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Advocate at Ag Day at the Capitol on March 26

Ag Day at the Capitol will be held March 26 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. This event is the largest gathering of farmers from across the state representing a variety of farm groups who are there to learn more about issues impacting Wisconsin agriculture and meet with their state legislators.

“Wisconsin Farm Bureau is honored to provide this opportunity for farmers to share their stories with legislators alongside fellow agricultural organizations,” said WFBF President Brad Olson. “Meeting directly with legislators is one of the most impactful ways to advocate for agriculture and drive meaningful change.”

This year’s event will feature keynote speaker Brian Reisinger, author of *Land Rich, Cash Poor: My Family’s Hope and the Untold History of the Disappearing American Farmer*. Reisinger is an award-winning writer and rural policy expert who grew up on a family farm in Sauk County, Wis. His book *Land Rich, Cash Poor* weaves the hidden history of America’s

disappearing farms with his own family’s four-generation story from the Depression to today. Registrants will be entered for a chance to win one of 200 free copies of his book.

In addition to Ag Day at the Capitol’s policy briefings and legislator meetings, the new Agriculture Showcase on the 100 block of MLK Boulevard will be an open-to-the-public, educational feature with farm equipment, dairy calves, free cheese samples and more. Inside the Capitol Rotunda, attendees can explore Farm Bureau spotlight booths, connect with Wisconsin Ag Coalition partners and test their skills on a hydraulic sprayer simulator, an interactive video game-like experience.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with the program starting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served followed by the keynote address, issue briefings, and time for attendees to visit their legislators in the Capitol.

It is important for attendees to call the offices of their legislators in advance to schedule an appointment between 3 and 5 p.m. for Wednesday, March 26.

The new Agriculture Showcase will begin at noon and will go until 3 p.m.

Early registration is \$35 and is now available. Registration increases to \$60 after March 21 and at the door. Register for Ag Day at the Capitol by visiting <https://bit.ly/2025AgDayAtTheCapitolRegistration>.

Rural Mutual Insurance Company and Growmark Inc. are major sponsors of the event. Co-sponsors of the event, with Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, include the AgCountry Farm Credit Services, Compeer Financial, Dairy Business Association, GreenStone Farm Credit Services, Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin, Syngenta, Wisconsin Biofuels Association, Wisconsin Cattleman’s Association, Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, Wisconsin Corn Growers, Wisconsin Horse Council, Wisconsin Pork Association, Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers, Wisconsin Soybean Association, Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers, Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.



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 In 2017, farmers walk during Ag Day at the Capitol in Madison, Wis. It will be held March 26 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

Symphony orchestra to perform at BTC

The Beloit-Janesville Symphony Orchestra will perform Rimski-Korsakov’s *Scheherazade* on Sunday, March 23, in the Conference Center at Blackhawk Technical College’s Beloit-Janesville Campus. Inspired by *One Thousand and One Nights* – also known as *The Arabian Nights* – Rimsky-Korsakov’s suite brings to life vivid musical depictions of the sea, fantastical creatures, and captivating storytelling through sym-

phonic sound.

This special performance, which begins at 2 p.m., will also feature the overture to Mozart’s *Don Giovanni* and a selection of four choral works for choir and orchestra, showcasing The Badger Chordhawks, a men’s choral ensemble. BJSO will also welcome back The Aldrich Fruzen Concert Band to open the concert.

Dr. Robert Tomaro, the orchestra’s conductor, will host

a pre-concert talk at noon in the college’s Multi-Purpose Room. All are welcome to attend.

As BJSO’s annual fundraising concert, attendees can take part in a 50/50 raffle, bid on gift baskets, and enjoy additional fundraising activities to support the orchestra’s future performances and educational initiatives.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit beloitjanesvillesymphony.org.



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Investigation results in arrest of Albany residents

In July 2024, the Green County Sheriff’s Office began conducting an investigation into Misconduct in Public Office and Forgery. The investigation stemmed from fraudulent certificates being created and issued to the Village of Albany by a member of the Albany Fire Department. This investigation spanned seven months and a series of forged documents were identified during the course of the investigation. Through the investigation it was determined there was evidence to support

arrests. On Friday, March 7, deputies arrested Karl E. Schoenhard, 24, of Albany. Schoenhard was transported and booked into the Green County Jail awaiting a court appearance. Schoenhard was subsequently charged with Forgery – Writings (Party to a Crime), Forgery – Uttering (Party to a Crime) and Misconduct in Office. Schoenhard appeared in Green County Circuit court where he received a \$5,000 bond and was released.

On Monday, March 10,

deputies arrested Angela L. Welchel, 52, of Albany. Welchel was transported and booked into the Green County Jail. Welchel was booked for Forgery and was held pending court.

The investigation is ongoing at this time.

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Sex offender relocating to Janesville location

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Jeremy M. Smith will be temporarily relocating to Rock Valley Community Programs, 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, Wis., on March 17, 2025, for a 90 to 120-day program.

Smith was convicted on April 19, 1996, of 3rd Degree Sexual Assault, Case 95CF162, Waupaca County, and on Sept. 10, 2002, of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault, Case 01CF302, Portage County.

While residing at 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, conditions of Smith's supervision include, but are not limited to: no unsupervised contact with minors; no con-

tact with victim; not to consume drugs; comply with standard sex offender rules; cooperate with mandatory electronic monitoring; comply with all requirements and be a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is not responsible for the placement of this sex offender in any manner; however, by law, they are required to provide public notice. For further information regarding the placement of this offender, please contact the Department of Community Corrections at 608-758-6075 or refer to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry website, www.WISTAYS SAFE.gov.

Middleton man arrested for OWI offense

On March 15, 2025, at approximately 9:36 p.m., a deputy from the Rock County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop near the inter-



Paul Winfield

section of S. County Trunk G and E L T Townline Road, in the Town of Beloit. The driver was identified as Paul Winfield, 51, from Middleton, Wis. Paul displayed signs of impairment, and the subsequent investigation resulted in his arrest for Operating While Intoxicated, 4th offense.

Paul has three prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making the arrest a felony. Paul was transported to the Rock County Jail and was scheduled for Jail Court on Thursday, March 17 at 3 p.m.

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News briefs

Falls prevention program at ADRC in April

The ADRC of Rock County/Aging Unit, in partnership with Mercy Health System, SSM Health and the ADRC of Green County, is pleased to offer Stepping On, a falls prevention workshop for adults ages 60+.

Stepping On is a seven-week series. In Stepping On workshops, attendees will learn how to build and maintain the physical strength and balance they need to walk confidently. From footwear to prescriptions, they'll learn what increases risk of a fall, how to avoid it, and make an individualized action plan to stay on one's feet and live the way one wants. Two separate workshop series will be held this spring:

- Brodhead location: Brodhead Public Library, 1207 25th St., Brodhead. Wednesdays, April 23 to June 4. Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Register by April 11. Green County residents call: 608-328-9499. Rock County residents call

608-757-5309.

- Janesville location: Mercyhealth Mall, 1010 N. Washington Street, Janesville. Wednesdays, April 30 to June 11, 2025. Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Register by April 18. Call 608-757-5309.

A suggested donation of \$15 is asked to cover the cost of class materials. Space is limited to 14 participants. Advanced registration is required to reserve a seat.

For questions, or to register, call the Health Promotion Coordinator for ADRC of Rock County/Aging Unit at: 608-757-5309 or email: Lisa.messer@co.rock.wi.us.

Beloit student from UWV qualifies for NCAA championships

Kobe Chandler, a Physical Education major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Beloit, Wis., was one of 10 student-athletes from the Warhawk men's and women's track and field teams who qualified for the 2025 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were held on March 14 to 15 in Rochester, New York.

Boater safety course in Janesville in April

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their second and final 2025 Boater Safety Education Course on April 15 from 6 to 7 p.m., and April 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rock Sheriff's Office, 200 East U.S. Highway 14, in Janesville. Students must attend both sessions to graduate.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, is required to complete a Boater Safety Education Course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters. It is recommended that participants are at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly after the class.

Registration is now open. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/boater-education.

Class size is limited to thirty students. Upon submission of the registration form, the submitter will see an onscreen confirmation message with course information.

The course fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the first session. If the student is under 18 years old, parent/guardian will need to attend the first session with the student. Students will receive course materials at the first session. Please direct any questions to Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Greenwood Cemetery notice for spring

Greenwood Cemetery would like to issue a reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations that one wishes to save by Tuesday, April 1 to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until May 1.

Caregiver boot camp scheduled for March 22

The Aging and Disability Resource Center will host a free Rock County Caregiver Boot Camp on Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DWRC, 1717 Center Ave. in Janesville. Cori Marsh, Aging Programs supervisor and Karen Tennyson, Dementia Care Specialist will team up to provide education and support for families on the caregiving journey.

The Boot Camp will cover topics such as what memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease, caregiving, planning for the future, local resources, discussing difficult

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Last week the Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Storytime was literally jumping. The kids started out trying to jump toy frogs into a fishbowl. Eventually, they all had success, but some of them were better than others. One young person was victorious on his first try. Then they played leap frog using the Velcro dots on the carpet. It was quickly apparent that the very young simply liked running through the dots. Storytime continued the theme "Let's Go to the Library" with the book "I Took My Frog to the Library" and songs about the frog in a hole in the log on the bottom of the lake. Finally everyone made a jumping frog using two paper cups and a rubber band.

Next Steps to hold open house this Thursday

Family Services of Southern Wisconsin, in partnership with Community Kids Stepping Stones Academy, operated by Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties, invites the community to an Open House on Thursday, March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the new Next Steps Family Resilience Center and Community Kids Stepping Stones Academy.

This event offers a unique opportunity to see firsthand how Family Services and Community Action are coming together to provide safe, stable housing and essential support services for single-parent families experiencing homelessness including daycare. Guests will also learn about the onsite early childhood education

center, which will ensure parents have access to reliable childcare as they work toward self-sufficiency.

Why Attend?

- Tour the Next Steps Family Resilience Center – A transformative space that will soon be home to 18 single-parent families.

- Visit the onsite daycare – Learn how Community Kids Stepping Stones Academy, operated by Community Action, Inc., will support families as they rebuild.

- Meet the team and learn more – Hear about the wrap-around services Family Services provides, including housing support, advocacy, and life skills training.

- Celebrate community im-

pact – This project was made possible through collaboration, generosity, and the commitment to lifting others up.

- Enjoy light refreshments and networking – Meet supporters, staff, and community leaders who share a passion for change.

This event is free and open to all. Whether a person is a longtime supporter or is new to the mission, Next Steps invites them to come, learn, and celebrate this milestone. The open house will be held Thursday, March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m., at 825 Liberty Ave. in Beloit.

For more information, contact Jenny Tschudy at 608-365-1244 or jtschudy@familyservices1.org or Lexi Tintlemann at 608-313-1300 or ltintlemann@community-action.org.

org. Family Services of Southern Wisconsin is dedicated to empowering individuals and families through advocacy, support, and essential services. The programs address domestic violence, homelessness, sexual assault recovery, and generational poverty, with a mission to help people find stability, security, and self-sufficiency.

Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties is committed to eliminating barriers to self-sufficiency through programs focused on housing, early childhood education, workforce development, and family support. Their operation of Community Kids Stepping Stones Academy at Next Steps ensures that parents have access to high-quality childcare and early learning opportunities, setting a strong foundation for family success.

Join in celebrating this milestone and the power of community.

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topics and how a caregiver can take care of themselves.

"It doesn't matter where your loved one lives; what matters is families having the information they need to assist their loved one to the best of their ability as caregivers can feel alone or ill-equipped. Our day will be packed with information, support and even some laughter," says Marsh. "We want to offer education and support to family/close friends that are caregivers and answer any questions they might have."

The program is free and will include all the materials, snacks and lunch. Preregistration is required by March 17. Contact Cori Marsh at 608-757-5016 or cori.marsh@co.rock.wi.us for more information or to register.

Spring craft fair to be held in Juda on March 29

There will be a spring craft fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center at N2350 County Highway S in Juda. The snow date will be Sunday, March 30.

Admission is free. Stop in to see the vendors as well as eat breakfast or lunch. The

event is sponsored by The Next Generation 4-H Club.

Albany alumni banquet, basketball tournament

The Albany Alumni basketball tournament will be held March 28 and 29 and the Alumni Banquet is May 24. Mitch Trow is in charge of the Alumni basketball tournament.



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Milton winery partners with Sky Carp on wines

Timber Hill Winery of Milton, Wis., a premier Wisconsin winery recognized for its innovative and approachable wines, is excited to announce a new partnership with the Sky Carp. Beginning this baseball season, Timber Hill wines will be available at ABC Supply Stadium, allowing fans to enjoy locally crafted wines while cheering on their favorite Minor League Baseball team.

Founded by Amanda Stefl, Timber Hill Winery has earned a reputation for its fun, flavorful, and community-oriented approach to winemaking. Since its inception, the winery has focused on creating wines that bring people together, making it an ideal match for the ballpark atmosphere.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Sky Carp and bring our wines to ABC Supply Stadium," said Amanda Stefl, owner of Timber Hill Winery. "Baseball and wine may not be a traditional pairing, but we believe that great moments deserve great wine. We can't wait for fans to sip and savor our Wisconsin-made wines while enjoying America's favorite pastime."

As part of this partnership, Timber Hill Winery will craft two exclusive wines for the Sky Carp: Diamond Dust, a dry and crisp white wine, and Old Fashioned

Red, a sweet red wine. These specially curated wines celebrate the spirit of the Sky Carp while offering a delicious taste of Wisconsin winemaking.

A new partnership has been established with a local winery, enhancing the entertainment experience in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Zach Brockman, President of the Sky Carp, expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration, highlighting the value of bringing together two prominent companies in the region.

Fans attending Sky Carp games will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of Timber Hill's most popular wines, ensuring a refreshing and unique ballpark experience. With this collaboration, Timber Hill Winery continues its mission to make wine more accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

The Sky Carp, the High-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins, play their home games at ABC Supply Stadium, a state-of-the-art facility that has become a hub for entertainment and community gatherings in southern Wisconsin. For more information about Timber Hill Winery, visit the website at www.timberhillwinery.com.

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Brodhead's FFA has had a very busy year

BY THE BRODHEAD FFA

Another busy year has passed by for Brodhead FFA with traditional events, new events, contests, and leadership opportunities.

We started the year with our Food For America Event at Spring Grove Dairy. We hosted 451 fourth grade students on the farm. We had 23 stations that each of the students got to learn about where their food comes from. Schools that we hosted were: Albany, Brodhead, Durand, Juda, Monroe (all three elementary schools), New Glarus, Parkview, and St. Victor's Catholic School.

We took some time to volunteer at Cheese Days for the Green County Ag Chest by selling ice cream and making cream puffs Friday afternoon.

We headed to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., for four days. Six students – Bethany Wenger, Alexis Miller, Leilah King, Keegan Steinke, Ayvah King, and Annelise Bethke – attended the opening session, toured the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Churchill Downs, and the Fred Linville Antique Farm Collection. This year was extra special as we got to see our very own Brodhead FFA Member CJ Streuly get his American Degree! It has been 14 years since the last Brodhead member has received the American

Degree!

On Dec. 4 we had six students attend the Farm Bureau Youth Ag Summit in Janesville at the Blain's Farm & Fleet Headquarters. They go to meet with industry professionals and learn about their careers.

On Jan. 29, two members competed at the District 13 Leadership Development Event contest at Evansville. Peyton Jordan participated in the Discussion Meet and placed second which moved her on to sectionals on March 4 as an individual. Keegan Steinke also participated in Employment Skills that night as well and placed first place, which also moved her onto sectionals in March. This contest takes a lot of practice and confidence to take part in. They all did a wonderful job in the contest!

During FFA week we had many events planned. We hosted a Green County Humane Society Collection Drive to collect items for the Humane Society. We raised money by selling ice cream at lunch for the Make-A-Wish program. We went over to the elementary to read agriculture-related books. We hosted an Ag Olympics Assembly at the middle school and had a guest speaker: State FFA Vice President Cheyenne Johnson.

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The 2024-2025 FFA Officers pose for a photo. From left: Historian, Peyton Jordan; Sentinel, Laney Fraley-Markley; Secretary, Jordan Menehan; Vice President (Recruitment), Annelise Bethke; Advisor, Mrs. Jillian Malkow; Treasurer, Brooke Mueller; Reporter, Mara Meichtry; Vice President (Community Service), Keegan Steinke; President, Leilah King

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Brodhead FFA members attended Cheese Days for the Green County Ag Chest. From left: Keegan Steinke, Brooke Mueller, Wedgie, Abby Withrow, Mrs. Jillian Malkow.



On Jan. 29, two Brodhead members – Keegan Steinke and Peyton Jordan – competed at the District 13 Leadership Development Event contest at Evansville. From left: Wisconsin State FFA President Cheyenne Johnson, Keegan Steinke, Peyton Jordan.



During FFA Week last year local members started a new event and delivered donuts given by Kwik Trip to local businesses and farmers. From left: Laney Fraley-Markley, Brooke Mueller, Tami Jacobson of Speich Oil, Inc., Peyton Jordan.



During FFA Week, Brodhead members took a field trip to the Milwaukee Brewers stadium. Back row from left: Cason Baxter, Molly McCullough, Dane Huffman, Peyton Jordan, Jordan Dix, Jordan Menehan, Jenna Pinnow, Annelise Bethke, Kennedy Zimmerman, Abby Withrow, Karissa Whitehead, Leilah King, Mady Henning, Keegan Steinke. Kneeling and sitting: Laney Fraley-Markley, Dakota Schumacher, Emberly Ast, Jaylenn Jones, Brooke Mueller, Sophia Riemer. Front row standing and sitting: Beck Benton, Matt Schubbach, Tyson Kraft, Trinity Steiner, Ariana Straub.

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More than 300 attend Wisconsin FFA farm forum

More than 300 FFA members, advisors and guests from across Wisconsin attended Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Rothschild on Feb. 13.

"FFA Farm Forum provides the next generation of agricultural leaders with valuable experiences and essential leadership skills," said WFBF President Brad Olson. "We appreciate FFA members taking part, as they are not only investing in their own growth but also in the future of agriculture."

The keynote speaker was Lashawna Vogel, UW-River Falls Collegiate Farm Bureau member. Vogel spoke about how organizations like FFA and Farm Bureau can help you find your place in agriculture, no matter your background.

"When organizations like FFA and Farm Bureau work together, it forms a stronger agricultural community because we are all working together toward the goal of bettering Wisconsin agriculture," said Vogel. "Attending con-



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High school juniors and FFA advisors from across Wisconsin posed for a picture. The group attended the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's FFA Farm Forum in Rothschild on Feb. 13.

ferences and workshops hosted by FFA and Farm Bureau help us explore opportunities in agriculture."

During the one-day event, FFA members attended career-based workshops including: 'Broadcast Bootcamp' with Stephanie Hoff of Midwest Farm Report Radio Network; 'The Sky is the Limit: Exploring the New Technolo-

gy of Ag Drones' with Grant Buwalda of Rock River Seed & Chemical LLC; 'Rooted in Safety: Growing Young Farmers with Smart Practices' with Melissa Ploekelman of the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety; 'Staying Connected to Agriculture as a Meat Scientist' with Jeff Sindelar of the University of

Wisconsin-Madison; 'Pathways to Your Future in Natural Resources' with Betsy Doolittle and Josh Odekirk of USDA-NRCS; and 'Growing Your Network and Community' with Haley Hartung Kaufman of Tractor Supply and Petals & Plows.

"FFA Farm Forum is a valuable collaboration between Wisconsin Farm Bureau and

Wisconsin FFA, fostering leadership development and career exploration in agriculture," said WFBF Director of Young Leader Programs Melissa Jacobson. "We're proud to support and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders."

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation sponsors FFA Farm Forum in coopera-

tion with the Wisconsin Association of FFA. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation was established in 1988 to provide support for agricultural education and leadership programs. Through donations and other contributions, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation invests time and resources to support the next generation of agriculturists.

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We also took a field trip to the Milwaukee Brewers Stadium to get a stadium tour. We got to learn about the stadium from Brodhead High School graduate - Class of 1969 - Tom Riese. It was a great but cold day! On Friday we started a new event and got donuts donated by Kwik Trip to deliver to local businesses and farmers to show our appreciation to the Brodhead FFA.

In February and into March the FFA Chapters were filling out applications for State Degrees and Proficiency applications. We had four members fill out their State FFA Degree and will be awarded in June at the State FFA Convention, if accepted. We also had three members fill out their Proficiency Award Applications: Keegan Steinke in Sheep Production, Mara Meichtry in Diversified Livestock Production, and Bethany Wenger in Dairy Production-Placement. These awards will be announced later in the spring and awarded in June at the State FFA Convention.

We also attended a few fun trips throughout the year. We attended Screamin Acres Haunted House in October, went ice skating in December, and will hopefully plan another fun trip in the spring.

Upcoming Events

- March 21 and 22: Connect Conference
- April 4: FFA Banquet and Live Auction at 6 p.m.
- April 11: Midwest Horse Fair
- April 14: April FFA Meeting
- May 1 to 2: Annual Plant Sale from 3:30 to 6 p.m.
- May 3: Annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 10: Annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 15: Ag Day Petting Zoo for Elementary
- May 19: FFA Cook-Out at 6 p.m.
- June 10 to 11: State FFA Convention



FFA group leaders, along with 451 fourth grade students, attended the Food for America Event at Spring Grove Dairy in 2024.

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On Jan. 29, Parkview FFA traveled to Evansville High School for the District 13 Leadership Development Event. FFA members competed in a wide variety of speaking contests that were designed to improve communication skills. FFA members that competed were Cole Beeman, Chloe Cleasby, Jacob Cox, Abby Hetelle, Emma Hetelle, Levi Huebner, Lacey Meldrum, Kylie Nelson, Mallory Nifong, Serenity Pautsch, and Benny Uhe. Mallory Nifong placed first in Discussion Meet, Lacey Meldrum placed second in Employability Skills, and Chloe Cleasby placed second in Extemporaneous Speaking. All three went to Sectionals in March.



On Feb. 28, six Parkview FFA members attended the FFA FIRE Conference at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore. FIRE stands for Foundation in Reaching Excellence. Local FFA members had the opportunity to work with the Wisconsin State Officer to learn about the basics of FFA and all the opportunities available to them in their future FFA careers.

On behalf of the Parkview FFA Alumni, the Parkview FFA would like to thank everyone that came out to donkey basketball on March 6.



Mallory Nifong (on left), who placed first on Jan. 29, receives her award from Cheyenne Johnson.



On Jan. 16, four Parkview FFA members were able to represent the local FFA Chapter during the student interviews with the finalists for the Superintendent position. Community members were invited to meet the finalists that night at Parkview Jr./Sr. High School.

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

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The test will be held at the Orfordville Fire District meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025. This test is open to the public. Persons desiring instructions for the use of electronic voting equipment are welcome to attend.

For questions on upcoming elections visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>. Town of Spring Valley residents can contact the clerk at (608) 897-4288 or go to www.townofspringvalley.com.

Dela Ends, Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF BRODHEAD GREEN COUNTY, WI 2025-2026 STREET PROJECT

General Notice

CITY OF BRODHEAD is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2025-2026 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 2025-2026 Street Project until April 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will

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- Replacement of water main, hydrants, valves, and services.
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, manholes, laterals.
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- 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 a portion of the project limits.

The project must begin Work by July 1, 2025. The anticipated substantial completion date is 09/30/2026 and final completion date is 10/30/2026.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.questcdn.com

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

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting
Monday March 24th, 2025
At the Orfordville Fire Station
173 North Wright Street,
Orfordville, WI
6:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Old business:
4. New Business: 1) Variance application by Spring Valley Ventures - Parcel # 6-18-164.8 located at 4121 S. County Rd. T., in the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19 - variance for the purpose of siting a new grain bin within the 50 feet (50') rear yard setback distance - approximately 20'-25' 2) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for a Family Farm Business by property owner Kore Kauffman - Parcel # 6-18-271 at 18250 W. Hafeman Rd., E part of SW1/4, of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 31 - for a family farm business operated hydraulic shop
5. Building Permits: Accessory building/shop - Parcel # 6-18-129 located at 2702 S. Wyatt Rd. NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15 - Dennis Klemm
6. Audience communication:
7. Adjournment

Chris Duemler
Chairman

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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, March 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. This equipment will be used at the Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. This public test is open to the general public and includes a demonstration of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) electronic voting system.

Kristin Covert
City of Brodhead, City Clerk

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Village of Orfordville will meet on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a zoning change request. Applicant Donald Wendt is requesting to amend the zoning for 118 N. Main Street from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Two Family Residential. The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the Village Board on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regular Board Meeting. Both meetings will be held at the Village Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street in Orfordville. Adjoining land owners and land owners within 100 feet have been notified separately by mail.

Sherri Waeger
Village Clerk

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

April 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the several towns, villages, and wards, of the School District of Albany, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents whose term of office will expire on April 27, 2025. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025, for the two candidates with the highest number of votes, and two years for the one candidate with the least number of votes beginning on Monday, April 28, 2025.

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VIEWING: Friday, March 21 through Thursday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Checkout: Friday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Loading available.
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CATTLE EQUIPMENT: (2) Apache CFA8150 creep feeders; Gruett's cattle feeder; calf building; (6) new, heavy duty cattle gates, from 10'-16'; lots of used heavy duty cattle gates; round bale feeder – new.
PICKUP TRUCK & MOWERS: Chevrolet 1994 K1500 4x4 pickup truck; (2) Cub Cadet lawn mowers.
HAY: 108 – 4'x5' round bales hay, stored inside.
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