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# Halloween legends and lore returns to Old World Wisconsin

*Storytelling, live music, games, treats, and an Emporium of Oddities highlight popular event*

A candlelit turn-of-the-century village, with live performers telling tales of the past and ghostly apparitions mysteriously appearing, sets the stage for a night of thrills and chills at Old World Wisconsin's Halloween Legends and Lore.

Kicking off on Oct. 6, this family-friendly evening event brings supernatural tales to life as guests make their way through the Crossroads Village after nightfall for a spirited, one-of-a-kind adventure featuring costumed performances along with live music and treat-filled games for kids.

Old World Wisconsin has expanded the experience, an annual favorite, by adding an extra weekend for the 2023 season. Guests can look forward to live readings of immigrant and Wisconsin folktales, fire-side storytelling, a Victorian séance, a visit to the Emporium of Oddities, kid-friendly games with treats awarded, and an extra secret spooky activity.

"Halloween Legends and Lore is one of our most popular events,

and we are expecting another record turnout this October," said Dan Freas, director of Old World Wisconsin. "We have collaborated with the Kettle Moraine School for Arts and Performance to provide an unforgettable Halloween experience that will bring spooky legends and creepy tales from history to life."

Sponsored by Waterstone Bank and the Old World Foundation, Halloween Legends and Lore will take place on six Friday and Saturday evenings: Oct. 6 to 7, 13 to 14, and 20 to 21 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and advance tickets are required. Last entry is at 8 p.m. each day and tickets cost \$20 for adults, teens and seniors. Tickets are \$14 for children ages 5 to 12, and children under the age of five are admitted free.

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**In 2019, visitors enjoyed toasted marshmallows at Old World Wisconsin's Halloween Legends and Lore in Eagle, Wis.**



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# FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT

## On the garden path

### Brighten your fall landscape with mums

Mums are a favorite fall flower that adds weeks of seasonal color to containers, gardens and fall displays. They are also a popular gift plant in garden centers and floral shops. Choosing the right one for the purpose and providing proper care will help you achieve your desired results.



By **MELINDA MYERS**  
Columnist

Start by selecting the best mum for your gardening goals. You'll find mums labeled as garden, perennial, gift or florist mums. All these names for plants that look alike can be confusing. The answer lies in their response to day length, hardiness and use.

Mums set flowers based on day length. Growers can force them into bloom by covering them to create shorter days that initiate flowering. Those grown as gift mums, often called florist mums, usually require the longest periods of uninterrupted darkness or shorter days. When these mums are grown under natural daylight they usually don't flower until late fall or early winter. These late bloomers are usually killed by cold temperatures before or soon after the flowers appear in colder areas.

Nurseries selling mums ready to flower in the

fall often refer to them as garden mums. These may be perennial mums or "florist" mums forced to flower for fall displays. The intent is to use them as annuals. Select ones with lots of buds and just a few if any open flowers to maximize the bloom time and your enjoyment. Place one or two mums on the front steps, plant them in vacant spots in the garden or combine them with other fall favorites in containers.

These garden mums may be hardy and suited to the area but since all the energy is directed to the flowers little is left to establish a hardy, robust root system. If you have success overwintering your garden mums, feel free to brag. If your plants don't survive or you don't try, don't worry. You are using them as a fall annual as they were intended. This also provides space for new plants in the spring and an opportunity to try a different color mum next fall.



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Mums add seasonal color to the fall landscape, according to gardening expert Melinda Myers.

Those mums sold as perennials are hardy enough to survive the winter and flower in late summer or early fall providing weeks of color in the garden. They are often sold alongside other perennials, labeled as perennials, or promoted as hardy for the area. Increase your success by planting them in spring. This allows the plant time to develop a robust root system before it begins flowering in the fall which will increase its ability to survive cold winters.

Place mums in an area with full sun and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist but not soggy wet. Check the soil in containers daily and water when the top few inches of soil are starting to dry. Always use a container with drainage holes or a self-watering pot.

Increase overwintering success by leaving the plants intact in the garden over winter. Those gardening in colder regions may opt to cover the plants with

evergreen boughs after the ground freezes, providing extra insulation. Remove the mulch when temperatures begin hovering above freezing. Whether covered or not, prune out the dead stems in spring as new growth appears.

Whatever you call them, add a few colorful mums to your fall displays. You are sure to enjoy the blast of color they provide to your landscape before winter arrives.

Melinda Myers has written

more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening.*

She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program.*

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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# City of Janesville proclaims September as 'Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk Month'

On Sept. 11, the Janesville City Council voted and passed a resolution declaring September 2023 to be recognized as Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk Month.

Blain's Farm and Fleet, a dedicated supporter of the Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk, is thrilled to join the City of Janesville in celebrating this decision. This proclamation celebrates the 30th anniversary of this important event.

The American Heart Association's Heart Walk is a premier event for raising funds to combat heart disease and

stroke, the nation's leading causes of death. The walk also celebrates and honors survivors of heart disease and stroke, including those who have triumphed over heart attacks, heart surgery, or strokes.

Rock County's long-standing event is the only Heart Walk in the nation named after an individual, demonstrating the lasting impact of Bert Blain, co-founder of Blain's Farm and Fleet, and his unwavering commitment to the fight against heart disease. In 1993, Bert Blain and his daughter Jane Blain Gil-

bertson were asked to co-chair the inaugural Heart Walk in Janesville. Tragically, Bert Blain passed away from a heart attack just days before the first event, further emphasizing the importance of the Heart Walk's mission. The Rock County Heart Walk was named in honor of Bert Blain the following year.

"After my dad passed, it was important to go on with the first walk as planned, as hard as it may have been," says Jane Blain Gilbertson, CEO and owner of Blain's Farm and Fleet. "It's an honor to share our family's story

and spread awareness about the importance of the fight against heart disease."

Dan Boutelle, Blain Supply Inc. Loss Prevention and Physical Security Manager and Heart Walk Executive Leader, expressed the significance of this event, saying, "The Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk represents more than just a walk; it's a testament to the enduring commitment of our community to make a real difference in the fight against heart disease. Our company associates have joined year after year to support this cause and remember

Bert's legacy."

Over the past 30 years, Blain's Farm and Fleet and its headquarters, Blain Supply, Inc., have contributed over \$6 million to the American Heart Association. These funds have played a vital role in improving family health, creating healthier communities, and enhancing the quality of care. This sustained dedication has consistently placed the Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk among the nation's highest-ranking heart walks of comparable size.

The 30th Annual Bert Blain

Memorial Heart Walk took place on Sunday, Sept. 17. The walk, relocated to downtown Janesville in 2021, offered both 1-mile and 3-mile routes, culminating at the Blain Gilbertson Family Heritage Bridge. This poignant finish line reflects the profound importance of the walk to the Blain Gilbertson family and the Rock County communities.

For more information about the Bert Blain Memorial Heart Walk and Blain's Farm and Fleet's involvement, please visit [www.rockcountyheartwalk.org](http://www.rockcountyheartwalk.org).



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## Celebrating fall in Clinton

In this picture taken Sept. 12, passersby can see a fall presentation set up by the Minkey family on the corner of State Highway 140 and County Road X in Clinton. The Minkey family has a farm east of Clinton.

## Obituary

### DIANE RIESE

Diane Kay Riese, age 80, passed away peacefully on Sept. 9, 2023 at the Milton Senior Living Center.

Diane was born on June 30, 1943 in Monroe, the daughter of Fred and Dorothy (Barto) Albert. She married R. Richard Riese on Aug. 4, 1961.

Diane worked with her husband for many years doing bookwork for their construction company and later retired from Swiss Colony in their collections/credit department. Diane enjoyed gardening, doing crafts and kayaking. Diane and her husband were snowbirds and spent over 20 years down in Gulf Shores, Ala. Diane also contributed in her local community in her retirement years, as she was a board member of the Bayshore Condo Association and grounds committee.

Diane is survived by her two children, Ricky Riese (Pam Raemisch) and Sheri (Den-



nis) Tippet-Shaw; two grandchildren, Stephanie (Mike) Gritzmaker-Shaw and Tyler Tippet;

five great-grandchildren, Lily Gritzmaker, Logan Gritzmaker, Kylie Shaw, Gabriel Shaw and Trace Tippet; one sister, Denise (Steve) Saunders and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Dorothy, and her husband, R. Richard Riese in 2018.

A memorial visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded and Diane will be buried next to her husband at a later date at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

## Red Cross facing a blood shortage

The American Red Cross is experiencing a national blood shortage.

Fewer donors than needed gave this summer, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals. Hurricane Idalia further strained the blood supply with blood drive cancellations and reduced blood and platelet donations in affected areas.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, and there is an emergency need for platelet donors and type O blood donors to make an appointment to give now to ensure patients across the country continue to receive critical medical care.

When Idalia slammed into the Southeast - leading to

widespread power outages, travel hazards and flooding - the storm also forced the cancellation of over a dozen blood drives and caused hundreds of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. This compounded a shortfall of about 30,000 donations in August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in.

The Red Cross needs blood and platelet donors now. Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Those who come to give throughout September will receive a coupon for a free haircut by email, thanks to

Sport Clips Haircuts. Plus, they'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a VIP NASCAR racing experience. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/RaceToGive](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RaceToGive).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

### Green County

**Juda**  
• Sept. 26 from 1 to 6 p.m., Juda High School, N2385 Spring St.

**Monroe**  
• Sept. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St.

### Rock County

**Beloit**  
• Sept. 26 from noon to 5 p.m., Beloit Life Center, 2170 Murphy Woods Road  
• Oct. 10 from 1 to 6 p.m.,

Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.

**Edgerton**  
• Oct. 11 from 1 to 6 p.m., Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion St.

**Evansville**  
• Sept. 27 from noon to 6 p.m., Creekside Place Community Center, 102 Maple St.

**Janesville**  
• Oct. 5 from 1 to 6 p.m., Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr.

• Oct. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Cargill United Methodist, 2000 Wesley Ave.

• Oct. 10 from 1 to 6 p.m., Cargill United Methodist, 2000 Wesley Ave.

**Milton**  
• Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Marys Center, 837 Parkview Dr.

## Mental health advocates unite to promote suicide awareness, prevention, and resources

The Southwestern Wisconsin Behavioral Health Partnership, as part of its mission to improve the quality of life for people in Green, Grant, Iowa, LaFayette, and Richland counties, is coming together with allies across the state and nation to recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month.

National Suicide Prevention Month is a time to spread the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide. Contrary to what is believed, research has shown that ac-

knowledging and talking about suicide may reduce, rather than increase, suicidal thoughts.

"Southwest Wisconsin is not immune to the suicide crisis that our nation is facing," said Christie Johnston, Program Coordinator for Southwestern Wisconsin Behavioral Health Partnership.

"Part of our group's vision is to ensure residents have the resources and connections needed to achieve optimal mental health and freedom from stigma and discrimination. It is through campaigns

like National Suicide Prevention Month where we can openly talk about suicide, and most importantly get help to those who might be thinking about it."

In Wisconsin, Governor Evers declared 2023 the Year of Mental Health, calling mental and behavioral health a "burgeoning crisis" affecting the state and Wisconsin's kids, families, and workforce. Wisconsin is on track to report more than 900 deaths by suicide this year.

According to the Suicide

Prevention Resource Center, during the month of September alone, approximately 1.3 million people in the U.S. will have suicidal thoughts, 142,000 will attempt suicide, and 4,000 will die by suicide. Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death overall in the United States. Unfortunately, there are gaps in access for those suffering from suicidal thoughts with certain racial and ethnic groups more at risk. By knowing and learning the

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A group of guests poses for a picture as they visit the family-friendly evening event at Old World Wisconsin in 2021.



Guests make their way through the Crossroads Village after nightfall in 2021 for a spirited, one-of-a-kind adventure featuring costumed performances along with live music and treat-filled games for kids.

**Halloween**

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Wisconsin Historical Society members receive a 10% discount for this event. Guests of all ages are invited to wear a costume without a mask and comfortable walking shoes as the tram will not be running during

Halloween Legends and Lore. Sweet treats, hot food and a special edition beer from Duesterbeck's Brewing Company, created especially for this event, will be available for purchase. Guests can also visit the gift shop and enjoy live music from The Toolies on Oct. 6, 7 and 13 and from The Sweet Sheiks on Oct. 14 and 21.

heritage animal breeds, and try historic crafts and skills. Old World Wisconsin is open seasonally and is located on Highway 67, south of Eagle, Wis. For more information, visit [www.oldworld-wisconsin.org](http://www.oldworld-wisconsin.org) or call 262-594-6301.

**About Wisconsin Historical Society**

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active, and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving, and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs, and services. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

**About Old World Wisconsin**

Old World Wisconsin is a 600-acre regional history attraction featuring interactive environments and immersive stories of 19th- and early 20th-century immigrant farms and rural life. It is one of twelve Wisconsin Historical Society sites and museums around the state. The museum offers hands-on activities led by staff members in historic dress, and guests can visit 10 working farmsteads, explore 12 heirloom gardens, meet

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Old World Wisconsin's Halloween Legends and Lore holds a rehearsal in 2021 in which a ghostly apparition appears in the window.



A lantern helps set the stage for a night of thrills and chills at Old World Wisconsin's Halloween Legends and Lore.



# Harvest season safety tips for farmers

## These tips help keep farmers safe around overhead power lines

As the annual fall harvest season gets underway, Alliant Energy reminds farmers of the vital importance of staying safe when operating farm equipment near power lines.

According to Alliant Energy, contact incidents with electric power lines significantly increase this time of year. The fall harvest season is riskier for several reasons: More equipment is deployed in the field; the equipment tends to be larger, such as combines, wagons and tractors; and farmers often work in the dark when it's difficult to see poles and wires.

In addition to the risk of an injury or fatality, contact with power lines can interrupt electric service. That can halt work and slow electricity-dependent farm activities such as grain drying.

To help keep farmers safe and the power on for all, Alliant Energy offers the following safety steps:

- Maintain a safe distance. Always stay at least 10 feet from all power lines and pow-

er poles. Look up, down and all around before moving or raising your equipment. Conduct a thorough visual check of your surroundings.

- Know your equipment's height. Do not drive under power lines if any part of your equipment is too tall to clear them. Consider the additional height of antennas and GPS receivers. If you purchased new equipment, don't assume it has the same clearance as your old equipment.

- Do not attempt to raise power lines. Never try to elevate power lines to allow passage of tall equipment.

- Be aware of your turning radius. Make sure your tractor and anything you tow does not swing into poles or overhead lines when you turn. Pay special attention at the ends of rows and field entrances. If you hit a power pole, it could break, dropping a live line. Assume it's energized and call 1-800-ALLIANT immediately.

- Remain vigilant during

grain handling and storage. Be cautious when you set up and move equipment, particularly when you use booms, augers and grain bins. These operations can bring you close to overhead lines. Keep grain augers in their lowest position and lower truck bed boxes before moving.

- Stay alert, especially when it gets dark. Know where poles and overhead lines are at all times.

- Know what to do if an overhead line contacts equipment. Stay on the equipment. Do not step to the ground. Call 911 and wait until a qualified person tells you it is safe to exit the vehicle. If you must leave the equipment because of a fire or other danger, jump away from the vehicle to avoid touching the equipment and the ground at the same time. To the best of your ability, land with both feet together and then quickly shuffle away – keeping your feet together and on the ground.

- Report damage to wires

and poles to avoid power disruptions during harvest season or disruptions down the road.

Never assume a power line is safe to touch. If work requires you to be near a line, call 1-800-ALLIANT and explain the situation. Alliant Energy will discuss options

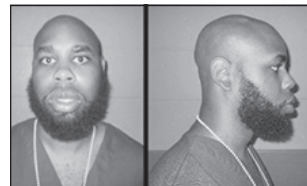
with you or come to your site to make the area safe. If an individual or equipment contacts a power line, do not touch the victim or item. Call 911 and inform the dispatcher of the electrical accident. Always seek medical help for an electrical contact accident,

as some injuries may not be visible or can appear several hours later.

Call 1-800-ALLIANT to report a downed power line. Call 811 before any project that requires digging. For more information, visit [alliantenergy.com/farmsafety](http://alliantenergy.com/farmsafety).

## Sex offender relocations within Rock County

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, individuals who are convicted sex offenders will be relocating to within the Rock County area.



Kendall D. Gipson

Kendall D. Gipson relocated to Rock Valley Community Programs at 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, on Sept. 18.

Gipson was convicted of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, Case 11CF533, on July 11, 2012 in Dane County.

While placed at this location, conditions of Gipson's supervision include, but are not limited to: No unsupervised contact with minors; No contact with victim; Not to consume drugs; Comply with Standard Sex Offender Rules; Cooperate with Electronic Monitoring; Have Face-to-Face Contact with Law Enforcement; Comply with all requirements and be a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

Vernon E. Noel III relocated to 7911 E. County Road N in Milton on Sept. 19.



Vernon E. Noel III

Noel was convicted on three charges of Criminal Sexual Abuse: Case 05CM1748 on April 12, 2006, Case 06CM735 on July 26, 2006, and Case 07CM1394 on Feb. 27, 2008; all in Tazewell County, Ill.

While residing at this location, conditions of Noel's supervision include, but are not limited to: No unsupervised contact with minors; No contact with victim; Not to consume drugs; Comply with Standard Sex Offender Rules; Cooperate with Electronic Monitoring; Have Face-to-Face Contact with Law Enforcement; Comply with all requirements and be a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is not responsible for the placement of this sex offender in any manner. However, by law, they are required to provide public notice. For further information regarding the placement of this offender, please contact the Department of Community Corrections at 608-758-6075.

## In brief

### Tree dedication ceremony for Russell Sharp in Orfordville

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Russell Sharp will be remembered at a Tree Dedication Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at Stavn Park at 212 N. Mowe Street in Orfordville.

Russell Sharp passed away on Sept. 6, 2020, while on a hunting trip in Meeker, Colo. Russell and his wife Margie are former Orfordville residents. The Sharp's raised their family in Orfordville and retired to Hillsboro.

After his retirement from General Motors, Russell became a part time employee of the Orfordville Public Works Department. Russell's friends and former neighbors chose to remember Russell with a tree at Stavn Park, which is down the street from his former residence. Friends, family, and neighbors of the Sharp Family are invited to attend the dedication.

### Greenwood Cemetery issues grounds keeping notice

Greenwood Cemetery has issued an annual friendly reminder to the public to help prepare the grounds for winter.

Cemetery caretakers have asked that any flowers and decorations the loved ones of deceased wish to save be removed by Oct. 3 to allow adequate time to clean and care for the grounds.

Grounds keepers have asked that placement of all fall or winter items be de-

laid until Nov. 1.

### Camp Timber-lee to host Pumpkin Walk

Camp Timber-lee will host their annual Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The evening will feature candy, face painting, and games. A meal is available by A&A Cafe and will be purchasable before anyone starts their walk on the trail.

They would like to send a special thank you to the students of Prairie View Elementary who are helping carve over 300 pumpkins for the event. These pumpkins will be used as decoration and to help light the trail around the camp.

They would also like to say a special thank you to the individuals that are volunteering to help make this event possible.

Timber-lee is a year-round Christian camp located in East Troy. They serve families, churches, and public and private schools with their summer camp, retreat, and outdoor education programming. For more information, go to [www.timber-lee.com](http://www.timber-lee.com).

### Liz Davis graduates from Northern Ill. University

Five hundred and forty students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August. Included among the graduates was Liz Davis of Davis, Ill. who earned a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy.

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ly recognized public research university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health, and law. Through its main campus in DeKalb, Ill., and education centers for students and working professionals in Chicago, Hoffman Estates, Naperville, Oregon, and Rockford, all of Illinois, NIU offers more than 100 courses of study while serving a diverse and international student body of about 19,000. The 17 NIU Huskie athletic teams compete in the Mid-American Conference at the highest NCAA Division I level. For more information, visit [www.niu.edu](http://www.niu.edu).

### Name released of dead man from Rock Co. Jail

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the name of the individual that died at a local hospital, after being found unresponsive at the Rock County Jail on Sept. 8.

The individual can be identified as Patrick R. Kranda, 61, of Edgerton.

Mr. Kranda was pronounced deceased at a local hospital on Sept. 8. A forensic examination was completed on Sept. 10. Cause and manner of death are pending at this time. Additional testing is underway.

This incident remains under investigation by the Rock County Sheriff's Department and the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department.

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# Parkview High School fall 2023 sports teams



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Above, the Parkview High School's fall 2023 football team in Orfordville.



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The Parkview High School's fall 2023 varsity volleyball team in Orfordville.



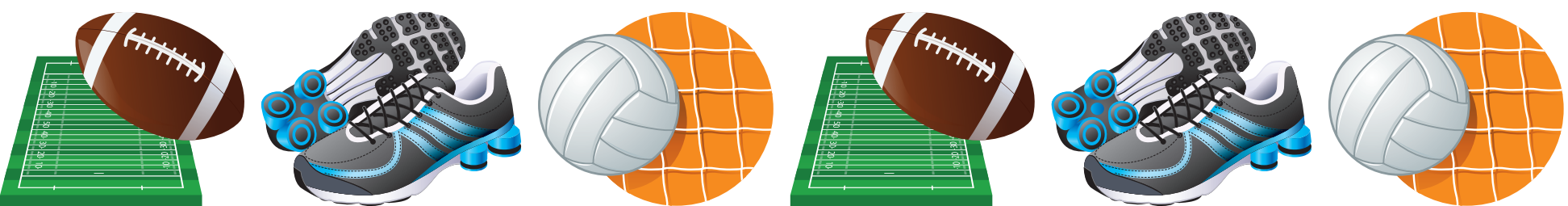
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The Parkview High School's fall 2023 cross country team in Orfordville.



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The Parkview High School's fall 2023 JV volleyball team 1 in Orfordville.



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The Parkview High School's fall 2023 JV volleyball team 2 in Orfordville.





# Juda High School fall 2023 volleyball team



The Juda High School's fall 2023 Panthers volleyball team in Juda.

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## Property values increase by second-most in nearly 40 years

### Wisconsin's statewide gross property tax rate down 10%, biggest decline since 1996

#### WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

Wisconsin's 13.1% increase in total equalized property values in 2023 was the second-largest percentage increase since at least 1985, topped only by slightly higher growth in 2022.

Gross property tax levies approved by local jurisdictions in late 2022 increased 2.4% statewide. This was greater than the 2021 increase of 1.6% but still less than increases in 2019 and 2020. It also was far less than the 8% rate of inflation in 2022.

Because annual growth in property values exceeded the growth in levies, the statewide gross property tax rate declined 10%. It was the ninth consecutive year in which the state's aggregate tax rate has declined; and the largest decline since 1996.

These are among the key statewide findings from the Forum's newly updated 2023 Property Values and Taxes Data-Tool, which features data for all of Wisconsin's 72 counties and 1,850 cities, villages, and towns. It is the latest in a series of Forum interactive tools meant to provide all Wisconsinites

with relevant facts about their schools, local governments, and state and regional economy.

It uses state data on December 2022 property tax levies and tax rates adopted for 2023 budgets, as well as updated property values as of Jan. 1, 2023 that will be used to calculate tax bills this coming December. It also includes findings on key property value and tax trends for southeast Wisconsin and Dane County.

Key findings from the tool include:

- In the seven-county southeast Wisconsin region, total equalized property values rose 12% in 2023. While less than last year's growth of 12.9%, it was still the second-largest increase since at least 1985. Every county in the southeast region saw a double-digit increase in property values, led by Walworth County at 17.4%.

- In Dane County, total equalized property values grew by 11.6%. This was below the state average and last year's increase of 15.4%, but still the second-largest increase since 1995.

- Residential property val-

ues for the state of Wisconsin grew 14% in 2023. Residential values in southeast Wisconsin increased 12.7%, while in Dane County, residential property value grew 12.4%. In each of these areas, it was the second-largest percentage increase on record behind the year prior (2022).

- Manufacturing property values increased 12% statewide in 2023. This was the largest increase since at least 1985 and more than twice any percentage increase since 2001.

- Commercial property in the state also achieved near-record growth in 2023, increasing 10.9%. Commercial property values in southeast Wisconsin grew 9.8% in 2023, compared to the 2022 increase of 12.9%. In Dane County, commercial property values increased 10.8%, though that was down from last year's increase of 19.1%.

- In southeast Wisconsin, total gross property tax levies increased by 1.7%, less than the state average and well below the rate of inflation but greater than the previous year's increase of 1%. In Dane County, the total gross tax levy from all local

units of government increased 4%, well above the statewide average and double the increase from the previous year.

- Total levy growth in the city of Madison was 5.2%, more than double the statewide average and much higher than the previous year's increase of 1.0%. Meanwhile, the 2.6% increase in the total levy within the city of Milwaukee was slightly greater than the state average growth and larger than the previous year's increase of 0.8%.

- Looking at tax rates for 2022 (adopted in late 2022 for 2023 budgets), the 10% decline in statewide gross property tax rate translated to a decline from \$18.64 of levy per \$1,000 of equalized property value to \$16.78 per \$1,000.

For nearly a decade, one of our organization's two predecessor organizations, the Public Policy Forum, produced an annual publication that analyzed key trends in property values and taxes in southeast Wis-

consin. After merging with the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance in 2018, the Wisconsin Policy Forum, as we're now known, expanded this publication and converted it into an online interactive that covers the entire state.

The Forum's ongoing tracking and analysis of property values – an important indicator of the state's economic health – is more relevant than ever today. In addition, understanding the connection between those values and property taxes is im-

portant for home and business owners, and shows how these trends affect the revenue picture for our local governments and school districts.

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## • Awareness

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risk factors and warning signs, friends, families, and loved ones can take a more active role in helping prevent suicide.

Johnston added, "A key part of suicide prevention is being there for the person who is having those thoughts. According to the 988 Lifeline, individuals are more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to someone who listens without judgment. Through our coalition and our partner groups, we strive to be the friends and allies who will listen and help connect those suffering to the mental health services that they need."

The National Institute of Mental Health outlines five action steps to take to help someone who may be experiencing a suicide crisis or emotional distress:

- Ask: "Are you thinking about suicide?" communicates that you're open to speaking

about suicide in a non-judgmental and supportive way.

- Keep them safe. Reducing a suicidal person's access to highly lethal items or places is an important part of suicide prevention. While this is not always easy, asking if the at-risk person has a plan and removing or disabling the lethal means can make a difference.

- Be there. This could mean being physically present for someone, speaking with them on the phone, or any other way that shows support for the person at risk. Listen carefully and learn what the individual is thinking and feeling.

- Help them connect. Helping someone with thoughts of suicide connect with ongoing supports can help them establish a safety net for those moments they find themselves in a crisis. These supports could be a family member, friend, spiritual advisor, or mental health professional.

- Stay connected. Staying in touch after a crisis or after being discharged from care can make a difference.

The Southwest Wisconsin Behavioral Health Partnership created a Network of Care website to make it easy to find mental health and substance misuse resources in one location. The site serves people in Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland Counties and is free to use.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health, suicide, or substance use crisis or emotional distress, reach out 24/7 to the free and confidential 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) by dialing or texting 988 or using chat services at [suicideline.org](http://suicideline.org) to connect to a trained crisis counselor. You can also get crisis text support via the Crisis Text Line by texting NAMI to 741741.

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### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room

Friday, August 4, 2023  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 4:30 p.m. The meeting Agenda was properly building posted on Thursday, August 3, 2023.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Michael Oellerich, Jodi Kail, and Elizabeth Kempel  
Absent: Don Buchanan, Jenny Flory, and Al Schneider

#### AGENDA ITEMS

#### APPROVE SECOND READING OF POLICY 0167.3 – PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the second reading of Policy 0167.3 – Public Comment at Board Meetings. Motion carried, 4-0.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 4:52 p.m., for the discussion of:  
• Consideration of compensation of an employee  
Roll Call vote: All Ayes (4-0)

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to return to open session at 5:12. Motion carried, 4-0.

#### ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)

No action taken.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

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### REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT High School Auditoria

Wednesday, August 9, 2023  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, August 2, 2023 edition of the Independent Register and properly building posted on August 4 and 7, 2023.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Al Schneider, Jodi Kail, Jenny Flory, and Don Buchanan (virtual)  
Absent: Michael Oellerich

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team will present information reports.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Three (3) people signed up to speak during the public comment portion of the agenda. Tom Simpson signed up to speak on the topic of "Policy", Terry Crum signed up to speak on the topic of "Policy", and Tyler McKay signed up to speak on the topic of "Future Outlook of Brodhead School". Because these items were not on the agenda, these individuals were not allowed to speak. Jessica Marass, Lisa Joyce, Kathy Commeau, Vickie Condon, Scottee Hoff, Mary York, Jennifer Paepke, Sarah Wadsworth, Scott Anderson, Magnolia Grenawalt, and Kristia Santiago all signed their names on the sign-up sheet in support of the hiring of Mx. Tompson. Because this was not an agenda item, there were no comments made.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting: July 12, 2023
- b. Facility Planning Committee Meeting: July 17, 2023
- c. Policy Committee Meeting: July 24, 2023

##### 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

##### 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

- \$250.00 monetary donation from Crossfire VBC to MS Athletics

##### 4. RESIGNATION(S)

- a. Michele Eilbes, School Business Manager
- b. Jodi McIntyre, Accounts Payable/Payroll Specialist
- c. Brooke Scheidegger, Assistant Show Choir Director

##### 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

- a. Joan Alderman, HS Food Service Worker
- b. Carla Garrett, HS Food Service Worker

- c. Shane Miller, MS Football Coach
- d. Jared Arn, from MS Football Coach to Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- e. Kristin Rinehart, from MS Special Education Paraprofessional to MS Administrative Assistant
- f. Cristian Wedig, HS Virtual Education Teacher
- g. Cristian Wedig, Assistant Varsity Football Coach

#### 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

- None at this time.

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Al Schneider, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### SECLUSION & RESTRAINT REPORT

Pupil Services Director DeAnne Larson presented the 2022-23 annual Seclusion and Restraint report as required by State Statute.

#### APPROVAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to increase teacher's base pay by 5.0% for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### 2023 SUMMER SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Summer School Co-Directors Kelly Knox and Lisa Semrow provided an overview of the 2023 Summer School program.

#### 1ST READING OF POLICY SECTION 3000 [PROFESSIONAL STAFF]

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the first reading of Policy Section 3000 [Professional Staff]. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### APPROVAL OF 2023-24 STAFF, VOLUNTEER & SUBSTITUTE TEACHER HANDBOOKS

Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Al Schneider, to approve the 2023-24 Staff, Volunteer, and Substitute Teacher Handbooks as presented/ revised. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### APPROVAL OF 2023-24 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN MANUAL

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the 2023-24 Emergency Operations Plan Manual as presented/ revised. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### APPROVAL OF 2023-24 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the 2023-24 School Bus Drivers as listed. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### APPROVAL OF 2023-24 PRIORITY AREAS

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the Priority Areas for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

Building and Grounds Director Chad Dix updated the School Board on the progress of summer projects.

#### FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Presentation by District Administrator David Novy on the most recent meeting and upcoming meetings of the Facility Planning Committee.

#### FUTURE AGENDA [September 13, 2023]

- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Kid Connection Annual Report
- Solar Project Presentation
- Facility Planning Committee Presentation to the Board
- Discussion of Policy 0167.3 - Public Comment at Board Meetings
- 1st Reading of Policy Sections 4000 [Support Staff] and 6000 [Finances]
- Establish the Date, Time, & Location for the 2023 Annual School Board Meeting
- Adoption of October 2023 Annual Board Meeting Agenda
- Approval of Student Fundraisers for 2023-24
- Approval of 2022-23 Budget Revisions

#### ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f)

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f) 7:36 p.m., for the discussion of:  
a. Staffing

- Consideration of Compensation of an Employee
- Short-Term Leave of Absence Request

- b. Consideration to Approve Alternative Open Enrollment Applications

- c. Administrator Negotiations

Roll Call vote: All ayes (6-0)

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Jodi Kail, to return to open session at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve a teacher short-term leave request. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the extra duty pay for the communication specialist position to the amount of \$8,000 starting with the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Al Schneider, to approve a 5% increase to administrator team salaries for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Jenny Flory, Second by Jodi Kail to approve five (5) alternate open enrollment applications as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jenny Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Date: 08-09-23 \$100 Bill List	
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	1,325.00
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	125
AIRGAS USA, LLC	148.43
BLICK ART MATERIALS	188.88
GMWP @ UW MADISON	200
GREEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE	260
WASB	390
KOMPAS CARE	460.88
NASSCO INC	500.57
WE ENERGIES	501.03
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	622.09
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	734.7
WASTE MANAGEMENT	803.99
PROQUEST	899.86
INSIGHT FS	902.57
SPEICH OIL INC	966.15
AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL STEEL & SUPPLY	1,050.00
WASPA	1,075.00
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	1,315.21
CITY OF BRODHEAD	1,494.33
VOCABULARY.COM	1,650.00
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	3,141.06
PREMISTAR	4,815.00
BMO HARRIS	22,170.73
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	6,001.05
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	162.8
MERIS CLEANERS INC.	1,000.00
RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES	1,875.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	10,571.06
ORFORDVILLE LUMBER	109.08
INSIGHT FS	144.6
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	191.69
SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY CO	204.65
HEALY AWARDS INC	287.39
SCHOLASTIC INC	329.67
WASB	450
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MENARDS - JANESVILLE	957.71
GOTO TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC.	1,441.77
CAPSTONE	1,999.00
TUMBLEWEED PRESS INC	2,077.40
J.F. AHERN CO.	2,220.00
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FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC	3,269.19
OFFICE PRO	3,473.14
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## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Brodhead, on September 13, 2023, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2022-23 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
<b>Expenditure Appropriations:</b>				
Instructional Staff Services	220000	116,839.40	116,281.40	(558.00)
Instructional Service Payments	430000	40,990.00	41,548.00	558.00
<b>Total Expenditure Appropriations</b>		<b>116,839.40</b>	<b>116,281.40</b>	<b>(558.00)</b>
<b>Projected Ending Fund Balance:</b>				
Fund Balance, Unassigned	939900	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Projected Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>939900</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF BRODHEAD

RE: Vacation, Abandonment and Discontinuance of a portion of a public street in the City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

That part of 8th Street located within the Original Plat of the City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin described as follows: bounded on the east by the west boundary of the right-of-way of W. 3rd Avenue, bounded on the north by the south boundary of Lot 173 of the Original Plat Block 38, bounded on the west by a line running parallel from the western boundary of Lot 173 of the Original Plat Block 38 to the

western boundary of Lot 309 of the Original Plat Block 64, and bounded on the south by the north boundary of Lot 309 of the Original Plat Block 64.

Reserving a permanent utility easement including for such purpose the right to operate necessary equipment thereon, and the right of reasonable ingress and egress to maintain said utilities.

Notice is hereby given that there has been a preliminary resolution by the Common Council of the City of Brodhead on August 21, 2023, tentatively vacating and discontinuing the portion of the platted public street described above in the city.

1. This preliminary resolution

is subject to the passage of the final resolution by the common council after the public hearing scheduled for such consideration to be held on October 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers of the City of Brodhead located at 1111 West 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin.

2. All persons, their agents or attorneys will be given an opportunity to be heard relative thereto. Dated this 31st day of August 2023.

CITY OF BRODHEAD

Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk

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# Gov. Evers proclaims September as college savings month

The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) recently announced that Gov. Tony Evers has proclaimed September as College Savings Month in Wisconsin.

The proclamation encourages Wisconsinites to save for higher education using the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program and its college savings plans.

"We're working to make higher education a reality for folks across our state, and the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program helps us do just that," said Gov. Evers. "This program supports our students and families saving for and pursuing higher education and has become a trusted resource for helping transform the lives of tens of thousands of Wisconsinites who've received its tax-advantaged benefits while developing a higher education savings strategy and a college and career readiness plan."

The Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program offers two savings plans – Edvest 529, a direct-sold plan, and Tomorrow's Scholar, available through financial advisors and

fee-only planners – that are both highly-rated and nationally recognized for delivering low-cost, easy, and effective ways to save for higher education.

"Through the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program, we're helping more students develop a college-bound mindset early in life and helping them avoid an overreliance on student loans later in life through a well-planned higher education savings strategy," said DFI Secretary-designee Cheryl Olson-Collins. "Saving for higher education increases the likelihood that a student will enroll in post-secondary education, and research suggests that having just \$500 or less in savings significantly increases the likelihood of both enrolling in and graduating from college."

Contributions to an Edvest 529 or Tomorrow's Scholar plan grow free from state and federal income tax and withdrawals remain tax-free when used for qualified higher education expenses. Eligible expenses include tuition, room

and board, fees, books, computers, and related services for higher education and career training expenses at any accredited public or private university, college, technical college, community college, or professional school nationwide and many abroad, and toward the cost of registered apprenticeship programs. Savings in a Wisconsin 529 college savings plan can also be used for K-12 tuition (up to \$10,000 per year, per beneficiary), adult education and retraining, and to pay down student loan debt (\$10,000 per beneficiary lifetime limit).

The Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program encourages families to celebrate College Savings Month by participating in the national "What Can A 529 Do For You?" sweepstakes sponsored by the College Savings Plans Network. The month-long sweepstakes has already started and concludes on Oct. 1. In October, the national sweepstakes will award nine sweepstakes participants with a \$529 account contribution. Visit CollegeSavings.org/sweepstakes to

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To open a new Edvest 529 account, or receive assistance with an existing account, please visit the Edvest 529

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For additional information, visit the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program webpage or email CollegeSavingsProgram@dfi.wisconsin.gov.

## 'Powerful Tools for Caregivers'

Education series offered by Rock County ADRC, limited spots available

Feeling stretched as a caregiver?

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County is pleased to offer "Powerful Tools for Caregivers", an educational series

designed to provide family caregivers of someone with dementia the tools needed to take care of themselves.

The class will run for six weeks beginning on Thursday Sept. 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This series will be offered virtually.

The Powerful Tools for Caregivers program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, improve communi-

cation, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming help caregivers to choose tools and put them into action.

Registration is required and class space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.



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## Deaf magicians offer a comedy magic show

The Janesville Performing Arts Center is excited to feature Magic Morgan and Liliana on Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Just in time for Deaf Awareness month in September, deaf magicians Matthew and Liliana will amaze and astound all who attend, make them laugh, and make them wonder. Their show is a theatrical event for the entire family, full of moments that take one's breath away. Objects seem to appear from nowhere and defy gravity. Broken things appear to be made whole. Magical objects defy gravity. This show will be performed in American Sign Language with an English interpreter. The cost for adults is \$15 and the cost for students is \$12. Purchase tickets online at www.janesvillepac.org or by calling 608-758-0297.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Brodhead on **Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** at the City of Brodhead Municipal Building located at 1111 W. Second Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin to consider an ordinance amending the zoning classification of the following described property from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 One & Two Family Residential.

Property owned by Pete Condon, PIERCE'S ADDITION BLOCK 8 LOT 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, (vacant wooded lots near E 4th Ave & 2nd St) IN THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, GREEN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

A full and complete copy of the proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk for the City of Brodhead. A map of the affected property may be obtained from the common council through the office of the Clerk for the City of Brodhead.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2023.

Nikolai Wahl, Clerk

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### BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

Brodhead School District is accepting bids for snow removal for the **2023-2024** school year. Snow removal is required for the parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks of the High, Middle and Elementary Schools on days when there is more than one (1) inch of snow. School lots, driveways and sidewalks need to be cleared by 7:15 a.m.

Bids will be submitted based on a fixed rate per snow removal. All bidders must show a Certificate of Insurance.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "Snow Removal Bid" and mailed or delivered to Facility Supervisor Chad Dix, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520 by 12:00 p.m. Friday, October 6, 2023.

Awarding of the bids will be made as soon as possible after the opening of the bids. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

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### Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Communications Facility Upgrade

US Cellular Corp. proposes to collocate upgraded antennas on their existing 148ft water tower located at 1013 W 3rd Avenue in the City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin. Approximate coordinates for the subject structure: 42-37-10.07N, 89-22-47.17W. Interested persons are invited to identify historic sites already listed in, or that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in this vicinity and to identify potential effects the facility upgrades may cause to these sites. Questions or comments may be submitted to the following contact: Jake Rieb, Edge Consulting Engineers, 624 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578; Phone: 608.644.1449; Email: jrieb@edgeconsult.com. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Appendices B and C. (#37855)

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### AGENDA

#### BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM

2501 West 5th Avenue,  
Brodhead, WI  
6:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

I. REVIEW NEOLA SECTION 7000 [PROPERTY] TEM-PLATES

II. DEVELOP AND FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

III. DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR AND PACING GOING FORWARD

IV. ADJOURN

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**Town of Spring Valley Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting**  
Monday,  
September 25th, 2023  
At the Orfordville Fire Station  
173 North Wright Street,  
Orfordville, WI  
6:00 PM

### Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Old business: A) 15043 W Lang Rd. Orfordville, Fritz Wenger for an A1 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a pg. 22 (F) Non-Agricultural Business/Home Occupation - selling and servicing cargo trailers on two acres of the 20 acre parcel
4. New Business:
5. Building Permits: 5656 S. Nelson Rd. - Andy Simonson - 36x36 addition to pole shed
6. Audience communication:
7. Adjournment

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**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FOOTBALL FRENZY CONTEST THIS WEEK AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS CONTEST POSSIBLE.**

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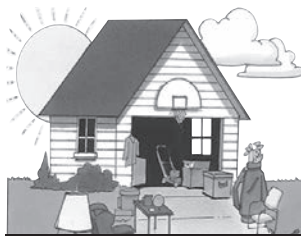
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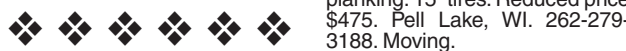
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**CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT:** 14' Kubota KX080-4 Excavator, D, Cab/A/H, 2 Speed, Auto Idle, Hyd Thumb, Aux Hyd, 2,911 Hrs, 15' Kubota KX080-4 Excavator, D, Cab/A/H, 2 Speed, Auto Idle, Hyd Thumb, Aux Hyd, 3,700 Hrs, 15' Kubota KX91-3 Mine Excavator, D, Orops, 2 Speed, Auto Idle, Aux Hyd, 2,060 Hrs, 15' Wacker Neuson EZ38 Mini Excavator, D, Cab/A/H, 2 Speed, Auto Idle, Aux Hyd, 1,900 Hrs, Hyundai 35Z-90 Mini Excavator, D, Orops, Aux Hyd, 2 Speed, Auto Idle, 150 Hrs, Yanmar SV08-1A Mini Excavator, D, Orops, 2,800 Hrs, 89' John Deere 590D Excavator, D, Cab/H, Shows 6,400 Hrs, Case 1085C Cruz Air Wheeled Excavator, Extendable Hoe, Oscillating Bucket, 4,358 Hrs, 2 – 19' Wacker Neuson DT10 Concrete Dumpers, D, Orops, Hydro, Tracks, Hyd Dump, 18' Toro MB-1600 Concrete Dump Buggy, 15' Wacker Neuson DW60 Concrete Dump Buggy, D, Orops, 4x4, Swivel Dump, 1,175 Hrs, New Holland C190 Track Skid Steer, D, Cab/H, 2 Speed, Hyd Coupler, Aux Hyd, Municipal Owned, Only 675 Hrs, John Deere 320D Skid Steer, D, Cab/A/h, 2 Speed, Aux Hyd, 2,063 Hrs, Cat 287C Track Skid Steer, D, Cab/A/H, 2 Speed, Aux Hyd, Hyd Coupler, 4,257 Hrs, Cat 257B Track Skid Steer, D, Cab/H, Aux Hyd, Hyd Coupler, Shows 775 Hrs, Case SR270 Track Skid Steer, D, Cab/A/H, H Pattern Controls, 2 Speed, Aux Hyd, Hyd Coupler, 1,090 Hrs New Holland C345 Track Skid Steer, D, Cab/A/H, 2 Speed, Aux Hyd, Hyd Coupler, Back Up Camera, Very Nice One Owner Unit 452 Hrs, Takeuchi TL150 Track Skid Steer, D, Orops, Aux Hyd, 18" Tracks, 5,425 Hrs, Rexworks Inc Maxigrind 425 Wood Processor, 3406 Diesel, Tandems Axle, 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Semi Hitch, Coveyor Stacker, 96' Olathe 837 Tub Grinder, Cummins 6CTA-8.3P Diesel, Single Axle, Pintle Hitch, Extra Screens, Municipal Owned, 3,539 Hrs, Case 821B Wheel Loader, D, Cab/H, Left Hand Reverser, ACS Coupler, 11,409 Hrs, Brush Bandit Self Propelled Stump Grinder, Kohler Gas, 99' Kimco 70' Belt Conveyor, Navigator 5500 Piggy Back Forklift, D, 2 Stage Mast, Vermeer RT200 Walk Behind Trencher, Vermeer SP11 Walk Behind Vibratory Plow, 08' Finlay 693 Supertrak Screening Machine, D, Hyd Drive, 20" Tracks, 20'x5' Screens, 5,862 Hrs

**TRACTORS/COMBINES:** John Deere 9770 Combine, D, C/A/H, Hydro, Chopper, 2500/1800 Hrs Very Nice Combine, 02' John Deere 9750 Combine, D, Cab/A/H, Hydro, Bin Extensions, Green Star Ready, Straw Chopper 4,652/2,777 Hrs, Case IH 1688 Combine, D, Cab/A/H, Hydro, 7,010 Hrs, 13' John Deere 5093E Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, MFWD, Limited, Left Hand Reverser, 1,300 Hrs, John Deere 4650 Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, Quad Range, 3pt, Quick Hitch, PTO, 3 Hyd Remotes, 480/80R42 Duals, 6,483 Hrs, John Deere 4640 Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, Power Shift, 3pt, Quick Hitch, 3 Hyd Remotes, 480/80R42 Rears, 7,476 Hrs, Massey Ferguson 3690 Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, MFWD, 3pt, PTO, 3 Hyd Remotes, 480/80R42 Duals, 6,096 Hrs, Ford 8730 Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, Power Shift, 3pt, PTO, 3 Hyd Remotes, 480/80R42 Duals, 5,251 Hrs, New Holland TL90 Loader Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, MFWD, 3pt, PTO, 3 Hyd Remotes, 1,192 Hrs, John Deere 5105 Loader Tractor, D, Orops, 3pt, PTO, 2 Hyd Remotes, 6,363 Hrs, Mahindra 75P Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, MFWD, 3pt, PTO, 2 Hyd Remotes, 251 Hrs, John Deere 4840 Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, Power Shift, 3pt, PTO, 2 Hyd Remotes, 20.8x38 Duals, 12,344 Hrs,

**FARM EQUIPMENT:** 14' John Deere 2625 Rock Flex Disk, 26.5' Disk, Very Nice Unit, 13' Kuhn Krause 6205 Landsman 24' Field Finisher, Harrow, Rolling Basket, Nice Unit, Landoll 2410 Disk Chisel, Rolling Basket, New Idea 4855 Round Baler, Yetter 3pt Caddy, Case IH BX563 Round Baler, 1000 PTO, Net Wrap, Rhino PT207 Dual Basket Tedder, 2 – DMI Tigermate 48' Field Cultivators, New Holland BR7090 Round Baler, Net Wrap, Vermeer 605 Round Baler, John Deere 825 4R 3pt Cultivator, Bestway Field Pro II 1000 Gallon Sprayer, New Holland 1499 Self Propelled Mower Conditioner, D, Cab/H, Hydro, Meyer 4518 18' Chopper Box, Gehl 1627 18' Chopper Box, John Deere CX15 15' Batwing Mower, John Deere 200 28' Crumbler, Light Kit, Weight Package, Knight 3060 Reel Augie TMR Mixer, Knight 2300 Reel Augie, New Floor, Scale, Rhino 15' Batwing Mower, Knight Mini Augie, Stationary Mixer, Kuhn 3125 Stationary Mixer Wagon, Landoll 14' Field Finisher, Hesston BW40 Bale Wrapper, H7230 Disk Chisel, Spring Shanks, Rear Drag, Sunflower 20' Field Finisher, New Holland Krazee 9 Shank Discbine, Rubber Rolls. Vermeer 604 Super M Round Baler, Net Wrap, 11,000 Bales, Very Clean, John Deere 712 Disk Chisel, Brillion SS10 10' Seeder

**VEHICLES & TRAILERS:** 13' Freightliner Cascadia 125 Day Cab Semi, Detroit DD15, Eaton Fuller 10 Speed, 626,208 Miles, 89' Kenworth Day Cab Semi Tractor, Cat Diesel, Eaton Fuller 10 Speed, 1,373,443 Miles, Heil 9000 Gallon Tanker Trailer, Tandem Axle, Honda Motor, Progress 2002 Gallon Fuel Tanker Body, 00 International 2554 Sewer Jetter Truck, Vactor 2100 Vac Unit, Municipal Owned, 00' Sterling SC8000 Street Sweeper, 03 Ford Ranger XLT Pick Up Truck, Gas, Ext Cab, 112,000 Miles, 88' International 2674 Tanker Truck, Tandem Axle, 46,631 Miles, 17' Loadmax 32' Gooseneck Trailer, Tandem Dual, Electric Brakes, Fold Down Ramps, 95' 7,000 Gallon Tanker Trailer,

**LAWN & GARDEN – GOLF/RECREATION:** 21 Kubota SZ26-52 Stand On Zero Turn Mower, Gas, Hydro, 52" Deck, Kubota BX2370 Compact Loader Tractor, D, Hydro, 60" Deck, 4x4, 547 Hrs, Kubota BX24 Compact Loader Backhoe, D, Hydro, 4x4, 1,099 Hrs, Kubota B20 Compact Loader Tractor, D, Orops, Hydro, 3pt, PTO, 2 Hyd Remotes, Only 221 Hrs Nice Unit, John Deere TE 2x4 Electric Gator, On Board Charger, Hyd Dump, 1,263 Hrs, John Deere 1445 Series II Front Mount Mower, D, Cab/H, Hydro, 2,388 Hrs, Cub Cadet Volunteer UTV, Gas, Orops, Manual Dump, 11 Hrs, Toro Z Master 7000 Zero Turn Mower, D, Hydro, 72" Deck, 911 Hrs, Bad Boy Outlaw Zero Turn Mower, Gas, 61" Deck, Hydro, 767 Hrs, John Deere Z335E Zero Turn Mower, Gas Hydro, 42" Deck, 96 Hrs, Mahindra 2516 Compact Loader Tractor, D, Orops, Hydro, 4x4, 3pt, PTO, 500 Hrs, 04' Honda TRX250EX Four Wheeler, 03' Honda TRX250EX Four Wheeler, 15' Kubota X1100 RTV UTV, D, Cab/A/H, 5,115 Hrs, 15' Apex Padel Qwest Pedal Pontoon Boat, Nice Unit! Came From Park District, Toro 3300D Workman Utility Cart, D, 4 Speed, Hyd Dump, 2,793 Hrs, Ty-Crop Pro Pass 180 Mounted Top Dresser, Dual Spinners, Ty Crop MH-400 Top Dresser, Conveyer, Spinners, Very Nice Low Use Unit!, Massey Ferguson 1020 Compact Tractor, D, Orops, 3pt, PTO, HUGE SELECTION OF NEW & USED ATTACHMENTS!

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