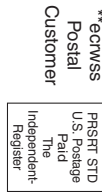


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Public Safety Center marks completion of BTC's new complex

Blackhawk Technical College marked a significant milestone on Thursday, Sept. 26 with the official unveiling of its newly completed Public Safety Center during a special open house and ribbon cutting event.

As the final piece of the \$32 million Public Safety and Transportation Complex, the state-of-the-art facility serves as a vital training hub for students pursuing careers in emergency services and law enforcement.

The path to this milestone began in November 2020 when a community-supported referendum was passed, securing crucial funding for the construction of the entire complex.

This funding enabled the development of the Center for Transportation Studies, an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course, a Fire Tower, an Observation Building, a Scenario Training Village, and the newly completed Public Safety

Center. Construction on the Public Safety Center specifically began in October 2022.

"This building is the cornerstone of our new campus and reflects a changing college," Dr. Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk, said during the ribbon cutting event. "Workforce will continue to be our focus, but our mission is growing to encapsulate a boarder portfolio for our community."

The open house drew local officials, community members, faculty and students, offering self-guided tours of the new center's classrooms, simulation labs and training facilities.

Blackhawk's annual Fall Festival also was held on the evening of Sept. 26, allowing community members to enjoy family-friendly activities alongside the open house event.

For more information about the Public Safety Center and Blackhawk's programs, visit blackhawk.edu.



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From left to right: Lisa Hurda, Blackhawk Advancement and Foundation Director; Mitch Suchomel, JP Cullen Project Coordinator; George Cullen, Co-President of JP Cullen; Mike Kemp, JP Cullen Superintendent; Troy Egger, Law Enforcement Program Administrator; Tracy Pierner, President of Blackhawk; Joe Stadelman, President of Angus-Young; Bradley Werginz, Angus-Young Architect; Rob Balsamo, Administrative Chair of Blackhawk's Fire, EMS, Human Services and SUDC Programs; Moira Lafayette, Blackhawk Dean of Health and Public Safety.

Two new RCHS programs to focus on paranormal findings and historic witchcraft

Two new programs will be held in October at the Rock County Historical Society (RCHS). One will focus on evidence of paranormal events in schools, and the second is a gripping presentation about the true, chilling history of witchcraft.

School "Spirit:" An Exploration of Haunted Schools, Libraries and Colleges

Presented by the Society for Anomalous Studies (SAS), this program highlights paranormal findings from investigations of schools and other educational locations. The program will be held on two dates: Wednesday, Oct. 9 and Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tallman Carriage House, located at 450 N. Jackson Street in Janesville.

Attendees will see and hear the evidence captured in old colleges, Carnegie libraries, one-room schoolhouses and abandoned high schools. Evidence from schools in Rock County and other locations in the country will be revealed. The Society for Anomalous Studies is a cooperative of experienced paranormal investigators who have spent nearly 15 years exploring the mysteries of the paranormal and unexplained. For the past 9 years, the group has almost exclusively been investigating historical locations.

A Bewitching Tale

Another fascinating program at RCHS in October is *A Bewitching Tale*, which delves into the true stories from 1692 in Salem, Mass., and the prosecution and execution of those who allegedly practiced witchcraft. The program will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18, and again from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Tallman Carriage House.

In this program, presenter Tom Skinner, a direct descendent of Rebecca Nurse, who was executed after being convicted of witchcraft, uncovers the grim truths of this chilling period with a focus on the causes, accusers, victims, and how it all finally came to an end.

Skinner is passionate about historic preservation and lives in an 1844 Greek Revival home in Janesville that he and his wife, Susan, lovingly restored.

Tickets for both programs are available online at www.rchs.us/events or by calling RCHS at 608-756-4509. Each program is \$10 for RCHS members and \$20 for nonmembers.

All ticket proceeds for these events raise funds for the preservation of the historic buildings on the RCHS campus.

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

Event seeks to help empty pet shelters

Bissell Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, is prompting a national call for adoption this fall with its Empty the Shelters reduced-fee adoption event held until Oct. 15. Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin will participate along with more than 390 shelters in 44 states.

To help deserving shelter pets find loving homes, the pet foundation sponsors reduced adoption fees of \$50 or less per cat or dog during each nationwide event.

HSSW will participate until Oct. 15 at their main shelter location at 4700 S. County Road G in Janesville, offering reduced adoption fees for dogs, cats, and kittens.

Please note this means any off-site adoption locations like the Petco Adoption Center or any of the Vet Pet partner lo-

cations are not included in this event.

They're bringing back the 'Wheel of Adoption Fees' so once someone falls in love with a pet, they'll let fate decide the adoption fee. All adoption fees will be somewhere between \$0 to \$25.

They will maintain their regular adoption hours from noon to 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays.

All interested adopters can find more details online at petsgohome.org

"Right now, our nation's animal shelters are in crisis with too many pets coming in and not enough adoptions to keep up. Euthanasia rates have hit a 3-year-high, and healthy, adoptable pets are at risk due to space constraints," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of Bissell Pet Foundation. "Bissell Pet Foun-

ation's Fall National Empty the Shelters offers a chance for the community to save lives through adoption while creating space for shelters to help more pets. If you can't adopt, fostering can also make a life-saving difference. Deserving pets across the country are counting on all of us."

HSSW has been participating in Bissell Pet Foundation Empty the Shelters events since 2018 and have found homes for hundreds of pets as a result of the BPF's support. Each time they participate in an Empty the Shelters event, they see people in the local community inspired by the generosity of the BPF and who have been thinking about adding a new companion to their family finally take the plunge to adopt a new furry friend.

"Having been with the organization in several different capacities from adoptions, to

volunteer and foster management, to fundraising, and beyond it has been incredible to see the impact that the Empty the Shelters events have on our entire organization. These events benefit our pets greatly and also help boost our staff morale as we see so many pets going home, especially some of our pets that have stayed with us for much longer than the average stay," said HSSW Shelter Services Director, Kaitie Swedlund

This event is the largest funded adoption event in the country. This lifesaving event began in 2016 with a goal of encouraging more families to choose adoption. Nearly 283,000 pets have found loving homes since its inception. Empty the Shelters is Bissell Pet Foundation's largest program, partnering with 742 animal welfare organizations in 49 states and Canada to reduce adoption fees.

State experienced a 24% decrease in farms

Off-farm employment sustains state's agricultural families

By Steven Deller

UNIVERSITY OF WI EXTENSION

Farming is an integral part of Wisconsin's economy, self-identity, and culture, a fact reflected in the names of two of the state's three professional sports teams, the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Brewers, which are both inspired by farming-related activities.

Unfortunately, as highlighted in a recent analysis by Hadachek and Deller (2024) of the latest Census of Agriculture, the number of farms in Wisconsin has been steadily declining, dropping from 77,131 in 2002 to 58,521 in 2022.

The decline in dairy farms is even more dramatic, decreasing from 16,886 in 2002 to just 6,216 in 2022. Several factors contribute to this trend, including the aging farm population and the high costs of starting a farming business for younger farmers.

A critical reason for the decline is that many farms are unable to generate sufficient income to support a farm family or household.

One strategy that many farm families use to supplement their income is through off-farm employment. His-

torically, off-farm jobs have provided access to health insurance, with the income from these jobs viewed as supplementary.

By using data from the USDA Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) for Wisconsin, we can track

the reliance of farm families on off-farm income across various types of farms.

Between 2018 and 2022, on average, 79.3% of farm family income came from off-farm sources, a percentage that has

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The Warhawks huddle as the game begins. The UW-Whitewater at Rock County soccer team faced off against Madison College on the campus soccer field on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

UWW at Rock County reveals men's soccer roster

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County men's soccer team started its first year as a National Junior College Athletic Association member earlier this fall.

The following student-athletes from the local area are members of this year's team:

- Matthew Hathorn of Beloit, who is pursuing a Liberal Arts AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Zadin Subhan of Janesville, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Brandon Tenorio of Milton, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater

at Rock County.

- David Romero Arroyo of Janesville, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Owen Kolden of Beloit, who is pursuing a Liberal Arts AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Kevin Cardoza of Beloit, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Armando Gonzalez of Beloit, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Marcos Giles of Beloit, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- Luis Linares of Beloit,

who is pursuing a Liberal Arts AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

- DeQuion Wilson of Janesville, who is pursuing a Arts and Science AAS degree at UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

The Warhawks kicked off their season on Aug. 22 and are more than halfway through the season schedule. URock is scheduled to play in five matches in October, all on the road, after playing in seven matches in August and September, including five on the Rock County campus.

Find more information on this year's team on the UW-Whitewater at Rock County competitive sports web page.

Welty sponsors Big Hill Park Bonfire sing-along

Remember back in the day, when folks gathered around the bonfire with a guitar and sang favorite camp songs together? Welty is recreating the memories with an adults-only evening of songs, s'mores, and a sunset called Big Hill Park Bonfire on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are available now.

Pro Pittman will be playing campfire favorites, as well as taking requests – gathered online during ticket purchase. There will also be a s'mores bar, and Apple Hut cider and cider doughnuts. Participants are encouraged to bring camp chairs, a picnic dinner, and make an evening of it. If the weather doesn't cooperate, everything can move inside – except the fire!

"We wanted to try something new this fall," said Executive Director Brenda Plakans, "and create an event that would let adults in on the Welty vibe. Sunset is such a beautiful time at Big Hill Park [and will be at 6:18 p.m. on Oct. 12], we thought it would be fun to gather everyone to sing, eat marshmallows, and enjoy the fading prairie light.



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Welty staff will tend an evening bonfire as a backdrop for their sing-along event. There will be a s'mores bar, apple cider donuts, cider, and cocoa.

Pro's been a good sport to offer to play requests, so hopefully everyone will hear a favorite song and be able to join in."

Welty Environmental Center has been in operation in the Stateline area for 25 years and serves over 11,000 people annually. Most of its programming is for K-12 students, but it also sponsors activities for college students and adults, includ-

ing internships, workshops, and special events. Welty is located at Big Hill Center, 1201 Big Hill Ct. in Beloit, and parking is available in the upper and lower Center lots during the bonfire.

Pre-sale tickets are \$10 before Oct. 12 and \$15 on the night of the event. Tickets can be purchased online at weltycenter.org/event/big-hill-park-bonfire-10-12-24

Cemetery tours bring to life stories of civic leaders

For the 26th year, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum presents its renowned Talking Spirits Cemetery Tours at historic Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison. *Talking Spirits Cemetery Tours: from Soldiers to Civil Servants* features four vignettes with actors portraying significant Wisconsinites before, during, and after the Civil War and traces the long history of veteran civic engagement in Wisconsin.

Approximately 1,000 school-age children will go on the tour from schools across the state during the week. On the weekend, tours are open to the public. Tickets are sold out for these events.

Lucius Fairchild

Lucius Fairchild was one of the first men in Madison who volunteered to serve in the Civil War and led the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry. After suffering bullet wounds to the arm in 1863, he was appointed Secretary of State of Wisconsin and then served three terms as the Governor of Wisconsin (1866-1872).

Frances Bull Fairchild

Frances Bull Fairchild was the wife of Lucius Fairchild. She was a suffragette who inspired Governor Fairchild to be "a friend of woman suffrage," and she was motivated by the "Wisconsin pioneer work ethic" of suffragettes

that surrounded her.

Jairus Fairchild

Jairus Fairchild was an American politician and a businessman. He was the first State Treasurer of Wisconsin and the first Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin.

Ezekiel Gillespie

Ezekiel Gillespie was born into slavery in 1818. He moved to Milwaukee after purchasing his freedom and changed Wisconsin history. In 1865, Gillespie attempts to vote and is denied. His case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court opened the door for Black men in Wisconsin to vote.

Yearly tree, shrub sale comes to Rock County

The Rock County Land Conservation Department is taking orders for its yearly Tree and Shrub Sale.

Distribution is usually around mid-April 2025.

Trees and shrubs are bare root seedlings in single species units of 10 for \$25 (only shrubs can be split into bundles of 10), bundles of 25 for \$35, or 50 for \$60 plus tax. Fruit trees sold in bundles of 5 for \$30 plus tax. Stock as of Oct. 2: Canaan Fir, 6 to 12 inch seedlings, Eastern Arborvitae, 12 to 16 inch seedlings, Native White Birch, 9 to 14 inch seedlings, Norway Spruce,

7 to 15 inch seedlings, Red Maple, 18 to 24 inch seedlings, Red Oak, 18 to 24 inch seedlings, White Oak, 18 to 24 inch seedlings, and White Pine, 7 to 15 inch seedlings. Shrubs: Hazelnut, 18-24 inch seedlings, Highbush Cranberry, 12 to 18 inch seedlings and Red Osier Dogwood, 12 to 24 inch seedlings. Fruit: Domestic (Common) Apple, 14 to 28 inch seedlings and Red Raspberry (Caroline-Thornless), 1 year XL Canes. Tree protectors and Root Dip Planting Gel are also available.

Find the order form, wind

break designs, and more handy information at the Rock County Land Conservation Department website at <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/trees/or call 608-754-6617 ext. 3 during normal business hours>.

This sale runs from September until April every year and features limited stock of a variety of tree and shrub species with the best selection early.

• Farms (Continued from front page)

remained relatively stable over the past five years.

This reliance inversely correlates with the size of the farm. For instance, off-farm income for the largest farms (with sales of \$1 million or more) accounted for only 15.1% of total farm family income. However, for smaller farms (with sales of less than \$100,000), off-farm income averaged 102.5% of farm family income, indicating that off-farm income is not just supplementary but is also supporting the farm enterprise itself.

This high level of dependency on off-farm income suggests that without such income, the farm enterprise would not be sustainable.

Alarming, nearly three in four (76%) Wisconsin farms fall into the category of having sales less than \$100,000. Only 3% of Wisconsin farms have sales of \$1 million or more, while 3.7% have sales between \$500,000 and \$999,999.

The policy implications are evident: the dependency of rural communities on farming has reversed, with typical Wisconsin farms increasingly relying on rural communities and the employment opportunities they provide. Therefore, an immediate strategy to help ensure the survival of many Wisconsin farms is to create and maintain off-farm employment opportunities.

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College news

UW-Eau Claire awards 746 scholarships to incoming freshmen

Four hundred eighty-one incoming freshmen received scholarships from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the 2024-25 academic year, with many students receiving multiple awards. Each award varies in amount and criteria. View scholarship details online.

Delani Blakely, of Albany High School, was awarded a Freshmen Honors Scholarship and a McMurry Opportunity Scholarship.

UWW recognizes 2024 Homecoming Steering Committee

A total of 14 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater serve on the school's 2024 Homecoming Steering Committee. Programming will be held Oct. 27 to Nov. 2 in Whitewater.

The following students from the local area are members of the committee:

- Delany Aleman-Silva of Monroe, who is studying Legal Studies and serving the role of banner coordinator on the committee.

- Quinn Stinski of Edgerton, who is studying Special Education and serving the role of Bingo coordinator on the committee.

UW-Whitewater's Homecoming Week is themed around Hollywood, titled "Lights, Camera, Homecoming." Since April, the Homecoming Steering Committee has been busy planning this year's event and holding informational meetings to educate students and engage student organizations on how to participate and compete in Homecoming events.

UW-Whitewater's 2024 Homecoming combines old with new and friends with family. A busy schedule of events includes several spirited student and alumni traditions, including a talent show, trivia night and Bingo night for students during the

week and reunion programming for alumni over the weekend.

The Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. starting at the corner of Prince and Main Streets and is followed by the Warhawk football game against UW-River Falls at 1 p.m.

All events are free to attend for current students with a valid Hawk Card ID. UW-Whitewater's Homecoming is sponsored by Educators Credit Union.

For more information on Homecoming events, visit <https://www.uww.edu/homecoming>.

Janesville student named to Iowa university's Dean's List

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the Summer 2024 semester. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA and be enrolled as a

full-time student.

Among those named to the Dean's List was Sarah Cooke, a Accounting major from Janesville.

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Students named to Dean's List at University of Maryland campus

More than 9,000 University of Maryland Global Campus students were named to the Dean's List for the summer 2024 term. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

- Jerrod Johnson of Beloit, Cybersecurity Management and Policy

- John Nunnally of Janesville, Cybersecurity Technology

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News briefs

In-person job fair at Rock County Job Center

A Rock County job fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Rock County Job Center located at 1717 Center Avenue in Janesville. The event will have 29 local employers in attendance and 400+ job openings including seasonal positions and employer representatives that speak Spanish.

Individuals may update and print their resumes in the Resource Room prior to the event. For a complete list of employers, please visit: <https://wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/>.

Individuals having questions can email DE-TWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Orfordville fall fest coming soon

Fall Fest at the Orfordville Fire Department is right around the corner. The chili contest this year has 3 prizes: 1st place of \$125, 2nd place of \$100, and 3rd place.

Join in for the 2nd annual Fall Fest. This event is a fundraiser for the Orfordville Fire Department on Oct. 12 at the Fire Station at 173 N. Wright St. in Orfordville.

There will be a scarecrow contest, a chili cook off, games, vendors, drinks, and 50/50 raffle tickets.

Orfordville Public Library holds events

Ready to meet new people? On Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 1 to 2 p.m. the library is holding their first event, in which locals can gather with others for great fun. The library invites others to join them each month for coffee and social time. Those that gather will decide what this group will do each month. Some suggestions are play cards or board games, make crafts, or just socialize. This new group will play a part in filling those long hours of winter.

The Trivia Night is the next event, and will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Join in on a night of trivia, door prizes, and fun. Get a team together and enjoy this free event for all ages. Call or stop into the library to register

a team. Registration is not required.

Trivia Night at the library is a program in which teams compete against each other in answering questions from various topics. This family event is formatted so that all ages will enjoy participating and will actually assist their older or younger team members with their unique knowledge of all things trivial. Community members choose their own teams of up to 8 people, who can range from family members to coworkers to singles groups. From working together on tough questions to joking with other teams, team members bond with each other and other teams to create a fun, stimulating environment filled with friendly competition. Everyone has fun at Trivia Night!

Story time, the third event, takes place on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Join Ms. Sarah for stories and activities.

Teen Tuesdays are held on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tweens and teens are invited to gather, play games, use computers, connect to WIFI, talk, and snack.

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE Liquor License Notice

Notice is hereby given that the following application is on file with the Village Clerk of the Village of Orfordville. License will expire June 30, 2025.

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Class "C" Wine License to Creative Capital Ventures d.b.a. Picture This Creative Workshop, Shara Meade Agent, located at 211 W. Beloit

Street, Suite 100, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

The Village Board will decide on the above mentioned application at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 at the Village Hall located at 303 E. Beloit Street, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

Sherri Waegle
Village Clerk
Village of Orfordville

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Parkview-Albany fall sports teams

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The Parkview-Albany football team.



The Parkview spirit squad team.



The Parkview Varsity volleyball team.



The Parkview JV volleyball team.



The Parkview cross country team.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
GREEN COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
THAXTER E. DOUGLAS, JR.

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 24PR72

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/21/1929 and date of death 01/04/2022 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wis-

consin, with a mailing address of 506 E. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 23, 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

Michael A. Faust

Consigney Law Firm, S.C.
303 East Court Street,
Janesville, WI 53545
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**NOTICE OF VOTING BY
ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**Green County: City of
Brodhead, Town of Decatur,
Town of Spring Grove, Town
of Albany, Village of Albany**

**Rock County: City of
Brodhead, Town of Avon,
Town of Spring Valley, Town
of Magnolia**

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

**Making application to receive
an absentee ballot by mail**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below. Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification*

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

5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Friday, November 1, 2024.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines

for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Voting an absentee ballot in
person**

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

• City of Brodhead,
Kristin Covert,
1111 W 2nd Ave. PO Box 168,
Brodhead, WI 53520
(608)897-4018,

9:00 am – 3:30 pm
• Town of Albany, Deb Cline,
N6065 Cty Rd E,
Albany, WI 53502
(608)558-4787,
By Appointment

• Town of Spring Grove,
Arlinda Faessler,
N2475 Cty Road GG,
Brodhead, WI 53520
(608)897-4643,
By Appointment

• Town of Decatur,
Emma Brugger,
1408 14th St, PO Box 333,
Brodhead, WI 53520
(608)897-4965,
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pm or By Appointment Only**

• Village of Albany,
Michelle Brewer,
206 North Water Street,
Albany, WI 53502
(608)862-3240,
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

• Town of Avon,
Stephanie Schwartzlow,
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• Town of Magnolia,
Graceann Toberman,
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(608)751-6743,
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• Town of Spring Valley,
Dela Ends,
17310 Footville Brodhead Rd,
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**The first day to vote an
absentee ballot in the clerk's
office is:
Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**The last day to vote an
absentee ballot in the clerk's
office is:
Friday, November 1, 2024 at
5:00 pm**

(Note: This may be no later than the Sunday before the election.) No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on November 5, 2024. **Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.**

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**NOTICE OF
DISSOLUTION OF
PIERCE FURNITURE, INC.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that effective as of September 30, 2024, Pierce Furniture, Inc. has dissolved and hereby requests that any and all persons who have claims, whether known or unknown, against the Corporation and its Shareholders, Officers and Directors, in their capacities as such, present such claims in accordance with this notice. Any such claims should be sent to Pierce Furniture, Inc., c/o Attorney Michael A. Faust, Consigny Law Firm, S.C., 303 East Court Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

All claims must be in writing include a brief description of the claim including invoices and amount owed, and must be filed against the dissolved Corporation and its Shareholders, Officers and Directors by October 9, 2026. Any claim received after October 9, 2026 will be barred.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024.

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BIDS

Brodhead School District will receive bids via Procore for: **Brodhead High School Addition and Renovations** until **2:00 pm on October 24th, 2024.**

Lump sum bids for the defined work scopes are solicited from contractors specializing in, or highly experienced in the following Work Scopes:

- WS #1 – Sitework/Site Utilities
- WS #2 – Concrete
- WS #3 – Masonry
- WS #4 – General Construction
- WS #5 – Aluminum Windows/Doors
- WS #6 – Roofing and Sheet-metal
- WS #7 – Plumbing
- WS #8 – HVAC Piping & Ventilation
- WS #9 – HVAC Controls
- WS #10 – Electrical
- WS #11 – Testing and Balancing

Questions regarding the bidding documents can be directed to:

Kyle Robers
Nexus Solutions LLC
Email: krobers@nexusolutions.com

There is a contractor walk-through for this project scheduled on October 10th, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Bids shall be submitted on the bid form provided by the Bid Documents. The completed bid form shall be submitted without alterations, additions or erasures to Nexus Solutions, LLC., Project Manager Kyle Robers via the Nexus Solutions project management software Procore.com. Each bidder will receive a bid invitation email which provides instructions for logging on to Procore.com and the process for submitting secure bids.

In order to access the bidding documents, please email the Project Manager, Kyle Robers, and the Project Coordinator at mnichols@NexusSolutions.com.

Nexus Solutions looks forward to the opportunity to work with your project team in our new bidding process.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing**

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

**Notice for Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))**

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Juda, State of Wisconsin, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held at the Juda High School Technology Room, Juda Wisconsin at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of October, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Brooks
Board Clerk

**Notice of Budget Hearing
(Section 65.90(4))**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Juda that the budget hearing will be held at the Juda High School Technology Room, on the 16th day of October, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office.

Jennifer Brooks
Board Clerk

2024-2025

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2024-25
Required Published Budget Summary Format**

A budget summary, notice of the place where the budget in detail may be examined, the time and place for a public hearing on the budget must be published or distributed under s. 65.90. The required minimum detail for the published summary is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget (1) 2024-25 Passed Ref	Budget (2) 2024-25 Failed Ref
Beginning Fund Balance	836,435.89	845,393.71	805,326.71	815,326.71
Ending Fund Balance	845,393.71	805,326.71	815,326.71	654,571.71
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,031,750.23	932,553.00	1,462,840.00	962,840.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	818,641.62	896,301.00	842,951.00	842,951.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	9,488.68	2,298.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
State Sources (Source 600)	2,062,524.07	2,241,390.00	2,271,385.00	2,271,385.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	330,029.73	202,872.00	103,260.00	103,260.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	124,296.68	26,062.00	22,400.00	22,400.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	4,376,731.01	4,301,476.00	4,704,836.00	4,204,836.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Instruction (Function 100 000)	2,091,555.00	2,202,305.00	2,218,444.00	2,128,444.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	1,617,223.11	1,381,456.00	1,671,528.00	1,432,283.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	658,995.08	757,782.00	804,864.00	804,864.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,367,773.19	4,341,543.00	4,694,836.00	4,365,591.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	175,691.53	159,605.36	515,850.36
Ending Fund Balance	159,605.36	515,850.36	514,050.36
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	768,166.09	1,221,358.00	874,621.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	784,252.26	865,113.00	876,421.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget (1) 2024-25 Passed Ref	Budget (2) 2024-25 Failed Ref
Beginning Fund Balance	94,397.65	90,229.59	288,181.59	288,181.59
Ending Fund Balance	90,229.59	288,181.59	283,743.59	483,743.59
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	414,926.05	613,671.00	412,782.00	612,782.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	419,094.11	415,719.00	417,220.00	417,220.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	1,001.00	1,001.00
Ending Fund Balance	1,001.00	1,001.00	1,001.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,001.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	85,868.18	34,358.89	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	34,358.89	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	205,474.64	230,731.00	240,527.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	256,983.93	265,089.89	240,527.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget (1) 2024-25 Passed Ref	Budget (2) 2024-25 Failed Ref
Beginning Fund Balance	106,974.53	76,903.83	401,943.83	401,943.83
Ending Fund Balance	76,903.83	401,943.83	110,311.83	329,278.83
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	392,252.53	463,488.00	111,933.00	330,900.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	422,323.23	138,448.00	403,565.00	403,565.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	6,250,426.72	6,025,912.89	6,632,569.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	313,898.58	374,655.00	381,458.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	5,936,528.14	5,651,257.89	6,251,111.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-4.81%	10.61%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget (1) 2024-25 Passed Ref	Budget (2) 2024-25 Failed Ref
General Fund	1,001,792.00	895,016.00	1,422,620.00	922,620.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	391,432.00	587,944.00	389,307.00	589,307.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	23,475.00	23,475.00	23,475.00	23,475.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	340,000.00	410,000.00	81,033.00	300,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	1,756,699.00	1,916,435.00	1,916,435.00	1,835,402.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		9.09%	0.00%	-4.23%

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SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

TO: Snow Removal Contractors

FM: Mr. Jim Briggs, Director of Building and Grounds

DATE: September 18th 2024

RE: Quotation

You are invited to submit a snow removal proposal for the School District of Albany for the 2024 – 2025 winter season. Consideration should be given to the cleaning of all blacktop surfaces, including driveways, parking areas, playgrounds and other areas as negotiated on the school grounds at Albany Public Schools. (Driveways and parking areas at the Albany School should be opened by 6:00 a.m. on school days and Scheduled Weekend Events.)

Please enter your quotation based on an hourly rate for the type of equipment you specify. If interested, please complete and return the form below, along with proof of insurance, **on or before 3:00 p.m. on October 11th, 2024** to:

Mr. Jim Briggs, Director of Building and Grounds School District of Albany PO Box 349 Albany, WI 53502

The School District of Albany, Board of Education reserves the right to award or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the School District of Albany.

SNOW REMOVAL PROPOSAL

I agree to remove snow from the blacktop areas and other areas as negotiated for the Albany Public School at the following hourly rates:

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE USED HOURLY RATE

Snow Blade (Indicate width of cut and horsepower)

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Other (Describe equipment to be used)

Removal of Snow from Premises (ex: cost of one-ton truck, two-ton truck, etc.)

NAME OF FIRM/PERSON SUBMITTING BID:

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Seven fall tips for readying outdoor power equipment for winter

After the lawn gets its last cut before winter, it will be time to put away spring and summer outdoor power equipment, like lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and trimmers. It's also important to ready snow throwers, generators and other small engine equipment for winter use. How and when people prepare their equipment for seasonal changes can save them time and money later, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

"Readying your equipment for winter needs is important as the weather changes," says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI. "It's also important to put your fall equipment

away correctly. What you do now when you put away your equipment, sets you up for an easier start in the spring."

Here are seven tips from OPEI to ensure snow throwers will be ready when the flakes fly and chainsaws, generators and other equipment are ready for winter storms. Also, so the lawn mower and other spring equipment will be available and ready for use when warmer temperatures return.

- #1 – Review owner's manuals. Re-familiarize oneself with how to handle equipment safely. Lost manuals can be found online. Save a copy on a computer if possible, so it can be consulted when



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needed. Be familiar with equipment, and all its features, including how to turn it off quickly and safely.

- #2 – Service all equipment. Before storing spring

and summer equipment, clean and service it or take it to a small engine repair shop. Change engine oil and safely dispose of the old oil. Service the air filter, and do other maintenance as directed by the owner's manual. Check winter equipment and see if any maintenance and repairs are required.

- #3 – Handle fuel properly. Unused fuel left in gas tanks over the winter can go stale and even damage equipment. Before storing equipment, add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, then run the engine to distribute it. Turn the engine off, allow the machine to cool, then restart and run

until the gas tank is empty. For winter equipment, buy the recommended type of fuel no more than 30 days before use. Use fuel with no more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment. Use a fuel stabilizer if recommended by the manufacturer. Get more information on safe fueling for outdoor power equipment at LookBeforeYouPump.com.

- #4 – Charge batteries. Remove and fully charge batteries before storing. Don't store batteries on metal shelves or allow them to touch metal objects. Store them on a plastic or wood shelf in a climate-controlled structure.
- #5 – Shelter equipment from winter weather. Store spring and summer equipment in a clean and dry place such as a garage, barn or shed. Winter equipment should be kept away from the elements, but be easily available for use.
- #6 – Prepare, prepare, prepare. Make space in the garage or basement before the weather changes, so there is room to store larger yard items. Remove sticks, debris, dog and kid's toys and other items from the yard that can damage or destroy equipment. Clear the paths used regularly, especially during the winter when snow can "hide" things.
- #7 – Have the right weather appropriate extension cord for the generator. Keep heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cords on hand. Ensure the cord is the right length to operate the generator a safe distance from the building. Never operate a generator indoors, in a garage, breezeway or under an open window or near any air intake for a building.

Red Cross: Urgent need for disaster shelter volunteers

The American Red Cross of Wisconsin is issuing an urgent appeal for volunteers who are willing to travel this fall to support emergency shelters for major national disaster relief efforts.

Interested volunteers are urged to sign up today at redcross.org/volunteer. All candidates must complete the necessary training and be able to commit to a two-week deployment. Applicants who don't have disaster experience, but have supervision, management or organization skills, a strong desire to help others, and the ability to thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic environment, are encouraged to apply.

"When disasters upend lives, Red Cross volunteers are on the frontlines providing refuge and comfort to people in their darkest hours," said Mark Thomas, CEO and Regional Executive for the Red Cross of Wisconsin. "They truly are the heart and soul of the Red Cross –

comprising 90% of our workforce – to help ensure families never face a crisis alone."

In emergency shelters, Red Cross disaster volunteers provide people with a safe place to stay, necessities like food and water, and critical services like mental health support and basic health services such as replacing lost medications or medical equipment.

Over the weekend in Perry, Fla., Amber Barteau and her family sought refuge at a Red Cross shelter after discovering that Hurricane Helene devastated their home – which marked the third time they've survived a hurricane in just over a year. "As soon as I pulled up to the shelter, it made me feel good," Amber said. "I thought to myself, this is safe, and I'm going to be okay."

As of Monday, more than 900 Red Cross disaster responders are on the ground across 10 states devastated by Hurricane Helene in the South-

east, including hard-hit North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. On Sunday night, more than 2,600 people stayed in 69 emergency shelters supported by the Red Cross and other community organizations. That overnight total jumped by some 600 people in just one day – and as storm-ravaged communities like those in North Carolina become more accessible, the Red Cross expects the need will continue to grow. While disaster assessments are still underway in hard-to-reach areas, emergency officials are planning for shelter operations to last at least several weeks, based on the storm's initial widespread destruction.

Hurricane season is far from over – and the threat of more storms looms now in the Gulf and Atlantic oceans. What's more, the Southwest and California are forecast to have above-normal wildfire risk this fall. As extreme weather worsens, disasters are becoming more intense and

frequent – leading the Red Cross to respond on a nearly continuous basis.

Beyond becoming a Red Cross volunteer, people can help in other ways too following Helene:

- Financial donations are the quickest and fastest way to get help to people who need it. Visit redcross.org or text the word HELENE to 90999 to make a donation to help people affected by Hurricane Helene. Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.
- Hurricane Helene has caused more than 1,500 blood donations to go uncollected in the Southeast – yet the need for blood remains constant for patients in need. Those outside the affected areas are encouraged to schedule a blood donation appointment now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or using the Blood Donor App to help restock the shelves.

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