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Dental Hygienist group, from left to right – Front row: Kristen Ziegler (Dental Assistant Instructor), Gracie Hill, Karson Bailey, Dr. Mary Hirsch (Dental Clinic Dentist). **Middle row:** Morganne Krizan (Adjunct Instructor), Mackenzie Byrne, Morgan Berg, Nancy Espana, Lisa Johnson (Dental Hygienist Program Director). **Back row:** Kayla Marks (Instructor), Brittany Oren, Miranda Slaback, Haley Dunphy, Lisa Anderson, Sara Gibson, Nicole Murray (Adjunct Instructor).



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Dental Assistant group, from left to right – Front row: Julianna Verduzco, Kylie Cole, Madyson Mitchell, Riley Runkel, Tove Westermeyer. **Middle row:** Morganne Krizan (Adjunct Instructor), Melody Ramirez, Jessica Seuser, Zaria Holbrook, Kristen Ziegler (Lead Dental Assistant Instructor), Lisa Johnson (Dental Hygienist Program Director). **Back row:** Kayla Marks (Instructor), Kyla Stacy, Jenna Shinkus, Carissa Carney, Regina Gillen.

First dental hygienist students to graduate from BTC

The inaugural class of Blackhawk Technical College's Dental Hygienist program celebrated the completion of their degree on the morning of Friday, May 10 with a pinning ceremony at Central Campus held alongside Dental Assistant graduates. The event marked the culmination of hard work for both groups, who also will participate in the upcoming Blackhawk Commencement on May 18.

"This is a momentous occasion," said Lisa Johnson, Dental Hygienist program director. "Every student in our inaugural class took a chance on a new program with no track record, no history ... You embraced my vision for this program and helped me make it better."

The Dental Hygienist program was launched by Blackhawk Technical College in the fall of 2022 in response to a growing need for skilled professionals in oral health care, particularly in the roles of dental hygienists and dental

assistants. The program offers an associate degree, enabling graduates to pursue licensure as dental hygienists. Students in the program also help run Blackhawk's Dental Clinic, which is open to community members at a reduced cost.

After completion of the program, dental hygienist graduates are required to successfully complete comprehensive written and clinical examinations given under the direction of the State Dentistry Examining Board, the American Dental Association's Joint Commission.

Of the 10 Dental Hygienist students, two were award recipients during the pinning.

Nancy Espana was the recipient of the Dental Hygienist Rising Star Award, which is given to the student who has demonstrated exceptional growth throughout the program.

Brittany Oren was given the Golden Sailor Award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated remarkable skill and talent

throughout the program.

Also, Lisa Anderson was a recipient of a scholarship from the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

Twelve graduates in Blackhawk's Dental Assistant program also celebrated the completion of their degree during the pinning ceremony.

"The future you have been planning for is here. We are so lucky to be in a profession where every day at work, we have the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life," said Kristin Ziegler, Dental Assistant Instructor.

Congratulations to the following Dental Hygienist graduates: Lisa Anderson, Karson Bailey, Morgan Berg, Mackenzie Byrne, Haley Dunphy, Nancy Espana, Sara Gibson, Gracie Hill, Brittany Oren, Miranda Slaback.

Congratulations to the following Dental

Assistant graduates: Carissa Carney, Kylie Cole, Regina Gillen, Zaria Holbrook, Madyson Mitchell, Melody Ramirez, Riley Runkel, Jessica Seuser, Jenna Shinkus, Kyla Stacy, Julianna Verduzco, Tove Westermeyer.

About the Blackhawk Dental Clinic

Preventive dental care is now available to community members at a reduced cost. Services offered include dental cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments and a range of other dental hygiene treatments. Blackhawk Dental Hygienist program students perform these services under the guidance of Dental Hygienist program staff and a supervising licensed dentist. Treatments take place in the Dental Clinic at Blackhawk's Central Campus, 6004 S. County Road G, Janesville, in Room 2314. For more information, call 608-743-4402 or email dental@blackhawk.edu.

Sen. Spreitzer reflects on legislative session

By Mark Spreitzer
 STATE SENATOR

Now that the 2023-2024 legislative session has concluded and there will not be floor sessions or standing committee meetings to discuss legislation, I am traveling to Madison less. This means that I have been able to spend more time attending events and meeting with constituents across our district. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to see and talk with so many of you over the past few weeks.

While the legislature is not in session, my E-Update will transition from biweekly to monthly. I look forward to continuing to keep you updated with information and important updates about the district, and detailing some of the many community events I have been honored to attend. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there is ever anything that I can help you with. I hope to see you in the district soon!

My 2023-2024 legislative session: By the numbers

Today, I wanted to reflect on some of the policy highlights of the 2023-2024 legislative session. It is an honor to represent our community in the legislature, and I am proud

and grateful of the many bipartisan accomplishments that we enacted together this year.

During the 2023-24 legislative session, I authored 83 bills and co-authored 425 bills. 8 of my bipartisan bills were signed into law by Governor Evers! I was proud to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation to help the people of our state.

In particular, I want to highlight:

- I am proud to have authored Wisconsin Act 42, a bipartisan bill which strengthens and updates the farmland preservation program in Wisconsin. This crucial legislation supports farmers across the state and protects our environment. I have been working on this bill since 2019!

- I authored Wisconsin Act 215 with Rep. Clinton Anderson and Rep. Jenna Jacobson, which declares Highway 11 between Orfordville and Footville as the Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway. This honors Corporal Benjamin Neal, a local hero who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012, and will now be honored for his sacrifice.

- I authored Wisconsin Act 123 with Rep. Clinton Anderson, which provides

safeguards against the misuse of new artificial intelligence technologies in WI elections. This act requires disclaimers stating that an ad "contains

content generated by AI" to ensure voters know when they see or hear AI.

- I authored Wisconsin Act 125, which clarifies that can-

didates are allowed to submit supplemental nomination papers to get on the ballot in case their initial signatures are not sufficient. This will ensure

ballot access for candidates and give voters choices.

- I authored Wisconsin Act

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Blackhawk unveils new athletics nickname



During an annual all-student picnic event held on Wednesday, May 1, at Blackhawk Technical College's Central Campus, the college unveiled its new athletics nickname: the Blackhawk Talons.

After conducting surveys among students, staff and faculty, and offering the public an opportunity to weigh in through the Blackhawk magazine, the decision to adopt the moniker "Talons" reflects the college's spirit of determination, strength and agility, symbolized by the fierce-looking hawk featured in the newly unveiled athletics logo.

"The launch of the Talons is part of a new chapter for us as we strive to amplify the value of a Blackhawk education. It's a key component to enrich student life and foster a stronger sense of community for Blackhawk students," said Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk.

In February, the college announced its new membership with the National Junior College Athletics Association. Competing in NJCAA's Region 4 at the Division II level, the college now offers men's golf, co-ed

clay target shooting, women's volleyball, co-ed bowling and men's and women's basketball.

The golf team will use Riverside Golf Course as its home course. The bowling team will use RiversEdge Bowl, and the clay target shooting

team will practice and compete from the Janesville Conservation Club. A new gymnasium within Blackhawk's new Public Safety Center will be home to the volleyball and basketball teams.

This announcement coincides with another recent step by the college to offer housing to its students in a partnership with Beloit College. On Tuesday, April 30, the college announced that Blackhawk students can now reside in a residential hall on Beloit College's campus while taking classes at Blackhawk.

"Through the partnership with Beloit College and the creation of our athletic program, we are not only enriching the educational experience but also strengthening ties within our local communities," Pierner said.

Michael Prosser joins Kandu Board of Directors



Michael Prosser

Kandu Industries Inc., a Rock County, Wis.-based non-profit that provides programs and services to people with disabilities and disadvantages, recently announced that Michael Prosser has joined its board of directors.

As president of Henrici's Management Corporation, which owns and operates several successful food service businesses in the State-line area, including Hoffman House Catering, Prosser will bring experience as an entrepreneur and visionary to Kandu's board of directors, influencing long-term strategic planning and appropriate financial risk for growth and innovation.

Prosser and Hoffman House purchased Kandu's former Best Events facility at 2030 Center Avenue in Janesville in 2023 where they are now offering catering and rental services to Janesville and the surrounding communities.

"We became acquainted with Michael when his company purchased our former Best Events facility in 2023," said Kandu Executive Director Kathy Hansen. "We

were not only happy to find a buyer who will continue offering catering and rental services to the community but also quickly identified Michael's business acumen, high standards and commitment to making a positive impact in his community, qualities that we look for in potential board members. We are thrilled to bring Michael's unique talent to our board."

"I am honored to be invited to join Kandu's prestigious board of directors and the opportunity to work closely with this group of community-focused professionals to examine new and innovative ways to bring positive, life-changing opportunities for people with disabilities," said Prosser. "I knew during my first tour of Kandu, when I had the opportunity to learn more about its mission and meet its clients, that I wanted to contribute in a meaningful way."

During Hoffman House's grand opening at their new location in Janesville last fall, Prosser presented a \$5,000 check to Kandu to demonstrate the company's commitment to Kandu's mission and making Janesville a better place to work, play, and raise families.

Help keep emergency rooms ready by giving blood or platelets

When every second counts, blood products can provide lifesaving care. The American Red Cross asks the public to give blood or platelets during Trauma Awareness Month in May to keep hospitals prepared for all transfusion needs, including emergencies. Type O blood donors and donors giving platelets are especially needed right now:

Type O negative is the universal blood type and what emergency room personnel reach for when there is no time to determine a patient's blood type in the most serious situations.

Type O positive blood is the most used blood type because it can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.

Platelets are often needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding.

It's the blood already on the shelves that can help save lives in an emergency. Book a time to give now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts, all who come to donate until May 31 will get a coupon for a free haircut by email. Plus, those who come to give through May 19 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two and VIP racing experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series and Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway Labor Day weekend, including entry to the Sport Clips racetrack hospitality tent and a \$1,000 gift card. Additionally, those who come to give through May 19 will also get a bonus \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. For details on all offers, visit RedCrossBlood.org/RaceToGive.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Dane County Oregon

- Thursday, June 6: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., People's United Methodist Church, 103 N. Alpine Parkway

Stoughton

- Friday, May 17: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,

825 S. Van Buren St.

Verona

- Tuesday, May 28: 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Salem UCC, 502 Mark Drive
- Wednesday, May 29: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sugar River United Methodist Church, 415 W. Verona Ave.

Green County Albany

- Tuesday, May 28: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Lions Building, 402 Cincinnati St.

Juda

- Wednesday, May 29: 1 to 6 p.m., Juda High School, N2385 Spring St.

Monroe

- Tuesday, May 21: Noon to 6 p.m., Green County EMS, 1800 12th St.
- Monday, June 3: 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St.

New Glarus

- Tuesday, June 4: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., New Glarus High School, 1701 2nd St.

Rock County Beloit

- Tuesday, May 28: Noon to 5 p.m., Beloit Life Center, 2170 Murphy Woods Road

Evansville

- Wednesday, May 29: Noon to 6 p.m., Creekside Place Community Center, 102 Maple St.

Footville

- Thursday, May 23: 1 to 6 p.m., Footville Church of Christ, 117 Church St.

Janesville

- Monday, May 20: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Janesville Masonic Center, 2322 E. Milwaukee St.
- Friday, May 24: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hedberg Public Library, 316 S. Main St.
- Thursday, May 30: 1 to 5 p.m., Marian Hall, 1236 E. Racine St.

Milton

- Friday, May 24: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., St Mary's Center, 837 Parkview

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Blackhawk nursing graduates honored in pinning ceremony

Twenty graduating Nursing students were celebrated on Thursday, May 9, in a special pinning ceremony for their completion of the Associate Degree of Nursing.

“Nursing is hard, stressful, mentally and physically exhausting. Why would we choose to go into something like this? Because of the patients and families we have cared for and we’ve made an impact on,” said Melissa Nandory, graduate and student speaker. “Even in our short time as student nurses, several of us have had the opportunity to provide excellent care. When a patient or family says to you: ‘Thank you for making a difference’ or ‘Thank you for listening to me when no one else would,’ that’s why we do it – because we can make an impact.”

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 Grace Schrenk, the graduates also recited the Nightingale Pledge, which is often cited at pinning

ceremonies for nurses and is like the Hippocratic Oath that is recited by new physicians.

Mariana Tinajero-Espinoza received the 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 health care providers. Jobs range from hospice care and home health to hospital and clinic positions.

Congratulations to the Spring 2024 Nursing Graduates: Makenna Balch, Cassandra Berget, Cassidy Frey, Sierra Hill, Jenna Jordan, Cassie Kapaun, Megan Lallier, Leslie Lavariega, Kassi Marler, Melissa Nandory, Helly Patel, Jenellan Reetz, Tara Schenk, Kailee Schimelpfenig, Grace Schrenk, Abbie Stubbendick, Dakota Thompson, Mariana Tinajero-Espinoza, Mara Wanninger, Tasha Zimmerman.

Blackhawk will hold two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18, at The Dream Center, 2460 Milwaukee Road, Beloit. The 9 a.m. ceremony will include graduates from Blackhawk’s University Transfer, Business, and Manufacturing, Apprenticeship, Technology and Transportation division programs. The 11:30 a.m. ceremony will include graduates from Health and Public Safety programs.

Both ceremonies will be broadcast at blackhawk.edu/livestream.

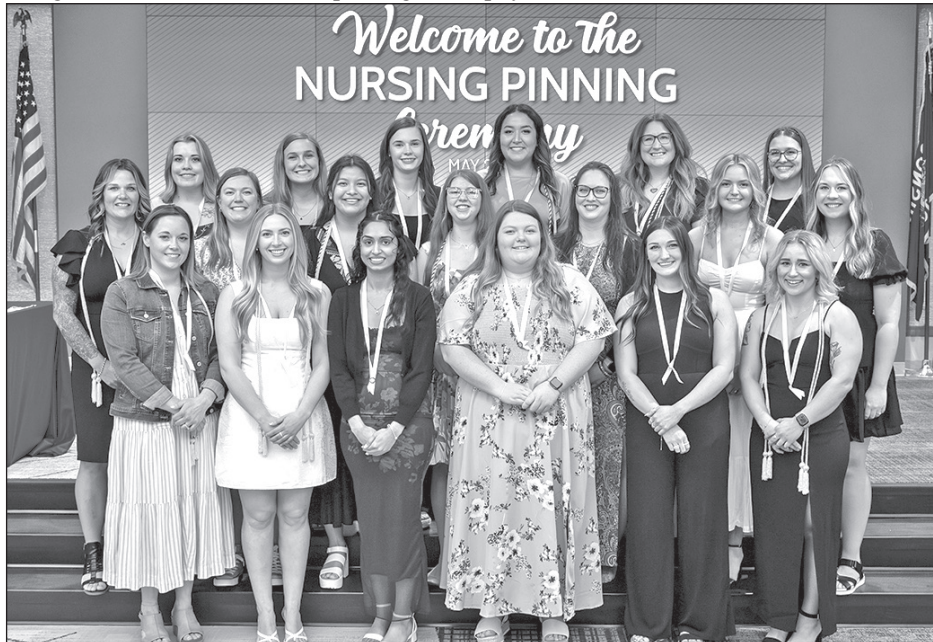


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Front row, left to right: Tara Schenk, Megan Lallier, Helly Patel, Cassidy Frey, Jenna Jordan, Kailee Schimelpfenig. Middle row, left to right: Tasha Zimmerman, Cassie Kapaun, Leslie Lavariega, Mara Wanninger, Jenellan Reetz, Grace Schrenk, Abbie Stubbendick. Back row, left to right: MaKenna Balch, Sierra Hill, Cassandra Berget, Mariana Tinajero-Espinoza, Melissa Nandory, Dakota Thompson. Not pictured: Kassi Marler.

News briefs

Elder benefit specialist schedule for ADRIC

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County announces its elder benefit specialist schedule for the end of May.

- Thursday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hedburg Library in Janesville
- Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m. to noon, The Gathering Place in Milton
- Wednesday, May 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Riverview Heights Apartments in Janesville

Community garden comes to Orfordville

There will be a Gateway Garden Program held at Orfordville Lumber Co. this summer.

With a recent mini-grant from SSM Health in Janesville, organizers aim to combat the food desert in the Orfordville area by providing fresh produce and fostering community connections through gardening.

The opening date is the final week of May, and the closing date is the last Saturday of September. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Each plot is approximately five feet by 22 feet. Gardeners are expected to maintain a clean plot and abide by expectations.

There will be a Gardening 101 class on Saturday, May 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Orfordville Library.

Blood drive for Footville, Orfordville community

There will be a blood drive at the Footville Church of Christ on 117 Church St. on Thursday, May 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. Donors will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt.

Luther Valley Historical Society holds meeting

The Luther Valley Historical Society holds their meetings on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Come join them and see the progress at 215 Janesville St. in Footville.

Electronic recycling drop off in Orfordville

Orfordville will have an

Electronic Recycling Drop Off Event at the Village Hall on Thursday, May 30 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The dumpster will be at the Village Hall, back by the shed in the back parking lot. This is only available to residents of the Village of Orfordville as the Village has to pay for this event, which is funded by residents that live within the limits of the Village of Orfordville.

Please do not bring heavy appliances to the electronic pick up. Appliance pick up is part of the village’s bulk pick up package the first Friday of the month. They are charged for the weight of the electronics that are dropped off, so not bringing in appliances will keep the cost down. There is no reason to bring appliances as they can be put on the curb at no cost.

These electronic items can be recycled: computers including desktops, laptops, netbooks and notebooks; televisions and television monitors; cell phones, tablets and e-readers; fax machines, desktop printers including 3-D printers and printers combined with fax machines, scanners and copiers; battery-powered phone accessories; computer accessories including keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers, flash drives and other devices; DVD players; VCRs; DVRs and other video players; video game consoles including hand-held video games and battery-powered accessories.

Memorial Day parade, ceremony in Footville

There will be a Memorial Day parade and ceremony on Monday, May 27, at 9 a.m. The parade will start at the old lumber yard at the Ezra Foot intersection and will end at Veteran’s Memorial Park. To register for the parade, contact Dennis Curry at 608-876-6919.

Veteran’s Memorial Park fundraiser in June

There will be a Veteran’s Memorial Park fundraiser on June 30 at Bass Creek Golf Course. There will be a 9 a.m. shot gun start, at \$70 per person. Price includes 9 holes of golf and luncheon. There are

hole prizes and a prize for the best patriotic decorated golf cart. Hole sponsors pay \$50 for a small sign and \$100 for a large sign. Sponsor requests need to be submitted by June 14. Contact Danielle Harnack at 608-295-0423 or Ronald Nath at 608-921-8225 for questions and to sign up.

Ernesto Galindo-Doucette joins EXIT Realty HGM in Janesville

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Ben Voss joins EXIT Professional Real Estate in Monroe

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First Business Bank welcomes Randy Guenther to board

First Business Bank is pleased to welcome Randall Guenther to its South Central Wisconsin Advisory Board.

As President of Hovde Properties, Randy oversees operations, development, and fiscal affairs. He has 25 years of diverse real estate experience in operations management, capital planning, development, finance, and strategic planning across a multitude of asset classes throughout the United States. During his career, Randy has overseen \$1.5 billion in financing/capital placements, sales and leasing transactions exceeding \$750 million, and numerous ground-up development projects.

Prior to joining Hovde in 2018, Randy served as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for Vanta Commercial Properties in Madison, held various management positions with Zilber Ltd. based in Milwaukee, and worked for Arthur Andersen in Milwaukee, in public accounting as an auditor covering multiple industries, including real estate, banking, manufacturing, consumer products, and oil and gas.

Randy earned a BBA degree in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He serves on the advisory board of CG Schmidt, is a member of the Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP), has served on the UW-Madison Graaskamp Board of Advisors, and is involved in several local charities.

FNBT announces promotions in the cash management department

First National Bank and Trust (FNBT) is pleased to announce the following promotions within the Cash Management department.

Susan Starr has been promoted to Vice President, Cash Management Officer. Susan joined FNBT in 2022 after relocating to our community from the metropolitan Denver, Colo., area. Susan has over 36 years of experience in the banking industry where she has held numerous roles in treasury and cash management, branch management, business development, and consumer and small business lending. Susan is a graduate of Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

As VP, Cash Management Officer at FNBT, Susan is responsible for educating the customers on the cash management solutions FNBT offers. Susan’s extensive industry experience allows her to work with business clients to provide solutions for their unique banking needs. Active in the community, Susan volunteers for Beloit Meals on Wheels. In her free time, Susan enjoys gardening, mushroom hunting, hiking, and exploring national parks. Susan resides in Roscoe, Ill. with her husband Kim.

Mallory Nygren has been promoted to Cash Management Officer. She started at FNBT in 2019 as a teller and has held various positions at the bank since then including customer support supervisor, training and development specialist, and most recently cash management specialist. Now, as a Cash Management Officer, Mallory is responsible for analyzing commercial client relationships and identifying potential cash management solutions to further help customers grow their business. Her ex-

perience with the Business Connection team, combined with her previous work as a teller, uniquely positions her to provide insight for all her clients’ banking needs.

Mallory has completed many industry certifications including the Teller and Branch Manager Certificates offered through the American Bankers Association (ABA). In her free time, Mallory volunteers for Beloit Meals on Wheels and various events hosted by the Downtown Beloit Association. Mallory currently resides in Roscoe, Ill.

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DNR: Apply now for the 2024 elk season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsinites that the application period for the 2024 elk hunt is open through May 31. New this year, the Black River Elk Range will be open to hunting for the first time since elk were reintroduced to the state.

Once widespread, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in

the 1880s due to unregulated hunting and habitat loss. Reintroduction efforts began in 1995 by releasing 25 elk into the Clam Lake Elk Range, and a second herd was established in the Black River Elk Range in 2015. The state elk population is projected to reach over 500 animals after this year's calving season, 180 of which belong to the Black

River Herd. Due to this new opportunity, applicants are required to select between the Black River Elk Range or Clam Lake Elk Range when applying. The DNR Elk Hunting webpage includes information on each elk range to assist with application decisions.

Wisconsin residents can purchase an elk license appli-

cation online through the Go Wild license portal or in person at a license sales agent. The application fee is \$10 and is limited to one per person. The DNR recommends that all applicants check and update their contact information to ensure contact with successful applicants.

For each application fee, \$7 applies directly to elk management, monitoring and research. These funds are also used to enhance elk habitat, which benefits elk and other wildlife.

If selected in the drawing, an elk hunting license costs \$49. Winners will be notified by early June. Wisconsin residents can only draw an elk tag once in their lifetime.

Before obtaining an elk hunting license, all winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter education course. The class covers Wisconsin elk history, hunting regulations, biology, behavior and scouting/hunting techniques.

This year's elk quotas for the Black River and Clam Lake Elk Range will be presented to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board as an information item during the May meeting.

Police news

Welfare check leads to felony OWI arrest

On May 7, at approximately 9:50 p.m., Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to Lions Quick Mart, 1620 W. Highway 14, for a welfare check.



Kirk Pfisterer

Employees reported that a male, later identified as Kirk Pfisterer, appeared to be intoxicated and was knocking items off the shelves while making his way through the store. A deputy located Pfisterer and confirmed he arrived alone in a vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted. Pfisterer was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

Pfisterer has four prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making this arrest a 5th Offense, which is a felony. Pfisterer was transported to the Rock County Jail and was scheduled for Jail Court on Wednesday, May 8 at 3 p.m.

"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 unless proven guilty."

Update on officer involved death in Beloit

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death in the City of Beloit that occurred on the morning of Sunday, April 28.

At approximately 9:46 a.m., officers with the Beloit Police Department responded to a 911 call near the 1700 block of Ashland Avenue in the City of Beloit. When they arrived, officers observed Michael P. Ward, 33, with two bladed weapons advancing towards another individual. Officers instructed Ward to put the weapons down, but he did not comply. Beloit Police Officer Nicholas S. Rodenbeck, three years

law enforcement service, discharged his firearm, striking Ward. Life-saving measures were performed. Ward was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

No law enforcement officers or other individuals were injured during the incident. Officer Rodenbeck remains on administrative leave, per agency policy.

Involved law enforcement were wearing body cameras during the incident.

DCI is leading this investigation and are assisted by the Wisconsin State Patrol, Beloit Fire Department, Rock County Medical Examiner's Office, Dane County Medical Examiner's Office, 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 facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Rock County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

Slow-no-wake lifted on all of the Rock River

According to U.S. Geological Survey gauges, the water level for the Rock River in Afton is 5.99 feet. County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the Rock River in Afton when the water level exceeds 6.5 feet; therefore, the slow-no-wake is lifted from the Indianford Dam south to the W B R Townline Road Bridge.

The slow-no-wake was previously lifted on the Rock River south of W B R Townline Road Bridge to the Stateline and also on the river from the south end of Lake Koshkonong to the Indianford Dam. The entire Rock River is now open.

The Sheriff's Office is providing public notice of the Rock River's current slow-no-wake status.

Deputies will remove slow-no-wake signs along the river at all public access points between Lake Koshkonong and the Stateline.

• Spreitzer (Continued from front page)

135 with Rep. Clinton Anderson, which will enable city leaders to bring jobs and economic activity to the City of Evansville through a partnership with agricultural cooperative CHS on a new soybean processing facility. This facility will benefit our region and the entire state!

"I played a large part in ensuring that Wisconsin Act 12, critical legislation related to local government funding, provided desperately needed resources to local communities. It is bringing more than \$10 million annually in new shared revenue to the communities in the 15th District!"

I also was proud to work on a package of new laws that are providing half a billion

dollars of state funding for building and rehabbing housing around Wisconsin. I am excited to see these resources deployed across our state!

Many other bills that I co-authored or co-sponsored were enacted into law this session. I appreciated the opportunity to work across the aisle to pass these important bills into law, and I look forward to seeing their impact across our state.

The next legislative session begins in January 2025. There is still much to be done to serve the people of our state and to ensure that Wisconsin's voices are heard in Madison, and I will continue to work hard for the people of Wisconsin!



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The application period for the 2024 elk hunting season is open.

25 students awarded Alliant Energy Innovation Scholarships

Twenty-five Iowa and Wisconsin high school seniors received \$1,000 Innovation Scholarships from Alliant Energy. The annual scholarships, to be used for higher education expenses, reflect students' academic achievements and outstanding leadership in their communities.

Students demonstrated leadership through community service and volunteer work, as well as academic achievement through exceptional grade point averages and test scores. Each student submitted a written essay identifying a problem in their community and proposed a creative solution using science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) concepts.

"Supporting workforce readiness and fostering young minds interested in STEM-based careers is critical to developing the future of a skilled and innovative workforce," said Julie Bauer, Executive Director, Alliant Energy Foundation. "We are thrilled to contribute to each of these recipients' futures."

Tucker Rohrig of Creston High School in Creston, Iowa, expressed his gratitude for the scholarship.

"Receiving the Alliant Energy Innovation Scholarship is a tremendous honor and inspires me to continue making positive impacts, while pursuing innovative ideas in my future aspirations," said Rohrig. "I am grateful to Alliant Energy for this opportunity and excited to see where it will take me in my educational journey at Iowa State University."

Congratulations to all the 2024 Alliant Energy Foundation Innovation Scholarship recipients.

List of recipients

- Siri Anderson, Amherst High School, Amherst, Wis.
- Alex Bailey, Stoughton High School, Stoughton, Wis.
- Morgan Bellile, Mauston High School, Mauston, Wis.
- Isabelle Bolton, Camanche High School, Camanche, Iowa
- Avery Briggs, Albany High School, Albany, Wis.

- Jacob Bult, Cedar Rapids High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Addison Cegielski, Winneconne High School, Winneconne, Wis.
- Zoey Dennler, Waco High School, Wayland, Iowa
- Sage Eggar, West Burlington Jr./Sr. High, West Burlington, Iowa
- Ryan Kolsrud, Waukon High School, Waukon, Iowa
- Josie Kramer, Prairie du Chien Senior High School, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
- Trey Laridaen, Mauston High School, Mauston, Wis.
- Aubrey McCluskey, Mauston High School, Mauston, Wis.
- Alyson Melssen, Dodgeville High School, Dodgeville, Wis.
- Ella Nove, Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Gus Pickup, Central DeWitt High School, DeWitt, Iowa
- Makenna Pouillie, Mauston High School, Mauston, Wis.
- Austin Proctor, Davis County High School, Bloomfield, Iowa

- Brady Radtke, Mineral Point High School, Mineral Point, Wis.
- Raquel Reuter, Darlington High School, Darlington, Wis.
- Tucker Rohig, Creston High School, Creston, Iowa
- Max Schneider, Prairie du Chien Senior High School, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
- Cecelia Shaw, Van Buren County Community, Keosauqua, Iowa
- Sean Steinbrech, Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Grayson Weers, Anamosa High School, Anamosa, Iowa

Recipients must be age 24 or under and enrolling for the first time at an undergraduate school. They also must reside within Alliant Energy's service territory at the time of application and be a dependent child of a current Alliant Energy customer or a customer themselves.

More information on the Innovation Scholarships and a full list of scholarships offered by Alliant Energy can be found online at alliantenergy.com/scholarship.

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Skelly's Farm Market opens season with Squishmallow meetup

Skelly's Farm Market is kicking off their 2024 season the weekend of May 25 with fun events and a new addition to their menu.

Their bakery and gift barn will open for visitors to shop for delicious homemade donuts, ice cream, fudge, local food, salsas, jams, and gifts. Skelly's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until strawberry season begins then the hours change to 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

"We don't anticipate that strawberries will be ready for opening weekend but we do believe it will be an early start to the season," said Laura Skelly.

On Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Rock County Squishmallow meetup on the Skelly's play-

ground. Squishmallows are plush toys that both kids and adults love worldwide. They are famous for being super soft, adorable, and cute and can be a fruit or a stuffed animal in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Most of the time, they come in a variety of famous characters. For Skelly's event, there will more than 20 vendors throughout the playground with an estimated 1,500+ Squishmallows for sale.

There will also be a bounce house for the children to enjoy all day long. Stormy's Grilled Cheese food truck will be there between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with delicious cheesy fare available for purchase. The Squishmallow event is free and open to the public.

Visit the Skelly's Face-

book event for more information about the event and vendor opportunities at www.facebook.com/events/1137899377153372.

Behind the Scenes Produce Tours will be offered at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for those interested in learning about how Skelly's grow their hand-picked produce. Tours will take a wagon ride to various produce fields learning about what creates great flavor in produce, how vegetable farming differs from growing commodity crops, and even how intricate corn mazes are cut into the fields. Tickets for these tours must be purchased in advance and can be found on Skelly's Facebook event at www.facebook.com/events/1802211380206489.

On Sunday, May 26, from

9 a.m. to noon, Nordskov Coffee will be at the farm market giving out samples of their new cold brew that will be on tap at Skelly's all year. Owners Sheryl and Ryan of Whitewater are very passionate about their cold brew. Visit the market to meet them, sample their cold brew and learn about the love of coffee. Full size cold brews will be available for purchase all weekend.

For more information visit www.skellysfarmmarket.com or follow them on Facebook.

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Rock Valley Publishing

On Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Rock County Squishmallow meetup on the Skelly's Farm Market playground.



College news

UW-Whitewater baseball earns conference title

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater baseball team secured the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship outright on Friday, May 3, with a pair of victories against UW-Stevens Point.

The Warhawks finished the regular season with a 32-8 record, including a 19-5 mark in conference play, and began the postseason by hosting the 2024 WIAC Tournament as the top seed on May 9 to 11, at Prucha Field at James B. Miller Stadium in Whitewater.

UW-Whitewater has now won 22 WIAC regular season championships, including six of the last seven.

The following UW-Whitewater students from this area are members of the 2024 baseball team:

Beloit

- Jackson Burk of Beloit, is majoring in Finance

Brodhead

- Brady Malkow of Brodhead, who is majoring in General Business

UW-Whitewater students initiated into Hispanic honor society

Seven students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater were selected to be a part of Sigma Delta Pi, the national collegiate Hispanic honor society, on April 16.

To become a member of the distinguished society, students must possess an overall grade point average of at least 3.2 and a Spanish grade point average of at least 3.0. Students must also have completed at least three upper-division

Spanish classes and three semesters at the university, with one of the three courses being a course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization.

Students received an official certificate from the national honor society along with a pin displaying the emblem of Sigma Delta Pi and a red carnation. Lisa Huempfer, associate professor of world languages and cultures, is the academic advisor of Zeta Lambda, UW-Whitewater's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi.

To learn more about studying Spanish at UW-Whitewater, visit uww.edu/cls/academics/spanish.

The following students from this area were initiated into Sigma Delta Pi:

Albany

- Olivia Roth of Albany, who is majoring in English.

Janesville

- Kira Myers of Janesville, who is majoring in Professional Writing and Publishing.

UW-Whitewater honors 47 Chancellor's Scholar-Athletes

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, in partnership with Chancellor Corey A. King, is proud to recognize 47 Warhawks as 2023-24 Chancellor's Scholar-Athletes presented by Northwestern Mutual.

To be recognized as Scholar-Athletes, student-athletes must have maintained a 3.25 cumulative grade point average or above through the end of the 2023 fall semester.

Honorees must have participated in a varsity sport for two years, must be of senior academic status and must have accumulated at least 90 degree credits.

Each Scholar-Athlete received a commemorative gift.

Beloit

- Shelvin Garrett, a Physical Education major and member of the UW-Whitewater men's track and field team.

Janesville

- Tina Shelton, a Human Performance major and member of the UW-Whitewater women's track and field team.

Beloit student among all-conference honorees for UWW track and field

Shelvin Garrett, a Physical Education major from Beloit, and member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater track and field program, was one of 11 Warhawks who garnered All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference accolades based on their performances at the conference championship meet over the weekend.

Garrett earned the following honors in the following events: first team, men's triple jump.

Conference champions are awarded first team, runners-up are named second team, and third-place finishers are selected honorable mention.

UW-Whitewater's men's and women's teams will compete in last-chance meets before concluding the season May 23 to 25 at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Rock County spreading the word about broadband access

Rock County needs the public's help in spreading the word about expanding broadband access throughout Rock County.

The State of Wisconsin will be receiving approximately \$1.0 billion in federal BEAD funds for broadband access, particularly in rural areas. Eligibility for funding is based upon broadband speed.

If a home or business has less than 100 Mbps download/20 Mbps upload speed, it can qualify.

The State has developed a map showing where areas are

eligible for funding and what areas are already served by adequate broadband access.

If a resident/business falls under the 100/20 Mbps threshold, they are eligible for funding. Funding will start to be distributed later this year and continue into 2025.

Unfortunately, the state data shows that only approximately 7% of Rock County appears to qualify but the County has the possibility to challenge the accuracy of the map.

If the state map shows a site being above the speed criteria

but the resident or business encounters slow broadband speed, they can document it and send to Rock County. The County will submit a challenge that could make the site eligible for broadband funds. Challenges need to be submitted to Rock County by May 20.

Please check the state map at the website online at tinyurl.com/WisconsinBroadbandMap to see if a household/business is correct as to broadband service. Forward any proof it is not to MyInternetIsSlow@co.rock.wi.us.

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Hwy 64 Office: 563-673-6400
Scott Franzen: 319-480-3604
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LEGAL NOTICES

GREEN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Per Wisconsin State Statutes 88.05(2) - NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the second-floor conference room off the County Board room, in the Historic Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin, a Public Hearing will be held by the Green County Drainage Board, regarding a flat fee assessment to every individual land owner in the Broughton; Decatur and Drain #1 Drainage Districts. The flat fee assessment is needed for administrative costs associated with conducting the business of the Drainage Board. All interested citizens are invited to attend. All questions and concerns will be heard by the Board. A letter has been sent to all property owners affected. A listing of all affected property owners is on file with Green County Land & Water Conservation office, 1627 4th Ave West, Monroe Wisconsin, from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm. Any objections to the jurisdiction of the drainage board or to the sufficiency or legality of any assessment or to the equity shall be filed with the drainage board in writing before the hearing and that the objections(s) shall be set forth clearly and in detail to John Dieckhoff, W2210 Pinnow Road, Brodhead, WI 53520, Tim Schmidt, W4199 County Road K, Monroe, WI, 53566 or Kim Buehl, N6903 Marshall Bluff Road, Monticello, WI, 53570.

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WNAXLP 455162

BRODHEAD ORDINANCE 272-6 B

Public nuisance declared. The Common Council finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on lots or parcels of land within the City of Brodhead which exceed eight inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomfiting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interfere with the public convenience and adversely affect property values of other land within the City. For that reason, grass or weeds on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds eight inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, except for property located in a designated floodplain area and/or wetland area or where the lawn, grass or weed is part of a native landscape as defined in § 272-SA. This section does not apply to crops grown in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 480, Zoning, of the Code of the City of Brodhead.

Fee Rates:
Mailed notice of non-compliance \$25
Residential- \$100 minimum plus \$25 for each 15 minutes over one hour.
Commercial undeveloped- \$200 minimum plus \$50 for each 15 minutes over one hour.

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WNAXLP 455550

TOWN OF DECATUR NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application has been received by the Town Clerk, Town of Decatur, County of Green, State of Wisconsin, for So. Wisconsin Land Conservancy, Inc. (Three Waters Reserve) Steven I. Apfelbaum, Agent; for a "Class B" Beer and Liquor License for So. Wisconsin Land Conservancy, Inc. (Three Waters Reserve) located at N3941 Golf Course Road, Brodhead, WI, for a period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Emma Brugger
Clerk/Treasurer
The Independent Register
5/15, 5/22/2024
WNAXLP 455573

TOWN OF DECATUR NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application has been received by the Town Clerk, Town of Decatur, County of Green, State of Wisconsin, for a "Class B" Beer & Liquor License for James E. Hanly, Crazy Horse Campground, located at N3201 Crazy Horse Lane, Brodhead, WI, for a period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Emma Brugger
Clerk/Treasurer
The Independent Register
5/15, 5/22/2024
WNAXLP 455574

TOWN OF DECATUR NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application has been received by the Town Clerk, Town of Decatur, County of Green, State of Wisconsin, for a Class "B" Beer License for Professional Property Management, Richard C. Josephson for Sweet Minihaha Campground, located at N4697 County E, Brodhead, WI, for a period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Emma Brugger
Clerk/Treasurer
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5/15, 5/22/2024
WNAXLP 455575

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

In Re: the Name Change of Treyton Malaki-Milligan Alexander

Notice of Hearing

Case No. 2024CV000065

TREYTON MALAKI-MILLIGAN ALEXANDER
704 EAST 8TH AVE
BRODHEAD WI

This case is scheduled for:
Name change hearing
Date: 06-07-2024
Time: 09:30 am
Location: 2nd Floor - Branch 1 Green County Justice Center, 2841-6th Street, Monroe WI 53566
Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner: Faun Marie Phillipson
Re Name Change
This matter will not be adjourned by the court except upon formal motion for good cause or with the specific approval of the court upon stipulation by all parties.

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

Green County Circuit Court
Date: April 26, 2024

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5/15, 5/22, 5/29/2024
WNAXLP 455579

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Avon, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance No. 2024-02 was adopted by the Board of the Town of Avon on the 8 day of May, 2024 and the 8 day of May, 2024 copies of the above Ordinance were posted by me in two places in the Town of Avon, Rock County, Wisconsin as follows:

Avon Town Hall,
Brodhead, WI 53520

Town of Avon Website
townofavonwi.gov

Furthermore, a summary of the

above-referenced notice as published as a Class I Notice in the Brodhead Independent Register in compliance with 59.14 (1m), Wis. Stats

/s/ Stephanie Schwartzlow
Stephanie Schwartzlow,,
Town Clerk
Town of Avon, Rock County, WI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of May, 2024.
/s/Craig P. O'Leary
Notary Public,
Rock County, Wisconsin
My Commission Expires:

11-6-2024
(SEAL)
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5/15/2024
WNAXLP 455593

CITY OF BRODHEAD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Brodhead Board of Appeals on **Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Brod-

head City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, to consider the following request for variance to the zoning/building codes:

Request by Todd & Tera Staffon for a variance to **2002 W 7th Ave.** The applicant is requesting to keep a second driveway constructed in the front yard on 20th Street to park an RV camping trailer. Per ordinance chapter 236, only one driveway is permitted in residential property. Also, per ordinance 480-51 off-street legal parking is not permitted in the front yard except

for one driveway. Legal description is: **Clinton & Co Addition Block 250 lot 2; N 22 Lot 4**

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

Kristin Covert, City Clerk
City of Brodhead

Posted: May 10, 2024

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5/15, 5/22/2024
WNAXLP 455598

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room

Monday, April 22, 2024
Minutes

OFFICIAL OATH OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

New members officially take office on Monday, April 22, 2024. Incumbents Don Buchanan and Mike Krupke took their oath prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, April 14, 2024 edition of the Independent Register and properly building posted on April 19, 2024.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jodi Kail, Jenny Flory, and Don Buchanan [virtually]
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to give public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting: April 10, 2024

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

- \$2,500.00 monetary donation from Brodhead Booster Club to the Baseball program to go towards the dugout benches at the High School
- \$1,500.00 monetary donation from Summer Eldred's and Alexis Briand's Senior Project fundraiser to be evenly distributed between the Elementary School, Middle School, & High School Art programs
- \$2,000.00 monetary donation from Kid Connection to the Elementary School to help supplement field trips

4. RESIGNATION(S)

a. Caitlin Ritchie, 4th Grade Teacher

5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

• None at this time

6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Marcia O'Rourke

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Election of School Board Officials

President

Motion by Al Schneider to nominate Mike Krupke as School Board President.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Krupke. Motion carried, 7-0.

Vice President

Motion by Michael Oellerich to nominate Elizabeth Kempel as School Board Vice President.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Elizabeth Kempel. Motion carried, 7-0.

Clerk

Motion by Mike Krupke to nominate Michael Oellerich as School Board Clerk.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Oellerich. Motion carried, 7-0.

Treasurer

Motion by Michael Oellerich to nominate Al Schneider as School Board Treasurer.

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jenny Flory, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Al Schneider. Motion carried, 7-0.

Board Meeting Dates and Times for 2024-25

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve scheduled Board meeting dates and times for 2024-25 as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Declaration of Official School Newspaper

Motion by Mike Krupke, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the Independent Register as the official Brodhead School District newspaper for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Official Depository

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the Bank of Brodhead for Payroll Depository, Tax Account, and Debt Service/Capital Projects Fund; Bank of New Glarus – Brodhead for the General Fund, Debt Service/Capital Projects Fund, and Special Revenue Funds; Local Government Investment Pool for General Fund Investments and Debt Service Fund for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Approval of Authorized Signatures

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to authorize the use of digitized signatures of the President, Clerk, and Treasurer of the Board of Education for Checks drawn against District funds in accordance with the following provisions:

- The signature shall only be available to the Finance Manager and A/P Clerk using a passcode procedure.

2. A check signature register shall be maintained, and the register shall be audited by the Finance Manager and District Administrator.

3. All void or spoiled checks shall be marked as such and retained and the signature section shall be removed and destroyed.

Facsimile signatures will also be used in all cases where Board officers are required to sign check orders and to sign employee contracts.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to authorize account access rights for inquiries and payments via wire or automatic deductions when necessary, to the Finance Manager on the General Fund, Payroll, Tax Account, Debt Service/Capital Projects Accounts, and Special Revenue Accounts, to the A/P Clerk on the General Fund, Payroll and Tax Account, to prepare daily financial tasks and monthly reconciliations, and authorize account access rights to the building secretaries on the Brodhead School District Activity Fund accounts and to the High School Administrative Assistant on the Scholarship accounts for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Appointment of Board Member Representative of 2024 CESA 2 Delegate Assembly

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to appoint Mike Krupke as the 2024 CESA 2 Representative. Motion carried, 7-0.

Discuss Board Committees

Motion by Mike Krupke, second by Al Schneider, to update Board Committee assignments as agreed upon for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve a CPI 4.12% increase to base wages for professional teaching staff for the 2024-25 school year. Motion passed, 6-0-1 [M. Oellerich abstained].

APPROVAL OF CESA 2 SERVICE CONTRACTS

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the 2024-25 CESA 2 service contracts as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF ANY HEALTH PLAN CHANGES

The Board discussed potential changes regarding the District's health plan. The Board requested additional information from District Administrator Novy and intend to discuss health plan changes at the May meeting. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the 2024-25 student handbooks as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA [May 8, 2024]

- Approval of the Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Review Referendum Financing Plan
- Open Enrollment Approvals / Denials for 2024-25
- Review and Update Employee Handbook
- Consideration to Increase Substitute Aide Pay
- Consideration to Increase Summer Worker Pay
- Consideration to Hire an Elementary School Teacher Intern
- Referendum Updates
- Health Plan Changes
- 2023-24 Budget Revisions

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

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Michael Oellerich, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(f) at 7:53 p.m., for the discussion of:

- Considering a Leave Request of an Employee
- Compensation of an Employee
- Teacher Negotiations
- Support Staff/Administrator Negotiations

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve a teacher leave request. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve a \$500 increase to the stipend for the Sub Caller and a \$250 increase to the stipend for the Transportation Liaison for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve an increase of \$0.66 per hour for all support staff for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve a 4.12% increase to all administrators' base salaries for 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

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Wisconsin Airmen hone combat lifesaving skills

By Senior Master Sgt. Paul Gorman

115TH FIGHTER WING

Airmen assigned to the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing engaged in the Tactical Combat Casualty Care – Combat Life Savers Course April 18 at Volk Field Air National Guard Base.

115th Medical Group instructors facilitated the exercise, educating the unit's security forces and explosive ordnance disposal personnel on numerous TCCC techniques.

"I believe it's imperative that our defenders and EOD personnel are well versed in an advanced level of TCCC," said 2nd Lt. Andrew Zacharias, 115th Medical Group Detachment 1 TCCC-CLS TIER-2 training manager. "They are the first downrange and require the knowledge and skills to address common battlefield injuries."

TCCC-CLS TIER-2 is designed to provide intermediate lifesaving skills in the

battlefield to include junctional hemorrhage control, nasopharyngeal airway placement, needle decompression of the chest, chest seal application, and bag valve mask usage. Students are further taught basic triage of casualties, casualty collection points, pre-evacuation, evacuation, 9-Line coordination and documentation.

"At this level of TCCC combat lifesavers can tackle more complicated battlefield injuries as well as assist medical personnel with more invasive interventions bridging the gap between the initial military responder and medical personnel," said Zacharias.

TCCC-CLS TIER-2 students attend a 40-hour course encompassing lectures that cover 20 modules, 23 terminal learning objectives, 103 enabling learning objectives and 50 skills, as well as passing a 50 question end of course exam.

Master Sgt. Matthew Vandermolen, noncommissioned officer in charge of EOD op-

erations for the wing, was among the Airmen enrolled in the advanced course.

"Being trained to the Tier-2 standard has given me confidence in my ability to provide critical casualty care in any situation, allowing me to focus on the multitude of other factors that can arise in a fast-paced environment," said Vandermolen.

"This is one of the first CLS courses in the National Guard to include both security forces and EOD," said Capt. Jessica Green, TCCC officer in charge. "We hope this course equips our SFS and EOD personnel with the medical knowledge and skill set they need should they ever be in a position that requires it."

Participating Airmen engaged in a full day of real-world scenarios utilizing simulation rounds to encompass the care under fire portion of TCCC. They performed lifesaving skills on high fidelity medical mannequins and live role playing casualties. The casualties were then extracted from the danger zone, triaged and prepared for evacuation.

Lt. Col. Aaron Lunderville, 115th Security Forces Squadron commander, attended the training alongside his Airmen.

"The quality and realism of training we received in CLS was outstanding," said Lunderville. "My defenders are now better equipped to respond to battlefield trauma with potentially life-saving action."

TCCC instructors evaluated participants as they ran through scenarios multiple times, and concluded each with an after action debrief.

"As the Air Force changes and adapts it is critical that we develop multi-capable Airmen," said Green. "This training is a prime example of squadrons collaborating

to achieve the 115th Fighter Wing's vision to provide Airmen who are trained, ready, and dedicated."

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A soldier assigned to the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing engaged in the Tactical Combat Casualty Care – Combat Life Savers Course April 18 at Volk Field Air National Guard Base by attending to a "injured" dummy.



Participating Airmen engaged in a full day of real-world scenarios utilizing simulation rounds.



Airmen practice their evacuation skills on April 18.

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