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Historic quilts, sewing machines focus of museum's presentation

A presentation of 19th-century quilts from the Lincoln-Tallman Museum collection, a visiting display and demonstration of antique sewing machines, and a curated display of textiles is planned at the Rock County Historical Society's Tallman Carriage House, 440 N. Jackson Street, Janesville.

The presentation will be held at three different times: 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 15, and again at 10 a.m. on March 16. Each program is scheduled for 90 minutes.

Highlights of the events include:

• A stunning collection of 19th-century quilts from the renowned Lincoln-Tallman collection;

• Live demonstrations showcasing the craftsmanship of antique sewing machines;

• A curated display of an-

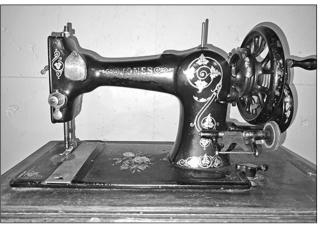
tique textiles.

Tickets for the presentations are \$15; to purchase a ticket or for more information, call the Rock County Historical Society at 608-756-4509 or visit https://rchs. us/events/. Admission supports the preservation and education operations of RCHS.

Home to six uniquely different historic sites on a 3.5acre campus in the historic Look West Neighborhood, the Rock County Historical Society's mission is to bridge past and present through capturing and sharing stories about Rock County. Its sites include the award-winning Lincoln-Tallman Museum, the Museum and Visitor Center, RCHS Archives and Preservation Facility, Tallman Carriage House, Wilson-King Stone House, and the newly renovated Frances Willard Schoolhouse.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED Rock Valley Publishing One of the quilts that will be on display in March at the Lincoln-Tallman Carriage House.



An antique sewing machine whose usage will be demonstrated at a presentation by the Rock County Historical Society.



One of the many antique sewing machines that will on display at a special presentation at the RCHS.

Blackhawk Technical College launches athletics program

Blackhawk Technical College is now a member of the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) and set to compete in Region 4 at the Division II level. Blackhawk will offer men's golf and coed clay target shooting this spring, women's volleyball and coed bowling in the fall, and men's and women's basketball in late 2024.

"Blackhawk Athletic

hawk Athletics, the college has hired Todd Voss as a parttime athletic director. He will and spearhead the recruitment of student-athletes.

"I'm excited about this opportunity to build an athletics ence as a teacher and coach The bowling team, which practices at RiversEdge Bowl in Janesville, did compete in one tournament last fall in nickname at blackhawk.edu/ Madison and plans to expand its competition this coming fall. The men's golf team will use Riverside Golf Course as its home course this spring, and the clay target shooting team will work closely with edu.

To oversee and lead Black- the Janesville Conservation Club. The volleyball team and the basketball teams will use Blackhawk's new gymnasium work with a team of coaches in the Public Safety Center, which is set to open in August.

Looking ahead, Blackhawk plans to expand the range of program and to inspire our sports offered based on stustudent-athletes," said Voss, dent interest. The college also who has 32 years of experi- plans to announce an athletics nickname – Blazers? Raptors? Talons? - on May 1. Residents of Rock and Green counties can vote for their favorite athletics through March 15. Students interested in learning more about Blackhawk Athletics can visit blackhawk. edu/athletics or reach out to Voss at athletics@blackhawk.

Blackhawk Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to manage inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Kathy Broske, Executive Director - Human Resources, 6004 S County Road G, P.O. Box 5009, Janesville, WI 53547-5009, kbroske@blackhawk.edu, 608-757-7773, WI Relay: 711.

Grown Climate Smart marks successful completion of first year

608-897-2193

\$6.3 million worth of incentives dedicated to growers

Grown Climate Smart, an initiative spearheaded by The DeLong Co., Inc., which is headquartered in Clinton and also has an Evansville and an Orfordville location. announces the completion of its first year of the USDA's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Grant. Dedicated to incentivizing and supporting the development of sustainable farming practices, Grown Climate Smart has made significant strides in promoting environmental stewardship while empowering growers across multiple states.

These sustainable farming practices, known for their significant greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and carbon sequestration benefits, have garnered considerable interest among growers. In 2023, Grown Climate Smart enrolled over 170 growers from seven different states, covering a total of over 235.000 acres dedicated to sustainable farming practices. Through direct incentive payments on a per acre basis, growers have been incentivized to continue or start implementing cover crops, reduced or no-till, nutrient management plans, and windbreak establishment or renovations.

'Our first year has seen a lot of success, with growers embracing the opportunity to continue or start implementing climate-smart practices on their farms," remarked Matt Woods, General Manager of Grown Climate Smart. "We're thrilled to have provided over \$6.3 million in incentive payments directly to growers, demonstrating our commitment to supporting sustainable agriculture while increasing the marketability of row crops."

Among the achievements of the program, 70% of enrolled growers

widespread commitment to environmental responsibility within the agricultural community. Additionally, 62% of growers enrolled in Grown Climate Smart are small, underserved, or specialty growers. Furthermore, the enrollment of over 235,000 acres dedicated to sustainable farming practices, producing corn, soybeans, and wheat, underscores the program's impact on enhancing the sustainability of row crop production.

In addition to on farm agricultural milestones, Grown Climate Smart has been actively working to build brand recognition among consumers, encouraging them to align their purchase preferences with sustainably marked products. The Grown Climate Smart logo has been adopted by several companies utilizing climate-smart grain in their products. Now, consumers can find the Grown Climate Smart logo on certain products throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Nebraska, signaling a strengthened commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

As Grown Climate Smart moves into its second year, the program remains dedicated to increasing the marketability of row crops grown using climate-smart practices. By continuing to scale the program and enroll more growers and acreage in 2024, Grown Climate Smart aims to further solidify its position as a leading force in promoting sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

Growers interested in joining the Grown Climate Smart initiative can reach out by emailing info@ grownclimatesmart.com or calling 608-676-3041. More information can also be found on the Grown Climate Smart website, grownclimatesmart.com.

an extension of our goal to create vibrant student life on campus. We believe that the culture of athletics on campus will become a source of pride, uniting our community and creating lasting memories that extend beyond the playing field," said Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk Technical College.

are implementing two or more climate-smart practices, showcasing a



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Albany wins grant to create people-friendly spaces downtown

A proposal submitted by the Green County Development Corp. (GCDC) to beautify and create safer people-friendly spaces in downtown Albany has been selected to receive this month's AARP Wisconsin "Small Dollar, Big Impact" grant.

AARP Wisconsin is awarding \$1,000 grants each month throughout 2024 to projects across the state that are designed to make communities better places for everyone to live, work and play as they age. Judges selected this project after reviewing dozens of proposals submitted from all

over the state. Olivia Otte, Executive Director of GCDC, said the goal of the project - called the Advance Albany Initiative - is to "create a spark that allows us to build excitement and growth in the community."

The grant will be used to buy reflective crosswalk signs, high-visibilitv crosswalk paint, and solar-powered LED crosswalk lights. The funds will also enable the group to install new flowerpots with native plants in crosswalk islands and put small trees in sidewalk planters. Brochures

safety will also be created and a population of approximatemade available in the downtown library.

"By doing this, we will help to enhance the identity of the community and create a space that people want to go to," Otte said. "This simple addition will serve as a catalyst for community engagement and social cohesion."

The GCDC was created to serve small communities like Albany. This project, Otte explained, holds a distinctive character as it unfolds within a community characterized by its rural setting and aging and flyers about pedestrian population. The village, with

ly 1,200 residents, exudes a sense of tight-knit community spirit.

One year ago, GCDC collaborated with community leaders to conduct first-impression tours of Albany. Key initiatives were identified, and a primary focus emerged: to enhance the downtown area by creating a more welcoming and aesthetically pleasing environment. Because of this community involvement, GCDC has collaborated with the Albany Chamber of Commerce to pursue grants and local donations to turn this

vision into reality.

The group used the AARP Walk Audit Toolkit and the AARP Creating Community Gardens resource to help in their planning. "These invaluable tools played a crucial role in helping us refine our focus and identify the top priorities within our community improvement project. By leveraging these toolkits, we gained a clear understanding of the specific areas that required immediate attention and improvements," Otte said.

Furthermore, she said, "both toolkits facilitated the development of a sustainability plan for our project. Collaborating with community groups and organizations not only diversified our resources but also fostered a sense of shared responsibility and collective ownership for the project's ongoing success."

Otte said the AARP grant money will help contribute to the creation of excitement and energy throughout the village.

We deeply appreciate the AARP grant that GCDC has received, which will contribute significantly to enhancing Albany's downtown area through beautification and safety initiatives," she said. "This support not only aligns with Albany's goals but also generates positive momentum, benefiting both local residents and visitors alike."

Darrin Wasniewski, Associate State Director of Community Outreach for AARP Wisconsin, said, "We are pleased to see how Green County Development Corp. and the Village of Albany utilized AARP's Walk Audit Toolkit and Creating Community Gardens in planning this pedestrian safety improvement.

"Older adults are disproportionately affected in traffic crashes involving pedestrians leading to serious injuries or www.aarp.org.

death. We applaud all those involved for focusing on the safety of people walking as they work to create a Livable Community for all ages and all abilities," Wasniewski said.

AARP Wisconsin's launched its "Small Dollar, Big Impact" grant program in 2020 and is now in its fifth year of helping proposed projects move forward in rural and urban parts of the state. For more information, visit www.aarp.org/WIsdbi

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of more than 37 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment security and retirement planning. They advocate for consumers in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help their members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services. A trusted source for lifestyle tips, news and educational information, AARP produces AARP The Magazine, the world's largest circulation magazine; AARP Bulletin; www. aarp.org; AARP TV and Radio; AARP Books; and AARP VIVA, a bilingual news source. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learn more at

Students bring popular books to life at JPAC

The Janesville Performing Arts Center is bringing a popular book series, the Junie B. Jones series, to life on their stage.

This show features more than 45 local students in grades 4 through 8. They are from many different school districts including Janesville, Edgerton, Milton, Beloit, and Brodhead.

Join Junie B. on her first day of first grade, where many changes are in

store: Junie's best friend Lucille has found new best friends - and Junie B. makes friends with Herb, the new kid at school. While in Mr. Scary's class. Junie has trouble reading the blackboard - and she may need glasses. Add in a friendly cafeteria lady, an Topintense kickball tournament and a " Secret Personal Beeswax Journal," and first grade has never been more exciting.

With a run time of just over one hour, this is great fun for the whole family.

Tickets for adults are \$12 and tickets for students are \$8. Purchase tickets online at www.janesvillepac.org or by calling 608-758-0297.

Showtimes

- Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.



Officer involved in critical incident in Janesville

The Wisconsin Department sonnel were injured during of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident (OICI) in Janesville that occurred on the evening of Friday, March

The Janesville Police Department responded to a 911 call regarding an armed subject in the 1200 block of N. Parker Street in the City of Janesville. When they arrived, officers made contact with the armed subject. The subject refused to exit the residence. and two other subjects were unable to safely exit the residence. An officer discharged their weapon striking the armed subject. The subject facts of this incident and will died on the scene due to their turn over investigative reports injuries. A firearm was locat- to the Rock County District ed at the scene.

the incident.

The involved officer from Janesville Police Department has been placed on administrative leave, per department policy.

The involved officer was wearing a body camera during the incident.

DCI is leading this investigation and are assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol, a DCI Crime Response Specialist, and members of the DCI Digital Evidence Unit. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the Attorney when the investiga-No law enforcement per- tion concludes.

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Join the University of Wis- summit includes an overview consin-Madison for the 4th of the latest economic and de-Annual Wisconsin Rural Economic Summit as they explore communities, an examination the latest economic research of entrepreneurship, and a disand data related to rural Wisconsin communities.

The summit will be held Thursday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to noon online.

Using the latest research and data specific to Wisconsin's rural communities and regions, the summit will focus on the Wisconsin rural economy. The

mographic trends across rural cussion of what rural communities can do to foster economic growth and development. This event is virtual and free to the public.

register, То go to https://economicdevelopment.extension.wisc. edu/2024/02/09/2024-wisconsin-rural-economic-summit.

DNR: Enroll now in a hunter education course

WISCONSIN DNR

Planning on hunting for the first time in 2024? Fantastic!

The first thing you'll want to do is enroll in a hunter education course, and now is the perfect time to confirm your spot, as courses tend to fill up in the spring.

Those who complete a hunter education course play a vital role in keeping Wisconsin a safe place to hunt. Many hunting incidents in Wisconsin involve hunters older than 40, decades after learning firearm safety rules in their hunter education courses. It may be time for veteran hunters to refresh these valuable lessons.

As part of the program, hunter education graduates receive a certificate accepted in every U.S. state, Canada and Mexico. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law.

The DNR offers multiple hunter education course formats and locations, so hunters can choose the best option for how and where they'd like to learn.

Traditional Course

Students attend a multi-day, inperson course where they learn hunter



PHOTO COURTESY WISCONSIN DNR Rock Vallev Publishing The DNR offers multiple hunter education course options and locations, so hunters can choose the best format for how and where they'd like to learn.

responsibility and safety through lectures, demonstrations, group discussions, practical exercises and individual study.

The students then take a multiple-choice exam and complete a hands-on, skillsbased assessment based on information

found in the printed student manual and taught during class.

Internet + Field Day

Students must enroll in an in-person field day course and then complete the online portion before attending the field day. Upon completing the online course, students will receive a field day voucher, which is required to participate in the in-person field day course they enrolled in. Students will reinforce what they learned online through hands-on safe firearm handling, demonstrations from experienced hunters and practical exercises. The students then take a multiple-choice exam and complete a hands-on, skills-based assessment.

Online-Only (Ages 18+)

The online-only course has the same general content as the other options but is entirely online. Students work through online units, take multiple-choice quizzes and take a final multiple-choice exam. This course is specifically for students with prior hunting or firearms handling experience. It is only for those 18 years of age or older.

Search for upcoming courses in your area through a Go Wild account.

UW-Whitewater reveals 2023 winter graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater announced its 2023 winter graduating class.

Approximately 620 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the ceremony, held at Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center.

The graduating class included three international students, 64 military veterans and 141 nontraditional students, defined as undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older. In addition, 74 self-identified students with disabilities received degrees.

A total of 50 students participated in the university's Hired Before Graduation campaign, which celebrates students who landed a job, earned acceptance to graduate school or started their own business before commencement.

The following students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement, held Dec. 16, 2023:

Albany

· Valerie Johnson graduated with the following degree: Early Child Care and Education – BS

Beloit

 Ailani Acevedo graduated Cum Laude with the following degree: Criminology – BS

• Nayely Arreola graduated with the following degree: Accounting - BBA

• Ally Bosetti graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Physical

Cum Laude with the following degree: Psychology - BS

with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Sciences Collaborative - AAS

Zach Nichols graduated Cum Laude with the following degree: Psychology - BA

· Sarah Olin graduated Summa Cum Laude with the following degree: Human Resource Management – BBA

with the following degree: History – BA • Deanna Renteria gradu-

ated Cum Laude with the following degree: History – BA

 Kameron Van Tassel graduated with the following degree: Computer Science – BS • Alyssa Vitale graduated Summa Cum Laude with the

following degree: Elementary Education – BSE • Kylie Wessell-Woodcock

graduated with the following degree: Communication – BA • Ella Williams graduated

with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

Brodhead

• Carissa Blum graduated with the following degree: Media Arts and Game Development - BA

• Sadie Erb graduated with the following degree: Human Resource Management – BBA • Haylee Stephenson graduated with the following degree: Special Education – MSE

Candice Koehl graduated with the following degree: Molly Kiser graduated Psychology – BA

Edgerton

• Cierra Grant graduated with the following degree: **Business** Administration MBA

· Devon Kinney graduated with the following degree: Chemistry – BS

· Nicole Kronau graduat-• Riley Phalin graduated ed with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Sciences Collaborative – AAS

> Katie Schwebs graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Psychology -BS

Janesville

• Michelle Abey graduated with the following degree: Business Administration

· Hannah Bergeron graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

· Sierra Castro graduated with the following degree: Marketing – BBA

· Peter Christensen graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

• Tegan Christiansen graduated Cum Laude with the following degree: Marketing – BBA

• Robert Clark graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

• Charley Dunlavy graduatd with the following degree:

Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Social Studies - BSE

· Lina Han graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Biology – BS · Colin Hanson graduated

with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS • Bailey Hoffmann graduated with the following degree:

Associate of Arts and Science -AAS · Andrea Huberd graduated with the following degree: Environmental Safety and Health

· Lindsey Kalis graduated with the following degree:

MBA • Michael Kenyon graduat-

-AAS

ated Summa Cum Laude with - BS

AAS

• Tyler Lantta graduated with the following degree: Communication - BA

• Anna Larson graduated with the following degree: Elementary Education - BSE

the following degree: Business Administration – MBA

• Jack Macdougall graduated with the following degree: Liberal Studies – BS

Yazmine Mcci

graduated Cum Laude with Cole Tschetter graduated the following degree: Applied Magna Cum Laude with the Arts and Sciences – BAAS following degree: History -• Zoe Minott graduated BSE with the following degree:

General Business – BBA

tion – BSE

- BS

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- AAS

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• Sammy Olvera graduated Cum Laude with the follow-

• Carter Retzlaff graduated

· Janis Rustad graduated

· Jake Schultz graduated

• Kirsten Shuler graduated

• Natalie Silveus graduat-

• Haley Stluka graduated

Cum Laude with the follow-

ing degree: Art Education -

with the following degree:

Associate of Arts and Science

ed with the following degree:

Associate of Arts and Science

with the following degree:

Psychology – BS • James Taylor graduated

with the following degree:

Cum Laude with the follow-

ing degree: History - BSE

• Adam Teal graduated

Madalyn Thompson grad-

uated Magna Cum Laude with

the following degree: English

Literature and Language Arts

Education – BSE

Computer Science – BS

ing degree: Physical Educa-

Cum Laude with the follow-

ing degree: Computer Science

Cum Laude with the follow-

ing degree: Art Education -

• Natalie Van Acker graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Criminology - BS

• Kayleah Wright graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

Milton

 Morgan Balch graduated Summa Cum Laude with the following degree: Early Childhood Education – BSE

 Nick Blomgren graduated with the following degree: Communication – BA

· Jared Brown graduated with the following degree: Human Performance – BS

 Jenna Dillinder graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

· Max Ellefson graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

· Abby Hamman graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Elementary Education – BSE

 Jaida Hoppe graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

· Matt Kjell graduated with the following degree: General

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- MS

Business Administration

ed with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science

· Alexandra Kestol gradu-

the following degree: Biology

· Ava Lampson graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -

Chris Last graduated with

Education – BSE

• Pearl Clement graduated with the following degree: Data Analytics – MS

• Irvin De La Torre graduated with the following degree: Finance – BBA

· Yadira Foulker graduated with the following degree: Spanish – BA

· Chad Horkey graduated

Clinton Jesse Alonzo graduated Summa Cum Laude with the

following degree: Sociology -BS

• Sydney Frey graduated with the following degree: Special Education – BSE

• Gretchen Hahn graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Elementary Education – BSE

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> · Abbey Fillhouer graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Liberal Studies - BS

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THE INDEPENDENT-REGISTER Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Parkview/Albany get two on the state podium

the WIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament was held at the Kohl Center in Madison. Parkview/Albany had four wrestlers punch that ticket: Danny Finley at 126. Sam Schwengels at 190, Wes Egan at 215, and Sydney Coyne at 235.

This will go down in history for Parkview/Albany Wrestling which had four wrestlers make it to State at the same time. Egan at 215 placed 5th and Schwengels at 190 placed 6th. Finley at 126 and Coyne at 235 both wrestled tough matches but did not win.

2024 WIAA Individual State Results for Parkview/Albany

126 Danny Finley (48-5)

• Champ. Round 1: Aaron Knetter (Stratford) 36-17 won by decision over Danny Finley (Parkview/Albany) 48-5 (Dec 7-0)

190 Sam Schwengels (51-5) placed 6th

• Champ. Round 1: Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 51-5 won by decision over Tellver Alix (Wevauwega-Fremont) 40-14 (Dec 8-2)

• Quarterfinal: Trevor Firari (Waterloo) 37-6 won by decision over Sam Schwen-(Parkview/Albany) gels 51-5 (Dec 7-0)

• Cons. Round 1: Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 51-5 won by decision over Kemper Robinson (Ke-

On Feb. 22 through 24, waunee) 36-15 (Dec 6-1) • Cons. Semi: Wyatt Ahnen (Fennimore) 38-7 won by injury default over Sam Schwengels (Parkview/ Albany) 51-5 (Inj. 3:00)

• 5th Place Match: Trevor Firari (Waterloo) 37-6 won by medical forfeit over Sam Schwengels (Parkview/Albany) 51-5 (M. For.)

215 Wesley Egan (52-6) placed 5th

• Champ. Round 1: Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 52-6 won by decision over Devin Otto (Coleman) 34-13 (Dec 11-7)

• Quarterfinal: Jackson Shramek (Blair-Taylor) 42-3 won by fall over Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 52-6 (Fall 0:50)

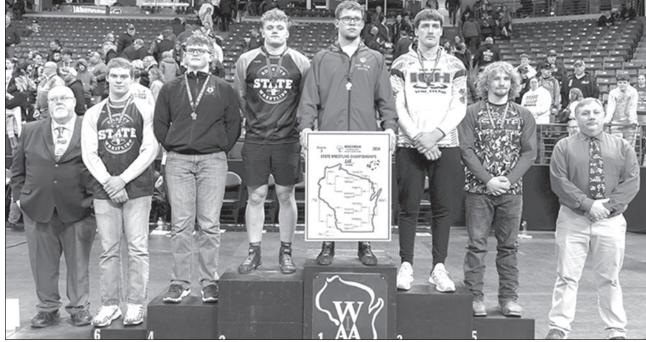
• Cons. Round 1: Wesley (Parkview/Albany) Egan 52-6 won by fall over Zach Hellendrung (Boyceville) 25-7 (Fall 2:48)

• Cons. Semi: Bode Brokopp (Iowa-Grant/ Highland) 35-12 won by decision over Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 52-6 (Dec 7-2)

• 5th Place Match: Wesley Egan (Parkview/Albany) 52-6 won by decision over Axel Tegels (Cadott) 39-10 (Dec 7-4)

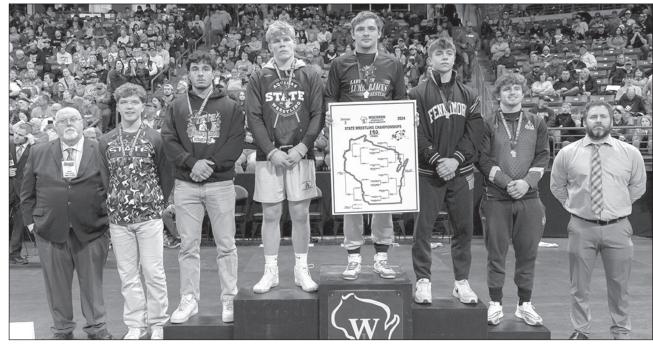
235 Sydney Coyne (23-6)

• Champ. Round 1: Allison Abel (Menasha Girls) 31-12 won by fall over Sydney Coyne (Parkview/Albany Girls) 23-6 (Fall 1:31). This story is courtesy Joel Steinmann.



Wes Egan, second standing from right, won fifth place at state.

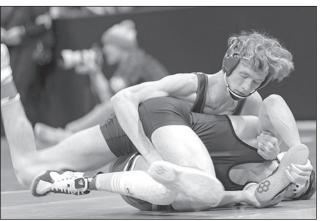
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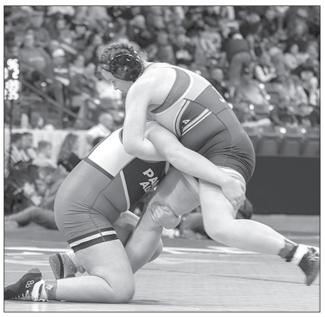
Sam Schwengels, second standing from left, took sixth place at state.



Egan won the match.



Danny Finley faces off against Aaron Knetter of Stratford. Finley lost the match.



Sydney Coyne faces off versus Allison Abel of Menasha. Coyne lost the match.



Sam Schwengels faces off versus Kemper Robison of Kewaunee. Schwengels won the match.





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Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Orfordville village speaks on Parkview referendum

The Village of Orfordville held its regular board meeting on Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. at the village hall.

President Dennis Burtness called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were President Burtness, Nick Howard, Beth Schmidt, Nikki Tuffree, Terry Gerber, and Jason Knox. Also present were Dr. Wayne Anderson, Tracy Case, Don Davies, Steve Lutzke, Bruce Polheber, John Thomson. Chief Jeremiah Burdick. DPW Director Nick Todd, and Clerk Sherri Waege. Absent was Cami Myers-Alstat.

Parkview Referendum

Dr. Wayne Anderson, Tracy Case, and John Thomson were present on behalf of the Parkview School District. Dr. Anderson explained that residents are being asked to approve \$2,294,125 for a recurring referendum.

Dr. Anderson explained that the school surveyed staff and community members to determine the priorities for the district. Those priorities were used to determine the referendum amount. Dr. Anderson explained that the funds will be used for additional staffing. staff increases, a guidance counselor, building maintenance, technology replacement, student programs, and benefits for paraprofessional employees. Dr. Anderson explained that benefits were taken away from paraprofessional employees a few years ago. Dr. Anderson further added that providing benefits will help retain good employees and address the turnover rate. Dr. Anderson explained that the goal of the school board is to provide all the information to the residents in regards to what the referendum is for. Tracy Case explained that the school website and the QR Code on the flyer provide detailed information on the use of the referendum dollars.

Tuffree asked if the referendum can exceed a certain dollar amount in the future. Dr. Anderson explained that the referendum amount, if approved, cannot be increased without going for an additional referendum.

John Thomson, Parkview School Board Member, asked Dr. Anderson to explain the building and technology portion of the referendum. Dr. Anderson explained that the roof at the Jr. High leaks. Dr. Anderson further explained that the roof was not addressed previously as other spending priorities were done first: currently they have \$100,000 set aside for the roof. Dr. Anderson explained that each student has an electronic device, with leases getting ready to expire. A cost replacement which will help establish a cycle for annual replacement.

Don Davies of 9132 S. Smythe School Road was present with questions on the referendum. Davies felt that the roof is an issue as vou can't teach if vou do not have a solid building to teach in. Davies felt that \$100,000 was not enough for a roof. Dr. Anderson agreed as the roof is projected to cost over \$700,000. Davies explained that he is concerned that recurring is forever, as he is on a fixed income.

Discussion was held on State Aid. Dr. Anderson explained that the aid is the best it has been in many years. Dr. Anderson further explained that if approved, the referendum will not adjust based on increases in state aid.

Gerber explained that he was on the school board for many years and that the state funding system needs to change. Gerber added that the Village is in the same position as the school when it comes to funding increases, meaning referendums are the only option to increase revenue.

Steve Lutzke asked how much is going to be cut if the referendum fails. Dr. Anderson explained that the school board met with staff earlier in the evening to discuss cuts. Dr. Anderson explained that the school will have another meeting for the public regarding potential cuts. Dr. Anderson explained that the goal of the school district is to be open with the residents on where the money will be spent and encouraged everyone to check the website for specific information.

Schmidt explained that she has grandkids in the district and feels as residents, we have to do what is best for our youth. Schmidt further explained that what happens with the school district reflects on growth in the community, as there is an economic value. Schmidt added that the school is an anchor for small towns and that property values could be affected if the school de-

Davies explained that a lot of the older residents in Newark are still upset about the closing of Newark School, and also added that Footville School was also closed to consolidate the school district. Davies further explained that many residents still have a bad taste in their mouth over that. Gerber explained that he was on the school board during the closing of Newark School and explained that it and will bring more people was done for financial reasons.

Bruce Polheber of 407 Bretts Way was present and

down after the first year, if approved. Dr. Anderson explained that after the first year, the tax rate is estimated to decrease by .65 cents per thousand, and is estimated to decrease each year based on additional state aids. Dr. Anderson further explained that state funding goes up if referendums get approved.

Davies asked what the school budget was for this school year. Tracy Case explained that expenses are \$12.4 million, with the tax levy being for \$3.8 million.

Thomson explained the current assessment ratios for the area municipalities. Currently the Town of Center and Town of Newark have higher valuations than the others. Thompson added that the mill rate will go down as other communities reassess.

President Burtness thanked Dr. Anderson, Tracy Case, and John Thomson for attend-

Amendments to the I-1 zoning code

President Burtness explained that the Planning Commission would like to review the side and rear setbacks for the I-1 zoning. specifically for the lots in the Business Park. President Burtness explained that the larger setbacks create a hardship for the smaller lots in the Business Park. Clerk Waege provided a copy of the zoning map to show the other two I-1 zoned properties. Motion by Gerber, seconded by Schmidt to have the Planning Commission proceed with scheduling a public hearing to amend the I-1 zoning side and rear setbacks. Motion carried.

Pickle Ball Court

Howard explained that he and another person are interested in converting a tennis court to a pickle ball court. Howard explained that pickle ball is a growing sport and very popular locally. DPW Director Todd explained that he is getting prices for crack filling, sealing, striping, new nets, and the cost to reset the poles. Matt Amundson of 409 Bretts Way was present and explained that he has experience with the growth in pickle ball and installed eight courts in Middleton in 2018. Amundson suggested that Todd reach out to Midwest Seal and Coat of Dodgeville for prices. Howard added that pickle ball will be a great use for the courts that are not used very often for tennis. to the park. Motion by Knox, seconded by Howard to authorize DPW Director Todd to proceed with pricing for

Amend previous motion to purchase new trucks

President Burtness explained that on June 26, 2023, the Village Board voted to purchase two new trucks, one for the Sewer Utility and one for the Water Utility. President Burtness explained that General Motors cancelled the order as it was not able to fill it in the near future. President Burtness further added that after reviewing the potential rate increase, purchasing the truck would be an additional strain in regards to the rate increase. Motion by Knox, seconded by Gerber to amend the original motion that states "Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Boyce to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 for the Sewer Utility at a cost of \$49,871, and a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 (without a box) for the Water Utility at a cost of \$47,481 and to finance the vehicles with a loan through the Wisconsin State Trust Fund. Motion carried with President Burtness abstaining" to be amended to 'Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Boyce to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 for the Sewer Utility at a cost of \$49.871." Motion carried. The Water Utility will not be purchasing a new truck.

Full water rate increase

President Burtness explained that Johnson Block has finalized the Full Rate Increase for the Public Service Commission. Clerk Waege explained that many municipalities do a Simplified Rate Increase annually, which has usually been 3%. Clerk Waege further explained that the Village has not done that which consequently put the Village behind in revenues. Clerk Waege explained that the Village authorized rate increases in 1974, 1993, 1996, 2003, 2015, and 2023. Clerk Waege estimated that the six times that the rates were increased is approximately equal to a cumulative 23% increase overall. Clerk Waege explained that if the Village would have done a 3% simplified rate increase each year in that 30-year time period, (like many municipalities do to keep up with increasing costs) the overall increase would have been a cumulative 90% increase.

President Burtness explained that the application is requesting a 64% rate increase for water. President Burtness added that this is for the water

portion of the bill only and not sewer. Clerk Waege explained that the water utility has been relying on savings to operate, which was the reason for the 8% simplified rate increase in 2023. Clerk Waege further explained that the 64% rate increase is broken down as follows: 40% is to bring the revenues in line with the expenses, 18% is for the water debt service, and 6% is for Rate of Return. Clerk Waege explained that the Village can try to negotiate the Rate of Return to get the rate lowered. Clerk Waege explained that she had discussion with Johnson Block to see how far the Rate of Return can potentially be lowered, Johnson Block does not believe that the PSC will approve anything less than 5%, each percentage point of the Rate of Return is approximately \$20,000 of revenue for the utility. Clerk Waege further explained that the goal of the PSC when considering a rate increase is to make sure that the municipality can cover increasing expenses, pay the debt service, and set aside funds for future repairs.

DPW Director Todd explained that the rate increase is also being driven by being required to paint the inside of the water tower at a cost of \$326,000. Clerk Waege explained that in addition to the \$326,000, the Village requested an extra \$110.000 for additional items. DPW Director Todd explained that the additional items were \$5,000 for new safety harnesses, \$10,000 for electrical upgrades, \$5,000 for the sump pump and installation at the tower, and \$90,000 for a vac trailer. DPW Director Todd explained that he, President Burtness, and Clerk Waege met to see how the additional \$110,000 could be reduced. DPW Director Todd explained that they have to replace the safety harnesses and the electrical, the sump pump work can be done in house, and the vac trailer can be trimmed to \$39,000 which could reduce the \$110,000 by \$56,000. DPW Todd explained that he does not have solid pricing for the items but hopes to get the rest of it this week. Clerk Waege explained that the full rate increase process takes up to six months. Clerk Waege further explained that the painting project has been awarded and is supposed to start this summer, meaning interim financing may have to be utilized until the rate

effect. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to table to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. so the numbers can be finalized so the application can be finished and submitted to the PSC. Motion carried.

Village president update

President Burtness explained the following:

· He requested Clerk Waege to email information to the residents regarding the upcoming water tower painting project and have an additional piece of information he would like to mention. The DNR requires the project the village has completed all ongoing maintenance since the tower was built. This includes an inspection done every 5 years. While there has been some spot painting done on the interior as needed, this will be the first time the entire interior will be done. This project is just the next step in the tower's maintenance.

• The Wisconsin State Assembly passed a bill authored by a bipartisan coalition of local legislators to designate Highway 11 between Orfordville and Footville as the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway. After graduating from Parkview High School in 2009, Corporal Benjamin Neal joined the U.S. Army and was on his second deployment when he was killed in action in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province on April 25, 2012. Thank vou to Post Commander Kurt Stuvengen, the members of the Wells-Davis-Young-Neal American Legion Post 209 in Orfordville, Bill Fitters and the American Legion Riders of District 1 for their efforts. All that remains is for Governor Evers to sign it into law.

 The Bank of Brodhead is open and back to their regular hours in their newly remodeled facility.

· Congratulations to Sam Schwengels and Wes Egan. Wes placed 5th and Sam placed 6th at the State Wrestling Tournament. Wes will be back to fight another year, for Sam "all I can say is thank you for giving all you had the past four years!"

· He attended the school board meeting the Monday before the meeting. The room was packed. A number of residents, staff, and students spoke and were respectful regardless of their viewpoint. This helps in accomplishing what needs to be done.

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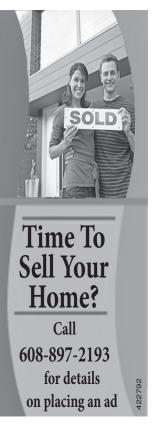
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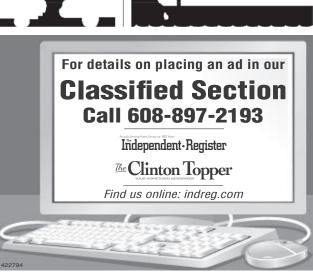
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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDWARD WILLIAM CROOKS Deceased

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR11

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth September 22, 1947 and date of death June 08, 2023, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W1948 County Rd. OK, Brodhead, Wisconsin

53520. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a

claim against the decedent's es-

tate is May 20, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center, County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office

> /s/ Jennifer Prien Probate Registrar 2-12-24

Atty. Robb E. Leach P.O. Box 710 Monroe, WI 53566 (608) 325-2191 Bar Number 1082487

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. PIERCE

Amended **Notice to Creditors** (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR06

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/28/1927 and date of death 05/29/2023, was domi-

ciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing ad-dress of 703 Green Street, Brodhead, WI 53520. 3. All interested persons

waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a

claim against the decedent's es-

tate is May 23, 2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

> Electronically signed by JENNIFER PRIEN Probate Registrar 2-13-24

Michael A. Faust Consigny Law Firm, S.C. 303 East Court Street, Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 755-5050 Bar Number 1024665

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> STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

Plaintiff(s)

Summit Credit Union c/o Turke & Strauss, LLP 613 Williamson Street #201 Madison, WI 53703

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Melanie A. Love 1510 6th Avenue Monroe, WI 53566

> Civil Claim Publication Summons and Notice 2024CV000002 Judge Thomas J. Vale

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Dated this 22nd day of February 2024

Turke & Strauss, LLP Attorney Mary C. Turke 613 Williamson Street #201 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 237-1775

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Monthly Meeting Monday March 11, 2024 at 6 PM Orfordville Fire District Meeting Room 173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

AGENDA

1. Call to order 2. Approval of agenda 3. Verification of proper public notice 4. Secretary's Report 5. Treasurer's report

- 6. Reports A. Supervisors B. Chairman
- C. Other reports 7. Audience communication
- 8. Old business A. Rock County Public
- Works B. Road work

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WALK-IN FREEZER

ed. Motion carried, 6-0.

11. Payment of bills 12. Adjournment

1111 W 2nd Ave Brodhead, WI 53520 Dela Ends, Clerk 608-897-4018

> TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named grantee has prepared an Environmental As-sessment (EA) for the following project. The ÉA is on file at the Brodhead City Hall and is avail-able for public examination and copying. Electronic files can be requested by email at bandrews@msa-ps.com.

Project Name: Street and Utility Improvement Project – W 3rd and 13th

Town of Jefferson: TAX PARCEL NUMBER 23-016 0710.0000 - Minimum proposal Project Location: W 3rd and 13th Streets, City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin is \$1,600 TAX PARCEL NUMBER 23-016 Estimated Cost of Project: \$1,500,000+ 0808.0000 - Minimum proposal

Nature/Purpose of Project: The City of Brodhead, Green Coun-ty, Wisconsin will be committing Community Development Block Grant funds to undertake the project known as the Street and Utility Improvement Project The proposed project includes the replacement of water infrastructure, sewer infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure, and roadway.

The UGLG has determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the UGLG has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the Na-tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reason for such decision is because the project will have no/low impact on the environ-ment. A FONSI is necessary to document environmental assessment findings. The envi-ronmental assessment findings are regarding hazards, wetland areas, and endangered species:

Manmade Hazards/ Hazardous Industrial Operation:

There are no hazardous industrial operations near the project area and no manmade hazards identified near the project area. In addition, there are no above-ground storage tanks near the

project area. There are two (2) closed remediation side near the project area. There are no mitigation measures required, however the prime construction contractor for the project will be notified of the location in the unlikely event that hazardous Area Viewer indicated that the project Is within the wetland indicator area. A wetland specialist from the DNR was identified and contacted to determine if the project would affect the project. The WDNR wetland specialist indicated the project would NOT affect wetlands within the vicin-ity of the project; Endangered Species: DNR portal utilized. This project is covered by the Broad Incidental Take Permit/ Authorization for No/Low Im-pact Activities (No/Low BITP/A). In addition, the No/Low BITP/A) is applicable provided that folapplicable provided that follow-up actions are implemented to address the presence of the Bald Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), which has been re-corded within one mile of the project area. If Bald Eagle Nest is identified actions will be taken to avoid nest disturbance.

All agencies, groups or indi-viduals disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments to the above address. Such written comments should be received on or before 3/22/2024. All such com-ments will be considered, and the UGLG will not request the release of federal funds or begin the project prior to such date.

On or about 4/9/2024, the UGLG will request the Division of En-ergy, Housing and Community Resources (DEHCR) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Communi-ty Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended for this project.

The UGLG is certifying to DEH-CR that it and its chief executive officer, in his/her official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce environmental review responsibilities, decision-mak-ing, and action; and that these responsibilities have been sat-

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R **Proceedings of School District of Brodhead**

City of Brodhead, Towns of Avon, Spring Grove, Decatur, Sylvester, Spring Valley and Magnolia BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

> Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the purchase of a walk-in freezer for the Elementary School as present-

President - Mike Krupke; Vice President - Elizabeth Kempel; Clerk - Michael Oellerich; Treasurer - Al Schneider; Jodi Kail, Don Buchanan, Jennifer Flory

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

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ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEM Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE	Date: 02-14-2024 \$100 Bill List		
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM	AIRGAS USA, LLC	195.53	
INTO FUND 46	AWSA-WFEA	265.00	
No action was taken.	BADGER SPORTING GOODS	190.00	
	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3,968.87	
APPROVAL OF BUILDING &	EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICES	1,603.31	
GROUNDS PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS ACTION ITEM	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	1,325.00	
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve	GOPHER PERFORMANCE	1,376.26	
the Building and Grounds Committee's recommendations for sum-	KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	61,671.22	
mer projects totaling \$689,400 as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.	KOMPAS CARE	460.88	
	MENARDS - JANESVILLE	1,018.66	
APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL	NASCO	285.00	
TIMELINES & GUIDELINES ACTION ITEM	OFFICE PRO	2,159.83	
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve		648.18	
the 2024 Summer School start date of June 10, 2024, end date of		6,833.60	
July 3, 2024, and daily schedule as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.	SCHOOL SPECIALTY	971.73	
	SKYWARD	8,088.00	
CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE DATE	VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	306.19	
OF MARCH BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM	BANK OF BRODHEAD	370.00	
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to approve		29,550.00	
moving the date of the March meeting to March 20. Motion carried	BLICK ART MATERIALS	633 99	

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT **District Office Board Room**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Minutes

The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, February 7, 2024 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS The Administrative Team presented information reports on their respective buildings and departments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

commented on the recognition of black students and risie Black History Month.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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FOR ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Brodhead

9. New business A. Annual Meeting of the Electors/April Regular meeting move to April16 B. Small Bridge and Culvert program C. Parkview Schools D. Karabasos Chapel

10. Future agenda items

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- a. Regular Meeting: January 24, 2024 b. B&G Meeting: January 31, 2024 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- **3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)**
- a. Yamaha Arius digital piano donated by Mike and Jenny Flory to the Middle School Band Program
- 4. RESIGNATION(S) a. Ethan Anderson, Middle School Track Coach 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

- None at this time 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Chase Harnack, High School Baseball

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

SSM HEALTH MONROE CLINIC PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION ITEM A representative from SSM Health presented information on their health clinic model and how it would benefit District staff.

REFERENDUM UPDATE

DISCUSSION ITEM District Administrator Novy presented an update on communica-tions, resources, and future meeting dates for the upcoming April 2 referendum.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE

OF MARCH BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to approve moving the date of the March meeting to March 20. Motion carried, 6-0

6-0. FUTURE AGENDA [February 28, 2024] Approval of the Minutes
Accept Donation(s) Resignation(s)
 Employment Recommendation(s)
 Volunteer Recommendation(s) Mid-Year Goals Report Referendum Update Consideration to Increase Rates for Expense Reimbursement · Consideration to Increase Substitute Teacher Rates for the 2024-25 School Year Approval of Middle School Principal Job Description ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 8:17 p.m. for the discussion of: a. Negotiations b. Middle School Principal Position Roll Call vote: All ayes (6-0) **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.

W٢ ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any) ACTION ITEM None.

BLICK ART MATERIALS	633.99
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	10,454.91
CEDAR CREEK LANDSCAPING	3,200.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	584.99
CITY OF BRODHEAD SEWER DEPT	1,905.59
DELL MARKETING L.P.	45,844.00
ECOLAB	776.52
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	348.59
GOTO TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC.	1,389.67
HUBERT COMPANY	4,138.40
INSIGHT FS	601.74
KRUPKE, MIKE	389.34
LAMERS BUS LINES, INC.	975.00
MENEHAN REFRIGERATION	300.00
MERCY EMS TRAINING CENTER-JVL	5,335.00
NEW DOCUMENTS & LABELS INC	320.88
PEPSI-COLA PREMISTAR	663.1
	666.3
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	2,127.50 538.32
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	107.00
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	186.93
STONE MILL CONSTRUCTION, LLC	1,505.00
VISA	212.74
WASTE MANAGEMENT	817.50
WE ENERGIES	4,685.47
WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	133.6
	100.01
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College news -UW-Madison announces 2023 winter graduates

A total of 1,966 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Dec. 17, 2023, including students from this area.

Just more than 1,300 of them took part in the ceremony at the Kohl Center. The ceremony was livestreamed so that friends and family from around the world could watch. UW issued 1,459 bachelor's degrees, 387 master's degrees, and 120 doctoral degrees.

The keynote speaker was Michael Finley, a Badger bas-

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isfied. Upon certification, the UGLG may use the CDBG funds, and DEHCR will have

satisfied its responsibilities un-

der the National Environmental

Policy Act of 1969. DEHCR will

accept an objection to the re-

lease of funds and certification only if (a) the certification was

not executed by the chief ex-

ecutive officer or other officer of

the UGLG approved by DEHCR;

or (b) the UGLG's EA indicates

omissions of a required deci-

sion, finding, or step. Objections

must be prepared and submitted

in accordance with 24 CFR 58,

and may be addressed to the

Division of Energy, Housing and

Community Resources, Atten-tion: Environmental Desk, P.O.

Box 7970, Madison, WI 53707-

Objections for reasons other

than those stated above will not be considered by DEHCR.

No objections received after 4/8/2024 will be considered by

7970.

DEHCR.

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Casey Jones, Mayor 1111 W 2nd Ave,

Brodhead, WI 53520

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE

BALLOT

City of Evansville, Town of Center, Town of Porter, and Town of Union

Spring Election, April 2, 2024

Any qualified elector who is un-

able or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day

may submit a request to vote an

absentee ballot to their munici-

pal clerk. A qualified elector is

will be 18 years of age or old-

· has resided in the ward or

municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive

The elector must also be reg-

istered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of iden-

tification must be provided be-

fore an absentee ballot may be

Making application to receive

an absentee ballot by mail Contact your municipal clerk

and request that an application

for an absentee ballot be sent to

you for the primary or election or

both. You may make written ap-

plication to your municipal clerk

for an absentee ballot by mail,

by fax, by email or at MyVote.

any U.S. citizen who:

days before the election.

er on Election Day.

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and assistant general manager and vice president of basketball operations for the Dallas Mavericks.

"The fast track isn't always the best track," Finley told the graduates. "You can miss something valuable that way. I learned about patience and humility – that growth doesn't come when everyone is watching but by how hard you work when nobody is."

In her remarks, Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin said that while every graduating class is special, the Class of 2023 had

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grees on UW-Madison's 175th anniversary.

"Some will tell you that the problems facing our world and our planet are impossible to solve," Mnookin said. "So my message to you today is simple: Don't believe it. Do not be deterred by what others have labeled impossible."

For more information about UW-Madison, visit http://www. wisc.edu.

Here are the degree recipients from this area:

· Joseph Blumer, School of

ketball legend, NBA All-Star the distinction of earning de- Med AND Public Health, Doctor of Philosophy, Endocrinology, Reproductive Physiology

Brodhead

 Nathan Dougherty, School of Education, Master of Science-Curriculum and Instruction, Curriculum and Instruction • Evan Willing, College of

Engineering, Master of Science-Materials Science and Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering

Med and Public Health, Master

of Science-Applied Biotechnol-

A total of 176 students are

representing the University of

Wisconsin-Whitewater as stu-

dent teachers in school districts

around the state and region

during the spring 2024 semes-

The following students will

represent the University of Wis-

consin-Whitewater as student

teachers during the spring 2024

ogy, Applied Biotechnology

UW-Whitewater reveals

student teachers for

spring 2024 semester

Orfordville

· Ariel Zellmer, School of

Albany

or at MyVote.wi.gov.

Making application to receive

The deadline for making

If this applies to you, contact the

municipal clerk regarding dead-

lines for requesting and submit-

You may also request and vote

an absentee ballot in the clerk's

office or other specified location

ting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee

<u>ballot in person</u>

an absentee ballot by mail

is majoring in Early Childhood school district(s). Education and will work in Early Childhood Education 4U within the Whitewater school district(s).

• Peyton Meyer, who is majoring in Mathematics and will work in Math within the Milton school district(s).

· Josie Quade, who is majoring in Special Education and will work in Special Education within the Whitewater school district(s).

 Sara Sager, who is majoring in Special Education MSE and will work in Special Education within the Beloit-Turner school district(s).

• Zach Aide, who is majoring in Music and will work in Music within the Janesville school district(s).

· Douglas Bailey, who is majoring in Social Studies and will work in Social Studies within the Janesville school district(s).

• Simone Birkholz, who is majoring in Early Childhood Education and will work in Early Childhood Education within the Janesville school district(s).

• Kaitlin Christensen, who is majoring in Music and will work in Music within the Stoughton school district(s).

· Victoria Cook, who is maioring in Elementary Education and will work in Elementary and Middle within the Janesville school district(s).

· Nicole Hanke, who is majoring in Elementary Education and will work in Elementary and Middle within the Beloit-Turner school district(s).

· Emily Hawthorne, who is majoring in Elementary Education and will work in Elementarv and Middle within the Milton school district(s).

· Brennan Paul, who is majoring in History and will work in Social Studies within the Janesville school district(s).

• Cynthia Gempeler, who is majoring in Art Education and will work in Art within the Juda school district(s).

Milton

· Alyssa Holmes, who is majoring in Elementary Education and will work in Elementary and Middle within the Milton school district(s).

· Ashton Huntoon, who is majoring in History and will work in Social Studies within the Jefferson school district(s).

Monroe

• Thomas Stroinski, who is majoring in Business Education MS Online and will work in Business and Marketing Ed within the Monroe school district(s).

will work in Music within the **New Glarus**

• Oggy York, who is majoring in Physical Education and will work in Physical Education raphy and mercyhealthsystem. • Katrina Badertscher, who within the Monticello, Oregon

Students from the university's College of Education and Professional Studies will serve as student teachers through the end of the school year.

"Our students are highly sought after," said Fred Trotter, administrative director in UW-Whitewater's Office of Clinical Experiences. "School districts really appreciate the caliber of our graduates."

A total of 176 UW-Whitewater students were placed in school districts around the state starting in January. Student teaching is the final activity before teacher candidates earn their degree and license.

UW-Whitewater will partner with 249 cooperating teachers across 130 schools in 87 districts over the course of the semester.

"We couldn't do this without a lot of the great partnerships we have with those pre-K through 12 schools - their partnerships are very much appre-ciated," Trotter said.

Student teachers assist cooperating teachers with lesson planning, instruction and assessment. This spring, a record 46 UW-Whitewater teacher candidates were hired by school districts as student teaching interns as part of the Department of Public Instruction's Wisconsin Improvement Program (WIP). Interns are licensed by the DPI to teach up to 50 percent of each day on their own and receive a stipend for the semester.

UW-Whitewater licenses the most teachers in the state of Wisconsin. Educating teachers was the university's original mission during its founding in 1868. To learn more about the College of Education and Professional Studies at UW-Whitewater, visit uww.edu/coeps.

Mercyhealth awards scholarship

The Mercyhealth Development Foundation is pleased to award a scholarship to a local deserving individual. The scholarship will help offset tuition costs for this student, who is enrolled in the Mercyhealth School of Sonography and Mercyhealth School of Radiography.

A total of \$5,500 in scholarships was awarded to current students based on criteria including the content of an essay, outside awards and activities, potential for future employment with Mercyhealth and financial need.

The Mercyhealth School of Sonography scholarship recipients include: Amanda Maldonis-Davisson, Beloit.

To learn more about the sonography and radiography programs at Mercyhealth, visit mercyhealthsystem.org/sonogorg/radiography.

**Special absentee voting ap-plication provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a seques-tered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

(8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on March 29) 31 S Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536 (608) 882-2266 Leah Hurtley, City Clerk

Town of Center By Appoint-ment Only, 7416 W. Min-eral Point Road, Janesville, WI 53548 (608) 876-6265

(608) 201-1996 Anne Remley-Haines, Town Clerk

Regina Riedel, Town Clerk

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday March 19, 2024. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Friday, March 29, 2024.

(Note: This may be no later than the Sunday before the election.)

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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ply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to our municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by email, by fax,

Voting an absentee ballot in person

<u>City of Evansville</u> Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,

Devona Udulutch, Town Clerk

Town of Porter **By Appointment Only**, 9903 N. Wallin Rd, Edger-ton, WI 53534

Town of Union By Appoint-ment Only, 15531 W Green Bay Rd, Evansville, WI 53536 (608) 736-7070

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person. Sherri Waege Village Clerk 608-879-2004 Orfordville Village Hall 303 E. Beloit Street, Orfordville, WI 53576

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first day to vote an absen-

tee ballot in the clerk's office is: March 19, 2024

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Friday, March 29, 2024 by 5:00

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The municipal clerk will deliver tion before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballots re-

> Sherri Waege Village of Orfordville Village Clerk

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Childhood Education 4U within the Beloit school district(s). Edgerton • Brandy Perez-Wakefield, who is majoring in Music and

ucation within the Parkview, Janesville school district(s). No in-person absentee voting Clinton

voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting locaceived after the polls close will not be counted

application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Albany · Brittney Vine, who is ma-Note: Special absentee voting joring in Elementary Education application provisions apply to and will work in Elementary electors who are indefinitely and Middle within the Brodconfined to home or a care facilihead school district(s). ty, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror.

Beloit

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semester:

· Rosemary Garcia, who is majoring in Elementary Education and will work in Elementary and Middle within the Delavan school district(s).

· Adoria Holmes, who is ma-

joring in Physical Education

and will work in Physical Ed-

ucation within the Kettle Mo-

raine, Delavan school district(s).

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and will work in Physical Ed-

ucation within the Janesville,

Beloit-Turner school district(s).

joring in Elementary Education

and will work in Elementary

and Middle within the Be-

· Zach Wilberg, who is ma-

joring in Physical Education

and will work in Physical Ed-

· Luz Espinoza, who is ma-

joring in Early Childhood Ed-

ucation and will work in Early

Twin Lakes school district(s).

loit-Turner school district(s).

· Emma Smith, who is ma-

Gannon Rand, who is ma-

ou may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote 2. the address where the ab-

sentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above

3. your signature

4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 28, 2024.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submit-ting an absentee ballot.

April Spring Election, April 2, 2024

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Dav may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an applica-tion for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may ap-

VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Village of Orfordville will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a change to the zoning code. The Planning Commission will meet to discuss amending the I-1 Light Industrial Zoning setbacks. Specifically to change the rear setback from 40 feet to 25 feet and to change the side setbacks from 20 feet to 8 feet. The Planning Commission will then make a recommen-dation to the Village Board on Monday, March 25, 2024 at the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Main Board Board at the in the Main Board Room at the Village Hall, 303 E. Beloit Street, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

Sherri Waege Village Clerk

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• Graduates (Continued from page 3)

Business - BBA

Janesville

· Aaron Leighty graduated with the following degree: Accounting – BBA

· Madilyn Loveland graduated with the following degree: Biology – BS

• Ryan Malloy graduated with the following degree: Finance – BBA

· Joshua Mosher graduated with the following degree: Computer Science – MS

· Kensington Narkis graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Human Resource Management – BBA

· Cade Stowe graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science - AAS

• Becca Strohmenger graduated with the following degree:

Associate of Arts and Science -AAS

• Roberto Villalon Diaz graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Economics - BBA

• Kailee Whitmire graduated with the following degree: Marketing - BBA

Monroe

• Mitchell Barradas graduated with the following degree: General Business - BBA

• Kayla Ferguson graduated with the following degree: Supply Chain Management - BBA

• Yuritzia Garcia graduated Cum Laude with the following degree: Economics - BBA

• Emily Meritt graduated Cum Laude with the following

degree: Elementary Education -BSE

· Payton Sawdey graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Finance – BBA

Monticello

 Cassie Schenkel graduated Magna Cum Laude with the following degree: Human Resource Management – BBA

New Glarus

 Joseph Ellestad graduated with the following degree: Business Administration - MBA

Orfordville

· Dynally Mould graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science -AAS