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## Winter offers a new experience on trails

By Katelyn Black  
CORRESPONDENT

Even as the weather gets colder and snow covers the ground, dedicated trail users and winter lovers are still heading out on the Sugar River Trail.

Some seek recreation, while others seek exercise or some peaceful time outside.

“(It’s) a whole other world in winter. My Fitbit thinks I’m on an elliptical when I hike with poles,” said trail user Renee Henning. “(It’s a) great workout and snow-covered scenery makes familiar terrain more challenging.”

For trail lover Kassandra Huff-

man, the trail is the perfect place to practice her photography — especially during the winter.

“The bare trees and snow provides trail users with a different experience during the winter,” said Huffman, who also serves on the board of the Friends of the Sugar River and Badger State Trails. “There is more opportunity to see birds along the trail. As a novice to photography, I am looking forward to capturing the magical feeling snow brings to silent sports during the winter.”

As the snow begins to pile up, snowmobiling becomes the most popular activity on the trail. The De-

partment of Natural Resources stipulates there must be at least 4 inches of snow for snowmobiling on the trail.

Local snowmobile clubs have a contract with the DNR to groom the trails to certain conditions when the snow falls. The money raised from snowmobile registration goes towards the trail grooming efforts.

For a guide to current trail conditions, go online to [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov).

For information about state trail passes, call 888-305-0398 or check the DNR website. Passes for the Sugar River State Trail also are available at the Brodhead Police Department, 1004 W. Exchange St.



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### Making the most of winter

Top, a trail groomer works along Wisconsin Highway 11 just outside of Brodhead on Jan. 2. Above, a snowmobiler takes advantage of the fresh snow cover near Putnam Park in Brodhead.



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Winter offers a chance to experience the Sugar River State Trail in a new light.

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## DHS launches COVID-19 vaccine data page

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services recently launched its new COVID-19 vaccine data page. Data shown includes summary metrics for allocation, shipment and total vaccine administered, as well as a graph displaying the number of vaccinations administered per day.

DHS officials plan to update the page at 2 p.m. every Tuesday.

“We are committed to providing the public with timely COVID-19 vaccine information,” DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm said in a news release. “Even though we’re in the early stages of the Wisconsin COVID-19 vaccine program, it is important for Wisconsinites to know where we stand and highlight the unprecedented work being done by COVID-19 vaccinators across the state.”

The Food and Drug Administration has authorized two COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use. The

FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and independent advisers review all vaccine safety and effectiveness data before any vaccine is approved or allowed for distribution.

Wisconsin began administering vaccine after the first shipments of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine arrived in the state Dec. 14. The first vaccinations with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine began Dec. 22.

More than 46,000 doses of vaccine already have administered in the state.

Data on vaccinations come from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. WIR is an online system that tracks immunizations given in health care settings into one record for Wisconsinites. The database, containing more than 9 million immunization records, receives information from the Wisconsin Vital Statistics program, health care organizations, and

Medicaid, and shares data with Minnesota and Michigan’s immunization registries. Guidance from the CDC dictates that all COVID-19 vaccinations must be reported to WIR and providers are expected to complete reporting within 24 hours of administration.

DHS plans to expand the data displayed on the vaccine page as COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available.

“At this time, geographic and demographic vaccine data will not be publicly available due to the small, targeted approach of the early stages of the Wisconsin COVID-19 vaccine program,” the news release said. “The priority of DHS is to protect the privacy of people who are vaccinated.”

Find the latest information about COVID-19, go online to [dhs.wisconsin.gov](http://dhs.wisconsin.gov) and follow @DHSWI on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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# State seeks public input on unemployment claim applications

The Department of Workforce Development recently announced plans to make it easier for Wisconsin residents to file for unemployment insurance benefits by updating the language for both its initial and weekly UI claim applications.

DWD is currently seeking public input on the updated draft application questions online at [dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiapplicationsfeedback](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiapplicationsfeedback).

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored existing barriers to applying to receive UI benefits. To improve the UI application process, DWD has updated the questions to feature "plain language" as much as possible. "Plain language" is intended to be understandable to all individuals who are likely to use the UI application process, regardless of educational back-

ground or regional/cultural language differences, and to ensure application and question clarity.

Changes to the application process will help ensure all those who are filling out either an initial or weekly UI claim can understand the questions quickly and easily and prevent inadvertent or erroneous answers that might otherwise prompt further action or investigation and delay an individual's claim from being processed.

"Hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin residents applied for and received UI benefits in 2020," DWD Transition Director Amy Pechacek said. "But we know many had to wait longer than necessary because they incorrectly answered a question on the application and that triggered an investigation into their eligibility."

"DWD is making sure that the questions asked of claimants are clear and concise so that people who are applying can answer questions completely and accurately on the front end. Updating the application will not only help our customers but also improve UI operations."

The deadline to submit public comment on the draft questions is Jan. 8. DWD job centers will also host virtual focus groups with selected volunteers from around the state to collect additional feedback on the application process.

Department officials plan to post the updated web applications in March.

To provide your feedback, go online to [dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiapplicationsfeedback](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiapplicationsfeedback).

# Obituaries

## DENISE GALLO

Denise Gallo, age 77, of Janesville, passed away Dec. 30, 2020, while at the Select Specialty Hospital in Madison with her devoted daughter and son-in-law by her side.

Denise was born July 29, 1943, in Watertown, South Dakota, the daughter of Howard and Catherine (Scheiber) Shoff. She married John Gallo on July 23, 1966, in Minneapolis.

Denise loved to tend to her flower garden and enjoyed cooking, baking and birding. Denise also worked as an Avon sales rep for many years and was top in her region while she lived in the Kokomo, Indiana, area. She also liked to go camping and fishing with her husband.

Denise is survived by her two children, Loralee (Duain) Volden and Michael Gallo; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren;



a sister, Margaret Shults; and a brother, Sheldon "Bud" Shoff.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, on July 16, 2019; and two

sisters and two half brothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Plant a Tree Foundation in her memory.

Memorial services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, with a visitation at the funeral home from 2 p.m. until the time of services.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home is serving the family, [dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) or 608-897-2484.

## NAOMI VIRGINIA MILLER

Naomi Virginia Miller, age 96, of Brodhead, passed away Dec. 29, 2020, at the Monroe Clinic Hospice Home in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Naomi was born Aug. 21, 1924, the daughter of Herman and Helen (Kelly) Krueger.

When Naomi was young, her mother was ill and her father was unable to care for his children, so the family separated and members were sent to live with others. From seventh grade on, Naomi lived with the Leo and Katherine Norton family of Juda. She attended several grade schools and graduated from Juda High School. She was Juda's first prom queen and was a cheerleader. She married Oliver Miller on Jan. 18, 1947, and he passed away on Sept. 26, 2017. They farmed outside of Brodhead.

Naomi kept active working on the family farm. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church. While her children were in school, she was a member of the Brodhead Sports and Music Boosters. She was a very active member of AMPI Women, St. Rose Altar Society, Farm Bureau Women and was general leader of Spring Grove 4-H for many years. She liked to bowl, knit and crochet. She loved to garden, had beautiful flower beds and enjoyed feeding and watching the birds. She was named Farm Bureau Woman of the year in 1990. She was a wonderful cook and baked hundreds of pies, along with other baked goods, for different organizations to sell over the years. The freezer was always stocked with a variety of cookies so everyone could have their favorite. Her pickles cannot be duplicated! She enjoyed promoting dairy products and selling ice cream cones at the Green County Fair.

But first and foremost, she was a strong supporter of her family, putting them, their needs and hap-



piness before herself and supporting everything they were involved in.

Naomi is survived by her six children, Ann Thornton, Steven (Heidi) Miller, Denis

(Kelly) Miller, Debra (James) Huffman, all of Brodhead, David Miller of Florida and Daniel Miller (Kathleen) of Monroe; grandchildren, Eric Thornton, Sam Huffman, Holly Walker, Faith Edwards, Steve Miller, Ben Miller, Paul Huffman, Amanda Miller, Marissa Worzella, Justin Miller and Ryan Miller; great grandchildren, Danielle, Ashley, Cory, Stacy, Jacob, Sean, Dane, Garrett, Oliver, Nolan, Nadel, Owen, Henry, Marlie and Addison; great great grandchildren, Layla, Talia, Isabella, Julian and Olivia; a brother, Roger Norton, of Oconomowoc; a sister-in-law, Rosemary Norton, of Morris Illinois; a sister-in-law, Maxine Moran, of Alpena, Michigan, and a brother-in-law, Urban Miller, of Janesville, Wisconsin.

Naomi was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Oliver, in 2017; a grandson, Patrick Thornton; a son-in-law, Eric Thornton; siblings, Lucille Babler, Helen Kundert, Max and Virgil Krueger and John and Bill Norton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Brodhead EMS, White Gift of Brodhead or Monroe Clinic Hospice Home in her memory.

Private family services will be held with burial at the Greenwood Cemetery. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family, [www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com), 608-897-2484.

# Top baby names noted

## Monroe Clinic:

### Here for you from the start

Every year, Monroe Clinic is honored to help area families welcome their sweet babies into the world. Here's a look back at 2020.

**Monroe Clinic delivered 417 babies**

Most Popular Girl's Names: Teagan/Teigan/Taegan/Charlotte

Most Popular Boy's Names: Easton/Jackson

Number of Girls born in 2020: 203

Number of Boys born in 2020: 214

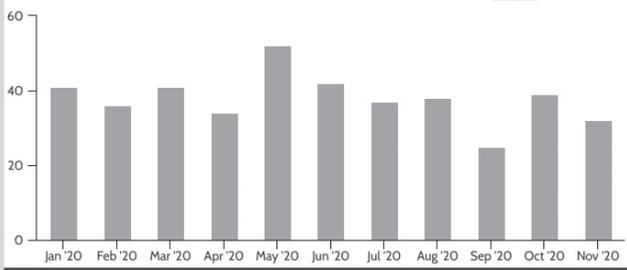
Tallest: 23 inches

Biggest: 10.21 lbs.

Smallest: 17.5 inches

Littlest: 3.97 lbs.

### Births by Month at Monroe Clinic



May saw the highest number of births: 52!  
\*\*Data collected from January 2020 - November 2020

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**More than 415 babies were delivered by Monroe Clinic providers between Jan. 1, 2020, and Nov. 30, 2020. The most popular baby names are shown at left. Tying for the second-most popular girls names were Avery, Elise/Elyse, Everleigh/Everly/Everlee and Paislee/Paisley. For boys, Lucas/Luke, Logan and Cameron/Kameron were tied for the second-most popular names.**

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# Art Infusion video features murals, chalk art

The Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Art Infusion Mural Committee recently released a new video that features the Art Infusion 2020 event.

"The video shares the story of how the event has transformed not only the walls and sidewalks of the downtown, but how it also used art to transform the community," according to a news release. "It features commentary from Nigella Ryan, who commissioned artist Jeff Henriquez to create the Black Hawk mural in 2019, a catalyst for the addition of the mural event in 2020."

The video includes scenes from fall 2020 event and the five new painted wall murals and the artists who created them.

"By adding the outdoor painted wall mural component, we have created another link to the arts and developed new art that is available for the community and visitors alike to enjoy year-round and for years to come," said Christine Rebut, executive director at the visitors bureau.

The video, which was produced by Drywater Productions, can be viewed on the Art Infusion Facebook page or the Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau YouTube channel and social media channels.

A wall mural committee raised \$50,000 to support the 2020 event and partnered with Wallpapered City LLC of Milwaukee to develop and manage the mural portion of the event. Wallpapered City specializes in developing and managing painted mural art events.

## About Art Infusion

Art Infusion features a professional artist who creates a sidewalk chalk art mural, as well as a sidewalk chalk art competition with a cash grand prize, opportunities for attendees to draw for fun and free sidewalk chalk art instruction for

## In brief

### Juda student receives state FFA grant

Breanna Brooks of Juda FFA was one of 48 FFA members statewide to recently be awarded a grant from the Supervised Agricultural Experience Grant committee of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

Brooks received a grant for her supervised agricultural experience in the dairy category. The SAE allows students to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world experiences.

Statewide, more than \$31,000 in grants was awarded to members from 30 FFA chapters.

### Nurse practitioner joins Monroe Clinic

Officials at Monroe Clinic recently welcomed Melissa Anderson, a new primary care nurse practitioner.



**Melissa Anderson**

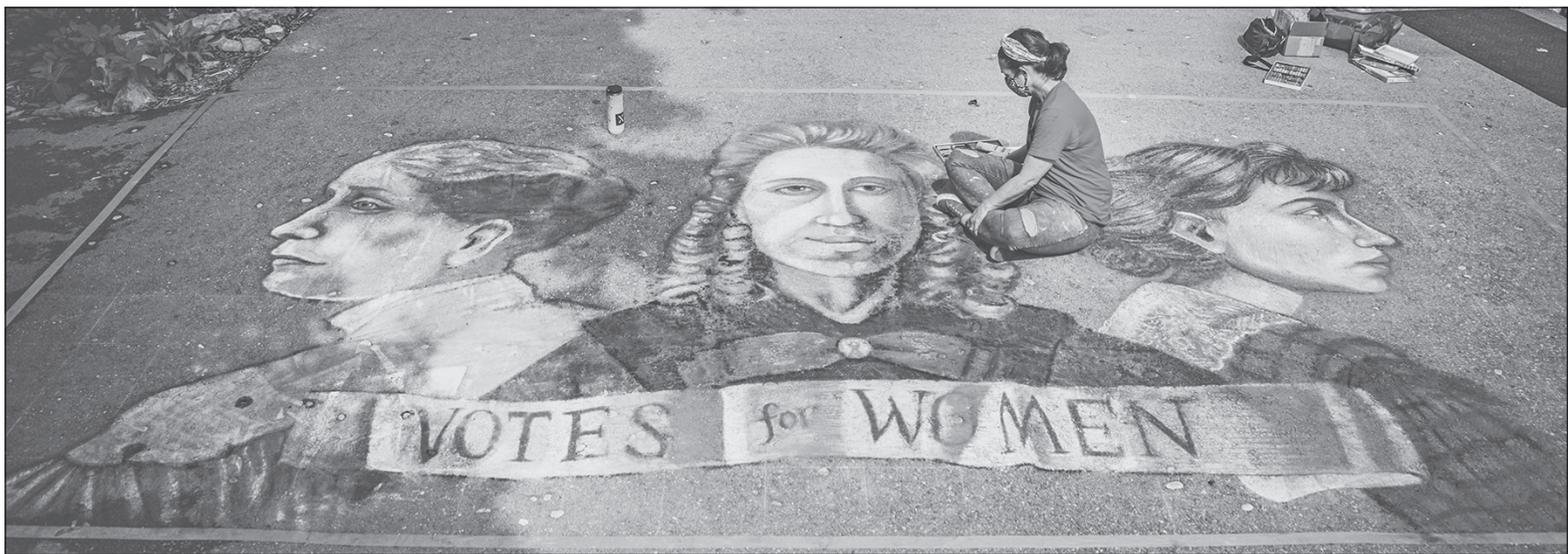
Melissa is a South Wayne, Wisconsin, native who received her doctor of nursing practice from Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa. She is licensed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a family nurse practitioner.

Anderson will provide comprehensive primary care to all members of the family —men, women and children.

### Green County GOP plans meeting

Members of the Republican Party of Green County will hold their monthly breakfast meeting rally at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Swiss Alps restaurant in Monroe.

Interested Republicans are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bruce Kloeping at 608-897-8395.



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**Above: Stacey Williams-Ng created this sidewalk chalk mural, "Votes for Women," at the Rock County Historical Society during the fall Art Infusion event in Janesville. A new video features the chalk art and wall mural projects created during the 2020 event. Right: Artist Jeff Henriquez created this wall mural at 101 E. Milwaukee St. in downtown Janesville during last fall's Art Infusion event.**

Janesville students.

In 2020 the committee added the new component by including five new and permanent wall murals in the downtown. The new murals are listed below.

• Diversity and Women's History mural

Featured artist: Jeff Henriquez  
Wall address: 101 E. Milwaukee St.

Bio: Henriquez is a full-time artist from Newark, New Jersey, and holds a degree in painting from Bradford College. He works in a variety of mediums, including spray paint and pen and ink.

• Two Horses mural

Featured artists: Jessie Willyerd working with Tim Cahill  
Wall address: 37 S. Main St.

Bio: Willyerd and Cahill are Class of 2003 graduates of Janesville Craig High School who both pursued fine arts degrees afterwards. Both are members of Janesville Art League. Their collaborative mural is the first they've created together since high school.

• Origami Birds mural

Featured artist: Stephanie Krellwitz  
Wall address: 60 S. Main St.

Bio: Krellwitz is a freelance artist and yoga instructor with a background in special education, deaf education and art education. In the studio she specializes in commissioned artworks including portraits

and logo design.

• Collaboration mural

Featured artists: Jaime Brown working with Karim Jabbari  
Wall address: 21 S. Jackson St.

Bio: This collaborative team had starkly different beginnings; Brown was born and raised in Wisconsin and Jabbari in Tunisia, North Africa. This combination creates a contrasting core, blending their fusion of art styles.

• Dog Bone mural

Featured artist: David Mark Zimmerman (aka Bigshot Robot)  
Wall address: 215 W. Milwaukee St. (back of the building)

Bio: Bigshot Robot is a Milwaukee-based designer with creations that explore curiosity, vibrancy, humor and movement. In his installations there is always a sense of imagination at play with colorful palettes full of energetic patterns.

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## Albany Comet News

### THURSDAY, JAN. 7

-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
\*Albany girls varsity basketball at Juda, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 8

-Albertson Memorial Library full circulation and limited computer service, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
\*Albany varsity boys basketball vs. Faith Christian, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 9

-Albertson Memorial Library closed

### SUNDAY, JAN. 10

No events scheduled

### MONDAY, JAN. 11

-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
\*Albany girls varsity basketball vs. Belmont, 6 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 12

-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
\*Albany boys varsity basketball at Benton, 6 p.m.  
\*Albany girls varsity basketball vs. Williams Bay, 6 p.m.

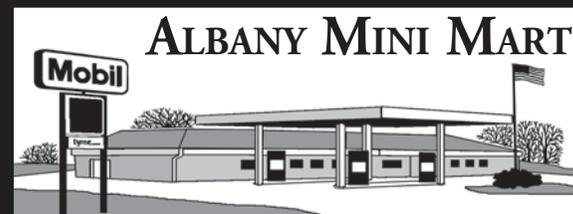
### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

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# Unbreakable bond: Area soldier builds life-saving relationship with military dog

By Staff Sgt. Tawny Schmit  
CONTRIBUTOR

U.S. Army Cpl. Dustin Borchardt, a military working dog handler from Burlington, has led a career that many K9 handlers can relate to – long work days with vigorous training, a mental awareness for their surroundings that never turns off, and, of course, an unmatched dedication to their four-legged partners.

However, one thing stands out about Borchardt and his dog, Pearl: they have been together for more than six years, a stretch he said is uncommon in his line of work. Most military working dogs are assigned to one base for most of their lives while handlers rotate from duty station to duty station, having to leave the dogs they bonded

with behind and start the process all over again.

“We showed up to Fort Campbell at the same time,” said Borchardt. “I was absolutely terrified. She was less than a year old, jumping all over the place. I was fresh out of training, and I had no idea what I was doing.”

But Borchardt’s hesitancy soon faded, and so did Pearl’s hyper habits. They trained for a year and a half together, becoming proficient in explosives detection, bite techniques and force protection security. Borchardt and Pearl were soon on the same page and ready to get to work.

### Presidential duty

He said their first independent mission still sticks out in his mind. The

pair was assigned to guard the Trump Tower in New York City for then president-elect Donald Trump, where they stayed in a hotel room together for three weeks.

From there, they served on multiple secret service missions before deploying to Afghanistan, attached to 1st Special Forces Group and 10th Special Forces Group.

“Pearl had 30-plus confirmed finds ranging from homemade to military grade explosives, and multiple unconfirmed,” said Borchardt, reflecting. “We were able to get everybody back home safe. We did our job and nobody got hurt.”

Borchardt credits Pearl with saving his life more than once on that deployment. He has since been assigned to the 100th Military Police Detachment based in Stuttgart, Germany, where Pearl was allowed to accompany him.



STAFF SGT. TAWNY SCHMIT *Brodhead Independent-Register*

**U.S. Army Cpl. Dustin Borchardt of Burlington, a military dog handler with the 100th Military Police Detachment based out of Stuttgart, Germany, picks up his military working dog after she performed a bite suit demonstration in Ferizaj/Ferizaje, Kosovo.**

### Different kind of mission

After years of high-profile, security-based missions and a combat deployment, the duo is now taking on a different type of mission: supporting Kosovo Force, Regional Command East, a NATO-led peacekeeping organization dedicated to the freedom of movement, safety and security of all people in Kosovo.

*See BOND, Back Page*

## Health news

# COVID-19 vaccines offer safety, hope

Immunizations are one of the greatest medical successes. Globally, over 2 million deaths are prevented every year from vaccination programs. But vaccines that stay in the bottle, even the best vaccines in the world, do nothing. It is important that everyone who can get vaccinated does so.

- Vaccines are safe. Every vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration goes through a three-phase process of trials. In each trial, more individuals receive the vaccine and it is tested for safety and for efficacy (making sure it works to prevent disease). Several thousand people receive a vaccine and are studied to make sure there are no dangerous side effects before a vaccine is approved. During this process, some people are given a placebo (inactive shot) and are compared to those receiving the vaccine.

- Mild side effects are expected. Vaccines work by exposing your immune system to antigens that cannot cause disease, but can teach your immune system to recognize and attack specific viruses or bacteria. When your immune system is activated, you can have some mild side effects such as soreness at the injection site, achiness, tiredness or low-grade fever lasting for a day or



By **SHARI FABER**  
*Rock County Public Health Department*

- two.
- Effectiveness varies. Flu vaccines include several flu strains, but don’t usually have all the strains that might go around in a given year. Therefore, the flu vaccine prevents 40% to 60% of flu-related hospitalizations each year. The new COVID-19 vaccines are showing effectiveness rates above 90%.

- Fast doesn’t mean unsafe. Due to the severity of the pandemic, the COVID-19 vaccine approval process has been moving very quickly. This does not mean corners were cut regarding safety. Due to a “head start” based on previous research on other coronaviruses such as SARS and MERS, a large financial investment, and by doing multiple steps at the same time, scientists have been able to safely speed up the process.

- COVID-19 vaccines are approved under an emergency use authorization, not full FDA approval. The FDA may issue an EUA when certain criteria are

met. These criteria include that there are no adequate, approved, available alternatives and based on the totality of scientific evidence available, the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product. All of these criteria have been met for two COVID-19 vaccines so far.

Safety studies of the vaccines will continue as they are introduced around the world. Stay informed so when a vaccine becomes available, you feel confident that it is safe. If you have concerns, talk with your medical provider about the best choice for you.

The pandemic has been spreading around the world for almost a year. There have been many lives lost, people sickened and economies damaged, but vaccines offer hope. New vaccines have the potential to greatly reduce the spread and severity of this disease. But even the most effective vaccine will only work in people who are vaccinated.

*Shari Faber is a health educator for the Rock County Public Health Department. To ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us. For more information, follow the department on social media @rockcountypHD.*

## Performing arts center highlights local talent

### Online book signing, music slated

The Janesville Performing Arts Center is highlighting local authors, playwrights and artists during its local talent month.

The January programming includes video presentations of past JPAC- and Stage One-produced performances and a new sit-down “virtual book signing” with local authors Pat Hall, Gregory Peck and Mike Andre.

“JPAC is thrilled to be venturing into content that highlights some of the talented writers and publishers that exist in the Janesville community,” JPAC Executive Director Nathan Burkart said in a news release. “These incredible writers and collectors of art are also local talent, and this year has given us the opportunity to explore and expand what type of art the PAC puts on display for our community.”

Hall and Peck have multiple published works and Andre has a unique collection of photographs of Chicago graffiti art that is consolidated into a published coffee table book.

The virtual book signing, which will be hosted on the PAC’s Facebook account the week of Jan. 11, will feature three sit-down conversations with Hall, Peck and Andre. The books will be featured, and people will learn how they can obtain the books from local stores throughout the community.

### Virtual venue

“JPAC is also excited to say that its Virtual Venue is back,” the release said.

An evening of music will be streamed live on JPAC’s Facebook Page at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 21.

Donations to help JPAC can be made through the virtual tip jar at [PayPal.me/JanesvillePAC](https://www.paypal.com/janesvillepac).

The featured band for the Jan. 21 performance will be the indie-pop duo of Meg Golz and Eve Wilczewski known as Seasaw.

In addition to the online content, JPAC’s Education/Outreach Director Jim McCulloch will be conducting a statewide monologue competition that will give actors a chance to participate in an online monologue contest at the end of the month.

Those who are interested in participating should email McCulloch at [jim@janesvillepac.org](mailto:jim@janesvillepac.org).

For more information, call the JPAC box office at 608-758-0297, go online to [janesvillepac.org](https://www.janesvillepac.org), or email Burkart at [nathan@janesvillepac.org](mailto:nathan@janesvillepac.org).



**News from  
Parkview in Orfordville:  
Viking Times**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 7**

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview boys varsity basketball vs. Palmyra-Eagle 7:15 p.m.
- Parkview girls varsity basketball at Argyle 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 8**

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

**SATURDAY, JAN. 9**

- Orfordville library open 9 a.m. to noon

**SUNDAY, JAN. 10**

- Orfordville library closed

**MONDAY, JAN. 11**

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Village of Orfordville Economic Development Committee meeting 6 p.m.
- Village of Orfordville board meeting 7 p.m.
- Parkview girls varsity basketball vs. Juda 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 12**

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview boys varsity basketball at Clinton, 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13**

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

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# Good news for endangered species, DNR reports

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continued to make strides supporting endangered species in 2020.

This includes helping threatened turtles, aiding promising field trials for vaccines to save bats from white-nose syndrome and restoring a globally rare bedrock glade in the Baraboo Hills. Reports of endangered bumble bee sightings in 2020 reached record numbers, matching an upward trend of people turning to nature.

These are just a few highlights of the progress made for endangered species and state natural areas in 2020 shared in the annual Natural Heritage Conservation Program Field Notes, which is now available online and in the winter issue of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

"In a year of unprecedented challenges, our dedicated Natural Heritage Conservation staff, partners, volunteers and donors doubled down on protecting and restoring Wisconsin's endangered species and state natural areas," said DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Program Director Drew Feldkirchner.

NHC staff members are responsible for protecting hundreds of rare species and state natural areas. They locate rare species, protect and restore habitats, assist landowners with rare species and avoid harm to them during development or other activities.

"Our 2020 Field Notes share some of these stories and the progress made for Wisconsin's rare species and state natural areas," Feldkirchner said. "We're very thankful for everyone who was part of the team in 2020."

Although organized volunteer workdays and volunteer training for monitoring programs were canceled due to the pandemic, many longtime volunteers found satisfaction working safely on their own outdoors to make essential contributions. For example, Bumble Bee Brigade volunteers found the rare indiscriminate cuckoo bumble bee in eight new counties and the rare American bumble bee in four new counties.

The work by the NHC to protect and restore species native to Wisconsin is made possible in large part by donations to the Endangered Resources Fund using a Wisconsin income tax form, direct gifts from individuals, endowments, and special license plates, including the bald eagle plate.

Here's how to help Wisconsin's rare species and special places in 2021:

- Volunteer to help look for and document rare plants and animals
- Sign up to be notified of when group volunteer workdays resume at state natural areas
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- Add native plants to balconies, yards and corporate parks to help reverse habitat loss, a leading cause of population declines for birds, pollinators and many rare species.

For more information, go online to [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov).

## Legal Notices

BY THE COURT:  
DATE SIGNED:  
December 14, 2020  
Electronically signed by  
Thomas J. Vale  
Circuit Court Judge

### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
Curtis Richard Gonfiantini  
deceased

#### Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2020PR105

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/10/1939 and date of death 12/06/2020, was domiciled in Green County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 505 4th St. Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 3-22-2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe, Wisconsin. Form completed by: Sandra L. Sargent 519 5th Ave. New Glarus WI 53574 608-616-2936 The Independent Register 12/23, 12/30/2020, 1/6/2021 WNAXLP 387434

#### BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT BRODHEAD, WI TRANSFORMER PROTECTOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for a Transformer Protector for Brodhead Municipal 4 Substation (Specification #4063) will be received by Brodhead Water & Light, at the office of Forster Electrical Engineering, Inc. at 550 N Burr Oak Avenue Oregon, WI 53575, until 1:00 P.M. local time on January 26, 2021 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of furnishing and delivering one (1) transformer protector to the site of the new Brodhead Municipal 4 Substation in Brodhead, WI.

Bids will be received for a single Contract to furnish and deliver one (1) 69 kV transformer protector for use in protecting a 69 kV/12.47 kV, 10/14 MVA substation transformer. Bids shall be provided on a lump sum basis and will be evaluated based on a lump sum price and apparent life cycle costs.

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

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment of a deposit of \$50 for each set or \$20 for an electronic version. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

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

Owner: **Brodhead Water & Light**  
By: **Ed Hoff**  
Title: **Superintendent**  
Date: **December 28, 2020**  
The Independent Register  
12/30/2020, 1/6/2021  
WNAXLP 387749

#### AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2021  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
BOARD ROOM  
7:00 P.M.

JOIN WITH GOOGLE MEET:  
<https://meet.google.com/loiv-jiji-thn>

#### JOIN BY TELEPHONE: +1 727-325-2066 (PIN: 996403637)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  - III. ROLL CALL
  - IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS
  - VII. INFORMATION REPORTS
  - VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
[SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY]
  - AGENDA
  - IX. AUDIT REPORT
  - X. DRAW LOTS FOR BALLOT ORDER
  - XI. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR
  - XII. APPROVAL OF WIAA FOOTBALL CO-OP
  - XIII. REVIEW WASB RESOLUTIONS
  - XIV. 2ND READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY JLJ [SECLUSION & RESTRAINT]
  - XV. 2021 TECHNOLOGY BUDGET
  - XVI. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH DISCUSSION
  - XVII. COVID-19 UPDATE
  - XVIII. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
  - XIX. RESIGNATIONS(S)
  - XX. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
  - XXI. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
  - XXII. FUTURE AGENDA
  - XXIII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
    - a. Staffing
  - XXIV. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
  - XXV. ADJOURNMENT
- The Independent Register  
1/6/2021  
WNAXLP 387652

#### NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL 14726 W. COUNTY ROAD A, EVANSVILLE, WI 53536 JANUARY 12, 2021 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE is Hereby Given to the electors of the Town of Magnolia, in the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, that a Town Caucus for said town will be held at the Magnolia Town Hall, 14729 W. County Road A, Evansville, WI 53536 in said town on January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candidates for the different town offices to be voted for at the Town Election to be held on the first Tuesday in April of 2021.

#### TOWN OF MAGNOLIA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TOWN CAUCUS

#### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Clerk's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person
7. Zoning Change Petitions
8. Highways and Bridges
9. Rock County Public Works Contract
10. Approve 2021 Evansville EMS Contract
11. Town Hall Improvements
12. Agenda for Next Month
13. Pay Bills
14. Adjourn

Graceann Toberman,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
The Independent Register  
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WNAXLP 387772

#### TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY 2021 CAUCUS Monday January 11, 2020 at 6 PM

Orfordville Fire District  
Meeting Room  
173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

#### AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper notice
4. Appointment of Caucus Chair
5. Nominations
6. Adjournment to regular meeting

#### TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public no-

4. Secretary's Report
  5. Treasurer's report
  6. Reports
  7. Audience communication
  8. Old business
    - A. Rock County Public Works
    - B. Road work
  9. New business
  10. Future agenda items
  11. Payment of bills
  12. Adjournment
- Dela Ends, Clerk

Recycling drop-off 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month Rock Co. Public Works Bldg. Hwy 213 Orfordville 9am-noon. [www.townofspringvalley.com](http://www.townofspringvalley.com)

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#### AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2021 HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C. 6:30 P.M.

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- I. REVIEW BILLS
  - II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
  - III. ADJOURN
- The Independent Register  
1/6/2021  
WNAXLP 387653

NOTICE  
TOWN OF ALBANY  
N6065 County Rd E  
Albany, WI 53502  
CAUCUS  
6:30 P.M.  
Followed by the  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
January 12, 2021.

Proof of posting verified – Town Hall, Recycling Center, on the website and published.

1. Approval of December meeting minutes.
  2. Treasurer's Report.
  3. Public Input.
  4. Website.
  5. Plan Commission Report.
  6. Roads and Driveway Permits.
  7. Building Inspector.
  8. Assessor.
  9. Insurance.
  10. Library:
  11. Recycling: Open discussion of possible Township-only alternative to continued use of Joint Township/Village Recycling Center.
  12. Fire Department.
  13. Employee Review.
  14. Grapple Bucket and Dump Trailer.
  15. Payment of Bills.
  16. Adjournment.
- The Independent Register  
1/6/2021  
WNAXLP 388024

NOTICE OF CAUCUS  
Town of Albany  
Notice is hereby given that a Town Caucus will be held at the Albany Town Hall, N6065 County E, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m. to nominate candidates for the positions of Town Officers as there may be vacancies. Current officers are Abel Schultz, Chairman, Doug Lawrence, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Scott Roth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, Grace Spangler, Treasurer and Bonnie Zee, Clerk. These offices will be voted on at the April 6, 2021 election.

Bonnie Zee  
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# — HEADLINE REVIEWS — A LOOK BACK AT 2020

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## January 2020

### Library sticks with closing policy

Library board members decided to stay with the winter closure policy despite one patron's request for the library to be open on days when schools are closed for bad weather.

### Brodhead to begin receiving energy from new solar farm

Energy from a new solar farm in Manitowoc County will help power homes and businesses through WPPI Energy.

### Bridge crew makes progress

The volunteer crew finished the railing on the Putnam Park Covered Bridge recently. The decking is fastened down but the Phase 1 part of the project is not fully complete ... as there is no approach ramp on the west end.

### Girls win, boys fall in basketball

The girls varsity squad topped East Troy and the boys squad fell to Monticello in high school hoops.

### Business earns honors

Bridges Bar and Grill was voted the winner of the Brodhead Chamber 2019 Holiday Decoration Contest.

### City notes service to community

After 25 years of service to the city of Brodhead, Officer Scott Watson is beginning a new chapter in his life.

### Round-up fundraiser helps school food program

Brodhead Piggly Wiggly partnered with the Brodhead School District to help raise money for the district's Weekend Backpack food program. The program provides healthy foods and snacks for food-insecure families over weekends and during extended school breaks.

### Show choir hosts Xtravaganza

Parkview Pizazz hosted the third annual XTRAVAGANZA show choir competition on Jan. 4 at Parkview Junior/Senior High School. Eight mixed groups, two women's groups and one prep division took part in the competition and host Parkview Pizazz put on an exhibition performance.

### Knauf reaches 100-point milestone

Haley Knauf of Albany was among the six Fury seniors celebrated at Janesville Ice Arena during Senior Night. A forward, Knauf achieved 100 points in career stats in her third year

of playing high school hockey.

### Brodhead officer graduates

On Dec. 20, Officer Brandon Bash graduated from Madison College's 141st Law Enforcement Academy class. Officer Bash has been with the Brodhead Police Department since 2017 and has worked as a community service officer and 911 dispatcher.

### County board candidates file

Green County Board nomination papers and declarations of candidacy were due to the county clerk's office Jan. 7, and there will be some changes on the board. Five supervisors are not seeking re-election and there are a couple of contested seats.

## February 2020

### Local offices up for election

The offices of mayor, judge and three aldermen at large will be up for re-election in the April 7 Spring Election. All terms are for two years except for the judge, which is a four-year term.

### Brodhead band attends honors event

This year McFarland was the hosting school for the annual Rock Valley Conference Honors Band event and students, including those from Brodhead High School, had the opportunity to perform in their brand-new state-of-the-art auditorium.

### Foundation helps fund AEDs

On behalf of the Brodhead Police Association, Brodhead Police Chief Chris Hughes accepted a check from the Brodhead Foundation for funds to purchase automated external defibrillators needed for the police department squad cars and for the department lobby.

### Telemarketing again tops consumer complaints

For the 17th year in a row, telemarketing topped the list of consumer complaints received by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in 2019, at 4,244 complaints.

### Board meeting canceled

The February Green County Board meeting was canceled due to a lack of business, a testament to how many things tend to slow down in the winter

months.

### Clinic expands orthopedic capabilities

Monroe Clinic is expanding its orthopedic services to offer the latest advancement in joint replacement surgery, the MAKO Robotic-Arm Assisted Technology System.

### Library notes increased usage

The Brodhead library showed increased usage in many categories in 2019 compared to 2018. Total circulation of 55,718 was up compared to 54,338 the previous year. Visits of 44,303 compared to 44,200 in 2018.

### Dog park opens

The Barking Lot dog park in Brodhead officially opened in January. The dog park, part of the city's comprehensive plan, was privately funded through donations.

### Juda art students win state honors

Students from Juda participated in the Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month flag design contest, and out of all the entries in the state, Juda has two winners. Congratulations to Lorelei Pagett and John Bartels.

### Spectrum expands broadband

Spectrum announced a major construction project to expand its network and full suite of services to Monticello, Orfordville and Footville. The company's network expansion and private investment will bring its high-speed broadband and full suite of Spectrum services to more than 1,100 additional homes and businesses.

### Utility reports scam calls

Alliant Energy has received reports from customers in Wisconsin and Iowa that they are receiving calls from scammers pretending to be Alliant Energy. The callers threaten to cut off power in a few hours unless immediate payment is made. Alliant Energy does not call customers and demand immediate payment.

problems

Albrecht Elementary School has developed a new team this year called the Problem Solving Team. The team was developed to work with teaching staff members who may need additional ideas regarding how to meet the academic and/or social emotional needs of their students.

### Student heads to state geography bee

The National Geographic Society named Brodhead Middle School student Brody Kiser, son of Raymond and Mary Kiser, as one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2020 National Geographic GeoBee State Competition.

### Festival fills high school halls with music

Brodhead band students performed solos and various ensembles at their annual solo and ensemble festival held at Brodhead High School. The day concluded with an Honor's Recital, which featured some of the exemplary performances from the day.

### Choir event draws a crowd

Another successful Brodhead High School Show Choir "In the Spotlight" event was completed Feb. 22. This year's event had 16 schools from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin competing.

### Parkview closes season strong

The Parkview Vikings boys' basketball squad wrapped up their successful season last week, notching a 13-9 record as they enter the Division Four Regional.

### Band concert rocks

The theme of this year's Development of Band's concert was "We Will Rock You," which featured over 300 Brodhead band members from grades five to 12 performing various "rock" songs.

### Governor directs school closures

Gov. Tony Evers has directed Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue an agency order mandating the statewide closure of all K-12 schools, public and private, as part of the state's efforts to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

### Students grow greens for school lunch

Brodhead Middle School students

## March 2020

### Snowmobiling deaths rise

Three people died while snowmobiling in Wisconsin last weekend, bringing the total to 17 deaths for the season.

### School staffers collaborate to solve



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## March 2020 (cont.)

are growing baby greens, lettuce and basil that is being used in the school lunch program. The plants are being raised using a hydroponics growing tower.

### Wisconsin extends tax filing deadline

Both federal and Wisconsin income tax payment and return due dates are automatically extended to July 15, 2020. Wisconsin law will automatically extend time and waive interest and penalties for taxpayers due to a presidentially declared disaster.

## April 2020

### Fencing added to Putnam Park

Additional split-rail fencing was recently added to Putnam Park, adding another safety feature on both sides of the soon-to-be covered bridge that was placed over the Mill Race last fall.

### Brodhead baseball looks ahead

Despite events going on in the outside world, Head Coach Aaron Guilbault and the Brodhead-Juda baseball program are hoping to be able to move forward and complete their 2020 season. Guilbault, entering his fifth season with the Cardinals, hopes to improve off of last season's record of 7 wins and 17 losses.

### Resource supports home-grown bakeries

A team of Green County area women farmers created a new free resource, "Launch a Farmstead Bakery: Recipes and Resources," an online toolkit that supports home baking entrepreneurs to use more local farm-raised produce in their products. With over 30 recipes showcasing seasonal vegetables and fruit along with ideas on how to creatively package and display your items to increase sales.

### Orfordville makes progress on Census count

The Village of Orfordville is doing very well with Census response. The state is at 30% return, Rock County is at 33% and the village of Orfordville

is at 35%.

### Pandemic aid signed into law

A \$2 trillion stimulus package designed to support individuals and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic has been signed into law by President Trump. The measure offers \$377 billion in federally guaranteed loans to small businesses and establishes a \$500 billion government lending program for distressed companies.

### College admissions team goes virtual

The admissions team at Blackhawk Technical College is not letting a pandemic stop it from helping students. The admission team is available via telephone, email or virtual appointment.

### Monroe Clinic makes list

Monroe Clinic recently was named one of the 2020 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

### Virus affects farm operations

From dairy farmers with nowhere to send their milk and cattle ranchers reeling from plummeting beef prices, the impact of the coronavirus is rippling through farm country. Corn, cotton and soybean futures have tumbled, ethanol plants have been idled and some fruit and vegetable farmers are finding their best option is leaving produce in the field.

### Hoopsters earn honorable mention

The Rock Valley Conference released its 2019-2020 all-conference teams recently, and two Brodhead boys basketball players found themselves falling just short of making it. Connor Green and Owen Leifker earned honorable mention status.

### Nyman handily wins mayoral race

Troy Nyman turned the two-man race to replace Doug Pinnow as city of Brodhead mayor into a one-sided affair, grabbing 81.4 percent of the votes against Tim Stocks.

## May 2020

### Dairy Queen candidates announce

Victoria Streuly and Perla Yescas are candidates for the title of 2020-'21

Brodhead Dairy Queen.

### School staff honors seniors

No amount of rain, wind or cold could keep the Albany School District staff from honoring the Class of 2020 on April 29. As part of a vehicle parade, staff delivered signs to each senior. The spectacle featured decorated vehicles, honking horns and plenty of Comet pride. The Albany Fire Department and Albany EMS also participated.

### Oncology department opens in new location

After months of construction, Monroe Clinic's oncology department now occupies its new home on the lower level of the clinic building and is accessible via its own entrance. In addition, the renovated location also offers radiation therapy for cancer patients.

### Albany eyes construction completion

Officials in the Albany School District believe that a \$2.75 million construction project — approved via referendum by a 431-387 margin (52.6 percent) in April 2019 — will be completed by late August.

### Holy Communion, drive-thru style

Brodhead United Methodist Church, in response to the COVID-19 Safer-at-Home guidelines, recently held a drive-thru communion after service. Nearly 50 members of the congregation came to receive a sealed, safe Eucharist.

### Food drive helps local residents

Brian Knudson has arranged for the Village of Orfordville to hold another food drive to help those in need. Donations for the drive-up giveaway will be given to residents of the Parkview School District.

### National Guard continues testing

A total of 25 specimen collection teams from the Wisconsin National Guard continue to operate across Wisconsin in supporting local health departments and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services efforts to increase the state's COVID-19 testing capacity.

### Lederman wins Kohl fellowship

A \$6,000 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation 2020 Teacher Fellowship has been awarded to Brooke Lederman, a special education teacher

at Brodhead Middle School. Lederman has been teaching in Brodhead, her hometown, for six years. The middle school also will receive a matching \$6,000 grant to help purchase a new reading intervention program.

### Students get a special sendoff

The Brodhead Class of 2020 couldn't hold its graduation ceremony scheduled for May 22, so the community congratulated seniors during a parade. Students decorated their vehicles and wore their graduation caps while family, friends and neighbors lined the streets along the parade route — while social distancing.

### Monroe Clinic begins reopening

Officials at Monroe Clinic are slowly entering the recovery phase for COVID-19, including increased patient visits, so they are assuring patients, visitors and community members that they are taking every step possible to ensure care is delivered safely.

## June 2020

### Science fair goes online

Brodhead seventh-grade students started working on their Science Fair projects in January and were about ready to create their presentations when Spring Break started. But school closures due to the pandemic forced the cancellation of the April 2 fair. So, students completed their work and submitted a Flipgrid video of them explaining what their project results were.

### Spreitzer will seek fourth term

State Rep. Mark Spreitzer, D-Beloit, on May 27 qualified to appear on the ballot for re-election in November.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission approved him for the ballot with nearly double the required number of signatures from Assembly District 45 residents.

### Staff dinner goes drive-up style

Brodhead School District staff members traditionally hold an end-of-the-year awards dinner to wrap everything up. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the administration teamed up with Buffalo

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# — HEADLINE REVIEWS — A LOOK BACK AT 2020

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## June 2020 (cont.)

Wild Wings and Jessica and Jamie Swan and their family to provide wings for the staff on June 4. Eighty-four buckets of wings were delivered drive-up style.

### County OKs bridge projects

One of four resolutions that the Green County Board addressed during its June 9 meeting was one about granting municipal bridge construction aid. The funding will go toward eight projects, including one on County Highway E in the city of Brodhead and another on a culvert on Park Road in the town of Decatur.

### Parkview throws parade

On May 31, what would have been their graduation day, the Orfordville and Footville communities planned and sponsored a Graduates on Parade event for those in the Class of 2020.

### Brodhead library to allow patrons

Starting July 1, patrons will be allowed to enter the Brodhead library, although browsing the stacks will still be off limits. The library will be limited to about 10 people at a time based on the ability of staff to serve them.

### Student notches citizenship honors

Every year the VFW recognizes an eighth-grade student who demonstrates exceptional citizenship in school and their community. Nicole Miller is the 2020 Citizenship Award recipient at Brodhead Middle School.

### County confirms first COVID death

The Green County Public Health Department confirmed the first death of a county resident due to COVID-19. The individual was female, over 65 years old, who had co-morbidities.

### Cheese Days off for 2020, on for 2021

The Green County Cheese Days Board of Directors announced June 10 that the festival will not take place in 2020. The festival is deviating from the tradition of being held the third weekend in September in even-numbered years to offer Cheese Days in 2021.

### Streuly selected as Dairy Queen

Victoria Streuly, the daughter of Curt and Angel Streuly, earned the title of Brodhead Dairy Queen for 2020-21.

community's Fourth of July parade. The parade route has been designed to allow for social distancing.

### Reopening requires patience

As the state opens up, Green County is opening up as well. Many businesses are opening cautiously, trying to balance keeping everyone healthy and safe with having their business open again.

### Dog park closes temporarily

The Brodhead Barking Lot dog park will be closed for three days starting Monday, July 13, for park maintenance, including removal of noxious weeds that may be prickly, thorny or unsavory to dog park visitors.

### 4-H offers a different kind of camp

Like many other events and activities this summer, the Green County 4-H program's annual summer camp had to be canceled. However, the organization has developed an alternative for families. Camp in a Box brings the fun of summer camp right to your home.

### Housing development sees debate

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

### Relay for Life goes virtual

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

### Officials kick off mask-up campaign

Wisconsinites still remain at risk of contracting COVID-19 as areas of the state have reopened. To that end, the Green County Public Health Department on July 7 kicked off its Mask Up Green County campaign.

### Brockwell commits to play baseball

Brodhead High School senior Andrew Brockwell recently announced his intention of playing baseball at Western Kentucky University, located in Bowling Green.

### Brodhead native receives dairy honor

The National Dairy Shrine's highest recognition, the title of Guest of Honor, recently was presented to Brodhead native Jay Mattison, CEO of the National Dairy Herd Information Association.

### State distributes masks

Gov. Tony Evers announced last week additional efforts are underway to distribute personal protective equipment to schools, food processors and businesses across the state.

### Home team tops tourney

The host Cardinals 10U baseball

team finished undefeated July 19 to earn first place in tournament action at Legion Park.

## August 2020

### Covered Bridge Days canceled

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce announced that it had canceled the 2020 Covered Bridge Days.

### Garden gets upgrades

Brodhead's Business Improvement District has made several improvements to Tinker's Garden this year. The Brodhead Jaycees placed new mulch, and Kuhn North America donated the newly installed benches to replace the deteriorating concrete pebble stone ones.

### Charter completes broadband project

Charter Communications, Inc. announced last week the completion of a construction project to bring its fiber-optic network and suite of services to more than 860 residential and business sites in the villages of Orfordville and Footville.

### 10 receive scholarships

The Albany Alumni Association on Aug. 1 presented 10 graduating seniors with \$1,000 scholarships during their ceremony held in the Albany United Methodist Church parking lot.

### Ceremony follows COVID guidelines

The Parkview School District held its 2020 graduation ceremony in the Junior/Senior High gym on July 26. The district followed guidelines for safety due to COVID-19; everyone in attendance wore masks. Each graduate was allowed six guests, and they were seated together with each group spaced 6 feet apart.

### County tops 200 COVID cases

Green County surpassed 200 reported COVID-19 cases Aug. 14. The county had a cumulative case count of 210, with 10 new cases reported Aug. 15.

### WIAA defines alternate season

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association approved several details of a one-year alternative season in the spring for fall sports and reduced the number of weeks for sports during the 2020-21 winter and spring seasons.

### Homework help on the way

Orfordville Public Library and the six other Rock County public libraries announced the launch of Brainfuse, an on-demand, eLearning program for all ages and levels. Brainfuse's HelpNow offer personalized homework help in

core subjects.

### Bank hosts online fair contest

While local 4-H and FFA members missed out on a traditional county fair experience this summer, one area bank offered them an opportunity to present their projects for virtual judging and real prizes. The State Bank of Cross Plains Ag Division hosted the Missing the Summer Fair online contest.

### College going to referendum

The Blackhawk Technical College District Board voted unanimously at its Aug. 19 meeting to place a referendum question on the Nov. 3 ballot. The college is requesting voter authority to borrow funds to build a comprehensive Public Safety and Transportation Training Center in Janesville.

## September 2020

### Brodhead teacher notches state honor

A local educator is one of five selected as Wisconsin Teacher of the Year for 2021.

Brooke Kintzle (nee Lederman) teaches cross-categorical special education at Brodhead Middle School.

### Parkview adds administrator

Parkview Junior/Senior High School has hired Guy Stricker as the new assistant principal and district activities coordinator.

### Monroe native takes over Red Arrow Brigade

A new commander is at the helm of the famed 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Monroe native Col. Jeff Alston assumed command of the state's largest formation with more than 3,000 soldiers.

### County sets testing sites

Green County Public Health officials have announced that beginning Sept. 9, Green County will have three COVID-19 community testing sites. Free COVID-19 testing will be available for anyone 5 years of age and older.

### Library goes back to curbside

The Brodhead Public Library has returned to curbside service only until at least Oct. 8 due to increased concern about COVID-19.

### Teaching is a family tradition

First-grade teacher Laura Laursen is continuing a longtime tradition, making up the fourth generation of Parkview School District educators in her family.

### Get a flu shot soon

State health officials are urging Wisconsin residents to get vaccinated against the flu by Halloween or sooner. Getting people vaccinated

## July 2020

### July Fourth parade set

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is inviting area residents to celebrate Independence Day with the

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is especially important this year to reduce hospitalizations from the flu and to protect frontline health care workers who are caring for patients with COVID-19, according to a Wisconsin Department of Health Services news release.

### Dairy group recognizes teen

Lindsey Pence is the 2020 winner of the Green County Dairy Sportsmanship Award associated with the Green County Fair.

### DNR encourages CWD testing

In cooperation with local businesses, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff will collect deer heads for chronic wasting disease testing during the 2020 archery, crossbow and gun hunting seasons.

### Plans for aviation museum taking off

Brodhead's Kelch Aviation Museum is raising money to construct its Phase II building before officially opening its display to the public this spring.

### Governor issues new mask mandate

Gov. Tony Evers recently declared a new public health emergency in Wisconsin due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases among young people and issued a new face coverings order effective immediately.

the Juda Panthers volleyball team is keeping up the good fight. In addition to the obstacles of playing during a pandemic, the Lady Panthers have a new head coach, Maren Huntsman, who is trying to turn the program around after a below-500 season in 2019.

### Effort aims at safe reopening

In a continued effort to support Rock County businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Reopen Rock Task Force is inviting businesses to take part in a new Stay Safe Pledge initiative.

### Council nixes trick or treat

Members of the Brodhead Common Council voted Oct. 12 to cancel trick or treating this Halloween because of COVID-19 concerns.

### Monroe firm donates to college ag fund

Colony Brands Foundation of Monroe recently presented Blackhawk Technical College officials with a \$40,000 donation to the Fund for the Future of Agriculture. The fund, created by Jim and Therese Gratz and Fran and Sandy Donny, aims to provide scholarship and program funding for BTC agriculture programs.

### Local agencies receive grants

Green County Tourism, Main Street Monroe, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce are among the recipients of the recently announced TRAVEL stimulus grants from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

to replace two common council members who recently resigned citing COVID-19 challenges on work and home life. Aldermen Paul Huffman and Erin Menzel tendered their resignations effective immediately in correspondence dated Nov. 9 and Nov. 13, respectively, to Brodhead's mayor and council.

### Library sticks with curbside service

The Brodhead library board decided to continue only curbside services until at least Jan. 14, the date of the January board meeting. The decision follows the continued increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the county.

### Vote for your favorite holiday decorations

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is offering family-friendly fun with a holiday decoration contest this Christmas.

### Village Hall closes to public

The Orfordville Village Hall closed to the public as of Nov. 23 in response to the increase in positive cases of COVID-19 in the area. The village board and its committees are still meeting in person and village hall will be open for meetings to comply with the Open Meeting Law.

facilities tackle challenges that have been around for years and are now heightened because of COVID-19.

### Brodhead hoopsters start strong

The Brodhead boys and girls basketball teams got off to a hot start in their 2020 campaigns recently.

### Santa Claus is coming to town

Keith and Becky Cleasby of KC Lawn Care are sponsoring a Brodhead visit by the jolly old elf himself on Dec. 13. Starting at noon, Santa will cruise the streets of Brodhead, following a route similar to that used for parades last summer.

### Village Hall closes to in-person business

The Albany Village Hall recently closed to foot traffic in an effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect city staff and residents.

### Superintendent announces retirement

Brodhead School District Superintendent Leonard Lueck will retire after this school year, he announced recently.

### Library uses funds on hand

In a virtual meeting, the Brodhead Library Board approved its 2021 budget using about \$10,000 in funds already on hand to make up for a shortfall in new money.

### Three aldermen seats up for election

Nomination packets are available now at Brodhead City Hall for anyone interested in running for alderman this spring. Three, two-year aldermen at large seats will be elected April 6.

### National Guard extends testing deployment

The National Guard has extended its deployment to continue offering COVID-19 testing at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville through March 10.

### Nurse receives vaccine

Jennifer Chapman, a registered nurse in Monroe Clinic's Emergency Department, was the first frontline caregiver to receive the first dose of the new Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at Monroe Clinic.

### Men face child porn charges

Three Brodhead men face charges for possession of child pornography after a search warrant was served Dec. 15 at their 1st Center Avenue residence.

## October 2020

### Chamber cancels festival

Brodhead's Fire & Ice festival has been canceled for this year because of the coronavirus. The festival is traditionally held the first weekend in December.

### Gardens get fall cleanup

After a successful growing season, it's fall cleanup time at the Brodhead Community Garden, located on the grounds of Gasser True Value. Organizers will set a meeting for March to make plans for next summer's growing season.

### Historical society strives to cover costs

Hundreds of items donated by community members for a recent yard sale helped the Rock County Historical Society to raise more than \$10,000 toward keeping the lights and heat on this winter. However, an additional \$8,000 is needed to cover utilities through May.

### Brodhead Manor offers frightful fun

The Brodhead Manor is bringing Halloween spirit to town again this year with the Terror at the Manor event Friday and Saturday nights starting Oct. 16 and running through Halloween.

### Man dies in farming accident

A 62-year-old rural Monticello man died Oct. 7 after being trapped under a combine in a farm field in the town of Washington, the Green County Sheriff's Office said in a news release. The victim was later identified as John P. Marty.

### Volleyball team steps up to challenges

In a sports season like no other,

## November 2020

### New county testing site set

Green County COVID-19 community testing is now being offered exclusively in Monroe. The new testing location, sponsored by Monroe Truck Equipment, is at 628 W. 10 1/2 St.

### Schools run short of subs

The pandemic has caused its fair share of difficulties, and that effect is still being felt in schools. This year, local districts have seen a shortage of substitutes available when day-to-day educators are unable to teach.

### Library notes COVID closure

The Brodhead Memorial Public Library is closed through at least Nov. 16 after officials announced a positive COVID-19 case among the staff.

### Blackhawk Tech preps for new training center

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

### Brodhead EMS expands

Brodhead EMS is in the middle of expanding its current station at 1003 12th St. to house more ambulances and include new living quarters for volunteers.

### Brockwell inks D1 commitment

On Nov. 11, Andrew Brockwell signed his letter of intent to play baseball for the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers, making him Brodhead-Juda's first Division I baseball player.

### Council has two vacancies

Brodhead has begun looking

## December 2020

### Women's league helps families in need

The Empty Stocking program in Albany is just one way to bring joy to families who need it most during the holiday season. The Albany Women's League works hard every fall and winter to get clothing and other basic necessities to local families using this program.

### Village eyes advisory referendum

Members of the Orfordville Village Board voted Nov. 23 to move forward with having an advisory referendum on the April ballot regarding the use of ATVs and UTVs on village streets, according to the board meeting minutes.

### County steps up to address child care challenges

The Green County Development Corp. and United Way of Green County are partnering to help local child care

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**Bond** (Continued from page 4)

"We spend most of our time down at the gate searching vehicle traffic coming into Camp Bondsteel," said Borchardt. "We go out with [explosive ordnance disposal units] and assist with route and [helicopter landing zone] clearances. If there's a special event, before COVID-19, we'd be involved with searching the event and providing security."

As Borchardt takes Pearl through their daily routine, he knows that their presence is important in more ways than just providing force protection. For many on base, seeing the German Shepherd and her human gives them peace of mind. Plus, he said Pearl loves the attention from adoring passerby. "Knowing there's an explosive trained dog here helping keep everything safe is a big morale booster," said Borchardt. "She's definitely spoiled by the people on camp."

After spending their mornings at the gate, Borchardt

takes Pearl back to the kennel area, where they spend the rest of the afternoon conducting drills or running through the outdoor obedience course. Training every day keeps the dog's mind sharp.

**'Reading' the dog**

Over time, the two have adapted to each other in ways even Borchardt didn't expect.

"We've gotten to the point when I just look at her and she knows what she needs to do," said Borchardt. "I've picked up on her little mannerisms when she's found something or when she's excited. Flicks her ears, wags her tail."

Being able to read your dog, understanding why they do certain things, strengthens the handler-K9 relationship and makes the job much easier, he said. If one spends any time around the two, their unique bond quickly becomes apparent.

If Borchardt taps his chest, Pearl gently leaps up to plant her two front paws on him for

a quick embrace as he pets her ears. As they walk, she carefully matches his pace. At night, while the kennels are being renovated at Camp Bondsteel, Borchardt often wakes up to Pearl laying on his chest like she's still that growing puppy he met six years ago.

All of these moments remind Borchardt that military working dogs are not just equipment - they are family, and each one has their own personality. As long as Pearl continues to work, he will too, he said. When she can't work anymore, he has every intention of adopting her and helping her transition to the "couch potato life."

"She's the best dog in the world," said Borchardt. "She's got my back and I've got hers. It's been a really amazing experience working with her, and I've loved every minute of it."

*Tawny Schmit is a reporter for the U.S. military public affairs department. The story was obtained from the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service.*



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**U.S. Army Cpl. Dustin Borchardt of Burlington, a military dog handler with the 100th Military Police Detachment based out of Stuttgart, Germany, poses with his military working dog named Pearl at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, last month.**

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