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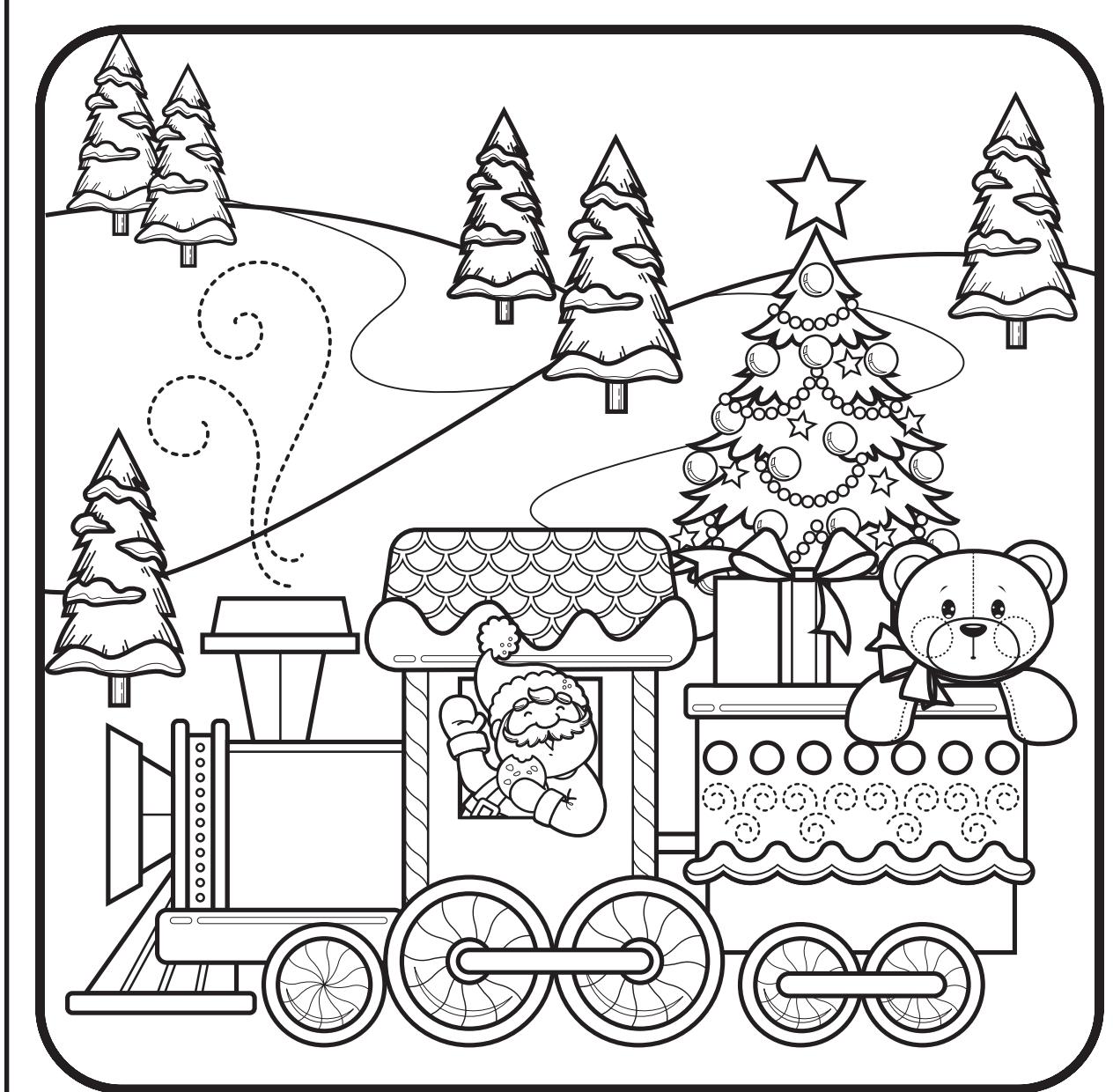
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Obituaries

PENNY LEE MILLER

Penny Lee Miller, age 53 died peacefully surrounded by family at Agrace, Janesville, on Nov. 16, 2021 after a long battle with Huntington's disease.

She was born in Monroe to the late Kenneth and Bonita (Schupbach) Wilson Sept. 29, 1968. She graduated from Brodhead High School then later graduated from Blackhawk Technical College.

She worked many years as a legal secretary and then as a paralegal in Janesville.



She married the late Jeffrey Miller on July 4, 1998 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

They lived in Milton several years before moving to a larger place outside of Milton. There, she and her husband started a small business selling hostas.

This small business developed into Land of the Giants

Hosta Farm which is now known throughout the world.

She enjoyed making soy candles, homemade greeting cards, and jewelry. She and Jeff enjoyed riding bikes along the trails around Milton and Janesville.

She is survived by her mother, Bonita Wilson; sister, Julie Menehan; daughter, Ashley (Pedro Moscoso) Miller; son, Andrew (Lindsey) Miller; grandsons, Juan, Phillip and a granddaughter coming in February; niece, Heather Tracy; nephew,

Zachary Menehan; and great nephew, Derek Nielson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her father, maternal grandparents Arnold and Gladys Schupbach, and paternal grandparents Basil and Lucille Wilson.

The family wishes to thank everyone at Agrace, Janesville for the wonderful care, love, and support provided to Penny.

A celebration of life was held Monday, Nov. 22 at Albrecht Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Milton.

DEBRA JO HUSCHKA

Debra Jo Huschka, age 66, died Nov. 14, 2021 at Monroe Clinic Hospice in Monroe, Wisconsin.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1954 in Janesville to the late Earl and Sonia (Ellefson) Tate.

She married Daniel Huschka on July 20, 1996 at the Fulton Church of Edgerton.

She was a longtime member of the Fulton Church. She enjoyed reading the Bible and watching religious TV shows and passing the time with coloring.

She was known as a friendly person who took the time to talk to anyone and always enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her hus-



band, Daniel of Brodhead; a daughter, Sonia Tate of Brodhead, three siblings, Tina (Dave) Rothenbuehler of Brodhead, Daryl Tate of Janesville and Kevin Tate of Elkhorn and several nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Funeral services were held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, Nov. 19. Visitation was held prior to services. Cremation rites were accorded after the services.

JOYCE LOUISE MYERS

Joyce Louise Myers, age 89, died Nov. 13, 2021 while at her home.

She was born on Feb. 9, 1932 in Flint, Michigan to the late Woodworth and Hazel (Down) Coad.

She married Robert C. Myers on Feb. 14, 1953. The couple spent almost 60 years together before his passing in January of 2013.

She is survived by three children, Belinda (Don) Adams of Brodhead, Robin Evans of Belvidere, Illinois, and James (Marie) Myers of Flushing, Michigan, eight grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was further preceded



in death a son, Robert Lee Myers in 1968 and two brothers, Howard and Gerald Coad.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be directed to the family.

Funeral services will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church, 4222 Elms Road in Flushing, Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021 at 11 a.m.

A visitation will also be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial will conclude at the Flushing Cemetery.

D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, is handling arrangements.



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Kindness is contagious

Albany Elementary School recently honored its Students of the Month for November. Kaelynn Niemeier (front, from left), Ayla Vozka, Elias Hill, Ezra Ennis, Jayce Miller, Irene Stockstad (back), Nevaeh Alexander, Maddi Hall, Savannah Herrera and Gage Workinger were recognized for their "kindness" character trait. Students Elly Morell and Chloe Kien were also recognized, but are not pictured.

Blackhawk Tech College praised for youth apprentice program

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary-Designee Amy Pechacek joined manufacturing employers, educators, and workforce development partners at a Youth Apprenticeship Lunch & Learn event last week at Blackhawk Technical College's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center in celebration of National Apprenticeship Week and the 30th anniversary of the state's Youth Apprenticeship program.

Pechacek praised the work done in Rock and Green counties to help build the state's workforce pipeline through apprenticeship.

Pechacek said she credits partners, including the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and Blackhawk Technical College, for helping to "flip the script" by making apprenticeship "one of the premiere ways to enter the workforce."

The Nov. 17 event also featured Matthew White, director of DWD's Equal Rights Division. White discussed child labor laws as they pertain to Youth Apprenticeship.

Employers hire high school juniors or seniors for one or two-year apprenticeships. Students continue to attend their regular high school academic classes to meet graduation requirements and may take youth apprenticeship-related instruction classes through their high

school or through partnerships with colleges, such as BTC.

Employers extend job offers to about 75 percent of students once they graduate from high school.

National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide, week-long celebration from Nov. 15-21 that showcases the successes and value of Registered Apprenticeship for re-building the economy, advancing racial and gender equity, and supporting underserved communities.

Public hearing on potential Airbnb set

The Village of Albany Plans Commission is holding a public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 2 to allow a short-term vacation rental to operate.

David A. Rachus has applied for a conditional use

permit (CUP) for his property at 121 N. Water St., to allow it to be used as an "Air BnB" for overnight guests.

The hearing will take place at Village Hall, 206 N. Water St., at 6:30 p.m.

The hearing is open to the public and residents who wish to be heard on the requested CUP.

Those who cannot attend may send written comments to Village of Albany, 206 N.

Water St., or email Village Clerk Laurie Keepers at VillageClerk@albanywi.org no later than the scheduled hearing date.

For more information, call Village Hall at 608-862-3240.

Green County meetings

Thursday, Dec. 2
• Green County Land and Water Conservation Committee, Courthouse County Board Room, 1016 16th Avenue, 9:30 a.m.

N3152 Highway 81, Monroe, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8
• Green County Health Committee meets, Green County Public Health,

Tuesday, Dec. 14
• Human Services Committee, Government Services Building Multipurpose rooms 2 and 3, N3152 Highway 81, Monroe, 2 p.m.
• Green County Board of Supervi-

sors Meeting, Green County Historical Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, 7 p.m.

• Law Enforcement and Public Safety Meeting, Green County Sheriff's Office Training Center, 2827 6th Street, Monroe, entrance door is located in the back parking lot, 5:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 26
-Village Hall closed
-Library closed
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SATURDAY, NOV. 27
-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28
*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 29
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30
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Dozens of area childcare providers recently completed a professionalism training hosted by 4-C through the Green County Development Corporation.

Local childcare workers complete training

Two dozen Green County childcare professionals recently completed special training in Professionalism to enhance their skills as early childhood educators. As part of the Professionalism workshop, participants

examined the skills required to be a successful early childhood educator as well as who they are as professionals. They studied developmen-

tally-appropriate practices in early education and identified what it looks like for individuals. Training was provided by 4-C through a partnership with Green County Development Corporation (GCDC).

“The Professionalism class with Lisa Jones (of 4-C) was amazing. She really knows how to keep us engaged,” said participant Theresa Klemm. Klemm and other participants had the opportunity to embrace the world of an early childhood educator, rather than a “babysitter” who watches kids.

Working in early childhood education goes far beyond providing a space where a child can “hang out,” have a snack, and nap while parents are at work, according to industry leaders. There are intentional practices that happen behind the scenes of which most parents and caregivers are unaware. Most of the brain’s hard wiring occurs between birth and age 5. This period sets the stage

for the child’s entire life – how they will live, learn, think, and respond as adults. Early education professionals need to have a wide skill set to effectively provide care and education to children at this crucial stage. This training helps early educators understand the enormous impact their roles have on the lives of children who will one day be adults. Completing the Professionalism training were:

Bailey Smith, Cassidy Ware, Tara Walz, Chelsey Guthrie, Becky Zuber and Gina Anderson of Small World, Inc., New Glarus; Amy Burkhalter, Sandy Ritschard and Betty Lou Parkinson of Rainbow Childcare, Monroe; Laura Callaway of Glorious Giggles, Brodhead; Kathy Olmstead of Walk With Me, Argyle; Theresa Klemm of Monroe Parks & Rec; Andrea Priebe of Little Rascals, Monroe; Corrine Hendrickson of Corrine’s Little Explorers, New Glarus; Jillynn Niemeier of Blue Door Day Care, Monroe; Brenda Studer of Brenda’s Family Daycare, Monroe; Margaret Lutz of Margaret’s Clubhouse, New Glarus; Peyton Morgan, Megan Chance, MacKenzie Zander and Sara Viney of The Growing Tree, New Glarus; Valerie Johnson of Tiny Treasures Family Daycare, Albany; Julie Legros of Julie’s Child Care, New Glarus; and Sally Yaur of Little Gippers Daycare, Monticello.

For more information about upcoming trainings and GCDC’s Childcare Business Accelerator, call GCDC at 608-328-9452 or visit www.greencountydc.com.

Overhead at Orfordville Village Hall

Orfordville Village committees met last week for their regularly-scheduled monthly meetings. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:

Police will likely need additional officer

Orfordville Police Chief Brian Raupp told the Police Committee on Nov. 11 that with population growth, his department will likely need to add a third, full-time officer within the next five years. He also reviewed the equipment and stated that there is no need for any replacements in the near future.

The police chief also presented tidbits from the department’s day-to-day operations. Those included in part:

- Officer O’Malley Lomax completed the three-day detective school
- The department will be training at Kuhn Knight in Brodhead with Brodhead Fire & EMS.
- There was a car stolen, which was recovered in Beloit.
- Rock Road had damage to one of its machines while it was in the Village.
- The problems with Frontier Communications are ongoing. The department has been working with Frontier to get the line downtown off the ground. The pole has now fallen to the ground as well. Frontier has not been receptive about getting repairs done in the Village. Village Clerk Sherri Waega explained that she contacted the Public Service Commission and they cannot do anything as they no

longer oversee phone companies. President Gary Phillips explained that he has spoken with the Public Service Commission and with the head engineer at Frontier for this area and has gotten nowhere.

- Raupp spoke to the property owner on South Wright Street regarding all the junk left at the curb. The property owner will get it picked up.

- Raupp explained that the village should consider a food truck ordinance. He said he would like a background check requirement and an inspection from the fire department done as part of the requirements before provided services in the village. A current health department certificate will also be required. Waega will seek sample ordinances from the League of Municipalities.

DPW considers John Deere over Bobcat

The Orfordville Department of Public Works discussed failed equipment during its Nov. 11 meeting, among other business.

According to DPW Director Nick Todd, both tracks on the village’s Bobcat skid steer snapped in half. He stated that with a good amount of tread still intact, he doesn’t believe they should have snapped, and Bobcat will not warranty them. Cost is \$6,000 to replace and the director said he is concerned that they won’t last longer than a year and with no guarantee from the company.

The Bobcat is on schedule to be traded next year and trading it in for a John Deere

was discussed. The John Deere model is \$136 higher than the other model, but officials believe they can attain a lower bid. No action was taken.

The Committee approved spending \$4,907 for stocking water utility parts. Parts include those for adjusting service boxes, larger water valves and new hydrant markers for plowing.

The Committee also got an update on day-to-day operations, which in part, included:

- The sewer linking work is complete. There were two places in town that needed additional repairs and should help with the inflow and infiltration problem.
- A temporary computer upgrade was done at the wastewater treatment plant. A server is needed for storing all the data, which is planned for next year.
- Sludge hauling was expected to be completed Nov. 15-19.
- Numerous water valve top sections were replaced as part of the current road project.
- The water main patch on South Wright Street was paved.
- The resurfacing project is done and on budget. Left-over funds will go toward road work in 2022.
- Planning for 2022 roadwork is being done and will be bid late November or December.
- The service road at Purdy Park is complete.
- Parks are winterized for the season.
- Planning for 2022 work will begin this month.

Children’s Christmas Benefit set

Annual tradition spreads holiday cheer to families in need

The 23rd annual Children’s Christmas Benefit will be held at the Orfordville American Legion, 3913 WI-213, Saturday, Dec. 4.

The evening will kick off at 6 p.m. with a pork chop community supper followed by a visit from Santa Claus at 7 p.m.

Raffles will be held throughout the evening. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

The Stateline Playboys will

play from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The toys and gifts collected are distributed discreetly and confidentially among area children to send them Christmas cheer.

The volunteer-driven benefit is held to help give a better Christmas to local children who may otherwise go without, and 100 percent of proceeds go directly to them.

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ing will be taken.

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To donate, or to refer a family who might benefit, call Brian Knudson at 608-490-1296.

Taste of Mayberry set Saturday

Orfordville’s Tastes of Mayberry returns for Small Business Saturday.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the downtown streets of Orfordville will be transformed into the classic small-town of Mayberry, with shops and restaurants serving nostalgic

treats.

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<p>THURSDAY, NOV. 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Day, no school. <p>FRIDAY, NOV. 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No school • Orfordville Public Library: open until 5 p.m.; Storytime, 11 a.m. <p>SATURDAY, NOV. 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop Small Saturday – Tastes of Mayberry • Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon <p>MONDAY, NOV. 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls varsity basketball vs. Monticello, 6 p.m. • Orfordville library open 	<p>11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Commission meets, 6 p.m. <p>TUESDAY, NOV. 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball vs. Brelot-Turner, 4 p.m. • Boys JV basketball vs. Black Hawk, 6 p.m. • Boys Varsity basketball vs. Black Hawk, 7:30 p.m. • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. <p>WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Green County 4-Hers who were recently honored include Marcellus Smith (front, from left), James Maricque, Eliza Sievers, Isabella Johnson, Jamison Smith, Mirielle Smith (center), Megan Leitner, Lillian Sievers, Aleczander Johnson, Mara Meichtry (back), Madilyn Brown, Mickaelynn Andrews, Benson Miller and Liam Goers.



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Sabrina Meichtry (front, from left), Valerie Wymer, Patricia Sleiter, Deb Myers, Christopher Smith (back) and Dawn Smith were recognized for making the Green County 4-H program impactful.

Green County 4-H celebrates youth during ceremony

Green County 4-H held its annual Awards & Recognition Ceremony, Nov. 13 honoring more than a dozen active youth and adults for their efforts in promoting and supporting positive youth development.

4-H record books are a means of tracking and reflecting on the progress a youth has made on a project over the 4-H year.

Accumulating points during record book reviews earns

youth a bronze, silver, gold, or emerald pin.

This year's bronze pin winners were Mickaelynn Andrews, Washington Center; Aleczander Johnson, Next Generation; Megan Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers; and Lillian Sievers, Clarence Bridge Pioneers.

The silver pin was awarded to Mirielle Smith, Washington Center.

No gold or emerald pins were awarded this year.

Adult volunteers were also recognized for their years of service to Green County 4-H youth.

Adults honored for serv-

ing 20 or more years included Tina Straws, 20 years; Valerie Wymer, 25 years; Leilani Erb, 30 years; Rae Wellnitz, 30 years; Patricia Sleiter, 35 years, and Connie Heimann, 40 years.

First Year Record Books, Cloverbuds, Cloverbud Graduates, Project Awards, Project Category Awards, Outstanding

Record Books, Club Historian, and National 4-H Week Window Displays were also announced.

For more information about the 2021 Green County 4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony, call Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 608-328-9440.

In brief

COVID vaccine event in New Glarus Nov. 30

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group, 1800 Second St., New Glarus., is holding a COVID-19 Vaccine Event on Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 4-7 p.m.

The Pfizer Pediatric vaccine for ages 5-11 will be available. Individuals must be available to return in three weeks for a second dose.

Moderna COVID-19 booster for eligible individuals who received their last dose at least six months ago is also being offered. Boosters are available for people 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities and congregate living facilities, those 18-64 years of age with certain underlying medical conditions and individuals whose occupations put them at high risk for exposure to COVID-19.

Appointments and masks are required. To schedule or for more information, call 608-

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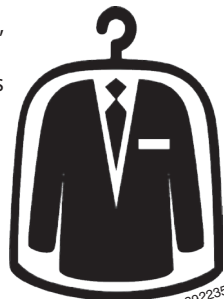
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