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When blood products are and new parents in need of entered for a chance to win Rock County fully stocked on hospital shelves, patients don't have to wait for critical care. Giving blood or platelets with the American Red Cross in December can help those in need make more holiday memories with loved ones.

This is a busy time for many. Holiday gatherings, travel and seasonal illnesses can all impact donor availability, making it hard to collect enough blood and platelet Unfortunately, trauma patients in the emergency room, those undergoing cancer treatment

lifesaving transfusions can't take a holiday break. Donors are needed every single day. Those who come to give

blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma from now until Jan. 5, 2024, will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. To extend a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood, platelets and plasma during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1 to 31, 2024, National Blood Donor Month, will be automatically

a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. Details are available at RedCross-Blood.org/SuperBowl.

Upcoming local blood donation opportunities:

Green County Brooklyn

• Saturday, Dec. 30: 8 a.m. to noon, Brooklyn Fire EMS, 401 W Main

New Glarus

Church, 207 6th Street

• Friday, Dec. 29: 11 a.m.

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• Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024: Noon to 5 p.m., Beloit Life Center, 2170 Murphy Woods

Edgerton

• Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St Joseph Catholic Church, 590 S St Joseph Circle

Evansville

• Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024: Noon to 6 p.m., Creekside Place Community Center, 102 Maple St

- Friday, Dec. 29: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Marian Hall, 1236 E Racine St
- Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hedberg Public Library, 316 S Main St
- Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024: 1 to 6 p.m., Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Dr • Friday, Jan. 5, 2024:
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Uptown Janesville, 2500 Milton Ave. • Monday, Jan. 15, 2024:
- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., ter, 837 Parkview

2322 E. Milwaukee St.

 Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024: Noon to 6 p.m., Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1550 S Osborne Ave

- Friday, Dec. 29: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hope Luther-an Church, 335 Dairyland
- Friday, Jan. 19, 2024: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., St Marys Cen-

Rock County Sheriff's report

OWI fifth offense on

On Dec. 15, at approxi-

traffic stop on a SUV traveling in the City of Janesville.

along having

Keylynn ex-Hughes tration. Through the inves-

Keylynn was transported to the Rock County Jail where he was turned over to jail staff for

Speeding vehicle in Beloit nets suspect

mately 12:41 a.m., a Rock County Sheriff's Office deputy observed a vehicle speeding and failing to maintain its lane near the intersection of Milwaukee Rd and Edan Ct, unless proven guilty.'

Beloit, County of Rock.

The driver identified as Jose Velazquez, from Beloit. Jose showed as a suspect in an



unrelated Beloit Police Department incident and was asked to exit the vehicle. While talking with Jose outside of the vehicle, he showed

loit Police Department. Jose has four prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making this arrest a 5th Offense, which is a felony. Jose was transported to the Rock County Jail and will be scheduled for Jail Court on

Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

signs of impairment. Jose was

ultimately arrested for Oper-

ating While Intoxicated and

fresh charges through the Be-

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and

in the City of

traffic stop in Janesville

mately 11:34 a.m. a Rock County deputy performed a

The SUV had commit-

ted a moving violation with pired regis-

tigation it was determined the driver, Keylynn Hughes, was intoxicated. Keylynn was subsequently arrested for OWI while having four prior OWI convictions making this his fifth offense.

jail court on Monday, Dec. 18.

On Dec. 13, at approxi-

Obituary

JON KUEHL

Jon Kuehl, 69, of Brodhead, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 at Mercyhealth Hospital in Janesville.

He was born in Beloit on Feb. 1, 1954, the son of Arthur and Ruby (Lowman) Kuehl. He married Patricia Albrecht on May 14, 1977, at the UCC Church in Brodhead. Jon was employed at NAPA Auto Parts (Solomans) and then Warner Electric Brake in South Beloit, Ill. Jon had a passion for watching sports, enjoyed hanging out with family and friends and he was a down-toearth guy.

Survivors include his wife, Smith and his two grand-dogs, home.com.



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rray. Private services will be held with family.

The family would like to thank the team at Mercyhealth Hospital for the excellent care he was given.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home of Brodhead assisted the family.

To extend online condolenc-Patricia Kuehl; son, Chris Kue- es to the family, please vishl; daughter, Megan (Kanen) it: www.dlnewcomerfuneral



State inmate sentenced for 2018 bomb scare som on Dec. 14; this sentence ney's Office from Mr. Grissom This case was prosecuted

The Wisconsin Department of Justice announced on Friday, Dec. 15 that Dane County Circuit Court Judge John Hyland sentenced Terrance Grissom, 53, to three years of incarceration and two years of extended supervision for his role in a 2018 bomb scare threat against the Governor. Mr. Grissom pled guilty to Bomb Scare, as a Habitual Criminal on Dec. 7. Judge Hyland sentenced Mr. Gris-

runs consecutive to his present sentences.

"Those who make criminal threats to harm others must be held accountable," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "Bomb scares are serious offenses, and I'm thankful to everyone involved in the investigation and prosecution of this case."

On April 9, 2018, a letter was delivered in the mail to the Dane County District Attor-

who was a state prison inmate. The letter stated that there was a bomb in the Governor's office that will go off at the push of a button and he will die. Capitol Police immediately evacuated the Governor's Office, the Lt. Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office in the capitol. A bomb sniffing canine was brought in and it was determined there was no threat.

by Assistant Attorney General Robert Kaiser with the assistance of paralegals Jackie Righter and Brittney Johnson, and Legal Assistant Alex Szczech. This case was investigated by Dane County District Attorney Investigator Peter Hansen and now Capitol Police Lieutenant Abby Onsgaard with assistance from Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory DNA Analyst Denise Jones.



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Blackhawk Nursing hosts December pinning ceremony

nursing students were celebrated on the evening of Dec. 14 in a special pinning ceremony for their completion of the Associate Degree of Nurs-

ing.
"How many times did we think we would never see this pinning ceremony? That we'd never see our names printed in this program? The last two years have been daunting, exhausting and rigorous. I just want us to take a moment to realize that we made it," Lauren Comella, graduate and student speaker, told her fellow

The pinning ceremony is a rite of passage for nursing graduates. The tradition began in the 1860s when Queen Victoria awarded Florence Nightingale the Red Cross of St. George to recognize her service as a nurse during the Crimean War. Nightingale, who is credited as the founder of modern nursing, wanted to share this recognition. She later presented medals to her

nursing students. At Blackhawk, each nursing student designates a person in their life to "pin" them. That person - often a family member or friend – presents the graduate with a pin.

Led by nursing graduate Cheyenne Stewart, the graduates also recited the Night-



Blackhawk Technical College's December 2023 nursing graduates. Front row (from left): Heather Holbrook, Nicole Lankford, Rachel Goff, Cori Nolan, Emilio Ramierez, Julianna Poe, Kristen Rinehardt, and Elena Herrera. Second row: Kristen Rudnitzki, Dana Sayles, Laci McKaig, Jeanette Coppernoll-Schultz, Jordan Calley, Itzel Bernal, Carolina Delgado, and Destiny Hambrock. Third row: Laurisha Rosario, Mallary Fox, Whitney Connors, Lauren Comella, Lexis Duncan, Rachell Draper, Darcy Fredrickson, Jordyn Bickle, and Jill Winslow. Back row: Carson Richards, Melanie Schmidt, Hanna Field, Jacob Warthen, Angel Hayward, Jessica Keller, Cheyenne Stewart, and Alannah Bennett.

cited at pinning ceremonies health care providers. Jobs for nurses and is like the Hippocratic Oath that is recited by new physicians.

Students' Choice Award. The students voted for one classmate who'd they like caring for them or their loved ones.

Many of the graduates have already been hired by area

range from neonatal, geriatrics and mental health care. Several also are going on to earn Itzel Bernal received the their Bachelor of Science in

> Congratulations to the December 2023 Nursing gradu-

- Alannah Bennett
- · Jordyn Bickle
- Jordon Calley
- Lauren Comella
- Whitney Connors
- Jeanette Coppernoll-
- · Carolina Delgado-Vasquez
- Rachell Draper
- Lexis Duncan

- Mallary Fox
- Darcy Fredrickson
- Rachell Goff
- Destiny Hambrock
- Angel Hayward • Elena Herrera
- · Heather Holbrook
- Jessica Keller
- Nicole Lankford
- Laci McKaig
- Cori Nolan
- Julie Poe
- Emilio Ramirez
- · Carson Richards • Kristen Rinehardt
- Laurisha Rosario
- Kristen Rudnitzki
- Dana Savles
- Melanie Schmidt • Cheyenne Stewart
- Jacob Warthen
- Jill Winslow

Two Wisconsin men honored with Red Cross lifesaving awards

On Dec. 12, Peter Bonvillain and Joseph Douglas, both employees at Natus Medical Inc., were honored by the American Red Cross of Wisconsin Southwest Chapter for helping a coworker in need of medical attention. The awards presentation took place at 2 p.m. at Natus Medical Inc., 3150 Pleasant View Road.

While at work on May 26, Peter Bonvillain noticed his coworker bleeding from his left forearm. Bonvillain who is certified in First Aid, CPR and AED, directed other employees to call 911 and get first aid supplies. He then assisted the injured coworker by cleaning the injury and

EMS could arrive. The injured coworker was in shock it. This is the highest award and Bonvillain was able to deal with the situation while helped those around him to also stay calm. Bonvillain also assisted his injured coworker in avoiding additional

"I am proud to have the knowledge and skills to know what to do in an emergency situation," said Bonvillain. 'When time is of the essence, I learned to step up, stay calm and delegate which all lead to a successful lifesaving out-

stopping the bleeding until American Red Cross Lifesaving Award Certificate of Mergiven by the American Red Cross to an individual or team keeping his composure which of individuals who saves or sustains a life by using skills and knowledge learned in an American Red Cross Health and Safety Services course. Douglas, who is Bonvillain's coworker and his Red Cross training instructor, received the American Red Cross Lifesaving Instructor Award. This is one of the highest awards given by the American Red Cross to instructors who teach the skills that help to save or sustain lives.

"I am proud of Peter's re-

sponse to the injury." said Douglas. "He followed protocols as taught and used sound judgment. It just proves when a person receives first aid training and when procedures are followed in an emergency

Red Cross training courses are developed and taught by experts and ensure those who learn them can provide life-saving care when it's needed most. A variety of online, blended (online and in-person skills session) and classroom courses are available. Visit redcross.org/takeaclass and sign up today to get certified in First Aid, CPR

Man sentenced to life in prison for 2021 death in Wisconsin Dells

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) announced on Wednesday, Dec. 20 that Columbia County Judge Todd Hepler sentenced Jeremy Lee Mondy, 37, of Janesville, Wis., to life in prison for his role in a death that occurred in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. during the night on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

"This sentence will keep the public safe from this defendant for a very long time," said Attorney General Kaul. "Thank you to the investigators and prosecution team for ensuring that justice was served in this case.'

On the count of First-Degree Intentional Homicide, Judge Hepler sentenced Mr. Mondy to life in prison with the eligibility for extended supervision in 2068. On the count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Mr. Mondy was sentenced to three years initial confinement with three years extended supervision. Judge Hepler sentenced Mr. Mondy to nine months for Misdemeanor Bail Jumping, Domestic and on the count of Felony Bail Jumping Mr. Mondy was sentenced to three years initial confinement with three years extended supervision. All the sentences run

On Feb. 14, 2021, at 11:37 a.m., Wisconsin Dells police officers were sent to check on the welfare of two people staying in a room at 1015 River Rd. in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Upon arrival, the officers made contact at the room and were met by Mr. Mondy who said he was okay. When they asked about the female, Mr. Mondy said she was deceased. Evidence presented at trial showed Mr. Mondy destroyed evidence after the shooting and attempted to flee to Chicago.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Adrienne Blais and Ed Minser with assistance from DOJ Paralegal Rochelle Ederer, Columbia County Victim/Witness Coordinator Linda Shawback, and DCI Special Agent Rafael De La Rosa as well as DCI Special Agent James Pertzborn, Wisconsin Dells Police Chief Nick Brinker, and Wisconsin Dells Police Detective Sergeant Brent Brown.

Janesville real estate agents awarded for achievement

Area professionals honored by EXIT Realty Corp. International

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• Robin St. Clair, Sales Representative with EXIT Realty HGM in Janesville was honored with the Bronze Award. The award was given

tween 25 and 49 real estate to June 30, 2023. a correction in 2022/2023 to transaction sides during the

> in Janesville was honored with the Bronze Award. The award was given in recognition of closing between 25 and 49 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2022, to June 30,

> • Jeffrey Maliszewski, Franchisee with EXIT Professional Real Estate in Monroe was honored with the Bronze Award. The award was given in recognition of closing between 25 and 49 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

> • Patrick Reese, Franchisee with EXIT Professional Real Estate in Monroe was honored with the Bronze Award. The award was given in recognition of closing between 25 and 49 real estate

ognition of closing between 50 and 74 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

• Ryan Ziltner, Franchisee with EXIT Professional Real Estate in Monroe was honored with the Silver Award. The award was given in recognition of closing between 50 and 74 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

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The real estate market in in recognition of closing be-production year July 1, 2022, not only met but exceeded them," says Bonnell. "Our • Lexie Harris, Franchisee Associates' devotion to their a more sustainable pace fol- production year July 1, 2022, with EXIT Professional Real craft, their clients, their com-Estate in Monroe was hon- munity and to one another frenzy of the past few years. • John Schneider, Franchi- ored with the Silver Award. is the reason EXIT is thriv-Experienced and knowledge- see with EXIT Realty HGM The award was given in rec- ing in the markets we serve across North America. We are proud of them and extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for their continued success."

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Orfordville board: Referendum money has not been used

The Village of Orfordville held its regular board meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Orfordville Village Hall in the main board room.

President Dennis Burtness called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were President Burtness, Beth Schmidt, Nikki Tuffree, Terry Gerber, and Jason Knox. Also present were Paul Latjer, Nick Howard, Darla Grenawalt, Librarian Sarah Strunz, Chief Jeremiah Burdick, DPW Director Nick Todd, and Clerk Sherri Waege. Absent was Cami My-

Agenda Verification

Clerk Waege verified that on Dec. 8, copies of the agenda were delivered to the President and Trustees; posted at the Village Hall, Library, and the Orfordville Post Office. There were no additions made to the

Minute Approval

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Tuffree to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Nov. 27, and Dec. 4. Motion carried.

Citizens Wishing to Be Heard

Paul Latjer of 108 S. Center Street was present and explained that he is a new resident and in violation of Village Ordinance 240-27 which prohibits Latier from living within 1,000 feet of a school. Latjer explained that he is 867 feet from the school. Latjer explained that he has two daughters so understands why the ordinance is in place. Latier further explained that his offense was over ten years ago, he is a former Cub Scout, blood donor, and has been an electrician for ten years. Latjer added that he worked hard to be able to purchase his home and would like more time to resolve the issue. Latjer added that he has an attorney working to resolve his record from ten years ago. President Burtness appreciated the explanation and will look

Unfinished **Business: 2022 Fire** Referendum Money

`President Burtness explained that the Fire Department Referendum to pay for additional staffing passed in 2022 with a vote of 391-221. President Burtness added that only four of the five municipalities approved money to pay for the additional staffing. The Town of Newark did not approve the additional expense and has since given notice that they will be leaving the district at the end of the year. The notice was given in October, which caused a delay in hiring additional people, so the money from 2022 taxes has not been used.

President Burtness explained that the Fire Department can now move forward with hiring additional staff, Chief Ryan Perkins is now a full time

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snowblower, Cub 3x26 trac snowblower, Cub Cadet 30H mower, Cub Cadet ZT1 42, ZT1-54, ZT2

USED AND COLLECTOR EQUIPMENT: Cub Cadet RZTS 42, BobCat 36" commercial walk

behind, Gravely L, Struck "Big Job", Cub Cadet 1914 with deck/blower, Bolens Ride-Master,

Homelite riding mower, Toro Greens mower, vintage reel mowers, Wheel Horse D160 with loader,

John Deere wheel weights, Cub Cadet #1 cart, Simplicity Sovereign, Allis Chalmers, Heckendorn

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SIGNS: Bubble up, AAA, porcelain double sided Standard Service, Delco Batteries Masonite, Chicago Motor Club Service Station, AAA Service sign, lighted PBR, Amalie Motor oil lighted

Pam clock, Socony porcelain thermometer, Welch Motor oil sign, Casite pam style thermometer, double sided 1954 Valvoline, cast aluminum Blatz baseball, 1950s yellow STOP, Hamm's lighted

Beer, Texaco Chief, Texaco Sky Chief, Snapper lighted, Value and Service Hardware, Wolfs Head

TOYS: Lost in Space roto jet gun, Major Matt Mason, Keystone Packard, Buddy L, tin friction,

Hot Wheels Redline, promo cars, Data East Hook pinball machine, art deco wind up truck/trailer, Lost in Space RC Robot, Tonka, Turner Toys, Tru-Scale Ryerson Steel truck, Mettlach stein

Oil, 1963 Coca Cola Pam Clock, Pirelli tires lighted, SS gas pump sign, Purina, Dekalb Seed. **PEDAL TRACTORS**: Eska John Deere 60, Eska Farmall 400, Scale Models Cub Cadet.

Choremaster, Bolens Huski gardener, vintage snowblowers, Allis Chalmers Big Ten.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a very partial listing as the catalog is still being built.

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Chief, pay for the volunteers has been increased which has provided additional coverage for calls. President Burtness further explained that he would like to keep the money in a separate account so it can be used for future payroll expenses as they increase down the road. President Burtness explained that he has talked to many residents since the last meeting and all of them said to keep the money as long as it is used for what it was approved for. President Burtness further explained that refunding the money may cause confusion as to why it wasn't used, and why we are still charging it moving forward after refunding it.

Gerber explained that he is ok with keeping it as long as it will be used for what it was intended.

Schmidt explained that she has never had anyone question it. Schmidt explained that she has been to several local events this year with the presence of the fire department, and nobody has ever approached her about the money. Schmidt agreed that Knox had a good argument last meeting; however, she feels refunding the money while continuing to charge it moving forward would cause confusion. Schmidt added that she worked at the Fall Fest Event which was a benefit for the Fire Department, and many people were there to donate and give additional money to the Fire Department.

Tuffree asked if we could

reduce the levy by moving forward a little each year, and use some of that money for the fire department portion of the year. Clerk Waege explained that that may be a hard commitment to maintain due to boards changing in the future. Tuffree added that she likes the idea of refunding the money; however, she has not had any residents contact her about it.

Schmidt explained that if we refund the money and not charge it in the future, we would have to go back again for a referendum which may

Knox asked what portion of the fire budget is for payroll, as the people voted for it for personnel. President Burtness explained that he talked to several people since the last meeting and not one of them mentioned personnel. Knox explained that he has had a lot of people approach him that said they wanted it only for personnel.

Clerk Waege explained that she had two calls earlier in the vear. Clerk Waege further added that both of those people receive the minutes and agenda and are not in attendance.

Darla Grenawalt of 610 E. Church Street was the only citizen present for this topic. Grenawalt explained that she voted for the referendum and is fine with the Village keeping the money for its intended use. Grenawalt explained that refunding it could cause confusion and an uproar due to the Village still charging it moving forward. Knox explained that the charge is not listed separately on the tax bill. Grenawalt explained that the timing of the referendum was the same as the school referendum that did not pass. Grenawalt felt it could cause negativity to the Village as people may have voted for it instead of the school, and now the money is being given back.

President Burtness agreed as he had one person state that it could create confusion as the money would be given back, and then continued to be charged. President Burtness explained that regardless of what gets approved tonight, a letter will be sent out with the tax bills explaining the situation.

Tuffree explained that the future payroll needs are unknown at this time. Tuffree added that the Village Budget is a struggle every year, and it would be nice to have that money to aid in the fire department payroll increases moving forward.

Grenawalt added that she is

okay with whatever is decided, but feels it is bad practice to ask for it, return it, and continue to ask for it. Grenawalt added that there are always going to be staff expenses for the fire department. Motion by Schmidt, second-

ed by Tuffree to deposit the money into a separate account for future personnel of the Orfordville Fire Protection District. Roll Call Vote: Schmidt, Tuffree, Gerber, and President Burtness voted yes, Knox voted no. Motion carried.

2024 budget public hearing

President Burtness opened the Budget Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. There was no input from residents for the 2024 Budget. Clerk Waege explained that she received an email last week from the Humane Society with a new contract including a \$500 increase. Tuffree volunteered to have the money taken from the Community Engagement Committee account, as they have the ability to see if they can make it up via donations. Clerk Waege will make the change.

Close Public Hearing

President Burtness closed the Budget Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

- 2024 General Fund Budget. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve the 2024 General Fund Budget for \$1,710,935. Roll Call Vote - Schmidt, Tuffree, Gerber, and President Burtness voted yes, Knox voted no. Motion
- 2024 Tax Levy. Motion by Gerber, seconded by Schmidt to set the 2024 Tax Levy for 941,767.00. Roll Call Vote -Schmidt, Tuffree, Gerber, and President Burtness voted yes, Knox voted no. Motion carried.

New Business

- Trustee Vacancy. President Burtness recommend Nick Howard to fill the vacant trustee position. Motion by Knox, seconded by Gerber to appoint Nick Howard to fill the vacant trustee position due to the resignation of Chuck Boyce. Motion carried.
- · Oath of Office for Nick Howard. Nick Howard was sworn in by Clerk Waege.
- "Class B Liquor License" for Sam Mazzarisi for 214 Viking Drive. Clerk Waege explained that Mazzarisi was given an extension to the end of December. The new buyer

is not going to open until the end of February. Clerk Waege explained that if the license expires, its status changes to a reserve license, a reserve license costs \$10,000 to bring out of reserve status. Motion by Gerber, seconded by Tuffree to extend the "Class B Liquor License" for Sam Mazzarisi at 214 Viking Drive until March 26, 2024. Motion carried.

- R-2023-08 Wage Resolution. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve Resolution R-2023-08 setting the 2024 wages. Motion car-
- R-2023-09 Election Board. Motion by Knox, seconded by Gerber to approve Resolution R-2023-09 setting the 2024-2025 Election Board. Motion
- · Lucida Audit Contract. Clerk Waege explained that the audit contract has a large increase. Clerk Waege further explained that she spoke with the former Auditor who felt it was a large increase, but still in a good price range compared to other firms. Clerk Waege further added that she spoke with the Clerks from Albany and Magnolia, who also checked around and were told the same thing. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve the three year audit contract with Lucida, Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Schmidt explained that a large donation is being given to the library to replace the roof next year. President Burtness explained that Brian Bowditch of Burtness Chevrolet offered to purchase the materials for the roof, Bowditch also was able to get Eric Tway from Rhino Exteriors to donate their labor to do the work. Strunz was present and very appreciative of the donation. President Burtness further explained that the budgeted money for the library roof improvements can now be used to replace the aging fur-

Motion by Knox, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Department Head Reports. Motion carried.

Vouchers

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Knox to approve the vouchers with a check range of 36460-36490. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Knox, seconded by Gerber to adjourn at 7:58

utilize the electronic signs in

the Village. O'Leary spoke

with someone from the Amer-

ican Legion and Stables that

said they would post our lo-

cal events. Clerk Waege will

check with O'Leary to see if

there is a charge for the Amer-

The main goals for 2024

are promotion of the Business

Park, doing a quarterly news-

letter, and advertising in the

Promotion of Business

Review of 2024 Goals

ican Legion sign.

Village meeting discusses advertising on local signs

held its economic develop- being paid out. ment meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Or- Business after fordville Village Hall in the

main board room. Chairwoman Beth Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present were Chairwoman Schmidt, Dennis Burtness, Amy Friend, and Heidi Melton. Also present were Terry Gerber and Clerk Sherri Waege. Absent were Cami Myers-Alstat, Craig O'Leary, and Stacy Todd.

Minute Approval

Motion by Melton, seconded by Burtness to approve the Nov. 13 minutes. Motion carried.

Grant Applications

Clerk Waege explained that there is one grant applicant that has turned in the required paperwork; however their taxes are delinquent. Clerk Waege is waiting for the tax-

The Village of Orfordville es to be paid prior to the grant

Five Event

Advertising

on Local Signs

Clerk Waege explained that

she spoke with Craig O'Leary

Chairwoman Schmidt explained that she spoke with Oscar at Taqueria Guzman about having the event at their restaurant. Guzman was fine with that and will have space in the larger room. Discussion held on the time and content for the meeting. The social gathering will start at 5:30 p.m., the discussion will be light, connection communities information will be available, and business owners will be encouraged to bring their business cards and marketing materials. Melton and Clerk Waege will forward their notes to Cami Alstat for the invitation.

Parking Lots

Rock County Guide.

Next Meeting Date

No discussion held.

The next meeting date will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

Adjourn

Motion by Melton, seconded by Friend to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

#2871, vintage G.I. Joe action figures.

COINS: 1850 Liberty Head \$20 gold coin graded xf-45.

ANTIQUES: lightning rod balls, Monmouth pottery crocks, Macomb pottery, butter churns, stacking lawyers book cases, ice boxes, coin op player piano, 1968 Minnesota North Stars pennant, 1913 Fatima Cigarettes Baseball cards, 7' aluminum Christmas tree, 1904 John Deere Player Co. vohigles book 1908 Atomic pengil chargeners Givil was required display. Pailroad Plow Co. vehicles book, 1908 Atomic pencil sharpener, Civil war reunion display, Railroad cannon ball caboose lights, MCM George Nelson Cigar Lamp, 1944 M-1 rifle grenade launcher, lithographic limestone printers block, Brass fighting ring bell, large brass Dolphin carburetor, cast iron figures, cast iron door stops, slag glass light, rail road lanterns, Duncan parking meter, Nazi Germany hats and uniform, Arcade Andy Gump car, West Chicago Police badge.

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Turtle TEK announces Women in STEM on Dec. 29

Turtle TEK, a FIRST Eclipse Blvd, in Beloit. Tech Challenge robotics team in the area, is thrilled to announce the upcoming Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) event for girls in sixth through 12th grade. The event is aimed at fostering interest and enthusiasm in STEM employment fields among girls and will take Friday, Dec. 29, at the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 have the unique opportunity

various sectors of STEM and hands-on activities such as flavor, radiation testing, and more. With a strong commitment to promoting inclusion in STEM, Turtle TEK seeks to inspire girls to explore cain these fields. Attendees will

to learn firsthand about the The team has planned an experiences and journeys of engaging and informative successful women profesevent featuring speakers from sionals in science, technology, engineering, and math.

The event is sponsored make-your-own ice cream by Fairbanks Morse Defense. Speakers will include Paige Simonis from Kerry Group, Crystal Garmon and Zoairia Lyric from SHINE Technologies, Angelica place from 1 to 5 p.m. on reer opportunities available Chapman-Sykes, and Tricia Blackwell from Fairbanks Morse Defense. Each speaker



Robotics team Turtle TEK is excited to host the very first Women in STEM event in the stateline area for girls in sixth through 12th grade. Team members pictured here, from left: Katherine Woodard, Noah Hahn, Xavier Miller, Loretta Woodard, Kelby Schneider, Garrett Schneider, Jordan Shultz, and Isaac Kubatzke.

will not only share insights activities showcasing the di-

Turtle TEK hopes that girls please sign up quickly. To letekftc_21355 (Instagram).

discover a new passion for sign up for this free event, into their respective fields STEM at this event. A meal but also facilitate hands-on and a swag bag will be pro- Please share the event on vided to all participants. This rect application of their jobs. event has limited space, so Turtle TEK (Facebook) turt-

go to: tinyurl.com/mvja3h6z. your social media and tag



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Girls attending the event will receive swag bags with goodies from many local companies. Here, Kelby Schneider picks up donations from the speakers from SHINE Technologies. From left: Crystal Garmon, Kelby Schneider, Zoairia Lyric, and Cheryl Peterson.

DNR: Orfordville may receive funds for safe drinking water project

of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced the village of Orfordville is an applicant for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to improve its public drinking water system.

The project includes the rehabilitation and painting of the water tower in the village of Orfordville.

Activities related to this

Admin. Code, for which no environmental review or analenvironmental analysis is required; however, following the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program federal requirement 40 C.F.R. §35.3580, an environmental review must be conducted before funding this

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that the project will not result project are minor actions un- in significant adverse environ- natives.

The Wisconsin Department der Chapter NR 150, Wis. mental effects, and no further ysis is needed before proceeding with funding the project.

> Based on the comments received, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR's consideration of the project's impacts and reasonable alter-

Sex offender at Orfordville home discussed at board meeting

The Village of Orfordville held its police committee meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Orfordville Village Hall in Conference Room B.

Chairwoman Nikki Tuffree called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairwoman Schmidt, Terry Gerber, and Beth Schmidt. Also present were Chief Jeremiah Burdick, Hank Maas, and Clerk Sherri Waege.

Minute Approval

Motion by Schmidt, second-Nov. 9 minutes. Motion car-

Review of Ordinance 240-27 Residency of Sex Offenders

Chief Burdick explained that this was brought up due to a Lifetime Registrant purchasing a home in the Village that is within 1,000 feet of Parkview Elementary School. Hank Maas of 209 N. Main Street was present in regards to the situation. Chief Burdick explained that he will proceed with enforcement of the ordinance and contact Attorney Mike Hahn.

Part Time Plan for 2024

Chief Burdick explained that he has a good working crew now that is providing good coverage in the Village. Chief Burdick further explained that he is looking to increase up if there is an incident at the p.m. Motion carried.

wages for part time officers to keep who we have, due to the competitive climate of departments needing officers. Chief Burdick further added that the money is already in the 2024

Day to Day Operations

· Chief Burdick explained that conversations have started with Parkview regarding a School Resource Officer, possibly in 2025.

• Chief Burdick explained that he met with Interim Sued by Gerber to approve the perintendent Dr. Way and Elementary Principal Strand cerns regarding the incident to participate this year. at Dollar General. Chief Burdick explained that there were two calls placed to the school regarding the incident there was also a Rock County Deputy at the school after the incident. Chief Burdick further explained the protocol on the procedure during that type of incident which includes securing the scene, location of perpetrator, and sending out and attempt to locates.

 Chief Burdick participated in two lock down procedures at Parkview, Parkview Elementary was on Dec. 5 and the High School was on Dec. 6. Chief Burdick also met with Chief Alasankis from the Village of Footville and gave him a key fob for the school as he will most likely be called for back-

· Chief Burdick assisted with the Christmas Parade. There were a couple of cars that drove around street barricades and also floats in the parade. Chief Burdick explained that he will have additional officers on for next year.

 The Department hosted Shop with a Cop last Saturday. Chief Burdick thanked Sgt. Rufer and Dawn, Officer Jeremiah Burdick Jr and Brandy, Officer David Cliffe, Officer Violet Marquez, Brandy Koehler, Nikki Tuffree, Beth Schmidt, and Sherri Waege for Conroy to discuss their con- assisting. Four kids were able

> • Updates were done on the Badger Tracs citation software.

• The monthly Use of Force

report was submitted. · The items that were grant eligible were worked on and

will be submitted next week. Officer Marquez completed her field training and is now

working independently. • The schedule is done, there is great coverage in December, including the holidays.

· Chief Burdick will be on call if there is a snow emergency where parking needs to be enforced. Part-time officers will also assist for future snow emergencies.

Adjourn

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Schmidt to adjourn at 6:49





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Referendum Survey Results
Monday, January 2, 2024
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD
ROOM

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. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

<u>AGENDA</u>

IV. REVIEW RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY SURVEY

DRAFTING POSSIBLE RESO-LUTION LANGUAGE

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Monthly Meeting Monday January 8, 2024 at 6 PM

Orfordville Fire District Meeting Room 173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

AGENDA

- Call to order Approval of agenda
- Verification of proper public notice
- 4. Secretary's Report Treasurer's report
- 6. Reports
 A. Supervisors B. Chairman
 - C. Other reports
- 7. Audience communication
- 8. Old business
- A. Rock County Public Works B. Road work
- C. Fire/EMS
- New business
- 10. Future agenda items Payment of bills
- Adjournment

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Campbell joins FNBT as manager

First National Bank and Trust (FNBT), is pleased to announce the hire of Kristen Campbell as Wealth Group Operations Manager.

Kristen is an industry professional with 25 years of experience. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. She further pursued specialized training to enhance her financial expertise, earning a trust operations professional certificate from the Cannon Financial Institute and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certificate from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

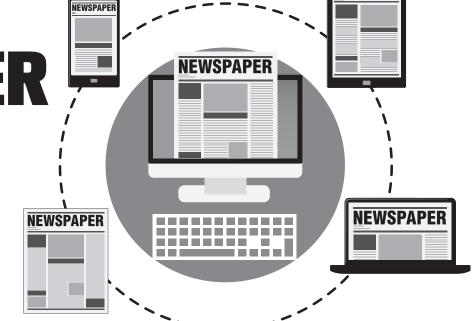
In her new role, her key responsibilities include overseeing the back-office settlement of trades and cash operations, managing the opening and closing of client accounts, and implementing process improvements to accomplish department objectives more efficiently.

Outside of work, Kristen actively participates in CrossFit, enjoys reading, and watches several cooking shows. She also dedicates her time to supporting her children at their soccer and dance events. A resident of Rockton, Ill., Kristen will be based at FNBT's office located at 345 E. Grand Avenue, Beloit.

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UWW students embark on collaboration with Johnson Health Tech

tional Safety students enrolled in Safety 481 (Analysis and Design for Safety in Industrial Operations) had an exciting opportunity to work on a real-world safety project during this past fall semester.

UW-Whitewater alum and current Environment, Health, and Safety Director for Johnson Health Tech, Eric Olson, reached out to safety professor Dr. Todd Loushine with a safety issue that students could research and present recommendations to management. Johnson Health Tech, headquartered in Cottage Grove, is a global leader in the manufacturing and sale of high-quality exercise equipment.

The project focuses on the delivery and installation of heavy and awkward exercise equipment into the customer's homes without causing a significant strain on the delivery workers or incidental damage to the site.

Eric was excited to provide this project to the students at his alma mater. "It is important for me to give back to UW-Whitewater because I want to help influence the knowledge and skills that the students receive to ensure they are better prepared for their professional opportunities coming out of college."

Johnson Health Tech provided the students with samples of their exercise equipment for testing, which made full use of the Safety Lab at the University of Wisconsin- Whitewater Community Engagement Center. This lab includes all the necessary equipment for the safety students to perform tests in a safe and controlled envi-



UW-Whitewater Occupational Safety students en-rolled in Safety 481 had an exciting opportunity to work on a real-world safety project during this past fall semester.

Dr. Loushine is very grateful for all of the support on this project and is eager to see the impact his students have post-graduation. He said, "Having this lab, the support of Johnson Health Tech, Eric (Olson), and everybody else who contributes to our program, our students are prepared to make an immediate impact after graduation."

This project with Johnson Health Tech allowed these students to explore their careers before working for a company full-time. Senior Chase LaFernier said, "This project serves as an opportunity to get real-world experience. Get our hands in the lab and on a project. Working towards something that could actually help is exciting and something we haven't gotten to experience yet."

Senior Chris Gomez added that working on this project helped teach him about his future career in safety. "In this project, we've had a lot of dead ends and roadblocks. So we've had to make an attempt, start over, make an attempt, start over, maybe a dozen times. But

that's the real world. Everything is not going to be so linear and straightforward. It takes patience and perseverance to find success."

Further discussing UW-Whitewater's safety program, Tommy Hoy, a Senior Safety major, is delighted with the ample student support opportunities provided by the Occupational Environmental Safety and Health Department. These resources are instrumental in paving the way for his success. "The career fair is awesome. They set up an excellent opportunity for you to talk to people hiring right out of college. After speaking with a rep at the career fair, a company reached out to me asking if I would like an internship. Once I completed the internship, I had an interview with them, and now I will be working for them full-time post-gradua-

After a long semester of working towards a solution for Johnson Health Tech, the class has built a prototype. This device effectively allows the exercise equipment to be moved safely, providing reduced strain on the movers and allowing them to be hands-free to have better lift and moving control. The class presented their entire study and demonstrated the prototype to the Johnson Health Tech Corporate on Dec. 13.

Dr. Loushine is proud of how the project has turned out and looks forward to continuing this work next semester. He said, "This has been an extremely valuable learning experience for the students, and I think we have a great idea. cobe or email cobe@uww.edu.

it and take it into the field for testing. I'm teaching this class next semester, and I want those students to be working with people out in the field, testing this equipment, documenting findings, and making adjustments and instructions/training for movers. There is plenty of room to grow this project to make things more effective and safer for Johnson Health Tech."

Congratulations to Dr. Todd Loushine and his safety students on all of the work they have done so far! The university is excited to see where this project goes next.

Learn more about the UW-Whitewater College of Business and Economics Occupational Safety department

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· Sarah Olin, who graduated with a BBA in human resource management.

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· Cassie Schenkel, who graduated with a BBA in human resource management.

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