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In addition, the Housing Authority may engage in other activities to address unsafe and unsanitary conditions, as authorized under state law.

Ideal candidates will have experience and/or interest in areas that include real estate, community development, finance, residential construction, social services, or business. Individuals will be appointed by the county board chair and are subject to confirmation by the Rock County Board.

Appointees will serve a three-year term. There are currently two vacancies on the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority meets as needed as determined by its members, but is not expected to meet more than once per month.

Those who are interested in being considered for appointment should submit an email or letter outlining why they are interested and qualified for this role. Applicants may also choose to submit a resume outlining their relevant experience.

Materials should be submitted via email to [countyadmin@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:countyadmin@co.rock.wi.us) or by mail to: Rich Bostwick, chair, Rock County Board of Supervisors, Rock County Courthouse, 51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545.

The deadline for submitting application materials is 5 p.m. Friday, April 2.

## Obituary

### JESSICA SIMPLOT

Jessica Anne Simplot, age 33, passed away on March 6, 2021, while at the UW Hospital in Madison.

Jessica was born March 2, 1988, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, Illinois, the daughter of Mark and Carol (Morrison) Buickel.

Jessica was married to Richard Simplot on July 19, 2014.

Jessica was currently teaching as a math teacher at South Beloit High School. Jessica was a past volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club.



She enjoyed tutoring students and enjoyed walking her dog, Sadie. Jessica is survived by her husband, Richard; her parents, Mark (Carol) Buickel; a brother, Matthew (Kristi) Buickel; a sister, Andrea (Shawn) Goodrich; several nieces and nephews; and her dog, Sadie.

Jessica was preceded in death by both her maternal and paternal grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

A visitation and funeral service were held Thursday, March 11, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead. Cremation rites will be accorded at a later date.

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

## Free online grief support group starts soon

Many people find it comforting to face grief with others experiencing similar challenges.

To help with the journey through grief, Monroe Clinic Hospice is holding a Walking Through Grief virtual education and support group.

The support group is free and open to adults over 18 who have

experienced the death of someone special.

A few discussion topics include: the importance of information and support as we grieve, understanding grief as a process and coping with the stress of grief.

The meetings will take place online. Access information will be sent after registration is received.

The group will meet from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays from March 24 through April 28. Participants are asked to register by Friday, March 19.

To register, go online to [monroeclinic.org/griefsupport](http://monroeclinic.org/griefsupport).

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A project to install solar panels is set to begin soon at Albertson Memorial Library in Albany.

## Albany library plans solar project

Work is expected to begin next month on a project to install solar panels at the Albertson Memorial Library in Albany.

The solar panel array will “supply a substantial amount of the library’s electrical power,” according to a posting on the library’s website.

The first step is replacing the roof on the center section of the library, which will start in April. After that is completed, a crew from Full

Spectrum Solar of Madison will begin installing the 72 solar panels.

The panel installation is expected to take two to three weeks. The project should be operational in June.

“When fully operational, this solar array will supply the library with approximately 60% of its electrical use,” the web posting said. “Electricity is a major operational expense for the library. Installing

solar panels will reduce the library’s operating expenses by over 10% and allow those funds to be used for other purposes.”

The project supported by a gift from Mary Ann Sucharski, a former Albany librarian; a grant from RENEW Wisconsin and its Solar for Good project; and Focus on Energy, Wisconsin’s energy efficiency and renewable energy services program.

## Habitat for Humanity eyes duplex project

*Veterans given preference in latest Green County build*

Habitat for Humanity of Green County has purchased a lot in Monroe where it will begin building a duplex this spring.

The organization will give preference to veterans (military, reserves or National Guard) in selecting the homes’ recipients but non-veterans may be eligible and should apply, according to a news release.

“Building a duplex allows us to realize substantial savings on construction so that we can offer two units,” HHGC President Paula Elmer said in the release. “We hope to include veteran sub-contractors and plan to enlist vets as volunteers in the build process.”

The duplex will be located at 509 and 511 Third Ave. in Monroe.

Bruce Sweeny, a Habitat volunteer, will serve as the project manager for the build. Sweeny is a

veteran with experience in managing projects of varying complexity. Steve Zuber has been hired as general contractor. He served as the general contractor on the Habitat home built in New Glarus in 2018.

Applications from qualified individuals and families are now being accepted.

Selection guidelines call for families or individuals who can make their monthly payments but who do not qualify for a conventional mortgage. There is a low down payment requirement and HHGC offers qualified families interest-free mortgages.

Hours of volunteer labor and donated materials and items help keep the costs of Habitat homes down. Professional subcontractors are hired as necessary.

To qualify for a Habitat home, individuals/families must meet

specific guidelines and agree to put their own labor into the project.

Go online to [www.greencountyhabitat.org](http://www.greencountyhabitat.org) for more information about how to apply.

“Submitting an application is the first step to see if there is a good fit between the applicant and the home,” the news release said.

Veterans will need to produce proof of honorable discharge (DD214) as part of the application process.

“Green County Habitat for Humanity believes that everyone should have a safe, affordable place to call home,” the release said.

The local chapter has built homes for 23 families. The organization has also participated in numerous home repair projects and operates a resale store at 305 Second St. in Monroe that offers usable household and construction items.

## Conservation Congress spring hearing set

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently announced that annual spring hearings will be held online because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The public will have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed natural resources rule changes from the DNR, and advisory questions from the natural resources board and WCC through the online input opportunity.

The 2021 Spring Hearing online input webpage will go live at 7 p.m. on April 12 and will remain open for three days. Results will be posted as soon as they are available.

This year there are 23 proposed rule changes related to fisheries and five proposed rule changes related to wildlife management. There are also advisory questions from fisheries, the natural resources board and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Residents can also recommend changes to natural resource issues by submitting citizen resolutions online at [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov). To do so, review the frequently asked questions, click “submit a resolution” and follow the directions from there.

All citizen resolutions must be received by 5 p.m. April 5. Those

who complete the online input form (April 12-15) will be able to see the resolutions that were submitted by individuals indicating they reside in that county.

“This has been a challenging year for everyone around the state and the country. We want to continue to do our part to minimize the spread and impact of this virus on our communities while continuing to provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on these important natural resources issues,” said Tony Blattler, chair of the WCC.

“I hope that everyone interested in the issues being discussed will use the online option to provide their input. We understand the value of the in-person meeting for discussion and sharing of ideas, but our top priority is the health and safety of Wisconsinites,” he added.

Typically, county residents would have the option to run for a

seat on the conservation congress – and to elect delegates from their county to represent their county views regarding natural resources. However, due to COVID-19, elections are canceled for this year.

“We will be extending the terms of each of the WCC delegates by another year,” Blattler said. “If a current delegate no longer wishes to serve, the seat will become vacant and the county chair can appoint someone to fill the remainder of the term.”

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where the public elects delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin’s natural resources for present and future generations.

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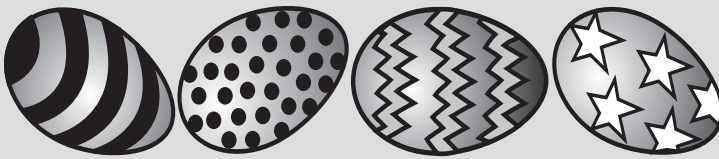
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The hunt will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Albany school playground. Children in fourth grade and younger are welcome to participate.

Social distancing will be expected and sanitizing stations will be available.

Families should bring their own baskets to collect eggs.

In the event of inclement weather or poor field conditions, participants should meet in the new commons area at the main entrance of the school.



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### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 20

-Albany Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Albany school playground (Sign-up required at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4caaaa2fa2fa7-albany](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4caaaa2fa2fa7-albany))

-Albertson Memorial Library closed

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

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### MONDAY, MARCH 22

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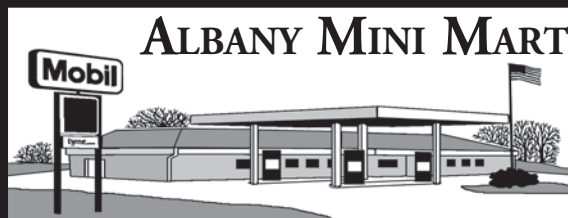
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# A battle over the ballot

*Bids to alter state elections fall mostly along partisan lines*

By Anya van Wagtenonk  
WISCONSIN WATCH

Proposals to change Wisconsin's voting system could determine how one of America's top swing states picks congressional candidates, how it awards its 10 Electoral College votes, how fast results can be announced and who can use the increasingly popular method of absentee voting.

But the political divisiveness that caused Wisconsin to flip from red to blue by the slimmest of margins in the 2020 presidential race will likely continue, stymying all but the few changes that enjoy bipartisan support. A Republican-led Legislature and a Democratic governor mean that purely partisan priorities are unlikely to make their way through, experts told Wisconsin Watch.

And a sweeping Democratic bill to broaden access to voting and thwart partisan gerrymandering nationwide faces a steep climb in the U.S. Senate after passing the House on a party-line vote late Wednesday.

In recent weeks, lawmakers nationwide have proposed hundreds of bills to change states' voting laws in the wake of the contentious November presidential election. Wisconsin is no exception.

Democrats are generally seeking to make it easier to vote, citing national security assessments that the 2020 contest was among the most secure ever. Republicans insist the high-turnout election was rife with fraud – although election officials of both parties and judges at all levels have rejected those allegations – and are generally seeking to add more restrictions and safeguards.

In late February, Republicans in the Wisconsin Legislature began circulating a slate of bills that would, among other changes, tighten absentee voting and the definition of “indefinitely confined” voters, two components challenged by President Donald Trump's campaign in Democratic-majority Dane and Milwaukee counties in a failed attempt to throw out votes. Three Democratic members of the Assembly Elections Committee called

the proposals “a full-on assault on our elections and the ability for Wisconsin-ites to vote.”

But dramatic changes to Wisconsin's election laws are unlikely in the short term, said David Canon, a political scientist at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Any efforts aimed at making it easier to vote aren't going to happen because the Republican leadership and state Legislature won't want to do that. Anything that's aimed at restricting access to voting won't happen because (Democratic Gov. Tony) Evers would veto that, and they wouldn't have enough votes to override the veto,” Canon said. “I think we're in status quo mode for the next two years, at least, with nothing really changing.”

A spokesperson for Evers declined comment on which bills he was likely to sign or veto, but referred Wisconsin Watch to the governor's proposed budget, which includes proposals to establish automatic voter registration; expand the timeline on absentee voting; and require the Legislature to consider the recommendations of Evers' People's Maps Commission when drawing new political boundaries this year.

Atiba Ellis, a law professor at Marquette University who focuses on voting rights, said both election security and voter access are important. “They do not have to be at odds,” Ellis said. “But I think for politically motivated reasons they are put at odds, and that then justifies passing laws that are stricter than what the political science data says they need to be.”

There is some bipartisan agreement, including a proposal to bring ranked-choice voting to Wisconsin. In that system, congressional primaries would be nonpartisan, with the top five finishers, regardless of party, moving on to the general election, when they would be ranked by voters.

Another bipartisan idea, which failed to make it through the last session, would allow clerks to process absentee ballots before Election Day, which supporters say would enhance voter confidence by preventing a delay in declaring statewide winners.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, 43 states are weighing more than 250 bills to restrict voter access, largely on the basis of claims of electoral fraud in 2020 – claims that have been widely disproven and rejected by local, state and federal courts.

At the same time, a different set of 43 states is weighing at least 704 bills that would expand voting access. Lawmakers are particularly focused on absentee voting, the Brennan Center found, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which kept a significant portion of the electorate from going to the polls on Election Day.

## Process ballots sooner

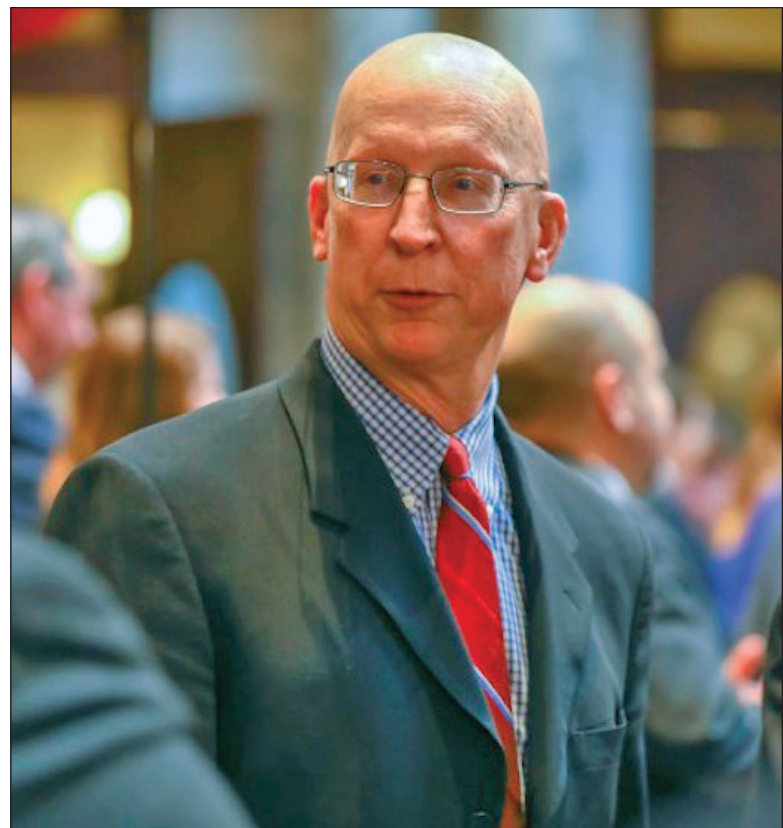
In Wisconsin, Republicans and Democrats find some agreement around when absentee ballots can be processed. Wisconsin law bars processing until polls open on Election Day. In November, this meant that workers at Milwaukee's central count, for example, worked until the wee hours of the morning, opening, unfolding and running hundreds of thousands of ballots through tabulating machines.

The Trump campaign capitalized on the late-night count to falsely claim that Milwaukee had “dumped” ballots that swung the election for President Joe Biden.

“What people didn't understand is those votes came in in Milwaukee at 2 in morning because that was the first time the elections officials had the chance to get to the machines and feed in the ballots,” said Kathleen Dolan, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

An easy fix would be to allow absentee ballots to be processed in advance of Election Day, experts say. In the last legislative session, lawmakers debated bipartisan legislation to allow this to happen – but the bill languished amid disagreement over the details, including how different municipalities would adapt that practice.

Republican lawmakers are again taking up the issue, but divisions are emerging over whether to opt for early processing, or change the rules for early voting. Rather than placing ballots in envelopes that election workers process later, some lawmakers are proposing letting early in-person voters



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**Sen. Duely Stroebel, R-Saukville, is seen at the Capitol in Madison in this file photo. Stroebel has sponsored several bills to add restrictions on absentee voting, which he says are aimed at boosting voter confidence in elections.**

directly feed their ballots into voting machines.

Diane Coenen, Oconomowoc city clerk and former president of the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association, favors the latter method. Coenen said that allows voters to remake their ballot immediately in the event of an error – rather than discovering a rejected ballot on Election Day. It would also buy time for clerks and poll workers to work with in-person voters, without needing to also process all absentee ballots at the same time.

“In today's political environment,” Coenen added, “everyone wants the results fast.”

## Congress mulls big changes

Nationally, Democratic lawmakers are pushing a sweeping voting reform package, HR 1, which includes measures including automatic voter regis-

tration and barring voter ID and witness requirements for mail-in voting. It also seeks to reduce “dark money” in campaigns and require states to create nonpartisan redistricting commissions to thwart partisan gerrymandering.

Republicans have decried the package, and Trump attacked it during a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference. They argue that the bill would restrict free speech and allow the federal government to take away states' rights. Many also oppose changes to redistricting processes.

The ACLU has also called for changes to some campaign finance and lobbying provisions in the bill, saying they would limit free speech and could harm political advocacy.

The bill has passed in the House, but, in the face of this opposition, pundits say it faces a steep hill towards passage in the Senate. It would need unanimous Democratic support – and 10 GOP votes unless the Senate filibuster rules are changed – to land on Biden's desk. He has signaled that he will sign it.

On Sunday, the president took his own action, issuing an executive order requiring federal agencies to expand dissemination of information about registration and voting and studying ways to improve access for military and overseas voters, Native American voters, voters with disabilities and people in federal custody. Biden issued the order to mark the 56th anniversary of “Bloody Sunday,” when troopers beat and tear-gassed voting rights activists, including the late Rep. John Lewis, in Selma, Alabama.

## Electoral College, drop boxes debated

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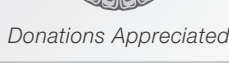
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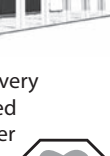
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# Parkview-Albany hopes the run game will spur success

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Parkview-Albany Vikings football squad is coming off a disappointing season where they finished with a record of 1-8. It has been more than a year since the co-op last stepped on the field, but the last time they did, they picked up an impressive 60-32 win over Living Word Lutheran. Head coach Bob Myers is hoping to build off that final regular-season game to turn their record around this year.

The team lost only four seniors to graduation in 2020 and will return a number of starters on both sides of the ball. In fact, the Vikings return their top four contributors in the run game from last year, starting with senior running back Korben Brown, who ran for just under 400 yards and three touchdowns in 2019. Returning with him are a pair of juniors in Jevon Ferguson and Charlie Vogt, who combined for 639 yards and five touchdowns last year. Senior Jericho Schwartzlow also returns to the backfield after rushing for 279 yards and three touchdowns in 2019. Together, the group gives Myers a plethora of options in the backfield and allows him to rotate players, keeping legs fresh.

Despite losing their top receivers in Calvin Barlass and Nevin Crane, if the Vikings can develop a strong running attack, it should open up passing lanes for new receivers to take advantage. Ferguson being a mobile quarterback

should help to stretch the field and get players open in space. If Myers can find a way to develop Ferguson's accuracy down the field, it will make things easier on their run game, allowing the Vikings to attack their opponent's weaknesses.

Although the offense should be much improved with their experience at the varsity level, it is the defense that will determine Parkview-Albany's success. As a team, the Vikings allowed more than 300 points last season, nearly doubling the amount of points their offense scored.

The good news is the team returns their leading tackler in senior linebacker Luke Schwengels, who racked up 112 total tackles in 2019 to go along with eight tackles-for-loss and two forced fumbles. If his play can continue to develop at the linebacker position, Schwengels could be one of the better linebackers in the area as he leads the way for the Viking defense.

Schwartzlow gives a boost to their pass coverage as he is coming off a season with three interceptions. With Schwengels stopping the run game and Schwartzlow defending the pass, the two give Myers key pieces to build his defense around.

The Vikings will kick off their 2021 alternate season with an away game at Poynette on Friday, March 26. They will follow that up with a second away game against Deerfield on Thursday, April 2.

# Outdoor activities up during pandemic

Wisconsinites increased participation in outdoor activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum. And while the durability of this shift is uncertain, forum officials say policymakers may wish to consider it as they craft budgets for public lands and recreational and conservation programs.

With unemployment soaring and many activities curtailed, outdoor pastimes were among the few available that allowed social distancing. Park visits, sporting goods sales and fishing licenses all shot upward as well, especially during the early months of the pandemic.

Much of this trend may subside once employment and indoor entertainment options revert to pre-pandemic levels. But if at least some share of the increase proves durable, the implications could be significant. As they begin crafting upcoming budgets, state and local officials may want to give thought to whether spending levels on parks, public lands, boat ramps, and other green space are adequate to handle the recent increase in demand.

Of particular note is the wide scope

of outdoor activities showing increased participation, including the following:

- After years of decreases in fishing license sales, Wisconsin saw a substantial jump in 2020. From March 2020 through January 2021, the state saw a 13.2% increase over the same period of 2019 in fishing license sales to state residents, which reached their highest level in at least five years. Also up were licenses sold to out-of-state and first-time anglers.

- License sales for deer hunting and first-time hunting licenses increased in 2020, particularly notable given their previous downward trends.

- Sales of state park vehicle stickers rose more than 42% in 2020 from 2019. From last April through December, annual trail pass sales for all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles rose 32.7% over 2019, hitting their highest level in a decade of available data.

- Activity in, and visits to, local and federal public spaces across Wisconsin also saw notable increases. Examples include sales of cross-country ski permits in the city of Madison, bike path

**See ACTIVITIES, Back Page**



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## March of the cranes

Sandhill cranes have returned to the area with a reminder that spring is on its way. The majestic birds make their way back to Wisconsin in March after spending the winter months in Florida. Cranes choose a mate as early as 4 years old and will spend 25 to 30 years with the same mate.

# Orfordville student shines in college business competition

Josh Lichtfuss of Orfordville is among the Blackhawk Technical College students who will move onto the national Business Professionals of America competition later this spring.

Lichtfuss and several of his fellow BPA students placed in the top three at the recent virtual BPA State Leadership Conference, making them eligible for the next level of competition.

Lichtfuss, a business management student, had top-three finishes in a

number of categories:

- First place, advanced interview skills, ethics and professionalism, digital marketing concepts

- Second place, business law and ethics, administrative support concepts, project management concepts

- Third place, parliamentary procedure concepts, digital communication and design concepts, information technology concepts

In addition, he received an Outstanding Chapter Member award.

A team made up of Lichtfuss and

Janesville students Natalie Sullivan and Mallory Worden came in first place in the small business management team competition.

"The BPA state and national conferences give students a chance to use their knowledge gained at BTC in a different context," Joel Schleusner, BPA adviser and business management instructor, said in a news release. "This is especially true in the judged events, where they react to cases and scenarios and display their knowledge to experienced judges."

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### News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li><li>• Orfordville library book club meeting, 6 p.m.</li></ul> <b>FRIDAY, MARCH 19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m.</li><li>• Parkview varsity football scrimmage at Clinton, 5 p.m.</li></ul> <b>SATURDAY, MARCH 20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon</li><li>• Parkview varsity volleyball at Abundant Life Christian School, 3 p.m.</li></ul> <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library closed</li></ul>	<b>MONDAY, MARCH 22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li><li>• Parkview School Board Policy Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.</li><li>• Orfordville Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.</li><li>• Parkview varsity volleyball vs. Horicon, 7 p.m.</li></ul> <b>TUESDAY, MARCH 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li><li>• Parkview varsity volleyball vs. Montello, 7 p.m.</li></ul> <b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li></ul>
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## SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

Project #21-23

Albany Housing Authority  
Albany, WI

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COVID-19 impact to bid submittal/delivery: Please be aware that bid submittal for this project will be accepted by mail through the United States Postal Service, as well as delivery services including, but not limited to, FedEx, UPS, DHL and other similar delivery/courier services or at **directoralbanyaha@gmail.com**. No hand delivery of bids will be allowed or accepted. Mailing address is: Albany Housing Authority, 101 W Main Street, Albany, WI 53502

### Description of Work

Remove and dispose of 32 bathtubs  
Install walk-in shower units with corner seat to include non-slip base  
Install all water fixtures to include grab bars, 6 ft. shower hose, faucets  
Install bathroom vanity cabinet  
Install new flooring where needed  
Perform any other work needed to complete the project  
Plans and specifications may be obtained by contacting Dawn Cronin at **directoralbanyaha@gmail.com**.

Contractors wishing to bid must carry insurance and provide a Certificate of Insurance to Albany Housing Authority.

Contractors wishing to bid must comply with Davis-Bacon Labor rules.

Federal Requirements: This project is federally funded, and federal provisions and requirements apply to include: Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace.

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## NOTICE TO CITY OF BROADHEAD RESIDENTS PUBLIC TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a **PUBLIC TEST** of the automatic tabulating equipment will be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** at City Hall located at 1111 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. This equipment will be used at the **Spring Election** to be held on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. This public test is open to the general public and includes a demonstration of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) electronic voting system.

Nikolai Wahl  
City of Brodhead, City Clerk  
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WNAXLP 391786

## STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE NAME CHANGE OF  
Aidan Elihu Bjerkaas  
By (Petitioner) Aidan Elihu Bjerkaas  
By (Co-Petitioner) Julie Ann Riese  
**Notice and Order for  
Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 21 CU 40

### NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Aidan Elihu Bjerkaas  
To: Aidan Elihu Riese  
Birth Certificate: Aidan Elihu Bjerkaas

### IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Green County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Judge James R. Beer

Place: Green Co. Justice Center (Appear by Zoom), Monroe, WI 53566

Date: 4-20-2021  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

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### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Brodhead Register, a newspaper published in Green County, State of Wisconsin.

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## NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Magnolia is seeking bids for two mowing jobs.

The Town of Magnolia reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**1. East Magnolia Cemetery** – located by the Magnolia Advent Christian Church. Needed is someone to mow, trim and keep the cemetery clear of debris (sticks, tree limbs and leaves) and to empty the waste barrel when needed. This cemetery is 1.82 acres. It can be mowed a maximum of 15 times per year. Applicant must have proof of insurance and must supply lawn

mower, trimmer and any other equipment needed.

**2. Magnolia Town Hall** – located at 14729 W. County Road A, Evansville, WI 53536. Needed is someone to mow, trim and keep lawn clear of debris (sticks, tree limbs and leaves). This parcel, including the building and parking lot, is 1 acre. It can be mowed a maximum of 15 times per year. Applicant must have proof of insurance and must supply lawn mower, trimmer and any other equipment needed.

**Please submit sealed bids by April 16, 2021 to:**

Town of Magnolia  
Graceann Toberman,  
Clerk/Treasurer  
13343 W. County Road B  
Brodhead, WI 53520

**The bids will be opened at the April 20, 2021 regular monthly meeting of the Town Board.**

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## NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA

There will be a public test of the electronic voting equipment on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Magnolia Town Hall, 14729 W. County Road A, Evans-



## Proceedings of School District of Brodhead

City of Brodhead, Towns of Avon, Spring Grove, Decatur, Sylvester, Spring Valley and Magnolia

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

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**Treasurer** - Al Schneider; Dan Calhoun; Jodi Kail

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Monday, February 22, 2021 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, February 17, 2021 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

Absent: None

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda as amended, moving item 9 ahead of item 8. Motion carried, 7-0.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting: February 10, 2021

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved as printed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD [SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY]

#### AGENDA ITEMS

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Superintendent Lueck presented an update on the status of COVID-19 within the District. Staff numbers remain positive and improving throughout the District. However, the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade is remote for the remainder of the current week and a Kindergarten class was out last week but returned this week. The High School Freshmen and Sophomores returned to school today and Juniors and Seniors will return next week.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve continuing the health aide, additional custodian, and the two full-time substitute teachers for the 2021-22 school year, with the intent to pay for these positions through anticipated ESSER funds. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve giving Superintendent Lueck the authority to use the No School Day currently scheduled for the day after Easter as a potential day off following the day after the staff receive their second COVID vaccination. Motion carried, 7-0.

### SNOW/INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Superintendent Lueck requested guidance on how to proceed for any additional snow/inclement weather days. The District's current schedule will not meet the minimum required minutes of instruction. The options the District has is to apply time to each day or apply for a waiver from the Department of Public Instruction. The Board instructed Superintendent Lueck that future snow days should remain as snow days and not virtual school days.

### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Principal Jim Matthys gave a short summary on the Superintendent search. The Board is at the point where it must choose candidates it would like to interview, and that process will be carried out in Closed Session later tonight.

### ACCEPT DONATION(S)

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to accept the following donation(s):

- \$200.00 monetary donation from Don and Ann Mueller and family to the District to be used to help supplement the Brodhead Backpack Food Program

Motion carried 7-0.

### RESIGNATION(S)

None at this time.

### EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the transfer of Pam Colden from Elementary School Food Service Worker to High School Special Education Paraeducator, effective February 22, 2021.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the increase in hours of Jeanne Vogel, High School Para-Educator, from 1,218 hours/year to 1,246 hours/year, effective February 22, 2021.

Motion carried, 7-0.

### VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.

### FUTURE AGENDA [March 10, 2021]

- Hours of Instruction Waiver [Public Hearing]
- Appoint Board of Canvassers
- College/Tech Credit Approvals

ville, WI 53536. The DS 200 and Express Vote machines will be tested in preparation for the April 6, 2021 election. The public is welcome to attend.

Graceann Toberman,  
Town Clerk / Treasurer  
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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT BIDS

PROJECT: Sewage Lift Station  
Equipment Supply  
Orfordville, Wisconsin  
April 2021

OWNER: Village of Orfordville  
303 East Beloit Street  
Orfordville, WI 53576

### EQUIPMENT BID DEADLINE

Equipment bids for sewage lift station equipment for the proposed Orfordville lift station upgrades will be accepted at the Engineer's office until **2:00 p.m., local time Thursday, April 1, 2021**. The proposals will then be evaluated by the Owner and Engineer.

Equipment for which bids are requested is for a towable diesel generator. The selected equipment will be purchased directly by the Village. Delivery and start-up are anticipated for May-June, 2021.

## SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

This project is expected to be funded in whole or in part with funds provided by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service and will be subject to all the requirements from this program. Information on applicable federal requirements is available from the Engineer.

### BID DOCUMENTS

The Bid Documents, consisting of Request for Equipment Bids, and Applicable Technical Specifications are available to qualified Manufacturers and Suppliers from the office of the Engineer with contact information as listed below. Bid documents will be available starting March 24, 2021. Engineer contact information is as follows:

Town & Country Engineering, Inc.  
2912 Marketplace Drive,  
Suite 103  
Madison, WI 53719  
(608) 273-3350

Attention: Joe Thompson

jthompson@tcengineers.net

### BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

Manufacturers or Suppliers submitting a bid for any equipment must complete a qualification statement.

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- Approval of Student Handbooks
- Approval of Contracted & Volunteer Coaches
- Library Plan
- COVID-19 Update
- 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)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) at 7:25 p.m. for the discussion of:

a. Superintendent Search

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to return to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

The Clerk reported out that the Board selected 5 candidates to interview for Superintendent on the nights of March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The five candidates are Gayle Luebke, Jacob Hubert, David Novy, Chris Medenwaldt, and Rich Moyer.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

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## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:15 P.M. Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 9:15 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday February 24, 2021 edition of the Independent Register.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Elizabeth Kempel, Jodi Kail, and Don Buchanan

Absent: Al Schneider

### AGENDA ITEMS

### SUPERINTENDENT

#### SEARCH/DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the Superintendent interview process that was conducted over the last two evenings. The Board thanked all Administrators, staff, and community members for participating in this process and providing the Board of Education with their feedback.

### ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN

#### CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT

#### TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) at 9:16 p.m. for the discussion of:

a. Staffing/Superintendent Search

Roll Call vote: All ayes (6-0).

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to return to open session at 10:31 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.

### ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to move forward with second interviews for Superintendent with Chris Medenwaldt and David Novy.

Motion carried, 6-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.

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