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A family tree rooted in soil science

Wisconsin FFA contest featured over 160 high school students

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A growing legacy in soil evaluation branched and bloomed at the 2023 Wisconsin State FFA Land and Soil

Evaluation Contest, a “Six Degrees of Separation in Soil Evaluation” for Wisconsin Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil

experts, staff, and partners in conservation.

Over 160 high school participants from 25 different National FFA Organization

(FFA) teams across the state competed in this year’s Wisconsin State FFA Land and Soil Evaluation Contest – roughly a 40 percent increase from the number of participants last year.

Wisconsin USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil experts and staff joined the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD), Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE), Agribusiness Program staff, and many other sponsoring partners and volunteers to bring this year’s contest to the Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) Monroe Campus for the first time.

Using a backhoe, four soil pits are dug to the depth of 45 inches in four different areas

on the farm selected for the diversity of soil profile, degrees of erosion and slope, rooting depth and natural drainage. The participants are scored and ranked on the accuracy of their evaluation of the landscape’s soil limitations, land capability, conservation practices for long-term land use and non-agricultural land use limitations.

The top five winning teams receive commemorative plaques and the opportunity to compete at the National Land and Range Judging Contest held annually in Oklahoma, who hosted the first ever national contest in 1952.

This year’s contest was held on the Brooks Family Farm, a short drive from the BTC Monroe Campus and owned by the parents of the summer

intern hosted by Todd Jenson, Green County Conservationist and NRCS affiliate.

When Todd was a member of FFA in high school, soil-focused education and activities were not offered. Since he started working for the Green County LWCD in 1987, he has been involved with Land and Soil Judging Contests, admitting that soil and land judging is his favorite part of the job. “Everyone should have some comprehension on soils. It is not just for kids getting into farming. If you plant a garden, build a house, want to plant some trees or flowers, or put in a food plot for hunting, you need to know your soils.”

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Wisconsin Singers guarantees an unforgettable entertainment experience for every age and musical taste. The group will be at the Janesville Performing Arts Center on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Singers coming to Janesville

The Wisconsin Singers presents “When Opposites Attract” for its 2023-24 season on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Performed by UW-Madison’s nationally renowned pop music ensemble of dancers, singers, and instrumentalists, Wisconsin Singers will ignite the stage with more than 50 songs in this brand-new original show.

The show will include music from legendary artists like Tina Turner, Queen, Dolly Parton, and Michael Bublé; showstopping numbers from Hamilton, Wicked, Some Like It Hot and other award-winning musicals; and even favorite tunes from beloved movie soundtracks like High School Musical, A Goofy Movie, and The Breakfast Club.

This exhilarating pop music revue explores the variation in the world around us, and the unexpected greatness of

bringing opposites and difference together.

Audiences will delight as medleys explore the contrast of hot and cold, the surprise of discovering what’s new and what’s old, the delicate balance of good and evil, and the tug of war between when to hold on and when to let go.

With impressive vocals, stunning choreography, an electrifying 10-piece band, and the ever-contagious Badger spirit, Wisconsin Singers guarantees an unforgettable entertainment experience for every age and musical taste.

Price for adults is \$28 and price for students is \$15.

Purchase tickets online at www.janesvillepac.org or by calling 608-758-0297.

The Janesville Performing Arts Center is at 408 South Main Street in Janesville.



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Abilene Bartz, center, began competing in soil and land evaluation for the first time this year.

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Color room exhibit featured in Monroe

Unique display features street art in stairwell at Monroe Arts Center

A permanent installation called The Color Room is open at the Monroe Arts Center. The Madison artist responsible for the exhibit, Mike LRoy, was inspired by both murals and street art.

Murals have been part of the artistic landscape for thousands of years. One of the earliest known animal murals dating more than 30,000 years ago can be found in France's Chauvet-Pont-d'Arc Cave. Most recently, murals have become the centerpieces of many communities, bringing people together to understand and celebrate the heritage and history of their neighborhoods.

Street Art has taken many forms since it began to appear on the streets of New York City during the 1920's and 1930's: urban art, guerrilla art, and graffiti. By the 1970's a cultural movement had begun and Street Art became a response by young people to their socio-political environment, rebelling against popular culture and mass media reality. Eventually, the Street Art phenomenon gained the attention and respect of the



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rest of the art world and was soon considered a legitimate form of artistic expression. Today Street Art is represented in galleries around the world, and now at the Monroe Arts Center.

The Color Room spans the stairway between the first and second floor off the Wellington Gallery at the Monroe Arts Center. The value of the Color Room at MAC lies in the conversations that will surround this work of art.

With eleven different languages spoken in and around Green County, the Monroe Arts Center seeks to celebrate local diversity with this mural. This collective piece of art showcases individuality and insists on dialogue. It is colorful and vibrant. It is thought provoking and opens the spaces at MAC to new ideas and important conversations.

The Color Room tells the story of Monroe Arts Center, while leaving room for more

to the story. The arts center is sharing their platform and promoting regional talent with this mural and they are opening their hearts and minds to all that MAC can be as an art museum and a community hub where challenging conversations are welcome.

Entering the Color Room is a unique event that promises a different experience every time you visit. Visitors will be engaged as they are surrounded by color, art, and an expression of the world and the local community.

The Color Room is a permanent installation made possible by: Paul and Sue Barrett, John and Katie Baumann, Dave and Julie Buchanan, Kevin and Chris Callahan, Bob and Wendy Erb, Marc Farmer, Lee and Chris Knuteson, Chuck and Chris Wellington, and Andy and Julie Wilke.

Monroe Arts Center gallery exhibitions and opening receptions are free and open to the public.

The display is in the Wellington and Muranyi Gallery at the Monroe Arts Center at 1315 11th Street in Monroe.

Hunters can donate a deer this season

Hey hunters, the deer you harvest can make a difference this season.

By donating your deer through the DNR's Deer Donation Program, you can help put food on the table for a family in need.

You can donate any legally harvested deer. Just provide CWD samples if required, contact one of our participating processors and drop it off. They'll take care of processing the animal and make sure it finds its way to a food pantry shelf.

Not a hunter, or are unable to donate? You can still help those in need by making a financial contribution to support the program.

\$515,000 donated to support food insecure families in Wis., Iowa

Alliant Energy records largest amount of funds raised through event

Alliant Energy Foundation raised \$515,000 to support programs that fight hunger and food insecurity in Iowa and Wisconsin. The amount is the largest on record in the company's 17 years of hosting their annual Drive Out Hunger event.

In total, the event has raised over \$5.9 million for hunger relief and provided over 20 million meals. Traditionally hosted during Hunger Action Month in September, Alliant Energy's annual golf event and signature fundraiser connects Alliant Energy's business partners across the country to programs that alleviate hunger.

Funds raised from Drive Out Hunger will be distributed to seven local food banks serving 105 counties where Alliant Energy provides service:

- HACAP Food Reservoir – 7 counties in Iowa.
- Food Bank of Iowa – 52 counties.
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank – 14 counties.
- River Bend Food Bank – 5 counties in Iowa.
- Food Bank for the Heartland – 4 counties in Iowa.
- Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin – 14 counties.
- Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin – 9 counties.

Supporting local communities

Throughout Hunger Action Month, Alliant Energy encouraged its employees to volunteer and support hunger and food insecurity programs. Many spent time at mobile food pantries and food packing events. Alliant Energy employees volunteered at mobile food pantries in Patch Grove, Wisconsin Rapids, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan, Wis., as well as Centerville, Iowa. Employees also packed food for the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin.

Hunger and housing is a key giving area for the Alliant Energy Foundation. Throughout the year, fundraising events, grants and donations, mobile food truck sponsorships and employee volunteers aid hunger

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– Julie Bauer, Executive Director

relief initiatives for the communities Alliant Energy serves.

“The Alliant Energy Foundation is proud to support food assistance programs and our partners who work to fight hunger each and every day,” said Julie Bauer, executive director, Alliant Energy Foundation. “Employee volunteerism creates a direct impact on our neighbors and helps us carry out our mission to serve customers and build stronger communities.”

In addition to hunger and housing, the Alliant Energy Foundation supports programs that promote workforce readiness, environmental stewardship, community engagement, diversity, safety and well-being.

Alliant Energy Foundation

The Alliant Energy Foundation is a philanthropic organization created by Alliant Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: LNT) and is operated as a separate entity led by its own board of directors. The Foundation is committed to making a positive difference in the communities where Alliant Energy employees, retirees and customers live and work. The Foundation, which is funded solely by Alliant Energy shareowners, seeks to further the corporation's goal of being a good corporate citizen and contributing member of society. Since 1998, the Foundation has contributed more than \$70 million to innovative projects and local nonprofits. For more information, visit alliantenergy.com/foundation.

Burtness Chevrolet of Orfordville holding Toys for Tots drive

Burtness Chevrolet Buick GMC of Orfordville and Whitewater is thrilled to announce that they are once again spreading joy and warmth this holiday season by participating in Toys for Tots.

Starting Nov. 1, they will be collecting donations of toys

and gifts for children in need.

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Last weekend to view photography contest



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For the 34th consecutive year, the Monroe Arts Center (MAC) is sponsoring the Photography Contest and Exhibit. Photographs entered in this contest will be on display at MAC until Nov. 4. The contest features all non-professional photographers. There are two classifications: junior, which is under 18, and adult. Exhibit is in Frehner Gallery at the Monroe Arts Center at 1315 11th Street in Monroe.

Police brief

Police impersonator makes fraudulent calls

On Oct. 24, the Rock County Sheriff's Office investigated a report of a possible police impersonator making fraudulent calls.

The caller stated he was a member of the Rock County Sheriff's Office and told the reporting person they missed jury duty. The caller said they needed to pay a \$500 cash bond or they would be arrested and taken to jail for 72 hours. The caller requested to be paid through Cash App and asked for other personal identification.

On Oct. 25, Janesville Police Department notified the Rock County Sheriff's Office of a fraudulent call where the caller stated he was Sergeant Greg Westness from the Rock County Sheriff's Office. The caller told the reporting person they missed jury duty summons and to pay a \$500 cash bond or a there would be a warrant for their arrest.

At no time will the Rock County Sheriff's Office call the public requesting them to pay a cash bond over the phone. The Rock County Sheriff's Office

encourages the public to let their family and friends know about these scams, which are still under investigation.

Anyone receiving calls of this nature is urged to report it to the Rock County Communications Center at 608-757-2244. People should always use caution and are reminded not to give personal information or pay monies via phone unless they can verify the source it's coming from.

Officer involved critical incident investigation

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident in the City of Watertown, Wis. that occurred on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 18.

At approximately 11:17 a.m., officers with the Watertown Police Department responded to a call regarding criminal damage to property at an apartment in the City of Watertown. Justin C. Whitten, age 30, fled the apartment prior to law enforcement arrival. Whitten was later located in a parking lot on Tower Drive. Whitten turned towards

law enforcement with a handgun and Watertown Police Officer James Simon, with 9 years of law enforcement service, discharged his firearm and struck Whitten. Lifesaving measures were performed but Whitten was pronounced deceased at the scene.

No other members of the public or law enforcement were injured during the incident.

Officer Simon and another officer present were equipped with a body-worn and squad cameras. Officer Simon has been placed on administrative leave, per agency policy.

DCI is leading the investigation and is assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol, Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office, DCI's Digital Forensics Unit and a DCI Crime Response Specialist. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

DCI will review all evidence and determine the facts of the incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Jefferson County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

Obituary

AARON DOYLE

Aaron Shayne Doyle, age 18, passed away unexpectedly as a result of a motorcycle accident on Oct. 23, 2023.

Aaron was born on Sept. 27, 2005 in Madison, the son of Ryan Doyle and Tiffany (Hermosillo) Elmer.

Aaron was a senior at Brodhead High School and was looking to graduate early in his senior year. He planned on attending a two year college and working into a welding career. Aaron loved drawing, listening to music, gaming, cooking, traveling, playing guitar, hunting and fishing, gardening (Aaron had a green thumb), his love of his animals, building things and living his life to the fullest. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with his parents



and family, his friends, his girlfriend, Frankie Maynard and his best friend, Josh.

Aaron is survived by his parents, Ryan Doyle (Jacque Wehrle) and Tiffany (Jeremy) Elmer; his siblings, Haylee, Haley and Cooper; his grandparents, Raymond (Deborah) Hermosillo, Daryl (Betsy) Foley and Pat (Jeannie) Doyle; a great grandmother, Francine Kvistad; aunts and uncles, Lisa Hansen, Ray (Christy) Hermosillo and Randy (Amy) Doyle; his cousins, Ashley and Kyle Hansen, Tacy and Jake Hermosillo, Taylor Doyle, and Lelin and Shane Doyle; and many other

relatives and friends.

Aaron was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Donald Kvistad, Ruth Lewis and Duane (Peggy) Doyle.

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

The family asks that family and friends can wear Aaron's favorite colors to his celebration of life: red and black.

A celebration of life visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 3 to 8 p.m. for the public. A special time will also be available to all of Aaron's classmates from Brodhead High School and their families to attend on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Cremation rites have been accorded.

BBB: Shop safe and shop smart this holiday season

The 2023 holiday shopping season promises to be an unpredictable one. High inflation rates and increased prices of consumer goods are already throwing a wrench into holiday shopping. Electronics, toys, and other products will be, or already are, in short supply, and retailers are struggling to staff up as the shopping season nears.

Just like in 2022, people plan to start their holiday shopping early. Watch out for deals well before Black Friday sales. Retailers are also expecting to see even more people shopping online.

Product shortages and increased online shopping will likely result in more online purchase scams this year. These scams accounted for nearly a third of all scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022, according to the 2022 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. Shortages are likely to make purchase scams even more common as desperate shoppers turn to shady websites in hopes of finding this year's must-have gift.

BBB recommends the following tips to "Shop Safe, Shop Smart" this holiday season:

- Research before you buy. Use BBB.org and shopper reviews to do your homework before paying.

- If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. The price was the top motivating factor for people who made a purchase and lost money. Don't shop on price alone.

- Beware of fake websites: Check the URL, watch for bad grammar, research the age of the domain, and search for contact information.

- Professional photos do not mean it's a real offer. Respondents reported that website photos motivated them to engage with scammers, especially for pets/pet supplies, clothing/accessories, and vehicles.

- Make sure the website is secure. Look for the "HTTPS" in the URL (the extra s is for "secure") and a small lock icon on the address bar. Never enter payment or personal information into a website with only "HTTP" – it is NOT secure.

- Be careful purchasing sought-after products, especially during the holiday season. The risk of online purchase scams rises during the holidays because more people are making online purchases, and scammers offer the most popular products for the season at great prices.

- Beware of making quick purchases while scrolling through social media. Scammers have access to tools they need to learn about your buying behaviors, offering exactly

what you want at enticingly low prices.

- Look for the BBB seal. BBB Accredited Businesses pledge to uphold the BBB Standards for Trust and to deal fairly with consumers. If a business displays a BBB seal, verify it by going to BBB.org.

- Use secure and traceable transactions and payment methods. According to BBB's research, those who paid with a credit card were less likely to lose money. Be cautious when using digital wallet apps, prepaid money cards, or other non-traditional payment methods. Learn more about payment types and how to use each safely.

- Shipment tracking information can be faked. Look closely to make sure it is a legitimate business. Avoid clicking on the tracking link; go to the shipper's website and type in the code to see if it is real.

- Count on BBB to help you "Shop Safe, Shop Smart." More tips are available at BBB.org/holiday.

- Report unsatisfactory purchase experiences to BBB. If you are unhappy with a purchase, file a complaint at BBB.org/complaints. If you never got what you paid for, consider reporting it to BBB Scam Tracker to help other consumers avoid being scammed.

DHS celebrates 25 years of ADRCs serving Wis.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is celebrating the 25th anniversary of aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs) helping older adults and people with disabilities in this state to thrive.

ADRCs were first piloted in 1998 in nine counties and have since expanded to cover all 72 Wisconsin counties and 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations in the state, providing connections to resources like adaptive equipment, dementia care services, meal delivery, and more.

"ADRCs play a vital role in helping our friends, neighbors, and loved ones remain connected and engaged in their communities," said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. "Wisconsin's person-centered, full-service approach to long-term care education and assistance has become a national standard. We look forward to continuing this important work and ensuring we will be able to provide the high-quality, supportive community-based services people want and need for years to come."

Every year, ADRCs and Tribal aging and disability resource specialist (ADRS) programs log hundreds of thousands of contacts with customers around the state.

In 2022, they served over 141,000 unique customers and made over 535,000 direct contacts. In the same year, clients of elder benefit specialists and disability benefit specialists accessed over \$224 million worth of services, helping stabilize household budgets and lessen reliance on local crisis and emergency services.

ADRC services are available to families, friends, caregivers, and others who work with or care about older people or people with disabilities. Today there are 49 ADRCs and nine Tribal ADRSs providing a central source of reliable and objective information about a broad range of programs and services for the most vulnerable populations. ADRCs help people conserve their personal resources, maintain self-sufficiency, and delay or prevent the need for potentially expensive long-term care by enabling people to find resources

in their communities and make informed decisions about long-term care.

DHS has dedicated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to improve and modernize ADRCs throughout the state.

This initiative aims to improve access to ADRC resources, increase awareness of ADRCs throughout Wisconsin, diversify and modernize ADRC services with a focus on equity, and support the increasing demand for ADRC services.

Additionally, select ADRCs are taking part in an independent living supports pilot program, which will offer short-term, flexible, and limited services and supports for people at risk of entering Medicaid long-term care.

The pilot program will help improve people's ability to stay in their own homes, potentially easing the burden on Wisconsin's long-term care system as Wisconsin's older adult population continues to grow.

To learn more about ADRCs or find a local ADRC or Tribal ADRS visit the DHS website.

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Gov. Evers announces approval of \$388.7M in projects across state

Gov. Tony Evers recently announced the Wisconsin State Building Commission approved a total of approximately \$388.7 million in key projects located across the state.

"The projects approved today (Oct. 25) by the Commission will not only support jobs, bolster our economy, and improve the quality of life here in Wisconsin, they will help our state grow and build for the 21st Century," said Gov. Evers. "I am also glad to see the approval of funding for the construction of a new facility for the Wisconsin History Center on the Capitol Square, which will help ensure this important Wisconsin institution remains a hub of statewide history, education, and outreach for future generations."

Highlights of the Commission's approved projects include:

- Construction of security improvements at Taycheedah Correctional Institution to bring the facility up to current security standards for maximum-security institutions.
- Renovation and construction of an expanded Patient Admissions Area within Sherman Hall at Winnebago Mental Health Institute, providing separate and secure admission spaces for incoming patients and additional bed space, advanced medical facilities, and dedicated program rooms, enhancing the overall quality of care and facilities.
- Construction of a new Motor Vehicle Storage Building at the Waupaca Readiness Center to better protect military vehicles that support the Wisconsin Army National Guard.
- The release of Building Trust Funds to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to plan and design toilet/shower building repairs at Pattison State Park, as well as replace two fire response ranger stations, and to the Department of Public Instruction for a new student dormitory at the Wisconsin

School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

• Construction of a Centralized Field Equipment Facility at Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area that will protect the DNR's field equipment housed at this facility that is used by multiple area programs.

• The replacement of multiple campground toilet/shower buildings and vault toilet facilities at Lake Wissota State Park to provide enhanced accessibility and safety for park campers. Additionally, similar renovations at campgrounds within Peninsula State Park to underscore the state's commitment to providing top-notch facilities and ensuring a more enjoyable experience for visitors.

• The construction of a combined heated and unheated Fishery and Water Quality Field Operations Facility in DNR's South-Central region that will equip the fisheries staff with the necessary tools to maintain equipment effectively, streamline operations, and enhance safety protocols. The construction of a versatile field support building at the DNR's Dodgeville Service Center. This facility, designed to accommodate multiple bureaus, will serve as a hub for essential functions such as equipment and evidence processing, disinfection stations, and storage.

• The expansion of the Administration Building at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. This project aims to create suitable office spaces, private family meeting rooms, and implement other essential site enhancements. These upgrades signify a substantial improvement initiative, as they are not only a testament to the state's commitment to honoring veterans but also ensure the provision of dignified services and support to their families during their time of need.

• Construction of the Wisconsin History Museum on the Capitol Square. This new facility will support the Wisconsin

Historical Society's statewide educational and partnership mission. It will house exhibits and programs, collaborating with various institutions and groups across the state, thus enriching public understanding of Wisconsin's history and culture.

• The release of grant funds to support the construction of a Food and Farm Exploration Center in Plover that was recently enumerated in 2023 Wisconsin Act 19 for the Farming for the Future Foundation Inc. This two-story center will host agricultural exhibit galleries tailored for all age groups. It will include a kitchen/food demonstration lab, café, maker space, greenhouse, and a farm technology shed showcasing the latest advancements in agricultural equipment. Additionally, the center will provide versatile event spaces, fostering education and innovation within the community.

• Construction of a 550-stall parking ramp and addition to the existing police services building at University of Wisconsin (UW)-La Crosse's Center for the Arts that will better serve the students and staff.

• Construction of two projects at UW-Madison that will provide exterior envelope repairs, as well as renovation to the fire suppression system as part of the Minor Facilities Renewal Program.

• Authorizing 27 essential maintenance and repair projects for the departments of Administration, Corrections, Health Services, Military Affairs, Natural Resources, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, State Fair Park, Wisconsin Historical Society, and the UW System, located in various locations in 15 counties across the state.

• The release of approximately \$54 million in design funds to prepare preliminary plans and specifications for a large volume of construction projects included in the 2023-25 Capital Budget for state agencies and the UW System.

Orfordville fourth through sixth grade flag football teams for 2023



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The Orfordville 49ers fourth through sixth grade flag football team for 2023. Standing: Paxton Segerstrom, Coach Zac Segerstrom, Fletcher Daun, Coach Chris Steinke, Owen Steinke. Kneeling: Jackson Butzler, Kaiden Redmen, Colton Wallisch, Oliver Daun, Reid Williams.



The Orfordville Broncos fourth through sixth grade flag football team for 2023. Standing: Davis Treinen, Coach Clayton Treinen, Batan Coulibaly Jr., Coach Andy Simonson, Garrett Simonson. Kneeling: Liam Elmer, Brody Hartwig, Chase Stone, Lukas Huebner. Missing: Sam Schwarz.

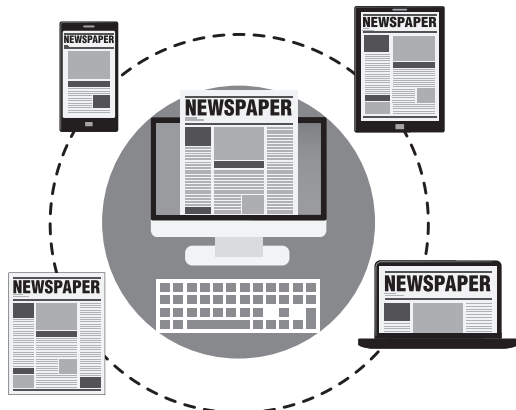


The Orfordville Buccaneers fourth through sixth grade flag football team for 2023. Standing: Karson McNall, Cooper Hamilton, Coach Brandan Letheby, Liam Tesch, Jaxon Letheby. Kneeling: Darwin Tesch, Tatem Constantini, Kayden Givens. Missing: Callen Purpapile.

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The Orfordville Jaguars fourth through sixth grade flag football team for 2023. Standing: Ida Arnold, Levi Nath, Coach Nate Crane, Matthew Thompson, Max Wohlfert. Kneeling: Asher Crane, Landon Paul, Ryder Luedy. Missing: Easton Krupke.



The Orfordville Seahawks fourth through sixth grade flag football team for 2023. Standing: Connor Bronson, Chase Monson, Coach Jason Anderson, Landyn Anderson, Maxtyn Wellnitz. Kneeling: Sawyer Allen, Beau Armitage, Jeremiah Anderson, Aurelius Bennet.



The Orfordville Steelers fourth through sixth grade flag football team for 2023. Standing: Emerson Schmidt, Easton Hazeltine, Coach Nick Todd, Camdeyn Carr, Grant Todd. Kneeling: Westin Huffman, Jase Sturdevant, Ella Seibert, JJ Wilson.

Fact sheet highlights the role of libraries

One space that remains free, welcoming, and safe for all children is the library. Libraries are a hub of community resources and provide an important social connection, often anchoring a community.

Kids can safely spend hours of time at the library – without the expectation that they purchase or produce anything. Children can play. They can explore their interests, learn new things, and make connections with others in their community. These are all strategies that help strengthen youth resilience.

Bookmobiles, digital libraries, internet access, and computer assistance allow libraries to reach underserved children, especially those in

rural communities that may lack adequate internet connectivity.

“For children and families, especially the underserved, the marginalized and those new to their community, the library can provide a sense of connection and belonging that is the foundation of wellness,” said Linda Hall, director of the Office of Children’s Mental Health (OCMH).

Libraries also support caregiver mental health. They can be a sanctuary for those looking for parenting information, social connections, or local resources that help families with housing, food, and other essential needs.

People go to the library seeking information and connection. They may find it in

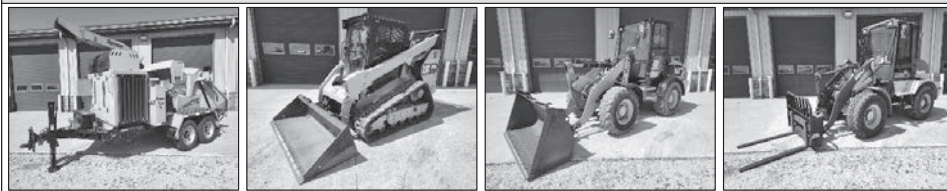
a book or a DVD, online, and more recently from a library social worker. Libraries across the country are employing social workers who can help families navigate local resources and systems. Data show that participation in Wisconsin library programs has been increasing.

Director Hall said, “From the most marginalized in our society to middle-class caregivers and toddlers visiting for treasured story time, libraries are a true refuge.”

For more information on how libraries support youth and family mental health, see the fact sheet at <https://children.wi.gov/>, including recommendations on what parents, schools, libraries, and policymakers can do.

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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 November 20, 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 16th day of October 2023.

CITY OF BRODHEAD

Keri Miller, City Treasurer/
Deputy City Clerk

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Town of Avon Elector Meeting

The Town of Avon will be holding a special elector meeting on November 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Avon Town Hall located at 16513 W Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead, WI to approve the 2023 tax levy to be collected in 2024. Complete details and the official posting can be viewed at the town's public posting spots (Avon Town Hall, Sugar River Bank of Brodhead, and Debbie Jean's Custom Framing and Whimsical Gifts) and the town website (www.townofavonwi.gov).

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Zoning and Planning Meeting
Town of Avon
Avon Town Hall
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520
November 7th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board for the Town of Avon will be meeting on November 7th at 6:30 p.m. to hear and review the application submitted by Philip Nass 326 Hackamore Drive, Florissant, CO 80816 to rezone 2 +/- acres located at 17312 W State Rd 81, Brodhead, WI 53520 in section 8, NE & NW 1/4, parcel number 6-1-74.1 from A-Prime to A-1.

If you approve or have an objection to this request, please express your actions by letter, telephone, or in person. If we do not hear from you, we will infer that you have no objections. Letters can be mailed to 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. For a telephone number of one of Zoning and Planning board members, please contact Stephanie Schwartzlow at 608-921-3656.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
608-921-3656

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

In the matter of the name change of: Barbara Marie Elmer

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 23-CV-168

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Barbara Marie Elmer
To: Barbara Marie Elmer
Birth Certificate: Barbara Marie Hauri

IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Green County.

ty, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Hon. Thomas J. Vale

Place: Green County Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe WI 53566

Date: November 30, 2023
Time: 11:00AM

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

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in The Independent Register, a newspaper published in Brodhead WI 53520 Green County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:
Electronically signed by
Thomas J. Vale
Circuit Court Judge
October 20, 2023

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CITY OF BRODHEAD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Brodhead Board of Appeals on **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, to consider the following request for variance to the zoning/building codes:

Request by Christian Melton for a variance to **906 15th St.** The applicant is requesting to be able to exceed the accessory building maximum height of 15' to 19' 9". Legal description is: Original Plat Block 77 Lot 2

All persons, their agents or attorneys will be given an opportunity to be heard in relation thereto.

Keri Miller,
City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
City of Brodhead
Posted: October 25, 2023

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AGENDA

BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Finance Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023
HIGH SCHOOL LMC
2501 West 5th Avenue,
Brodhead, WI**

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA
I. REVIEW BILLS
II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
III. ADJOURN

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AGENDA

BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday,
November 8, 2023
DISTRICT OFFICE
BOARD ROOM
2501 West 5th Avenue,
Brodhead, WI**

7:00 P.M.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the Agenda.

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AGENDA
VII. CONSENT AGENDA
1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
4. RESIGNATION(S)

Emma Brugger
Clerk/Treasurer

Posted October 17, 2023 at Town Hall, Website, Trackside Mobil, Brodhead Library
Posted October 25, 2023 in Newspaper

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DWD seeks to combat worker misclassification

Incorrect worker designation creates unlevel playing field

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce (DWD) recently launched an educational campaign to build awareness of and help combat worker misclassification, a practice in which employees are incorrectly and illegally treated as independent contractors. Under the law, workers are presumed to be employees unless an employer demonstrates the workers meet the legal criteria to be independent contractors.

"Worker classification is important because it determines an employer's legal obligations for unemployment insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and other protections that employees have earned," DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek said. "Building greater awareness was one of the recommendations of Gov. Evers' Joint Enforcement Task Force on Payroll Fraud and Worker Misclassification. We hope to educate the public and encourage workers to report suspected misclassification so that they can receive the rights and protections they've earned and DWD can help level the playing field for employers who do follow the rules."

Most educational campaign materials will run through Nov. 19, with certain elements continuing through March 2024. Elements include bilingual billboards in Milwaukee and Green Bay, Spanish language radio spots, updated brochures, and social media postings. In addition, DWD has an updated web page that provides information on misclassification to employers and workers, including how to report suspected misclassification. The funding source for the \$90,000 campaign is a \$6.4 million U.S. Department of Labor Equity Grant that DWD successfully pursued in 2022.

Employee misclassification is of concern in Wisconsin and other states because it results in wage theft, tax avoidance, loss of worker protections such as unemployment insurance, and worker's compensation. Employers who misclassify workers as independent contractors gain an unfair competitive advantage over other employers.

DWD combats misclassification through investigation and enforcement as well as education and outreach with stakeholder groups including unions and workforce development boards. Past educational materials include 60-second misclassification videos promoted on DWD's website and social media.

For more information, visit Misclass.WI.gov.

About DWD
Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development efficiently delivers effective and inclusive services to meet Wisconsin's diverse workforce needs now and for the future. The department advocates for and invests in the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers and job seekers through six divisions – Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, Worker's Compensation and Administrative Services. To keep up with DWD announcements and information, sign up for news releases and follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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- TAX PARCEL NUMBER 23-012 1225.0000** - Minimum proposal is \$1,700.00.

Green County reserves the right to accept proposals deemed most advantageous to the County, and may reject any and all proposals.

Sealed proposals for this property will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2023 at the Green County Clerk's Office, Green County Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin 53566, telephone 608-328-9430. Additional information for this property is available at the Clerk's office. A bid form can be found at the county's website, www.greencountywi.org under "Departments" and "County Clerk".

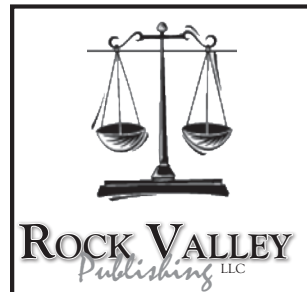
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Town of Decatur- Special Town Meeting Proposed 2024 Budget Hearing Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 5:00pm Decatur Town Hall 1408 14th Street, Brodhead WI 53520

The Proposed **2024 Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting** for the Town of Decatur will be held on **Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall**, 1408 14th Street, Brodhead. A copy of the entire proposed budget and supporting documents are available on the town website at www.townofdecatur.com, or upon request from the Town Clerk by phoning 897-4965 (Town Hall), or by writing: P O Box 333, Brodhead, WI 53520, or by email: clerktreasurer@townofdecaturwi.gov.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2023 BUDGET	PROPOSED FOR 2024
REVENUES:		
General Property Tax	\$306,878.00	\$581,878.00
Proposed Levy Increase	\$275,000.00	\$0.00
Curbside Collection	\$131,972.00	\$144,000.00
Debt Service	\$56,747.00	\$56,747.00
Other	\$4,050.00	\$5,200.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$146,145.00	\$206,295.00
Licenses & Permits	\$9,470.00	\$12,630.00
Interest	\$600.00	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$930,862.00	\$1,011,750.00
Beginning Balance	\$211,195.00	\$325,000.00
Designated Funds	\$36,315.00	\$27,787.00
Designated ARPA Funds	\$112,833.00	\$0.00
	\$1,291,205.00	\$1,364,537.00
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government	\$93,585.00	\$128,400.00
Public Works	\$470,500.00	\$467,000.00
Public Safety	\$327,305.00	\$204,117.00
Health & Human Services	\$4,260.00	\$5,010.00
Other	\$8,000.00	\$71,000.00
Debt Service	\$56,747.00	\$56,747.00
Insurance	\$14,100.00	\$12,300.00
Total Expenditures	\$974,497.00	\$944,574.00
Designated Funds	\$27,170.00	\$75,785.00
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	\$1,291,205.00	\$1,364,537.00



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Family tree

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For lead judging official, Jeff Deniger, Area Resource Soil Scientist for NRCS Wisconsin, his involvement with soil judging began in college. "These contests get the kids to think about potential career paths. Soil is usually not a part of any high school curriculum, but it plays a major role in our everyday lives. So many people know so little about it." In 2015, Wisconsin NRCS wrote the book on soil and land evaluation, playing a major role in developing the Soil Study and Land Evaluation Handbook utilized heavily by teams preparing for the annual contest.

Abilene Bartz, a freshman and new member of the Dodgeville FFA team, competed at the state contest for the first time this year after placing highest of her teammates in a local competition just weeks prior. While she prepared by studying the Soil Study and Land Evaluation Handbook on the Wisconsin NRCS website and watching the Land Judging in Wisconsin YouTube tutorial video featuring Todd Jenson and made by Green County LWCD, she was able to ask questions and gain clarification by discussing her studies at home with her mom, NRCS-WI Assistant State Conservationist (ASTC) for Financial Assistance Programs, Melissa Bartz.

Melissa participated in soil judging when she was a college student at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where she graduated with a degree in Soil and Crop Science, and later got involved as the NRCS-WI District Conservationist in Grant and Lafayette Counties.

When Abilene's soils coach asked Melissa to help chaperone the team to this year's state contest, the fond memories of

traveling out of state for national competitions and collegiate soil lab practices under soils coach Dr. Roger Higgs made it an easy decision.

Dr. Higgs is recognized in the Acknowledgements section of the Wisconsin Soil Study and Land Evaluation Handbook for "years of dedicated service to students all over Wisconsin and the Midwest. Roger's excellent guidance and teachings are well evidenced by the number of people that have pursued careers in resource management and production agriculture."

"I hope my career has inspired her," said Melissa of her daughter Abilene, whose individual score tied her for 17th in the Senior Division at this year's contest. "But also, she helps on our farm, including laying out contour strips and taking soil tests. I have encouraged my kids to get involved in clubs and teams and nudge them to try new things and gain new experiences. I also have tried to teach them that it takes work and dedication to do well at anything they choose to do."

Adding to the family gathering, Melissa's nephew Jake Scheckel, also a member of the Dodgeville FFA team, competed alongside his cousin Abilene this year.

Melissa explained that soil evaluation is important because it gives students practical knowledge that they can use in life, such as limitations of soils for building houses or roads, as well as the history of the soil and how much erosion has occurred. While learning about these factors, having NRCS and county staff involved with competition helps the students learn about and identify conservation practices to determine the best land use based



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Using a backhoe, four soil pits are dug to the depth of 45 inches in four different areas on the farm.

on the site conditions.

While Abilene enjoyed competing on a team with her cousin Jake, who ranked 11th as an individual in the Senior Division this year, with her mom serving as chaperone, the biggest impact for her was learning about the soil profiles and technical aspects of the competition directly from Jeff Deniger, who went through each of the four soil pits with the contestants once all scorecards were submitted.

"The soil was very different than what I expected, so listening to the soil scientist helped me understand how to consider all of the soil properties before deciding how its scored," said Abilene. "I will definitely participate again next year. One takeaway is that I will always go around with the soil scientist after the contest to listen to how they described the soils because they share information from their experience that isn't in the Handbook."

Blackhawk Technical College hosted an impressive turnout of teams from all regions of the state for the 2023 Land and Soil Evaluation Contest, but not without the support of sponsors, NRCS soil experts

and staff, and other contributory volunteers.

Several students from visiting teams toured the agricultural lab and campus after enjoying a sponsored lunch while awaiting the results and award ceremony that followed the morning contest.

The Dodgeville FFA team ranked 7th in this year's contest, up from 16th they placed as a team in the 2022 contest held at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore, Wisconsin. The top five Wisconsin teams headed to Oklahoma in the spring for the National Land and Range Judging Contest are Monticello, Potosi, River Ridge, Lancaster, and Juda.

The State FFA Land and Soil Evaluation contest will continue to be held at a technical or four-year college over a two-year span. BTC will host again for the 2024 state competition.

If interested in learning more about the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or in participating in an upcoming land judging contest in Wisconsin, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/resources/wi/land-judging.



From left to right: Jake Scheckel, Melissa Bartz, and Abilene Bartz.



Melissa showing her nephew Jake and daughter Abilene how she would have scored this pit.



NRCS soil scientist Jeff Deniger demonstrates to contestants how he evaluates soil.



Melissa Bartz, left, highlighting the soil profile and structure to her daughter Abilene, kneeling, after the contest.



Natural Resources Conservation Service soil scientist Jeff Deniger, kneeling in center, explaining his process for soil and land evaluation to contestants.

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