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BTC students win big at WI PAS Conference

Students in Blackhawk's Agriculture programs competed earlier this month in the Wisconsin Professional Agriculture Students (PAS) Competitive Conference, bringing home multiple awards.

Students from across the state participated in the conference, which was held in Wisconsin Dells from Feb. 9 to 11. The conference provides a platform for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and abilities in agricultural disciplines, preparing them for careers in the industry.

All of Blackhawk's students qualified to compete at the National PAS Conference in Wyoming in March. Six of them plan to attend.

The National PAS Organization has more than 6,000 members from 57 chapters located in 18 states. PAS is available to students in Post-Secondary Agriculture, Agribusiness, and Natural Resource Programs in 550 technical colleges in all 50 states.

BTC Award Winners and National Qualifiers

Employment Interviewing:

- Agriculture Equipment and Machinery: 2nd Place – Ty Gaffney of Barneveld

- Agronomic Services: 3rd Place – Abe Clark of Beloit
- Livestock and Dairy Services: 1st Place – Ale Bittner of Edgerton
- Agribusiness Sales: 1st Place – Jada Kletzke of Janesville
- Livestock and Dairy Production: 1st Place – Kaela George of Evansville
- Agribusiness Administration: 1st Place – Monica Reif of Milton

Career Planning:

- Power, Structural, and Technical Systems: 3rd Place – Abe Clark of Beloit
- Agribusiness Systems: 4th Place – Monica Reif of Milton

Impromptu Speaking:

- 1st Place – Kaela George of Evansville
- 5th Place – Ale Bittner of Edgerton

Agriculture Sales Demonstration:

- 2nd Place – Jada Kletzke of Janesville
- 4th Place – Abe Clark of Beloit

Animal Health/Vet Tech:

- 4th Place – Kaela George of Evansville



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From left: Jada Kletzke of Janesville, Ty Gaffney of Barneveld, Monica Reif of Milton, Abe Clark of Beloit, Kaela George of Evansville, Danny Austin of New Glarus, Ale Bittner of Edgerton, Jackson Boatman of Darlington, Levin Crawford of Beloit, Dustin Williams of BTC PAS Advisor.

Team Events:

- Livestock Specialist: 1st Place – BTC Team 1 (Ty Gaffney, Kaela George, Ale Bittner)
- Crops and Soils Specialist: 6th Place – BTC Team 1 (Abe Clark, Levin Crawford of Beloit, Monica Reif); 10th Place – BTC Team 2 (Danny Austin of New Glarus, Jackson Boatman of Darlington)

Gov. Evers announces approval of \$103M in key projects in state

Gov. Tony Evers announced the Wisconsin State Building Commission approved important projects totaling approximately \$103.4 million statewide, including authorization of Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Property Development funds and efforts to complete the Forensic Science and Protective Medicine Facility for the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) to replace the outdated, overcrowded, and deficient existing Milwaukee Crime Lab.

"Whether it's working to preserve and protect Wisconsin's proud tradition of conservation that has defined our state for generations, upholding our commitment to support systems that address crime and keep kids, families, and communities safe, or investing in the higher education institutions that are key to the future economic growth and prosperity of our state, all of the projects approved by the Commission today get at the heart of many of our key priorities as a state," said Gov. Evers. "I am glad that my fellow bipartisan commissioners and I could find common ground in approving these funds so these important projects can move forward in communities across our state."

Included in the Commission's list of approved projects is the authorization of \$500,000 in Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Stewardship Program) Property Development funds authorized under s. 20.866 (2) (ta), Wis. Stats. for the Friends group and nonprofit conservation organizations located across the state supported by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Friends group and nonprofit conservation organizations are authorized to receive up to \$500,000 in matching funds each fiscal year for projects at DNR properties. A total of 32 Friends group and nonprofit conservation organizations projects have been selected for

approval.

A long-time advocate for the continued success of the Stewardship Program, last week, as part of his 2025-27 Biennial Budget Message, Gov. Evers announced that his 2025-27 Executive Budget will provide the largest increased investment in state history for the Stewardship Program while reauthorizing the program for the next decade. Under the governor's proposal, the program would be reauthorized through 2036 at \$100 million annually for a total investment of \$1 billion.

In his 2021-23 Executive Budget, Gov. Evers proposed reauthorizing the Stewardship Program for another 10 years through June 30, 2032, with an annual investment of \$70 million. Unfortunately, Republican lawmakers reduced the governor's proposal, and the program was only reauthorized for another four years. As a result, the Stewardship Program must be reauthorized in the 2025-27 state budget, or the program will expire in 2026, and along

with it, the crucial support it provides to local governments, state park friends groups, and land trust and conservation organizations across the state to preserve and protect Wisconsin's vast and valuable natural resources.

Additionally, included in the below list of approved projects is the Commission's approval to complete the Forensic Science and Protective Medicine Facility that will serve as a new state-of-the-art home for the state of Wisconsin's Milwaukee Crime Lab, Milwaukee County 911 Dispatch, and the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. In addition,

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Vintage Shop Hop brings 'shopping local' to a new level

Thousands of shoppers will converge on northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin once again for the spring edition of the popular Vintage Shop Hop on Friday and Saturday, March 7-8.

The event is a self-guided road trip for vintage and antique lovers in the northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin region to satisfy their "vintage" addiction and support small business at the same time.

Typically, between 350 to 400 locally-owned vintage shops, antique malls, women's boutiques, occasional and pop-up shops, home decor stores, upscale consignment shops and vintage barn sales in the two-state region participate in this one-of-a-kind event.

According to the 2024 American Express Shop Small Impact Study, 85% of consumers say they were likely to shop "small" that season.

The study goes on to report consumers also say they "shop small" to make an impact locally, with 64% shopping small because they know a portion of their purchase directly impacts the community.

The Vintage Shop Hop would like to see shoppers change their shopping habits year-round. The event is a twice-a-year road trip comprised of nothing but "small businesses."

What started with 180 shops 12 years ago, the Vintage Shop Hop has increased in popularity every year.

"In the spring, shop owners sometimes need an economic shot in the arm to boost their sales in what is traditionally slow retail season, not to mention the competition of the online shopping craze," says Ann



Campos, founder of the event. "This event gives the shopper a reason to leave the house to shop small and support their local businesses."

The idea came to Campos over a decade ago after talking with a handful of shop owners in her town who had experienced slow sales during the then harsh winter.

"After spending several years producing large vintage markets, I decided to marry my love of vintage decor with my background in tourism promotion, event planning and marketing to come up with a way to reach out and do something for local small business," Campos said. "The result is the Vintage Shop Hop."

The event is only open to locally-owned, for-profit shops. There are no big box stores, franchises or chain stores allowed. Social media has played a huge role in the rapid growth of the shopping extravaganza.

"The event was destined to grow quickly," Campos explained, "between the shop owners looking for a unique, low-cost way to promote not only their shop but their town too, and shoppers who are excited to have a list of hundreds of fun shops dropped in their lap. The result? You can't hold them back!"

The two-state event has

grown organically over the past 12 years and now stretches from the Mississippi River on the west to Lake Michigan on the east, and goes north to the Wausau and Green Bay in Wisconsin and south to I-80 in Illinois.

"We encourage the shops to create an in-store promotion – a day unlike the other 363 days of the year," says Campos. As a result, shoppers will find fun promotions like "pop a balloon" or "spin the wheel" to determine their discount, door prizes, meet-the-maker, paint demos, live music, food trucks and free swag bags just for stopping in.

Others create punch cards promotions to get people moving around their region, or hire live music and invite food trucks to park in their lots.

"The participating shop owners are very passionate about the history of their antiques as well as their buildings. To compete with big box stores, small business owners have to be creative in their marketing efforts and work extra hard to get noticed," Campos said. "I'm just happy I can help them out by using my experience to bring customers to their doorstep with this fun shopping event. To my knowledge, it's the biggest event of its kind in the Midwest."

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ATV/UTV riders: Be aware of ice conditions

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As you make plans for late-season shanty removal from frozen waterbodies, be extra careful when riding ATV/UTVs on the ice.

Temperature swings in late winter lead to weak ice. Local resources are the best source for ice conditions in your area. This includes bait shops, clubs, outfitters and recovery services. Many businesses and clubs also regularly post social media updates with changes in ice conditions.

If possible, do not travel alone, and be sure to bring a spud bar and check the ice as you go.

Even when precautions are taken, no ice is completely safe. Equip yourself with self-rescue tools such as ice picks and a float coat or life jacket and consider adding a rescue rope to your kit.

Here are more safety tips:

- Remember, UTVs are heavy. They are the heaviest recreational vehicle out on the ice, often being close to

3,000 pounds. This is similar to a car or truck.

- Have a plan in case you do go through the ice.
- Roll your window down when traveling on the ice and make sure you can easily open your door – drive slow and turn the radio down so that you can use your eyes and ears to watch and hear for potential issues coming up.
- Make sure you have life jackets or some other type of flotation for every occupant of the UTV.

Recovery for the UTV or other vehicle is the responsibility of the owner/operator. After 30 days, the owner can be fined each day after 30 days. Recovery rates for the machine can also be very expensive.

- This may not be the year to explore new locations. Stick to known areas that typically have better ice conditions.
- The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait

shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions.

- Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.
- Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

There are many factors that contribute to the structural integrity of ice. Visit the DNR's Ice Safety webpage for more information on staying safe on frozen waterbodies.

Submit your Great Lakes photos, writings

The DNR is accepting entries for the 17th annual Great Waters Photo Contest and Writing Project through April 1, 2025. Top photographs and writing submissions will be included in the next Wisconsin's Great Waters Calendar.

The photo contest and writing project highlight the many

ways people connect with and value the Great Lakes and Mississippi River – inspiring greater care of these vast yet vulnerable resources.

Check out the 2024-2025 Wisconsin's Great Waters Calendar for inspiration and examples of past submissions.

Eligible entries include photos of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior or the Mississippi River in Wisconsin and short essays, stories or poems around 200 words inspired by our Great Waters. Written descriptions of stewardship projects or partnerships to help protect or restore Wisconsin's Great Waters will also be accepted.

Pictures of all seasons are needed and are accepted in the following categories:

- People enjoying Wisconsin's Great Waters
- Cultural and Historical features
- Natural features
- Wildlife

To review the photo contest and writing project rules and

instructions, visit the DNR's Great Waters Photo Contest and Writing Project webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/GreatLakes/Contest.html>.

Pattern your shotgun before turkey hunting

Before you enjoy a turkey hunt, it's essential to pattern your shotgun.

Patterning the shotgun ensures you understand how the gun behaves with different loads and chokes. This process improves shooting accuracy and shot placement. Turkeys are tough birds and knowing the effective range of the shotgun can make the difference between a successful hunt and a missed opportunity.

Testing the shotgun at the range is important to adjust the sights and ensure the shots will land where intended. Taking the time to pattern your shotgun before the season boosts success in the field and promotes ethical hunting by ensuring a clean and hu-

mane harvest.

The DNR owns 11 shooting ranges statewide and partners with other public and private ranges to offer public range time. DNR ranges provide a controlled, safe environment where you can practice, ask for advice and get tips from other hunters. Find a DNR shooting range near you.

Share your wedding photos from state parks

We're collecting photos of weddings, engagements and other special moments held in Wisconsin's state parks, forests and recreation areas to help us celebrate our state park system's 125th anniversary in 2025. We'll review the submissions and select photos to publish in the summer issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

Share your Wisconsin State Park wedding photos with us through this submittal form at <https://dnrcomms.wufoo.com/forms/share-your-wisconsin-state-park-wedding-photos-with-us/>.

Communities received nearly \$9.3M from Alliant Energy in 2024

Alliant Energy and the company's charitable foundation, along with the company's employees and retirees, collectively contributed nearly \$9.3 million and over 80,000 volunteer hours to various causes and nonprofits in 2024.

"The passion Alliant Energy has for customers can be directly seen through the work of our Foundation and the volunteerism of our employees," said Aimee Davis, Alliant Energy Foundation board chair. "In 2024 we partnered with food banks to offer programs to combat rural hunger and reached a major milestone in our goal to plant 1 million trees. I'm proud of the creative ways we worked to make things better for the communities we serve."

The Alliant Energy Foundation's giving and volunteer efforts focused on four areas: Community safety and engagement, environmental stewardship, workforce readiness and hunger and housing.

Community safety and engagement: Improvements for emergency services and over \$55,000 in safety grants covered 37 communities for many first response organizations including police and fire departments as they received vital new or upgraded equipment. Support was also provided to initiatives that bring communities together such as special events like fairs and building playgrounds.

Environmental stewardship: Alliant Energy reached the halfway milestone last year in its goal to plant a million trees by the end of 2030. Since July 2021, the company has helped plant over 551,000 trees in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Workforce readiness: To aid in the development of a solid workforce and attract future employees, the company worked to create accessible paths for students through a variety of scholarship opportunities. Over 100 students received scholarships with contributions totaling more than \$103,000 to offset tuition costs and student loans.

Hunger and housing: In partnership with local food banks, the Rural Hunger Initiative is a collaborative effort to combat challenges surrounding food

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— Andy Kitslaar, executive director of the Alliant Energy Foundations

insecurity in rural communities. The initiative provided \$1 million over two years to combat hunger across Iowa and Wisconsin. Two programs were launched with food bank partners in Iowa. One focuses on school pantries. The other develops partnership agreements to bring fresh proteins like beef and pork from agricultural partners to hungry neighbors.

"Each day we provide support to critical programs and our partners who work to improve the communities we serve across Iowa and Wisconsin," said Andy Kitslaar, executive director of the Alliant Energy Foundation. "Beyond grant support, our focus on employee volunteerism creates a direct impact on our neighbors. We are proud of the opportunities we provided to serve customers and build stronger communities last year."

The Alliant Energy Foundation is a philanthropic organization created by Alliant Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: LNT) and is operated as a separate entity led by its own board of directors. The Foundation is committed to making a positive difference in the communities where Alliant Energy employees, retirees and customers live and work. The Foundation, which is funded solely by Alliant Energy share owners, seeks to further the corporation's goal of being a good corporate citizen and contributing member of society. Since 1998, the Foundation has contributed more than \$76 million to innovative projects and local nonprofits. For more information, visit alliantenergy.com/foundation.

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College news

Brodhead student graduates from University of Wisconsin-Stout

The following student from the area graduated on Dec. 14, 2024, from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis. The university graduated 510 students, with 414 undergraduate and 96 Graduate School students this fall.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, offers more than 70 industry-aligned undergraduate and graduate degrees and 40 professional certificate programs.

Established in 1891, the university prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with more than 1,000 national internship placements and an employment rate of 99% for recent graduates.

UW-Stout is a top-rated Military Friendly and Best for Vets institution, a DOE Green Ribbon recipient for sustainability, and the only four-year institution in the U.S. to win the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

University of Wisconsin-Stout offers a polytechnic education distinguished by applied learning and research, business and industry collaboration, and career-focused experiences to prepare students for success in engineering, technology, design, management and other fields. It is one of the 13 Universities of Wisconsin.

Brodhead

• Bailey Matthys, BS Psychology

MSOE congratulates Orfordville graduate

Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulates students who graduated in Fall 2024.

• Emilio Colunga of Orfordville graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or above are listed as having graduated with "High Honors." Undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA between 3.20 and 3.69 are listed as having graduated with "Honors."

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. Longstanding 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.

Janesville student makes the Dean's List for Fall 2024 at Millikin

Ethan Zobel of Janesville has made the Dean's List for Fall 2024 at Millikin University.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

Millikin University is a private university that provides undergraduate and graduate education to a diverse student body of approximately 1,700 students on a 75-acre residential campus in Decatur, Ill. Millikin's unique approach to education, known as Performance Learning, allows students to perform the work of their future careers through hands-on, real-world experiences starting on day one. Through these experiences, students gain access to a professional network they will carry throughout their careers. This commitment to innovation and excellence propels students to career success, with 99% of Millikin graduates gaining employment or entering graduate school within six months of graduation. Millikin offers over 50 academic programs in its College of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Studies and Tabor School of Business.

Having a blast with trains



PHOTO COURTESY LAURA ROGH *Rock Valley Publishing*

The final week of Albertson Memorial Library's "Things that Go" unit was a blast, a blast of the train whistle, at least. They used a flashlight for the "shine-a-light" book about trains and laughed at the Shark vs. Train scenarios. Miss Laura had a lot of help when they switched the play table from a race track to train tracks, making lots of preschoolers very happy as the train table is a favorite. Then everyone made a train using the letters of their names, gluing train cars in order. Some even practiced writing letters. The preschoolers had a good time finding books to check out, some of them using the reading nook to make their selections. Next, they're back "In the Library." This time I Took My Frog to the Library will inspire them to leave pets at home. They'll make a jumping frog and maybe even practice jumping using Velcro floor dots.

• Evers (Continued from front page)

the four-story facility will include the relocated Versiti Blood Research Institute, a current Milwaukee Regional Medical Center campus partner.

The Forensic Science and Protective Medicine Facility is being funded with \$99.5 million in state funds approved in August 2022 by the Commission. After multiple previous attempts to move this project forward failed, in September 2022, Gov. Evers announced an additional \$20 million grant for Milwaukee County to assist in the construction of the facility. This additional investment directed by Gov. Evers ensured the project could meet the threshold needed to begin construction and prevented the project from once again being stalled. The governor participated in a groundbreaking event for the facility in November 2023.

The Commission's actions today build upon the Evers Administration's long-term efforts to address crime, prevent gun violence, and bolster efforts to keep kids, families, schools, and communities safe. In recent years, Gov. Evers has directed more than \$100 million of the state's allocation of federal relief funds toward community safety and violence prevention efforts. In addition, as announced by Gov. Evers during his 2025 State of the State address, the governor's 2025-27 Executive Budget includes a comprehensive plan to address crime, keep kids, families, and communities safe, and enact commonsense measures to prevent gun violence. The governor's comprehensive plan also includes his announcement of a new statewide Wisconsin Office of Violence Prevention, which will work with law enforcement agencies and local governments and with school districts, nonprofits, and firearm dealers to

administer grants supporting violence and gun violence prevention efforts statewide.

Highlights of the Commission's approved projects include:

- Construction of a new campus dormitory at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This more than 50,000-square-foot facility will replace the existing Huff Hall, incorporating essential safety features and creating a more integrated campus environment.
- Authorization to complete the Forensic Science and Protective Medicine Facility for DOJ to replace the outdated, overcrowded, and deficient existing Milwaukee Crime Lab. The project creates synergy and advances forensic sciences into a modern, state-of-the-art facility.
- Construction of a large-scale utility improvements project at Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI) in Madison that will provide reliable utility services to MMHI and the Central Wisconsin Center.
- Authorization of Stewardship Program Property Development funds for the Friends group and nonprofit conservation organizations across the state supported by the DNR.
- Release of funds to prepare a preliminary design for the Stewart Tunnel repair at Badger State Trail, preserving its historic infrastructure and addressing safety concerns.
- Release of funds for the University of Wisconsin (UW) System for 11 projects that were enumerated in 2023 Wisconsin Act 102 and Act 19 to develop

preliminary plans and specifications. These projects encompass various utility replacements and renovations, building demolition across multiple campuses, and a laboratory renovation and expansion.

• Demolition of outdated campus buildings as part of the Multi-Building Demolition Program, including four buildings at UW-Eau Claire and the old chemistry building at UW-Milwaukee. These removals will eliminate safety hazards, enhance environmental conditions, and create a redeveloped green space at UW-Milwaukee.

• Construction of the UW-Stout Communications Technology Classroom renovations as part of the 2023-25 Instructional Space and Technology Improvements Program. This project will convert outdated classroom and laboratory space into modern, general-access classrooms and a digital video laboratory, addressing current instructional demands and evolving pedagogical needs.

• Construction of the UW-Stout Multi-Building Exterior Envelope Maintenance and Repair project as part of the 2023-25 Minor Facilities Renewal Program, which will replace windows, repair masonry, update lighting, and improve structural integrity to prevent water and air infiltration.

• Authorization of eight facility maintenance and repair projects across various state agencies, including the DNR, Wisconsin Department of Administration, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and the UW System, ensuring continued functionality and safety of critical infrastructure.

• Vintage (Continued from front page)

Many shops are set in historic and unique buildings in downtowns, villages, and the countryside, brimming with history, which sets them apart from their competitors in big shopping malls.

Shoppers will find stores located inside century-old barns, historic schoolhouses, banks, and churches all making the shopping experience memorable.

Shop owners who are interested in participating in this affordable event just need to send a private message on the event's Facebook page.

For shoppers, the road trip planning for the Vintage Shop Hop is made easy with an interactive GoogleMap and master list of shops. The event's GoogleMap includes all shop details that can be accessed on mobile devices while shoppers are traveling the area. The list and map are both found on the event's blog page at all times and have become a "road trip bible" for shoppers. Find both at vintageshophop.blogspot.com or follow the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VintageShopHopEvent.

South Central Wisconsin shops participating

- Home Decor & Gifts, 316 W. State St., Beloit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days
- Vintage Bliss, 3100 S. Riverside Drive, Beloit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Vintage Etcetera, 2526 S. Riverside Drive, Beloit, Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Gunny & Co, 914 Exchange St., Brodhead, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Harvest Moon, 929 W. Exchange St., Brodhead, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Sawdust & Iron, 207 Allen St., Clinton, Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Antique Farmer, LLC, N6041 WI-89, Delavan, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Feels Like Home, 18 W. Fulton St., Edgerton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• M's on Main, 522 N. Main St., Edgerton, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, additionally 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 9

• Hen House Thrift Boutique, 7 E. Main St., Evansville, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days

• The Vintage Roost, 228 W. Main St., Evansville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Copper Creek Resale and Discount Center, 422 W. Highway 11, Footville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• 608 Vintage, 34 S. Main St., Janesville, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days

• Best of Janesville Vintage Mall, 3138 S. Highway 51, Janesville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Chicken Coop Collectibles, 6507 W. Hwy 14, Janesville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Frayed Edges Boutique,

3719 S. County Rd. G, Janesville, Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• J&B Outlet & Resale, 2342 Center Ave., Janesville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• J&M Vintage Finds, 3832 W. Hwy 14, Janesville, Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Property Pickers Estate Sales and Shoppable Warehouse, 770 S. Main St., Janesville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• The Creative Corner Decor and Gifts, 2624 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days

• Vintage Market, 8301 E. Hwy 14, Janesville, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• 2nd Time Around Resale Shoppe, 34 Merchant Row, Milton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Ar Home by Artful Retiques, 229 Parkview Drive, Milton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Goodrich Antiques and Vintage Uniques, 742 E. Madison Ave., Milton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Hattie and Elsie, 650 College St., Milton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Red Rooster, 613 W. Madison Ave., Milton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Monroe Antiques Mall, 1003 16th Ave., Monroe, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

• Lollygag Antiques, 16 6th Ave., New Glarus, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days



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Preparing state's rural communities for extreme weather events

By Deilee Calvert
UW-MADISON EXTENSION
Sherri Congleton, Vilas County Emergency Management Director, has seen the impact of changes in weather extremes over time. "Even as a kid, I remember we had winter. It was cold, you had snow, you did those things." But that's not always the case these days. "Last winter we didn't have enough snow to even open the [snowmobiling] trails. There's no typical anymore," said Congleton. And that makes planning for weather events more complicated. In 2020, Vilas County experienced 2 tornadoes on the same day. "We have a lot of wind events. But, we hadn't had a tornado since 1995. It was bizarre."

Wisconsin is projected to experience more frequent and intense extreme weather events. These events impact infrastructure, public health, agricultural systems, and more, resulting in significant economic losses and social disruption. The Extreme Weather Index, developed by the Wisconsin State Climatology Office, shows that Wisconsin has experienced its most extreme weather in the past decade since record-keeping began in 1895.

Steve Vavrus, Director of the State Climatology Office, has been tracking weather for a long time. "The 2010s were Wisconsin's wettest decade on record and the second-warmest. The state was struck by more than 20 'once-in-a-century' rainfalls, including the infamous August 2018 flood in Dane County that dumped around a foot of rain in a single day," said Vavrus.

Vavrus, along with Ken

Genskow, Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture, and Paul Block, Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, all affiliated with the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, are co-leading a UW-Madison project for the Wisconsin Rural Partnerships Institute (RPI) to increase climate-resiliency in rural areas of the state. RPI – ruralpartners.wisc.edu – is part of a broader \$28 million USDA-funded Institute for Rural Partnerships, housed at the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Auburn University, and the University of Vermont.

Developing data, tools, and resources

Congleton is one of many Emergency Management Directors, Public Health Officials, and Hazard Planners working with UW-Madison researchers and Extension specialists to prepare for amplified weather extremes. The project, funded through RPI, is focused on building greater capacity in Wisconsin's rural communities. Collaborating with farmers, local hazard planning/emergency management officials, and rural schools, they hope to provide data, tools, and resources that will improve the ability to make informed decisions in advance of extreme weather events.

Consistent with the goals of the RPI, Genskow reinforced that working with those groups helps extend the reach of the project to rural residents affected by extreme events. Hazard planners, public health of-



Two tornadoes touched down in Vilas County on August 9, 2020, the first since 1995.

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ficials, and school districts are important lines of communication before and during extreme weather events. "We hope this project provides planning and decision-support tools to help ensure they are ready with information when needed and can take longer-term actions in advance that may reduce some of the potential impacts."

Currently, the project is focused on rural communities in three regions of the state – the Driftless region, the Central Sands, and Northern Wisconsin. Within those regions, the project is identifying communities and local stakeholders who are interested in leveraging resources and expertise from UW-Madison and Extension to better prepare for extreme weather.

The first step

Through engagement activities and focused discussion, the group is collecting infor-

mation from communities about what they are doing, what is going well and what challenges exist. Those discussions will allow the team to identify how extreme weather events are impacting the community and what tools and resources can be developed to improve decision-making processes. Working with partners across UW-Madison, they plan to co-develop forecast and climate change-focused products that are informed by an understanding of the needs, priorities, and expected future conditions of these communities.

Jackson Parr, Climate and Hazards Planning Educator with UW-Madison Extension said that starting with discussions is paramount to the success of the project. "We have been very intentional about letting communities tell us what they need and not the other way around," said Parr.

Letting communities lead the project means that the end product will be used to keep communities safe. "We could collect more data or develop additional analytical tools, but if the resulting resource does not meet the needs of people on the ground or fit into their existing workflows, it won't have the impact we're aiming for."

Already, the team has identified a few common needs. One is that communities are interested in building energy-resilient communities to prevent power outages when extreme weather events occur. Another is a growing concern about getting weather information to rural households, especially those with older or vulnerable residents who might not use cell phones. "Those are just a few of the things we've heard, but we are at the beginning stages of meeting with communities," said Parr.

Next steps

After the team understands the needs, they will begin to develop solutions. "Utilizing the resources at UW-Madison and Extension, we will work with communities to co-design tools they think would be helpful," said Genskow. Before that, they plan to talk with counties, municipalities, school districts, agricultural organizations, and other community groups that experience extreme weather events including flooding, drought, extreme heat and cold, wildfires, high winds, and false springs.

If your community is interested in participating in the project, contact Jackson Parr, Climate and Hazards Planning Educator with UW-Madison Extension, at jgparr@wisc.edu.

This work is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

History-making Beloit basketball player honored

Johnny Watts, the first Black basketball player and star at Beloit, was honored at a presentation on Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Beloit, 801 Bushnell, in Beloit.

Johnny Watts was the first Black basketball player at Beloit College, Beloit. He was born in 1913 and played at Beloit College from 1930 to 1934, leading Beloit College to three consecutive state titles ('31-'34).

Including a Black athlete in his era was so rare that the team would often find it difficult to find a restaurant that would accept him at their counter to eat.

The Friday program was deemed so important that the Beloit High Schools brought their basketball teams to learn of Johnny's life and the contributions he made to basketball, Beloit College, and the advancement of Black athletes in a time

of great racial discrimination. He went on to establish and play on Black basketball teams that toured the country, building the skills of many young players.

The program was led by James Simmons, who has taken a great interest in the history of Johnny Watts. Along with the story told by Mr. Simmons, family members and friends of Johnny Watts were present to share stories and answer questions.

This special educational event was brought to Beloit thanks to the Society for Learning Unlimited adult learning program, which is hosted at the First Congregational Church. SLU hosts a wide variety of educational events open to anyone in the Stateline area.

For more information about SLU, one can contact Patricia (Pat) Raymer at SLU office at 608-207-3400.

WCMA calls on USDA to release critical funding

On Feb. 25, Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) sent a letter calling on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke Rollins to immediately release Congressional-directed funding for the successful Dairy Business Innovation (DBI) Initiatives. Agency officials confirmed a program freeze on Feb. 24, action which jeopardizes \$28.6 million in grant funding and stands to impact 420 dairy businesses nationwide.

"The funds provided through DBIs empower dairy farmers and processors to grow their capacity, explore new innovations, and become more resilient. These programs are much more than money – they strengthen the fabric of America's dairy industry," said WCMA Senior Director of Programs and Pol-

icy Rebekah Sweeney. "We are deeply concerned about the wide-reaching impacts of this decision, and we urge USDA to honor its commitment to our nation's dairy businesses and release this funding now."

One of four DBI centers, the Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA), is administered by WCMA and the Center for Dairy Research in the Midwest. DBIA has 88 awards in process today, with nearly \$6.5 million in outstanding promised reimbursement. Nearly 90 percent of DBIA monies have been awarded to very small businesses, employing less than 50 people.

"These are operations running on tight margins, hard work, and a shared passion for feeding the world, often staffed by families or a small

team of community members. They cannot afford a funding pause; they need action now," added Sweeney.

Members of the dairy industry, regardless of whether they receive DBI assistance, can visit tinyurl.com/dbifunding now to join WCMA's call for action.

The DBIA was created with bipartisan support in the 2018 federal Farm Bill. Since then, the Alliance has awarded over \$20 million across more than 250 grants to small and medium-sized Midwestern dairy farms and processors across its 11-state service area of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The program also offers technical assistance to dairy farmers and processors in its service region.

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Key state nonprofit changes name and look

The statewide nonprofit organization that administers key Wisconsin infrastructure for family support and children's early care and education has adopted a new name and brand. Supporting Families Together Association is now Thriving Wisconsin. Their new tagline is: "Strengthening Systems So Children Can Thrive!"

Executive Director Dr. Heidi Luft stated, "We are absolutely delighted to be advancing forward into this next era with a name, logo, and tagline that better express the new energy and longstanding vision and mission of our organization."

On Feb. 5, Thriving Wisconsin hosted a "New Name for a New Era" rebranding celebration at the Clarion Suites in Madison. They were joined by over 100 local, state, and national partners from government, business, academic, and nonprofit sectors.

The event was sponsored by the Thriving Wisconsin Board of Directors, the Waters Center for Systems Thinking, and Lakeshore Learning. Speakers from Child Care Aware of America, the National Family Support Network, Department of Children and Families, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, and member CCR&R and FRC Di-

rectors discussed the critical role of Thriving Wisconsin in strengthening, integrating, and coordinating systems to better respond to the evolving needs of those who care for Wisconsin's children. Their Executive Director, Dr. Heidi Luft, shared how Thriving Wisconsin plans to lean into their organization's rich history as systems builders to guide their future direction.

Thriving Wisconsin cultivates a network of organizations and professionals across the state to provide high-quality, strengths-based early childhood and family support services in all communities. Their vision is a Wisconsin where all children can reach their highest potential, and all adults embrace their role and responsibility to children.

For nearly 20 years, Thriving Wisconsin has administered Wisconsin's Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Network and Family Resource Centers (FRC) Network. They drive progress for Wisconsin's children, and all who care for them, by facilitating collaborative efforts among their Networks and community partners. They provide support as contract manager and fiscal agent, coordinate implementation of multi-site statewide programs and community outreach, lead quality assurance

and improvement initiatives, administer systems for statewide data collection and management, develop data reports and policy recommendations, coordinate collective State and National advocacy efforts, provide training and coaching for their member agencies, and create opportunities for collaboration on fund development and projects that innovate solutions for family support and early care and education in Wisconsin.

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are the primary service delivery vehicle for the Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board. They offer no- or low-cost family wellbeing services that respond to the needs of their local communities. This includes positive parenting and healthy relationship programs, child development activities, and navigation support to connect families with other helpful community resources. In 2023, 36 FRCs delivered services to 34,203 families across 49 counties and 3 First Nations.

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) are the eyes and ears of Wisconsin's early childhood system. Together, 9 CCR&Rs ensure access to quality, responsive early care and education supports for all 72



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From left: Randy Neve (Manager at Wisconsin Out of School Time Alliance); Jeff Mund (Systems Administrator and Data Analyst at Thriving Wisconsin); Christian Albouras (Deputy Administrator, Division of Early Care and Education, WI Department of Children and Families); Karen Hurd (WI State Representative, Assembly District 69); Connie Dunlap (Assistant Director at Thriving Wisconsin); Amanda Austin (Early Childhood Specialist at Thriving Wisconsin); Julie Walter (Family Support Specialist at Thriving Wisconsin); Peng Her (CEO at The Hmong Institute); Cassidy Farrey (Director, Bureau of YoungStar, WI Department of Children and Families).

counties and 11 First Nations in Wisconsin. This includes help finding quality child care, foundational and health/safety trainings for child care providers, local data about child care trends (demand, cost, availability, quality), and navigation support to con-

nect families and child care providers with other helpful services. In 2023, CCR&Rs referred 6,442 children to regulated child care and trained 11,032 child care professionals.

Under their new name, Thriving Wisconsin will con-

tinue to provide the same high-quality services and programming with the same dedicated team. To learn more about their work and the vital services offered by their member agencies, visit sftawi.org or contact them at info@thrivingwi.org.

News briefs

Taco Nacho Bar soon at Juda School cafeteria

There will be a taco/nacho bar on March 13, from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m., or while supplies last, at the Juda School cafeteria.

Adults and children 10 years and older will receive three soft shell tacos or nacho chips topped with their favorite fixings as well as dessert and a choice of milk or water for \$10. Children under 10 will receive two soft shell tacos or nacho chips and the same food for \$8. An extra taco is \$3 and carry outs are available. All proceeds will go to Juda Post Prom. Also, there will be a silent auction.

Come cheer on the donkey basketball players after eating. Donkey basketball will start at 7 p.m. Game 1 will be the Juda junior class versus Juda junior parents. Game 2 will be Juda staff versus the Juda Fire Department. Cost is \$10 per ticket presale or \$15 at the door.

Oakley Union UMC to hold Soup Day

Oakley Union United Methodist Church Soup Day Fundraiser will be Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Highway S. Attendees have a choice to dine in or drive through for a meal. Soup choices: chili mac, chili with beans or loaded potato. Dessert choices: cherry pie bar or Texas sheet cake. Also included is a brick cheese sandwich. Coffee and water will be available for the dine-in meals. Price per meal: \$8.

Spring craft fair to be held in Juda

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.

Janesville Memory Café event announced

Hedberg Public Library, Janesville and The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County are pleased to announce a new Memory Café beginning Monday, March 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the program room on the main floor. Hedberg Library is at 316 South Main Street, Janesville.

What is a memory café? Cafes are welcoming social gatherings for people living with changes in their memory or thinking and the people who care about them. A cafe is a place to have fun together, talk with others who understand what you're going through and try something new.

Cafes are for people living with changes in their memory or thinking, people living with dementia and the people who care about them – family, friends or professional caregivers.

Memory Cafes focus on people, not medical conditions. Participants can decide if they want to talk about changes in memory and thinking or not. No one is asked if they have a diagnosis to have engagement and enjoyment in a safe environment.

For more information or to register, please contact Rock County Dementia Care Specialist, Karen Tennyson at 608-921-7165 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

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.

Donkey basketball fundraiser in Orfordville

The Parkview FFA Alumni is hosting a Donkey Basketball Fundraiser Tournament on Thursday, March 6, at Parkview Jr./Sr. High School at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$10 ahead or \$13 at the door. Tickets are available at the Bank of Brodhead in Orfordville, Knutes, Stables,

Sather's Service, and ACE Hardware, or by emailing the FFA advisor at tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us.

The teams are Parkview, Brodhead, Evansville, and the Albany FFA.

In-person job fair at Beloit Public Library

An in-person Job Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit.

As of now, 16 employers are registered to be in attendance from Rock County and the surrounding area with a reported 275+ job openings.

Job seekers will have access to the library's public computer lab to complete online job applications and print resumes.

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

Rock County yearly tree sale, shrub sale is back

The Rock County Land Conservation Department is taking orders for its yearly Tree and Shrub Sale. Inventory of trees and shrubs is low, order now to reserve trees for April pick-up. Trees and shrubs come in single species bundles of 25 for \$35, or 50 for \$60 plus tax. All seedlings are bare root. Current available inventory as of Feb. 20: 18-24 inch Red Oak, 18-24 inch White Oak (low quantities), 7-15 inch White Pine. Shrub: 12-18 inch Highbush Cranberry (low quantities). Call ahead for current availability on trees and shrubs.

Find the order form at the Rock County Land Conservation Department website www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/trees or call 608-757-5588 during normal business hours.

Telling Herstory' at local Women's Day event

Join the Zonta Club of Janesville in celebrating International Women's Day by "Telling

Herstory." This is a free event, open to the public.

The event will happen on Thursday, March 6. At 4:30 p.m. will be social hour with complimentary wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres. At 5:30 will be the program "Telling Herstory" in which members of the Zonta Club will dress as various women from history and present their stories. Zonta invites attendees to come dressed as their favorite woman from history and to prepare a short story or speech.

For those that would like to

be in the program, please contact Edie Baran at ediebaran@gmail.com.

The event will be at The Woman's Club at 108 S. Jackson in Janesville.

For more information visit the Facebook page: Janesville Zonta; email: janesville_president@zontadistrict6.org, call 608-931-5705, or message on Facebook.

Social Security eliminates department

On Feb. 24, the Social Security Administration today

announced the closing of a component within the agency, the Office of Transformation. Employees in this office were put on administrative leave effective that day.

"President Trump has mandated the Federal government eliminate wasteful and inefficient offices and the Office of Transformation was a prime example," said Lee Dudek, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "This redundant office was created under the previous administration, and we are righting that wrong."



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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. Open book and BOR dates
 - B. Discussion of ATV survey results
 - C. April Election/Annual Meeting of the Electors
 - D. Variance for Spring Valley Ventures

10. Future agenda items
 11. Payment of bills
 12. Adjournment
- Dela Ends, Clerk
- Recycling drop-off
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she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room

Wednesday, February 12, 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, February 5, 2025 edition of the Independent Register and properly building posted on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to give public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

- CONSENT AGENDA** **ACTION ITEM**
1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Meeting: January 27, 2025
 - b. B&G Meeting: January 28, 2025
 2. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 3. **ACCEPT DONATION(S)**
 - a. \$10,600 monetary donation by the Bank of Brodhead to be used to fund the purchase and installation of the JV Softball Scoreboard
 - b. \$2,300 monetary donation from Caring For Kids, Inc. to the Brodhead Backpack Food Program
 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 Don Buchanan, second by Jodi Kail to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried, 7-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE LONG-TERM FACILITY PLAN **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**
The Building and Grounds committee has met twice, but the plan is not yet ready for approval by the full Board. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL TIMELINES & GUIDELINES **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the 2025 Summer School start date of June 9, 2025, end date of July 3, 2025, and daily schedule as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 2025-26 MASTER CALENDAR **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, to approve the 2025-26 master school calendar with 173 student contact days and an additional three [3] minutes added to each school day as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE JV SOFTBALL FIELD SCOREBOARD **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**
Based on the donation by the Bank of Brodhead, the Board discussed modifying how the scoreboard would be paid for.
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to rescind the motion adopted on January 8, 2025, regarding the approval for payment from the Sign/Advertising fund to pay for the JV Softball Field scoreboard.
Motion carried, 7-0.
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve payment from the Sign/Advertising fund to pay for the JV softball field backstop.
Motion carried, 7-0.

REFERENDUM UPDATE **DISCUSSION ITEM**
District Administrator Novy presented an update regarding the upcoming Operational Referendum. No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA [February 26, 2025]

- Approval of the Minutes
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Consideration of Petition to Revise District Boundaries
- Approval of District Abatement Bid Package
- Approval of Long Term Facilities Plan
- Referendum Update
- Report on Bond Sale
- Approval of Building and Grounds Crew Project Recommendations

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e) at 7:38 p.m. for the discussion of:
a. Bus Contract
Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 7:46 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.

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BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 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.

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- 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. WEB PRESENTATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL
- IX. APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BID PACKAGE
- X. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MATH CURRICULUM
- XI. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
- XII. RESCIND POLICY 2264 – NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION
- PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
- XIII. APPOINT BOARD OF CANVASSERS
- XIV. COLLEGE/TECH CREDIT APPROVALS
- XV. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED & VOLUNTEER COACHES
- XVI. REFERENDUM UPDATE
- XVII. FUTURE AGENDA
- XVIII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(e)
 - a. Staff Reports
 - b. Bus Contract
- XIX. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
- XX. ADJOURNMENT

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

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT
Spring February Partisan Primary Election,
April 1, 2025

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, 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.

Sherri Waega Village Clerk
608-879-2004
Orfordville Village Hall
303 E. Beloit Street,
Orfordville, WI 53576
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday March 18, 2025.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Friday, March 28, 2025 by 5:00 P.M.

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 April 1, 2025. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Sherri Waega
Village of Orfordville
Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Nexus Solutions will be accepting bids on behalf of the Brodhead School District for the upcoming referendum construction projects. The bids will be for construction material testing for the Brodhead High School, Middle School, and Albrecht Elementary School Projects starting in March of this year and completing in December of 2025.

Bids will be accepted by Nexus Solutions, Project Manager Kyle Robers. Bids should be submitted via e-mail to: krobers@nexussolutions.com by March 11th, 2025.

For bid documents please contact krobers@nexussolutions.com.

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- 15 years old: Lifeguarding
- 16 years old: Park Maintenance

Applicants must qualify for a work permit (14 years of age and in high school) to be considered. Applications are available at the Brodhead Parks, Pool & Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead website (www.cityofbrodheadwi.us) and are due to the Pool & Rec Director by Friday, March 7. If you have any questions, please call the Brodhead Pool & Rec Dept. at 608-897-2159.

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Tribal health initiative part of collaboration

Wisconsin Humanities announces the launch of the Community Powered Tribal Health Initiative (CPTHI). The new initiative represents a collaborative partnership between a statewide non-profit and Wisconsin tribal communities to address the

tribes' contemporary challenges and will result in culturally-relevant solutions that honor traditional wisdom and community priorities. CPTHI was recently awarded a Community Impact Grant from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health's Wisconsin

Partnership Program (WPP) in support of the first three years of the initiative.

CPTHI addresses the mental health epidemic in tribal communities caused by historically deep-seated and pervasive health disparities and made worse by the

COVID-19 pandemic. By working closely with impacted communities and local leadership, the CPTHI team will facilitate local solutions and employ local knowledge to help communities maintain, document, and share cultural knowledge to deepen a sense of community-wide belonging, well-being, and health.

Wisconsin Humanities works statewide to strengthen the roots of community life through educational and cultural programs that inspire civic participation and individual imagination. Through this initiative, Wisconsin Humanities has partnered with tribal leaders in response to expressed needs in communities that have historically faced barriers to accessing health resources. The training program made possible through CPTHI will provide tools and resources to build local skills and resilience. The initiative will train up to 32 tribal members over the next three years, providing them with specialized skills and crucial support to kick-start community projects that address mental health challenges.

The CPTHI team includes tribal and academic partners from around the state who, together with Wisconsin Humanities staff, will spend the next three years adapting and honing Wisconsin Humanities' existing Community Powered toolkit to be culturally responsive to a Native context and Indigenous conceptions of health.

Key CPTHI team members working with Wisconsin Humanities staff include Dr. JP

Leary and others from UW-Green Bay's Center for First Nation Education, Drs. Brain Jackson and Sonny Smart from the Lac du Flambeau Family Circles AODA Parenting Program, and Sapatis Menomin, who was trained in 2022 in the Community Powered methodology and founded the Forest County Potawatomi lacrosse revitalization project. Listening sessions will bring in new partners from other tribal communities as the initiative grows.

Chrissy Widmayer, the director of the Community Powered program at Wisconsin Humanities, emphasizes the importance of this initiative being tribal-led. "We see this partnership as a way for Wisconsin Humanities to listen and learn from tribal communities, and share what we know, to work toward furthering a sense of wellbeing and health for everyone in our state."

"Our Indigenous communities all have our own stories and teachings that relate to how we should live a healthy life," adds Menomin. "These stories are a part of our culture and history. I feel that the interdisciplinary tools of the humanities are perfectly suited to analyze the health and wellness of a community. I am hopeful that this program will make a positive impact on our Tribal communities across Wisconsin."

Dr. Arijit Sen, professor of public history and urban studies at UW-Milwaukee, has helped to design and run Community Powered trainings and will continue to advise the new initiative.

"Community Powered is truly collaborative in nature," Dr. Sen says. "Our process brings together different constituencies and stakeholders as equal partners and offers all of us the opportunity to experience what truly democratic and inclusive community-building could be like."

The Community Powered program recently won the national Federation of State Humanities Council's Schwartz Prize for Outstanding Work in the Public Humanities for work done in its pilot year. The training and methodology have resulted in teen-led initiatives in Spooner, kick-started a series of story circles among immigrants and refugees in Appleton, and revitalized the tradition of lacrosse in the Forest County Potawatomi community.

Established in 1972 as an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Wisconsin Humanities strengthens our democracy through educational and cultural programs that build connections and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs throughout the state. Visit wisconsinhumanities.org to learn more.

Funding for this initiative was provided by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health from the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP), which offers grants to support community-led partnerships that seek to improve health and advance health equity across Wisconsin. Eight other community organizations were awarded funding through WPP's Community Impact Grant this year.

Local senator receives WHEDA award

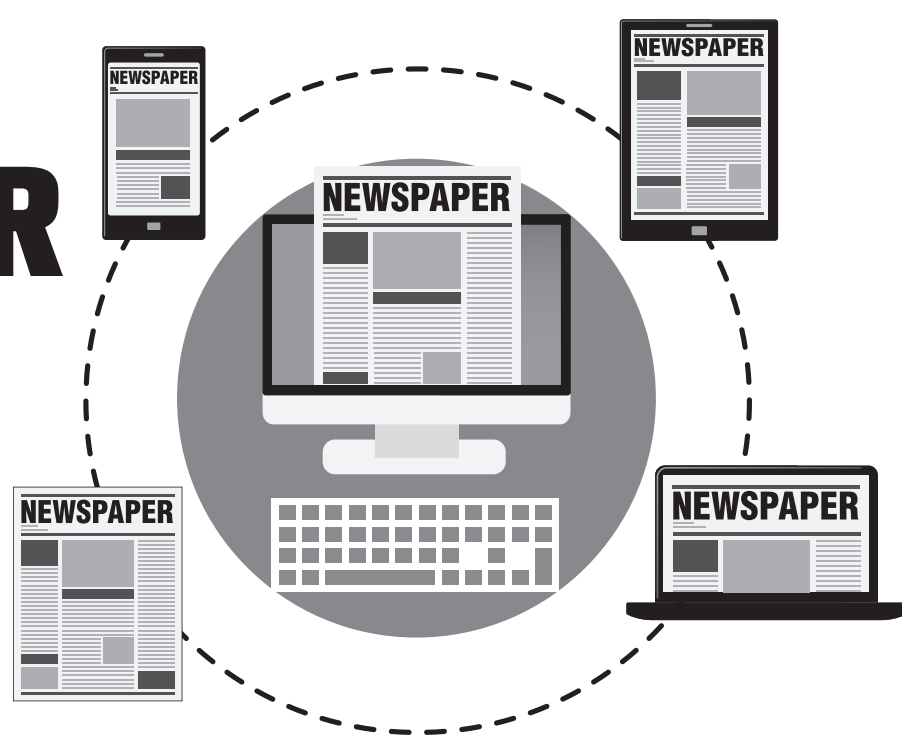


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In mid-February, Elmer Moore, Jr., the CEO and Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), stopped by Sen. Mark Spreitzer's office to present him with a Recognition of Service award. Spreitzer was proud to have served on the WHEDA board for the past two years, and he thanks Elmer and his team for all the work they do to expand housing equity and economic opportunity.

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