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At Once Upon A Time Schoolhouse in Belleville, the center's philosophy focuses on helping children master the art of social and emotional regulation as a lifelong journey.

'Safe, kind and respectful'

Children at Once Upon A Time learn key social skills from the start

Once Upon A Time Schoolhouse (OUATS) is a relative newcomer to Belleville, opening in the fall of 2020.

But its location in the former Belleville elementary school is likely familiar territory to many residents.

"Many of our parents attended school here," said OUATS director Leslie Brugger.

"Many of them have told us about each room and memories of the school that they have."

She noted the center is only a few blocks from the current elementary school so school-age children attending OUATS are able to walk to and from the center with staff.

OUATS is the second childcare center owned by Ann Schmitz.

She opened her first center, Once Upon A Time, in Verona in 2006.

OUATS offers care for children ages 6 weeks to 14 years.

The center's philosophy focuses on helping children master the art of social and emotional regulation as a lifelong journey.

"We work with our students

"Each day the children make me happy and proud of them by sharing and the new ideas they have learned."

— Director Leslie Brugger

every day to help them find the tools and develop the skills necessary to regulate their emotions," Brugger said. "We work toward a healthy understanding of how to check in on your feelings and then what tools to use to get yourself back to a state of being able to play and learn."

OUATS uses the Pyramid Model, a prevention and intervention framework designed to reduce challenging behavior. "Support is given through positive, supportive relationships; creating engaging environments; providing concrete teaching strategies; and if needed, creating individualized plans," Brugger explained.

OUATS has three expectations that children work toward each day: Be safe, be kind and be respectful.

Brugger said children hear

teachers use this language throughout the day as they interact with friends and teachers, and play with equipment.

Parents can use this language, too, when talking with children in various scenarios at home.

Brugger said OUATS is a small center with many families that have more than one child enrolled.

"This makes getting to know our families easier as we have built relationships and friendships with those families early on. Watching the children master skills like writing their name, identifying letters or beginning to walk are the most rewarding experiences we can be part of," she said. "Each day the children make me happy and proud of them by sharing and the new ideas they have learned."

Like others in her field, Brugger knows how valuable childcare is to employers.

"If parents don't have quality care, they may tend to not be the best at their jobs — they are worried about their child or are watching them instead of working," Brugger said.

Having quality childcare right in your home community compounds the advantages, she said.

"Childcare in communities makes it easier for parents to leave their child in the care of someone they may know. Childcare in the same community can also ensure children will have social interactions with children that they will go to school with.

They can also visit places like the library, bakery and police station for field trips, which also helps develop their sense of community from an early age," Brugger said.

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

Sugar River Farmers talk, annual meeting

The Farmers of the Sugar River's annual meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Albany Lions Club, 402 Cincinnati St., Albany, with networking and registration beginning at 9 a.m.

The meeting will kick off at 10 a.m. and is scheduled until 3:30 p.m.

A hot lunch will be provided by the Albany Lions Club.

This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in learning from and networking with other farmers.

There will be updates from

the board, a review of 2021 and discussing plans for the coming year, as well as a chance for farmers to share their experiences with cover crops, no till and any other innovative practices.

Featured speakers this year are Keith Berns and Dr. Rodrigo Werle.

Berns comes from Nebraska where he no tills 2,000 acres.

He co-owns and operates Green Cover Seed, a major

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Weed Specialist with the UW Agronomy and Extension program, Dr. Rodrigo Werle, will give a presentation on how using cover crops can help manage weeds in corn and soybeans.

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SSM Health hosting grief support

Learn to cope with the loss of a loved one

The journey through grief can be difficult. Many people find it comforting to face grief with others experiencing similar challenges.

To help through the journey, SSM Health at Home is holding a "Walking Through Grief" education and support group, which provides resources and encouragement for people grieving the death of a loved one.

The six-week group will meet Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 17 through March 24, at SSM Health at Home's Monroe office, 1905 Fifth St., Monroe.

Register by Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Masks are required.

The support group is free and open to adults 18 and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Dis-

cussion topics include:

- The importance of information and support as we grieve
- Understanding grief as a process
- Identifying and accepting normal feelings when grieving
- Past and present losses
- Factors that complicate grief
- Coping with the stress of grief

Remembering: memorials and anniversaries

For more information or to register, visit monroeclinic.org/griefsupport22 or call the Monroe office at 608-324-1230 or 800-367-8406.

SSM Health at Home is a nonprofit organization providing a variety of comprehensive home care services, including home health, hospice and medical equipment.

Obituaries

SHERRY KUEBLI

Sherry Ann Kuebli, 76, of Brodhead, died Feb. 5, 2022 while at her home surrounded by family.

She was born on April 27, 1945 in Monroe, to the late Willis and Janet (Marsh) Williams.

She married Thomas Kuebli at the Juda Methodist Church on June 5, 1964.

She enjoyed traveling, golfing and bowling, playing slots and tending to her garden.

She loved her Yorkie "Toad," and most of all she loved to spend time with her



family. She was also a second mom to many others whom she loved very much.

She is survived by her husband,

Tom; two children, Melissa (Al) Timm and Jeffrey (Kim) Kuebli; six grandchildren, Andrew Thompson, Aaron (Kaylee) Kuebli, Aly (Ashleigh) Colson, Trent (Katie) Kuebli, Lily Kuebli and Zach (Ashley) Timm; eight great grandchildren, Lane, Grant,

JoLynn, Elsie, Laikyn, Lydia, Ellis and Archer; three siblings, Linda Wilson, Greg (Carol) Williams and Steven Williams; three brother/sister-in-laws, Janet (Dave) Ambler, David (Carol) Kuebli and Jean (Gary) Marks; one son-in-law, Arne Thompson and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was further preceded in death by two children, Michael Kuebli and Jodi Kuebli-Thompson; a brother-in-law, Wally Wilson and a special family member, Walter Williams.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family are suggested.

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m.

A visitation will also be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. and also on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Cremation rites will be accorded at a later date with burial of her cremated remains at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

MARY SEARLES

Mary Searles, 90, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022 at St. Elizabeth Nursing Home in Janesville.

She was born to the late James and Belle (Smith) Caldwell on March 20, 1931 in Spring Valley Township, Rock County.

She graduated from Brodhead High School in 1948, and later from Whitewater State Teachers College.

She married the late Herbert



L. Searles on Aug. 8, 1953 in Brodhead. She was a teacher in the rural Brodhead area until she started her own family.

She also worked as a licensed EMT for many years. She was a member of Brodhead Historical Society, Pythian Sisters, and a Decatur

4-H Cooking Leader; she also taught Sunday school; she enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting, knitting, traveling and most of all her family.

She is survived by her children: David Searles, Jeanne (Dick) Pinnow, and Chris (Karen) Searles, all of Brodhead; seven grandchildren: Courtney Searles, Erin (Jeremy) Colson, Jared (Michelle) Bednarcik, Lori (Brandon) Riese, Trevor (Cara) Searles, Derrick (Niteal) Pinnow, and

Brynn Pinnow; and 16 great grandchildren.

She was further preceded in death by her brother, Jim Caldwell and sisters, June Mohns, and Jean Caldwell in infancy.

A memorial service was held Feb. 7, 2022 at Everson Funeral Home, Brodhead, with her neighbor, Rev. Peder Johanson officiating.

Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead at a later date.

Meeting

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provider of cover crops seeds. He has experience using more than 100 different cover crop types.

He will be speaking on "carbonomics," the term he uses to compare exchanges in the soil to the currency system.

Berns will also share some cover crop tips for producers that he's learned through experience.

Werle is an assistant professor and Extension Cropping Systems Weed Scientist at the Agronomy Department at UW-Madison.

He will be talking about how cover crops can help manage weeds in cropping systems.

To attend, RSVP to Tonya Gratz at the Land and Water Conservation Department by calling 608-325-4195 exten-

sion 121 or emailing Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdn.net no later than Friday, Feb 11.

There will be a \$5 charge at the door to help offset costs.

Funding for this event is made possible, in part, by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Right: Keith Berns will speak on Feb 15 at the Albany Lions Club on "Carbonomics"- a term he uses to compare the exchanges that happen in the soil to our currency and economy. He will also share experiences from his extensive cover crop usage.

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Dementia webinar planned for Feb. 24

Dementia specialist Teepa Snow will have a live webinar, "Why do they do that? Understanding symptoms and situations of dementia" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

Snow is an occupational therapist with more than 40 years of clinical and academic experience. Her experiences led her to the development of the GEMS State Model, for understanding the progression of dementia, and the Positive Approach training strategies.

This session is designed to help care partners better understand why people living with dementia may sometimes say or do things that are unexpected and/or challenging. The session will help learners understand the factors that contribute to interactions in dementia and learn ways to improve these interactions using effective verbal and physical skills.

Go to www.azuraliving.com and click on the "Azura Events" page to register.

Green County meetings

Wednesday, Feb. 9
 Green County Health Committee, Green County Public Health, N3152 State Road 81, Monroe, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10
 Pleasant View Nursing Home Oversight Committee, nursing home community room, N3150 WI-81, Monroe, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10
 Aging & Disability Advisory Committee, Government Services Building, N3152 State Road 81, Monroe, second floor conference room No. 207, 2 p.m.

-Albany Comet News-

THURSDAY, FEB. 10
 -Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 *Albany High School boys basketball senior night, 8:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11
 -Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 *Albany PTO Sweetheart Dance, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12
 -Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 13
 *Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 14
 -Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 15
 -Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16
 -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.
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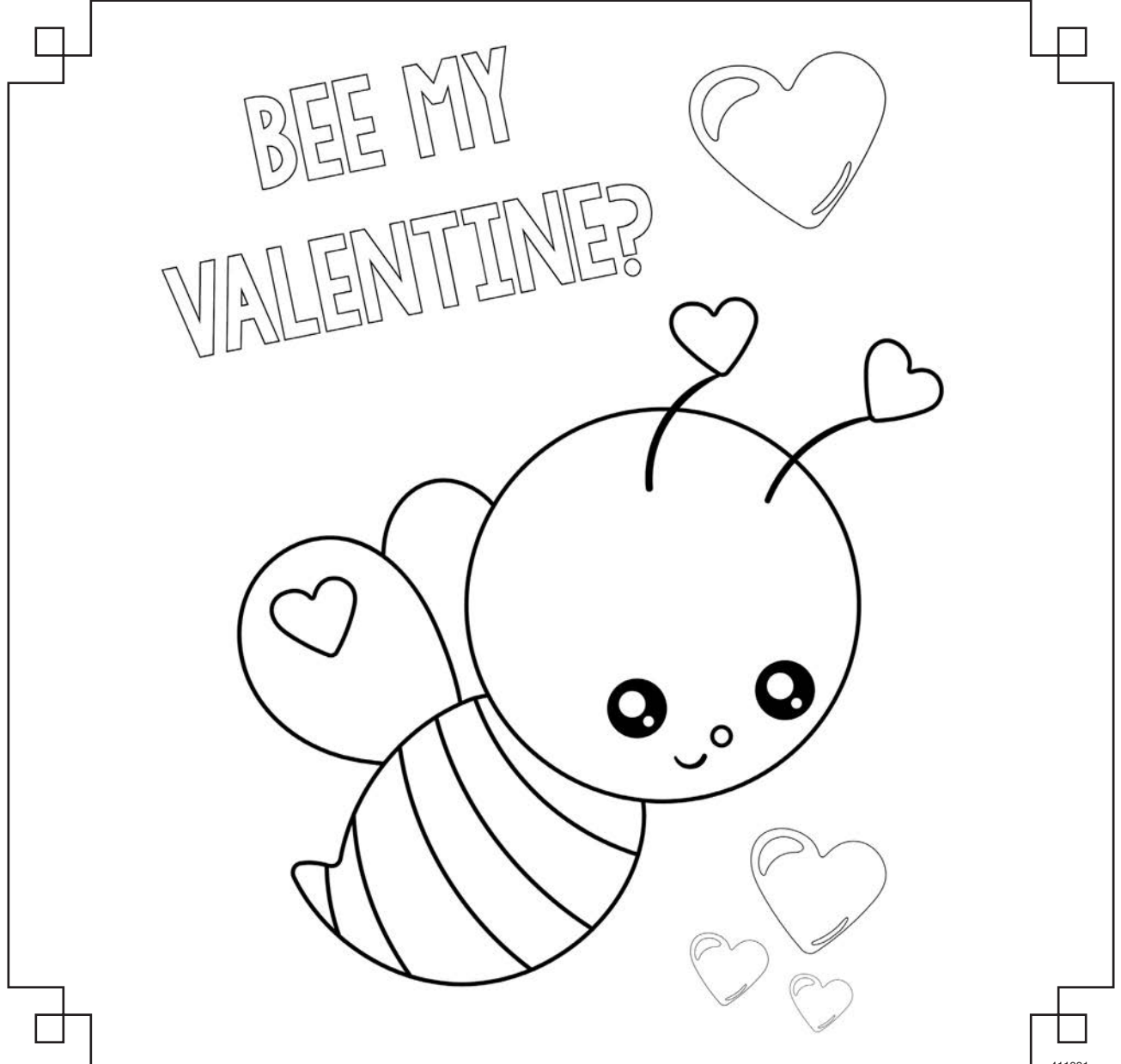
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Support groups raising funds for children's play area

DEFY Domestic Abuse Beloit, along with Rock County's 2021-22 Leadership Development Academy (LDA), is seeking support to remodel DEFY's domestic violence shelter space.

The remodel will create a room for early childhood development and another for an adult-only sitting room with office space to help shelter residents meet their self-sufficiency goals.

DEFY has already received \$1,800 for the project through a grant from State-line Community Foundation and a private donor. An additional \$8,000 is needed to complete the project.

DEFY and LDA have created Team Smashing Barriers, which consists of six volunteer team members from the public and private sectors.

The team members have experience in construction, electrical, plumbing, design, project management, fundraising, and grant writing. Team Smashing Barriers will do all the demo and construction work, including painting, building, laying new flooring, electrical, and plumbing.

Team members include Marcia Galvan, SWWDB; Jessica Schroeder, City of

Janesville IT; Danny Silverthorn, ANGI Energy Systems; David Froeber, Rock County Facilities Superintendent; Matthew Huettl, Clinton School District; and Crystal Fox, Kandu Industries.

"We are grateful for the help our community members are providing for this project, which will have a positive impact on all homeless survivors of domestic violence residing at DEFY's emergency shelter," said Kelsey Hood Christenson, Director of Survivor Empowerment Services for DEFY. "We could not accomplish this renovation without the generous donations of time, expertise and financial assistance from our community. The project will provide a safe communal space for both child and adult residents of the shelter to gather and support one another."

More help is needed

Both financial and in-kind donations of specific items are needed, with many ways for people to give.

A GoFundMe account has been set up for financial donations. To make a donation, visit [gofund.me/2f72d825](https://www.gofund.me/2f72d825). Donations are

tax deductible. To purchase specific items, which will be shipped directly to DEFY Domestic Abuse, visit www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1L3TF3HWNPSZA?ref_=wl_share.

Large furniture items are also needed for the space. To donate these items, or for more information, contact Kelsey Hood-Christenson at 608-364-1083 or khoo@familyservices1.org.

The groups anticipate raising at least \$4,000 by the end of February or early March, allowing them to begin the demolition and construction phase.

For updated information, follow DEFY Domestic Abuse on Facebook.

Defy Domestic Abuse Beloit's mission is to champion the inherent dignity of each individual while interrupting and dismantling the systemic cycle of domestic abuse.

All services are empowerment-based, meaning goals and progress made are directed by the survivor.

LDA was founded in 2003 by a group of public- and private-sector leaders and organizations who saw a need for leadership training and community engage-

ment in order to make Rock County a better place to live, work, and play.

LDA's mission is to inspire leaders to build and strengthen their community.

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Healthful hint

There's a lot you can do to protect your heart

Did you know that heart disease is the most common chronic health condition in the United States?

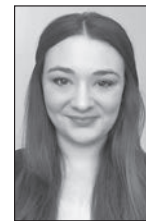
"Heart disease" is a catch-all phrase for a variety of conditions that affect the heart's structure and function. While it is a common health issue, there's a lot you can do to protect your heart.

About 11% of American adults have been diagnosed with heart disease. Several factors can make you a high risk for heart disease including high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and smoking. About half of people in the United States have at least one of these three risk factors.

Prioritizing your heart is important to avoid serious illness. People with poor cardiovascular health are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Here are some ways to help protect your heart:

- Move more. Be more active throughout your day. Build up to activity that gets your heart beating faster and leaves you a little breathless. If you're busy, try breaking your daily activity into



By ERIN YENSER Contributor

10-minute chunks.

- Eat a healthy diet. Increase your intake of fruits and vegetables, limit sugar and highly processed foods and consider following the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan, which is free and scientifically proven to lower high blood pressure and improve cholesterol levels.

- Quit smoking. Quitting can be beneficial to your overall health, even if you've smoked for years. Set a quit date and let those close to you know. Ask your family and friends for support or join a support group. Find resources and connect with a trained counselor at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or [smokefree.gov](https://www.smokefree.gov).

- Sleep better. Sleeping 7-8 hours each night helps improve heart health. Try going to bed and waking up at the same time each day. Getting a 30-minute daily

dose of sunlight may also improve sleep. Resist that late afternoon nap. Turn off all screens at a set time nightly. Relax by listening to music, reading or taking a bath.

- Reduce stress. To help manage stress, try relaxation exercises and increase physical activity. Join a friend or family member in a relaxing activity like walking, or try meditation every day.

- Control your blood pressure. Do you know your numbers? Managing your blood pressure through lifestyle or medication is a very important way to reduce your risk for heart disease. Get regular checks, follow your doctor's recommendations and see [cdc.gov/bloodpressure](https://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure) for more information.

Erin Yenser is a Public Health Strategist for the Rock County Public Health Department. To ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable.

Overheard in Orfordville Village Hall

The Orfordville Village Board met for a special board meeting Jan. 31 and the village's economic development committee also met that day. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:

Special Board meeting

Village President Gary Phillips called a meeting to address snowstorm emergencies and present a resolution that would require enforcement of a winter parking ordinance. Phillips explained that due to drivers violating the village's winter parking regulations, in the event of snowstorms, the Department of Public Works cannot properly remove snow from streets. Police Chief Brian Raupp explained that his department does not provide 24-hour policing services, and when the last snow emergency occurred, two officers were on vacation and one was ill. Phillips said accommodations must be made in an emergency regardless. Raupp requested the Board not approve the resolution presented until the Emergency Management Committee could review it. The resolution did not pass.

As a result of being short staffed during the snowstorm as well as during last summer, the Board approved a personnel policy amendment that states in part, "employees from the same department cannot use PTO/Vacation time for more than

one day consecutively unless prior approval from the village president is given at least two weeks in advance.

Economic Development Committee

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

The committee reviewed example façade improvement ordinances from other municipalities and narrowed down areas to include in the future document – color, signage, outdoor fixtures, lighting, awnings, and property maintenance. The future

ordinance will also include enforcement.

James Otterstein from Rock County Planning & Development was present and explained the ordinance should be flexible and include input from property owners who would be most affected.

Otterstein also reported that Rock County is doing "very well" economically, with sales tax figures up. He also said the county is offering funding for local businesses that have experienced setbacks as a result of the pandemic, and he would follow-up with the village clerk to provide information on that business resource.



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

<p>THURSDAY, FEB. 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Eighth-grade girls basketball vs. Beloit Turner, 4 p.m. • JV boys basketball vs. Deerfield High School, 6 p.m. • Orfordville Police Committee meets, 6 p.m. • Orfordville Public Works Committee meets, 7 p.m. • Varsity boys basketball at Deerfield, 7:15 p.m. <p>FRIDAY, FEB. 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Storytime, 11 a.m. • JV girls basketball vs. Madison Country Day, 6 p.m. • Varsity girls basketball vs. Madison Country Day, 7:15 p.m. <p>SATURDAY, FEB. 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville Public Library open 9 a.m. to noon • Varsity girls basketball vs. Milwaukee Carmen, 1 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JV girls basketball Milwaukee Carmen, 2:30 p.m. <p>SUNDAY, FEB. 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville Public Library closed <p>MONDAY, FEB. 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • JV girls basketball vs. Williams Bay, 5:30 p.m. • Orfordville Economic Development Committee meets, 6 p.m. • Orfordville Village Board meets, 7 p.m. <p>TUESDAY, FEB. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. • Third- and fourth-grade music concert, time TBD • JV boys basketball vs. Palmyra-Eagle, 6 p.m. • Varsity boys basketball vs. Palmyra-Eagle, 7:15 p.m. <p>WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Farm and Rural Lobby Day happening virtually this year

Registration is now open for the 2022 Virtual Farm and Rural Lobby Day on Thursday, Feb. 17. The annual event is hosted by Wisconsin Farmers Union.

Topics on the agenda include clean water, climate change, food security, local food, and rural mental health.

"Legislators are eager to hear directly from their constituents about the issues of the day," said WFU Government Relations Director Nick Levendofsky in a recent press release. "While we would like to meet with legislators and their staff in person, we feel it is better to err on the side of caution and use the tools we've all become so used to using these last two years to meet virtually and express our thoughts on key legislation before the Wisconsin Legislature. We look forward to lifting up the issues that matter to rural Wisconsin."

WFU members will meet virtually the night before for a training session to go over the legislative priorities and details for the next day's event. The Farm and Rural Lobby

Day will include briefings at 11 a.m. on key issues. Speakers will provide background information on pending legislation of interest to farmers and rural residents to help participants prepare for legislative meetings. Throughout the day, members will have the opportunity to meet virtually with their senators and representatives.

There is no cost to participate. Registration is open to all WFU members and supporters. Please register as soon as possible so legislative visits can be planned accordingly.

Register online at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/events. or contact Nick at nick@wisconsinfarmersunion.com or 608-514-4541 for more details.

Wisconsin Farmers Union, a member-driven organization, is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement. For more information visit www.wisconsinfarmerunion.com.



WFU members at the 2020 Farm & Rural Lobby Day.

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County Republicans holding annual Caucus Saturday

The Republican Party of Green County will hold its annual Caucus meeting at the American Legion, 1627 12th Ave., Monroe, on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.

Delegates and alternates will be chosen for the State GOP Convention and the 2nd Congressional District Caucus.

Guest speakers will be State Representatives Amy Loudensbeck, Todd Novak and State Senator Howard Marklein.

Party members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Bruce Klopping at 608-897-8395.

Rock County hikers invited to find 'Hearts in the Park'

Rock County Parks and the Friends of Carver-Roehl Park have teamed up to offer Hearts in the Park at Carver-Roehl Park now through Monday, Feb. 14.

Visitors are invited to take a walk on the Tree Identification Trail at Carver-Roehl Park and to see how many hearts they can find.

Each heart references a nature or animal Valentine pun. All hearts are visible from the trail.

Hikers are asked to enjoy the heart display from the trail and do not disturb them.

Snap a picture or selfie with a park heart for a chance to win one of five prize baskets donated by The Friends of Carver-Roehl.

Send photos to parks@co.rock.wi.us or to Rock County Parks Facebook Messenger to be entered into the drawing.

Submissions must be sent no later than Feb. 14 to be entered into the Feb. 15 drawing. Winners will be contacted through email notification.

Beloit film festival returns 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 guest artists, along with old favorites like the WI/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.

The complete Beloit Daily News printed program was released Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the annual Reveal Party, presented in cooperation with the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce

at The Hampton Inn in Beloit. For the complete schedule and tickets, visit Beloitfilmfest.org.

Humane Society welcomes the Alaskan Malamute Club at Pooch Pull Feb. 19

The Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin is returning to The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin for its annual Pooch Pull scheduled Saturday, Feb. 19.

Canineathletes will compete by pulling a series of weighted carts in this outdoor community event at the shelter. Weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m. and the pulling competition will start around 11 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m.

Chili, hot beverages and baked goods will be available indoors for a donation. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin, 222 S. Arch St., Janesville.

For more information including sponsorship or donation opportunities, contact Ann Peterson at apeterson@petsgo.home.org.

Juda Booster Club hosting baked potato bar Feb. 17

The Juda Booster Club will host a baked potato bar at the Juda School Cafeteria, 2385 Spring St., on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for anyone 10 and older, and \$6 for children younger than 10, and includes a potato, toppings, milk and a cookie. Toppings will include butter, onions, bacon, chili, shredded cheese, sour cream, broccoli and cauliflower. Hot dog meals will also be sold for \$6.

The booster club is hosting the event to coincide with the Juda girls basketball team which will take on the Albany Comets at 7 p.m. The club will also be honoring the 2021 State Runner-up Juda-Albany softball team.

SSM Health to host blood drive tomorrow

To help meet the continued national blood supply shortage, SSM Health is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive on Thursday, Feb. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The drive will be hosted at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1724 24th St. in Monroe.

Masks and appointments are required. Donors are asked to eat before giving blood and to bring a photo ID.

Donors get their choice of a St. Patrick's Day-themed T-shirt or a gift card.

Appointments can be scheduled by visiting bloodcenter.org or by calling SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services Coordinator Dawn Meier at 608-324-1569.

Rock County tree sale continues

The Rock County Land Conservation Department is taking orders for its yearly Tree and Shrub Sale.

Distribution is usually around mid-April. Trees and shrubs are bare-root seedlings in single species units of 10 for \$20, bundles of 25 for \$30, or 50 for \$55 plus tax.

Available inventory as of Jan. 10 includes Black Walnut, 18-24 inch seedlings; Fraser Fir, 12-16 inch seedlings; Red Oak, 18-24 inch seedlings; and White Pine, 7-15 inch seedlings.

Order early for the best selection. Tree protectors and Root Dip Planting Gel are also available.

Find the order form at the Rock County Land Conservation Department website, www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-tree-shrub-sale or call 608-754-6617 ext. 3 during normal business hours.

Green County HCE announces scholarships for local students

Members of the Green County Home and Community Education, Inc. (HCE) organization will be awarding two scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, available to a graduating senior of a Green County-based high school, a relative of a Green County HCE member or a member of a Green County 4-H Club, FFA or FC-CLA chapter.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage individuals to take advantage of continuing education opportunities.

Applicants may attend a four-year public or private college or a technical college.

The scholarship will be awarded when the applicant has completed one semester of a four-year college or is at least halfway through the technical college course.

The application can be accessed from the Extension Green County website at green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships.

A hard copy of the scholarship application is due no later than Friday, March 11.

For more information, contact Beth Campbell, chair of the HCE Scholarship Committee, at 608-424-6030.

College news

The following area students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2021 fall semester:

Devon Anderson of Brodhead, studying Liberal Arts; **Morgan Beahm**, Edgerton, film studies; **Brooke Bescup**, Brodhead, communications; **Ale Bittner**, Edgerton, Liberal Arts; **Katelyn Black**, Monroe, journalism; **Brooke Boyd**, Footville, English Education; **Christian Branson**, Brooklyn, Public Policy and Administration; **Jake Brower**, Monroe, accounting; **Breeana Buskager**, Edgerton, Liberal Arts; **Alecia Cleveland**, Edgerton, Elementary Education; **Mason Demrow**, Edgerton, liberal studies; **Kayla Dewey**, Edgerton, Elementary Education; **Bailey Diefenderfer**, Brodhead, Liberal Arts; **Harley Disch**, Monticello, marketing, **Caleb Engen**, Brodhead, Liberal Arts; **Reed Farrington**, Edgerton, General Business; **Elizabeth Fish**, Edgerton, Elementary Education; **Rebecca Frost**, Brooklyn, accounting; **Brianna Gaulin**, Orfordville, Liberal Arts; **Brooke Gierhart**, Brodhead, Liberal Arts; **Grant Gretebeck**, Brodhead, Liberal Arts; **Nik Hazlett**, Edgerton, communication sciences and disorders; **Lucas Heiser**, Monticello, finance; **Emmylou Hermanson**, Edgerton, Human Resource Management; **Alexis Hilliard**, Monroe, early childhood education; **Ahna Indgjer**, Edgerton, elementary education; **Cole Jensen**, Edgerton, mathematics education; **Jesse Jensen**, Edgerton, physical education; **Nikkia Johnson**, Edgerton, political science; **Thomas Kalhagen**, sociology education; **Gabriel Kelty**, Edgerton, media arts and game development; **Grace Kelty** Edgerton, art; **Rylee Kerl**, Brodhead, Liberal Arts; **Ma-**

ria Langer, Edgerton, history; **Kennedy Ludwig**, Monroe, general management; **Ashlyn Mabie**, Orfordville, elementary education; **Javier Martinez**, Edgerton, media arts and game development; **Ben McElmurry**, Brodhead, human health and performance; **Layne Millard**, Brodhead, early childhood education; **Kiara Miller**, Juda, finance; **Charysma Mould**, Orfordville, criminology; **Mike Nelson**, New Glarus, general management; **Nicole Nicholson**, Monroe, liberal arts; **Maria Oster**, Edgerton, English; **Ross Oxenreider**, Monroe, elementary education; **Bobbie Padget**, Orfordville, English - creative writing; **Kelli Polnow**, Monroe, elementary education; **Carisa Purdue**, Brodhead, marketing; **Trenton Purinton**, Footville, computer science; **Kylie Redman**, Orfordville; **Bradley Ripp**, Monroe, communication; **Caitlin Ritchie**, Edgerton, elementary education; **Roth Juda**, special education; **Olivia Roth**, Albany, English; **Payton Sawdey**, Monroe, accounting; **Cassie Schenkel**, Monticello, human resource management; **Katie Schwebs** Edgerton, psychology; **Saira Segura Ibarra**, New Glarus, social work; **Kaitlin Severson**, Edgerton, physical education; **Hannah Shickles**, Brodhead, liberal arts; **Jacob Shrader**, Brooklyn, business; **Karlye Smreck**, Edgerton, liberal arts; **Liz Task**, Footville, music; **Jesse Tetner**, New Glarus, information technology; **Sebastian Van Wyhe**, Brodhead, liberal arts; **Brittney Vine**, Albany, elementary education; **Emily Walker**, Edgerton, liberal arts; **Hunter Weckerly**, Monroe, accounting; **Reis Weeden**, New Glarus, accounting; **Kaitlyn Welsh**, Brodhead, English; **Theodore Wild**, Edgerton, chemistry; **Jo-**

seph Williams Edgerton, biology; **Hannah Wilson**, Edgerton, political science; **Oggy York**, New Glarus, physical education; **Hannah Zanow**, Monticello, marketing and **Nadia Flood Elyafi**, Orfordville, early childhood education

• **Maria Mendoza**, of Brodhead, was named to the Aurora University Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. Mendoza is majoring in social work at the Aurora, Illinois campus.

• The following students were named to the Semester Honors list for the Fall 2021 semester at Edgewood College in Madison: **Rachel Birk**, Brooklyn; **Triniti Elmer**, Juda; **Kathryn Goecks**, Brodhead; **Taylor Gocklason**, Juda; **Sophia Grady**, Brooklyn; **Mailey Kammere**, Juda; **Jill Hartly**, New Glarus; **Calvin Moen**, New Glarus; **Kaitlyn Peterson**, New Glarus; **Elyssa Pope**, Avalon; **Payton Sigafus**, New Glarus; **Montana Steinmann**, Monroe; **Mason Thompson**, New Glarus and **Carissa Winters**, Monroe.

• **Carly Benton**, of Brodhead, earned a bachelor of science in elementary education and **Malachi Marquette**, Orfordville. They earned a bachelor of science in health and human performance were among 437 students receiving degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls following commencement in December.

• **Kaity Conway**, of Brodhead, earned a bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie following the December 2021 commencement ceremony at the polytechnic university.

• **Luke Greene**, of Avalon, was named to Wheaton College (Illinois) Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

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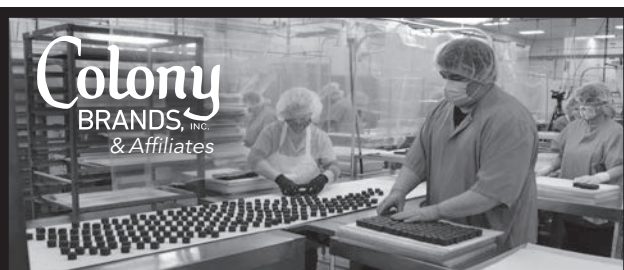
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VILLAGE OF OFORDVILLE
Liquor License Notice
 Notice is hereby given that the following application is on file with the Village Clerk of the Village of Orfordville. License will expire June 30, 2022.
 Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Class "A Intoxicating Liquor License" to The Station Orfordville LLC, Charolette Fick, Agent of W340 St. Road 29, Spring Valley, WI 54767 for premises known as 616 W. Beloit Street.
 The Village Board will decide on the above mentioned application at the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2022.
 Sherri Waage
 Village Clerk
 Village of Orfordville
 The Independent Register
 2/9/2022
 WNAXLP 412324

Defendants.
 Case No. 2021CV000121
 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on October 26, 2021 in the amount of \$154,613.41, I will sell at public auction, located at the Green County Justice Center, Ground Floor Conference Room, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566, on
 March 3, 2022
 At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:
 COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE ROAD, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF THE WEST 21 1/2 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE,
 THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE,
 THENCE NORTH 160 FEET TO PK NAIL IN ROAD,
 THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 160 FEET ALONG ROADWAY TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF

0.587 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
 ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE ROAD BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF THE WEST 21 1/2 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE AND POINT OF BEGINNING,
 THENCE SOUTH 136.125 FEET,
 THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 160 FEET,
 THENCE NORTH 136.125 FEET,
 THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 160 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.5 ACRES MORE OR LESS, BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DECATUR, GREEN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.
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 Tax Key No. 23012-0425.0000
 THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE

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 Jeff Skatrud
 Sheriff of Green County,
 Wisconsin
 Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 (414) 775-7700
 50-20-01117
 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/2022
 WNAXLP 411646

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WISCONSIN 53520
 Will be received by:
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1111 W. 2ND AVENUE
BRODHEAD,
WISCONSIN 53520
PHONE: 608-897-4018
 Bids are due on Thursday, March 3, 2022, by 1:00 P.M. local time. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after the time set for receipt will not be accepted.
 A pre-bid meeting and walk-through will not be conducted.
 The Work of this Project consists, in general, of installing roof framing and finish on an existing bridge structure. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:
 1. Installation of roof trusses and decking.
 2. Installation of asphalt shingle roof and flashing.
 3. Bid Alternate: Installation of standing seam roof and flashing.
 The scope of the Project includes all rough and finish work as shown on plans and described within the specifications.

Lump-sum, single-prime bids will be received.
 The Project Drawings, Project Manual, and other Bidding Documents prepared by the A/E are available from Dimension IV Madison's FTP website. Email info@dimensionivmadison.com to obtain a secure link to the bidding documents. Please place in the subject line "Brodhead Pedestrian Bridge Roof Framing and Roofing Bid Request."
 BID SECURITY in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the Bid as well as a 100% Performance & Payment Bond must accompany each Bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders in the Project Manual.
 The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn until 60 days after the time stated for receipt of Bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the Owner will award the project to the lowest responsible bidder as provided by State statutes.
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 2/9, 2/16/2022
 WNAXLP 412232

SAMPLE BALLOT

Notice of Referendum and Sample Ballots February 15, 2022

Office of the Green County Clerk
 To the voters of the City of Brodhead:
 Notice is hereby given of a referendum election to be held the City of Brodhead, on February 15, 2022 at which the question(s), to be submitted to a vote for a referendum, is shown in the sample ballot below.
Information to Voters
 Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:
 • state their name and address
 • show an acceptable form of photo identification*
 • sign the poll book**
 *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 the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."
 If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.
 Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.
 Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot 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.
 A voter who is a parent or guardian 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 advise or indicate a particular voting choice.
Assistance for Voting
 A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.
Where Optical Scan Voting is Used
 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 or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.
Spoiling Ballots
 If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they 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 Marking the Ballot
 After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then 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.
 The following is a sample of the official ballot:
 Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk

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 2/9/2022
 WNAXLP 412277

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM City of Brodhead February 15, 2022

Referendum Election Details
 At an election to be held in the City of Brodhead on February 15, 2022, the following proposed Resolution of the Brodhead City Council will be submitted to a vote of the people:
RESOLUTION 2021 – 020 AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCEED WIS. STAT. SEC. 66.0602 (2) LEVY LIMIT AND APPROVE REFERENDUM QUESTION
 WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0602 (2), the levy increase for the City of Brodhead in 2023 is limited to 2%; and
 WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Brodhead finds that the operating costs of the city are increasing beyond the ability of the city to fund payment of those costs by increasing the levy due to the limitations imposed by Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0602 (2); and
 WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Brodhead finds that it is appropriate to submit to the electorate a referendum to request authority to increase the levy limit by an additional 10% for a total increase of 12% for the years 2023 through 2027 to provide for the funding of increased operating costs of the city.
 NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Brodhead do hereby resolve:
 1. That for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of funding increased operating costs, the levy be increased 10% above the levy increase of 2% as limited by Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0602 (2), for a total levy increase of 12%, resulting in a levy of \$2,220,293 and that the increase of \$200,000 be included for fiscal years 2023 through 2027.
 2. That the levy limit increase provided for in this resolution be subject to the approval of the electorate of the following question in a referendum submitted to the electorate for that purpose:
 Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Brodhead for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 2%, which results in a levy of \$2,020,292. Shall the City of Brodhead be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of funding increased operating costs by a total of 10% which results in a levy of \$2,220,293 and include the increase of \$200,000 for fiscal years 2023 through 2027?
 Yes _____ No _____
 3. That the clerk take all steps necessary to insure that the referendum question be submitted to the electorate at an election called for that purpose.
 Approved by the Common Council of the City of Brodhead this 17th day of January, 2022.
 CITY OF BRODHEAD
 By: Troy Nyman, Mayor
 Attest: Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk

Ballot Text
 The question will appear on the ballot as follows:
 Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Brodhead for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 2%, which results in a levy of \$2,020,292. Shall the City of Brodhead be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of funding increased operating costs by a total of 10% which results in a levy of \$2,220,293 and include the increase of \$200,000 for fiscal years 2023 through 2027?
 Yes _____ No _____
Explanation
 A yes vote would authorize the City of Brodhead to increase the tax levy \$200,000 above the state levy limit to fund increased operating costs for the fiscal years 2023 through 2027.
 A no vote would not authorize the City of Brodhead to increase the tax levy \$200,000 above the state levy limit to fund increased operating costs for the fiscal years 2023 through 2027.
 Done in the City of Brodhead on the 27th day of January, 2022
 Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk+
Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place
 At the referendum to be held on February 15, 2022, in the City of Brodhead, the following polling place location will be used for Wards 1-8: Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520.
All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities*.
Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)
 At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.
 If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.
 Nikolai Wahl | 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520 | 608-897-4018
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 412023
 WNAXLP 412023

Ballot ID: 2007
Official Referendum Ballot
 February 15, 2022
 City of Brodhead W1-8

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

<p>General Instructions 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>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: ○</p> <p>Municipal City of Brodhead Under state law, the increase in the levy of the City of Brodhead for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2023, is limited to 2%, which results in a levy of \$2,020,292. Shall the City of Brodhead be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2023, for the purpose of funding increased operating costs by a total of 10% which results in a levy of \$2,220,293 and include the increase of \$200,000 for fiscal years 2023 through 2027? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Official Referendum Ballot February 15, 2022 for City of Brodhead W1-8 Green and Rock Counties</p> <p>Ballot issued by _____ Initials of election inspectors</p> <p>Absentee Ballot issued by _____ Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk</p> <p>If issued by SVDs, both must initial</p> <p>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</p> <p>For Official Use Only</p> <p>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade: <input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____ If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____</p> <p>_____ _____ Initials of inspectors who remade ballot</p>
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WFU recognizes rural leaders at 91st annual convention

The 91st annual Wisconsin Farmers Union State Convention, which drew 200 attendees virtually Jan. 29, recognized members for their dedication to rural Wisconsin. "As a grassroots organization, WFU's strength resides in the leadership and determination of members such as these," WFU President Darin Von Ruden said in a press release. "Their stories remind us that though we faced challenges in 2021, there was also a lot of good happening around the countryside." The following awards were given:

Friend of the Family Farmer

Compeer Financial was named a Friend of the Family Farmer, with special recognition to Paul Dietmann. The award recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in efforts on behalf of family farmers and rural communities.



Paul Dietmann

Dietmann is Senior Focused Lending Specialist at Compeer, a member-owned rural lending cooperative and Farm Credit System institution serving the upper Midwest. He co-leads Compeer's Emerging Markets Program, which provides loans and business planning assistance to farmers who market products through local food systems.

Dietmann, who resides in Prairie du Sac, previously spent 16 years with the State of Wisconsin, first as a county agricultural agent with the University of Wisconsin-Ex-

tension, then as director of the Wisconsin Farm Center, which is the farmers' assistance program in the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), and finally as Wisconsin's Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

He is co-author of the books *Fearless Farm Finances: Farm Financial Management Demystified* and *Financial Risk Management for Specialty Crop Farmers*, and author of *Turning Grain Into Dough: Farm Financial Management for Organic Grain and Crop Rotation*.

Von Ruden voiced appreciation for Dietmann's participation in WFU's "meating" series on meat processing, which helped engage various stakeholders around the need to invest in infrastructure and training in the industry.

Builders Award

The Builders Award, given for outstanding commitment to building Farmers Union through county involvement, leadership development and member recruitment, went to Kirsten Jurcek of Jefferson.



Kirsten Jurcek

In her leadership role with the Kenosha-Jefferson-Racine-Walworth Farmers Union, Jurcek engages young farmers, collaborates with other organizations, and has kept her chapter engaged and thriving, prior to and through the pandemic.

Jurcek runs Brattset Family Farm, a second-generation 290-acre farm focused on grass fed and finished beef.

She worked as a hydrogeologist for more than a decade before moving back to her family farm and shifting her focus to raising her kids and a grass-fed beef herd. Jurcek is a grazing educator with Glacierland RC&D, a role in which she has shared her knowledge and connected other farmers through trainings and pasture walks, including some hosted in partnership with WFU.

Emerging Leader Award

This is the second year that WFU presented a special Emerging Leader award to an individual who has ignited energy and engagement in WFU.



Kristy Allen

This year's Emerging Leader is Kristy Allen, owner and founder of The Beez Kneez, a beekeeping business based on her Trade River Ranch near Granstburg.

Additionally, Allen guided the chapter through the early stages of developing the St Croix River Valley Food Alliance, which seeks to strengthen and promote a thriving, resilient, and equitable local food economy. She has also enhanced com-

munication within the chapter through the creation of monthly meet-ups known cheekily as "Chewing the Cud."

Policy and Election

WFU members also discussed the Special Orders of Business that will guide the organization through 2022. Issues on the ballot to be considered as top priorities this year included:

- Local and Regional Fiber, Textiles, and Tanned Farm Products
- Meat Processing Infrastructure and Services
- Preserving Small- and Mid-Size Farms
- PFAs
- Dairy Policy Reform
- Concentration in the Agriculture Industry
- Family Farmers Shaping Climate Change

Voting on Special Orders of Business, as well as election candidates for the WFU Board of Directors and delegates to the National Farmers Union Convention, is being done by mail-in ballot. Election results were scheduled to be announced today.

Behring Senior Center offers full slate of events

The Behring Senior Center is offering a number of events including, but not limited to the listing below, throughout the month for area residents 55 and older.

The center is located at 1113 10th St. in Monroe. Registration is required for all events, unless noted.

For more information or to register, call coordinator Elizabeth Sorn at 608-325-3173 or email esorn@city-ofmonroe.org.

Movie matinees

The center will show "Ghost Busters: Afterlife" and "Dear Evan Hansen," at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 22 respectively.

Movies are shown on the second floor.

Coffee and books

This month's Coffee & Chat Book Club will include a discussion on "Destiny of the Republic," by Candice Millard. The chat will take place over a cup of coffee at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14 in the Senior Dining Room.

Valentine's Day party

Acoustic duo Fred & Ginger are scheduled to perform songs from the Everly Brothers, Simon & Garfunkel, The Searchers, The Beatles and many more, during the Behring Center Valentine's Day party scheduled Monday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Farm House and Wreath with Theresa

Crafters are invited to make a farmhouse wreath on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. The cost is \$12 and includes all materials.

Love Gnomes with Tracy Signer

Seniors are invited to get creative with gnomes on Monday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Participants will paint love gnomes on canvas as well as some greeting cards. Cost is \$35.

Other activities and services offered throughout the month and into March, includes chair massages, foot care, senior center library, table tennis, pool, pickleball, cards, bingo and lunches for the veterans.

Online discussion to focus on health care fraud, abuse and errors

Wisconsin Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers are invited to a Facebook Live event focused on learning how to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud, abuse, and errors.

The virtual one-hour event, hosted by Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol, will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 11 a.m.

A recording will be available for anyone to view after the event. Anyone can view the webinar on the agency's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WisconsinSeniorMedicarePatrol).

"When Medicare recipients, their families, and caregivers are more informed, they are not powerless against fraud, abuse, and errors," said Ingrid Kunding, Project Manager. "The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol provides education, outreach, and counseling services to reach as many Wisconsin Medicare beneficiaries as possible," she said, adding, "If you are touched by Medicare in any way, our virtual event on March 3 will be an excellent introduction to preventing, detecting, and reporting Medicare issues."

Medicare is the federal

health insurance program for people who are 65 or older and certain younger people with disabilities or permanent kidney failure.

More than \$60 billion a year is the estimated cost of Medicare fraud, abuse, and errors.

This cost is borne by Medicare recipients who are paying for services they may not need, or by having their medical identities stolen, and ultimately by all taxpayers.

It can also put beneficiaries' health and welfare at risk. Kunding said the Facebook Live event will provide potential solutions to help mitigate these losses.

Kunding noted that updated information will be made available leading up to the virtual event on March 3.

Watch for more information on the Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol Facebook page. Information is also available by calling the Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol's confidential, toll-free helpline: 1-888-818-2611.

The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol program is housed at the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR).

Legal Notices

MEETING NOTICE
THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, N2475 COUNTY HWY GG, BRODHEAD, WI.

- MEETING AGENDA:**
1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR CHANGES
 4. READING OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
 5. TREASURERS REPORT
 6. PUBLIC INPUT
 7. DELMORE CONSULTING
 8. BUILDING PERMITS
 9. DRIVEWAY PERMITS
 10. DISCUSS ARPA FUNDS USAGE
 11. SPECTRUM PROJECT IN TOWNSHIP
 12. LRIP/TRIP PROJECTS IN TOWNSHIP
 13. ROAD PROJECTS
 14. EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
 15. WTA DISTRICT MEETING
 16. REVIEW OF MONTHLY BILLS
 17. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY Monthly Meeting
Monday February 14, 2022 at 6 PM
Orfordville Fire District Meeting Room
173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

- AGENDA**
1. Call to order
 2. Approval of agenda
 3. Verification of proper public notice
 4. Secretary's Report
 5. Treasurer's report
 6. Reports
 7. Audience communication
 8. Old business
 - A. Rock County Public Works
 - B. Road work
 - C. Building Inspector.
 - D. Speed limit on Nelson Rd
 9. New business
 10. Future agenda items
 11. Payment of bills
 - A. Frontier construction permission
 12. Adjournment

Dela Ends, Clerk
Recycling drop-off
2nd Saturday of the month
Rock Co. Public Works Bldg.
Hwy 213 Orfordville
9am-noon.
www.townofspringvalley.com
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Beautiful Babies of 2021

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES... SHOW OFF YOUR RECENT ARRIVAL!

For just \$20, The Independent-Register will celebrate your beautiful baby of 2021. Babies born between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021 will be featured in the Feb. 23 issue. Please send your baby's picture, completed form and payment by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022.

Baby's Name _____

Birth Date _____

Weight _____ **Height** _____

Parents _____

Grandparents _____

Great Grandparents _____

Contact Phone _____

Drop off or mail to: The Independent-Register, 917 W. Exchange St., Brodhead, WI 53520 or e-mail picture to: paper@indreg.com by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your picture returned.



"HOLIDAY" BY BRIELLE ENGEN *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Eyeing up artwork

Brodhead Middle School seventh grader Brielle Engen recently rendered this gift bow using colored pencils in Erica Foulker's art class, capturing the detail and lighting. She titled her piece "Holiday."

'Fully approved'

DHS urges vaccination as Moderna vaccine gets FDA endorsement

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently granted its full approval of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccine will now be marketed under the name Spikevax for the prevention of COVID-19 in people 18 years of age and older.

"The FDA fully approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine last August for those 16 and older and now has done the same with the Moderna vaccine for those 18 and older. These approvals are further confirmation that these vaccines are effective and safe," DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake stated in a press release last week. "We urge those folks that have waited to get vaccinated to do so now and join their nearly 3.7 million fellow Wisconsinites who have received their COVID-19 vaccine."

This is the same vaccine people have been getting for months.

In order to grant full approval, the FDA required extensive data on safety and effectiveness, inspection of

manufacturing facilities, and a comprehensive review of all clinical and real-world use.

The full approval means that even more data were gathered and analyzed following the grant of emergency use authorization in December 2020 to further confirm that this vaccine works and is safe.

According to health officials, all of the COVID-19 vaccines are "extremely effective" at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death – including from the Delta and Omicron variants.

The Moderna vaccine was the second COVID-19 vaccine to receive emergency use authorization (EUA) in the U.S.

This authorization came after the Moderna product underwent rigorous clinical trials and an expedited review process to ensure the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

FDA granted the application for full approval through a priority review designation, and reviewed updated

data from the clinical trial which supported the EUA and included a longer duration of follow-up in a larger clinical trial population.

"The FDA's decision to issue full approval to the Moderna vaccine reinforces what we have known since the initial emergency use authorization – this vaccine is safe and effective," said Stephanie Schauer, Ph.D., Division of Public Health Immunization Program Manager. "This is another important milestone and builds on evidence that the Moderna vaccine is safe and effective for everyone ages 18 and up. It's more important than ever that everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated get vaccinated so we can keep ourselves, our kids, our friends, family, and neighbors safe."

People who are unvaccinated are urged to get vaccinated as soon as they can.

The COVID-19 vaccines are free, safe, and widely available in Wisconsin.

To find a vaccination location near you, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm) or call 211 or 877-947-2211.

County's COVID testing site is at new location

Starting tomorrow, Green County Public Health is implementing an additional day of COVID-19 testing to its schedule and changing its testing site location to the School District of Monroe Bauer Education Center at 1220 16th Avenue, Monroe. Testing will be available on

Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Mondays from 9 to 11 at the new location.

The last day of testing at the shed across the Pleasant View Complex was on Monday.

According to health officials, the new testing site will be set-up for walk-up testing. Individuals will need to

drive to the site and come into the building.

Parking is available outside the building, and across the street.

Testing will be located on the lower level of the building. Masks and social distancing are required.

There is no appointment

needed to get tested, but individuals should register for tests ahead of time at gcpub.lichealth.org.

After registering, a QR code will be emailed which will be required to get tested – accessible to site workers either from a device or printed out.

Those who do not have access to internet or a computer can register on-site.

Registering ahead of time makes the testing process easier for staff and community members.

Testing is open to anyone 12 months of age and older. Anyone 17 and younger will

need a parent or guardian with them to get tested.

Additional options for COVID-19 testing can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, COVID-19 testing webpage at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm.

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