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## Youngsters invited to explore 4-H

Virtual series open to grades three through eight

A new virtual 4-H project series is set to kick off next month in Green County. Discover 4-H will offer youth in grades three through eight the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities related to each of four 4-H project areas — foods and nutrition, art, photography and nature science.

Participants also will learn some basic information about 4-H along the way. 4-H membership is not required to participate.

Discover 4-H will be hosted virtually via Zoom every Thursday night between Feb. 18 and March 11. Youth in grades three through five will meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Youth in grades six through eight will meet from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Participants will complete activities using a combination of provided materials and common household items. The younger group will make microwave brownies, explore fish habitats, create recycled art (either a “t-shirt bag” or “catch-all can”) and learn photography basics. The middle school group will experiment with yeast to make bread, tour Gollon Bait & Fish Farm and learn about lures, paint a barn quilt and work on intermediate photography skills.

Online attendance at every meeting is not required, as each session will be recorded.

The cost is \$10 per participant. This covers supplies included in the Discover 4-H kit, which participating families will be responsible for picking up during specified dates and times. Families will be able to choose the pickup time and location during registration.

Financial assistance is available if the cost is a barrier to participation.

For more information and to register, go online to the Extension Green County website at [green.extension.wisc.edu](http://green.extension.wisc.edu) or call 608-328-9440. You also may access the registration form directly by going online to [bit.ly/Discover4HWinter21Reg](http://bit.ly/Discover4HWinter21Reg).

The registration deadline is Jan. 20. For more information about Discover 4-H or Green County 4-H, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H youth development educator, at 608-328-9440 or [ellen.andrews@wisc.edu](mailto:ellen.andrews@wisc.edu).

### 4-H Cloverbud group offers youth activities

The Green County 4-H Cloverbud Committee is offering an activity kit to keep youngsters engaged and entertained this winter.

The three-activity Cloverbud kit is for children in kindergarten through second grade and projects include friendship rocks, fruit batteries and wind pin wheels.

The kit is available in whatever format works best for your family — in person, virtually or on your own.

An in-person, small group workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Green County Justice Center with limited spots available to promote social distancing. Three virtual workshops will be held via Zoom at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 2 for those more comfortable in their own homes. Finally, families can also choose to complete the activities on their own when it is convenient for them.

Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate. The cost is \$5 per child, which will include a kit with most supplies needed to complete the activities. Financial assistance is available should the cost be a barrier to participation.

For more information and to register, go online to [green.extension.wisc.edu](http://green.extension.wisc.edu) or call 608-328-9440. You can also access the registration form directly at: [bit.ly/3pcehK4](http://bit.ly/3pcehK4). The registration deadline is Jan. 20.

For more information about the 4-H Cloverbud project or Green County 4-H, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H youth development educator, at 608-328-9440 or [ellen.andrews@wisc.edu](mailto:ellen.andrews@wisc.edu).



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Photography is one of the areas that local children will get a chance to explore during the Discover 4-H virtual programs in February.

## State launches weekly COVID-19 newsletter

Email includes latest in vaccine information

The Department of Health Services is now offering a weekly newsletter so residents can receive direct information about the COVID-19 response and vaccine rollout.

Every Friday, a COVID-19 update newsletter will be sent via email to people who sign up to receive it. Registration is now open at [dhs.wisconsin.gov](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov), and archived copies of the weekly newsletter also will be available.

“Throughout this pandemic, we have remained committed to keeping the residents of Wisconsin as informed as possible,” DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm said in a news release. “The more quality information we have, the more effective we can be in making healthy and safe choices. That is why we have regularly updated data dashboards and science-based guidance on our website, and it is also why we want to add a weekly newsletter to our communications toolbox.”

In addition to an update on vac-

cine eligibility and the number of vaccinations administered in Wisconsin, the newsletter will include key updates from the previous week, as well as COVID-19 resources and links to where Wisconsinites can find more detailed information.

Currently, the federal government only gives one week notice on the number of vaccines available for that week. The current allocation of 70,000 first doses is inadequate to meet the growing demand for vaccine across the state, the release said.

“Due to this short notice and instability of allocation, eligible populations change quickly,” the release said. “The newsletter will provide new information about eligible populations for vaccinations, along with other communications updates about the COVID-19 response.”

In addition to [dhs.wisconsin.gov](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov), people may follow @DHSWI on Facebook or Twitter or [dhs.wi](https://www.instagram.com/dhs.wi) on Instagram for more information on COVID-19.

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# Obituaries

**TED ODELL**  
 Ted was born Sept. 19, 1939, in Galesburg, Illinois, the son of Athol and Alice (Putnam) Odell. He graduated from Madison West in 1957 and received his degree from the University of Wisconsin.

He always found solace at the family property along the Sugar River at Brodhead. The property was his first and only love. They say what goes around comes around and Ted's story is a good fit, basically from birth to death.

Ted "invented" the Guerilla cookie at the cabin on the property that grew into his livelihood. He named his bakery Quercus Alba which means "white oak" in Latin, reflecting his interest in Latin and the fact that white oaks are sturdy and hardy and that the place of beginning for his cookies had many white oaks on the property. Upon retirement from baking, he lived full time in the "Woods" until health issues forced him to Cedar Crest in Janesville.

His grandpa, Matt C. Putnam of Brodhead, had sold 54 acres in 1927 for a nine-hole golf course and kept



13 acres along Decatur Lake. Several years ago, the golf course was up for sale. A group of local investors, Ted included, purchased the front nine to be restored to oak savanna. The property is now called Three Waters Reserve. Ted has left his lake property to the Reserve.

The D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. Per his wishes, his ashes will be spread on his property, thus completing the circle of life for Ted.

Ted is survived by his sister, Mary Odell of Madison, who is planning the same final arrangements when her time comes.

Memorials in Ted's name may be made to the Three Waters Reserve, 3941 N. Golf Course Road, Brodhead, WI 53520.

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

**JERRY D. STABLER**  
 Jerry D. Stabler, age 84, of Brodhead, died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at Pleasant View Nursing Home. He was born on March 14, 1936, in Janesville, Wisconsin, the son of Marvin and Pauliene (Hyatt) Stabler and grandson of Oscar and Queen (Dunwiddie) Stabler. He was raised on his grandfather's farm in Spring Grove Township, Green County, Wisconsin. He went to Poplar Grove, a one-room school for the first eight grades; later attending Brodhead High School and graduating in 1954.

He entered the Navy on Dec. 8, 1954, serving his first overseas duty aboard the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore CA 68 at the end of the Korean War. Later, he served two more overseas tours, cruises aboard the USS Toledo CA 133 to the Far East and Australia. Port-of-calls were to Pearl Harbor; Yokosuka, Sasebo, Kobe Shimizu, Yokohama, Nagoya, Shimizu and Nagasaki, Japan; Ding-a-ling Bay and Manila in the Philippine Islands; Buchner Bay, Okinawa; Chinhae, Korea; Keelung, Taiwan; Hong Kong; and



Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. He stood at ground zero in 1955 where the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki Japan on Aug. 9, 1945. He returned from the Navy to Brodhead in 1958. He started working at Arnold Motors in Beloit as an auto mechanic. He practiced his trade for many years in Beloit, Janesville and Madison. He later became service manager at Ayres Chevrolet in Brodhead, where he retired in 2001.

Jerry married Donna J. Anderson on Dec. 2, 1960. They had four children, Debbie Lynn, Rick D., Cheryl Jean and Kimberly, who was stillborn. Jerry later married Donna R. Libby Pelkey Johnson on Oct. 20, 1978; and added a stepson, Kris Pelkey, to the family.

He loved to hunt, fish, canoe, hunt for arrowheads, rebuild windmills and do woodworking. Jerry

was also very interested in genealogy, and had written several books on his family's history. Jerry liked to sit around the campfire at his cabin, on the Sugar River, with his family and friends, have a few beers and tell stories.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Brodhead; daughters, Debbie Farmer of Belvidere, Illinois, and Cheryl (Bret Deremo) Buss of Orfordville; stepson, Kris Pelkey of Brodhead; grandchildren, Ashley (Nick) Slezak, Jade (Mitch) Vowels, Logan (Megan) Buss, Brandi (Mitch) Matejka, Conner Gitchel and Zoey Pelkey; eight great grandchildren; a sister, Mary Hafen of Brodhead; plus many nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Rick; a daughter, Kimberly who was stillborn; a grandson, Cody Buss; and a sister, Betty Everson.

A visitation and services were held Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at Everson Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dan Herman officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Brodhead.

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## Corn, soybean production up in 2020

Increased acreage and higher yields for corn and soybeans allowed both crops to return to more typical production levels, according to the 2020 Crop Production Annual Summary released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

U.S. corn growers produced 14.2 billion bushels, up 4% from 2019. Corn yield in the United States is estimated at 172.0 bushels per acre, 4.5 bushels above the 2019 yield of 167.5 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 82.5 million acres, is

up 1% from 2019.

Soybean production for 2020 totaled 4.14 billion bushels, up 16% from 2019. With record high yields in Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey and Tennessee, the average soybean yield is estimated at 50.2 bushels per acre, 2.8 bushels above 2019, but 0.5 bushel below the Nov. 1 forecast.

For 2020, all cotton production is down 25% from 2019, at 15.0 million 480-pound bales. The U.S. yield is estimated at 825 pounds per acre, up 2 pounds from last year's yield.

Harvested area, at 8.70 million acres, is down 25% from last year.

The full Crop Production 2020 Summary is available by going online to [nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications). The report contains year-end acreage, yield and production estimates for grains and hay; oilseeds; cotton, tobacco and sugar; dry beans, peas and lentils; and potatoes and miscellaneous crops.

The Crop Production report is published monthly and is available online at [nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports\\_by\\_Release\\_Day/index.php](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications/Reports_by_Release_Day/index.php).

## Beef conference features market experts

The virtual Driftless Region Beef Conference, set for late this month, will host speaker Brenda Boetel.

Boetel is a professor and department chair of agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She also is agricultural marketing specialist with the UW-Madison Division of Extension.

Iowa State University Extension beef specialist Denise Schwab said Boetel will give viewers an insight on current market trends and the 2021 agricultural market outlook.

"The market outlook provides producers with market insight to make best management practices, and as 2020 markets have shown, it can be challenging to anticipate what future markets may have in store," Schwab said. "The market outlook allows producers to prepare by having a bet-

ter understanding of what the markets may have to offer and when may be the best time to buy or sell, as well as by considering different risk management options for alternative price scenarios."

The conference will feature two presenters each evening from Tuesday, Jan. 26, through Thursday, Jan. 28. All three sessions will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Other speakers, their affiliations and topics are:

- Shawn Darcy, National Cattleman's Beef Association, "What Consumers Say They Need and Want"

- Frank Mitloehner, University of California-Davis, "Greenhouse Gas, Sustainability and Beef Cattle Production"

- Kevin Bernhardt, UW-Madison Division of Extension, "Building

Farm Resiliency for Surviving Volatile Times"

- Dr. Paul Plummer, Iowa State University, "Antibiotic Resistance in the Beef Industry"

- Danelle Bickett-Weddle, Iowa State University, "Being Prepared for a Beef Cattle Pandemic/Secure Beef."

Registration and more information about topics and speakers is available by going online to [www.aep.iastate.edu/beef](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/beef). Preregistration is required. The conference fee is \$15.

The Driftless Region Beef Conference sponsors are ISU Extension and Outreach, University of Illinois Extension and University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension.

For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Schwab at 319-472-4739.

## FFA Foundation offers scholarships

Eligible Wisconsin Association of FFA members can now apply for the Wisconsin FFA Foundation's 2020-2021 post-secondary scholarships.

The application can be found on the Wisconsin Ag Ed website ([wisconsinaged.org](http://wisconsinaged.org)) under "Participate" then "Scholarships and Grants". All applications are to be postmarked by March 15, addressed to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation office.

Applicants must be a senior in high

school, or enrolled in a university or technical school and have maintained a satisfactory scholastic record.

FFA members need to only fill out one application to be considered for all scholarships for which the applicant qualifies. A listing of additional criteria for all scholarships is available on the Wisconsin FFA website.

"We're thankful that each year our scholarship program helps support hard-working FFA members who are

the next generation of agricultural leaders," John Hromyak, Wisconsin FFA Foundation executive director, said in a news release. "Thank you to all of our scholarship sponsors who are committed to supporting Wisconsin FFA members pursuing their educational goals."

For more information, contact the Wisconsin FFA Foundation at 608-831-5058 or [info@wisconsinffaoundation.org](mailto:info@wisconsinffaoundation.org).

## Grants available for ag education efforts

The Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom program is accepting applications for matching grants, up to \$500, that will be awarded to groups conducting activities that promote agricultural literacy in K-12 schools.

Projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort will receive preference over a one-time program. Applicants must have a matching donor for their project equal to the amount of the Ag in the Classroom grant. The application deadline is March 1.

Interested groups or schools can get an application on the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website at [wisagclassroom.org/grants-awards/grants/matching-grants](http://wisagclassroom.org/grants-awards/grants/matching-grants) or can contact Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom coordinator Darlene Arneson at [darneson@wfbf.com](mailto:darneson@wfbf.com) or 608-828-5644.

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation's Ag in the Classroom program is designed to help K-12 students understand the importance of agriculture. The program is coordinated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agri-

culture, with funding from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation, other agricultural groups and a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

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## Experts offer advice about insurance for organic crops

Experts at the Center for Rural Affairs have released a new educational guide about the crop insurance process and options available for organic production.

"Today, more than 80 certified organic crops can be insured, and there are a number of unique options and considerations for organic policies," said Kate Hansen, a Center for Rural Affairs policy assistant who worked with crop insurance agents and farmers to develop the resource guide. "We believe this resource will provide the information farmers need as they consider their insurance options for the coming crop year."

The guide features interviews with seven crop insurance agents who have experience with organic operations, and seven organic farmers from across the Midwest.

Topics covered include insuring the higher value of organic crops using contract prices, the claims process, prevented planting, the crop insurance timeline over a given year, and advice for finding an agent.

"This guide would be a valuable read for many," Hansen said. "From beginning organic farmers to experienced organic producers looking to purchase crop insurance, to agents trying to better understand the perspective of their organic customers."

The guide, "Conversations from the Field: Crop Insurance for Organic Operations," is available by going online to [cfra.org/publications](http://cfra.org/publications).

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### THURSDAY, JAN. 21

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

\*Albany girls varsity basketball vs. Pecatonica, 6 p.m. (live streamed)

### FRIDAY, JAN. 22

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

\*Albany boys varsity basketball vs. Juda, 6 p.m. (live streamed)

### SATURDAY, JAN. 23

-Albertson Memorial Library closed

\*Albany girls varsity basketball at Belleville, noon and 1:45 p.m. (live streamed)

### SUNDAY, JAN. 24

No events scheduled

### MONDAY, JAN. 25

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

\*Albany boys varsity basketball vs. Palmyra-Eagle, 6 p.m. (live streamed)

### TUESDAY, JAN. 26

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

\*Albany girls varsity basketball at Argyle, 6 p.m. (live streamed)

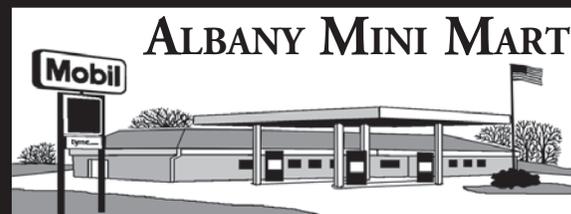
### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

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# Protect Alzheimer's patients from risks of wandering

Sixty percent of those with Alzheimer's disease will wander at some point during their diagnosis, which poses a significant safety concern, especially during winter weather conditions.

A person living with Alzheimer's or another dementia may not remember his or her name or address, and can become disoriented even in familiar places. In cold temperatures and winter weather conditions, wandering can be dangerous and even life-threatening.

The Alzheimer's Association recommends taking simple precautions to prevent an Alzheimer's patient from wandering.

- Carry out daily activities. Having a routine can provide structure. Consider creating a daily plan.
- Night wandering: Restrict fluids two hours before bedtime and ensure the person has gone to the bathroom just before bed. Also, use night lights throughout the home or facility.
- Locks: Place out of sight. Install slide bolts at the top or bottom of doors.
- Doors and doorknobs: Camouflage doors by painting them the same colors as the walls. Cover them with removable curtains or screens. Cover knobs with cloth in the color of the door or use childproof knobs.
- Monitoring devices: Try devices that signal when a door or window is opened. Place a pressure-sensitive mat at the door or bedside to alert of movement.
- Secure trigger items: Some people will not go out without a coat, hat, pocketbook, keys, wallet, etc. Making these items unavailable can prevent wandering.

When temperatures plummet and staying indoors is encouraged, planning ahead for your loved one can be crucial for his or her safety.

- Keep a list of people for the person with dementia to call when feeling overwhelmed. Have their telephone numbers in one location and easily accessible.
- Ask neighbors, friends and family to call if they see the person alone or dressed inappropriately.
- Keep a recent, close-up photo and updated medical information on hand to give to police.
- Know your neighborhood. Pinpoint dangerous areas near the home, such as bodies of water, open stairwells, dense foliage, tunnels, bus stops and roads with heavy traffic.
- Know if the individual is right or left-handed. Wandering generally follows the direction of the dominant hand.
- Keep a list of places where the person may wander, like past jobs, former homes, places of worship or a restaurant.

For more information, go online to alz.org or call the free 24-hour help line at 800-272-3900.

# Bald eagle watching event goes virtual for 2021

Wisconsin's longest-running bald eagle watching extravaganza is going virtual for 2021, with programming on three upcoming Saturdays. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Sauk Prairie area's 35th Bald Eagle Watching Days will be livestreamed.

"Eagle Days in 2021 will be COVID-appropriate," Jeb Barzen, president of the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council, said in a news release.

FBEC is a co-sponsor of the event with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce and Tripp Heritage Museum.

"Our planned virtual programming will feature the release of a rehabilitated bald eagle to the wild, a live raptor show and many more of your favorite events and presentations," Barzen said. "We'll provide experts to answer your questions and show eagle watchers how they can safely visit the area and see the birds themselves using our new self-guided tour."

The links and schedule for all programming can be found on the FBEC website, [www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org](http://www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org).

Programming is a mix of live-streamed and pre-recorded events beginning at 1 p.m. Jan. 23, Feb. 6 and Feb. 20.

• Jan. 23: A live raptor show will feature Schlitz Audubon Nature Center raptors and trainers and a behind-the-scenes video of bald eagles being bathed and fed and enjoying flight time. You can also learn insights from Barzen, a wildlife biologist, on "Wintering Ecology of Eagles in the Lower Wisconsin Riverway." The program also will include the story of Old Abe, a Civil War military mascot.

• Feb. 6: Ever wondered why bald eagles choose the Lower Wisconsin Riverway for their winter home? Learn more about this from Barzen, along with encore presentations of material from previous weeks.

• Feb. 20: Tune in for an encore presentation of the Schlitz Audubon raptor show and a live animal show with naturalist and educator David Stokes featuring animals that live with eagles. The program also will include insights from Barzen on the eagle-viewing season and recent roost count data.

"The shift from in-person to virtual events means people can view the events and presentations throughout



WISCONSIN DNR/RYAN BRADY *Brodhead Independent-Register*

**A bald eagle soars over Ferry Bluff in the Sauk Prairie area. The annual Bald Eagle Watching Days is being held virtually this year so people may enjoy presentations at their leisure. In addition, a new self-guided tour offers tips for a visit to eagle-viewing spots along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway.**

January and February, instead of just in one weekend," said Sumner Matteson, an avian ecologist for the DNR and an event planning team member.

Those looking to see eagles in the wild can also visit the Sauk Prairie area on their own in January and February. A self-guided tour using mobile devices is available on the FBEC website and guides people to prime viewing spots along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway.

"We're excited to offer people in Wisconsin and elsewhere a chance to enjoy Bald Eagle Watching Days in a new way and at their leisure in 2021," Matteson said.

### A comeback story

Bald Eagle Watching Days started in 1987 to highlight the growing comeback of bald eagles since their listing in the 1970s as an endangered species. The national ban on the pesticide DDT, added protections under state and federal endangered species laws, cleaned-up rivers and public support of nest monitoring and protection efforts allowed bald eagles to be removed

from the state endangered species list in 1997 and the federal list a decade later.

Bald eagle populations in Wisconsin have grown from 108 occupied nests in 1973 to nearly 1,700 in 2019, affording viewing opportunities as eagles from northern Wisconsin, Canada, northern Michigan and Minnesota move south in search of new nesting territories.

In winter, the raptors typically congregate along open water areas on the Wisconsin, Mississippi and Fox rivers. Their growing presence in these areas has turned the sites into bird-watching destinations and inspired many community events, including the Sauk Prairie area's Bald Eagle Watching Days.

"The comeback of bald eagles in Wisconsin is an amazing story, and we're excited to help bring this story alive for people again," Barzen said. "Converting Eagle Days to a virtual event has been a leap into the unknown for us but one that the broad conservation community, including DNR, FBEC, the chamber, Tripp Museum and the Sauk Prairie business community, came together and met exceedingly well."

# Area students shine at UW-Stevens Point

Several area residents were recognized recently for fall semester academic achievement at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Full-time undergraduates who earned a GPA of 3.90 to 4.0 earned the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with a GPA between 3.75 and 3.89 and honor recognition goes to those with a GPA between 3.50 and 3.74.

The students are listed by hometown.

- Albany: Jacob Larsen, sophomore, honors; McKenna Overland, first year, honors; Hailey Stefanik, junior, highest honors
- Brodhead: Erin Nyhus, junior, honors
- Juda: Madelyn Roth, junior, highest honors

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# Vaccinations begin for college employees

Nearly 50 Blackhawk Technical College employees were recently vaccinated through a partnership with Beloit Health System.

Following the vaccine prioritization guidelines from the Federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Wisconsin State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee, Blackhawk employees under Phase 1A started receiving the vaccine at Beloit Health System last week.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Health, Phase 1A includes "frontline health care providers and skilled nursing facility staff and residents as well as other health care personnel and staff."

Vaccinations are one part of BTC's pandemic response. Since June, the college has been open for in-person instruction and services.

College officials credit heightened safety protocols such as requiring face masks, maintaining physical distances, maximum air exchange and advanced cleaning procedures for the ability to maintain a safe learning and work environment. There has been zero community spread of COVID-19 at any BTC location, according to a news release.

"From the beginning, it has been our sincere desire to be a part of the solution in our COVID-19 response. This fall, the community-wide testing site at Blackhawk administered about 5,000 tests, and we continue



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**Blackhawk Technical College faculty member Carissa Johnson displays her COVID-19 vaccination card. Under federal and state guidelines, about 50 BTC employees recently received vaccinations.**

to offer our employees and students a take-home test option," BTC President Tracy Pierner said in the news release.

The college also has a team of COVID investigators who follow up on all reported exposures as well as positive cases. They perform internal contact tracing in cooperation with area health departments and oversee

sanitization protocols.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to the safety of the Blackhawk community," Pierner said. "We are truly grateful for our partnership with Beloit Health System to enable us to advance our pandemic response by providing vaccinations for our employees who are training the next generation of frontline workers."

# Students join college leadership group

Twenty-five students were recently inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success at Blackhawk Technical College. Blackhawk students with a minimum GPA of 2.5, at least six credits completed, and/or demonstrated student leadership on campus were invited to be inducted.

NSLS is the largest leadership honor society in the United States, with more than 700 chapters and 1 million members.

The new members of the Blackhawk Technical College NSLS Chapter include: Josefina Slack of Brodhead, Casey Bennett of Orfordville, Heidi Kassebaum of Monticello, and Lacey Pfund, Jennifer Rackow, Meli-

sa Richardson and Jacqueline Tellez of Monroe.

The Blackhawk chapter of the NSLS launched in fall 2019 with 37 inductees "to foster student success by engaging in reflection and self-exploration."

Alicia Acker, BTC career services and leadership development coordinator, leads the chapter.

"This is a beneficial tool for students," Acker said in a news release. "Participation will help students prepare to be a stronger leader in the workforce after graduation."

"Each of the participating students is more in touch with who they are as leaders. They are equipped and ready

to pay it forward by serving within the Blackhawk campuses and our surrounding communities."

The guiding principles of NSLS call for members to:

- Always create a shared vision;
- Challenge the status quo;
- Inspire positive action;
- Empower others;
- Seek constant improvement.

Students inducted into NSLS are now lifetime members with access to scholarships, letters of recommendation and the opportunity to complete the advanced and executive leadership certifications.

For more information, contact Acker at aacker@blackhawk.edu.

# Vaccination effort moves on to police, fire personnel

Green County public health officials were expected to begin contacting police and fire personnel this week about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, according to an update to businesses from Monroe Clinic.

The latest wave of vaccinations comes after Monroe Clinic and pub-

lic health personnel began administering the vaccine to emergency medical service workers and unaffiliated health care providers in late December and early January.

Vaccinations "for community members 65-plus will be coming soon and then after that will be those

who have multiple medical conditions," the update said.

For more information about eligibility for the vaccine, residents are advised to go online to monroeclinic.org or gpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/ or visit the clinic or health department's Facebook pages.

# Free program addresses dementia and driving

The Rock County Aging & Disability Resource Center will host a free virtual series on dementia and driving beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. The series will run weekly for three weeks.

The program will provide the opportunity to learn about how cognitive changes affect driving skills, how to know if a person should stop driving, transportation alternatives, how to have a good conversation about not driving and next steps when all else fails.

"A diagnosis of dementia is not a reason to stop driving, but it is a reason to begin candid conversations about the future when driving is no longer safe," Cori Marsh, Rock County dementia care specialist, said in a news release. "This program can assist families on that journey."

Each program will allow time for questions from attendees.

Registration is required. Once registered, you will receive connection/link instructions and the program material. To register, call 608-921-9125 or send an email to cori.marsh@co.rock.wi.us.

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# College's Soul Food luncheon goes curbside

Blackhawk Technical College's annual Soul Food luncheon will be served up a bit differently this year. The Feb. 23 luncheon will be a curbside pickup event with an online gift basket silent auction running from Feb. 8 through Feb. 22.

To-go lunches must be purchased in advance by Feb. 16 at [www.ti.nyuurl.com/BTCsoulFood](http://www.ti.nyuurl.com/BTCsoulFood). No meals will be sold curbside.

Curbside pickup will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, on Blackhawk's Central Campus, 6004 County Highway G, Janesville.

The menu includes: creamy coleslaw, mac and cheese, candied yams, collard greens, sugar-glazed ham, herb-baked chicken, barbecued back ribs, cornbread and rolls, red velvet cupcake and peach cobbler.

Proceeds from the event benefit

BTC scholarships for students of color.

The lunch is presented by BTC's Foundation, culinary arts program, Student Government Association and the Multi-Cultural Alliance.

"This is an important tradition at BTC that we did not want to cancel due to the pandemic. Therefore, we had to get creative this year," said BTC Foundation Director Lisa Hurda. "The event gives our culinary students valuable hands-on experience, and proceeds will benefit scholarships for minority students at BTC."

The silent auction begins at noon Monday, Feb. 8, and runs through noon Monday, Feb. 22, on the college Facebook page.

For more information, contact Eva Frazier at 608-743-4452 or [efrazier@blackhawk.edu](mailto:efrazier@blackhawk.edu).



## News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

<p><b>THURSDAY, JAN. 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview varsity wrestling at Princeton, 6 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview boys varsity basketball vs. Waterloo, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SUNDAY, JAN. 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library closed</li> </ul>
<p><b>FRIDAY, JAN. 22</b></p> <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 at Janesville Parker, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MONDAY, JAN. 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Orfordville Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview boys varsity basketball vs. Belleville, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SATURDAY, JAN. 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 9 a.m. to noon</li> <li>• Parkview boys varsity basketball vs. Albany, 4:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>TUESDAY, JAN. 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Parkview girls varsity basketball vs. Williams Bay, 7:15 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	

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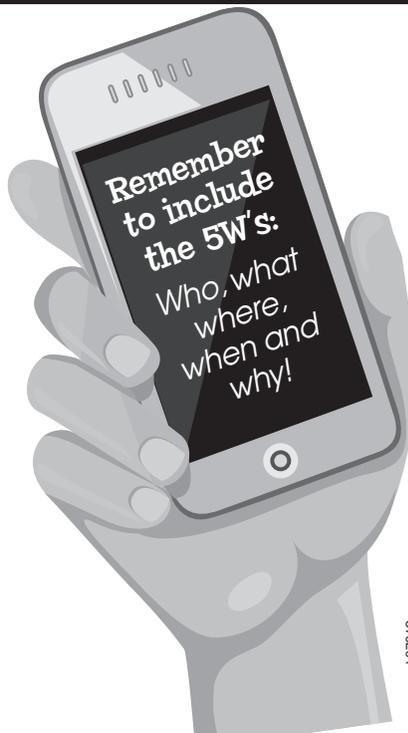
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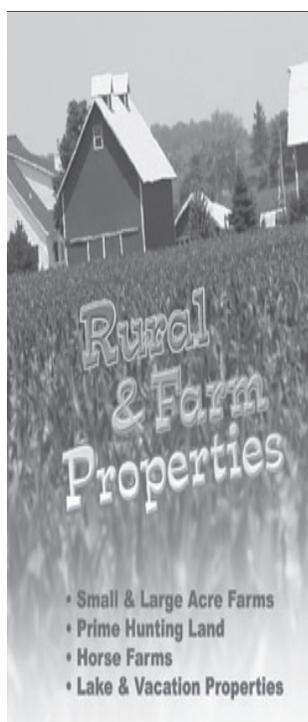
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BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Wednesday, December 9, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, December 2, 2020 edition of the Independent Register.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** **ACTION ITEM**  
Regular Meeting: November 11, 2020  
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved as printed.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve payment of the Insight FS bill as presented.  
Motion passed, 6-0 [M. Krupke abstained].

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, 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 Tiffany Shelton. Tiffany took over the ICU Committee, which is a group of teachers who get together once a month to put together community-building activities for the school. Tiffany has led some great activities and done a wonderful job. Examples of activities include: Ugly Sweater Day; Fundraiser Days for White Gift; Adopt a Family; Door Decorating; Pumpkin Decorating; and Dress-Up Week. Albrecht is a really fun place to work and she leads a great group of people to make sure it continues to be a great place for staff and students.

Middle School Principal Lisa Semrow recognized Chad Dix for doing a fabulous job updating the OT/PT room. The update included replacing the cabinets, countertop, and sink. He also painted the existing cabinets to match the new cabinets. Principal Semrow also recognized Stephanie Tresemer for organizing White Gift this year. The District did not collect non-perishable items due to COVID-19; however, each school gathered monetary donations focusing on generosity. The Middle School students and staff donated over \$1,300 to this great cause.

High School Principal Jim Matthys recognized Mike Goecks, Paul Ritschard, and Eric Ebersperger for their teamwork on revamping the current Social Studies curriculum and sequence.

Pupil Services Director Sarah Wadsworth recognized Jessica Swan, Angie Kirch, and Brooke Kintzle for providing an opportunity for our students to utilize Bookshare for Schools. Bookshare provides students who struggle with reading to access books in alternative formats.

Technology Director Kevin Buxton acknowledged Paul Ritschard for taking on tech-related issues for students and staff. Recently, he helped plan for and implement the equipment and procedures needed to live stream activities at the High School.

Building and Grounds Director Brian Kammerer recognized Jim Matthys, Kevin Buxton, Paul Ritschard, and Nick Jarvis for their help with livestreaming sporting events.

Superintendent Lenny Lueck recognized Lisa Semrow for getting her staff to submit articles to the local newspapers. The District is trying to promote some of the activities that are still occurring in the District and she has had staff sending information to the newspapers for publishing. He also recognized Brian Kammerer for all of his extra work with the start-up of athletics and Sarah Wadsworth for her work with the Seclusion and Restraint Policy changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
Public comment has been temporarily suspended.

**AGENDA ITEMS**  
**APPROVAL OF EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the early graduation request as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR 2021-22** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the 2021-22 High School Program of Studies as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY JLJ [SECLUSION & RESTRAINT]** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the first reading of changes to Policy JLJ [Seclusion & Restraint]. Motion carried, 7-0.

**COVID-19 UPDATE** **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**  
Superintendent Lueck presented an update on the status and prevalence of COVID-19 within the District. There has been a small increase since the Thanksgiving break. However, attendance rates among students and staff have remained consistent and positive. The High School continues in Plan B (the Hybrid model) and the Middle and Elementary Schools in face-to-face instruction. It is the recommendation of Administration to continue each school in these plans until at least the January School Board meeting. Superintendent Lueck also informed the Board that previously scheduled Middle School and High School trips have been cancelled.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Michael Oellerich, to continue to allow Middle School sports to begin practice as scheduled. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Mike Krupke, second by Al Schneider, to continue to allow District employees to take leave consistent with the FFCRA until the January 13, 2021 Board meeting.  
Motion carried, 6-0 [M. Oellerich abstained].

**ACCEPT DONATION(S)** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to accept the following donation(s):  
• \$250.00 from Thrivent that Joyce Burns applied for, for the Middle School for their Service Project to Repurpose Overgrown and Unkept Landscaping at the Front Entry of the School  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**RESIGNATION(S)** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation/retirement of Lisa Licht, Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk and Transportation Liaison, effective March 12, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the res-

ignation/retirement of Leonard Lueck, District Superintendent, effective June 30, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the resignation/retirement of Tracy Lueck, Pupil Services/Curriculum/Athletic Secretary, effective June 30, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

**EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Breanna McGaw as a High School Special Education Paraeducator, at the rate of \$11.50/hour, beginning November 23, 2020. Motion carried, 7-0.

**VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)** **ACTION ITEM**  
None at this time.

**FUTURE AGENDA [January 13, 2021]**

- Audit Report
- Draw Lots for Ballot Order
- Approval of 2021-22 School Calendar
- Approval of WIAA Football Co-op
- Review WASB Resolutions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Changes to Policy JLJ [Seclusion & Restraint]
- 2021 Technology Budget
- COVID-19 Update
- Superintendent Search Discussion
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) (f)** **ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Michael Oellerich, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) (f) at 8:00 p.m. for the discussion of:

- a. Staffing
- b. Administrative Contracts

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).  
**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 8:25p.m.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** **ACTION ITEM**  
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Michael Oellerich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**DATE: 12/9/20**

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BREEZE TUNES PRODUCTIONS	\$350.00
BRIDGES	\$367.87
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,168.31
CITY OF BRODHEAD	\$1,697.18
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	\$56,419.60
PIGGLY WIGGLY	\$379.63
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	\$1,226.92
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	\$686.37
TRESONA MULTIMEDIA LLC	\$270.00
VISA	\$2,343.15
WE ENERGIES	\$1,557.93
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B.R.S. RADIATOR MACHINE	\$124.75
BRODHEAD TIRE CENTER LLC	\$564.00
BRUCE COMPANY	\$200.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	\$158.30
HELM SERVICE INC	\$653.26
JW PEPPER & SON INC	\$365.00
MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	\$192.00
MIDAMERICA	\$44,103.71
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	\$1,769.54
U.S. CELLULAR	\$384.18
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BRODHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$100.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	\$9,487.16
BSN SPORTS, LLC	\$429.12
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DEMCO INC	\$293.86
GOPHER PERFORMANCE	\$277.58
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HELM SERVICE, INC	\$528.82
INSIGHT FS	\$2,224.37
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JW PEPPER & SON INC	\$187.19
ESJD DBA PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY	\$3,182.64
ROBERT W BAIRD & CO	\$2,750.00
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	\$7,614.92
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	\$410.88
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EWELL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE	\$460.00
HUDL	\$900.00
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	\$249.95
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WI FFA	\$1,300
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## AGENDA

### BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**  
**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**BOARD ROOM**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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#### AGENDA

- VII. PROGRAM PRESENTATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL
- VIII. APPROVAL OF SPORTS CO-OP RENEWALS
- IX. SET OPEN ENROLLMENT SEAT LIMITS FOR 2021-22
- X. COVID-19 UPDATE
- XI. SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
- XII. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
- XIII. RESIGNATION(S)
- XIV. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
- XV. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
- XVI. FUTURE AGENDA
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## Putting words to work

In order to familiarize themselves with the periodic table, Brodhead Middle School sixth-grade science students were given some word-making challenges. Challenge winner Brooke Mueller, left, made 432 words using the chemical symbols found on the periodic table, while Lillian Sievers formed the names of eight elements using the chemical symbols. In addition, Khloe Coplien (not pictured) made the longest lettered/tilde word, which was 29 letters and used 24 symbols.

## Grants fund local drug treatment services

Green and Rock county agencies are among the 23 agencies that recently were awarded grants to provide treatment services for the problem use of opioids and stimulants.

Agencies in Green County received \$184,546, while agencies in Rock County received \$379,045.

"Too many Wisconsinites, and their friends, family and neighbors, have experienced the tragedies of harmful use of stimulants and opioids first hand," Gov. Tony Evers said in a news release. "It tears apart families, impacts our kids and has affected every Wisconsin communi-

ty in one way or another. I am glad we are able to get these critical funds out the door to provide treatment and hope for so many."

Opioids include prescription pain relievers, heroin and fentanyl. Stimulants include cocaine and methamphetamine.

All of the grant recipients are connecting people struggling with opioids to medication-assisted treatment. Medication-assisted treatment involves one of the three Food and Drug Administration-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder — buprenorphine

products, methadone and naltrexone — as well as therapy and other supports, according to the news release. Research shows medication-assisted treatment is the most effective way to treat opioid use disorder, the release said.

More than 2,100 people are expected to receive treatment services as a result of the recently announced grant awards.

For information about substance abuse, connect with the Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline by calling 211 or going online to [addictionhelpwi.org](http://addictionhelpwi.org).

## Agrace offers free virtual grief support groups

Local children, teens and adults can find hope and healing after a family member's death with the help of Agrace grief support specialists. From January to May, bi-weekly grief support groups can provide emotional and peer support in a professionally led virtual setting.

Agrace support groups meet online and are accessible using a tablet, computer or smartphone, so participants can join from home anywhere in southern Wisconsin.

Pre-registration is required for all groups; call 608-327-7135 to ask about openings and dates.

- **Child Loss Support Group:** for adults who have experienced the death of a child and are the parents/primary caregivers of school-aged children/teens. The group meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. every other Tuesday.

- **Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group:** for adults who have school-aged children/teens and whose

spouse or partner has died. The group meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. every other Wednesday.

- **Sibling Loss Support Groups:** for children ages 5 to 18 who have lost a sibling. Groups meet from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. every other Monday. Children are grouped according to age.

- **Parent/Primary Caregiver Loss Groups:** for children ages 5 to 18 whose parent or primary caregiver has died. Groups meet from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. every other Thursday. Children are grouped according to age.

There are no fees for the virtual programs, and anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one can join, even if the person who died was not a hospice patient. For more information, go online to [agrace.org/support](http://agrace.org/support) group, call 608-327-7135 or email [griefsupport@agrace.org](mailto:griefsupport@agrace.org).

Founded in 1978, Agrace is a non-

profit, community-supported health care organization dedicated to providing high-quality, compassionate care and support to people who are aging, ill or dying. With offices in Janesville, Madison, Baraboo and Platteville, Agrace serves nearly 1,000 patients across southern Wisconsin every day.

## ATV courses slated

The Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer two Department of Natural Resources ATV safety education courses beginning in February. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, is required to complete the course in order to legally operate an all-terrain vehicle in places open to the public.

There is a class fee of \$10 per student, which will be collected at the time of registration. A parent/guardian signature is required for those under the age of 18.

Class size is limited to 25 students. After completing the online enrollment form, you will receive an email confirmation with the mandatory class registration information.

Enroll online at: [www.co.rock.wi.us/sheriff-recreationalpatrol/atv-education](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/sheriff-recreationalpatrol/atv-education).

The classes will be held either Feb. 20 or March 20 at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Janesville.

Any questions concerning registration or the course may be directed to Deputy Cisneros at [eric.cisneros@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:eric.cisneros@co.rock.wi.us).

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