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In this view from the balcony, holiday shoppers peruse the wares at the annual Christkindlmarkt held in Turner Hall at 1217 17th Avenue in Monroe last year. The event will be held again this year.

## Holiday market evokes the past in Monroe

The grand hall of Turner Hall of Monroe will be transformed into an Old World holiday market for the 21st anniversary of its Christkindlmarkt on Nov. 24 to 25.

The old world ambiance of the hall provides the perfect backdrop for its annual Christkindlmarkt, which is literally translated as Christ-child Market, which is a traditional outdoor German Christmas market with origins dating back to the 14th century.

The market, held indoors but patterned after the historic outdoor German markets, is scheduled for the Friday and

Saturday right after Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 to 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Grand Hall.

The first Christkindlmarkt at Turner Hall was held in 1998, with some years missed in the beginning and two cancelled due to the pandemic. But again this year, the two-day holiday market features the work of select artisans and crafters, with unique, affordable and quality hand-crafted gifts, many of which will not be found anywhere else.

Shoppers will find a variety of items including fiber and fabric arts, children's wear,

upcycled mittens and sweaters, woodworking, candles, soaps, rugs, jewelry, home décor and Christmas decorations as well as specifically Old World European folk art such as Scherenschnitte (scissor cuttings), Bauernmalerei (Swiss decorative folk painting) and Kerbschnitte (chip-carving in wood).

The Monroe Swiss Singers, known for their Swiss baked goods in addition to their singing, will offer Swiss specialties such as Brätzeli cookies, Zopf braided bread, Spitzbuben cookies, and more. Glühwein, a traditional Christ-

kindlmarkt hot spiced wine, will also be available. The lower level Ratskeller Restaurant will also be serving from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days of the market.

Located two blocks south of Monroe's downtown Square at 1217 17th Avenue, the Swiss Emmental-style chalet is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places and is handicapped-accessible.

More information on the market is available at [www.TurnerHallOfMonroe.org](http://www.TurnerHallOfMonroe.org) or by visiting Turner Hall's Facebook page. The admission to the Christkindlmarkt is free.

## Armed robber strikes at Orfordville business

On Nov. 14 at 1:43 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at Dollar General on 507 N Main St in Orfordville.

Based on video surveillance, the suspect was described as a large white male, approximately 6'2" tall, wearing a black zip-up hoodie, neon yellow shirt, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

The suspect was also wearing sunglasses and a facemask. The suspect displayed a black handgun and pointed it at the cashier. The suspect vehicle was described as a silver four door sedan.

The last known direction of travel is unknown at this time.

There were no reported injuries resulting from this incident.

Anyone with possible information about this case, please contact the Rock County Dispatch at 608-757-2244.

## Jolly Jingle is back in Janesville

Janesville's Jolly Jingle, a festive weekend-long holiday event, will return on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 1 to 3 to downtown Janesville.

This year, Janesville's Jolly Jingle will feature more than thirty fun, family events and activities designed to spread the joy and magic of the holiday season.

The event lineup includes a magical lighted parade, a dazzling fireworks display, a festive tree lighting ceremony, free trolley rides, a Luminary walk to shopping, dining and entertainment at local businesses, a spectacular walk-through Holiday Light Show, a Holiday Tree Show, and so much more.

The festivities also include several brand-new events. The Jingle Bell Holiday Market on Dec. 1 will host makers, creators, and local retailers in Olde Towne Mall where they will demonstrate their art, craft, or products, have interactive activities, and sell their wares. It will be an ideal opportunity to shop for those special holiday gifts. Wander outside to downtown's

Town Square to play free Flan-nelfest games and purchase specially discounted tickets to an outdoor beer festival happening in February.

Rock County Historical Society is introducing a handful of new events to look forward to this year. On Dec. 1, a Christmas Karaoke night takes the stage at the Tallman Carriage

House. In the evening on Dec. 2, the Rock County Historical Society is hosting a fun night for adults with Drag Queen Bingo in the Lincoln-Tallman Museum speakeasy (aka Tallman Carriage House). During the museum's regular Holiday Tree Show hours from Nov. 24

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Floats drive down the street during the Jolly Jingle lighted parade in Janesville last year. This year's parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in downtown Janesville.

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## Two Albany HS students raised more than \$3,800 for youth basketball program

The 2nd annual Comet Classic 3 on 3 tournament held Nov. 12 in Albany raised \$3,866.25.

Albany senior Alana Durtschi and Albany junior Abby Hollis hosted this tournament as a fundraiser for their local youth basketball program, Albany Junior Comet League.

Both girls are high honor roll students, starters on the Albany-Monticello basketball team, started on the 2023 state tournament basketball team, and were All-State players in 2023.

In the two years of the event, they have raised over \$5,000 for Junior Comet League, which is a youth basketball program for students in grades 4 to 8. The funds raised help purchase equipment, keep athlete costs low, and provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

The 2023 Comet Classic consisted of 35 teams and 170 athletes. This is impressive given the enrollment for the Albany School District is 300 students who attend school in a K-12 building. The girls' tournament was held in the morning followed by free throw and three point contests. The boys' tournament was held in the afternoon.

Players came to participate from Albany, Brodhead, Monticello, Monroe, Juda, Waunakee, DeForest, Orfordville, Evansville, Belleville, and Madison.



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Albany senior Alana Durtschi, left, and Albany junior Abby Hollis, right, hosted a tournament as a fundraiser for their local youth basketball program, the Albany Junior Comet League, on Nov. 12.



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# Obituary

**GARY DAVIS**  
 Gary Robert Davis of Brodhead, age 70, passed away on Nov. 15, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville.



Loveland, Kelsie Loveland, Kayla (Zack) Basara, Kelly Geyer, and Nehemiah Schroeder; 5 great grandchildren, Noah, Isaiah, Bentlei, Cade, and Gunner; 3 siblings, Jim Davis, John Alderman and Tammy (Matt) Alderman-Miller; 3 step-siblings, Gary Alderman, Sherry Coleman (Paul) and Crystal Alderman and many other nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Gary was born on Oct. 30, 1953, in Beloit, the son of Robert Davis and Esther Gile. Gary graduated from Albany High School in 1972 and later received his Associate's Degree in Marketing from Blackhawk Technical College. For many years, Gary worked as a real estate agent, a machinist for Besly Products in Beloit, a bartender at Flynn's Supper Club, and later retired from Colony Brands in Monroe in their food division's quality assurance department.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Robert Davis; his mother, Esther Davis-Alderman and his stepfather, Michael Alderman.

Gary was a patriot and served his country as a U.S. Marine and was honorably discharged in 1975. Gary was always the fun guy in the room and everyone enjoyed his company. He enjoyed dancing, eating out with his family and friends, and spending time with his loved ones. His friends called him Little Britches.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Gary's memory.

Gary is survived by his 2 daughters, Corrie (Gary) Hollingsworth and Erin Davis; 2 step-children, Bob Geyer and Cindy (Bob) Wyborn; 5 grandchildren, Elliot

A visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Friday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. A visitation will also be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Cremation rites have been accorded and a burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date at Hillcrest Cemetery in Albany.

# RCSO offers final Snowmobile Safety Education Course of the season

The Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their second and final Snowmobile Safety Education Course of the season in two sessions on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Rock County Fairgrounds - Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville. Students will need to attend both sessions to graduate.

Registration is now open. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat: [www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/snowmobile-education](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/snowmobile-education).  
 Class size is limited to 30 students. Upon submission of the registration form, the submitter will see an onscreen confirmation message with course information.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, is required to complete a Snowmobile Safety Education Course in order to legally operate a snowmobile in places open to the public within the state of Wisconsin. It is recommended that participants are at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly following completion of the class.

A course fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the first session. If the student is under 18 years old, a parent/guardian will need to attend the first session with the student. Students will receive course materials at the first session.  
 Please direct any questions to Deputy Trevor Lund at [trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us).

## Briefs

**Thanksgiving Day Mass to be held on Nov. 23**  
 There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 410 E. State St. in Albany at 9:45 a.m.

**Orfordville**  
 • Julia DeLong, who is majoring in Psychology.

**UWW reveals student award winners**  
 Ten students from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater were recognized last week as winners of the 2023-24 Outstanding Nontraditional Student Award.

**Janesville**  
 • Trenton Lambert, who is majoring in Liberal Arts.  
 • Nick Smithrud, who is majoring in Biology.  
 • Tabitha Whitehead, who is majoring in Social Work.

The following area students have won the Outstanding Nontraditional Student Award for 2023-24 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

There are approximately 850 nontraditional students (ages 25 and older) enrolled at UW-Whitewater. These students' drive and intellectual engagement is impressive as they work to juggle school, work, family and other obligations to accomplish their educational goals.

**Beloit**  
 • Fernando Badillo, who is majoring in Finance.

Each November, faculty and staff are asked to nominate individuals who have made notable contributions in the classroom and to campus, and they are recognized during National Nontraditional Student Week. This is a time to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions that the adult students bring to the campuses.

The Adult Student Outreach, which offers resources to adult students at UW-Whitewater - whether they are returning students or are attending for the first time - coordinates the awards program.

**UW-Stout scholarship recipients for fall 2023**  
 Scholarships valued at more than \$1.2 million were awarded to 540 students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout this year through the Stout University Foundation.

The students were recognized at an awards ceremony held on Sept. 14, in the Memorial Student Center, by Chancellor Katherine Frank, donors, alumni and recipients.

Established in 1963, the Stout University Foundation Scholarship Program has helped more than 11,422 students receive a college education. Through the financial support of alumni, parents, faculty and staff, and friends of the university, the program has awarded more than \$18.7 million over the years.

In addition to student awards, faculty and staff members are eligible for the CARE (Concern for Adults Returning to Education) Award. These faculty and staff members have provided extraordinary support and encouragement to returning adult students.

UW-Stout is Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes.

This year's CARE recipients are Dr. Zach Oster, associate professor of computer science, Dr. Dale Splinter, professor of geography, geology and environmental science, and Dr. Jennifer Thibodeaux, professor of history.

**Brodhead**  
 • Matthew Collins, Pre Mechanical Engineering, Dwight and Linda Nyhus Davis Scholarship.

# Sen. Spreitzer and Rep. Vining re-introduce epi access legislation

On Nov. 17, State Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and State Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) re-introduced Epi Access legislation aimed at making epinephrine more accessible and affordable in Wisconsin.

\$100, at the same pharmacy and with the same health insurance. Families should not have to make this impossible choice between necessary health care and other needs. Further, Wisconsin families should be able to expect that when they call an ambulance in an emergency situation, it will be stocked with epinephrine - that's a reasonable expectation."

The first bill allows pharmacists to substitute a less costly epinephrine product for patients unless a prescriber indicates otherwise.

Sen. Mark Spreitzer said, "This legislation comes directly from the experiences of our constituents. In 2019, I had a constituent contact me after he had been stung repeatedly by hornets on his property and fell unconscious. His life was only saved when the ambulance that responded met a physician on the side of the highway to administer epinephrine.

The second bill directs the Department of Health Services to reimburse Wisconsin ambulance providers for epinephrine, because not every ambulance can stock epinephrine auto-injectors due to cost.

"If you know someone who needs to have epinephrine on hand in case they have an allergic reaction, you've probably heard about the high cost of certain kinds of epinephrine autoinjectors. Given the new and more affordable products that are now on the market, no one's life should be in danger because they cannot afford epinephrine.

Senator Spreitzer and Representative Vining worked with Senator Jeff Smith (D-Eau Claire) and Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) to introduce these important bills.

"Whether it's finding ways to make sure that epinephrine is affordable for people who carry it every day or ensuring that every ambulance has epinephrine on board, we are working to ensure that epinephrine is affordable and accessible across Wisconsin."

Rep. Robyn Vining said of the legislation, "Wisconsinites deserve access to quality, affordable healthcare, and access to the life-saving epinephrine is certainly part of that - especially for those who require epinephrine to survive.

"For people who suffer from severe allergies, access to epinephrine is not a choice - it is a life or death situation. When high costs limit access to epinephrine, families are left to choose between their life-saving medication and everyday needs, like groceries. One year, an epinephrine prescription could be \$15 and the next year it could be

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# Wis. equine therapy company welcomes new executive director

SMILES of Darien welcomes Troy Moldenhauer as the New Executive Director and launches the community "neigh"-bor campaign.

Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills (SMILES) is proud and grateful to have served the community for over three decades. SMILES seeks to transcend traditional therapeutic methods by offering individuals with special needs, of all ages, the joy of participating in an equine-assisted program which provides social, emotional, physical, and personal rewards.

The company wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the community for their unwavering support throughout the years. SMILES not only receives the invaluable support of the community but are privileged in being a trusted neighbor, dedicated to giving back to those in need within our community. Together with the community, SMILES has forged lasting partnerships, touched countless lives, and made a positive impact within the community, a testament to the power of equine-assisted programs in transforming lives. SMILES commitment to the community remains steadfast, and they look forward to continuing their mis-

sion for many years to come.

Because of this commitment, SMILES has completed a search to identify the next leader for the upcoming phase of growth and community impact.

Thus, SMILES is proud to announce Troy Moldenhauer as the organization's new Executive Director. With nearly 15 years of dedicated involvement and an unwavering commitment to SMILES, Troy is the embodiment of the passion and dedication that has been the cornerstone of our mission.

Having personally experienced the profound impact of equine-assisted programming through the journey of his own children, Troy sees this role as a dream come true.

With a background as an educator and university administrator, he brings a wealth of experience that aligns perfectly with the company's mission.

Troy is excited to collaborate with the remarkable SMILES team, volunteers, clients, families, and community partners, as together they embark on the next chapter of empowering lives through the magic of horses.

Sherry Monty, the founder of SMILES, expressed her



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**SMILES team photo, pictured from left to right: Katie Luessenhop, Program Coordinator and Path Certified Instructor; Ben, Equine Team Member; Melinda Ludlum, Instructor; Tasha Nordmeyer, Volunteer Coordinator; Emily Willert, Marketing and Development Coordinator; Leslie Warnecke, Office Manager; Troy Moldenhauer, Executive Director; Holly, Equine Team Member; Katie Boss, Equine Coordinator and Path Certified Instructor.**

support for the appointment of Troy in his new role. She shared her excitement stating, "I am so thrilled to hear about this! When I heard, I thought, 'Such a perfect match.' I'm sure the transition will be smooth as he has so much knowledge of 'our'

organization already. Congratulations to both Troy and SMILES." Sherry's endorsement reinforces her belief that Troy Moldenhauer is the ideal new leader to guide SMILES into its next phase of growth, embracing the organization's values and vision.

Moldenhauer states, "I am truly excited to accept my new role at SMILES, and I look forward to working alongside the dedicated and talented team here. Together, we are committed to continuing our great work, both within the organization and in the community, to bring smiles and positive change to those we serve." He knows SMILES relies on the community for support and is so thankful for the warm welcome. He looks forward to meeting people and states, "join us at SMILES and experience the joy of giving back to your community while reaping the rewards of

making a difference in our community. Volunteering at SMILES is your ticket to a fulfilling and enriching experience that will leave a lasting impact on your heart and the community we cherish. No horse experience necessary."

For those who have not yet been to SMILES, they welcome any to come and visit them. They are located at N2666 County Rd K, Darien.

For more information, please visit the website at [smilestherapeuticriding.org](http://smilestherapeuticriding.org) or contact Troy Moldenhauer at 262-882-3470, ext. 5 or [smiles@smilestherapeuticriding.org](mailto:smiles@smilestherapeuticriding.org).

## Wisconsin tannery revives forgotten art

*S. Central Wis. Farmers Union, Driftless Tannery bring profits to farmers*

Sheepskin, once a valued by-product of the sheep industry, has become a part of the waste associated with animal agriculture. It costs money for local butchers to throw those skins away. There is no market for sheepskin today according to the American Sheep Industry (ASI).

China was the largest buyer of American sheepskin but that market was hit with crippling tariffs. About 98% of the leather and animal skin products sold in the U.S. are made in other countries; countries like China, Pakistan, and India that don't have robust environmental protections let alone workers' rights laws.

The legacy of that work, and the traces of those chemicals, remains in the finished leather products that are sold in this country.

Driftless Tannery is working to bring the value back to sheepskin in a clean, environmentally friendly way. The Tannery is dedicated to helping farmers to be more profitable by providing a service that creates value added sheepskin for shepherds across the country.

Leather and hair on animal skin were the first textiles ever used by humans. People have relied on these fabrics for thousands of years to protect them from the elements. Leather is used to create shelter, clothing, containers, strapping and so much more.

The natural fibers in sheepskin are hypoallergenic and stain resistant, and they are known for their cushioning ability. That is why sheepskin is often used to cushion medical equipment.

Sheepskin is also a thermo-regulating fabric, making it great for lining clothes and shoes. Sheepskin adds warmth and a sense of *hygge* — Norwegian for "wellbeing" — around the home as a throw or as a rug.

The complex fiber structure in wool cannot be replicated outside of nature. Faux



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**Bethany Emond Storm of Driftless Tannery and the South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union.**

fur is made from synthetic materials including polyester (petroleum based) and acrylic fibers. These may be made to look similar but they lack all of the aforementioned benefits of natural fibers.

Faux fur fibers, also known as microplastics, shed into the environment and end up in the soils and eventually in the waterways. Any fibers that shed from a naturally tanned sheepskin will biodegrade as they are made from macro and micronutrients found in nature. Likewise, since faux leather is synthetically made it does not biodegrade like real leather.

When humans began to preserve leather and animal skin, they used what they had available. They used brains, alum, and the tannins extracted from trees and other vegetation. These older methods (now modernized) are still the preferred methods for tanneries like Driftless.

These methods take longer and involve more labor than the chemical alternatives. That is why a naturally tanned sheepskin costs more than the sheepskin you find in a big box store. Those mass-produced, bleached white sheepskins are either made of faux fur or came

from the world's biggest exporter of real sheepskin, China, where workers don't have rights and there is much less regard for the environment.

The sheepskins created and sold by Driftless Tannery come from the waste stream of the local animal agriculture.

Beyond that, the Tannery offers tanning services to farmers across the country. Farmers simply send in their dry cured, raw hides to the tannery and they are returned to those farmers for their personal use or to sell.

Please consider buying local, naturally tanned sheepskin whenever they are available as a way of supporting small farmers and keeping this precious resource out of the waste stream.

Driftless Tannery was founded in 2020. It is owned and operated by South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union members, Danielle Dockery and Bethany Emond Storm. Located in

Argyle, Wis., Driftless Tannery offers a clean alternative to hide tanning for sheep and goat farmers across the United States, bringing them beautiful, healthy, quality value-added items to their operations, while removing gorgeous hides from the waste stream associated with animal agriculture.

Learn more about the tannery through the website [www.driftlesstannery.com](http://www.driftlesstannery.com) or follow them on Facebook and Instagram @driftlesstannery.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union is a member-driven chapter committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement in Rock, Green, and Lafayette Counties.

*This article is courtesy Bethany Emond Storm of Driftless Tannery and the South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union.*

## JPAC brings little performers to the stage

Featuring more than 30 "JPAC Kids Present: North Pole the Musical!" is the first students in grades K to 3,



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**Students in grades K to 3 practice "JPAC Kids Present: North Pole the Musical!" at Janesville Performing Arts Center at 408 S Main Street in Janesville. The musical will be on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.**

ever performance-based opportunity for the youngest of performers at JPAC.

The Janesville Performing Arts Center event will be on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at 408 S Main Street in Janesville. This show is assigned seating in the historic Hansch Theatre. Lobby doors open at 60 minutes prior to the curtain time, and theatre doors open 30 minutes prior to the curtain time.

Purchase tickets online at [www.janesvillepac.org](http://www.janesvillepac.org) or by calling 608-758-0297.

### About the show

Auditions are underway for the 400th Anniversary of North Pole Musical, and everyone is in a panic! The dancing reindeer are "hoof-in' it," but don't know what to do with Rudolph and his four left hooves. The elves are tired of always getting

the short end of the stick, and are singing the blues.

The snowmen are chilling out but are worried about the funky hot lights, and the toys are trying to do the entire Nutcracker Suite in three minutes! The annual Christmas show keeps getting bigger and bigger each year. But, wait a minute! Is bigger really better? See how Santa finds a way to remind everyone of the true meaning of the season.

With a run time of just over 30 minutes, this is great fun for the whole family!

JPAC is excited to offer this new learning opportunity to a brand-new age group!

Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to ring in the holiday cheer with this fun performance! Adult tickets are \$7 and student tickets are \$5.

## Caterer celebrates business expansion

Hoffman House Catering celebrated the expansion of its catering services with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at its newly renovated space at 2030 Center Ave. in Janesville.

The new location was acquired earlier this year after the increasing demand for catering services necessitated a larger facility. With the new expansion, Hoffman House Catering is equipped to cater many more local events, including weddings and events at most local venues, and to provide local companies with shift meals, boxed lunches, safety meals, company picnics, and more for up to 5,000 guests.

The company announces that they are excited to be in Janesville, and to continue serving Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois and the tradition of catering exquisite food and providing unmatched service to their customers.

For more information, contact Michael Prosser at 815-397-5800.

# Come 'Home for the Holidays' at Old World Wisconsin

For three December weekends, "Home for the Holidays" will take place at Old World Wisconsin. Celebrating holiday traditions, from near and far, this historic village will present a bounty of activities that showcase the spirit of the season.

Home for the Holidays will be on Dec. 2 and 3, and Dec. 9 and 10, and on Dec. 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Highway 67, just south of Eagle.

Wisconsin's largest living history museum will bring the old-fashioned holiday season to life on six special days this December.

Set in the charming 19th-century Crossroads Village, where historic shops and cozy homes are decked in festive greenery, the tiny town will come alive with the sights, sounds and smells of the holiday season.

From carolers singing to sleigh bells jingling on horse-drawn wagons, guests will be immersed in a peaceful setting where they can explore historic holiday traditions brought to this country from different parts of the world.

Stroll through the village and watch reenactments of an "Irish Christmas Eve" and the "Last Night of Hanukkah,"

participate in a Victorian cobweb party, look for shoes on door stoops awaiting treats and watch out for Krampus, the Alpine folklore figure, who lurks in the shadows.

Stop by Santa's workshop for a family photo with a rosy-cheeked St. Nicholas dressed in traditional Victorian attire.

Join a Swedish St. Lucia procession starting at the 1910 Finnish Farmhouse and ending at the Ramsey Barn.

Enter the Winter Cheer Garden and enjoy a seasonal craft beer or step inside the Cheer House to make a holiday greenery decoration while sipping a cup of warm Wassail and savoring European baked goods.

Guests can sing carols at a 1930s Community Christmas Party in Caldwell Hall or listen to violin music in the historic St. Peters Church.

Brunch items will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the historic octagonal Clausing Barn.

Holiday shopping abounds from historic token gifts in the Blacksmith Shop and General Store to a bounty of holiday merchandise found in the Creamery and the Ramsey Barn.



PHOTOS COURTESY OLD WORLD WISCONSIN *Brodhead Independent-Register*  
**In 2019, Santa greets a child in Old World Wisconsin. Visitors can stop by Santa's workshop this year for a family photo with St. Nicholas.**

These are just some of the special activities taking place during Home for the Holidays at Old World Wisconsin.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$14 for children from 5 to 12 and free for children under five. The event is sponsored by the Old World Foundation. Advance registration is required.

For information, visit [old-worldwisconsin.org](http://old-worldwisconsin.org).

### About Old World Wisconsin

Old World Wisconsin is one of the Wisconsin Historical Society's 12 historic sites and museums. Rated as one of the top attractions to take kids in the Milwaukee area, Old World Wisconsin is a 600-acre regional history attraction that features interactive environments and immersive stories of 19th- and early 20th-century Midwestern immigrant farm and rural life. The museum offers guests family-friendly, hands-on activities as they visit a crossroads village and eight

working farmsteads, explore heirloom gardens, experience beer brewing traditions, meet heritage animal breeds and try historic crafts and skills. Old World Wisconsin is located on Highway 67 just south of Eagle, within daytrip distance of Milwaukee, Chicago and Madison. For more information and a list of upcoming events visit [oldworldwisconsin.org](http://oldworldwisconsin.org) or call 262-594-6301. Wisconsin Historical Society members receive free general admission to this site during regular operating hours.

### About the 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, 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).



**Guests take a sleigh ride in a horse-drawn wagon at Old World Wisconsin in 2013.**



**Guests strolled through the village in 2021. This year, guest can watch reenactments of an "Irish Christmas Eve" in the village at Old World Wisconsin.**



**Step inside the Cheer House to make a holiday greenery decoration.**



**Carolers sing at Old World Wisconsin in 2015.**



**St. Nicholas greets children at Old World Wisconsin in 2016.**



**In 2016, holiday traditions were celebrated at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle, Wis.**

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# MTG proudly presents the musical Holiday Inn

Monroe Theatre Guild is pleased to present Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn on the Colony Brands stage this December.

First time directors for the Monroe Theatre Guild, Alex and Olivia Lentz are skillfully leading this full-scale musical production. Alex, the vocal music instructor at Monroe High School, and Olivia, the communications and community outreach manager for the Monroe Arts Center, share an impressive background in the performing arts. Their combined insights and remarkable ability to pass on their technical expertise to this gifted cast featuring actors from all walks of life, promise audiences can anticipate a memorable song and dance experience this holiday season.

Based on the 1942 award-winning movie of the same name, this new Broadway version of Irving Berlin's musical Holiday Inn, is a fresh take on an old classic. When singer-songwriter Jim Hardy tires of showbiz, he shocks his best friend Ted and fiancée Lila by leaving the bright lights behind for a quieter life in a farmhouse in Connecticut. At first, he greets his new life with enthusiasm, but just as he starts to think farm life isn't all it's cracked up to be, he meets Linda Mason, a spunky school-teacher harboring immense talent and big dreams. Together, they bring life back to the Mason Farm by transforming it into The Holiday Inn, a lively venue for festive performances celebrating the red-letter days on the calendar. But when Ted shows up with plans to spirit Linda away to Hollywood, Jim fears he may lose his best shot for a happy life. With dance numbers galore and a score packed with Irving Berlin classics like "Blue Skies", "Heat Wave", "Shaking the Blues Away" and the beloved "White Christmas", this heartwarming romance is sure to delight all 365 days a year!

Monroe Theatre Guild's presentation of Holiday Inn, part of the Colony Brands performance series, is the final installment of their 2023 season. With 53 years of community theatre to their credit, having started the tradition in 1970, MTG is preparing to announce their much-anticipated 2024 Season to their members and the public later this month. Performances at Monroe



The actors rehearse one of their many dance numbers for Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn. The musical will be on the Colony Brands stage in Monroe this December.

Theatre Guild are Dec. 1 and 2 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., Dec. 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.. Ticket sales for Holiday Inn have been performing well.

Reserved seating tickets can be purchased online at monroetheatre.com, or at the MTG ticket window at 910 16th Ave., Monroe on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by calling 608-325-1111.

As is often the case for MTG's holiday productions, this show promises to be another sell out.



From left to right, Director Alex Lentz, Director Olivia Lentz and Luke Smetters as Jim.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**Town of Spring Valley**

**Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, November 27th, 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:
4. New Business:
5. Building Permits: US Cellular - parcel 6-18-198., located at 4600 S Bernstein Rd - Cell tower upgrade work. Tyler Standish - parcel 6-18-27.3, at 16803 W Dorner Rd. - New Pole Shed.
6. Audience communication:
7. Adjournment

Chris Duemler  
Chairman

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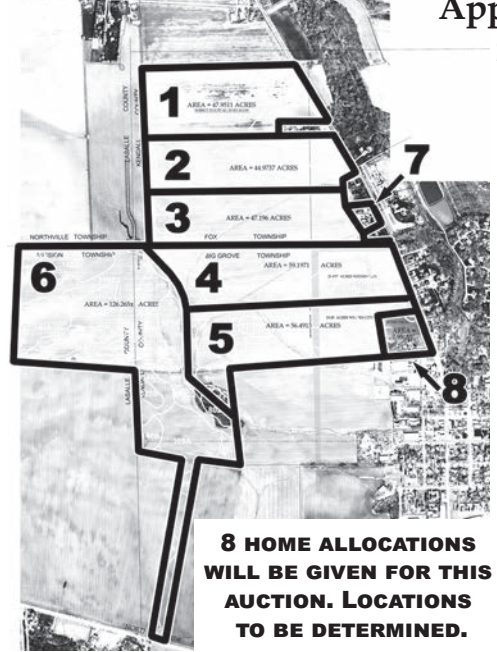
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**December 1 - Hwy 64 Auction - Starts at 8:00 AM**

**December 3 - Hwy 64 Timed Auction - Lots Start Closing at 8:00 AM**

# Jolly Jingle

(Continued from front page)

through Dec. 30, all are welcome to come take photos with Father Christmas. If just stopping in for a photo, there is no

admittance fee into the museum.

Bring the whole family to Trinity Episcopal Church on

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Open Book for the Town of Jefferson, Green County, WI, will be held on December 7, 2023. The assessor will be available at the Juda Community Center from 9am-12pm and again from 1-6pm.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Jefferson, Green County, WI, shall hold its meeting on December 16, 2023, from 8-10am at the Juda Community Center.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. \*No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.

2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.

3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Jefferson has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.

7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take. Notice is hereby given this 13th day of November, 2023 -

Amy McCullough,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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### TOWN OF AVON

PUBLIC NOTICE  
November 17, 2023

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that members of the Avon Town Board and Town Electors have recently passed several resolutions. Please check the town website (townofavonwi.gov) for up-to-date information and sign up for notifications.

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk

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### AGENDA

**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, November 27, 2023 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 6:00 P.M.**

### AGENDA

I. REVIEW SECOND HALF OF NEOLA SECTION 5000 [STUDENT] TEMPLATES

II. DEVELOP AND FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

III. DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR AND PACING GOING FORWARD

IV. ADJOURN

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Dec. 2 for a lovely performance by the Badger Chordhawks, featuring secular and non-secular Christmas songs. Need to get a letter to the North Pole? Drop it off at Santa's Mailbox at the Janesville Community Center on Dec. 3, and then make sure to capture a photo at the outdoor selfie station.

"From the excitement of the lighted parade and stunning fireworks to the heart-warming theatrical performances of

North Pole the Musical, attendees will find a variety of ways to make merry at this year's event," said René Bue, Jolly Jingle Event Chairperson and Community Engagement Manager at Hedberg Public Library. "It's a great chance to celebrate the spirit of the season while making new holiday memories and traditions. An added benefit to Jolly Jingle is that it is budget friendly with many of the 30+ events being free or low cost."

# Gov. Evers takes action on three bills

Gov. Tony Evers took action on three bills on Nov. 16, including two bills providing wage increases for certain public employees such as State Patrol troopers and inspectors and employees in the building trades crafts collective bargaining unit.

Not among the state employee wage increases that the governor signed into law is already-approved pay raises for about 35,000 University of Wisconsin System employees. The governor is currently suing legislative Republicans for unconstitutionally obstructing the University of Wisconsin System employees wage increases that were already approved by the Legislature and the governor through the biennial budget process.

"I am glad to be signing these two bills into law providing much-needed and well-de-

served wage adjustments for our State Patrol and other folks in state service," said Gov. Evers. "State employees are dedicated public servants who work diligently each and every day to serve our neighbors, our communities, and our state. I will always advocate for these folks to receive the wages they deserve and earn for their good work, which is why I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that already-approved wage increases for about 35,000 UW System faculty and staff continue to be unconstitutionally obstructed by Republicans for no real reason whatsoever."

### Senate Bill 554, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 38:

• Ratifies the collective bargaining agreement for State Patrol troopers and inspectors in the public safety employee bargaining unit for fiscal years

The 2023 event is sponsored by Avondale Roofing, TDS, JOSLEYN Transport, Downtown Janesville Business Improvement District (BID), Werner Electric, and Paull Chiropractic. Community partners include the City of Janesville, Hedberg Public Library, Downtown Janesville, Inc., and Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Event partners include the Badger Chordhawks, Boys and Girls Club of

Janesville, Children's Museum of Rock County, ECHO, JATV, Janesville Community Center, Janesville Performing Arts Center, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Rock County Historical Society, Trinity Episcopal Church, and YMCA of Northern Rock County.

For more information and a complete list of events visit [janesvillejollyjingle.com](http://janesvillejollyjingle.com). Due to weather, events are subject to change.

### Senate Bill 555, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 39:

• Ratifies the collective bargaining agreement for State of Wisconsin employees in the building trades crafts collective bargaining unit for fiscal year 2023-24, as negotiated between the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin State Building Trades Negotiating Committee; and

• Provides a four percent general wage adjustment for employees in this bargaining unit who meet a satisfactory performance rating; and

### Senate Bill 259, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 37:

• Creates a transaction-based exemption from payday loan regulations, applying only to transactions with no finance charge or fee.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Albany  
April 2, 2024

#### Election Details

An election is to be held in the School District of Albany, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

| Office       | Incumbent   |
|--------------|-------------|
| Board Member | Vacant Seat |

#### Office Terms

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

#### For Candidates

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the school district clerk.

#### Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

#### Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Albany on November 15, 2023

/s/ Sherry Gertsch  
(Signature of School District Clerk)

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### NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

Village of Orfordville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Orfordville, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

| OFFICE          | INCUMBENT    |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Village Trustee | Chuck Boyce  |
| Village Trustee | Terry Gerber |
| Village Trustee | Jason Knox   |

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023, and the final day for filing nomination papers is Tuesday, January 2, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. in the office of the Village Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Sherri Waege  
Village Clerk

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### NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

CITY OF BRODHEAD  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the City of Brodhead, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for mayor and alderperson begins on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

| Office                | Incumbent                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mayor                 | Edward "Casey" Jones             |
| Aldersperson at Large | Jill Baxter                      |
| Aldersperson at Large | Benjamin Gritzmaker              |
| Aldersperson at Large | Paul Naramore                    |
| Municipal Judge       | Richard A. Bennett (4-year term) |

The City of Brodhead does not have aldermanic districts. Additional information may be obtained from City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Keri Miller, 1111 W 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the city clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

**Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

Done in the City of Brodhead, on November 22, 2023  
Keri Miller, City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk

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### NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WI. STAT. §120.06 (6) (b) 1

**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
April 2, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election is to be held in the Brodhead School District on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for a school board member is three (3) years beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024.

| OFFICE              | INCUMBENT    |
|---------------------|--------------|
| School Board Member | Mike Krupke  |
| School Board Member | Don Buchanan |

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the school district clerk at Brodhead School District, 2501 West Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520. [If nomination papers are required, the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the school district clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Done in the City of Brodhead on November 8, 2023.

Michael Oellerich  
Michael Oellerich, School Board Clerk

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