including helmets, masks, shields and white batons. “Move,” the officers are heard chanting as they march forward and thrust their batons at the crowd around 10:30 p.m.

The crowd members, close to the police line but not pushing back, continue to chant and ask officers questions. A few protesters shine flashlights in the officers’ faces. Some officers put on gas masks.

A handful of fireworks soon boom, startling protesters and officers.

Around 11 p.m., footage shows police firing rubber bullets and tear gas into the crowd. As Washington films away from the crowd — standing near media members, he

says, a tear gas canister lands near his feet and he kicks it away — not toward the officers. He complains that he was shot with a rubber bullet, leaving his arm bloodied. The footage shows him demanding an explanation for the shooting but receiving no response from officers.

Video footage and eyewitness accounts show the downtown clashes quickly escalating after police fire crowd control weapons.

A video recorded by documentarian Laura Dyan Kezman shows vehicles on fire near the Kenosha County Courthouse. Kezman said she also spotted Bearcat vehicles around that time.

The destruction continued into the morning of Aug. 24, including smashed storefronts, burned out garbage trucks and three businesses damaged or destroyed by fire, according to the Kenosha News.

Washington said it was hard to tell whether the destruction would have occurred if police had behaved differently during the protests.

“Before they were deployed, things had gotten heated already but there weren’t any fires set,” Washington told Wisconsin Watch in a November Facebook message. “There was damage done to police vehicles and an officer assaulted before the riot police were out.”

Events would escalate over the next two nights. Police and sheriff’s deputies began the night of Aug. 24 in riot gear and were joined by the Wisconsin National Guard, activated by Gov. Tony Evers. Officers several times fired crowd control weapons, and people set swaths of Uptown Kenosha ablaze and broke

into a store, brutally assaulting a 71-year-old man.

The destruction thrust Kenosha into the center of the nation’s politicized conversation about race, and prompted calls to arms by self-described militias and other critics of those protesting police. On Aug. 25, Rittenhouse, a vigilante from Antioch, Illinois, fatally shot two people and injured one. He is now facing homicide charges; his legal team is claiming self-defense.

Law enforcement drew criticism for not arresting Rittenhouse immediately after the shooting as he walked past police vehicles with his hands up. A federal lawsuit against the city and county of Kenosha cites a video of that encounter while claiming that Kenosha police and sheriff’s deputies arrested anti-police protesters for violating the county’s curfew — as early as 7 p.m. some nights — while ignoring armed vigilantes violating the same curfew.

Kenosha resident Adelana Akindes, one of the protesters arrested for violating curfew, told WPR that she “felt more unsafe because of the tear gas and the flash bombs (police used),” than when protesters burned garbage trucks used to block streets.

The Kenosha Police Department’s demonstration policy instructs officers to “use force sparingly” and warns that excessive use of force is criminal and a violation of department rules.

Couper suggested that Kenosha law enforcement “geared up and quickly mobilized,” due to a lack of community trust and support.

“They most likely knew what was going to happen. So, in effect, the ‘Madison Method’ of dialogue and ‘soft’ response would not have worked,” he wrote in an email.

Ducksworth-Lawton agreed, pointing to Kenosha’s entrenched segregation and Black residents’ distrust of a primarily white police force going back decades.

## A ‘peace officer’ approach

Couper saw a trust gap between Madison residents and law enforcement when he became one of the youngest police chiefs in city history in 1972. Inspired by his years engaging Minnesotans and theories about crowd behavior during the French Revolution, he began meeting with organizers ahead of protests and etching respect for the First Amendment in department policy.

Couper also emphasized diversity within his ranks and sought to instill a “peace officer” mindset, with his employees sometimes

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• Create proper shelter. Outdoor animals need a dry house that's large

enough for them to comfortably stand, sit, turn around and lie down. But it should not be so large that the animal's normal body heat is lost. Line the bottom with dry, nonabsorbent material that won't get wet, matted or frozen. Marsh hay works well; leaves and fabric do not.

• Provide fresh water. Make sure your outdoor pets have fresh water daily. Ice or snow will not do, because the animal has to expend too much body heat to melt it. Ideally, you can provide an inexpensive heater that sits in the water bowl to prevent freezing. Otherwise, fill the bowl with fresh,

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• Use caution when walking. Rub petroleum jelly on your pets' paws before heading out for a walk. It protects them from salt and other de-icers. When you return home, wipe the paws, legs and stomach to remove any de-icers or antifreeze that the animal might ingest. Remove any snow or ice between the paw pads to prevent

bleeding. • While you're outdoors, keep your dog leashed. Snow and ice can make it difficult for dogs to follow a scent, and they can become lost or run away in panic. Finally, those sweaters and coats some people put on their dogs are not just cute. Short-haired dogs really need them when outdoors in cold weather.

• Prioritize grooming. Wet, dirty, matted coats cannot insulate against the cold, so be sure your animals are well-groomed. But never shave a dog's coat during the winter. After bathing an animal, dry it thoroughly before letting it outdoors.

• Use care with cars. Cats can crawl under cars and into the engine compartment seeking shelter and warmth. Bang on the hood before starting your car on cold days to startle sleeping animals. And remember, just as cars heat to oven temperature in the summer, they can be equally deadly in the winter when they turn into freezers. Don't leave your pet alone in a vehicle — it could freeze to death.

• Provide spaces for sleeping. Even indoor animals need a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from drafts. This is especially true for old or ill animals.

# Monroe Clinic and Hospital adjust visitor policy

Officials at Monroe Clinic and Hospital put new visiting policies in effect Dec. 9.

"We will continue to adjust our policies and make decisions rooted in safeguarding and caring for our patients, visitors, caregivers and the community at large," a news release said.

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## Clinic visitor policy

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Plaintiff,  
ROBERT G. FRIE, ET. AL.  
Defendants.

Case Code No. 30404  
Foreclosure of Mortgage

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ing and all costs of sale within 10  
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sale. Failure to pay balance due will  
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Plaintiff; and 4) Bidders not a party  
to this action are subject to the  
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Section 846.155.

**PLACE:** At the Green County  
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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
District Office Board Room  
Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.  
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting Agenda was published in the Wednesday, November 4, 2020 edition of the Independent Register.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jodi Kail, and Elizabeth Kempel, who appeared virtually  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ACTION ITEM**

Regular Meeting: October 14, 2020  
Annual Meeting: October 26, 2020  
Regular Meeting October 26, 2020

Regular and Annual School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved as printed.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Don Buchanan, to approve payment of the remainder of bills as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

The Administrative Team presented information reports.

Elementary School Principal Dave Novy recognized Kirsten Novy for her work with the Veterans' Day Program. She has also done a lot of the set-up and troubleshooting for the Elementary School's virtual learning. Between Kirsten and Kevin Buxton making equipment available for at-home students, the Elementary School has had good reports from parents on virtual learning.

Middle School Principal Lisa Semrow recognized Jennifer Wunsch for creating the Google Form and the Master Schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences. She also recognized Annette Smith for generating the invite for Parent-Teacher Conferences and creating the facilitator documents.

High School Principal Jim Matthys recognized Juliann McCarty for her ability to adjust to virtual instruction and she is always there supporting students in various cases, either face-to-face or virtually. Kudos to her for quickly learning technology to help our students.

Comptroller Cathy Pfeuti recognized Joleen Oren, once again, for her work with the Activity Accounts. She has caught on quickly with all the steps involved in the process. Joleen is also reconciling the bank statements and providing reports to the other building secretaries. Her work is much appreciated. Cathy also recognized Lisa Licht for her work on processing employee leave (EPSL and EFMLA) under the FFCRA Act.

Lisa was provided with additional training and resources on the regulations through various webinars and legal updates. Additional set-up of time off and payroll codes were needed for tracking, processing, and reporting under the FFCRA.

Technology Director Kevin Buxton acknowledged Shane Miller. Shane makes a point of being available to the Middle School staff for related technology-related issues, and he solves those issues whenever possible. Shane's help cuts down on the number of support requests the IT Department receives, allowing them to respond faster to other issues.

Pupil Services Director Sarah Wadsworth also recognized Juliann McCarty. She has adjusted and learned so much to meet the needs of our special needs students this school year. The High School Special Education team has been impressed with how she switches from working with a student on the computer, talking them through assignment expectations, sharing her screen, and asking them to share their screen, all with a calm, steady patience. She also is working well with a small, socially distanced group in person, and reteaching, clarifying, encouraging, and praising them through the curriculum. She has also been a great backup anytime staff coverage is needed.

Building and Grounds Director Brian Kammerer thanked Janet Schliem, Laura Mumm, and Glen Watrud for picking up extra hours while some staff were out. He also thanked Chad Dix for his work around the front of the Middle School as we look to improve the aesthetics of the front of the school. Lastly, he thanked Kevin Buxton for help with the key fobs and Elementary School intercom system.

Superintendent Lueck recognized Dave and Kirsten Novy and Kevin Buxton for setting up the Elementary School's multi-purpose room for virtual students that remain in school. He also thanked Nurse Laura Powers for her continued work with COVID-19 related issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD [SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY]  
AGENDA ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the request for an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington D.C. in the Fall of 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL BID ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the snow removal contract with Cedar Creek Landscaping for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

**COVID-19 UPDATE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

Superintendent Lueck presented an update on the status of COVID-19 within the District. The Elementary School switched to full virtual school (Plan C) effective November 9. This was done based on numerous cases and close contacts that would require students to be absent from school in the Elementary School. There have been 0 positive cases in the Elementary School since this decision was made. There are also no new cases in the High School or Middle School. We continue to struggle with staff attendance based on either positive cases or required COVID quarantines due to close contacts. Mr. Lueck also presented a proposal for athletic competitions based on a meeting with all RVC schools.

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Michael Oellerich, to allow athletic competitions for all High School winter sports for all levels (Varsity, JV, and JV2) based on the proposal presented by Superintendent Lueck and following all established RVC and WIAA COVID guidelines. Motion carried, 7-0.

**ACCEPT DONATION(S) ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to accept the following donation(s):  
• Bach Trumpet from the Suelflow family to the Brodhead Bands Program  
• \$620.00 monetary donation by Pinnow Hometown Pharmacy to help supplement the District's student supplies account

**Motion carried, 7-0. RESIGNATION(S) ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation of Elaine Albright, Elementary School Food Service Worker, effective October 13, 2020. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation of Brooke Kintzle, Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective October 26, 2020. Motion carried, 7-0.

**EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Pam Colden as Elementary School Food Service Worker, at the rate of \$11.50/hour, beginning October 19, 2020. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the hiring of Niteal Pinnow as Elementary School Food Service Worker, at the rate of \$11.50/hour, beginning November 2, 2020. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Paul Huffman, Jenifer Wichita, and Megan Evans as High School Youth to Youth Advisors, beginning November 11, 2020, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (10+ years, \$2,056.00). The salary will be split three [3] ways. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the hiring of Stephanie Hurt as High School Prom Advisor, beginning November 11, 2020, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (4-6 years, \$589.00). Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the hiring of Erika Klecker and Stephanie Hurt as High School Forensics Advisors, beginning November 11, 2020, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (4-6 years, \$1,700.00). The salary will be split two [2] ways. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the hiring of Jillian Malkow as High School FFA Advisor, beginning November 11, 2020, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (4-6 years, \$2,056.00). Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Anastasia Tomanek as High School Musical Director, beginning November 11, 2020, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (0-3 years, \$1,433.00). Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Anastasia Tomanek as High School Show Choir Director, beginning November 11, 2020, at Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule Placement (0-3 years, \$3,000.00). Motion carried, 7-0.

**VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM**

None at this time.

**XVI. FUTURE AGENDA [December 9, 2020]**

- Approval of High School Program of Studies for 2021-22
- COVID-19 Update
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of changes to Policy JLJ [Seclusion and Restraint]
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)

**ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

	<b>DATE: 11/11/20</b>	
CESA #2		\$875.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS		\$1,190.08
CITY OF BRODHEAD		\$1,283.64
DWD-UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		\$1,988.76
DYESPORT		\$225.00
FIRST CENTER FLORAL		\$145.00
HELM SERVICE, INC		\$778.00
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD		\$57,564.86
MENARDS - JANESVILLE		\$449.52
PAOLI CLAY COMPANY		\$315.00
PIGGLY WIGGLY		\$243.53
ESJD DBA PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY		\$3,986.46
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS		\$1,370.09
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC		\$816.44
RPC-MG		\$292.00
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO		\$330.18
SPEICH OIL INC		\$340.79
TYLER HENDERSON ARRANGEMENTS		\$350.00
VISA		\$4,788.14
WE ENERGIES		\$568.07
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.		\$25,688.50
COPLIEN, MARA		\$122.95
CPI		\$150.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION		\$158.30
KAMMERER, BRIAN		\$160.00
MENARDS - JANESVILLE		\$156.76
QUALITY DOOR & HARDWARE		\$717.14
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC		\$1,769.54
SCHOLASTIC INC		\$170.28
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC		\$3,174.79
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO		\$154.71
U.S. CELLULAR		\$174.23
WYTTENBACH, DANA		\$115.47
BADGER SPORTING GOODS		\$490.00
BANK OF BRODHEAD		\$150.00
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE		\$4,700.00
BR BLEACHERS		\$495.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM		\$10,219.78
BURLACE, JOHN		\$500.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC		\$243.10
CESA #2		\$2,208.50
EDUCATION.COM		\$150.00
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KLECKER, ERIKA		\$133.23
KOMPAS CARE		\$449.75
MEDCO SUPPLY COMPANY, INC		\$109.16
MORRIS MEDIA OF MONROE		\$292.20
NASCO		\$583.56
ORFORDVILLE LUMBER		\$107.83

# Two-vehicle crash under investigation

Two drivers were injured in a Dec. 9 town of Avon crash that remains under investigation, according to a news release from the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

According to the release: At 6:03 a.m. Dec. 9, Rock County Sheriff's deputies, Green County Sheriff's deputies, Brodhead police, Brodhead fire/EMS and Orfordville Fire/EMS responded to a two-vehicle crash at Wisconsin Highway 81 and County Highway T.

The investigation shows a Chevrolet Captiva was traveling northbound on County T when it failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection of County T and Wisconsin 81. The Captiva collided with an Infiniti traveling eastbound on Wisconsin 81 and made impact on the passenger side of the Infiniti.

Both vehicles continued through the intersection and came to rest in the ditch on the northeast side of the intersection. At one point, the Captiva was on fire.

The driver of the Captiva was identified as a 33-year-old man from Illinois. He managed to exit his vehicle before it caught on fire, but sustained significant injuries.

The driver of the Infiniti, a 63-year-old man, was pinned inside the vehicle and had to be extricated. Both drivers were transported by ambulance to Mercy Janesville Hospital and Trauma Center. More information about their conditions was not released.

The crash remains under investigation at this time.

# Authorities on the lookout for impaired driving this holiday season

According to the Clinton Police Department Facebook page, law enforcement officers from several Rock County agencies will be looking to prevent impaired driving over the holiday season. The Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force is deploying on the following dates:

- Friday, Dec. 18
- Saturday, Dec. 19
- Thursday, Dec. 31

During this additional enforcement, the participating agencies will have more officers on patrol to discourage people from driving while impaired. There will be zero tolerance for driving under the influence, open intoxicants, seat belt violations and improper use of child safety restraints.

The goal of this high-visibility enforcement is to encourage drivers

to make an alternative plan so they don't drive while drunk or high.

Driving under the influence includes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription medication.

Officials urge drivers to take steps to protect themselves and others:

- Ensure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up — every day, every trip. Watch your speed, be patient and alert.
- If you plan to use any alcohol, drugs or prescription medication that will impair your driving, choose a sober designated driver.
- If you're feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive. Take public transit, a taxicab or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- The Wisconsin DOT offers a free Drive Sober mobile app that includes

a blood alcohol estimator, designated driver selector and find-a-ride feature that uses a smart phone's GPS to locate alternative transportation.

Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit [www.tlw.org/](http://www.tlw.org/) and click on Safe Ride.

Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911. Provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle and location.

The Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force includes the Rock County Sheriff's Department and the Janesville, Town of Beloit, City of Beloit, Clinton, Town of Turtle, and Orfordville police departments. Funding for the special enforcement periods is provided via a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

# Beloit notches Major League Baseball affiliation

The Beloit Snappers received a formal invitation from Major League Baseball to become the Advanced-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins last week. The prospective move will elevate Beloit to the Advanced-A classification after 39 years at the Class A level while aligning the team with a Marlins franchise that reached the playoffs in 2020 and boasts the fifth-best farm system in baseball according to MLB Pipeline.

"We are thankful to receive the invitation to become a licensee of Major League Baseball and the Advanced-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins," Quint Studer of Gateway Professional Baseball, managing partners of the Snappers, said in a news release. "One year ago, the Beloit community made a decision to build a new downtown baseball

stadium. Thanks to the support of the fans and the community for the stadium project, Beloit will be one of the 120 licensed Minor League teams in 2021 and beyond, have a great new partnership with the Miami Marlins, and bring a higher level of competition and talent to Beloit fans by being moved up to the Advanced-A level."

The new affiliation and promotion to the Advanced-A level will come as part of the ongoing Professional Baseball Agreement negotiations between Major and Minor League Baseball.

"When Major League Baseball reached out and said that Marlins CEO Derek Jeter would be inviting Beloit, I was thrilled," Studer said. "The credit goes to the never-give-up group of owners in Beloit led by Dennis Conerton. None of this would

have happened without the commitment of so many people in the Beloit community to build a new stadium, led by Diane Hendricks, Jim Packard, ABC Supply, Dennis Conerton, and others ..."

The invitation coincides with continued progress on Beloit's new downtown multi-use stadium, which is anticipated to open next summer.

"We're very excited for our relationship with the Miami Marlins and to continue to work with the Studer family," Dennis Conerton, president of Beloit Professional Baseball, said in the release. "Quint's reputation as one of Minor League Baseball's most successful owners precedes him, and he's played an instrumental role in the stadium process and in securing an affiliate invitation for our team."

"After 20 years of hard work and many setbacks for Beloit baseball, the progress of the last year has made it one of the most exciting years of my life."

Prior to the invitation to join the Marlins organization, Beloit was an affiliate of the Oakland Athletics from 2013 to 2020, the Minnesota Twins from 2005 to 2012, and the Milwaukee Brewers from 1982 to 2004.

"On behalf of our whole organization, we'd like to sincerely thank the Oakland Athletics for their partnership with our team and our community," Studer said. "The A's were strong partners both on and off the field and we wish them nothing but the best in future seasons."

In a subsequent announcement, the Studer-owned Pensacola Blue Wahoos were invited to join the Miami Marlins organization as their Double-A affiliate.

## • Policy

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same as it has been since Nov. 4: Patients are not allowed to have a visitor accompany them for in-clinic appointments.

One accompanying visitor may still be allowed for pediatric patients and for patients whose cognitive, physical or emotional abilities make a visitor an essential part of caring for the patient. If either criteria are met, then the visitor will be screened before being allowed to proceed to the visit with the patient.

For continued Monroe Clinic updates, go online to [monroeclinic.org/coronavirus](http://monroeclinic.org/coronavirus).



### News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

<b>THURSDAY, DEC. 17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>MONDAY, DEC. 21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• No school, Parkview School District (through Jan. 1)</li> <li>• Parkview School Board meeting, 6 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview varsity wrestling at Darlington, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview boys varsity basketball vs. Durand, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY, DEC. 18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m.</li> <li>• Parkview girls varsity basketball vs. Palmyra-Eagle, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview boys varsity basketball at Brodhead, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 9 a.m. to noon</li> <li>• Parkview boys varsity basketball vs. Marshall (at Cambridge High School), 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library closed</li> </ul>	



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TEACHER'S DISCOVERY	\$143.93
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VOIGT MUSIC	\$257.85
WARD BRODT MUSIC	\$199.00
BEACON ATHLETICS	\$353.00
HUHL	\$500.00
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PIGGLY WIGGLY	\$557.71
RACKOW'S FAMILY SAUSAGE, LLC	\$11,735.50
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ditching their starched uniforms for street clothes. He launched community relations programs, including a police-community football game called "Freaks vs. Fuzz." In his free time in Madison, Couper frequently skydived and practiced and taught martial arts — including forming a local judo club in the 1980s. The martial arts played a central role in how Couper lived and worked, he said.

"I tried to live and teach these core values of a martial artist: character, sincerity, effort, etiquette, and self control," he said. "Think about how each one of these values is also essential for being an effective police officer."

Couper's progressive ideas initially elicited grumbles from some veteran officers, according to news reports during his tenure. But Couper generally received high marks from city officials and younger officers — including some who emulated his chevron mustache.

When Couper retired in 1993, the U.S. Department of Justice released a case study of his department's work in creating an experimental district across one-sixth of Madison, in which officers made decisions in teams — instead of through the typical chain of command — to support "community-oriented" policing. Officers reported better attitudes about their jobs, while fewer residents perceived crime as a problem in their community and more believed police were addressing important issues, the study found.

But many U.S. police departments beginning in the 1990s embraced more militarized tactics.

Couper includes Madison in that camp, pointing to the police department's participation in the federal 1033 Program, which allows state and local departments to access Department of Defense property. That

mostly includes "general" items, such as furniture, vehicles and computers. But the program also loans out weapons and other items associated with war, called "controlled property," which local governments must approve. The program has sent items such as bomb-disarming robots, rifle flashlights and night vision scopes to Madison, according to a federal database.

Wisconsin police departments, sheriff offices and other governmental agencies have accessed more than \$42 million in controlled property under the program since 1994, federal data show.

Couper said use of military-style gear only erodes public trust in police.

## 'We have an obligation to intervene'

Unrest in Madison this spring has reignited emotional conversations about how local police should keep the peace at protests.

On three consecutive nights beginning May 30, Madison police clad in riot gear fired tear gas, pepper spray and sponge projectile rounds to disperse people who took to the streets after Minneapolis police killed George Floyd.

After thousands of Madison protesters peacefully marched during daytime protests, smaller groups smashed vehicles and broke into downtown stores. Madison Police said in a statement to the public that officers fired chemical weapons only after people began damaging property and throwing rocks and other items. But the chemical clouds also stung peaceful protesters and bystanders.

"Nothing turned violent until police instigated the violence," Nick Harrison, a 27-year-old Madison resident who protested one night, told Wisconsin Watch. "I saw a strong sense of community until the



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**Police in riot gear use tear gas and pepper spray to disperse a crowd on May 30 after a peaceful protest escalated into vandalism and smashed storefronts on State Street in Madison. Unrest in Madison this spring reignited emotional conversations about how local police should keep the peace at protests. The Madison Common Council in October approved a measure requiring MPD to study its use of tear gas and review alternatives.**

police showed up, dressed for war."

Acting Madison Police Chief Vic Wahl said officers deployed tear gas only because some people "were intent on creating and engaging violence."

"We have an obligation to intervene," Wahl told Wisconsin Watch in July. "And that's when you have to look at what tools and tactics you have available to you, and tear gas is one of those things. When you talk about a large crowd, using some sort of spray or chemicals is just the most effective and efficient and non-injurious way to do it."

Madison has seen such instances in recent decades but "remarkably rarely," Wahl added.

The protests prompted Wahl to seek an outside perspective on how his department handled the unrest. The Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, housed in the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, is examining the police response.

## Too scared to march

Couper said the Madison Police Department should more clearly explain its use of force against pro-

testers — tactics that teenager Shanahan Williams said discourages some people from marching.

"Some people want to participate, but they're too afraid to walk with (protesters), because of the tear gas and rubber bullets," Williams told Wisconsin Watch in June while pursuing a different form of protest — painting murals with fellow classmates at O'Keeffe Middle School in Madison.

Wahl said he continues to follow Couper's Madison Model. His department communicated with protesters ahead of many marches throughout the summer, including those that have blocked traffic, he said. Madison officers shifted to a hands-off approach following the tear gas incidents of late May and early June, and downtown stayed peaceful for weeks of marches.

But vandalism and violence returned in late June when a group of protesters tore down two statues near the state Capitol and assaulted state Sen. Tim Carpenter, D-Milwaukee, while he recorded a video of the action. Windows at Madison's City-County building also were broken, and someone threw a

molotov cocktail into the building. Officers also used pepper spray to thwart a break-in of the Capitol.

That episode followed MPD's arrest of activist Devonere Johnson, who in October agreed to plead guilty to a federal extortion charge for threatening downtown business owners with vandalism and violence unless they gave him and associates free food and beer. Republican state lawmakers scolded Madison's leaders for failing to prevent the episode.

## 'Many people were exposed to that'

The Madison Common Council has spent months scrutinizing the police department's use of force. The council in October approved one measure requiring MPD to study its use of tear gas — and review alternatives — by Jan. 6, 2021. The council will review the findings before weighing whether to ban its use.

The original proposal would have gone further before amendments were added; it would have set a date for banning the use of tear gas. Ald. Patrick Heck, one resolution sponsor, said he started writing a version of the resolution once tear gas clouds wafted in late May.

"It's pretty clear that it's not a healthy substance," Heck told Wisconsin Watch. "It was quite problematic — not just for the people who were targeted by the tear gas but people standing by — people who live near there. Many people were exposed to that."

Another ordinance limits the police department's use of the 1033 Program. That includes barring the department from obtaining tear gas, grenade launchers, explosives, armor-piercing weapons, tracked combat vehicles and weaponized drones.

Wahl said he wants to improve his department but argues against limiting its arsenal to control crowds.

"What I'm concerned about is that there's almost a frenzy right now about policing," Wahl said in July. "I fear that there's going to be decisions made — whether they're ordinances or statutes or budgetary decisions — that will not really be well-thought-out (or) well-reasoned. Then we'll have some really adverse consequences for the whole community moving forward."

But Couper is sure of one thing as he examines his former department and its peers from the outside: "Things have got to change."

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