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Brodhead High School Senior Cooper Woelky assists his “patient” Emaleigh McNeece in dressing as part of the students’ CNA class.

## Future caregivers get on-the-job experience

Seniors at Brodhead High School are getting hands-on learning and training in their future fields, thanks to a collaborative approach with Blackhawk Technical College. Students enrolled in the high school’s medical terminology and CNA classes are offered post-secondary class credits and certification through the program that puts youth on the pathway to securing high-wage and in-demand careers.

Registered Nurse Laura Powers, who works with the students, said they learn to perform and assist patients with daily living activities such as bathing, shaving, brushing teeth/dentures, dressing, toileting, walking, feeding, and positioning.

“They also learn the importance of safety, infection control and privacy,” she said in an email. “The fundamentals are covered in class.”

Basic training includes the proper way to wash hands, how to don and doff (put on and take off) gloves, gown, goggles, and mask, and an overview of confidential information regulations.

Lastly and most importantly, according to the nurse, they learn the importance of treating every patient with the utmost respect, kindness, and empathy.

“I always tell my students to treat their patients like they are their parents, grandparents, or loved family members,” she said.

After completing 75 hours of required of class time, students must pass their CNA class and attend all of the minutes of class.

Any time missed must be made up and students are only allowed a maximum of six hours missed.

After passing their state in-person skills test and written test, they are officially certified nursing assistants.

“There is such a shortage right now so there are many jobs out there, plus many of them have sign on bonuses,” according to Powers, who added that most of her students are going into some sort of healthcare profession.

“Being a CNA first provides them with some valuable experiences and knowledge,” she said.



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Brielle Baxter learns proper positioning of a patient during a recent CNA class offered jointly by Brodhead High School and Blackhawk Technical School.

In celebration of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, Brodhead School District is spotlighting some of its programs designed to help prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers like the CNA program.

CTE covers many different fields, including healthcare,

information technology, advanced manufacturing and agricultural areas. The program encompasses many different types of education, from classroom learning to certification programs to work-based learning opportunities outside the classroom, including healthcare-related classes.

## ‘Get Kids Ahead’ initiative increases mental health support

*Area districts will see more than \$166K in funds*

During his 2022 State of the State address last week, Gov. Tony Evers announced his “Get Kids Ahead” initiative which will provide \$15 million to support school-based mental health services in K-12 schools across the state.

Additionally, the governor designated a \$5 million investment for the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to help students access mental health supports remotely and on campus.

“We know this pandemic has affected our kids in more ways than one, including their mental health. And a kid who’s in crisis isn’t going to be able to pay attention at school, finish their homework, or engage with their friends or teachers,” said Gov. Evers during his Feb. 15 address. “If the folks in this room want to have real conversations about our kids’ success and achievement, then start by fully funding our schools and making sure our kids can bring their full and best selves to classrooms and to their studies.”

Every public school district can opt in to receive these funds and will receive a minimum of \$10,000 with the rest being allocated on a per-pupil basis.

Schools will be able to use these funds to provide direct mental healthcare, hire and support mental health navigators, provide mental health first aid and trauma-based care training, or provide family assistance programs—whatever kids need.

In the 2021-23 biennial budget, the governor initially proposed a \$53.5 million increase for student mental health services, but the Legislature reduced the combined funding to a \$19 million increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the pressing need for additional or improved student health services related to mental and behavioral health, according to the governor’s office.

With this allocation of \$5 million, the UW System will be able to provide remote psychiatric services to augment the shortage of currently available in-person psychiatric services.

### Allocations to local districts

Area districts are eligible to receive the following funds:

- Albany School District, \$15,624
- Argyle School District, \$13,696
- Brodhead School District, \$23,309
- Juda School District, \$13,045
- Monroe School District, \$40,845
- Monticello School District, \$14,574
- New Glarus School District, \$22,046
- Parkview School District, \$21,035
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Brodhead High Schooler Alexis Cook helps her “patient” to get dressed as part of her hands-on learning and training.

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CAREER INFO

# Obituaries

## KEITH COOK

Keith O. Cook, age 75, formerly of Brodhead, died peacefully in his Rutledge, Tennessee home on Feb. 12, 2022.

He was born on July 4, 1946 to the late Laurence and Lavora (Rice) Cook.

He was a US Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War.

He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was also an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

He is survived by his wife Bernadine "Bea" Cook, three children: Scott (Shawn) Cook of Brodhead, Travis (Tiffney) Cook of Janesville, Sonya (Chris) Hersch of Nevada, four sisters: Marilyn Hoffman, Beloit; Cheryl (Russell) Warriner, Tennessee; Kathy (Jeff) Gilbertson, Albany; and Connie (Mike) Pederson of Argyle; a brother, Mike Cook of Monroe and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was further preceded in death by his grandparents, brothers Donald, Larry, Cecil, Lyle, Dennis, Stephen and infant Danny; sisters Carol and Myla, stepdaughter Charlene Furseth and niece Cheryl.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 2-4 p.m. at Bridges Bar & Grill, 1034 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. Military honors will take place at approximately 3 p.m.

and two sisters. She is survived by her son, Curtis (Julie) Pryce; a daughter, Ronnette Pryce Walters; her grandchildren, Taylor, Jacey, Olivia, Landon and Zak; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends, as well as her beloved grand dogs, "Rudy," "Boo" and "Sonnie Mae."

## GERALDINE PRYCE

Geraldine "Geri" Pryce, age 74, of Brodhead, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 at Our House Senior Living - Janesville Memory Care.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1947 in Danbury, Wisconsin to the late John and Elsie (Songetay) Staples.

She married Charles Pryce who preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2019.

She retired from Evansville Manor as a CNA where she worked for many years.

After retirement, she continued to work as a private duty caregiver.

She was devoted to her grandchildren, and tried to attend every school func-



tion, sports events and dance recitals.

She loved to cook and bake for others and loved decorating for the holidays.

The grandkids will always remember grandma's cooking, Easter egg hunts at the farm, and Santa's knock on the door every Christmas.

According to family, she was loving, generous and had a silly sense of humor and loved sunflowers.

She was further preceded in death by three brothers

Future memorial services are pending. Follow dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com for updates.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated and can be directed to the family at DL Newcomer Funeral Home, PO Box 26, Brodhead WI 53520.

# Brodhead-based childcare center encourages fun learning

Getting a new childcare business off the ground at the same time that a global pandemic was keeping families with young children at home wasn't easy.

But Laura Callaway, who takes pride in being understanding and flexible, persevered to make her family childcare a reality.

Starting Glorious Giggles in Brodhead was the culmination of many years of planning, Callaway said.

"I looked for many years for a house that would have space to start a family childcare. The bi-level home that I bought was perfect. I was able to set up the childcare on the lower level. After getting my furnishings and toys set up and my paperwork done, I was able to become a certified family childcare provider in February of 2020," she said.

However, "it was difficult getting my business going because COVID-19 hit and people were staying home."

Callaway forged ahead and at the end of 2021, she



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**Glorious Giggles in Brodhead is one of many play-based learning childcare facilities throughout Green County.**

was able to be licensed.

"Now I have plenty of children to take care of," she said.

Glorious Giggles, which offers both full-time and part-time care, encourages learning through exploration and free play.

"We read and look at books, and play instruments while singing songs.

"I encourage children to initiate activities according to their interests. We practice taking turns, sharing and using our words to communicate. We talk about emotions and how different situations may cause certain feelings, and build relationships. We have fun while we learn," Callaway said.

There's a lot to keeping a family childcare like Glorious Giggles operating - in addition to caring for and providing educational opportunities for the children, there's cooking, cleaning, advertising, giving tours, completing paperwork, handling finances, and attending continuing education courses and keeping up with licensing requirements.

But Callaway knows that she is providing a service that's a vital component of the community fabric: Childcare is necessary for businesses to have access to parents in the workforce.

"Childcare helps parents to be able to go to work and to be able to provide the income they need for their

family. It provides quality care for their children; a safe environment in which to learn and build friendships," she said.

In addition, the childcare profession helps the entire community by building relationships between families and children, she said.

Being in childcare can be frustrating, Callaway acknowledged.

There's a constant struggle to find a way to pay providers a decent income while keeping childcare affordable for families.

"Financial gifts would be appreciated to help childcare providers be able to get through temporary closures due to COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Financial gifts also help in acquiring quality equipment and toys that the children could use," Callaway suggested.

Despite a lack of financial reward, there are perks to being in the profession.

Simple moments, like seeing two young children looking and giggling at each other while sitting in their high chairs eating, make her job rewarding.

"It is fun watching the interactions between children," she said.

*Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of profiles on Green County-based child care programs penned by the Green County Development Corporation.*

# Green County meetings

## Wednesday, Feb. 23

Personnel and Labor Relations Committee, Green County Historic Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Feb. 24

Ageing and Disability Resource Center of Southwest

Wisconsin, Lafayette County Multipurpose Room, 1194 Ames Road, Darlington, 10:30 a.m. or via Zoom, gchsd.zoom.us/j/87586132608?pwd=K3hrcm92M3BhbU1XQm51QnNDMzhLUT09, Meeting ID: 875 8613 2608, Password: 524457, or dial 1-312-626-6799.

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# Badger Dairy Insight webinar series continues in March

The University of Wisconsin-Madison – Division of Extension will host its Badger Dairy Insight webinar series next month, bi-weekly on Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

There is no charge to participate in the sessions, but pre-registration is required to allow access to the session.

Register online at [go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch](http://go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch). Local Extension Dairy Program Educators and UW specialists will present on current dairy topics.

Dairy Insight webinars are a part of UW-Madison Extension's Farm Ready Research winter programming for farmers and ag professionals to improve business profitability and lifestyles through informed-decision making. Learn the most up-to-date information on topics from dairy and livestock production to forage and farm management.

For more information on the Badger Dairy Insight, or additional webinars through Extension's Farm Ready Research program, visit [go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch](http://go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch).

## March 1: Ins and Outs of Cocktail Forage Mixes for Dairy Rations

Cocktail forage mixes have been increasingly used in dairy cattle rations, however little field or feeding research is available for these mixes.

These mixes can often either be a boom or a bust depending on growing conditions and management.

This talk will discuss how these mixes may fit into a forage rotation, useful tips for management, and recent field, feeding, and fermentation research being done in Wisconsin.

Presenters for this session are: Luiz Ferraretto, assistant professor and extension specialist-ruminant nutrition, and Matt Akins, assistant

scientist and dairy extension specialist.

## March 15: Managing Heifer Maturity Pre & Post Breeding Matters

Although the dairy heifer's age at breeding and calving are vitally important factors, the driver behind earlier calving is getting the animal to a breeding size that is 55% and

calving size at 95% of the dairy herd's mature body-weight.

Learn the impact of a heifer's maturity at time of breeding and calving on her first-lactation performance and how to properly maintain the correct rate of gain in bred heifers.

Presenters for this session include: Matt Akins, assistant

scientist and dairy Extension specialist, Megan Lauber, UW-Madison Animal & Dairy Science graduate research assistant, and Tina Kohlman, Extension Fond du Lac County Dairy & Livestock Agent.

## March 29: The Randomness of Repro

Like a flip of the coin,

reproductive outcomes are measured as a yes or no (binomial) outcome.

Learn more about interpreting reproductive records, and the pitfalls of making decisions based only on one good or bad herd check.

Presenter for this session is: Paul Fricke, professor and Extension specialist-dairy cattle Reproduction.



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## Students of the Month

Albany Elementary School recently honored its February Students of the Month, including Evelyn Thompson (from left) Oliver Celaya, Hayden Finley, Emmy Walker, Sebastian Benkert, June Crowley, Callie Spahn, Alayana Gertsch and Dax Pluss. Students Ronin Schlapback and Alexandria Morell were also honored but are not pictured.

## College news

The following area students were named to Blackhawk Technical College's Fall 2021 Honors List:

Sharon Lent of Albany, nursing-nonsurgical; Whitney Connors of Argyle, nursing-nonclinical; Grace McIlheran of Avalon; early childhood education; Juliann Baertschi of Albany, early childhood education; Lillyann Baertschi of Albany, accounting; Chris Cornwell, of Albany, surgical tech-nonclinical; Samantha Detra of Albany, nursing; Daniele M. Hall of Albany, nursing; Joe Lapointe of Albany, nursing-nonclinical; Gavin Jenson of Argyle, agribusiness/science technology; Justyce Burhans of Brodhead, early childhood education; Cheyenne J. Dilley of Brodhead, human services; Magnolia Grenawalt of Brodhead, physical therapist assistant; Hailey Hartwig of Brodhead, nursing-nonclinical; Seth Mansfield of Brodhead, Start College Now; Marcia Mcguire of Brodhead, radiography; Jacob Rhyner of Brodhead, IT-network specialist; Brianne Schumacher of Brodhead, human services; Brandon Straub of Brodhead, criminal justice – law enforcement, Jillian Webber of Brodhead, early childhood education; Nicole Webnar of Brodhead, nursing; Anthony J. Smith of Brownstown, nursing; Samantha Lindauer of Belleville, medical administrative coder; Lauren Day of Blanchardville, criminal justice studies; Craig Christensen of Brodhead, criminal justice studies; Robbie Einbeck of Brodhead, welding; Heather Osborne of Brodhead, central service

technician; Olivia Parrish of Brodhead, criminal justice studies; Brooke Teubert of Brodhead, radiography; Rhianna Teubert of Brodhead, nursing; Vicki Wiegel of Brodhead, nursing; Sara Witzack of Brodhead, electro-mechanical technology; Tiffany Fillner of Brooklyn; surgical tech – nonclinical; Toni Broge of Brownstown, nursing-nonclinical; Kaitlynn Heath of Juda, accounting; Mackenzie Byrne of Juda, nursing-nonclinical; Brooklyn Powers, of Juda, criminal justice studies; Stephanie Bechtolt of Monroe, accounting; Jocelyn Douglas of Monroe, dental assistant; Jessica Krause of Monroe, nursing; Lauryn Lestarge of Monroe, dental assistant; Dillion Moore, of Monroe, Foundations of Teacher Education; Rebecca Nelson of Monroe, Foundations of Teacher Education; Stephanie Pautsch of Monroe, early childhood education; McKenna Pfeuti of Monroe, agribusiness/science technology; Lacey Pfund of Monroe, medical laboratory technician; Kaitlyn Seffrood, of Monroe, nursing; Hunter Suthers of Monroe, computer service technician; Tasha Zimmerman of Monroe, nursing-nonclinical; Kevin Pratt of Monticello, substance use disorder counsel; Katherine Raisbeck of Monticello, diagnostic medical sonography and vascular; Sierra Sherman of Monticello; early childhood education; David Bance of Monroe, nursing-nonclinical; Megan Baumgartner of Monroe, radiography; Alicia Brunton of Monroe, Start College Now; Isabella Brunton,

Monroe, Start College Now; Melana Brunton of Monroe, Start College Now; Kaitlyn Elgin of Monroe, Start College Now; Brianna Farrey of Monroe, medical administrative coder; Garrett Fisher of Monroe, diagnostic medical sonography and vascular-nonclinical; Indiana Garchie, Monroe, welding; Amber Golackson of Monroe, nursing; Stevie Hardyman of Monroe, IT-web software developer; Jenna Krueger of Monroe, medical laboratory technician; Jonah Levia of Monroe, laboratory food science tech; Katelyn Nelson of Monroe, nursing; Katlin Paige of Monroe, nursing-nonclinical; Melisa Richardson of Monroe, human services; Tara Rocheleau of Monroe, supply chain management; Selena Sanchez of Monroe, nursing; Jordan Steurer of Monroe, IT-web software developer; Desirae Stiefel of Monroe, IT-web software develop-

er; Meaghan Sweeney of Monroe, human resources; Mercy Wilde of Monroe, IT-web software developer; Miah Brokopp of Monticello, nursing-nonclinical; John Dohm, Monticello, IT-network specialist; Heidi Kassebaum of Monticello, nursing; Erin Lehr of Monticello, nursing; Kathryn Barr of New Glarus, nursing; Katie Raskovic of New Glarus, medical laboratory technician; Hannah Montefelt of Orfordville, criminal justice studies; Lauren Turner of Orfordville, surgical technician; Skye Archambault of Orfordville, IT-network specialist; Justin Ganus of Orfordville, human services; Mackenzie Stout of Orfordville, undeclared; Brogan Swenson, of Orfordville, substance use disorder counsel; David Thiering of Orfordville, industrial maintenance mechanic and Nutcharee Chariakram, Pecatonica Illinois, nursing

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### THURSDAY, FEB. 24

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 25

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 26

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 27

\*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEB. 28

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

-Albany Village Personnel committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

-Albertson Memorial Library All Booked up book club, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

\*Albany School District, early release, 2:37 p.m.

\*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

-Town of Albany Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m.

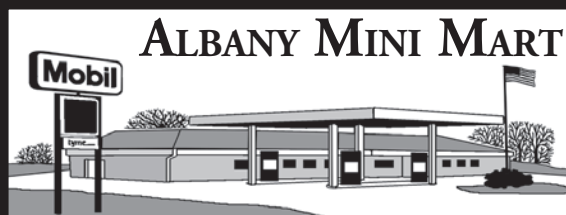
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# In brief

## Hughes elected local rep on corn promotion board

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) recently certified the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board (WCPB) election results.

District 9, which entails Rock and Green counties, will be represented by corn producer Randy Hughes of Janesville.

Hughes is joined in his three-year term by Calvin Dalton of Endeavor, District 4, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Waushara, Marquette and Columbia counties and Casey Kelleher of White-water, District 81, which includes Jefferson, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha counties.

The Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board is composed of nine producers in nine districts across the state. The board oversees the collection and use of approximately \$1.7 million in assessment fees paid by Wisconsin corn growers. This funding is used to support the corn industry through research, education, and promotion of Wisconsin-grown corn.

## Farmers on the Rock seeks matching grant donations

Farmers on the Rock has been awarded a producer-led watershed protection grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This is a matched grant of \$33,600.

Farmers on the Rock seek to use the funds to provide community well tests, engage growers on best practices, and improve soil and water quality in the county.

The group's inaugural all-member meeting is Thursday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. at 4239 East County Road O, in Janesville.

A roadmap for the 2022 funding dispersal will be presented, as well as statements by DATCP

secretary, Randy Romanski.

Lunch will be provided. To register, email FarmersOnTheRock@gmail.com.

## Better Brodhead to host community readings Thursday

Better Brodhead will host its Jazz and Friends annual Community Reading virtually Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Four children's stories about characters struggling with identity and striving to find acceptance will be read aloud by community leaders online. Kirsten Novy, Brodhead School District librarian; Ethan Anderson, elementary school counselor; Paula Vestin, sexual assault victim advocate, and Sarah Wadsworth, Brodhead School District pupil services director will each read a book.

The event is free but registration is required by visiting [betterbrodhead.org](http://betterbrodhead.org) or by calling 608-447-1363.

## Beloit film festival returns Friday, Feb. 25

The Beloit International Film Festival is back, and organizers say the 10-day BIFF2022 festival is out to prove that when the curtain goes up on Friday, Feb. 25, the pandemic shutdown has only made the series stronger.

This year's in-person BIFF will feature more than 100 new independent films in some new venues, with some exciting guest artists, along with old favorites like the W/IL Showdown, the Classic Film Showcase, and the Sing-Along.

BIFF2022 screenings will be presented at seven screening venues, all within walking distance.

For the first time, Festival films will be screened at the Weissberg Auditorium at the Beloit College Powerhouse, 850 Pleasant St., at the new Visit Beloit headquarters, 656 Pleasant St., and at the Downtown Beloit Association screening venue, 557 E. Grand Ave.

For the complete schedule and tickets, visit [Beloitfilmfest.org](http://Beloitfilmfest.org).

# DNR now accepting artwork entries for stamp design contests

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is accepting artwork entries for the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp design contests. The winning designs will appear on the 2023 collection of stamps.

Each year, local artists from around Wisconsin compete for an opportunity to have their artwork commemorated in a historic way on the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl stamps.

"This is the 26th year of the turkey stamp contest. It's a historic opportunity for artists to commemorate their talent and provide opportunities for wildlife and wildlife habitat management," said Alaina Gerrits, DNR Wildlife Biologist. "Artists are encouraged to use the contest to showcase their creative expression while capturing the charisma of native Wisconsin birds."

Sales of these three stamps bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for species management throughout the state, including habitat management, restoration, education and research projects. Hunters are required to purchase stamps to harvest these game birds.

The contest is open to anyone 18 years of age or older living in Wisconsin who is a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be eligible, and applicants should carefully review the contest rules to ensure their entries' eligibility.

The deadline to submit stamp designs is July 15. Judging will take place in



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The DNR is accepting artwork entries for the 2023 Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp design contests. Shown here is the 2022 waterfowl stamp winning artwork for the Pheasant Stamp Design Contest by Mark Kanitz, of Markesan.

late July or early August 2022.

The winners of the 2022 contests are Robert Metropulos, of Arbor Vitae, for wild turkey; Mark Kanitz of Markesan, for pheasant; and Brian Kuether, of Greenfield, for waterfowl.

Rules, entry information and reproduction rights agreements are available on the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

All stamp contest applicants should review contest rules carefully to ensure the eligibility of their entries. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be properly processed and prepared for judging. The DNR may also display the submissions at the Wisconsin State Fair.



Right: Wisconsin artist Mark Kanitz paints his entry for the 2022 Pheasant Stamp Design Contest.

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# Foreign Type Cheesemakers elects new board

The Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Association, headquartered in Monroe, recently held its annual election for Members of the Board of Directors for 2022.

Newly-elected board members are:

- AmberLynn Wilson, SQF Practitioner, Mill Creek Cheese, of Arena
- Gina Mode, Researcher, Assistant Coordinator, PCQI Cheese Industry & Applications Group, Center for Dairy Research, Madison
- Luke Buholzer, VP Sales, Klondike Cheese Company, Monroe

The trio joins the following returning board members:

- Mark Witke, President, Zimmerman Cheese, of Wiotata
- Ben Workman, Plant Manager & SQF Practitioner, Edelweiss Creamery, Monticello
- Tom Dahmen, Technical Director, V&V Supremo & Chula Vista Cheese Co.,

Chicago, and Browntown

- Lindsey White, Co-owner, Torkelson Cheese, Lena, Illinois

- Rob Bradley, Quality/Product Development/Technical Systems, Family Fresh Pack, Monticello

- Matt Wenger, SQF Practitioner, Wenger's Springbrook Cheese, Davis, Illinois

- Emily Harbison, Technical Specialist, Dairy Connection, Inc, Madison

Bradley was elected as board president, Dahmen, vice president; Mode, secretary, and Witke, as treasurer.

The Foreign Type Cheesemakers Association was established in 1935 to perform quality control testing on the cheese produced by Green County Cheesemakers and today serves the cheese and dairy industry throughout the United States.

The Association operates Precision Biolabs, an ISO 17025 Certified food safety laboratory in Monroe.



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## Preserving a 'Legacy'

A banner signed by all GM Janesville Assembly Plant employees in 2008, when the last Tahoe rolled off the line, is among the artifacts that the Rock County Historical Society will unveil as part of its future Legacies exhibit. The RCHS is currently seeking donations of GM-related artifacts to include in the exhibit. Anyone interested in donating or loaning one or more items to the Rock County Legacies project can contact Cara Kinzelman, RCHS assistant executive director and curator, at 608-756-4509 or via email at ckinzelman@rchs.us. RCHS is planning a grand opening of its new Rock County Legacies exhibit for August 2022.

# Overheard in Orfordville Village Hall

*The Orfordville Village Board along with the Police and the Economic Development committees met last week. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:*

### Economic Development Committee, Feb. 14

The Orfordville Economic Development Committee met to discuss an ordinance in the works that is meant to enhance the downtown business district.

The committee discussed building design for outside façade, exterior lighting, landscaping, signage, property maintenance, violations and enforcement, and the approval process. A draft ordinance for downtown design standards will be reviewed by the village attorney as well as business and property owners impacted.

The final draft will be discussed at the March 14 Economic Development meeting with the goal of moving forward the final draft to the Planning Commission and Village Board for review and adoption based on the public hearing requirements.

### Village Board meeting, Feb. 14

Among other business, the Village Board approved an amendment to the village's resolution regarding emergencies, to appoint the village's fire chief as the designated emergency management director for Orfordville.

The Board also commended Orfordville Library director Sarah Strunz for a recent Certificate of Accommodation given to the library from Gov. Tony Evers.

### Police Committee meeting, Feb. 16

The Police Committee had a lengthy meeting last week concerning winter parking in the present budget.

According to the unofficial minutes, Police Chief Brian Raupp opposed the present budget, which cut the department's part-time funds.

President Gary Phillips, who chairs the committee, explained that the part-time budget was cut for two reasons. First, the Village hired an additional full-time officer in last year, and secondly, the department had not been using up its part-time hours budgeted in the past three years.

According to the unofficial minutes, Phillips noted that in four years, more than \$55,000 of the part-time funds budgeted went unused by the department, which he said substantiates the cut.

The committee also discussed the full-time officer schedules, and the need for more 24-hour coverage of the village.

Raupp stated that the department receives most called between 2 and 11 p.m., so officers primarily work second shift, with five days on and three days off, and shifts vary between eight and 10 hours.

Phillips stated that the committee approved hiring a third, full-time officer because it was pitched that doing so would provide 20 hours of coverage a day to the village. The current patrol schedule, according to Phillips, does not reflect what the committee was told.

Enforcement of overnight, downtown parking during snowstorms is ineffective if there is not an officer on past midnight, the village president said, explaining the need for a third-shift officer.

Phillips clarified that it is not the tickets being issued

that he is concerned about, more so it's getting the streets cleared so the Department of Public Works can plow the streets most efficiently.

He suggested a third-shift officer be assigned, and during slow time, the officer conduct administrative work and parking enforcement, adding he would like to see an officer on until 2 a.m.

Raupp responded that he schedules officers based on call volume but is not opposed to changing the schedule.

Later in the meeting, the committee approved a motion to authorize Village Attorney Michael Oellerich to draft a snow emergency ordinance to make snow parking more defined.

In other business, the committee discussed officer training that would take place in order to get the department up to speed on entering ordinances and tickets into its system during shifts, and reduce part-time hours currently used to perform the tasks.

Raupp stated he would be trained by the next meeting and would begin training his officers once he is proficient in using the system.

An ordinance was discussed that would provide for an officer to be present when municipal court is in session. The committee directed the village attorney to include an amendment that reflects emergencies taking precedent over court for police presence.

Oellerich was also directed to review a draft ordinance that would prohibit food trucks at commercial businesses as well as designate locations where they can park and sell their food; among other discussions.

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

<p><b>THURSDAY, FEB. 24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>FRIDAY, FEB. 25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Storytime, 11 a.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>SATURDAY, FEB. 26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open from 9 a.m. to noon</li> </ul> <p><b>SUNDAY, FEB. 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library closed</li> </ul>	<p><b>MONDAY, FEB. 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• School Board negotiations meeting, 5:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>TUESDAY, MARCH 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Orfordville Public Library Teen Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul>
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BABIES of 2021

Welcome these new arrivals born between January & December 2021!

**Birth Date:** September 4, 2021

**Weight:** 8 lb. 5 oz. **Height:** 20 in.

**Parents:** Michael & Jamie Olson

**Grandparents:** Sandra Lyden, Rosemary Olson

**Great-Grandparents:** John Harvey

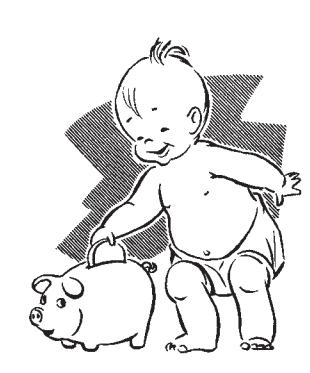
OLIVE MAE OLSON

**Birth Date:** September 14, 2021

**Weight:** 8 lb. 3 oz. **Height:** 20 in.

**Parents:** Roger & Elizabeth Dischler

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**Eye on agribusiness**

# Wisconsin hit record agricultural exports last year

Despite some recent years of trade disruptions and supply chain challenges, I am proud of how Wisconsin's agriculture industry has remained resilient and competitive in providing high-quality agricultural products to the world. Wisconsin hit a new record for agricultural exports in 2021, exporting an all-time high of more than \$3.96 billion.

All product categories saw large increases from 2020, with dairy products up



By **RANDY ROMANSKI**  
DATCP Secretary

14.6%, meat product exports up 10.4%, and crop product exports up 20.4%.

This is not only a boost for our state's economy, but for the producers who passionately produce agricultural products,

agricultural workers who support these producers, agribusinesses, and other industries, such as transportation, that support Wisconsin agriculture.

This record-breaking year presents an incredible opportunity and the momentum needed to strengthen our state as a leader for agricultural exports. Given the challenges that come with exporting, such as tariffs and container shortages, the success and future of Wisconsin's agricultural exports is not set in stone.

Investments in promoting agricultural products and the Wisconsin brand across the world are vital to paving the way for our state's success in exporting agricultural products.

Gov. Tony Evers has advocated for strategic investments in Wisconsin's agricultural exports, beginning with his first biennial budget.

The legislature agreed with the governor and last summer, Evers signed the 2021-2023 budget, marking the first time that state funding has been allocated to DATCP's International Agribusiness Center (IABC) to help promote Wisconsin agriculture exports.

Recently, the Joint Finance Committee voted unanimously to release this funding, allowing the IABC to begin working on initiatives that create opportunities, facilitate connections, and help break down barriers for existing and new exporters.

This funding will help Wisconsin agribusinesses build on the success of the strong export year they had in 2021, and will assist as they enter in new markets over the next five years.

DATCP's IABC will work collaboratively with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to implement the

“ Investments in promoting agricultural products and the Wisconsin brand across the world are vital to paving the way for our state's success in exporting agricultural products.”

Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports plan.

This plan provides flexibility to respond to exporting challenges and facilitates unique opportunities that connect exporters with international markets and buyers.

In the coming months, DATCP and WEDC staff will create opportunities for Wisconsin agribusinesses and organizations to build connections with potential buyers as consumers around the world turn to Wisconsin for high-quality nutrition and products.

Trade and exports play an important role in

Wisconsin's economic success. As we celebrate a record-breaking year for exports and release of this critical funding, DATCP looks forward to a bright future for Wisconsin agricultural exports.

While this funding is a step in the right direction, it is important that we continue this momentum on agricultural exports and making investments toward this initiative.

The time is right for us to work together to strengthen our state's exports and share some of our state's \$104.8 billion agriculture industry with the world.

**Legal Notices**

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF MAGNOLIA**  
**TOWN BOARD HEARING**  
**TO BE HELD AT THE**  
**MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL**  
**14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A,**  
**EVANSVILLE, WI 53536**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Agenda:  
1. Consider a request for a rezone for Larson Acres, Inc. 18218 W. State Road 59 Evansville, WI 53536 to separate approximately 2-acres with a house from an 80-acre parcel. The parcel number is 024 010003 and the address of the house is 17002 W. State Road 59 Evansville, WI 53536. The new parcel would be zoned Rural Residential.  
2. Adjourn  
Graceann Toberman, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Magnolia  
The Independent Register  
2/16, 2/23/2022  
WNAXLP 412779

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF MAGNOLIA**  
**ANNUAL CEMETERIES**  
**MEETING**  
**WILL BE HELD AT THE**  
**MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL**  
**14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A,**  
**EVANSVILLE, WI 53536**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022**  
**7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is to discuss items involving the Magnolia Cemeteries. The cemetery rules will be reviewed and possible changes made. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Masks and social distancing is required.  
Graceann Toberman, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
The Independent Register  
2/23/2022  
WNAXLP 413008

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**STRASSER**  
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Other Contracts: 30303 Wis. Stat.  
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JACOBS & JOHNSON,  
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Town of Avon  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Avon Town Hall  
**Tuesday**  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.  
Agenda:  
1. Call to Order  
2. Approval of Agenda  
3. Minutes from February's Meeting  
4. Treasurer's Report  
5. Constable's Report  
6. Sheriff Deputy  
7. Payment of Bills  
8. RCPW – Permits  
a. Discussion & Action  
9. Renewal of Planning & Zoning Board Members  
a. Discussion & Action  
10. Date Reminders  
a. Audit, March 22  
b. BOR Training, March 28  
c. Spring Election, April 5  
d. Monthly Meeting, April 12  
e. Annual Meeting, April 19  
11. Open Book and Board of Review  
12. .gov email status  
13. Fire Department Update  
14. Public Input  
15. Board Comments  
16. Adjournment

May be additional posting that will be posted 24 hours in advance. The three posting places in the Town of Avon are Debbie Jean's, Sugar River Bank, and the Avon Town Hall.  
Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk  
The Independent Register  
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WNAXLP 413121

**NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF MAGNOLIA**  
**OPEN BOOK** will be held at the Magnolia Town Hall 14729 W. County Road A, Evansville, WI 53536 on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from Noon – 2:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF REVIEW** will be held at the Magnolia Town Hall 14729 W. County Road A, Evansville, WI 53536 on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from Noon to 2:00 p.m.  
Grota Appraisal, the Town of Magnolia's assessor will not be present at Open Book. It will be via phone or email only.  
Board of Review will be in person at the Town Hall. You do need to file notice and make an appointment if you wish to attend Board of Review. If you have any questions please call Graceann Toberman, Town Clerk/Treasurer at 608-876-6771.  
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2/23/2022  
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# Wisconsin Pork Association has annual meeting

The Wisconsin Pork Association had its annual meeting in cooperation with the Corn/Soy Expo Feb. 3 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells.

Speakers included National Pork Board CEO Bill Evens, National Pork Producers Council CEO Bryan Humphreys, NPPC Vice-President of Producer Relations Cody McKinley, Producer Engagement Manager Alicia Humphrey and Environmental Sustainability Manager Austin Knight.

During the business meeting, Ray Ibeling, Christina Meylor and Nathan Brickl were recognized for their service to the organization. Members elected to the Board included: Christina Meylor, second term; AV Roth, first term; and Ross Mencke, first term.

The 2022 officer team includes Christina Meylor, president; AV Roth, vice president; Brian Klubertanz, treasurer; and Ryan Cain, secretary.

**Porkpalooza a hit**

WPA welcomed almost 500 people at the event on Thursday evening to enjoy tasty pork appetizers as well as entertainment from Bella Cain. Pam Jahnke, Midwest Farm Babe, emceed the event. Bob Johnson of Badger State Auction provided his service to auction off youth pies and auction items to the highest bidder. Many thanks to those who donated or purchased items at the auction totaling \$20,517. The auction supports youth

programming and advocacy issues.

**Producer Honoree Award**

Shannon Wolf is a pork producer from Grant County. He and his wife Melissa own and operate Wolf L&G Farms. The 1,200 sow farrow to finish hog operation typically sells 25,000 market hogs a year.

During COVID supply system disruptions Wolf reached out to the Wisconsin Pork Association, and WPA quickly turned concern into action with its Passion for Pork program. His participation in the program helped keep pork production flowing.

The collaboration connects local pork producers to area meat processors to put pork in food banks and pantries to help fight hunger during the pandemic. The Wolf family was also gracious enough to allow the WPA to use their farm for promotions on Discover Wisconsin. Follow the link to view the episode [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZHWaWjstAw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZHWaWjstAw).

**Agri-Communicator Award**

Brian Winnekins is a 33-year radio veteran, starting his career as a part time announcer at WKTY in La Crosse while attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse studying for a degree in Finance.

In 2009, Winnekins decided he wanted to own his own station and began working on purchasing WRDN-AM in Durand.

In 2011, Winnekins purchased WRDN and returned the station to the air in April in 2012. In 2013, he became a leading advocate for changes to the broadcast rules regarding AM Radio and was recognized by the Federal Communications Commissioner Ajit Pai for the local programming and community involvement of WRDN in the Durand area. In 2020

**WPA Industry Award**

The WPA Industry Award was presented to Jim Magolski along with his wife, Emily, are the owners of Magolski Farms. They have two daughters, Aubrey and Hadley. Magolski Farms is a small 15 sow show pig opera on where they also sell butcher pigs direct to consumers. Not only is Magolski directly involved in the swine industry as a producer, but he is also employed with Niman Ranch/Coleman Natural Pork where he is the Director of Hog Quality and Protocols. Magolski was a WPA Board Member for six years with four of those years serving as our president. Jim's leadership has been important in the progression on the swine industry in Wisconsin. Including his introduction of multiple youth programs to build the next generation of pork advocates in Wisconsin.

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**WPA Legislative Advocacy Distinguished Service**

The 2021 WPA Legislative Advocacy Distinguished Service was awarded to Sen. Joan Ballweg and Rep. Tony

Kurtz. Ballweg is the state senator for the 14th Senate District located in central Wisconsin. Ballweg is the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Tourism, and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Human Services, Children and Families. Kurtz has always been passionate about serving his community. Following high school, he spent the next two decades in the U.S. Army. Former U.S. Army attack helicopter pilot 1985–2005, retired from active duty as a chief warrant officer four; Persian Gulf War veteran; Iraq War veteran.

This session Ballweg, along with Kurtz, authored a comprehensive agriculture and agribusiness export bill. That legislation, which was signed into law, directs the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, in partnership with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, to create a plan to achieve certain export initiatives by June 30, 2026.

She led her Joint Committee on Finance colleagues in investing money in the state budget for this initiative.

The Wisconsin Pork Association is the primary source for representing the state's pork industry, known for its commitment to enhancing the success of all sizes and types of production in the state, as well as that of the businesses that support those producers.

For more information, visit [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org).

# DATCP accepting grant applications

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grants through Thursday, March 24.

Projects that focus on enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop industries through research, education, or market development are eligible.

DATCP encourages non-profit organizations, producer groups, government

agencies, universities, and other agricultural organizations to apply. Applications may involve collaborations or partnerships between entities.

DATCP will use a competitive review process to select the most qualified projects. Selected projects will be included in Wisconsin's state plan, which is submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for approval and funding.

Projects can receive grant

funds for up to three years in duration. Typical projects receive between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Eligible project expenses include compensation for personnel, consultant services, materials, and supplies.

In anticipation of receiving funding, selected project contracts and work would begin in November 2022.

Grant information and application materials, including a video detailing the application process, are avail-

able at [datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing\\_WI/SpecialtyCrop-BlockGrants.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/SpecialtyCrop-BlockGrants.aspx).

For more information, contact DATCP Grants Specialist Ryan Dunn at [ryand.dunn@wisconsin.gov](mailto:ryand.dunn@wisconsin.gov) or (608) 590-7239.

Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, nursery crops, herbs, and more.

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# Bags of encouragement

## Monroe students send gifts of gratitude to local care workers

As part of Northside Elementary School's third annual Day of Service held last week, third-grade students assembled and decorated "comfort care" bags for SSM Health Monroe Hospital staff and SSM Health Monroe Hospice Home patients.

The bags were decorated by the Monroe students with inspirational messages and filled with items organizers believe would provide much-needed stress relief.

"We wanted to give a little something back to show we appreciate all they do for Monroe," Northside School Counselor Katlyn Trumm stated, in

a SSM press release.

The donation was met with open arms by SSM Health Monroe Hospital staff and leadership, with more than 100 bags and extra items received Feb. 18.

"Our staff are emotionally and physically exhausted still, and to have an act of kindness like this from the community really just warms our hearts," stated Chelsea Hardacre, vice president of patient care.

Becky Thompson, Inpatient/ICU manager was equally as gracious.

"It means the world to everybody," she said. "To know there are people out there that

still appreciate the work and that we're coming in everyday, it makes the work worthwhile."

### About SSM Health

SSM Health is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through a robust and fully-integrated health care delivery system. The organization's nearly 40,000 employees and 11,000 providers are committed to providing exceptional health care services and revealing God's healing presence to everyone they serve.



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SSM Health Monroe Hospital Vice President of Patient Care, Chelsea Hardacre and Inpatient/ICU Manager, Becky Thompson unload comfort care bags.



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Northside Elementary students decorate comfort care bags for SSM Health Monroe staff and patients.



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More than 100 comfort care bags were donated to SSM Health staff and patients by Northside Elementary School students in Monroe.

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