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Bill package features homestead tax credit

Last month, legislative Democrats introduced the *Lowering Costs, Improving Lives* bill package in Wisconsin. The three-bill package includes:

- Homestead Tax Credit expansion, which would reduce the tax burden for renters and homeowners, especially seniors on fixed incomes.

- Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids legislation, which would cut the costs of grocery bills for families by providing free breakfast and lunch for all children who attend public schools.

- Less for Rx, which decreases prescription drug prices by capping the cost of insulin and ensuring that life-saving drugs are affordable for Wisconsinites.

Sen. Mark Spreitzer is the lead author of the bill to

expand the Homestead Tax Credit. The Homestead Tax Credit has helped Wisconsinites with low or fixed incomes stay in their homes, and this new bill ensures that it will continue to do so into the future. Unfortunately, the credit has not kept up with inflation and has not increased since 2010 – even with rents and home prices rising and housing affordability as an increasing problem for people across Wisconsin.

This bill would increase the income cap so more people are eligible for the credit, and index it to inflation so that this tax credit keeps up with rising costs and property values.

Sen. Spreitzer has been working on addressing these issues for years, and state legislators have an opportunity

this session to take action. People from across the 15th Senate District – from local elected officials to seniors on fixed incomes – have reached out to Spreitzer in support of this proposal and have urged action from the State Legislature. He states that expanding the Homestead Tax Credit is a commonsense policy that provides relief to those who need it most.

Sen. Spreitzer has heard from countless constituents that rising costs are holding them back. He wants to take action to help Wisconsinites save money on groceries, prescription drugs, and housing. The *Lowering Costs, Improving Lives* package seeks to help people across Wisconsin address the high cost of living, and provide much needed relief to families and seniors.



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A three-bill package has been introduced by Sen. Mark Spreitzer in the Wisconsin legislature. It includes: Homestead Tax Credit expansion, which would reduce the tax burden for renters and homeowners; Healthy Meals, Healthy Kids legislation, which would cut the costs of grocery bills for families by providing free breakfast and lunch for all children who attend public schools; Less for Rx, which decreases prescription drug prices by capping the cost of insulin and ensuring that life-saving drugs are affordable for Wisconsinites.

Schuler, Nguyen join Rock County Arts Hall of Fame

The Janesville Performing Arts Center (JPAC) hosted the annual UAA Rock County Arts Hall of Fame on Jan. 17, in its Gallery Theater. Every year, JPAC and its community partners select two individuals to be inducted based on incredible achievements and contributions to the arts in Rock County. This year's honorees were Laura Schuler



Laura Schuler



Teresa Nguyen

and Teresa Nguyen. "Both Laura and Tess are incredible leaders and artists in this community. They both work with numerous groups and their talents have touched an incredible number of projects and people over the years," said JPAC Executive Director, Nathan Burkart.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized

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Community invited to housewarming shower held for area family center

Family Services of Southern Wisconsin is excited to announce a Housewarming Shower in support of the upcoming opening of the Next Steps Family Resilience Center, a groundbreaking initiative dedicated to providing stability and hope to families in Rock County.

The event, hosted by board members Carol Wickersham, retired Beloit College professor, and Margery Wakefield, retired attorney, will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Timber Hill Winery, 8220 N. John Paul Road, in Milton, Wis.

"This project is about more than just housing – it's about creating a foundation for families to build brighter futures," said Carol Wickersham. "We wanted to offer the commu-

nity a meaningful way to get involved and impact the lives of those who need it most."

The evening will include complimentary appetizers while guests are asked to purchase their own beverages. Attendees are encouraged to bring much-needed household items to help families settle into their new homes. During a presentation and Q&A session, guests will also have the opportunity to learn more about the transformative work of the Next Steps Family Resilience Center.

The Center will feature 18 fully furnished apartments for unhoused families in Rock County, offering up to two years of wrap-around support to help them achieve sustainable housing and independence. An onsite childcare

facility managed by Community Action will provide care for up to 70 local children, further supporting families on their journey to stability.

"This project holds a special place in my heart," said Margery Wakefield. "It's about much more than shelter; it's about giving families the tools and opportunities to thrive. Being part of this initiative is an honor, and I look forward to seeing its positive impact on our community."

To contribute, attendees are asked to bring household items or visit their Amazon Wish List at <https://a.co/fg-21PyU> for needed supplies, which can be shipped directly to Family Services at 416 College Street, Beloit. Monetary

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RCSO announces outcome of alcohol compliance checks

The Rock County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change/Rock County Prevention Network, completed alcohol compliance checks on Jan. 30 in an effort to enforce liquor laws in Rock County.

The Sheriff's Office educates businesses on liquor laws and conducts compliance checks to help businesses curtail law violations, such as selling alcohol to underage people. They believe compliance checks are beneficial to reducing the problems that come with underage drinking.

An underage adult entered businesses in Rock County to try to procure alcoholic beverages. Staff who sold alcohol to underage buyers were issued municipal citations. The underage adult, under the supervision of deputies, purchased alcohol at four Rock County businesses:

- Butterfly Club, 5246 E. CTH X, Beloit
- Chubby Bubba's, 6501 US-51, Janesville

- The Station Gas Station, 616 W. Beloit St., Orfordville
- Tex's Too, 723 Milwaukee Road, Clinton

The clerk or bartender at each of these establishments received a \$452.50 citation. The Sheriff's Office provided advanced written notice to each establishment of upcoming random alcohol compliance checks along with information on underage alcohol violations.

Sheriff Fell would also like to congratulate the 20 businesses that remained vigilant and complied with liquor laws:

- Footville Mini Mart
- B'Ners Bar of Footville

- Toe Town Tap of Footville
- Bass Creek Golf Club
- Dollar General of Orfordville and HWY 51

- Stables of Orfordville
- Knutes of Orfordville
- Willowdale Tavern
- The Table Bar
- Rhuester's Friendly Village Tavern

- Hanson's Hollow Bar
- Jake's Mobil
- Cougar Lanes of Clinton
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College news

UW-La Crosse announces Fall 2024 Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year, ending in December.

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of 13 four-year institutions comprising the Universities of Wisconsin. UWL offers 130-plus degree programs from undergraduate to doctoral levels in arts, social sciences and humanities; science and health; business; and education. UW-La Crosse - www.uwlax.edu - is a top-ranked national university. It is the No. 1 public university in Wisconsin with fewer than 25,000 students, according to Niche's Best Colleges ranking.

Students on the Dean's List from this area include:

Albany
• Ava Ahnen, Biology Major

• Brayden Bakken, Biology Major
• McKenna Broughton, Management Major
• Alana Durtschi, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education

Brodhead
• Gage Boegli, Finance Major: Personal Financial Planning Concentration
• Gunner Boegli, Finance Major
• Kylee Gosnell, Undeclared Major - CSH
• Owen Leifker, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Sport Management
• Marcus McIntyre, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education
• Liam Simons, Art Major
• Amanda Visger, Theatre Arts Major: Performance Emphasis

Orfordville
• Laith Pautsch, English Major: Writing and Rhetoric Studies Emphasis

Carthage College students named to Fall 2024 Dean's List
Congratulations to the students who have been named to the Carthage College Fall

2024 Dean's List in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement.

Dean's List honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

• Mikaya Pungel of Beloit
• Jenna Gunnink of Clinton
• McKenzie Patterson of Edgerton
• Jake Brost of Janesville
• Madelynn Punzel of Janesville
• Saige Radke of Janesville
• Alexa Lindstrom of New Glarus
• Bella Kirt of Edgerton
• Abigail Trapp of Janesville
• Aiden Benewich of Janesville
• Ruben Emmerich of Janesville
• Anna Brown of Janesville

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deliver a radiant future for students through access, program innovation, and sustained excellence. Founded in 1847, Carthage is located on an idyllic shore of Lake Michigan in Kenosha, Wis., in the thriving corridor between Milwaukee and Chicago. Grow with them: www.carthage.edu

Augustana College's Fall semester Dean's List

Augustana College announced more than 1,200 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2024-2025 fall semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Recognized students include:
• Alexander Walker, a Augie Ages major, of Janesville
• Sarah Thul, a Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, French, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major, of Janesville

A private college of the liberal arts and sciences, Augustana enrolls 2,500 students on a 115-acre residential campus in the Quad Cities - pop. 470,000 - along the Mississippi River. Augustana prioritizes engaged learning in 100 majors, minors

and other academic programs, building each student's potential through customized success teams, hands-on learning, 170 student organizations and 28 NCAA DIII athletic teams. The college also serves 40 graduate-level students in a fully accredited master of science in speech language pathology program. Augustana's location and community partnerships provide students access to internships, jobs, student teaching and research opportunities.

Beloit student makes the President's List at Western Tech. College

Kaylyn Field, from Beloit, was named to Western Technical College's President's List of High Distinction for the Fall 2024 term.

To be included on the President's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and carry six or more credits in an associate's degree or technical diploma program.

For more information about Western Technical College programs and services, call 608-785-9200 or visit www.westerntc.edu.

Upper Iowa University announces Fall 2024 Dean's List

Upper Iowa University has announced the Dean's List for the 2024 Fall Semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

• Alexa Benjamin of Janesville
• Kelsea Blom of Brodhead
• Maren Nielson of Clinton

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, nonprofit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to roughly 5,500 students—nationally and internationally—at its Fayette, Iowa, Campus, and education centers through the U.S. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, affordable, and quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age. For more information, visit www.uiu.edu.

MSOE announces Dean's List for Fall Semester 2024

Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates students named to the Fall Semester 2024 Dean's List.

• Jessa Alderman of Janesville. Alderman is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.
• Nicholas Allbee of Janesville. Allbee is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.
• Calais Chmielewski of Beloit. Chmielewski is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.
• Anika Einbeck of Monroe.

Einbeck is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

• Tobias Engle of Footville. Engle is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

• Fox Farley of Milwaukee. Farley is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

• Thomas Fechter of Janesville. Fechter is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.

• Aidan Hansen of Janesville. Hansen is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science.

• Reed Kelly of Janesville. Kelly is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Operations and Systems Management.

• Stephen Miller of Janesville. Miller is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering.

• Tiana Roehl of Clinton. Roehl is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

• Aydin Ruppe of Janesville. Ruppe is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

• Maclane Wightman of Beloit. Wightman is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

• Aaron Ziolkowski of Monroe. Ziolkowski is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Construction Management.

Milwaukee School of Engineering - www.msOE.edu - is the university of choice for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,800 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Long-standing partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors, and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

MSOE announces Honors List for Fall Semester 2024

Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates students named to the Fall Semester 2024 Honors List.

• Jordan Disch of Albany. Disch is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.
• Cody Kaas of Janesville. Kaas is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in User Experience.
• Gabrielle Traver of Beloit. Traver is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

MSOE encourages excellence in academic achievement.

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Hybrid 2025 Badger lambing school revealed

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is excited to announce the 2025 Badger Lambing School, a hybrid educational program designed for sheep producers. This program will take place every Wednesday in February 2025, culminating in an in-person session on March 1, 2025, at the UW-Madison Arlington Research Station Sheep Unit. Throughout February, participants will engage in virtual sessions focused on management practices to enhance animal welfare, health, nutrition, production, and survivability. The schedule for the virtual sessions is as follows:

- Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. (online): Todd Taylor, UW-Madison Animal and Dairy Science, "Nurturing New Life: Comprehensive Ewe and Neonatal Health"
- Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. (online): Todd Taylor, UW-Madison Animal and Dairy Science, "Gestation to Lambing: Understanding Sheep Parturition Phases"
- Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. (online): Live Q&A Session: "Sheep and Lambing Facilities: Ensuring Health and Safety"

The program will conclude with a hands-on "Barnside Learning" session on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the UW-Madison Arlington Research Station Sheep Unit. These sessions provide a

unique opportunity to explore the sheep unit, observe lambing, and participate in feeding, processing, and ewe and lamb care activities. This practical experience is invaluable for anyone looking to enhance their knowledge and skills in sheep management. Registration is required, and space is limited to a maximum of 30 participants. Participants can choose between two registration options: virtual sessions only for \$15 or virtual sessions and "Barnside Learning" session for \$30. Registration is now open, for more go to: go.wisc.edu/lambschool25.

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Learning about animals in the winter



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In spite of there being no snow outside, the preschoolers in Albany at Albertson Memorial Library's story time had a great time reading about how different animals find food in the winter. They learned about different birds, squirrels, mice and even the marsupial: the possum. Then they worked on making a mini bird feeder using pipe cleaners and cereal – the kind that comes with a hole in the middle. Stringing each piece on the pipe cleaner is an excellent skill for little fingers. They identified each of the animals in the books and put them in order of their appearance in the book.



LGBTQ+ Caucus kicks off with record membership

Earlier last month, the Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus convened for the first time in the 107th Wisconsin Legislature with more than double the membership of previous legislative sessions. Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and Representative Christian Phelps (D-Eau Claire) were unanimously elected Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. The members of the 2025-2026 Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus are:

- Chair Sen. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit)
- Vice-Chair Rep. Christian Phelps (D-Eau Claire)
- Sen. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee)
- Sen. Kristin Dassler-Alfheim (D-Appleton)
- Sen. Kelda Helen Roys (D-Madison)
- Rep. Angelina Cruz (D-Racine)
- Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine)
- Rep. Amaad Rivera-Wagner (D-Green Bay)
- Rep. Lee Snodgrass (D-Appleton)

(D-Appleton) Rep. Ryan Spaude (D-Ashwaubenon) Rep. Angela Stroud (D-Ashland) Rep. Randy Udell (D-Fitchburg)

The Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus released the following statement: "Last year, communities from every corner of Wisconsin elected a record number of LGBTQ+ state lawmakers, more than double the number of previous sessions. From Ashland to Racine – and everywhere in between – we are proud and excited to get to work on behalf of LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites. "As the Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus, we will work to promote equality in our state, support our vibrant and growing LGBTQ+ community, fight back against harmful and divisive actions, and introduce visionary legislation that will move our state forward. "Already this legisla-

tive session we have seen anti-LGBTQ+ legislation proposed by Wisconsin Republicans to ban Pride flags at government buildings, national legal threats to rights we have already won, and federal Executive Orders that attempt to erase the existence of parts of our community. No matter what, we will continue to work with our allies, like Governor Evers, to make sure that no anti-LGBTQ+ legislation becomes law in Wisconsin. "Our message to LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites is simple: you belong here – and we will fight for you." Members of the Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus must be a legislator in the Wisconsin State Senate or Wisconsin State Assembly, must be an out member of the LGBTQ+ community, and must not cosponsor or vote in favor of bills or administrative rules that directly or negatively impact the LGBTQ+ community.

• Arts (Continued from front page)

by local arts organizations. This community has been the foundation of my creative journey, and I am grateful to share this moment with the artists and supporters who inspire us all," said Laura Schuler. Laura has provided an incredible amount of service to the community as she has been an active performer, musician, and director in the area for decades. Not only is

she an incredible performer, but her service as a music and theatre teacher in the area has helped her impact several future artists as well. Tess Nguyen, the other honoree this year, has helped several organizations ranging from the Janesville Performing Arts Center, JATV, the Janesville Art League, and Circle Arts Collective. Her music and artistic talents are a

large part of many individual projects that celebrate local artists in the community. "I'm so humbled to be a recipient of this award, especially knowing so many others in the area who are absolutely deserving. It's important to keep the arts alive because it feeds the soul, and I've really been lucky to have time to share music, theater and art with our wonderful community," said Nguyen.

• Community (Continued from front page)

donations are also welcome and can be made online at <https://familyservices1.org/donate> – click on the dropdown menu and choose Next Steps – or via check c/o Next Steps FRC mailed to 416 College Street, Beloit, WI 53511. For questions about current donation needs, please get in touch with Jenny Tschudy or Paige Allen at 608-365-1244.

Local support helps provide families with the comfort and dignity they need to successfully transition into

their new homes. For more information or to RSVP by Feb. 7, contact Margery Wakefield at margerywakefield@gmail.com. Family Services of Southern Wisconsin provides essential resources to vulnerable members of the

community, including those facing homelessness, domestic abuse, and generational poverty. The organization is dedicated to fostering stability, independence, and hope for families in need through initiatives like the Next Steps Family Resilience Center.

Jumpstarting the community



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On Jan. 11, the Rock County Jumpstart Community Brunch was held at WB Kennedy Lodge in Beloit. It was a powerful gathering dedicated to fostering unity in the community and renewing a shared commitment to uplift and support the Black community. Attendees are grateful to Rock County Jumpstart for creating spaces like this to connect, share, and support one another. Events like these remind people that strong communities are built through meaningful conversations and collective action.



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Parkview High School winter sports team photos

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The junior varsity boys' basketball team for winter 2024-2025 in Orfordville at Parkview High School.



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The varsity boys' basketball team for winter 2024-2025 in Orfordville at Parkview High School.



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ment and, as a result, publishes the Dean's List and Honors List each fall and spring semester. Students taking undergraduate courses who have earned at least 12 credits in residence at MSOE, are in good academic standing, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher are on the Dean's List. Students on that list who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors." Students with a term GPA of 3.20 or higher, who are not on the Dean's List, are on the Honors List.

UW-Eau Claire Fall dean's list announced

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire extends congratulations to the students named to the fall 2024 dean's list. Their academic performance has been outstanding, and we recognize these students with pride. Congratulations, Blu-

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A student from the local area who was named to the Dean's List is:

Juda

- Celina Mendoza, Col-

lege of Nursing

Janesville student named to Fall 2024 President's List

Madelyn Viles, of Janesville, was named to University of Bridgeport's Fall 2024 President's List.

Viles was among more than 350 students named to the Fall 2024 President's List.

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Jansville student named to Dean's List at University of Maryland

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The following student was named to the Dean's List:

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Dean's, President's Lists students named for UA Fall 2024 Term

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Local students include:

- Riley March of Janesville was named to the President's List.

- Emmaline Marty of New Glarus was named to the Dean's List.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Office Board Room
Wednesday, January 08, 2025
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, January 1, 2025 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jodi Kail, and Jenny Flory
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
ACTION ITEM
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried, 7-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS
The Administrative Team presented information reports on their respective buildings and departments.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
No one was present for public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

- CONSENT AGENDA
- ACTION ITEM
 - 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - A. REGULAR MEETING:DECEMBER 11, 2024
 - B. POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING:DECEMBER 18, 2024
 - 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
 - 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
 - A. JUPITER CLARINET DONATED TO THE BRODHEAD BAND DEPARTMENT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR
 - B. \$1,500.00 MONETARY DONATION FROM ARC TO PURCHASE A WASHER & DRYER FOR THE ES
 - C. \$150.00 MONETARY DONATION FROM JOHN & MARY EPPICH TO THE BRODHEAD MUSIC DEPARTMENT
 - 4. RESIGNATION(S)
 - NONE AT THIS TIME
 - 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
 - NONE AT THIS TIME
 - 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
 - NONE AT THIS TIME

MOTION BY MICHAEL OELLERICH, SECOND BY ELIZABETH KEMPEL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SCOREBOARD UPDATE
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
MAX PINNOW WAS PRESENT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW BASEBALL FIELD SCOREBOARD.
HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION - INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING COACH
PRESENTATION ITEM
STEPHANIE HURT AND PRINCIPAL JIM MATTHYS PRESENTED INFORMATION RELATED TO MS. HURT'S ROLE AS THE INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING COACH.
SAFETY DRILL REPORTS
REPORT ITEM
BUILDING PRINCIPALS PRESENTED REPORTS ON THE RECENT SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS THAT TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 10, 2024 IN ALL THREE BUILDINGS.
AUDIT REPORT
ACTION ITEM
MOTION BY AL SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY DON BUCHANAN, TO APPROVE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT, AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
REVIEW WASB RESOLUTIONS
INFORMATION ITEM
THE WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS' ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JANUARY 22-24, 2025. BOARD DELEGATE MIKE KRUPKE WILL BE REPRESENTING AND VOTING FOR THE DISTRICT ON WASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS. THE SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSED CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS AND DIRECTED MR. KRUPKE TO VOTE AS HE SEES FIT.
CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE JV SOFTBALL FIELD
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
MOTION BY MICHAEL OELLERICH, SECOND BY JENNY FLORY, TO APPROVE PAYMENT FROM THE SIGN/ADVERTISING FUND TO PURCHASE A NET FOR THE BACKSTOP AND A SCOREBOARD FOR THE JV SOFTBALL FIELD.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
APPROVAL OF POLICY UPDATES
ACTION ITEM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR NOVY AND THE POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENTED INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED POLICY UPDATES.
MOTION BY AL SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY JENNY FLORY, TO APPROVE POLICY UPDATES AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
REFERENDUM UPDATE
DISCUSSION ITEM
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR NOVY PROVIDED INFORMATION AND MATERIALS RELATED TO A POTENTIAL NON-RECURRING REFERENDUM.
CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$1,750,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
THE BOARD REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED OPTIONS FOR A NON-RECURRING REFERENDUM FOR THE APRIL ELECTION.
MOTION BY DON BUCHANAN, SECOND BY MICHAEL OELLERICH, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED THE REVENUE LIMIT BY \$1,750,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES, AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$1,750,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
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MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA [JANUARY 27, 2025]
• APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
• ACCEPT DONATION(S)
• RESIGNATION(S)
• EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
• VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
• REFERENDUM UPDATE
• SET OPEN ENROLLMENT SEAT LIMITS FOR 2025-26
• APPROVAL OF WIAA SPORTS CO-OP RENEWALS

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT
ACTION ITEM
TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(C)
MOTION BY MICHAEL OELLERICH, SECOND BY ELIZABETH KEMPEL, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(C)(F) AT 8:25 P.M. FOR THE DISCUSSION OF:
A. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS
B. STAFFING UPDATE
ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES (7-0).
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
ACTION ITEM
MOTION BY MICHAEL OELLERICH, SECOND BY DON BUCHANAN, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
ADJOURNMENT
ACTION ITEM
MOTION BY DON BUCHANAN, SECOND BY ELIZABETH KEMPEL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:46 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.
DATE: 01-08-25 \$100 Bill List

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FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	1,597.55
KAMMERER, BRIAN J	156.11
MARTENSON, LAUREL B	500.00
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Monday, January 13, 2025 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 6:01 p.m. The meeting Agenda was published in the Wednesday, January 8, 2025 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 [virtually]
Absent: None

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL BID PACKAGES
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve bids plus alternates 2, 3, 4, and 5 as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.
ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Barbara J. Olson-Menehan

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR02

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/07/1949 and date of death 11/22/2024 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1306 West 4th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by
Jennifer Prien
Probate Registrar

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Brodhead Planning Commission on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Brodhead Municipal Building located at 1111 W. Second Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin to consider an Ordinance amending Sections 480-10, 480-15, 480-16 AND 480-110 Code of Ordinances in the City of Brodhead to provide for two-family twin dwellings and townhouse dwellings.

A full and complete copy of the Ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Brodhead.

Dated this 24th day of January 2025

Kristin Covert, Clerk/Treasurer
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SEALED BIDS FOR: BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROJECT #: 250136-01
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT
BRODHEAD ELEMENTARY/
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Shall be received by the Brodhead School District until 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2025. Project Manual and Bid Documents for said project were distributed at the pre-bid walk through or after January 24, 2025 from Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. office, located at W7748 County Highway V, Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551-9643, (920) 648-6343. Bids will opened and read at the District Office at 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2025.
Pre-Bid Meeting:
A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk through for invited bidders was held on January 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. starting at Brodhead Elementary School, located at 27 School St., Brodhead, WI.

All bids shall be prepared in accordance with the instructions to bidders found in the project manual. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Project Manager:
Environmental Management Consulting, Inc., Mr. James P Jozwiakowski
W7748 County Highway V, Lake Mills, WI 53551-9643
Date of Issuance: January 24, 2025
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BIDS

Brodhead School District will receive bids via Procore for: **Albrecht Elementary School Building Additions and Renovations Bid Package #04 until 2:00 p.m. on February 27th, 2025.**

1. WS #1 – Excavation, Site Utilities, Site Demolition, Landscaping

2. WS #2 – Concrete
3. WS #3 – Masonry
4. WS #4 – General Trades
5. WS #5 – Aluminum Windows, Doors Frames, and Glazing
6. WS #6 – Roofing and Sheet Metal
7. WS #7 – Plumbing
8. WS #8 – HVAC Piping and Ventilation
9. WS #9 – HVAC Controls
10. WS #10 – Electrical
11. WS #11 - Testing and Balancing

Nexus Solutions LLC proposes an 8,200 square foot addition and over 12,000 square feet of interior renovation to Albrecht Elementary School. The planned addition will include space for four classrooms. One area of renovation will be the main office, which will be upgraded to enhance school security. The renovation will also include improvements and renovations to the current 5k classrooms. This will create additional classroom spaces for all day 4k programs. Existing bathrooms will be updated with improved finishes, increased efficiencies, and enhanced ADA accessibility. The original windows in the current classroom and learning spaces will be upgraded to further enhance overall building efficiency.

CONTRACTOR WALK THROUGH: Thursday February 13th, 2025, starting at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the main office.

Questions regarding the bidding documents can be directed to:

Kyle Robers
Nexus Solutions LLC
Phone: 262.492.3209
Email: krobers@nexussolutions.com

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.

To access the bidding documents, please email the Project Manager, Kyle Robers and the Project Coordinator Kathy Slater at kslater@NexusSolutions.com.

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

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MONTHLY MEETING TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY Monday February 10, 2025 at 6 PM

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Reports
 - A. Supervisors
 - B. Chairman
 - C. Other reports
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
 - A. Rock County Public Works
 - B. Road work
9. New business
 - A. February Election
 - B. Tally ATV survey postcards
10. Future agenda items
11. Payment of bills
12. Adjournment
Dela Ends, Clerk

Recycling drop-off 2nd Saturday of the month Rock Co. Public Works Bldg. Hwy 213, Orfordville, 9am-noon.
www.townofspringvalley.com

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NOTICE TO CITY OF BRODHEAD RESIDENTS PUBLIC TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC TEST of the automatic tabulating equipment will be held on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. This equipment will be used at the **Spring Primary** to be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2024**. This public test is open to the general public and includes a demonstration of the

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 City of Brodhead, City Clerk
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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Wednesday, February 12, 2025
 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
 2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
 7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the Agenda.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. INFORMATION REPORTS
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- AGENDA**
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
 4. RESIGNATION(S)
 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
 - VIII. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE LONG-TERM FACILITY PLAN
 - IX. APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL TIMELINES & GUIDELINES
 - X. APPROVAL OF 2025-26 MASTER CALENDAR
 - XI. CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE JV SOFTBALL FIELD SCOREBOARD
 - XII. REFERENDUM UPDATE
 - XIII. FUTURE AGENDA
 - XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Persons needing special accommodations should call (608) 897-2141 at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

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<https://meet.google.com/oiw-ijji-thn>

JOIN BY TELEPHONE:
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 (PIN: 996403637)
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 CITY OF BRODHEAD
 GREEN COUNTY, WI
 2025 STREET PROJECT**

General Notice
 CITY OF BRODHEAD is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
 2025 STREET PROJECT
 Project #09336057

The City of Brodhead will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of 2025 Street Project until February 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The Project includes the following Work: Complete reconstruction of 13th Street from W 16th Ave to W 3rd Ave and W 3rd Ave from 17th St to 11th St. This includes but is not limited to:

- Replacement of water main, hydrants, valves, and services.
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, manholes, laterals.
- Replacement of storm sewer, inlets, manholes.
- Replacement of roadway: removal of existing pavement and base and placement of base aggregate and HMA Pavement and concrete curb and gutter.
- Replacement of sidewalk and placement of new sidewalk along project limits.

The anticipated substantial completion date is 09/30/2025 and final completion date is 10/30/2025.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.questcdn.com. Bidding Documents are available for download from QuestCDN at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan

documents for \$45 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #9078950 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or contact by email at info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with QuestCDN as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. QuestCDN requires the bidding documents to be downloaded from the site in order to submit a bid in the Vbid system. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through QuestCDN. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than QuestCDN.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates. Federal wage rates can be found at <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>. Be aware that project Administrators, Bidders, and Contractors are required to use the latest federal wage rate available at the time of bid opening.

This project anticipates the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

This project anticipates use of funds related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The Contractor shall conform to the statutory requirements known as "Build America, Buy America" which applies to all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project. Bid Proposals may be denied if the requirements of this section are not met and waivers are required.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 CITY OF BRODHEAD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Brodhead Board of Appeals on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, to consider the following request for variance to the zoning/building codes:
 Request by Robert Burns for a variance to **Section 480-21. I-1 Light Industrial District**. The applicant is requesting the front yard setback to be reduced from 40 feet to 35 feet and the side yard setback reduced from 20 feet to 17 feet. Legal description is: **ORIGINAL PLAT BLOCK 166 N 1/2 LOTS 5 & 6.**

All persons, their agents or attorneys will be given an opportunity to be heard in relation thereto.
 Kristin Covert, City Clerk
 City of Brodhead
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News briefs

Albany Lions Club to host pancake day

The Albany Lions Club will be hosting their 58th Annual Pancake Day on Saturday, Feb. 8.

All you can eat pancakes, French toast, sausage, apple-sauce, and beverages will be served from 7 a.m. to noon at the Lions Building at 402 N. Cincinnati Street.

Cost is adult \$10, children 5 to 12 years \$5 and 4 years and younger free.

Juda Booster Club holds pasta bar fundraiser

The Juda Booster Club is holding a pasta bar on Monday, Feb. 17, from 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. at the Juda School cafeteria.

Carry outs are available.

Meal includes cavatappi noodles, garlic bread, apple crisp, ice cream, and milk, along with a variety of toppings, which include marinara sauce, alfredo sauce, hamburger, chicken, black olives, mushrooms, parmesan cheese, onions, green peppers, broccoli, and cottage cheese.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children over age 10 and under.

Come cheer on the high school basketball teams as they take on Williams Bay.

Calls impersonate Rock County deputy

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 a Rock County deputy. They have been using different names of active deputies and supervisors. The caller(s) indicate the person needs to send them money to clear up a legal manner.

At this time, the sheriff's office is not aware of any monetary loss to the public.

These phone calls are fraudulent in nature, and they warn 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. The callers have even set up voicemail messages identifying themselves as Rock County Sheriff's Office personnel so when the person tries to return the call it appears to be real.

Anyone receiving calls of this nature are 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.

Register now for Midwest Manure Summit

The Midwest Manure Summit will provide a unique platform for collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing. Attendees will leave with actionable insights to optimize manure management practices while supporting environmental and economic sustainability.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with industry leaders and connect with peers at the intersection of agriculture, technology, and sustainability. The event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Lambeau Field, 1265 Lombardi Ave., in Green Bay.

Registration is now open. Register now at uwmadison.eventsair.com/midwest-manure-summit-2025/registration.

tion/Site/Register.

Lakes, rivers convention speaks on state waters

The Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention will be held on March 26 to 28 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point

Join other professionals, students, community members, and businesses who love water at "The Power of Words: Working for Our Waters." The 2025 event will feature speakers, interactive workshops, and content-rich concurrent sessions.

Register online at wisconsinwaterweek.org/home/lakes-and-rivers-convention/costs/.

In-person job fair at Rock County Job Center

An in-person Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rock County Job Center located at 1717 Center Ave. in Janesville. Eight employers are registered from Rock County and the surrounding area, along with two public transportation resources.

The "Employment Along the Bus Route" event will have an emphasis on addressing the transportation needs of job seekers. While this event is open to the general public, they recognize many job seekers are limited due to transportation needs. The public transportation offered by Janesville Transit and Beloit Transit offers a reliable option for individuals to commute to and from work. This event will allow job seekers to explore opportunities beyond their immediate location. Job seekers will have access to the public computer lab to complete online job applications and print

resumes. A list of registered employers can be found online at: wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/. Individuals having questions can email: DETWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

WinterFest on Big Green will be in Green Lake

The Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce WinterFest on Big Green on Saturday, Feb. 22. The highlights of this event will feature a Trout Derby Fisheree on Big Green Lake. Trout Derby tickets are available at North Bay Sport and Liquor, located at 501 South S., Green Lake, for \$20 each from now until 8 a.m. the day of the event. Trout Derby winners will be drawn at 5 p.m. on the WinterFest stage in Deacon Mills Park. Prizes will be awarded based on the weight of the fish registered.

Additional fun will be happening in Deacon Mills Park, which will include a cornhole tournament, as well as horse-drawn wagon rides, ice skating, 50/50, raffle items, and more. There will be a food and beer tent, scavenger hunt, and live music. The event runs from noon to 7 p.m. A heated tent will keep attendees warm as Bradley Spurger plays from noon to 3 p.m. with the group 2 AM ending the fun day from 3:30 to 7 p.m. There will be a great lineup of food. Ice-cold beverages will be served under the heated tent from the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

To learn more about WinterFest on Big Green, contact the Green Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 920-294-3231 or email Event Coordinator Angie Evans at angie@visit-greenlake.com.

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