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A new round of federal financial assistance for farmers aims to increase outreach to small producers, organic producers and others, USDA officials announced last week.

USDA reopens farmer aid program, aims to increase outreach

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced last week that USDA is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions.

The new initiative — USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers — will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs, USDA officials said in a news release. USDA is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs.

The department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers and timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel, among others.

USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers was needed, “after a review of previous COVID-19 assistance programs targeting farmers identified a number of gaps and disparities in how assistance was distributed as well as inadequate outreach to underserved producers and smaller and medium operations,” the release said.

“The pandemic affected all of agriculture, but many farmers did not benefit from previous rounds of pandemic-related assistance,” Vilsack said.

USDA will reopen sign-up for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5.

The USDA Farm Service Agency has committed at least \$2.5 million to improve outreach for CFAP 2 and will establish partnerships with organizations with strong connections to socially disadvantaged communities to ensure they are informed and aware of the application process.

For more information, contact the Green County service center in Monroe at 608-325-4195, extension 2, the Rock County service center in Janesville at 608-754-6617 or go online to farmers.gov/coronavirus.

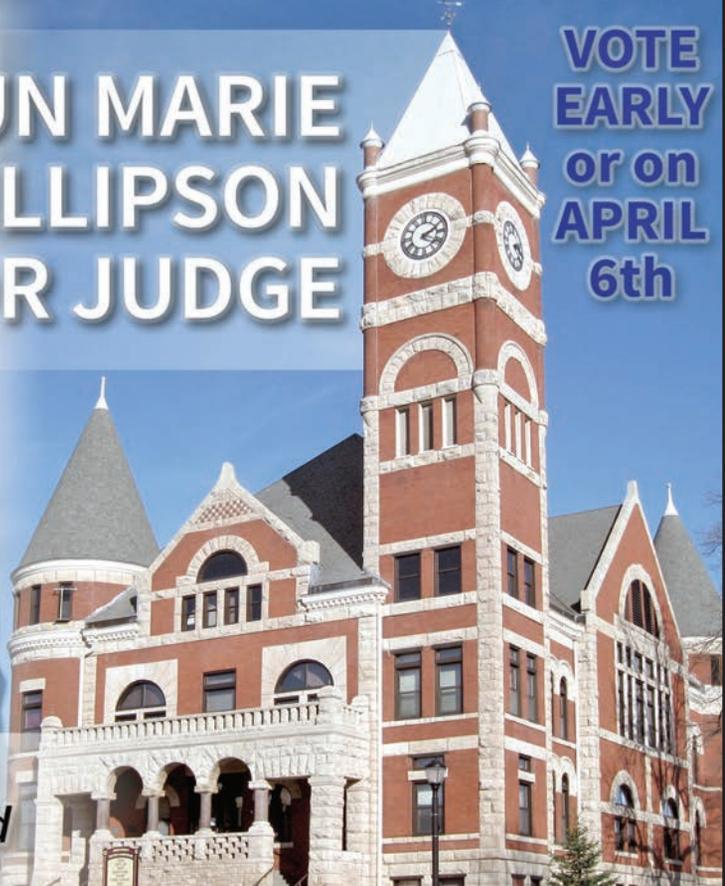
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Obituary

IRVIN T. PIECZYNSKI

Irvin T. Pieczynski, age 76, of Brodhead, passed away on March 22, 2021, while at the Monroe Hospital Clinic in Monroe, Wisconsin, surrounded by his family.

Irvin was born June 13, 1944, in Hammond, Indiana, the son of Bernard and Bernice Pieczynski.

Irvin was married to Antonette "Toni" Rasmussen on June 27, 1983, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Irvin drove for the city



of Madison Metro from 1990 until his retirement in 2012. Irvin enjoyed talking politics and drinking cold, day-old leftover coffee. He enjoyed spending time with his family, camping and raising his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who was

always there to help when needed or to provide a word of advice. Along with his wife, Irvin owned and operated Irv and Toni's Main Street Tap in Juda from 1987 to 1989.

Irvin is survived by his wife, Toni, of Brodhead; two daughters, Stacey (Bill) Bartosch of Deforest and Megan Pieczynski (Tammy Krukowski) of Waukesha; two grandchildren, Dakohta and Kadence Bartosch; his pets, Eli, Minnie and Bernie; and other relatives and friends.

Irvin was preceded in death by his parents and his dear friend, Gene Bennett, with whom he bartended and played euchre, darts and pool.

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

A memorial gathering was held March 26, 2021, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead.

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

State calls on taxpayers to help fight identity theft

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue is asking taxpayers to help in the fight against cybercrime by doing their part to protect their personal information.

The thousands of hours DOR invested in staff training and developing identity theft detection technologies used to protect taxpayer's personal information led to stopping more than \$55 million in fraudulent and erroneous refunds last tax season.

But DOR cannot secure taxpayers' personal information alone. Taxpayers also must be vigilant in ensuring their personal information does not end up in the wrong hands, officials said.

"Protecting taxpayers' personal identities is paramount in everything we do at DOR, and it requires a team effort," Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca said in a news release. "We need individuals to join us in protecting their identities. When we are all invested, know the threats and actively defend against them, identity theft opportunities decrease."

"One thing everyone should know is neither DOR nor the IRS will initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media to request personal or financial information," the news release said.

Some tips for tax season follow.

Secure electronic devices

- Keep electronic devices protected with up-to-date firewall, malware and anti-virus software.
- Encrypt tax and other sensitive records stored on your electronic devices.
- Use strong and unique passwords for online tax preparation account.
- Use two-factored authentication, if offered.
- Never send tax information through unencrypted email or a public Wi-Fi connection.
- Be careful with games, memes and social media accounts that could expose information used in security questions, like mother's maiden name, name of the road you grew up on or first pet.

Choose a reputable tax preparer

Be wary of tax return preparers who:

- Claim they can get larger refunds than others.
- Base their fees on a percentage of the refund.
- Offer to deposit your refund into their financial account.
- Use a tax professional who:
 - Enters their preparer tax identification number on the tax return.
 - Signs the tax return.
 - Provides you a copy of the return.

Consider whether the individual or firm will be around for months or years after filing the return to answer questions about the preparation of the tax return.

Ask the preparer:

- How it will handle and store your information.
- What computer security they use.
- If the person working on your taxes has undergone a thorough background screening.

Guard personal information

Monitor personal accounts. Don't assume unexpected collections or other DOR notices are errors. They may be a sign of identity theft.

- Check if a 2020 Wisconsin individual income tax return was filed on DOR's website.
- Don't give out personal information unless you're sure whom you're giving it to.
- Don't routinely carry your Social Security card.
- Keep your mailing address current with government agencies and others who send you sensitive information.
- Consider getting a mailbox with a lock.
- Retrieve your mail daily.
- Monitor for missing mail.
- Keep paper documents in a safe and locked location.
- Shred unneeded sensitive documents before disposing of them.
- Check your credit report at least once a year.
- Review wage earnings on your Social Security Administration statement and report any discrepancies.

Cemetery sets annual meeting

The annual lot owners' meeting for Greenwood Cemetery will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at John's Barber Shop, 911 Exchange St., Brodhead. The trustees meeting will follow the lot owners' meeting.

Cemetery officials are reminding families that winter decorations must be removed by April 1. Summer decorations should not be placed before May 1.

The decoration guidelines

include:

- Flowers are allowed on the side of the marker only. Shepherd hooks are allowed and must hang over the marker.
 - Any planting must be authorized by the sexton.
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Monroe Clinic notches national honor

TOP 20
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The National Rural Health Association has named Monroe Clinic one of the 2021 Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals in the nation.

Monroe Clinic, a member of SSM Health, has been named one of the 2021 Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals in the United States by the National Rural Health Association.

The award comes as part of an evaluation by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

“Regarded as one of the industry’s most significant designations of performance excellence, Monroe Clinic is proud to have received this Top 20 award, along with being ranked as a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital every year since 2016,” according to a news release.

“We are incredibly proud to be recognized at a national level for the hard work and dedication

our team members show every day,” Monroe Clinic President Jane Curran-Meuli said in the release. “Our mission of providing health care excellence to our communities remains our top priority. This recognition should assure our patients and community members we are able to provide high quality service and care now more than ever.”

Based on publicly available data, the Chartis review gives hospitals a score across eight pillars of hospital strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, cost, charge, quality, outcomes, patient perspective and financial stability.

For more information about the award, go online to www.monroeclinic.org/top100.

Monroe Clinic updates visitor policy

As of earlier this week, officials at Monroe Clinic began allowing one visitor/support person for clinic appointments and one visitor/support person per day for hospital patients.

According to the updated visitor policy, visitors must be over 18 years of age and will be asked to complete a health screening, including temperature, prior to entry. All visitors are required to maintain social distancing and cover their nose and mouth with a face covering.

Anyone with a positive exposure to COVID-19 or elevated temperature will not be allowed entry without approval by an administrative supervisor, according to a news release.

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

For updates from Monroe Clinic, go online to monroeclinic.org/coronavirus.

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Public health COVID-19 testing moves to two days per week

Beginning the week of April 5, the Green County Public Health COVID-19 community testing site will move to testing two days per week. COVID-19 testing will be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Testing will no longer be available on Thursdays.

The community testing site will remain at the Colony Brands Outlet Store parking lot, 652 Eighth St., Monroe.

No appointment is necessary; however, individuals should register for their COVID-19 test ahead of time by going online to gcpublichealth.org.

After registering, individuals will be emailed a QR code (like a bar code) that they will need

to bring to the testing site. This QR code is good for seven days after registering.

The free drive-thru testing will be available for anyone 3 years of age and older while supplies last. Anyone 3 to 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian authorized to give consent for the COVID-19 test on their behalf.

“Anyone who is having symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 should get tested,” according to the news release.

Additional testing locations in our area can be found on the Wisconsin Department of

Health Services website by going online to dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm. “We encourage the public to frequently monitor the Green County Public Health Facebook page and website, the

DHS website for updates, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram,” the release said.

Additional information about COVID-19 can be found by going online to cdc.gov.

Dairy committee opens scholarship applications

The Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Committee will present scholarships to qualifying young people who are an active member of 4-H or FFA in the dairy project in Green County.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of information provided by the applicant. Applicants are not required to have previously participated in the Dairy Youth Auction to qualify for the scholarship.

In order to apply, the applicant must be a senior at a Green County area high school or a Green County resident continuing his or her education after high school. The scholarships will be awarded after students successfully complete one semester of study and send the scholarship committee

proof of re-enrollment for the next semester.

Requirements include completing an application and giving a brief explanation of the applicant’s need for this scholarship and the significance of its benefits to future plans, including personal goals and objectives.

Applications are due by April 30 and scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

For more information about the Green County Dairy Youth Auction scholarship or to obtain an application, contact Jackie McCarville, ag educator, at the Extension Green County Office at 608-328-9440.

The applications also are available on the Extension Green County website at green.extension.wisc.edu.



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Optimists encourage students through essay contest

Brodhead Optimists President Jeanne Vogel presents Cheyenne Hodgson of Brodhead with a check for \$50 as the third-place prize in the Optimists’ recent essay contest. Eleven students submitted essays with the theme of “Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism.” Aly Ingersoll and Thea Kammerud, both of Cuba City, were awarded first and second place, with cash prizes of \$125 and \$75, respectively.

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

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

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- Denotes a community event.

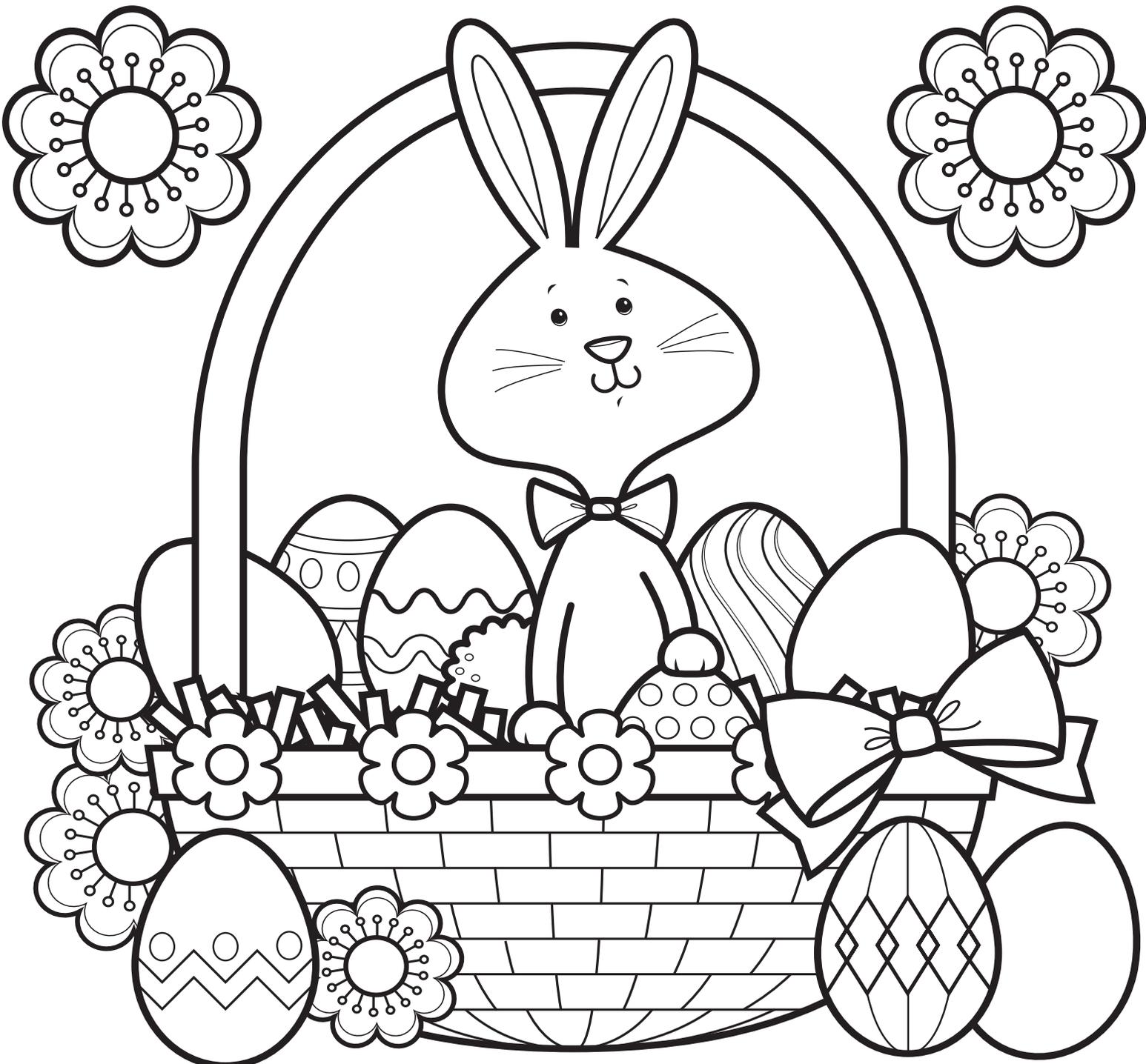
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The 2021 elk season will be held Oct. 16 through Nov. 14 and Dec. 9 through Dec. 17. Successful applicants can hunt during either period.

Applications now open for 2021 elk hunt

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that the application period for the 2021 elk hunt is open through May 31.

Following several successfully managed Wisconsin elk hunts, the DNR is planning the fourth elk hunt in state history this fall. Wisconsin's northern herd elk population, centered around Clam Lake, rose to 300 animals in 2020. The DNR anticipates growth in the herd again this year.

"The elk have fared well in the north over the past year," said Josh Spiegel, the DNR's wildlife biologist in Sawyer County.

"Currently, we've had mild winters back-to-back and animal body conditions look healthy," Spiegel said. "We continue to see a strong breeding class of cows and significant recruitment of younger animals into the population."

Once widespread across North America, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in the 1880s. Thanks to the support of many partners and the backing of Wisconsinites, the herd is back. Elk hunting season is open Oct. 16 through Nov. 14 and Dec. 9 through 17, 2021. Successful applicants can hunt during either period. Only Wisconsin residents are eligible to receive an elk tag.

Wisconsin residents can purchase elk license applications online through Go Wild (gowild.wi.gov) or by visiting a license agent. The application fee is \$10.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will also raffle one license. Raffle tickets are also \$10 each, and there is no limit on the number of raffle tickets an individual may purchase.

The cost of an elk hunting

license for the winners of the license drawing is \$49.

Last year, five once-in-a-lifetime bull elk tags were issued to state hunters and an equal number allocated to the Ojibwe tribes per treaty rights. The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board is scheduled to approve the 2021 elk harvest quota in May. Winning hunters will be notified in early June.

Before obtaining an elk hunting license, all winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter education program in early September. The class will cover regulations, hunting techniques and more.

The 2021 hunting season is expected to occur only within the northern elk management zone. While the state's central elk herd has grown steadily since re-introduction in 2015, it is not expected to be included in any 2021 hunts.

"We want hunters to have a great experience and be successful. With approximately 70% of the elk range on public land and open to hunting, finding a place to hunt will not be a problem for elk hunters," said Spiegel. "Despite the relative remoteness of the area, there are informational centers, campgrounds and hotels. Everything you need is within easy reach."

For each application, \$7 goes to elk management and research in Wisconsin. During the first three hunting seasons, applicants generated over \$600,000. These funds are already being used to enhance elk habitat, which benefits the elk herd and many other wildlife species that call the Northwoods home. Funding also contributes to ongoing elk research and monitoring.

For more information on the elk hunt, visit the DNR's elk webpage.

State plans gypsy moth spraying in Green County

Green County is among the counties slated to receive aerial treatments for gypsy moths starting in May, according to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Department officials recently published their 2021 gypsy moth treatment plan virtually, with an online video presentation, interactive maps and fact sheets located at gmaerialspray.wi.gov.

"The gypsy moth is a non-native insect with a destructive appetite for hundreds of species of trees and shrubs," a news release said. "Treatment efforts help limit the spread of this pest that is established in the eastern two-thirds of the state."

"This invasive pest is a serious threat to our forests and urban trees," Christopher Foelker, coordinator of DATCP's Gypsy Moth Program, said in the release. "It has the potential to negatively impact Wisconsin's timber, paper, nursery and tourism industries."

In Green County, the spraying will be done on a 200-acre site about five miles west of Monticello, Foelker said. The BTK treatment to be used here is a "naturally occurring soil bacterium that kills very young feeding gypsy moth

caterpillars," he said.

The treatment is usually applied between mid-May and mid-June, Foelker said.

The spraying in Green County and other western Wisconsin counties is aimed at treating the outlier population of gypsy moths.

"An outlier population is an isolated infestation that is far ahead of the general area infested by gypsy moth in the eastern half of the state," Foelker said. "Oftentimes, isolated populations are the result of inadvertent movement of wood, lumber or other outdoor household articles that have gypsy moth egg masses attached to them."

A total of about 94,579 acres at 45 sites in these 14 counties are scheduled for aerial treatment: Barron, Chippewa, Crawford, Douglas, Dunn, Grant, Green, Iowa, La Crosse, Lafayette, Rusk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Washburn.

Rock County is among the areas considered to have a general infestation of gypsy moths, although "populations are at fairly low levels" in Rock County, Foelker said.

For more information, call the gypsy moth hotline at 800-642-MOTH or send an email to the gypsy moth team at gypsymoth@wi.gov.



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State officials will use aerial spraying to treat for the gypsy moth, a non-native insect that feeds on more than 300 species of trees and shrubs. In its caterpillar stage, shown here, the moth "is a voracious feeder," according to Christopher Foelker, coordinator of the gypsy moth program at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. "Heavily infested trees can be quickly stripped of leaves by early summer," Foelker said.

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Complications linger for some with mild cases of COVID-19

By Rob Mentzer
WPR

In October, Paul Mathis got COVID-19. He lost his senses of taste and smell, and he slept a lot. But overall, his case was mild. He and his wife, who was also sick, hunkered down in their Rib Mountain, Wisconsin home. His 17-year-old daughter stayed in their older daughter's apartment for a week, and she avoided the virus.

Mathis' fatigue, fever and congestion eased within a couple of weeks. But he didn't really get better. He has "long haul" COVID-19, meaning that some of his symptoms have persisted for months.

Symptoms will linger for 10% to 33% of COVID-19 patients, epidemiologists estimate. For Mathis, that means shortness of breath, a sudden, racing heart rate and a weaker sense of smell. The causes and long-term consequences of long-haul COVID-19 remain a medical mystery. What is clear: The months of suffering in this limbo can prove frustrating and demoralizing.

"Even though I'd heard the phrase 'long-hauler,'" Mathis said, "a part of me assumed it was for people who had had (the disease) pretty heavily — the ones who required hospitalization."

New research suggests that the opposite is true in many cases. In a study of more than 1,400 patients in California, nearly one-third started out with no symptoms at all.

Mathis, 49, began chronicling his curious experience on social media on Oct. 18. That's when he shared that his sense of smell vanished and that he had taken a COVID-19 test. Two days later, he confirmed his infection.

He has updated his followers on his condition ever since. It's become a kind of ritual. He tracks his symptoms. He vents his frustration with short-sighted political leaders. He entreats his followers to wear masks.

For WPR and Wisconsin Watch's Outbreak Wisconsin project, he read many of his posts to a reporter.

"My senses of taste and smell are still jacked," Mathis wrote on Nov. 15. "I have this weird, clinical clean scent that is slightly sweet and metallic." (The scent isn't traditionally unpleasant, he said in an interview, "but I've come to resent it.")

On Nov. 22, he noted that he finally tasted some raw red onions on a burger. By early January, he thought some taste was returning, but he still couldn't smell garlic being sauteed.

"Still get horribly out of breath doing little to nothing," he wrote on Jan. 4. "Coming to the realization that this may be the new normal."

"This hits me," Mathis said after reading a selection of the posts. "A lot of the stuff I talked about on Day 1, Day 8, Day 15, I'm still experiencing. ... You just wonder: Is this a permanent thing?"

He has connected with other long-haulers, participating in online discussions in which folks share symptoms and feelings. Knowing that his COVID-19 journey has proved smoother than others' leaves him with mixed emotions.

"I don't claim to have any kind of extreme case whatsoever," he said. "And I really feel for people who have had it much, much worse. I've known people who have had it much, much, worse. I've known people who have passed from this."

The coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, behaves in unusual ways, working its way into the lungs and blood. Scientists are still discovering how the novel virus attacks its hosts. Some long-haulers experience brain fog — difficulty focusing and holding thoughts. Others have sleep problems, bleeding gums or gastrointestinal issues.



ANGELA MAJOR, WPR/FOR WISCONSIN WATCH *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Rib Mountain resident Paul Mathis experiences lingering effects from COVID-19, despite the fact that his case was a minor one.

Mathis has been spared most of those symptoms. His shortness of breath and tachycardia — the tendency for his heart rate to race suddenly and without warning — are the most troubling. Even a short walk leaves Mathis winded, forcing him to dramatically scale back on physical activity.

On Day 36, Mathis wrote that his long-haul conditions were "getting old really fast." By early March, on Day 141, he was celebrating his par-

ents' vaccinations and regretting that his breathlessness prevented him from participating in his choral group, which was planning a 2021 season.

He tries to focus on the positives, he said, but he can't help but wonder: "Is this going to be the way it is? Did it take days, weeks, months, years off of whatever lifespan I had? Who knows? I think that's the biggest question mark and anxiety around it, for people who are still ex-

periencing symptoms. Where am I going to be in a year?"

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Health news

Keep your children updated on vaccines

By Shari Faber
ROCK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Well-child visits are an important part of infancy and childhood. Over the past year, many of these routine medical visits have been missed due to the pandemic. Well-child visits are important for tracking your child's growth and development and for keeping up-to-date on their vaccines. The vaccines that children receive at these visits prevent the return of many serious diseases like polio, whooping cough, diphtheria and measles.



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

amounts were gone from all childhood vaccines. Multi-dose influenza vaccines may still contain some thimerosal.

• Is it bad for my child to get so many vaccines at once?

There is no evidence that receiving all recommended vaccines as scheduled is harmful for a healthy child. Vaccines are scheduled to best protect your child and delaying them leaves your child vulnerable to those diseases.

Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect your child and your community from serious diseases. If your child is due or past due for their vaccines, contact your doctor about an appointment. If your child needs vaccines and you do not have a doctor or health insurance, contact the Rock County Public Health Department at 608-757-5440.

Shari Faber is a health educator for the Rock County Public Health Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us with Healthful Hint in the subject line. The department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information, follow the health department on social media @rockcountyPHD.

When a dose of a vaccine is missed, your child does not need to start over for most vaccines. The earlier doses are still good. The doctor will continue the series of shots wherever they left off.

• How can I make shots less stressful for my child?

For infants, bring favorite comfort items, like a blanket, toy or pacifier. Distract them from the shot, smile and let them know it is OK. For older children, talk to them about how the shots will keep them healthy and let them know that it will sting, but only for a second. Bring a favorite book or toy to distract them.

• Do childhood vaccines contain mercury that could harm my child?

In 1999, it was decided that thimerosal, a preservative that contains mercury, should be removed from all childhood vaccines. By 2003, all but trace

Volunteers needed for frog call surveys

Family-friendly activity offers fun for all

Frogs will soon begin chorusing throughout Wisconsin and the Department of Natural Resources is looking for volunteers to lend their ears for help with two different frog and toad surveys.

One survey requires volunteers to drive along set routes three nights during the frog mating season. The other is a phenology survey, aimed at understanding how climate change may be affecting frogs, which people can complete at home or at a nearby wetland, lake or river.

“The information volunteers provide is essential to monitoring and conserving frogs and toads in Wisconsin,” said Andrew Badje, a DNR conservation biologist who coordinates both surveys for the department’s Natural Heritage Conservation Program.

Since both surveys occur at night after school and when the workday is done, the two surveys are great activities for families and can be completed while social distancing.

“Many families rediscovered how essential nature was to their wellbeing during the pandemic by getting out to enjoy parks, birdwatching and more,” Badje said. “Our frog surveys are yet another great opportunity to connect with nature this year.”

New volunteers can learn the different calls to identify the species, as well as learn more about frog and toad biology and ecology, by watching a series of short videos on all 12 frog and toad species in Wisconsin.



AB SHELTON, VIA WISCONSIN DNR Brodhead Independent-Register

Spring peepers are beginning to call now, signaling the need for volunteers for the Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking volunteers to help with two different frog and toad surveys.

Traditional driving survey

The Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey is a citizen-based monitoring program coordinated by the DNR, in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey.

The DNR began the Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey in the early 1980s along pre-set driving routes in response to known and suspected declines of numerous Wisconsin frog species, including the northern leopard frog, American bullfrog, pickerel frog and Blanchard’s cricket frog.

Known as North America’s longest running citizen science frog calling survey, volunteers have logged 10,108 survey nights and 99,452 site visits

since the survey began.

“Over the years, these citizen scientists have helped DNR conservation biologists define the distribution, status, and population trends of all 12 frog and toad species in the state,” Badje said.

Volunteers survey one night each in early spring, late spring and summer and make 10 stops per night (five minutes at each site). They identify the species calling and record that information and the relative abundance of each species.

There are roughly two driving routes per county and many Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey routes are still available for 2021.

For more information, go to wiatri.net/inventory/frogtoadsurvey. For a map, click on

“Volunteer” at the top of the page and select “Statewide Map of Routes.”

Phenology survey

The DNR has recently added the opportunity for an unlimited number of volunteers to conduct phenology surveys. Such surveys help monitor frog breeding seasons in relation to fluctuating spring weather conditions. Volunteers select one site to monitor throughout the spring and early summer and spend five minutes per night, as often as possible, recording data.

Volunteers have documented the highest levels of American bullfrogs and Blanchard’s cricket frogs since the survey began, a sign that proactive conservation measures for these two species are likely paying off. They also have been instrumental in documenting new populations of Blanchard’s cricket frogs along the Mississippi River in recent years, and in places they haven’t been documented in more than 30 years.

Volunteer data has also documented a long-term decline for the northern leopard frog over the 38-year survey, while showing that spring peepers, boreal chorus frogs and green frogs have been on more stable paths since the survey began.

For more information, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov, click on “News” and on the following page, scroll down to “Volunteers needed for frog call surveys.”

Sorg’s issues recall of bison sausage

Sorg Farm Packing, Darien, is issuing a voluntary Class II recall for summer sausage and snack stick products made from bison meat.

The products, which were produced for Yankee Farmer’s Market in Warner, New Hampshire, were not labeled with a refrigerated-handling statement.

The recalled products include:

- Buffalo (bison) summer sausage, 8-ounce packages
- Uncured buffalo snack stick, 1.75-ounce packages.

This is a Class II recall resulting from evidence collected during a routine inspection by state inspectors.

Evidence shows that the products were not produced under a fully cooked, shelf stable Hazard Analysis Critical

Control Point plan and therefore require refrigeration for safety. The products were not labeled with the appropriate safe handling statement to indicate refrigeration is necessary.

According to the DATCP, a Class II recall is a “health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.”

For more information on the U.S. Department of Agriculture recall classifications, visit www.fsis.usda.gov.

No illnesses have been reported as a result of consuming these products. Anyone with signs or symptoms of a food-borne illness should contact their doctor. Consumers who have any of the products included in this recall should discard them.

In brief

Orfordville seeks input on ATV/UTV referendum

An advisory referendum on the April 6 ballot will ask Orfordville voters to weigh in on allowing ATVs and UTVs to drive on village streets.

The resolution says, “The village of Orfordville has authority to designate village streets as ATV/UTV routes. Should the village of Orfordville permit ATV/UTVs to drive on village streets?”

The referendum is non-binding, which means village officials are not bound to act based on referendum results.

Local student makes MSOE dean’s list

Aaron Myhre of Orfordville was among the students named to the winter quarter dean’s list at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher are eligible for the dean’s list.

FFA alumni collect scrap to help ag programs

The Parkview FFA Alumni group is hosting a scrap metal fundraiser from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Orfordville Village Hall parking lot, 303 E. Beloit St.

The money raised will be used for supporting agricultural education and the Parkview FFA chapter.

Acceptable materials include aluminum, cast iron, copper, iron, lead, stainless steel and steel.

For more information, contact Terry Tews at 608-295-0119 or Tjark Sattler at 920-418-1583.

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News from Parkview in Orfordville:

Viking Times

<p>THURSDAY, APRIL 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Parkview varsity volleyball vs. Wayland Academy, 7 p.m. • Parkview varsity football at Deerfield, 7 p.m. <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m. <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library closed 	<p>MONDAY, APRIL 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Parkview School District Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Parkview varsity volleyball at Princeton, 7:15 p.m. <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Parkview School District Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
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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.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-328-9433 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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

The Brodhead Water & Light will be flushing hydrants the week of April 5th through April 9th 2021.

Starting North of the railroad tracks and moving South.

If you notice any discoloration of your water, please run cold water for a few minutes to clear it up. If you have any questions or problems, please call Aaron at 558-0598.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION April 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several towns, village and wards, of the **School District of Albany**, on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021** the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents whose term of office will expire on April 26, 2021. The term of office for two of the seats for school board member will be three (3) years. The candidate receiving the least votes will be completing the one (1) year term. All terms will begin on Monday, April 26, 2021. The two (3 year) terms will end April 22, 2024 and the one (1) year term will end April 25, 2022.

Office	Incumbent
School Board Member	Sherri Seitz
School Board Member	Adam Kopp
School Board Member	

Electors can cast a ballot at the following polling places, located at the following addresses during the posted times.

Albany Township Hal N6065 Cty E Albany, WI 53502 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Albany Village Hall 206 N. Water St. Albany, WI 53502 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Brooklyn Township Garage Hwy 92, 400 W. Main St. Brooklyn, WI 53521 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Decatur Township Hall 1408 14th Street Brodhead, WI 53520 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Magnolia Township Hall 14729 W Cty A Evansville, WI 53536 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Sylvester Township Hall N4505 Hwy 59 Albany, WI 53502 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Mt. Pleasant Township
Zwingli United Church of Christ
416 E. ake Street
Monticello, WI 53570
7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Given under my hand this 25th day of March, 2021
s/s Valerie Johnson
School District Clerk

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the Village of Orfordville, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

LOCATION	WARDS
Orfordville Village Hall 303 E. Beloit Street Orfordville, WI 53576	Wards 1 & 2

THE POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Sherri Waege
Village Clerk
608-879-2004

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TOWN OF MAGNOLIA LOCATION AND HOURS OF ELECTION

The polls in the Town of Magnolia will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. April 6, 2021

at the Magnolia Town Hall
14729 W. County Road A,
Evansville, WI 53536

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY NOTICE OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS FOR SPRING ELECTION

The Board of Canvassers for the Town of Spring Valley will convene immediately following the counting of the ballots at the Non-Partisan and Referendum Election held on April 6, 2021 at the Orfordville Fire Station Meeting Room, 173 N Wright St. Orfordville WI

Dela Ends, Clerk
(608) 897-4288
tsvclerk@gmail.com

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 002-2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 95-16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRODHEAD TO PROVIDE FOR A CONSENT AGENDA

A full copy of this ordinance is available at the City of Brodhead City Hall, located at 1111 W 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520, or by calling 608-897-4018.

Effect of Ordinance: Provides the ability to have a consent agenda on the Common Council Meeting agendas.

Troy Nyman, Mayor
Attest: Nikolai Wahl,
City Clerk

Date Adopted: 03/15/2021
Date Published: 03/31/2021
Effective Date: 03/31/2021

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM COUNTY OF ROCK APRIL 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the VILLAGE OF ORFORD-

VILLE, on APRIL 6, 2021, the following proposed referendum as ordered by the Orfordville Village Board in Resolution No. R-2020-09 will be submitted to a vote of the people.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The Village of Orfordville has authority to designate Village streets as ATV/UTV routes. Should the Village of Orfordville permit ATV/UTVs to drive on Village Streets?"

EXPLANATION

A "YES" vote advises the Village Board that you support allowing the use of ATV/UTVs on Village streets

A "NO" vote advises the Village Board that you do not support allowing the use of ATV/UTVs on Village streets.

Published on March 31, 2021
Sherri Waege
Village Clerk

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TOWN OF DECATUR SPRING ELECTION TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM
At the Town Hall – 1408 14th Street, Brodhead

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all electors residing in the Town of Decatur for the purpose of voting in the Spring Election for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Judicial Offices, Town Offices, and School Board Offices.

The Board of Canvassers for the Town of Decatur will convene following the close of the polls to certify the election results for the Town Offices.

For absentee ballot or further information, contact the Town Clerk at 1408 14th Street, P.O. Box 333, Brodhead, WI 53520; phone 897-4965; email clerk-treasurer@townofdecatur.com.

Jamie E. Olson
Clerk/Treasurer

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TOWN OF AVON LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Spring Election to be held on April 6, 2021 in the Town of Avon the following polling place will be used:

Avon Town Hall 16513 W Beloit Newark Road, Brodhead WI. THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk, Stephanie Schwartzlow 608-921-3656 townclerkofavon@yahoo.com

The polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Photo I.D. is in effect. Bring your I.D when you come to vote.

Sample ballot shows both Brodhead and Parkview School Districts.

You can view the exact ballot for your residence at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

Immediately following the closing of the polls, the municipal board of canvas will meet.

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NOTICE OF TESTING TOWN OF AVON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN there will be a public test of electronic voting equipment on Thursday, April 1st, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Avon Town Hall, 16513 W. Beloit Newark Road, Brodhead, WI, which will be used at the Spring Election on April 6, 2021.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk

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FOUND WALLET CONTAINING MONEY TURNED INTO BRODHEAD POLICE

On September 18, 2020 a citizen turned into the Brodhead Police Department a wallet that contained money in the amount greater than \$100.00. Per Wisconsin State Statute the Brodhead Police Department is giving written notice of said found money. If you believe you may be the owner of this found wallet containing money contact the Brodhead Police Department at 608-897-2112 during regular business hours. To claim this wallet containing money the owner must be able to correctly identify the wallet, denomination of the currency, the location of the loss (which should be close to the location where the currency was found).

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Town of Avon Public Notice

The Town of Avon is giving notice to please remove any graveside decorations by April 15th, 2021 from the gravestone at the AVON CEMETERY. All decorations may be placed back at the gravestone on the second Sunday of May. This notice is in compliance with Town Ordinance Number 2019-02. If you have questions concerning this ordinance, please contact the Town Sexton, Gregg Wartgow at 608-751-5591.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk

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TOWN OF AVON ANNUAL MEETING

Avon Town Hall
April 20th, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

- AGENDA:
1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Minutes of 2020 Meeting
 5. Approval Financial Statements
 6. Set Date for 2022 Meeting
 7. Postpone Budget portion of Annual Meeting to later date set by the board
 8. Road Funds
 9. Electors Input
 10. Adjournment

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the optical scan tabulating equipment and the handicapped accessible voting machine, to be used at the Spring Election on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, in the Town of Spring Grove, will be conducted at the Town Hall, N2475 Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Deb Cline, Clerk
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NOTICE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

2021 Spring Election

Notice is hereby given that the 2021 Spring Election in the Town of Spring Grove will be held at the Town Hall, N2475 County Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Posted 3/30/2021
Deb Cline, Clerk

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GREEN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Per Wisconsin State Statutes

Sec. 88.05(2) - NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, May 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Green County Historic Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held by the Green County Drainage Board, regarding a flat fee assessment to every individual land owner in the Broughton, Decatur and Drain #1 drainage districts. The flat fee assessment is needed for administrative costs associated with conducting the business of the drainage board for a two-year period. All interested citizens are invited to attend. All questions and concerns will be heard by the board. A letter has been sent to all property owners affected. A listing of all affected property owners is on file at the Green County Land & Water Conservation office, 1627 4th Ave West, Monroe, Wisconsin, Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Any objections to the jurisdiction of the drainage board or to the sufficiency or legality of any assessment or to the equity shall be set forth clearly and in detail to, John Dieckhoff, W2210 Pinnow Road, Brodhead, WI 53520; Tim Schmidt, W4199 County K, Monroe, WI 53566 or Kim Buehl, N6903 Marshall Bluff Road, Monticello, WI 53570. The Independent Register 3/31, 4/7, 4/14/2021 WNAXLP 393038

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Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 6, 2021

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General Instructions	School District	Official Ballot
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>School District of Albany School Board Member Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sherri K. Seitz</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Adam Roy Kopp</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p>Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 for Town of Magnolia</p>
<p>State Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p>State Superintendent Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Underly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Deborah Kerr</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p>Referendum</p> <p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>School District</p> <p>School District of Brodhead School Board Member Vote for not more than 2</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Don Buchanan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael Krupke</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>
<p>Judicial</p> <p>Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 5 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Haakenson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p>Rock County</p> <p>Question: Should the State of Wisconsin accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to expand health insurance coverage to 176,000 additional Wisconsin residents resulting in the state saving \$324.5 million?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of election inspectors _____</p> <p>Absentee ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk _____</p> <p>If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.</p> <p>Certification of Voter Assistance</p> <p>I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §8.82 to receive assistance.</p> <p>Signature of assistor _____</p>
<p>Municipal</p> <p>Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kurt Bartlett</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p>Town Board Supervisor 1 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p>Town Board Supervisor 2 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David A. Olsen</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p>Town Clerk/Treasurer Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Graceann Toberman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p>School District</p> <p>Evansville Community School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mason Braunschweig</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kathi Swanson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Elynn Paul</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Shana Cook</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in</p>	<p>For Official Use Only</p> <p>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Damaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If this is the Original Ballot, write serial number here: _____</p> <p>If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write serial number here: _____</p> <p>Initials of Inspectors who remade ballot _____</p>

Continue voting at top of next column.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT OFFICE OF THE ORFORDVILLE VILLAGE CLERK TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE

Notice is hereby given of an Election to be held in the Village of Orfordville on April 6, 2021 at which time the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS
Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall give his or her name and address before being permitted to vote. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where marksense voting is used, the elector shall fill in the

oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the elector shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided and fill in the oval or connect the arrow on the write-in line. On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where touch screen voting systems are used, the elector shall depress the button next to the party of his or her choice. The elector shall then depress the button next to the candidate's names for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the elector shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write in vote. On referendum questions, the elector shall depress the button next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall depress the button next to "no" if opposed to the questions.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. If the elector spoils a ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three

ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initiated by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place. Not more than five minutes time shall be allowed inside a voting booth or machine. Unofficial ballots or a memorandum to assist the elector in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place immediately.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

A SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THE APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION IS ATTACHED.

Sherri Waege-Village Clerk

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 S52

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School District

Parkview School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 3

Dianne Myhre

Chuck Hagmann

Michelle J. Schwarz

write-in

write-in

write-in

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent Vote for 1

Jill Underly

Deborah Kerr

write-in

Judicial

Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 5 Vote for 1

Mike Haakenson

write-in

Municipal

Village President Vote for 1

Gary Phillips

write-in

Village Trustee Vote for not more than 3

Beth Schmidt

Cami Myers

Nikki Tuffree

write-in

write-in

write-in

Rock County

Question: Should the State of Wisconsin accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to expand health insurance coverage to 176,000 additional Wisconsin residents resulting in the state saving \$324.5 million?

Yes

No

Village of Orfordville

Question: The Village of Orfordville has authority to designate Village streets as ATV/UTV routes. Should the Village of Orfordville permit ATV/UTVs to drive on Village streets?

Yes

No

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 for Village of Orfordville

Ballot issued by _____

Initials of election inspectors _____

Absentee ballot issued by _____

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk _____

If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial. _____

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor _____

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write serial number here: _____

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Initials of inspectors who remade ballot _____

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Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 S1

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent Vote for 1

Jill Underly

Deborah Kerr

write-in

Judicial

Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 5 Vote for 1

Mike Haakenson

write-in

Municipal

Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1

Michael F. Moore

Gregg Wartgow

write-in

Town Board Supervisor 1 Vote for 1

Gregg Wartgow

write-in

Town Board Supervisor 2 Vote for 1

Jeff Border

Luke Withrow

write-in

Town Clerk Vote for 1

Stephanie Schwartzlow

write-in

Continue voting at top of next column.

Municipal (cont.)

Town Treasurer Vote for 1

Debra J. Niedermeier-Wartgow

write-in

Town Constable Vote for 1

Christopher Regenauer

write-in

School District

Parkview School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 3

Dianne Myhre

Chuck Hagmann

Michelle J. Schwarz

write-in

write-in

write-in

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

Rock County

Question: Should the State of Wisconsin accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to expand health insurance coverage to 176,000 additional Wisconsin residents resulting in the state saving \$324.5 million?

Yes

No

Town of Avon

Question: Should the Town of Avon adopt an ordinance that permits individuals to operate ATV/UTVs on town roads?

Yes

No

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 for Town of Avon

Ballot issued by _____

Initials of election inspectors _____

Absentee ballot issued by _____

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk _____

If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial. _____

Certification of Voter Assistance

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Signature of assistor _____

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Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 S2

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To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent Vote for 1

Jill Underly

Deborah Kerr

write-in

Judicial

Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 5 Vote for 1

Mike Haakenson

write-in

Municipal

Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1

Michael F. Moore

Gregg Wartgow

write-in

Town Board Supervisor 1 Vote for 1

Gregg Wartgow

write-in

Town Board Supervisor 2 Vote for 1

Jeff Border

Luke Withrow

write-in

Town Clerk Vote for 1

Stephanie Schwartzlow

write-in

Continue voting at top of next column.

Municipal (cont.)

Town Treasurer Vote for 1

Debra J. Niedermeier-Wartgow

write-in

Town Constable Vote for 1

Christopher Regenauer

write-in

School District

School District of Brodhead School Board Member Vote for not more than 2

Don Buchanan

Michael Krupke

write-in

write-in

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

Rock County

Question: Should the State of Wisconsin accept Affordable Care Act Federal Medicaid funds earmarked to expand health insurance coverage to 176,000 additional Wisconsin residents resulting in the state saving \$324.5 million?

Yes

No

Town of Avon

Question: Should the Town of Avon adopt an ordinance that permits individuals to operate ATV/UTVs on town roads?

Yes

No

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 for Town of Avon

Ballot issued by _____

Initials of election inspectors _____

Absentee ballot issued by _____

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk _____

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Signature of assistor _____

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Vaccine hunters share tips for finding COVID-19 shots



By Bram Sable-Smith
WPR/WISCONSIN WATCH

Robin Davis was thrilled to learn that Wisconsin deemed her family eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations starting March 1. That offered hope that she and her children could soon safely venture outside their Milwaukee home.

For the past year, the 56-year-old has mostly hunkered down with her son, 26, and daughter,

23 — both of whom are on the autism spectrum.

That has proved lonely and difficult, Davis said, but ultimately worthwhile. Her husband of 30-plus years died of pneumonia in 2019, and she fears catching COVID-19. She remains the legal guardian of her adult children, responsible for medical and financial decisions.

Davis has her own physical

disabilities, and the family participates in IRIS, Wisconsin's self-directed program for frail elders and adults with disabilities. That's why all three qualified to receive vaccinations this month.

But Davis wasn't sure how to book an appointment. The sign-up websites she found failed to demystify the process.

That's when she saw a TMJ4 News story about a Facebook group called Milwaukee & WI Area Vaccine Hunters and Angels, where Wisconsinites share tips for snagging appointments.

She joined the group and posted her story. That connected her with group founder Bob Orech, who said he made it his "personal mission" to find vaccines for the Davis family. Orech linked her to a Walgreens pharmacist he met through the group. Davis and both children received their first shots the next day.

"I think that's one of the stories I'm most proud about," said Orech, 47, a retail regional manager in Germantown, Wisconsin.

The fast-growing Facebook group has helped many Wisconsinites navigate the state's COVID-19 vaccine bureaucracy. Wisconsin is among the nation's leaders in distributing inoculations to those who want them, but demand still outpaces supply, and some eligible residents still struggle to find appointments.

The Facebook group is among dozens popping up nationwide in which members share insights for booking vaccinations. Some, like Orech, even schedule appointments for others. They are known as "angels."

Orech started the group in late February after members of a Chicago Facebook group helped him find appointments for his parents in suburban Chicago. If that approach worked in Chicago, he figured, why not Wisconsin? More than 2,700 people have joined the Milwaukee group.

Work with a medical provider

Lisa Kirshberg, 67, didn't have much trouble getting vaccinated in Milwaukee. Her health care provider — which is connected with Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin — sent her a letter in February saying that she was eligible and could book an appointment over the phone.

She followed the instructions and received her first vaccine dose on Feb. 13 and her second on March 15.

"I really want this. I've never been afraid of it," said Kirshberg, adding that she has closely followed COVID-19 protocols while living in a building with 500 people.

Research when and where to sign up

Each medical provider has its own system for booking vaccine appointments.

DHS maintains a searchable map of vaccine providers in Wisconsin, which displays vaccine registration websites for health care providers, county health departments and pharmacies. Some local governments offer their own portals to sign up.

But appointment slots can fill up fast. Orech said members of his group gleaned patterns revealing the best times to book at certain locations. Walgreens, for example, seems to begin accepting new appointments daily at 6 a.m., offering early birds a leg up. Other pharmacies like CVS, Walmart and Meijer are moving targets, Orech said.

Left: Hashim Zaibak, a founder and pharmacist at Hayat Pharmacy in Milwaukee, stands outside of his business earlier this month. The pharmacy offers walk-in hours for COVID-19 vaccine seekers — an effort to bolster access to those who might otherwise run into technological or language barriers when trying to schedule appointments.

ANGELA MAJOR/WPR, FOR WISCONSIN WATCH *Broadhead Independent-Register*

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOTS — APRIL 6, 2021

OFFICE OF THE GREEN COUNTY CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF GREEN COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Green County, on April 6, 2021, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian that may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot,

the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an *optical scan* ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

Spoiled Ballot

If the voter spoils an *optical scan* ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initiated by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official *optical scan* ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly. A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Arianna L. Voegeli

Arianna L. Voegeli
Green County Clerk

LIST OF ADDITIONAL OF CANDIDATES 2021 SPRING ELECTION Green County, WI

MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

TOWNS:

Town of Albany

Office: **Chairperson**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Abel A Schultz
Office: **Supervisor 1**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Doug Lawrence
Office: **Supervisor 2**

Length of Term: **2 years**

Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Scott Roth
Office: **Clerk**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Dean Houlberg
Office: **Treasurer**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Grace A Spangler
Town of Decatur

Office: **Chairperson**

Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Allen Schneider
Office: **Supervisor 1**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Holly M. Senz
David Olsen
Office: **Supervisor 2**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Dusty R. Kubly
Town of Jefferson

Office: **Chairperson**

Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Harvey Mandel
Office: **Supervisor 1**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Kurt Jordan
Office: **Supervisor 2**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Rick Nusbaum
Office: **Clerk/Treasurer**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Amy McCullough
Town of Spring Grove

Office: **Chairperson**

Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Patrick Faessler
Office: **Supervisor 1**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Lawrence Rick Harding
Office: **Supervisor 2**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Todd Lengel
Office: **Clerk**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Debra Cline
Office: **Treasurer**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Patricia Reckamp
Town of Sylvester

Office: **Chairperson**

Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Anna Anderson
Ryan Schutte
Office: **Supervisor 1**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Mike Witt
Lori Stern
Office: **Supervisor 2**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
David Schenk
VILLAGES:

Village of Albany

Office: **President**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Kim A Blumer
Office: **Trustee**
Length of Term: **2 years**
Vote for not more than: **3**
Names in Correct Order:
Larry W Nipple
Michelle Monson
Eileen Althaus
SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Albany

Office: **School Board Member**
Length of Term: **3 years**

Vote for not more than: **2**

Names in Correct Order:
Sherri K. Seitz
Adam Roy Kopp
Juda
Office: **School Board Member**
Length of Term: **3 years**
Vote for not more than: **3**
Names in Correct Order:
Eric Makos
Dennis Pflugsten
Suzanne Trotter
Monroe

Office: **School Board Member**

Length of Term: **3 years**
Vote for not more than: **3**
Names in Correct Order:
Teresa Keehn
Teri Ellefsen
ROCK COUNTY:
Office: **Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 5**
Length of Term: **6 years**
Vote for not more than: **1**
Names in Correct Order:
Michael Haakenson

FINAL LIST OF REFERENDA 2021 SPRING ELECTION Green County, WI

Monroe School District Shall the School District of Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin, be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project at Northside Elementary School consisting of: HVAC, safety and site improvements; remodeling for ADA compliance; capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements, including roof and water main replacement, and lighting and technology updates; and acquisition of related furnishings, fixtures, and equipment?

YES

NO

Rock County Referendum

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YES

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City of Brodhead W1-6 Brodhead School District

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Tips (Continued from page 10)

Many websites require vaccine seekers to create an account. Orech suggests doing that early to shave off precious time once bookings open.

Be willing to travel

One supply chain worker in Madison qualified for vaccination on March 1 when Wisconsin expanded eligibility to non-frontline essential health care workers. The 24-year-old asked not to be named saying he feared negative attention from people who might deem him undeserving because of his age. He tried unsuccessfully for three days to schedule an appointment at a Walgreens in Madison.

On the fourth day — as he lay half-awake, acquiescing to his Australian cattle dog's demand to go outside — he realized that scheduling an appointment in his hometown of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, might be easier. He booked a Walgreens appointment there on his first try.

He said the hour-long drive last week was worthwhile. But he feels guilty about getting a

shot while his father — who is younger than 65 but considered high-risk for COVID-19 — still is not eligible.

Wisconsin officials recently announced the state would expand vaccine eligibility to people with certain medical conditions beginning March 29. DHS expects to make all residents ages 16 and older eligible sometime in May.

Ask for leftovers

Tom Kastle, a 64-year-old Madison folk singer, actor and tall ship sailor, earned much of his pre-pandemic income from concerts he played at nursing homes in and around Wisconsin. That businesses dried up as long-term care facilities — now linked to 30% of COVID-19-related deaths in Wisconsin — barred visitors to control spread of the disease.

A friend and fellow folk singer recently sent Kastle a postcard billing himself as “vaccinated, masked and performing live.” Another friend told Kastle that nursing homes were vaccinating

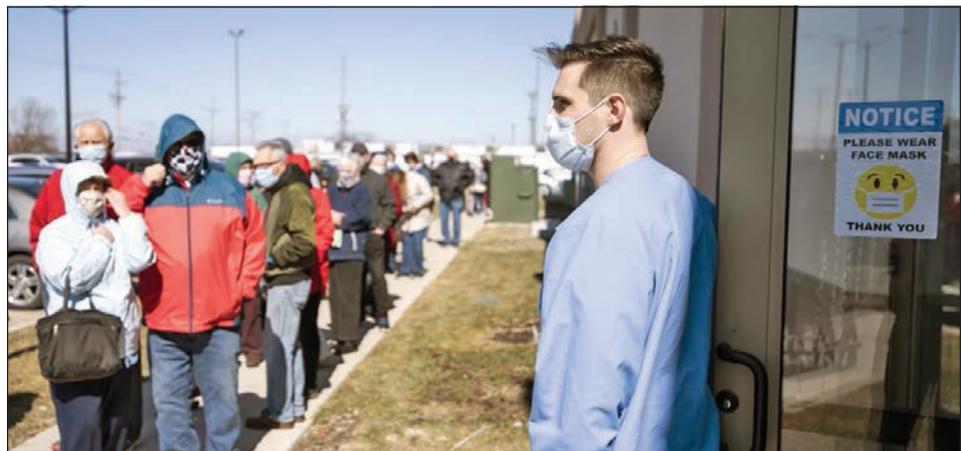
their independent contractors. Kastle put two and two together. When a nursing home solicited him for a St. Patrick's Day concert, Kastle asked about getting vaccinated. He received his first dose on Feb. 24.

Others have managed to score leftover vaccines.

Orech said his Facebook group members have called pharmacies at day's end to ask for leftovers that might otherwise expire and be thrown away — due to missed appointments, for example.

“Pharmacists love their customers. They really do,” Orech said. “They look out for our families more than we ever realize it.”

Some vaccination sites offer standby lists for people who agree to show up quickly for a leftover dose. Other vaccine hunters have shown up to vaccination sites unprompted to inquire about extras near closing time. More than a million people have also signed up for extras through Dr. B, a nationwide web startup that matches people with



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COVID-19 vaccine seekers wait outside of Milwaukee's Hayat Pharmacy earlier this month. Wisconsin is among the nation's leaders in distributing COVID-19 inoculations to those who want them, but demand still outpaces supply, and some eligible residents have struggled to find appointments. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services says it expects to expand vaccine eligibility to all residents ages 16 and older by May.

local providers.

Find walk-in appointments

Many vaccine hunting tips involve time, technology and resources, illustrating how vulnerable communities could lose out. Hashim Zaibak, a founder and pharmacist at Hayat Pharmacy in Milwaukee, sees that problem clearly.

The limitations of poor internet access surfaced earlier in the pandemic, Zaibak said, when Gov. Tony Evers' administration unveiled a COVID-19 testing registration website that required an email address. Hayat, which has more than a dozen locations, also offers testing to residents — some of whom lack access to a smartphone, email address or any internet access at all. Some do not speak English.

That's why the pharmacy hired employees to register community members for testing.

“We told our employees, ‘Hey, this platform was meant for somebody who's young, tech-savvy, knows how to maneuver the internet. But people in our community may not be

able to do that. So help them,’” Zaibak said.

Vaccine access poses a similar challenge. Hayat's solution: offer walk-in appointments at several locations, including six days a week at 813 W. Layton Ave. in Milwaukee, the pharmacy's headquarters.

“We've had slow days when we just've vaccinated 50 or 60 people, and we've had some really, really busy days that we were getting close to 1,000 a day,” Zaibak said.

Zaibak said Hayat has administered more doses than the state expected it would, and the pharmacies have not wasted doses. If extra doses remain near the end of the day, staffers immediately call eligible people waiting on Hayat's standby list.

Searching for a second dose

Davis, the Milwaukee widow, looks forward to completing vaccinations for her family. She looks forward to going outside more often with her children and friends and breathing fresh air. Her daughter works 15 hours a

week at Goodwill. Davis hopes the vaccine will provide enough protection for her son to start working part-time again.

But first, they need a second round of doses, and they have yet to schedule those appointments. The Davis family initially received the Moderna vaccine, and the company recommends waiting a month between doses.

As that date approaches, Davis is again hunting for appointments.

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Don Schildt receives a COVID-19 vaccine at Hayat Pharmacy in Milwaukee on March 11. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services later that day announced that residents ages 16 to 64 with certain health conditions would become eligible for vaccination beginning on March 29.



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