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# Blackhawk holds the Golden Brick Awards

Blackhawk Technical College held its 3rd Annual Golden Brick Awards on Thursday, April 25 to honor community members, industry partners and Blackhawk alumni and staff who have gone above and beyond in the past year to advance Blackhawk's mission and vision of preparing students for work and life.

"For over 100 years, Blackhawk Technical College has continued to strive to be a primary partner to train our community's future workforce. And this afternoon, as we recognize those who have gone above and beyond in their support of our mission, we also pay tribute to the spirit of collaboration that truly defines us," said Lisa Hurda, Blackhawk's Director of Advancement and Foundation.

The 2024 award winners are:

- Technical Education Champion Award – Prent Corporation
- Philanthropic Award – Alliant Energy
- Community Partnership Award – Boys & Girls Club of Janesville
- K-12 Partnership Award – South Beloit Community Unit School District #320
- Distinguished Alumni Award – Tinika Kilgore
- Rising Star Alumni Award –

Kaleb Shafer

- Distinguished Faculty Award – Lisa Johnson
- Distinguished Staff Award – Cynthia Delcourt, Tiffany Garrison, Marissa Greuel Hainstock and Elizabeth Howard

The event was held at Blackhawk's Conference Center on Central Campus and included several sponsors:

- JP Cullen – Presenting Sponsor and Distinguished Staff Award Sponsor
- First National Bank and Trust Company – Technical Education Champion Award Sponsor
- SSM Health – Philanthropic Award Sponsor
- Ceroni Mechanical, Inc. – Community Partnership Award Sponsor
- Blain's Farm & Fleet – K-12 Partnership Award Sponsor
- Angus-Young Associates – Distinguished Alumni Award Sponsor
- Gallagher – Rising Star Alumni Award Sponsor
- TDS Telecom – Distinguished Faculty Award Sponsor

**About the 2024 Award Recipients**  
**Technical Education Champion Award – Prent**

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 Prent Corporation, the leading global manufacturer of medical packaging for the medical industry and a fast-growing leader in packaging for the electronics and consumer industries, is the recipient of Blackhawk's Technical Education Champion Award, which recognizes a key community or industry leader who demonstrates an exemplary level of partnership with Blackhawk to promote technical education and economic development.

Prent is a key collaborator in making educational opportunities available to Blackhawk students through partnerships with the college's Community and Workforce Development Team and the Manufacturing, Apprenticeship, Technology and Transportation Division. The company also donated \$250,000 to the Blackhawk Technical College Foundation last October to fund a cutting-edge manufacturing lab space within the college's new Innovative Manufacturing Education Center.

Rachel Pregont Andres, Prent's Executive Vice President, is a member of the Blackhawk District Board and she, along with her siblings, Joseph and Michael, and their parents,

Joe and Tina, recently established The Pregont Family Foundation Scholarship, which is a full-tuition scholarship awarded to a recipient through the course of his or her degree program at Blackhawk.

**Philanthropic Award – Alliant Energy**

Alliant Energy, which provides energy service to one million electric and 425,000 natural gas customers across Iowa and Wisconsin, is the recipient of Blackhawk's Philanthropic Award, which honors a company or individual whose generosity has made an impact on Blackhawk and the Blackhawk Foundation with their contributions to open doors for students, programs and facilities.

In 2012, Alliant Energy began offering Manufacturing Scholarships to Blackhawk students in the Welding, CNC Technician and Electro-Mechanical Technology programs. In 2019, the scholarships shifted to Electrical Power Distribution students to better address workforce demands within the energy industry. These scholarships, totaling \$6,000 annually, along with a \$200,000 contribu-

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# Subject with rifle killed at Mount Horeb school

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is continuing to investigate the incident that occurred in the Village of Mount Horeb on the morning of Monday, May 1.

At approximately 11:11 a.m., a citizen called 911 after witnessing a subject moving toward Mount Horeb Middle School with a backpack and what appeared to be a long gun. Mount Horeb Police Department officers responded to the school where they located a subject who matched the description in the area of the middle school, east of the main entrance at 900 Garfield Street, Mount Horeb.

Officers directed the subject to drop the weapon, but the subject did not comply. The subject pointed the weapon at the officers, after which law

enforcement discharged their firearms, striking the subject. Lifesaving measures were deployed but the subject died on scene.

The weapon recovered on scene was determined to be a Ruger .177 caliber pellet rifle.

No law enforcement officers or witnesses were physically injured during the incident.

Involved law enforcement remain on administrative leave, per agency policy.

The involved officers were wearing body cameras during the incident.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, Wisconsin State Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Dane

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# News briefs

## 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.

## Beloit Fresh Start holds annual kickball game

Beloit Fresh Start students and Beloit Police officers will

be holding their second annual Kickin' It for Fresh Start Kickball Championship Game at ABC Supply Stadium on Wednesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. Sponsors who make this event possible include ABC Supply Stadium, Culvers, Amazon, Kettle Foods, Pinnon Meats, and Woodman's Markets.

Freewill donations will be accepted at the gate. A cookout is planned for after the event. All proceeds support Beloit Fresh Start programming and the Class of 2024.

Beloit Fresh Start is an education and job training program, providing opportunities for youth to help themselves while helping others in the community. Youth are enrolled full-time and attend 32 to 34 hours a week. Half of their time is spent in an intensive individualized educational program to complete their high school education or GED, while the remainder of their time is spent in construction, community service, leadership development, employability, and various life skills classes.

## Blood drive for Footville, Orfordville community

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

## In-person job fair at Rock County Job Center

An in-person job fair will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at the Rock County Job Center in the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams building located at 1717 Center Avenue in Janesville. The event will have 25 local employers in attendance and 450+ job openings.

The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Individuals may update and print their resumes in the Resource Room prior to the event. For a list of employers, visit: <https://wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/>.

## 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.

Visit the website at [luther-valleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://luther-valleyhistoricalsociety.org).

## E-waste event in Footville in May

The e-waste dumpster will be located in the lot across from the Footville village office on May 11 only.

## 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 golf, 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.

# Police news

## Officer involved death investigated in Beloit

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death in the City of Beloit, Wis. 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 a subject with two bladed weapons advancing towards another individual. Officers instructed the armed subject to put the weapons down, but the subject did not comply. An officer discharged their firearm, striking the subject. Life saving measures were performed. The subject was transported to a local hospital where they were pronounced deceased.

No law enforcement officers or other individuals were injured during the incident.

The involved officer is 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 portion of the Rock River

According to U.S. Geological Survey Gauges, the water level for the Rock River at Lake Koshkonong is 7.98 feet. County Ordinance requires a slow-no-wake speed restriction be placed on the Rock River in Newville when the water level exceeds 8 feet; therefore, the slow-no-wake is lifted from the south end of Lake Koshkonong to the Indianford Dam.

The slow-no-wake is still in effect on the Rock River north of the W B R Townline Road Bridge as the water level exceeds 6.5 feet.

The slow-no-wake was previously removed from the river from the Stateline to W B R Townline Road Bridge.

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

Deputies removed slow-no-wake signs along the river at all public access points between Lake Koshkonong and the Indianford Dam.

## RCSO warns of recent scam phone calls

The Rock County Sheriff's Office was made aware of recent fraudulent phone calls to citizens within Rock County where the caller identifies themselves as Rock County Patrol Deputy Young. The caller indicated the person needs to send them money to clear up a legal manner. At this time, we are not aware of any monetary loss to the public.

These phone calls are fraudulent in nature, and the RCSO warns the public that neither the Sheriff's Office nor their representatives will call citizens asking for money. The Rock County Sheriff's Office encourages the public to let their family and friends know about these scams.

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

## No charges in officer involved critical incident

Recently, Rock County District Attorney David O'Leary issued his decision regarding the death of Andrew J. Zigler, which occurred on March 1, in the City of Janesville. The district attorney determined there will be no criminal charges for involved law enforcement.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation investigative files, along with digital photo, video, and audio records, can be viewed at <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/officer-involved-critical-incident>.

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# Hogs for Heroes seeking motorcycle recipients

Hogs for Heroes, a Wisconsin-based charity, is now accepting applications from injured Wisconsin Veteran riders for their next three Harley-Davidson motorcycles to be gifted this July to September of 2024.

Application criteria and materials are available on their "Application and Selection" page online at [www.hogsforheroeswi.org](http://www.hogsforheroeswi.org).

Note that the second application period opened on May 1 and must be postmarked by May 18.

Hogs for Heroes is a Wisconsin

501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to healing the mental and physical wounds suffered by Wisconsin Veterans during the course of active duty, through the therapeutic benefits of owning and riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. The charity raises funds to purchase Harleys for injured Wisconsin Veteran riders who now find themselves without means to have a bike and a deep need to return to "the road" and its comforts.

"We are working to help those injured veterans who once had a passion for riding and now find themselves without the means or ability to have a bike in their life," said Hogs for Heroes President Kevin Thompson. "Getting back on the road has been powerful healing for our 41 recipients and we encourage Wisconsin Veteran riders who have been injured in the course of active duty, and are longing to return to riding, to apply as this program is for them."

Thompson continued, "Pre-

vious recipients have found great solace being back on a bike and regaining the freedom, camaraderie and peace that motorcycling provides. Just as importantly, recipients have subsequently found new ways to continue serving their community and fellow veterans by getting a motorcycle back in their lives. We encourage people to share this information with friends and family and help us find our next Wisconsin veterans."

Hogs for Heroes was founded in 2015 in Madison by Kevin and Audra Thompson, along with his brother and sister-in-law Craig and Michelle Thompson, with the belief that there is a long-standing tie between the military, its service members and the benefits of motorcycle riding.

All application materials, as well as additional information on the organization, can be found at [www.hogsforheroeswi.org](http://www.hogsforheroeswi.org).

Be sure to follow the organization on Facebook at Hogs for Heroes.

# Second graders receive first communion at Mass



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On Sunday, April 28, second graders at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Footville received their first communion at the Sunday Mass with Father Randy Budnar.

## Annual Model A Day coming to Clinton

The Rock-Ford A's Model A Club would like to invite the public to their 35th Annual Model A Day in Clinton, on Sunday, June 2.

This free event is one of the largest gatherings of Ford Model A's in the Midwest and growing in numbers every year.

The cars come from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, and even as far as Arizona and California in recent years. Last year over 150 vintage Model A cars graced the streets of downtown Clinton.

There will be music, entertainment, and a vintage fashion show in the center of town.

There will also be a small food court, and all the local restaurants in town will be open. There will be a swap meet with vendors and crafters of all kinds, as well as the novelty and antique shops in town. The Rock-Ford A's conduct a raffle for a Model A part or a handmade wooden Model A, bucket raffles, 50/50, and a silent auction. There will be hourly attendance prize drawings for participating Model A drivers.

All proceeds from the show will benefit Vets Roll; the website for that is [www.vetsroll.org](http://www.vetsroll.org).

Whether attendees are new to this event or have been there before, they are guaranteed an enjoyable time for their family and friends.

Organizers are looking for more crafters and vendors. For business owners, or for those who belong to a special group, this is the perfect opportunity to showcase and promote with brochures, giveaways, etc. Booths are \$20 and will be located at and around Jake's Electric. They also have a limited number of indoor booths inside Hickory Wood event center for \$30. Please contact Sue Brunson of the Rock-Ford A's at 608-295-2590 or at [thebrunsons@hotmail.com](mailto:thebrunsons@hotmail.com) for a vendor registration form. These can be mailed or emailed. Forms are due in by May 20. Payment can be made via check, PayPal, Venmo or cash.

# Local student recipient of Zonta club scholarship

The Zonta Club of Janesville is proud to announce Abigail Austin as the recipient of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA) for 2024. This prestigious award recognizes young women for their exceptional leadership skills, commitment to public service, and dedication to empowering women in their communities.

Abigail Austin, a senior at Craig High School, Janesville, has demonstrated outstanding leadership both in the academic pursuits and her extensive community involvement. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in the fall to pursue studies in General Business and Business Management/Administration, fueled by her passion for the business world.

During her high school years, Abigail Austin has been actively engaged in various leadership roles, including serving as class president for the 2022 and 2023 school years and later advancing to vice president of the executive board in 2024. She has also held positions as president of the American Red Cross Club and Leo Lions Club in 2024.

Beyond her leadership roles, Abigail has dedicated herself to serving her community through volunteer work with organizations such as the American Red Cross, her church's food pantry, and the local Gift's Men's Shelter. Her commitment to international understanding is evident through her involvement in the Interact Club and Spanish Honor Society, where she works to create awareness and support for various international causes.

Abigail Austin's dedication to empowering women and promoting gender equality is deeply rooted in her family upbringing, particularly inspired by her grandmother who served as her Girls' Impact Leader. Through her grandmother's mentorship, Abigail connected with girls across the country, gaining insight into the pervasive challenges women face globally, including wage disparities, workplace biases, and

the normalization of daily harassment, often overlooked by society.

"We are thrilled to honor Abigail Austin with the Young Women in Public Affairs Award," said Jane Thompson, Scholarship Chair, of the Zonta Club of Janesville. "Her exemplary leadership, dedication to community service, and commitment to gender equality

make her a deserving recipient of this prestigious award."

The Zonta Club of Janesville is a local chapter of Zonta International, a leading global organization empowering woman through service and advocacy locally and beyond. The Zonta Club's other scholarships include Women with A Vision for single moms seeking a family-sustaining career at either

Blackhawk Technical College or UW Whitewater at Rock County, deadline is June 1; Jane M. Klausman Award for young women in business careers who are enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a master's program at the time of the application, deadline is May 25; and the Women in STEM Scholarship to encour-

age women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in information technology, deadline to be announced.

For further information about the Zonta Club of Janesville or details on scholarship eligibility criteria and application procedures, please contact: Catherine Myers, President at [janesville\\_president@zontadistrict6.org](mailto:janesville_president@zontadistrict6.org).

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# Kandu hosts annual wine, beer tasting event

## Popular event benefits adults with disabilities in Rock County

Kandu Industries Inc., a Janesville, Wis.-based non-profit organization that provides programs and services to people with disabilities and disadvantages, recently announced its 11th Annual Grapes and Hops wine and beer tasting fundraiser.

The popular event will be hosted for the third time at the Revv Aviation airplane hangar located at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport at 4606 S. Atlantis Drive in Janesville, from 6 to 10 p.m. on May 31.

Kandu's popular Grapes and Hops event is known as much for its unique entertainment value as it is for its specialty wine and beer tasting experience because of its interactive themed tasting booths hosted by local celebrities.

Guests will travel through a

concourse of creatively staged booths featuring themes like Mean Girls, Oktoberfest, and Mario Party. A spectacular array of hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening while musician David Hecht performs his unique blend of American roots and funk from 6 to 8 p.m. followed by an energetic performance by popular horn rock band, Six Thirty Sharp from 8 to 10 p.m.

In between musical sets, there will be a live auction featuring exclusive items like a seven-night stay in Belize that includes excursions, a golf cart for the week and a beach dinner; a Revv Aviation discovery flight; a one-night stay in the luxury loft above Genisa wine bar, including a chef's tasting and wine pairing in the restaurant; a one-of-a-kind butterfly art piece

hand-made by Kandu clients; and more.

Weather permitting, Revv Aviation will display special antique and training aircraft as an added attraction for guests to enjoy.

Tickets are \$95 each or \$110 at the door and can be purchased on the website at [kanduindustries.com](http://kanduindustries.com). Tickets are limited so community members who are interested in attending are encouraged to secure tickets soon.

Kandu's Grapes and Hops event is designed to raise funds to support their many work, social and daily programs for people with disabilities in the local community and is made possible by several community donations including major sponsors DSB Technologies, Trigger Precision Products, Revv Aviation, Thrivent Fi-

nancial, Tricor Insurance and SSM Health.

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efits that come with an event sponsorship or would like to volunteer at the event can learn more at [kanduindustries.com](http://kanduindustries.com) or by calling Linda Ross at 608-755-4123, ext. 109. Sponsorship levels range from \$500 to \$10,000.

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Volunteer celebrity pourers from Associated Bank featured in their "80's workout" themed booth at Kandu's 2023 Grapes and Hops event.

## Kandu appoints Isaiah Vance as new director

Kandu Industries Inc., a non-profit based in Rock County that provides programs and services to people with disabilities and disadvantages, recently announced that Isaiah Vance has been appointed to the newly created position of client services compliance director.

In his new role, Vance will provide effective oversight and accountability for compliance with the State of Wisconsin, contracted managed care organizations and other funding sources related to the organization's client services division.

"Isaiah is a welcome addition to Kandu's leadership team," said Kathy Hansen, Kandu's executive director. "I am confident that his experience in program administration and compliance will play a vital role in advancing



Isaiah Vance

Kandu as we settle into our new facility in Milton and expand to serve more people with disabilities in our community."

Vance has nearly ten years of experience in client services at Kandu, most recently as the organization's external senior client services manager, overseeing the daily operation of its community employment and daily living skills programs. Vance graduated from UW-Whitewater with a degree in social work and lives in Fort Atkinson with his wife and two children.

Kandu will complete its move to its new facility in Milton later this summer where the non-profit will gain an additional 30,000 square feet of space for client program expansion.

## New school meals program recognizes importance of dairy

### USDA includes flavored milks in program updates

New school meal standards announced last week by the USDA include major steps to promote the health of America's children through school meals. The new standards will be gradually updated to include less sugar and more flexibility in menu planning between Fall 2025 and Fall 2027, according to the USDA announcement.

Included in the updates was the continuation of allowing schools to offer flavored and unflavored milk to students. The new guidelines recognize the important role milk plays in providing the essential nutrients students need, such as calcium, vitamin D and potassium. The update did include a new limit on the amount of added sugar

allowed in the milk, a requirement that school milk processors have committed to meeting the limit on added sugar.

"The USDA's recognition of the importance of allowing milk, including flavored milk, in the school meals program is a win for all dairy farmers," said Tim Trotter, Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative CEO. "We have fought hard through our legislative efforts to help ensure students have access to the milk they are wanting while at school."

The original proposed rule for the school meal program update allowed for only unflavored, fat-free and low-fat milk for grades K-8 and allowed flavored and unflavored, fat-free

and low-fat milk for grades 9 to 12.

The approval to allow flavored and unflavored, fat-free and low-fat milk for all grades was the result of collective efforts throughout the dairy community. This change allows for more children to have access to the nutritional benefits of milk in their school meals.

"While we are encouraged by this action, there is still more to do to ensure we are providing full access to all types of nutrient dense dairy products, including whole milk," Trotter said.

The new updates are scheduled to go into effect at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

The current President and CEO of First Community Bank in Milton, Brendon Wilkinson, has joined the Board of Directors of the Children's Museum of Rock County, Inc. (CMRC).

The CMRC is currently raising \$10 million to build a children's museum at the former Chase bank location at 100 W. Milwaukee St. in downtown Janesville. The organization was recently awarded \$2 million from the City of Janesville for the project. The Rock County Board of Supervisors was to be reconsidering a \$500,000 ARPA funding request at its regular meeting on April 25.

"The Children's Museum will make a lasting impression on Rock County families for decades to come," commented Wilkinson. "We frequently visited children's museums when my kids were younger and these experiences give me a firm belief in the importance of this project for our community."

Wilkinson and his family moved to Rock County 18 years ago from the Madison area. He attended St. Norbert College, has an Executive MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and graduated from the UW's Graduate School of Banking.

"Brendon brings a strong background in

finance and organizational leadership," said John Westphal, CMRC Board President. "We were more than happy to welcome him to our Board as our efforts continue. Soon we hope to be making critical decisions about the management and operations of the museum."

The project will include renovations of the historical First National Bank building and construction of a new addition. The museum is expected to bring 81,000 visitors annually into the downtown area and generate \$4.24 million in spillover spending.

To date, CMRC has raised just under \$7.8 million for its capital campaign. In addition to City funding, the Janesville Generations Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc., recently awarded the Museum a \$20,000 matching grant. Donations of \$5,000 or less will be matched up to the grant limit.

The *Let's PLAY Together* capital campaign is expected to conclude later this year. Construction of the museum is estimated to take 10 to 13 months to complete with hopes for the museum to open in late 2025. Those interested in learning more about the project and ways to support can visit the CMRC website at [kidsatplayrc.com](http://kidsatplayrc.com).



Brendon Wilkinson

## Moms get free admission at Old World Wisconsin for Mother's Day on May 12

Old World Wisconsin opens for the season this May with new features and spring-time happenings for the whole family to enjoy. All moms are the guests of honor this Mother's Day and receive free general admission entry at the gate for one day only.

Explore Old World Wisconsin's latest additions like the new "Wagon Works Maker Space" with hands-on activities or meet a mama hen roosting with the flock – new heritage breed Java chickens just arrived this spring. Other new experiences include a nature exhibit at the 1890s Danish farm, folk art crafting

at the 1900s Polish homestead and a new food service option celebrating a turn-of-the-century birthday party at the festively decorated Caldwell Hall.

Visit new "babies" at the historic farmsteads, take a spin around the track with mom on an old-fashioned tricycle, or wander the lovely nature trails fresh with spring blooms.

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• What: Moms get free General Admission for Mother's Day

er's Day

• When: Sunday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Where: Old World Wisconsin, W372 S9727 Hwy 67, Eagle, Wis.

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# Awards (Continued from front page)

tion for the naming rights for the Electrical Power Distribution outdoor classroom and dig pit, which is part of the Public Safety + Transportation Complex, underscores a commitment to addressing critical college needs. In addition to financial backing, Alliant Energy's in-kind donations, including vital vehicles for industry-aligned training, exceeded \$40,000 in value.

Alliant Energy also works closely with Blackhawk's Workforce and Community Development Team for contract training services. In 2022-2023, nine Alliant Energy drivers received training through Blackhawk, with seven more drivers receiving training this academic year.

## Community Partnership Award – Boys & Girls Club of Janesville

The Boys & Girls Club of Janesville is the recipient of Blackhawk's 2024 Community Partnership Award, which honors organizations that have made significant contributions through a sustained and reciprocal partnership with Blackhawk.

Formed in 1989 and currently led by Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Veium, the Boys & Girls Club of Janesville serves hundreds of youth through after school and summer programs. In partnership with Blackhawk, BGC offers opportunities such as hosting student interns and serving as a stop for the college's shuttle service. Blackhawk's Workforce and Community Development Team also facilitates college and career readiness programs for teens at the BGC, which includes tours of Blackhawk's Central Campus in Janesville.

Angie Kablar, a Blackhawk employee, serves as a member of BGC's Board of Directors, helping to facilitate connections between the two organizations, including the partnership between the college's Culinary Arts Program and BGC's Let Loose and Laugh fundraising event featuring Charlie Berens. The Culinary Arts students make and serve desserts for the

event at the Janesville Performing Arts Center.

## K-12 Partnership Award – South Beloit Community Unit School District #320

South Beloit Community Unit School District #320 is the recipient of this year's K-12 Partnership Award, which recognizes an exceptional K-12 school partner with Blackhawk that has a common goal of growing a high-quality talent pipeline for the next-generation workforce for our communities.

Through dual enrollment programs, South Beloit has set an example of how collaboration between Blackhawk and K-12 partners can shape the future. Superintendent Scott Fischer, Principal Dr. Jeremy Schaaf and College & Career Director Emily Roer are key collaborators in this partnership, which includes dual credit options for students to obtain either a 2 or 4-year college degree and a dual credit experience in the trades and technical fields. Both programs help South Beloit students work toward their career goals while in high school. In fact, the South Beloit dual credit students earned nearly 230 credits from Blackhawk in the last academic year.

This partnership is a blueprint for how other school districts and community or technical colleges can be successful together to meet the needs of their communities.

## Distinguished Alumni Award – Tinika Kilgore

Tinika Kilgore, a nurse practitioner for UW Health, is the recipient of Blackhawk's Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors an outstanding Blackhawk graduate who has demonstrated the value of a technical college education through career accomplishments, community service, continued personal and educational growth, and support of the technical college system.

Following her graduation from Beloit Memorial High School, Tinika worked at a restaurant with aspirations of making culinary arts her full-

time career. But at the advice of a cousin, she opted to work at a nursing home and attend Blackhawk to receive her certified nursing assistant technical diploma. Tinika's work ethic was quickly noticed, and she decided to work toward her associate's degree in Nursing from Blackhawk.

After her Blackhawk graduation in 2004, Tinika started what would become a 20-year career at the Beloit Health System. In December 2022, she moved on to UW Health and is now considering a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Cooking remains a passion for Tinika, and she hopes to one day become a personal chef.

## Rising Star Alumni Award – Kaleb Shafer

Kaleb Shafer is the recipient of Blackhawk Technical College's Rising Star Alumni Award, an award that recognizes an alumnus who graduated from the college within the past decade.

As a student at Parker High School, Kaleb worked at The Diamond Center, which gave him flexibility to pursue a degree from Blackhawk upon graduation. It was at Blackhawk that Kaleb crossed paths with Steve Zimmerman, former Chief Information Officer of Prent Corporation, who became a significant influence. Zimmerman hired Kaleb as an intern and then as an employee.

During this time, he explored entrepreneurial ventures, always nurturing the dream of working for himself. The pivotal moment came when Nate Rodgers, owner of Badger State Maintenance, offered Kaleb an opportunity to handle the low-voltage systems, such as cameras and a door access system, for a new building. This opportunity led him to meet John Favreau of Evergreen Designs.

This marked the birth of Kaleb's own business, Superior Technologies, which has since grown into an LLC with five employees and over \$2 million in revenue.

## Distinguished Faculty Award

## – Lisa Johnson

Lisa Johnson is the recipient of Blackhawk Technical College's Distinguished Faculty Award, which honors an instructor who contributes in significant ways to a program, department and the Blackhawk community.

Lisa is the lead instructor of Blackhawk's Dental Hygienist program, which she launched at the college in fall 2022. Since then, she has started the Blackhawk Dental Clinic, which is open to the public. Lisa also will help lead an expansion of the dental program over the next few years.

Growing up in Marinette, Lisa graduated from UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology before working in insurance marketing. It was while working with group dental insurance that she discovered an interest in the dental field.

After returning to school for Dental Hygiene at Madison College, Lisa worked at the school as a supplemental instructor for Microbiology and Anatomy and Physiology courses. She then worked as a dental hygienist clinician for several years and graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a Master of Science degree in Dental Hygiene Education.

## Distinguished Staff Award – Cynthia Delcourt

Cynthia Delcourt, Blackhawk's Teaching and Learning Specialist, is one of four recipients of this year's Distinguished Staff Award, which honors staff who contribute in significant ways to their department and the larger Blackhawk community.

Cynthia, who will retire in June, has been at Blackhawk for nearly 15 years, supporting college faculty through use of instructional technology and instructional design. She serves as the lead administrator of Blackboard, the college's learning management system.

Cynthia has a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an associate degree in Comput-

er Technology from Southern Maine Community College. She also has a master's degree in Education from Ferris State University and holds a Wisconsin Teaching Certificate and a graduate certificate in E-Learning and Online Teaching.

Cynthia is a lifelong learner who enjoys Tai Chi, traveling, camping and playing music.

## Distinguished Staff Award – Tiffany Garrison

Tiffany Garrison, Blackhawk's Dean of General Education and Transfer Pathways, is one of four recipients of this year's Distinguished Staff Award, which honors staff who contribute in significant ways to their department and the larger Blackhawk community.

Tiffany came to Blackhawk in 2017 as a full-time Science instructor. After becoming Academic Chair of Math and Science, she moved into the role of Administrative Chair of the General Education Department, becoming Dean of General Education and Transfer Pathways in 2024. Her position oversees Blackhawk's Associate of Arts and Associate of Science programs.

Tiffany studied Biological Science/Pre-Med at Quincy University in Illinois. Working as a microbiologist in the Chicago area after graduating, she moved to Wisconsin to attend graduate school at UW-Madison, studying to be a neurosurgeon. However, Tiffany quickly realized that research and surgery did not ignite the passion she was looking for in a career. She then began teaching Gross Anatomy and other Anatomy and Physiology courses and discovered a new passion for instruction.

Tiffany believes the technical college system is an integral component of bettering the community and the opportunities of those who live here, and she enjoys seeing her students succeed.

## Distinguished Staff Award – Marissa Greuel Hainstock

Marissa Greuel Hainstock, Blackhawk's Transfer Coordi-

nator, is one of four recipients of this year's Distinguished Staff Award, which honors staff who contribute in significant ways to their department and the larger Blackhawk community.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in Elementary/Middle School Education from St. Norbert College, she moved back to her native Stevens Point and taught high school math and science. She then moved to Madison to work at UW-Madison's School of Education. After meeting her husband, they moved to Janesville, and Marissa started working for Blackhawk's Recruitment team. She eventually transitioned to an Academic Advisor position, primarily for the Nursing program. She also obtained her master's degree in Higher Education from UW-Whitewater.

Now as Blackhawk's Transfer Coordinator, she is an integral part of Blackhawk's Associate of Arts and Associate of Science programs. The ability to impact students' career and life goals is what drew Marissa to a career in higher education.

## Distinguished Staff Award – Elizabeth Howard

Elizabeth Howard, Blackhawk's Financial Aid Specialist, is one of four recipients of this year's Distinguished Staff Award, which honors staff who contribute in significant ways to their department and the larger Blackhawk community.

Elizabeth is an alumnus of Blackhawk's accounting program, and she holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from Upper Iowa University.

As a lover of numbers and solving problems, Elizabeth enjoys helping students navigate financial aid and veteran benefits. Specifically, she helps process financial aid applications and package federal and state aid awards. She also is the certifying official for veterans, working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys spending time with her family, friends and dog, Tessie. She also enjoys gardening, fishing, puzzles and scrapbooking.

# School (Continued from front page)

County Sheriff's Office, Verona Police Department, Cottage Grove Police Department, Madison Police Department, Monona Police Department, Fitchburg Police Department, Iowa County Sheriff's Office, Green County Sheriff's Office, Blue Mounds Police Department, Cross Plains Police Department, Shorewood Hills Police Department, 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 Dane County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

Gov. Tony Evers released a statement on May 1 regarding the situation at the Mount Horeb Area School District.

"I have been briefed on the incident at the Mount Horeb Area School District and am closely monitoring the situation," Gov. Evers said in an initial statement. "I am praying for the health and safety of our kids, educators, and staff and grateful for the first responders who are working quickly to respond."

Later that afternoon, Gov. Evers also released the following statement: "Every day, our kids, educators, and staff go to school

and hope a day like this will never come. Having visited the district two months ago today, my heart breaks for the school, the district, and the entire Mount Horeb community.

"I've been in contact with local school district officials to extend my full support for students, educators, staff, and their families as they grapple with what has undoubtedly been a scary and traumatic day for everyone involved.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
District Office Board Room

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, April 3, 2024 edition of the Independent Register.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### ACTION ITEM

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

### INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Summer Eldred and Alexis Briand presented a \$1,500 donation to the Brodhead Art Program as a result of their Senior Project.

### AGENDA ITEMS

### CONSENT AGENDA

### ACTION ITEM

#### 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Special Meeting: February 21, 2024
- b. Special Meeting: March 19, 2024
- c. Regular Meeting: March 20, 2024

#### 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

#### 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

- a. \$200.00 monetary donation from Gloria Sutter to help fund the Guys & Dolls Show Choir Program
- b. Various monetary donations from area businesses and community members to help fund the Wisconsin Singers performance on April 13, 2024

#### 4. RESIGNATION(S)

- a. Donna Trumpy, High School Foodservice Worker
- b. Jodi Williams, Middle School Night Custodian

#### 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

- a. Scottee Hoff, 6th Grade Math Teacher
- b. Alysha Witt, 7th Grade Science Teacher
- c. Lindsey Zerilli, Part-Time Middle School Night Custodian

#### 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

- None at this time

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

### REPORT ON ELECTION RESULTS

### REPORT ITEM

Board Clerk Michael Oellerich reported on the April 2, 2024 Board Member and Referendum election results. Board members Mike Krupke and Don Buchanan were elected and the District's Referendum passed.

### PROGRAM PRESENTATION -

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

### PRESENTATION ITEM

Stephanie Tresemer, Erin Kammerer, and Jessica Gardipee informed the School Board about WEB (Where Everybody Belongs), the new orientation program starting at the Middle School. A key element of this program is training 8th grade WEB Leaders to serve as mentors to the incoming 6th graders.

### CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO

### THE DISTRICT HEALTH PLAN

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

District Administrator Novy presented the School Board with various options on modifications to the District's Health Plan benefits. The School Board had discussion on the various options. No action was taken.

### CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE

### 2026 SPANISH TRIP

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Heather Fenwick presented information on the 2026 Spanish Trip to Costa Rica.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the Spanish Trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2026 as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

### REFERENDUM UPDATE

### DISCUSSION ITEM

District Administrator Novy presented information about the Referendum election and the next steps on the Referendum following last week's successful election.

### FUTURE AGENDA [April 22, 2024]

- Approval of the Minutes
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Board Reorganization
  - A. Election of School Board Officials
  - B. Board Meeting Dates and Times for 2024-25
  - C. Declaration of Official School Newspaper
  - D. Official Depository
  - E. Approval of Authorized Signatures
  - F. Appointment of Board Member Representative for 2024 CESA 2 Delegate Assembly
  - G. Discuss Board Committees
- Approval of Teacher Contracts
- Approval of CESA 2 Service Contracts
- Approval of any health plan changes
- Approval of Student Handbooks

### ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN

### CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT

### ACTION ITEM

#### TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f) at 8:05 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. Confer with Legal Counsel and Discuss Complaint Against Local Public Official
- b. Teacher Negotiations
- c. Support Staff Negotiations

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

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

### ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 8:52 p.m.  
Motion carried, 6-0 [D. Buchanan did not attend closed session].

### ADJOURNMENT

### ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jenny Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

### Date: 03-20-24 \$100 Bill List

CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3,215.34
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	1,076.75
GARDIPEE, JESSICA M	102.42
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	13,364.46
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	64,482.78
KOMPAS CARE	460.88
LARSON, DEANNE R	250.00
MARTENSON, LAUREL B	500.00
NASCO	705.14
NEOLA, INC.	375.00
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	414.24
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	7,425.57
SMITH, ROBIN M	225.00
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	19,996.45
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	351.20
WALECHKA, THERESA A	225.00
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	200.00
DELL MARKETING L.P.	406.96
GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	388.70
GOTO TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC.	1,389.67
JOSTENS INC	104.10
JOSTENS INC	.00
KAMMERER, ERIN C	137.97
MCGILVRA ELECTRIC	191.03
MENEHAN REFRIGERATION	203.00
MONROE ENGRAVING	116.00
MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT	6,615.00
PEPSI-COLA	887.91
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	3,488.68
SARGENT, JENNA E	225.00
SPEICH OIL INC	308.09
WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	133.67
DROVER, PATRICIA	900.00
EUBANKS, SHEROD	100.00
EWELL EDUCATION SERVICES	120.00
MAKE-A-WISH WISCONSIN	2,349.53
MAKE-A-WISH	100.00
PEPSI-COLA	193.05
PIGGLY WIGGLY	117.46
PINNACLE FUNDRAISING SERVICES	5,903.51
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	318.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	226.99
WIAA	132.78
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	1,183.15
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	390.68
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	170.96
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	242.86
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	118.98
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	252.50
AHRENS ACRES	180.00
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	698.28
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	1,500.00
BRIDGES	265.00
CHULA VISTA RESORT	367.00
DEPPLER WOOD SUPPLY	720.50
DEPPLER WOOD SUPPLY	1,140.25
GREEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU	500.00
HEARTLAND GRAPHICS	604.00
HEARTLAND GRAPHICS	336.00
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	129.14
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	970.65
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	206.65
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	276.31
WIAA	275.64
WISCONSIN ASSOC OF FFA	320.00
X-GRAIN SPORTSWEAR	192.00

### Date: 04-10-24 \$100 Bill List

AIRGAS USA, LLC	289.38
ANDERSON, ANN F	462.27
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	154.94
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1,781.55
RENNING, LEWIS & LACY, S.C.	274.50
BAAD, GAVIN	120.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	10,520.74
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	584.99
CITY OF BRODHEAD SEWER DEPT	1,983.25
DELL MARKETING L.P.	10,509.00
DEMCO INC	2,296.09
MONROE GLASS COMPANY INC	237.02
PIGGLY WIGGLY	675.08
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	686.00
WE ENERGIES	3,091.19
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	225.00
CESA #2	2,915.55
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	987.31
MENARDS - JANESVILLE	120.60
MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	258.00
MIDAMERICA	40,903.63
OFFICE PRO	2,177.84
PIEPER POWER	5,124.32
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	1,139.53
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	10,457.02
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	107.36
JUBECK, HOWARD	105.00
LAMBRECHT, RICHARD	105.00
MARENEM INC	331.10
PREMISTAR	7,233.86
ROLLI WORX	283.50
SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION	268.99
SEMMENS, BILL	105.00
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	16,239.95
U.S. CELLULAR	139.10
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	926.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3,739.08
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	458.83
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	12,506.29
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	45,218.64
KOMPAS CARE	460.88
OFFICE PRO	7,894.26
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	247.60
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	5,734.78
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	15,665.51
VISGER, KATHERINE M	100.00
DELL MARKETING L.P.	1,259.97
GOTO TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC.	1,385.79
MILWAUKEE BILINGUAL SPEECH/LANG, LLC	1,227.30
PEAK SYSTEM GROUP, INC.	1,138.00
PEPSI-COLA	385.61
PROCARE THERAPY	357.50
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	2,580.89
SCREENFLEX	3,976.00
SPEICH OIL INC	188.56
WAAE	563.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	817.50
JARVIS, NICHOLAS	135.00
NEHLS, CRYSTAL	105.00
PINNACLE FUNDRAISING SERVICES	1,656.97
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	103.72
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	200.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	265.89
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	259.04
COUNTRY MEATS	236.00
DEPPLER WOOD SUPPLY	119.45
HEARTLAND GRAPHICS	782.00
HEARTLAND GRAPHICS	316.00
RIESTERER, BETH A	150.00
RITE BITE	1,771.25
RUDIS	901.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	685.99
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	777.98
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	210.24
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	144.04
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	161.92
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	165.07
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	758.82
AHRENS ACRES	180.00
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	900.00
HOESLY, CHRIS T	182.96
LAMAR COMPANIES	482.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	106.94
BUCKY'S RENTAL	101.76
GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY	300.00
MIDWEST HORSE FAIR	170.00
PIGGLY WIGGLY	334.10
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	284.86
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	611.74
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	137.07
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	121.89

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
JON KUEHL  
DOD 12/10/2023

### Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR32

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/01/1954 and date of death 12/10/2023, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 708 15th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 25, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by  
Jennifer Prien  
Probate Registrar  
4-15-24

Attorney John Koenig  
Elder Advisors Law  
101 S. Main Street  
#100

Janesville, WI 53545  
608-371-7202  
Bar Number 1030741

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
ELAINE B. STEWART

### Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR34

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/19/1933 and date of death 01/18/2024, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2001 County Road FF, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 25, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, WI 53566, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by  
Jennifer Prien  
Probate Registrar  
4-15-24

Attorney Michael A. Faust  
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Telephone (608) 755-5050  
Bar Number 1024665

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### NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW

For the  
City of Brodhead

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
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Respectfully submitted,  
City of Brodhead  
Kristin Covert, City Clerk

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# Wisconsin Guard, law enforcement team up for public safety training

By Vaughn R. Larson

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD  
Approximately 230 Wisconsin Army National Guard Soldiers, mostly from the 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, trained shoulder to shoulder with roughly 75 law enforcement officers – many from the Milwaukee Police Department and metro area, as well as others from Marathon and Wood counties and the city of Janesville – as part of a joint exercise April 5 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis.

The purpose of the exercise was to validate civilian unified command in the event the Wisconsin National Guard is called to state active duty for civil unrest. Soldiers and law enforcement officers spent the day working through training scenarios involving looting and rioting.

"I found the professionalism and buy-in from Milwaukee Police Department lieutenants and captains to be top-notch," said Capt. Raymond Johns, who was a planner and controller for the joint exercise. "Their interest in past lessons learned and commitment to partner with Soldiers was excellent."

Guard members played multiple roles in the exercise, taking turns as a reaction force (NGRF) with face and body shields as well as role-playing looters, demonstrators and even

"citizen journalists" documenting the events at street level.

If called to state active duty in response to civil unrest, National Guard members support local authorities and their efforts to protect life and property. Understanding how their partners from civilian agencies operate improves the effectiveness of the Guard mission. Similarly, law enforcement learned what Guard members can and cannot do in a supporting role.

"Training alongside law enforcement gave both organizations greater insight into one another's tactics, techniques and procedures, and allowed us to have a far deeper discussion regarding capabilities, equipment and options, especially at the 'on the street' level," Johns said. "During the planning phase, police officers were able to gain valuable insights into how we plan training while Guard officers and non-commissioned officers were able to better understand the tactical aspects of crowd management from a police perspective."

Johns credited Wisconsin Emergency Management – which, like the Wisconsin National Guard, is part of the state Department of Military Affairs – with making the connections between the Guard and local law enforcement for this event, and providing a framework to plan the training.

"The assistant chief of po-

lice was vocal about wanting to build on this exercise in the future and continue to develop the partnership between law enforcement and the Guard," Johns said.

Chris Trossen, a training officer with Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), said the Milwaukee Police Department had reached out to Wisconsin National Guard operations and training section members to organize a joint training event. WEM exercise officers were included in the discussion.

"We helped birth the process,

started them on the road to planning, managed the planning meetings and let them work out their goals and objectives," Trossen said. "We weren't running it – we were just there to assist."

Trossen and his teammates are still compiling an after-action report on the exercise, but initial feedback was positive. Communication between police and Guard forces was one area that improved as the day progressed.

"At first it was unfamiliarity with the process – not a lot

of communication between NGRF and police mobile field forces," Trossen said. "It wasn't a technology issue, it was learning how to talk to each other."

Johns observed that the posture of reaction forces has a tangible influence on those creating a civil disturbance.

"Even in a simulated environment, mob mentality can take over," Johns said. "That is doubly true in real life."

Police and Guard forces who presented a more aggressive posture when arriving on the scene were often met with more

rapid and extreme escalation by the simulated demonstrators, Johns said.

"While maintaining a safe protective posture is important, we need to be careful not to create violent crowds out of peaceful ones as we perform our NGRF mission," he said.

An unexpected fire alarm during the exercise forced the command centers for both the police and the Guard to evacuate their building. Even so, Trossen said both command groups maintained communication with their forces and managed the situation.

"The training was good," Trossen said. "We'll see what the critical needs are after the after action review is completed."

VAUGHN R. LARSON, WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

PHOTOS Rock Valley Publishing

**Members of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade took part in a training exercise with Milwaukee-area law enforcement April 5 at the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in West Allis.**



**Soldiers took turns training in a reaction force role in support of local law enforcement as well as portraying looters and rioters. This type of training addresses communication skills between agencies and improves understanding and collaboration between local law enforcement and the Wisconsin National Guard.**

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### TOWN OF CENTER ROCK COUNTY TOWN PLAN COMMISSION HEARING CENTER TOWN HALL 9119 W County Rd A, Evansville, WI Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00PM

1. Open Hearing
2. Roll Call
3. Plan Commission to consider an application for a Land Division, Zoning/Land Use Change to take approx. 3.0 acres from an A-1 parcel, #6-4-190, Section 23-3-11 W1/2 SW1/4, .78.14 acres, and adding it to an A-1 parcel, #6-4-190.1, Section 23-3-11 PT N/W 1/4 SW 1/4 .44 acres, creating an A-3 parcel making this parcel approx. 3.0 acres which excludes the right of way.

The Plan Commission to consider taking approx. 1.0 acre from an A-1 parcel, #6-4-190, and take approx. 2.2 acres from an A-1 parcel, #6-4-187, Sec-

tion 23-3-11 S110A E1/2 W1/2, and add those acres to an A-1 parcel, #6-4-190.2, Section 23-3-11 PT NW 1/4 SW 1/4 making it an A-3 parcel with approx. 3.7 acres excluding the right of way. The property owner is Fenrich Farms, 8114 W Townsend Rd., Janesville, WI 53548. The parcels 78.14-acre property is located at 8114 W Townsend Rd., Section 23-3-11 in the W1/2 SW1/4.  
4. Finding of Facts  
5. Adjourn

Devona Udulutch, Center Town Clerk  
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### TOWN OF CENTER REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Center, County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, that they will be accepting sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. local time on the 24th day of May, 2024 either by mail or at the home of the Town of Center Clerk, located at 7416 W. Mineral Point Road, Janesville, Wisconsin 53548, telephone number 608 876-6265. The sealed bids can be mailed to the address above. The bids will be publicly opened and read at a town board meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Work will consist of spray patching over the unsealed cracks and micro-surfacing over the road surface. The road to be done will be N. Tuttle Rd. from the south boundary line of W. Whitmore Rd. to the north boundary line of W. Weary Rd.

The contractor will be responsible for traffic controls necessary to complete their work. The Town of Center board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any technicality or error in the bid or any part therein, and to accept the same or combinations, in whole or in part, whenever such waiver or acceptance is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Center.

The specifications for the work project listed above will be on the Home page for the Town of Center website, www.townofcenterrockcounty.com.

Devona Udulutch, Clerk Town of Center, Rock County  
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## BTC partners with Beloit College to offer new housing option

Students enrolled at Blackhawk Technical College now have a residential living option through a new partnership with Beloit College.

Beginning in August, students will have the opportunity to reside in Peet Hall on Beloit College's campus, where they can enjoy access to a range of amenities, including fitness facilities and flexible meal plan options. Additionally, Blackhawk will provide complimentary shuttle service between campuses.

"Providing a living space for our students has been a goal of ours for some time. Residential life is a key part

of the overall college experience, and we are grateful for Beloit College's partnership in helping us realize this vision," said Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk.

This new housing option aligns with the college's goal to provide students with a more comprehensive and traditional college experience, and it coincides with the recent launch of Blackhawk Athletics. Both initiatives aim to enrich student life and foster a stronger sense of community for Blackhawk students.

Residence hall living is offered at six of the 16 colleges within the Wisconsin Tech-

nicol College System. Some offer traditional residence halls, while others have partnerships with neighboring four-year universities or offer resources to find off-campus housing.

Beloit College President Eric Boynton said the housing agreement reflects the college's wish to continue building partnerships with organizations and industries in the region, particularly with Blackhawk.

"We are especially excited about our partnerships with Blackhawk because they reflect our shared commitment to providing students with exceptional opportunities for

academic and personal development," he said.

The college and Blackhawk have already joined forces to offer emergency medical technician (EMT) and certified nursing assistant (CNA) certifications for Beloit students, Boynton said.

"These partnerships help prepare possible pathways for bachelor's degree completion for Blackhawk students in health science careers who are seeking to transfer into a four-year degree institution," he said.

For more information about Blackhawk's new housing option, including cost, visit blackhawk.edu/housing.



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