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Wisconsin Air Guard unit marks seventh decade of service to state, nation

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In October 2018, the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing marks its 70th birthday, celebrating the pillars of its past and building the foundations of its future.

"We owe our success to the trailblazers who raised their right hand and had the foresight to create a foundation that would prove invaluable for decades to come," said Col. Erik Peterson, 115th Fighter Wing commander. "For 70 years, this unit has answered the call of our state and nation, and we will continue to defend and protect our freedoms stateside and abroad."

The 176th Fighter Squadron — precursor to today's 115th Fighter Wing — was federally recognized Oct. 6, 1948 in Madison, with 13 officers and 20 enlisted men. Today the wing boasts approximately 1,100 Airmen across a wide range of duty fields — pilots, aircraft maintainers, security, engineers, administrative, medical and explosive ordnance disposal among them.

Over the past seven decades the Truax Field-based unit has principally flown eight different aircraft — the F-51 Mustang fighter aircraft, F-89 Scorpion jet fighter, F-86A Sabre jet fighter, F-102 Delta Dagger fighter interceptor, O-2A Skymaster observation aircraft, OA-37 Dragonfly, A-10 Thunderbird II (Warthog) and the F-16 Fighting Falcon. During that span of time the unit has also flown the T-6 trainer aircraft, C-27 Skytrain transport, B-26 Marauder medium bomber, C-130B Hercules transport, and C-26B Metroliner, which is used today to support counter-drug operations.

During its first three decades the Truax Field unit supported the Korean War by sending 10 F-51 Mustangs — without crew — to Korea, became the first Air National Guard unit to fly the modern F-89 Scorpion, was activated to augment the Air Defense Command's continental fighter interceptor force, supported an active alert mission defending North American airspace, and demonstrated its prowess and proficiency by winning the prestigious William Tell Meet in 1973 and the Spaatz Trophy as the outstanding Air National Guard flying unit, as well as the American Fighter Pilots Association's coveted Winston P. Wilson Trophy for best Air National Guard fighter/reconnaissance unit in 1973.

The unit that is today's 115th Fighter Wing was not always a fighter unit, though. After flying combat aircraft of one kind or another for 26 years, the 176th Fighter Interceptor Squadron assumed a forward air control mission from 1974 to 1981. That's when the unit gained the A-10 and became the 128th Tactical Fighter Wing.

During its time with the A-10, the 128th Tactical Fighter Wing supported exercises in Europe and Central America, supported air defense missions in Panama and — with its C-130B aircraft and crew — logged more than 200 hours and 120 missions transporting 300 tons of equipment to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and McGuire Air

Force Base in New Jersey for shipment to Saudi Arabia. In 1991 the wing earned the first Outstanding Unit Effectiveness Inspection rating ever given to a fighter unit — active or reserve component — in the Tactical Air Command.

For more than a quarter century the wing has flown the venerable F-16 Fighting Falcon — first as the 128th Fighter Wing, and then beginning in 1995 as the 115th Fighter Wing. The 115th supported no-fly-zone missions over Iraq in 1997. But the new millennium — and more specifically, the global war on terror — brought significant changes.

"Over the past 14 years, the 115th Fighter Wing executed five major combat deployments and two Theater Security Package deployments with 100 percent effectiveness,"

said Col. Erik Peterson, current wing commander. "We continue to answer our nation's call."

The 115th Fighter Wing supported Operation Noble Eagle beginning Sept. 11, 2001, providing 24/7 homeland defense under the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). The wing deployed to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia in 2004, and to Joint Base Balad, Iraq in 2006, 2008 and 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It deployed to Kadena, Japan in 2015 and Kunsan, South Korea in 2017 to support Pacific Command Theater Security Package missions. And the fighter wing deployed to Lask Air Base, Poland in 2015 in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

In 2005 the wing recorded the

highest Unit Compliance Inspection rating to date — 99.4 percent — until 2010, when it beat its own record with a 99.5 percent rating. The 115th Fighter Wing also earned the Winston P. Wilson trophy again in 2005 as the best Air National Guard fighter wing.

Last December, Truax Field was named one of two preferred locations for the next Air National Guard units to receive the F-35A Lightning II 5th generation fighter jet. Pending the results of an environmental impact analysis, which could take up to two years, the 115th Fighter Wing could begin receiving the F-35A in early 2023.

The unit's Airmen have simultaneously stood ready to answer the call during times of emergency both here in Wisconsin and elsewhere around the nation, deploying

personnel repeatedly during hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters.

"We've been busy, but we know our future is bright," Peterson said.

Brig. Gen. Gary Ebben, Wisconsin's deputy adjutant general for Air, praised the 115th Fighter Wing for seven decades of excellence.

"Everything from the Midwest work ethic to the culture to the legacy to those who have come before to carry that torch — each successive generation has taken that performance bar and moved it up just a notch to set that bar just a little higher for everyone," Ebben said. "That brings us to where we are today. There is no doubt in my mind that the 115th Fighter Wing is the absolute best combat Air Force unit in the United States Air Force — active duty, Guard or Reserve."



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Wisconsin eligibility requirements for VA benefits

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To qualify for most Wisconsin state veterans' benefits, programs, or services, a veteran must first establish general eligibility for Wisconsin state veterans' benefits. Eligibility criteria for Wisconsin state veterans' benefits, programs, and services, including exceptions to minimum military service requirements, are set in state law (Wis. Stats. Ch. 45).

General eligibility consists of two broad requirements:

1. Military service (Character: Type; Duration)

Character of Service

In order to be eligible for Wisconsin state veterans' benefits, programs, and services, a veteran's service, as characterized on the military discharge certificate (i.e., DD Form 214) must have been honorable, under honorable conditions, or general under honorable conditions. Veterans with characterizations of uncharacterized, bad conduct, other than honorable or dishonorable can seek to have their discharge upgraded through the military appeals process or request the federal VA adjudicate their case. Most veterans who follow this process and become eligible for general federal VA benefits will also be granted eligibility for Wisconsin state benefits.

If the veteran had more than one qualifying term of service, at least one term of service must have met the criteria above for the purpose of establishing eligibility.

Exception: In order to be eligible for services in the Veterans Assistance Program, veterans need only to have served at least one day on active duty, as defined above, under conditions other than dishonorable.

Terms of Service

In order to fulfill the military

active duty service requirements for most Wisconsin state veterans' benefits, programs and services, a veteran must have served for two (2) continuous years of active duty as defined above.

Benefits and services with special military service requirements are listed under "Eligibility requirements for special benefits and services."

Exceptions to the two-year active duty requirement are as follows. A veteran need only satisfy one of the following in order to meet general state eligibility requirements for military service:

Short Initial Service Term Veterans who have completed their full initial active duty service obligation that was less than two years—regardless of when they served.

90 Days Active Duty Service During a Statutorily Designated Wartime Period Veterans who accumulate 90 days or more of "active duty" service (other than for training) during one of the statutorily designated Wartime Periods.

Expeditionary Medal. Veterans who received, or are qualified to receive, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (established by executive order 10977 on December 4, 1961), the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, or equivalent expeditionary or service medal.

Other Eligible Active Duty Service:

Berlin Crisis Service

For members of the Reserve or National Guard who were called to active duty under Section 1 of Executive Order 10957 dated August 10, 1961 and served at least 90 days on active duty, or if having served less than 90 days was honorably discharged for a service-connected disability or for a disability subsequently adjudicated to have been

service-connected or died in service.

Vietnam Service

Veterans who received, or are qualified to receive the Vietnam Service Medal (established by executive order 11231 on July 8, 1965), awarded to members of the armed forces who served in Vietnam and contiguous waters and airspace between July 3, 1965 and March 28, 1973.

Lebanon Service

Veterans who served at least one day of active duty in Lebanon between Aug. 1, 1982, and Aug. 1, 1984

Grenada Service

Veterans who served at least one day of active duty in Grenada between Oct. 23, 1983, and Nov. 21, 1983

Middle East Crisis – Iran Hostage Crisis

Veterans awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal for the attempt to rescue American hostages in Iran; OR who were held hostage in Iran AND awarded the Valor Ribbon.

Middle East Crisis – Libya Veterans who participated in military action against Libya on April 14, 1986.

Middle East Crisis – USS Stark Veterans who served on the USS Stark on May 17, 1987

*Panama Service

Veterans who served at least one day of "active duty" in Panama between Dec. 20, 1989, and Jan. 31, 1990

Gulf War Service

Veterans who served at least one (1) day of active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm may be eligible if the veteran served:

-In the Middle East or in adjacent territorial or international waters, and

-In support of Desert Shield or Desert Storm under an active-duty order, unit assignment order, or an involuntary extension of an active-duty order, and

-Between August 1, 1990 and (an ending date yet to be established).

Somalia Service

Veterans who served at least one day of active duty in Somalia or in territorial waters adjacent to Somalia between December 9, 1992 and (an ending date yet to be established).

Bosnia Service

Veterans who served at least 90 days in Bosnia or other statutorily designated areas between Dec. 1, 1995 and (an ending date yet to be established).

Operation Enduring Freedom

Service

Veterans who served for 90 days or more in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or an operation that is a successor to Operation Enduring Freedom or served in the theater of operations:

-Under an active duty order, a unit assignment order, or an involuntary extension of an active duty order, and

-Were discharged under honorable conditions, and

-Whose service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom was between September 11, 2001 and (an ending date yet to be established).

Qualifying Early Discharge

Veterans who were honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces or from forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces active duty due to

-A service-connected disability, or for a disability subsequently adjudicated to have been service connected.

-For reasons of hardship.

-A reduction of forces (RIF).

Death in Service

A service member on "active duty" (including federal military "active duty" service under Title 10 U.S. Code by members of the Reserve or National Guard) who is killed in action or who otherwise dies while on "active duty" is considered to have satisfied the military service requirements for eligibility for Wisconsin state veteran's benefits, programs, and services for themselves and any eligible dependents.

Eligibility Exception is where the veteran qualifies under Wisconsin Statutes s. 45.01(12)(h), (i), (j).

(h) A person who, while serving in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces is missing in action.

(i) A person who died as the result of a service-connected disability.

(j) A person who died in the line of duty while on inactive or active duty for training purposes in the U.S. armed forces, in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces, or in the national guard.

2. Wisconsin state residency

In general, to be eligible for Wisconsin state veterans' benefits, programs, and services, a veteran must meet at least one of the following:

-Wisconsin resident before entering active duty. Veteran was a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry or reentry into active duty; or, his or her selective service local board, if any, and home of record at the time of entry or reentry into active service as shown on the vet-

eran's report of separation from the U.S. armed forces for a qualifying period were in Wisconsin, or;

-Moved to Wisconsin and taken an affirmative action to secure their resident status as well as residing in Wisconsin for any consecutive 12-month period after entry or re-entry into the service and before the date of his or her application or death.

If the person had more than one qualifying term of service, at least one term of service must have met the residency requirements for the purpose of establishing eligibility.

Veterans who are otherwise eligible and who are serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces need not be living in this state on the date of application in order to qualify for state veterans' benefits, programs, or services.

Wisconsin Residency to Receive Benefits or Services

In addition to meeting state residency requirements for eligibility for state veterans' benefits, programs, or services, a veteran must be a resident of and living in Wisconsin when making application, or be deceased.

Active Duty Members

Members of the military serving on active duty need not be living in Wisconsin at the time of application if they have retained their Wisconsin residency for income tax purposes, with the exception of the Personal Loan Program. All applicants for the Personal Loan Program must be a resident of and living in Wisconsin, regardless of current military duty status.

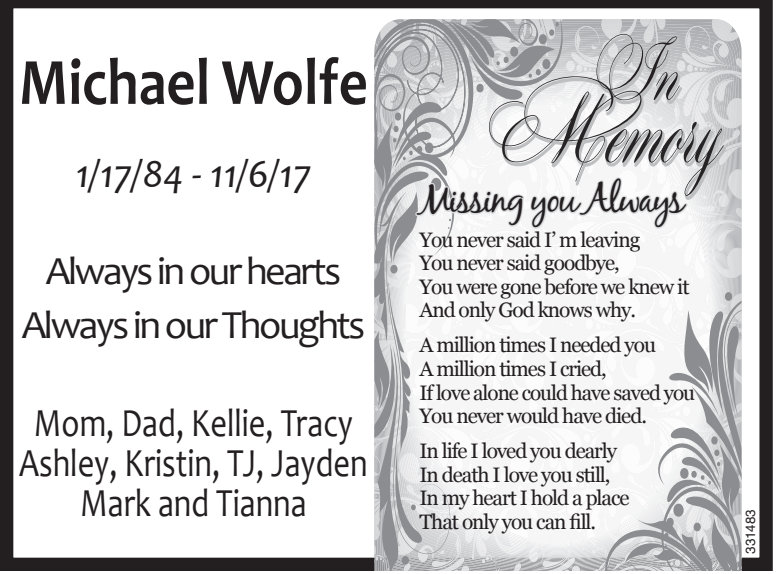
Please check the specific program or benefit for some may have additional requirements.

NOTICE: The WDVA receives a statewide support lien docket listing all individuals who have a delinquent child-support obligation in Wisconsin. According to state law, the WDVA may not approve a tuition and fee reimbursement grant, or part-time study grant for any applicant on the docket unless the applicant provides one of the following items:

-A statement signed by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families or its designee showing that the delinquent obligation has been paid and is now current.

A copy of a child-support repayment agreement that has been kept current for the six-month period before the date the WDVA receives the application.

For more information or to use the WDVA Tool Kit, visit <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/benefitsClaims/Eligibility.aspx>.



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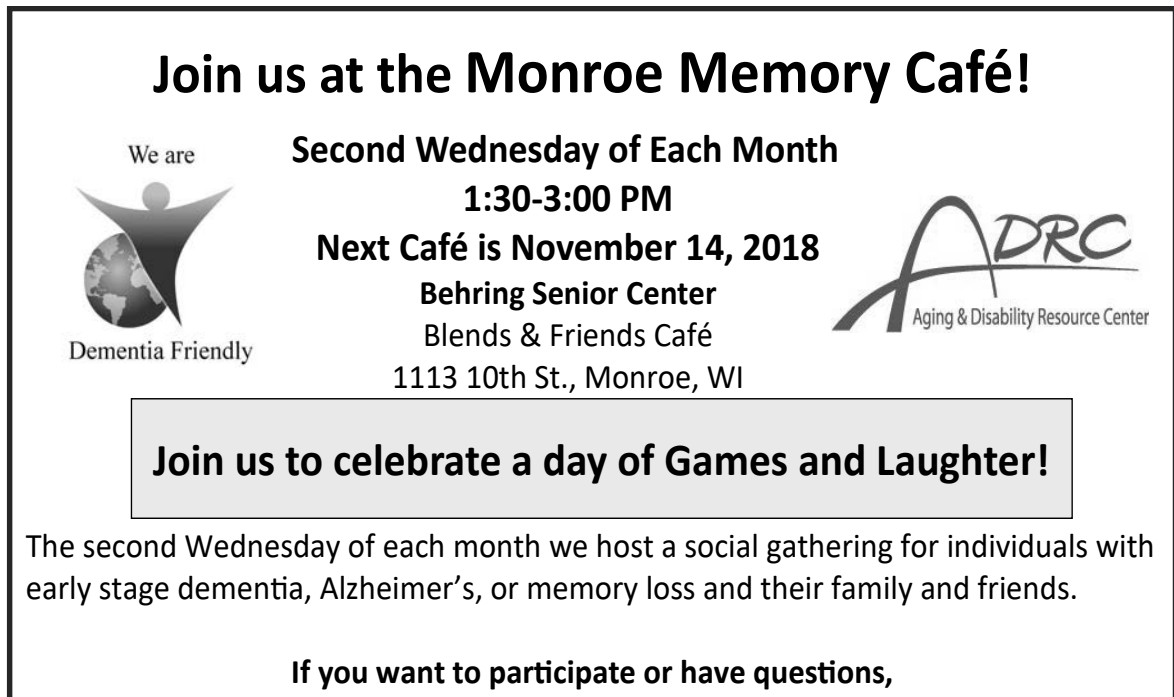
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County representative urges residents to speak up on issues

By Erica Roth
DISTRICT 24 REPRESENTATIVE
Somehow it is already November. I am not entirely sure how we arrived here so quickly, and there is much to watch for this month in Green County government. The mid-term elections kick off the month, followed by some important meetings of the County Board and committees.

The Green County Board is discussing and passing the 2019 budget at the November County Board meeting. The agenda has yet to be published, but is expected to include discussion and possible action on a Wind Energy Siting ordinance. The agenda will be published on the Green County website on or about Nov. 7, and the meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the historic courthouse on the square in Monroe.

I encourage residents to contact their representatives, especially when there are issues that are of concern to them. Lately, there have been emails in my, and other supervisor's inboxes concerning the anticipated wind energy farm in Jefferson Township. We are hearing the concerns. I have spoken

with our Corporation Counsel to get some clarity on the situation and answers to some of the questions.

The wind energy-siting ordinance that is being considered for Green County is an important piece to our local control. Much as with livestock siting, the state has removed local control. In order to retain as much local control as possible Green County needs to establish their own ordinance within the restrictive confines that the state allows.

Towns and villages can adopt their own ordinances and have the discretion to be more restrictive than the county. If Green County does not adopt its own ordinance, the regulations default to the state's restrictions. By adopting our own ordinance, we are keeping as much local control as we can. Adam Wiegel, Green County's Zoning Administrator, and the Zoning Committee have been working very hard on this. I believe there is a Zoning meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12, before the county board meeting on Tuesday.

Local control and the diminishing amount we have is a recurring issue. The town, village, city, and county

boards are feeling it constantly. The only way to restore local control is to change it at the state level. If this is a concern of yours please contact your state representatives. Perhaps there will be new ears to listen and bodies to take action after the midterm elections, but if not we can continue to demand action. Talking is how we share ideas and keep those who represent us accountable, and how to make your voice heard. Civility and persistence are key.

There is much going on in the committees including Livestock Study Group recommendations, wage study discussions, new programs, and more.

All meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend. Meeting times and agendas are posted on the Green County website at www.co.green.wi.gov. Your supervisor's contact information is also listed on the website; as a representative, I truly appreciate hearing from you. I represent District 24, the Town of Albany and the southeast portion of the Town of Brooklyn. I can be reached at 608-371-9074 or eroth@greencountywi.org.

Humanitarian returns to Kiev/Chernobyl nuclear disaster area

On April 26, 1986, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded in Pripyat, Ukraine; Patricia Cox, of Poplar Grove, Ill, was there, just 60 miles away in Kiev.

A nurse and psychologist, she was part of a tour group from the United States. That trip would alter her life forever.

Cox has now written a book, "Chain

Reaction: The Chernobyl Disaster, American Compassion and A Call to "Do Something," on her experience there, her many subsequent return trips, and the cross-cultural humanitarian aid project she founded and still operates to this day.

The Ukrainian-American Family Network is an example that kindness and compassion know no borders. Cox took another trip to Ukraine in September to visit some of the hundreds of families she has assisted, this time gifting them a copy of her book along with the vitamins and medicines she still ships every year.

Chain Reaction tells the unique story of this incredible project, as well as the stories, in their own words, of the people who were evacuated from near the explosion, and offers renewed hope that mankind can and does still operate from the heart.

All these years later, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus are still dealing with

the radiation exposure, which has been linked to death, chronic health issues and birth deformities among thousands of people. And Patricia Cox is still providing humanitarian aid. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things

The book is available on amazon.com and Patricia is available for interviews and speaking.

Patricia Cox is Founder and Executive Director of the Ukrainian-American Family Network. She is a Consultant and Psychotherapist in Private Practice in Northern Illinois working with families, couples and individuals. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist, Patricia is a specialist in Family and Community Development, Patricia has appeared on TV and radio shows and speaks on many topics, including Stress Management, Change, Leadership, Making a Difference, and Cross-Cultural Humanitarian Aid.

Rock County offers CRASE training

The Rock County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Bureau is offering Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Training to Rock County residents.

This free training includes a statistical breakdown of active shooter events, behavioral indicators, historical case studies and tools to maximize your survivability in these events.

Training is held on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and January 3, 2019 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. A certificate is being provided with completion of the course. Bring paper and pens to the training.

Training takes place at Rock County Health Care Center 3530 North County Highway F Janesville, Wis. 53547.

To register, call 608-758-8440, email EOC@co.rock.wi.us, or by mail Rock County Emergency Management 3530 N. County Hwy F P.O. Box 351 Janesville, WI 53547.

History of CRASE

Schools, businesses, and community members often seek direction and request presentations on what they should do if confronted with an active shooter event. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. The CRASE program is provided at no cost to students through the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center (ALERRT).

ALERRT was created in 2002 as a partnership between Texas State University, the San Marcos, Texas Police Department and the Hays County, Texas Sheriff's Office to address the need for active shooter response training for first responders. In 2013, ALERRT at Texas State was named the National Standard in Active Shooter Response Training by the FBI.



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Veterans Appreciation Dinner set for Nov. 10

GREEN COUNTY VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE RELEASE

The Albany and Monroe Lion's Clubs and the Green County Veterans Service Office are sponsoring the annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Albany Lion's Club Building, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, on the northeast side of Albany.

Active Duty Personnel, Veterans, their spouses and widows or widowers of deceased Veterans are invited.

There are two seating's to accommodate everyone. The first seating is at 11:00 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. There are no reservations taken this year, so seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Sign up opens for 2019 Landscape Pesticide Registry

The Landscape Pesticide Registry is now available to sign up for the 2019 growing season, and 1 remains open until Feb. 1, 2019.

The registry allows users to request that commercial lawn care companies notify you before they apply pesticides to lawns, trees and shrubs on the block where you live, or on blocks immediately adjacent to yours. You do have to list the addresses for which you want notification. Participation in the registry is free.

Returning participants can log onto their existing MyDATCP account to renew their registration. You can confirm that you want to continue to receive notice for the same properties as last year, or you can add and delete properties. New users will need to set up an account and enter all the addresses for which you want notification.

You can register online until Feb. 1 at <https://mydatcp.wi.gov/>. Paper applications are also available at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LandPestReg.aspx. If you use paper, you need to relist all the addresses every year that you participate.

If you are already an active user of the registry, you should have received

an email or a letter from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection reminding you to renew your participation, with instructions.

You can continue adding addresses until Feb. 1, when the registry will be closed to the public so department staff can review it for ineligible addresses. It will take effect March 15, when pesticide applicators are able to search it to find out if any of their clients' addresses have been listed.

The registry applies only to commercial landscape applications. Homeowners or landlords who do their own applications are not covered by the notification requirements, nor are applications to the inside or outside of buildings. The registry does not allow for notification of pesticide use in agriculture, or for you to be notified about applications around your workplace or your children's school or day care center.

For questions, contact Donna Gilson at 608-224-5130 or email donna.gilson@wi.gov.

Bill Cosh, Communications Director, can also be reached at 608-224-5020 or William2.Cosh@wi.gov.

Albany Comet News

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

- *Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 to 7 p.m.
- *Book Fair ends
- *FFA Alumni meeting at Gabriella's 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

- *No school

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

- *High school girls basketball scrimmage at Benton 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

Nothing scheduled

MONDAY, NOV. 12

- *High school boys basketball practice begins
- *High school wrestling practice begins
- *Veteran's Day assembly 9:45 a.m.

PTO meeting 6 p.m.

Board of Education meeting 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

- *Girls basketball at Belleville 6:30 p.m.

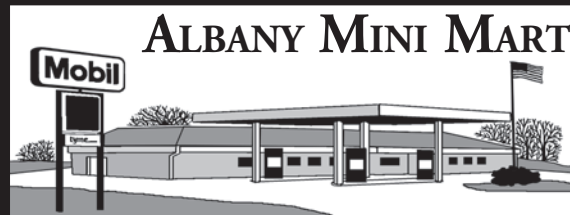
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- *Early release 2:29 p.m.
- Women's League Santa's Helpers application due
- *Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- *Adult open gym 7 to 9 p.m.

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Norwegian language alive and well in Wisconsin

By Michele Benesh
CORRESPONDENT

Merlin Hegge, of Orfordville, has become quite a linguistic celebrity. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, almost a year since his last visit, Norwegian linguist Arnstein Hjelde returned to Orfordville for another session with Merlin.

As reported in the Independent Register of Nov. 8, 2017, Hjelde studies the ways in which Norwegian speech changes over time in speakers who are bilingual and have never lived in Norway.

He has spent over 30 years tracking the evolution of the Norwegian language in the U.S. and Canada, but has focused primarily on the Midwest.

Merlin was first recorded in 1948, making him extremely valuable as the only subject whose speech has been studied over such a long span of time. He is cited in the book, "The Norwegian Language in America," written by Norwegian professor Einar Haugen, who was the one who interviewed Merlin in 1948.

This time Hjelde brought another Norwegian American who speaks the same dialect as Merlin. Larry Leum, of Coon Valley, Wis., chatted at length with Merlin in Norwegian about everything from Christmas traditions to school days to traditional Norwegian foods that they enjoyed growing up in Wisconsin.

Both of Leum's great-grandfathers came to Wisconsin from Norway. Occasionally, one or the other of the men switched to English to explain to the others in the room what they were talking about. For his part, Hjelde merely set up his recording equipment and listened as the two men conversed.

It was interesting hearing what topics came up in the conversation. Merlin said that although he was

born in Wisconsin, he was unable to speak English when he started school, and it made him feel very isolated. He said all the other kids could speak English. His one room school was never called off because of bad weather, according to Merlin, and he said that the number of students ranged from 25 to 30 during the years that he attended there.

They talked about the chores that the students of various ages performed, from raising the flag every day to hauling water from the pump, and "clapping" the blackboard erasers at the end of the day to rid them of chalk dust. Both he and Leum, who also attended a one-room school, said that a visiting nurse came to their schools each Friday and gave each student a goiter pill. Both recalled that they were quite tasty, resembling chocolate.

One of the more shocking stories Merlin told was that when he was nine years old his mother had a brain tumor and had to see a doctor in Janesville periodically. He drove her to her appointments. He said he wasn't allowed to drive around, but only take her to Janesville and back.

Both men also shared memories of a Christmas tradition of dressing up in costumes or disguises and going to visit their friends and neighbors, who had to try to guess who they were. They were called "Christmas Fools." If the neighbors couldn't guess who they were they had to provide treats of some kind (Merlin admitted that they usually got a treat whether or not their identity was discovered).

They spoke about growing up on farms, where Merlin said his family usually milked 20-30 cows and had 100-120 chickens, as well as some pigs. The money they got from selling eggs had to pay for the chicken feed and the family's groceries, and when it didn't, they ate a lot of chicken.

Larry and Merlin also recounted the huge meals prepared by the farm women during threshing time as well as traditional food items that made use of most parts of the animals they slaughtered, like head cheese and blood sausage, although they had Norwegian names for these dishes that escaped this reporter's ability to spell or pronounce.

Merlin talked about working in tobacco fields and the various chores that accompanied that. He also served his country in Korea during

the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1953. One of his most precious possessions is a framed photo of him beside the Korean Wall in Washington, D.C., pointing at his face in the picture there. He also worked at the Janesville GM plant in Janesville.

Judging from the photos covering his living room wall, Merlin is most proud of his family. His wife has passed away, but they had a son and a daughter who have given him five grandchildren and four great-grandsons. At age 89, he declared that he

is not old, but merely a "recycled teenager."

Although he feels like a teenager, he has already decided that he will have an old fashioned Norwegian funeral with a number of women serving as "flower girls" who will carry baskets of flowers to his gravesite.

He has been a life-long member of Luther Valley Lutheran Church. His contributions to the study of Norwegian linguistics have been extremely valuable and will be an important part of his rich legacy.



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Top; Merlin holds up a picture of his trip to Washington D.C., where he points to a portrait of himself on the "Korean Wall". He served in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. Above; Larry Leum, Merlin Hegge, and Arnstein Hjelde gathered at Hegge's house to discuss various subjects.

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News from Parkview High School

Viking Times

THURSDAY, NOV. 8

- Grandparent's Day celebration: Kindergarten 8 to 8:45 a.m., 4K AM 8:45 to 9:30 a.m., 1st grade 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., 2nd grade 10:15 to 11 a.m., 5th/6th grade 1 to 1:30 p.m., 3rd/4th grade 1:30 to 2 p.m., 4K PM 2 to 2:45 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher conferences 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- Book Fair 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- Transportation Committee meeting 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

- Last day for FFA fruit sale
- Girls varsity and junior varsity scrimmage vs. New Glarus and Juda 5 p.m.
- PES Movie Night: Incredibles 2 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

- Nothing scheduled

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

- Nothing scheduled

MONDAY, NOV. 12

- Parent/Teacher conferences 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- Book fair 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- Zumba 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Policy Committee meeting 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

- Girls JV basketball at Turner 5:40 p.m.
- Girls JV2 basketball at Turner 5:40 p.m.
- Girls varsity at Turner 7:15 p.m.
- PTO meeting 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

- Curriculum Committee meeting 3:30 p.m.
- Zumba 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Notice for Orfordville residents

Fall leaf pick up began Oct. 30. Rake your leaves to the terrace area and NOT into the streets. Leaf pick up continues until Thanksgiving.

The yard waste site is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ornaments requested for holiday tree honoring Wisconsin troops

BY WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Gov. Scott Walker and First Lady Tonette Walker once again invite family members of Wisconsin service members to send a holiday ornament dedicated to their loved one for this year's "Tribute to our Troops" holiday tree at the executive residence.

"We are pleased to continue this holiday tradition at the executive residence," Gov. Walker said. "It's important for us all to remember that many families across Wisconsin will go through the holiday season with a family member away from home because of their military service.

I have had the pleasure of talking with many of these families at send-off ceremonies and homecoming celebrations, and I've also had the opportunity to meet some of our outstanding service members from Wisconsin serving overseas.

Their love of country and their sacrifice is truly amazing, and it is fitting that we commemorate that with the Tribute to our Troops tree."

The ornaments will be displayed on one of the large evergreen trees in the executive residence during December's holiday season.

The ornaments can be plain or fancy, as well as personalized to honor our fallen service members, those who are deployed overseas this holiday season, and all who wear the uniforms of our nation's armed forces.

The Governor and First Lady encourage as many families as possible of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members to take part in decorating the trees.

"This is a simple and beautiful way for all of us to honor and remember our men and women in service," First Lady Walker said.

To be included as part of this year's "Tribute to our Troops" tree, ornaments must be received no later than Nov. 9 at:

Wisconsin National Guard Service Member Support Division
ATTN: Ms. Deborah Severson
2400 Wright Street
Madison, Wis., 53704

Ornaments will not be returned.

The "Tribute to our Troops" tree is decorated Thursday, Nov. 15, but ornaments received after that date are added to the tree. The tree can be seen during public tours held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1; 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 8; and noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 12, 13, 19, and 20.



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Zion Youth Group to host food drive

The members of the Zion Youth Group in Juda are holding their annual door-to-door food drive in Juda on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The group is going door-to-door starting at 10:30 a.m. Donations are divided between the Juda Food Pantry and the Green County Food Pantry. Members of the church are encouraged to bring their donations to the church on Sunday, Nov. 11.

Obituary

NANCY SUE MCCORMICK-BLAKSLEE

Nancy Sue McCormick-Blakslee, age 86, of Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, October 29, 2018. She was born on June 19 1932 in Lawrence, KS, and raised in Tomahawk, Wis., the daughter of John and Mildred (Bjoin) Ockerman. Her first marriage was to John B McCormick. He passed away on October 31, 1987. She then married George Blakslee. He passed away on December 18, 2017.

Nancy graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, obtaining a Master's Degree in Library Science. She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead. Nancy had a great love of music, writing poetry, dancing, children, book clubs, being at her home in Brodhead, and being with her hockey ladies support group.

She is survived by her children, Mary Lou McCormick, Dr. Stuart



(Cori) McCormick, Susan Barbee, Elizabeth Wiessinger, Daniel McCormick and Katherine McCormick; two stepchildren, Warren Leigh (Verna "Sissy") Blakslee, Sharon Lee (Tom)

Curtis, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, a son, Sean McCormick and a brother, Jack Ockerman.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, November 2, 2018, at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, with Rev. Peder Johanson officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Visitation was held from 11 a.m. until time of services on Friday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.dlnewcomer-funeralhome.com

Luther Valley Historical Society to hold meeting and election

The Luther Valley is holding its annual membership meeting and election on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Election of officers is also taking place.

A presentation follows the meet-

ing. The meeting is held at The Luther Valley Historical Society Museum and Community Center, 215 Janesville Street, Footville. Call Kay Demrow at 608-752-1104 for more information.

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FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Hesston 545 rd. baler, string; JD 7000 4RW corn planter w/liquid; JD 8000 Grain Drill w/press wheels; Woods 6ft. Mower w/new gear box; White 18ft. Wheel disc w/hyd.wings; Hesston 1340 Discbine; H&S V-12 speed rake w/kicker wheel; NH 166 Invertor; Kew.12ft. Cultimulcher w/IB wheels; McFarland 4-sec drag on cart; 24ft. Field cult w/drag; NI 705 diesel uni; Knight 252 spreader w/top beater; 40ft. Sq.tube SC bale elev; V-6 gas engine for Uni; Case grain-o-vator, rear unload; JD 10ft. Grain Drill, SD, hyd. w/grass seed; Int. 4RW corn planter; JD 4-bottom plow w/hyd. lift; JD 328 sm.sq.baler w/#40 ejector, used this year; 16ft. SC alum. Elevator; Round About 3pt. Ind. Hay Wrapper; 2-Huskee Model 165 gravity wagons, one w/top ext & one w/load of ear corn; several gravity wagons, one has load of corn; Uni 710 combine; 10ft. Grain platform; NI 326 pull type 2RW picker w/8-row bed; NI 760 chopper w/2RW corn head & 6ft. Hay head; 8ft. Offset disc; 9x18 steel cage wagons w/gears; Int. 10ft. Grain Drill; Uni 737 w/4-row head & husking bed; Harvestore WA roller mill; Int. 540 spreader; 25ft. DC elev. on truck; Knight power boxes; steel wheel quack digger; 14T baler; 6-BH bale cart; SCRAP MACHINERY & IRON.

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Recall on toy exclusively sold on Amazon

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Creative Sto, of China, sold exclusively at Amazon.com from June 2018 through August 2018, is announcing the voluntary recall of about 440 INNOCHEER children's musical instrument sets. This recall involves INNOCHEER children's musical instruments sets. The 18-piece instrument sets have one xylophone, two mallets, two maracas, one jingle stick, one sleigh bell, four shaker eggs, two finger castanets, one rainbow bell stick, one mini tambourine and one triangle with striker. The instruments set comes inside a clear plastic bag that measures about 8.9 inches by 8.9 inches by 3.2 inches and has a green trim and a yellow zipper and handles. INNOCHEER is printed in green on the front of the bag.

Problem: Paint on the maracas, xylophone and carrying case contains levels of lead that exceed the federal lead paint ban. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health issues.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled instrument sets and carrying case, take them away from children and contact Creative Sto for a full re-



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INNOCHEER toy sold on Amazon is recalled.

fund, including the cost of shipping the product back to Creative Sto. The firm is contacting all known purchasers directly. Consumers can contact Creative Sto toll-free

at 866-322-3361 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or email at support@myinnocheer.com for more information. Release Number: (#19-709)

UW-Whitewater students perform in Warhawk Marching Band

The following students are performing in the 2018 Warhawk Marching Band at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater:

- Janesville, Wis.: Dawson Babcock, who is studying Music
- Clinton, Wis.: Jordan Barker, who is studying General Business

Brodhead, Wis.: Brooke Bescup, who is studying Elementary Education

- Monroe, Wis.: Katelyn Black, who is studying Journalism
- Milton, Wis.: Brooke DeSorameau, who is studying Undeclared
- Beloit, Wis.: Quinn Galvin, who is studying Music

Milton, Wis.: Remington Marshall, who is studying English

- Juda, Wis.: Kiara Miller, who is studying Undeclared
- Janesville, Wis.: Adrian Pearce, who is studying Music

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Pastor's column

Pastor's Corner

By Peder Johanson
REVEREND, BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, BRODHEAD

Have you heard about that mass of people they are calling a caravan? They say they number in the thousands. Heading north, on foot, in hopes of a better future.

Some say they are fleeing the oppressive violence, or perhaps the harsh economic reality, or simply following their loved ones to stay together as families and communities.

Some are cheering them on, hoping for their success. Some say they are being selfish and should turn around.

They have been called refugees, migrants, sojourners, asylum seekers. They have been called criminals and threatened by military forces under the order of men corrupted by power.

They persist, their hope driving them to move forward – one foot in front of the other – towards a new land, a new home, and a new beginning of promise.

Of course, you likely know this story already. It's become quite familiar to the observant faithful. I'm referring to the exodus of the Hebrews, the primal story for the people of God who bear the name of Jacob, and for that matter, Jesus. Did your mind conjure up something else?

Now in all seriousness, I generally caution against the conflation of biblical witness to contemporary matters. The exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt and the exodus of asylum-seeking migrants from Central America and Mexico are not the same.

The people we see on the news carry their own story, their own unique suffering, and their own unique hopes and dreams, just as refugees from other places in the world have their own unique experiences, identities, needs, and contributions to the world. Reckless conflation tends to dismiss and diminish all of that.

Worse, it can quickly (and often

has) become a dangerous thing to hold up sacred ancient text as a surface-level, play-by-play manual for how to handle a contemporary matter – especially by those with great power. That is not what I am suggesting with my opening to this column.

I am suggesting that our stories matter. The story of our faith matters. The story of our fellow human beings matters.

Not only does this story of our spiritual ancestors and their exodus belong to us, but we, as people of faith, belong to this story.

We belong to the story of a God who sees through the pomp and glory of earthly might and looks upon the vulnerable with preferential compassion. We belong to the story of a God who chooses for a people the oppressed and rejected over those in halls of power. We belong to the story of a God who takes God's place alongside the weary and abused, as they travel through danger and turmoil towards a new beginning founded upon love and hope. That is our story. And we are witnesses to it.

I believe we are living in a time where hatred has been given legitimacy. Violence to the vulnerable is accepted as "politics as usual." Fear mongering with the aim to dehumanize the "other" (be they foreign, refugee, immigrant, black or brown, transgender, LGBTQIA+, Muslim, Jewish, of another political party, etc.) has become the rally cry of our nation's leadership. People are being hurt, traumatized, and killed.

Now before dismissing this as a pastor getting "too political" consider that this is the story of our present. This is happening, and this story matters. The story of those suffering most from the toxic combination of power and racism, bigotry, and hatred matters. The story to which we belong as people of faith matters.

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Juda School annual meeting results

Voters at the annual meeting of the Juda School District approved a mill rate for 2018-2019 of \$10.62 if the upcoming referendum does not pass and \$13.63 if the referendum passes. The levy for 2017-2018 was \$12.45. The amount levied in 2017-2018 was \$1,385,954 and the amount proposed to be levied for 2018-2019 is \$1, 585,750, an increase of \$199,796.

The district used \$2,432 from the fund balance in 2017-2018 and has a remaining balance of \$383,903. If the upcoming referendum does not pass, the district needs to use the balance in 2018-2019 to meet expenses.

In other action the voters:

- Approved the board salaries of \$100 for the President, \$100 for the Clerk, \$60 for the Vice President, regular meetings of \$35 per member, special meetings of \$25 per member and \$30 per member for the annual meeting.

-Approved the 2018-2019 school

fees and breakfast/lunch fees.

-Designated the Sugar River Bank of Juda as the official place of deposit.

-Authorized the board to furnish textbooks at the fees the board designates.

-Authorized the board to furnish school lunches at the fees the board designates.

-Authorized the board to engage Boardman and Clark as legal counsel as needed.

-Approved the district to provide transportation services to students.

-Set the date for the 2019 annual meeting for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Technology Lab.

Following the annual meeting, the board held a special meeting to approve a mill rate for 2018-2019 of \$10.62 if the upcoming referendum does not pass and \$13.63 if the referendum passes. The board also authorized a resolution authorizing short term borrowing as needed.

Green County Cheesemaking featured at Meeting of the Friends of the Badger Trail

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Badger State trail features Donna Douglas from the Nation of cheesemaking in Green County, Wisconsin. The meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at Turner Hall's Ratskeller, Wystubbe Room, 1217 17th Avenue, Monroe. The meeting is free of charge and all are welcome.

Douglas is the Executive Director of the Green County Welcome Center and the National Historic

Cheesemaking Center and will share tales of Monroe area cheesemakers and how their efforts resulted in making Wisconsin into the country's premier quality cheese producer.

She was instrumental in the Badger State rail to trail conversion and she also recounts some of the events that resulted in the trail that we know today.

For further information contact membership@friendsofbadgerstatetrail.org or call 773-442-2549.

• Marching band (Continued from page 6)

Janesville, Wis.: Andrew Redler, who is studying Music

Janesville, Wis.: Emily Regenold, who is studying Music

Janesville, Wis.: Nicholas Salters, who is studying Biology

Clinton, Wis.: Brenna Schultz, who is studying Music

Footville, Wis.: Liz Task, who is studying Music

Nicknamed "Wisconsin's Finest," the marching band is well known throughout the state and nation. Last year, the band performed at Lambeau

Field during the Green Bay Packers' home opener in front of a crowd of 80,000 people.

"The 2018 Warhawk Marching Band members are a phenomenal group of people who have worked incredibly hard to entertain our audiences and represent UW-Whitewater. It is truly an honor to witness their talent, passion and dedication. They inspire me," said Director of Bands Glenn Hayes.

In honor of the UW-Whitewater's 150th anniversary, the Warhawk

Marching Band has taken the university's "Inspire. Engage. Transform." theme to heart and to the field. The band is performing at the next home football game at Perkins Stadium at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

The group's leadership also includes Tobie Wilkinson, assistant director, and drum majors Ryan Schultz, Jesse Clark III, and Cameron Vinson. The Warhawk Battery and Front Ensemble are the first university marching percussion section in Wisconsin to be endorsed by Yamaha.

Legal Notices

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GRANT COUNTY

OneMain Financial Group, LLC
ASF Wells Fargo Bank N.A. as Issuer Loan Trustee for
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Plaintiff,
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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Clerk's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person
7. Zoning Change Petitions
8. Highways and Bridges
9. Approve 2019 Budget
10. Approve 2019 Evansville EMS Contract
11. Discuss burials when there are adverse weather conditions and possible amendment to cemetery rules
12. Discuss Town Hall Parking Lot
13. Building at West Magnolia

Cemetery
14. Agenda for next Month
15. Pay Bills
16. Adjourn
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TOWN OF DECATUR BUDGET HEARING-SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Monday, November 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM At the Town Hall - 1408 14th Street

- Budget Hearing
Special Town Meeting**
AGENDA for Regular Monthly Meeting:
1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
 4. Approval of Minutes
 5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Adoption of Budget
 - b. Repurchase Agreement Approval
 6. Payment of Bills
 7. Citizen Concerns
 8. Land Division Application-Johnson
 9. Curbside Pick-up
 10. Citation Enforcement Ordinance Discussion
 11. Roadwork

a. Decatur/Sylvester Rd. Agreement
b. Billing For Road Clean-up
c. Petition for 2019 County Matching Funds
d. Other
12. Participation in County Water Testing
13. Discussion on Wind Farms
14. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
15. Future Agenda Items
16. Set dates for future meetings
17. Adjournment
Ann L. Schwartz
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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY BOARD MEETING Monday, November 12, 2018 7:00 p.m. Orfordville Fire District meeting room 173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Minutes approved
5. Treasurer's report approved
6. Reports
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
 - A. Brush cutting
 - B. Road work
 - C. MOA with Rock County Planning Dept.
9. New business
 - A. Operator's License
 - B. Clerk administration
10. Future agenda items
11. Payment of bills
12. Adjournment
Helen Melin, Clerk
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NOTICE TOWN OF ALBANY Regular Town Board Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Proof of posting verified – Town Hall, Clerk's residence, Recycling Center, Town Website and published.

1. Approval of October Minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Public Input:
4. Website.
5. Plan Commission Report
6. Roads and Driveway Permits
7. Building Inspector.
8. Assessor.
9. Insurance:
10. Library:
11. Recycling.
12. Other Business: New and Old Trucks, Levy Limit worksheets
13. Payment of bills.
14. Adjournment.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF JEFFERSON Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Juda Community Center, N2350 Cty Hwy S, Juda, WI 53550

The proposed 2019 budget is available for inspection at the town clerk's office, by appointment. The following is a summary of the proposed 2019 budget.

Budget Summary	2019 Proposed Budget
REVENUE	
General Property Taxes	\$275,191.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$188,560.00
Licenses/Permits	\$6,300.00
Public Charges for Services	\$12,000.00
Misc. Revenues	\$550.00
Debt Proceeds	\$70,000.00
Total Revenue	\$552,601.00

EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$77,850.00
Public Safety	\$57,861.53
Public Works	\$339,247.47
Health & Human Services	\$4,000.00
Culture, Recreation & Education	\$13,000.00
Debt Service	\$60,642.00
Total Expenditures	\$552,601.00

NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON TO FOLLOW BUDGET HEARING.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Verification of proper notice
3. Public Input
4. Finalize budget for 2019
5. Clerk's Report/Correspondence
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Planning Commission
8. Road Maintenance/Driveway Permits
9. Payment of bills
10. Schedule next meeting
11. Adjournment

10/31/18 Amy McCullough – Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 26, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET of the Town of Spring Valley will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the town clerk's home or by email. The following is a summary of the proposed 2019 budget.

REVENUES	2018	2019	% change
Taxes: General Levy	\$183,864.00	\$186,651.00	1%
Other Taxes	\$ 715.00	\$ 715.00	
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$154,874.00	\$155,237.00	
Licenses and Permits	\$ 4,415.00	\$ 4,300.00	
Misc. Revenues	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,300.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$344,868.00	\$348,203.00	1%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 50,720.00	\$ 55,495.00	
Public Safety	\$ 48,275.00	\$ 49,525.00	
Public Works	\$318,301.00	\$231,483.00	
Health & Human Services	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Reserve for Contingency	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$426,496.00	\$348,203.00	-18%

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 26, 2018, immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2019 budget, which begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI, a special town meeting of the electors will be held, called pursuant to Section 60.12 (1) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Spring Valley Town Board, for the following purpose:

To adopt the 2018 tax levy to be paid in 2019 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2018 by Helen Melin, Town Clerk (608) 897-5092 svclerk@ckhweb.com

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Juda School performs Big: The Musical



KATHY ROTH PHOTOS The Independent-Register

Clockwise from left; Quinton Kammerer (big Josh Baskin) trying out his musical abilities on the piano keys. Quinton Kammerer (big Josh Baskin) and Royce Brauer (MacMillan) dance on the light up piano keys. The cast of Big performing the finale, "Cross the Line". Mason Kammer (little Josh Baskin) and Annabell Niedermeier (Mrs. Baskins) are reunited after finding the Zoltar machine and making another wish to be 12 again.

The Juda School District performed Big, the musical, Nov. 2 through Nov. 4. Amber Williams and Debra Fox directed the musical. Niteal Anderson did choreography and Theresa Wyss did scene design.

•Pastor's corner (Continued from page 6)

People of God, the world only knows the better story to which we belong when we make it known. And I fear we are letting our witness to God's loving compassion, healing grace, and divine justice to the oppressed be overwhelmed by the rising witness of hatred and fear. Be strong. Be courageous. Be faithful to God's hope and com-

mand that we lift up the neighbor in need, that we protect the vulnerable in our midst, that we welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and see to the justice of all who are oppressed. Be love. And through our living witness, may God's story be known as it brings healing to God's beloved world. Amen.



Panthers on the Prowl

Written by Taylor Adkins, Dean DeVoe, Marilyn Farias, Nicole Kamholz, Quinton Kammerer, Karlee Kesler, Jacob Mahlkuch, Nathaniel Nicholson, Hannah Powers, and Lily Riebe

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held at the school on Thursday, November 8, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 9, from 8:00-12:00 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.

MASONIC TEMPLE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

On Thursday, November 8, the Masonic spaghetti supper will be held in the Juda School cafeteria.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

There will be a Veterans Day ceremony on November 12. It will begin at 8 a.m. There will be a special presentation and a special performance by a community choir.

FOOD PANTRY

The school has opened a food pantry to serve families enrolled in Juda School. It will be open from 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays.

MOVIE NIGHT

Family and Friend Movie Night will be held at Juda High School in the big gym on Saturday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. Incredibles 2 will start at 6:15 and will be followed by The Greatest Showman. Admission is free, but donations are wel-

comed. Concessions will be open, and we urge you to bring blankets, lawn chairs, pillows, bean bags, or whatever you need to make yourself comfortable. Don't forget to bring the whole family! All proceeds will benefit the junior prom. Come out and support the Junior class!

BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars for the blood drive on November 27! They need all the donations they can get not only to help those in need but also so the volunteers have the opportunity to earn scholarships at the end of this year.

BIG

Big the Musical performances were held on Friday, November 2, Saturday, November 3, and Sunday, November 4. Thank you to all who attended the performances; the cast and crew appreciated your support.

BIOLOGY II

This week's animal of the week is the Siberian tiger! This tiger lives in China and parts of Russia. It can be eleven feet long and can weigh up to 700 pounds!

YEARBOOK

Do you have any fun, cool photos that you want in the school yearbook? If you do, then post the photos with @Replayit!

NHS

NHS is busy keeping up the

school's food pantry and backpack program. Remember to save all your old winter clothes in anticipation of the winter clothes drive that will take place later in the year.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Everyone in the music is exhausted from the performance of Big last weekend and is getting back on track to be ready for their performance for the Veterans Day ceremony and Christmas.

MATH DEPARTMENT

Great job, math students! One quarter down, three more to go! Keep up the hard work, and remember to continue practicing your skills.

MATH TEAM

The math meet took place Wednesday, November 8. Great job, math team! Thank you to our sponsors for your generous donations that make these events possible.

FFA

The FFA fruit sale ends November 12. Be sure to order your fruit soon!

SPANISH CLUB

On November 12, the Spanish Club will be starting their annual Butter Braid fundraiser to help raise money for Peru. The sale will go through November 27. Be sure to find a Spanish Club member to order your tasty treat. There will be

a Spanish Club meeting on Wednesday, November 7, during FLEX. A reminder to all Spanish Club students that they need to pay their \$5 dues to join the organization, as well. Do not forget to save your lightly-worn shoes and donate them during the Spanish Club's fundraiser to send shoes to a developing country in need. They will receive a certain dollar amount for every pound of shoes collected to put towards their Peru trip.

STEAM

The high school STEAM project for this year is almost ready to start. The project will most likely include building a structure out of materials like balsa wood and toothpicks. Check back for more details as they come out.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The first week of practice is finally underway! We wish the girls good luck at their scrimmage at Parkview this Friday!

BOYS BASKETBALL

Basketball is almost here! Make sure to continue conditioning and lifting this week. The first practice is on Monday!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Learning Commons November 5-7 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., November 8 from 7:30 a.m.

through parent-teacher conferences, and November 9 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This is a reading event that brings the books that students want to read right into our school! Students and parents can attend to purchase a variety of books from all genres and reading levels!

REFERENDUM

Thank you to all who came out to vote for the midterm elections. We appreciate the support.

JFAB

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Big the Musical. All of your talent, hard work, and dedication really paid off! Thank you, seniors, for your leadership this year.

LUNCH

Wednesday, November 7, breakfast is scrambler; lunch is chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, fresh bread, and peaches. Thursday, November 8, breakfast is long johns; lunch is soup, grilled cheese, veggie dip, and apple juice. Friday, November 9, there is no school. Monday, November 12, breakfast is muffins; lunch is tacos, corn, and applesauce. Tuesday, November 13, breakfast is pancake wraps; lunch is tater tot casserole, fresh bread, and peaches. Wednesday, November 14, breakfast is breakfast bar; lunch is chicken strips, fresh bread, mashed potatoes, and peaches.

Juda School performs Big: The Musical



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Counter-clockwise from above; Bethany Woodward (Bille Jean) and Mason Kammerer (little Josh Baskins) doing the best friends hand shake. Emily Makos (Susan Lawrence) teaching Quinton Kammerer (big Josh Baskins) how to dance. Bethany Woodward (Billie Jean) performing "It's time" during the performance of Big on Saturday night. Trent Anderson (Paul Seymour) tackles Quinton Kammerer (big Josh Baskins) to the ground during the holiday party.



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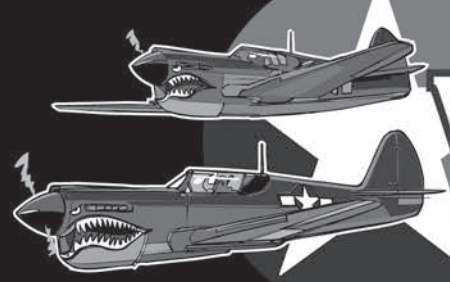
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Veterans Day — November 11th, 2018

BRODHEAD

Vietnam veteran survived helicopter crash during war

By Erica Gokey

STAFF WRITER

Vietnam War veteran Ken Joyce, of Brodhead, along with others on board, walked away from a helicopter crash during the war.

Joyce was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and his family moved to Nebraska where he was raised. He wanted to be an auto body mechanic. "They always had the nicest cars," Joyce said.

He signed up for the United States Air Force in 1965 because he knew his number for the draft was almost up. He decided he wanted a chance to do something he wanted to do, versus being in the general Army. Joyce went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and later completed firefighter training at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

The first assignment for Joyce was in Duluth, Minn. where he trained with an aerospace rescue and recovery detachment. A helicopter flew a large fire extinguisher into place for the firefighters on the ground to use for the rescue of pilots from a crash.

The extinguisher sprayed foam onto the burning jet fuel enabling them to walk through the fire to get to the pilot. Joyce wore a heat resistant suit, which looked like foil on the outside, to keep safe from the heat of the jet fuel.

Joyce volunteered for duty in the Vietnam War after about a year and a half in Minnesota. He was stationed at Nha Trang Air Base in Vietnam. He had easy access to downtown Nha Trang for entertainment. There was also a private beach near the base, paved roads, and air conditioning in the hangars.

Joyce enjoyed flying and earned two air medals in his flights over Vietnam. Each medal took 1,000 hours of flight to earn. The firefighting aspect never appealed to him much. Joyce and his team did a lot of search and rescues, but didn't need to do the fire rescues he trained for



Vietnam War veteran Ken Joyce of Brodhead

in Duluth, Minn.

Joyce vividly remembers the day he and all others on board walked away after a helicopter crashed. They flew from Nha Trang Air Base and had dropped off some soldiers at Cam Ranh Bay. Upon takeoff, the helicopter reached 900 feet and the engine exploded. The Major on board was an experienced pilot and was able to safely guide them to the ground. Pilots practiced free falling in training by shutting the engine down followed by pitching the rotor correctly to cause the rotor to auto rotate and guide the helicopter to the ground.

Joyce was still nervous because he



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Ken Joyce walked away from this helicopter crash. The engine exploded when a rag, left by a mechanic, was sucked into the intake.

could not swim and as the helicopter fell, the circle got bigger. They were over the beach and Joyce watched as they circled over shark infested waters and the sandy beach. There was no time to put on life vests or tie anything down while the helicopter made its way down to land. The wheel on the helicopter broke off when it hit the beach causing the helicopter to tip on its side and come to a crumpling stop. There were no major injuries to the men involved. "I would say that that was the most memorable experience [of the war]," Joyce said.

The time in the Air Force forced Joyce to mature and grow up. While he was in Vietnam, his mom passed away. The trip from Vietnam to Ne-

braska took him three days and he was unsure that he would get back for her funeral. Joyce said, "The last time I saw her was when I got on the bus in Omaha to go to Vietnam."

Joyce took a thirty-day leave and thought about staying back to help with his seven siblings. He was advised to go back to Vietnam and did because he made a commitment to be there.

After returning from Vietnam for a second time, Joyce was stationed at England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La. He went out on a rescue when a pilot crashed. Joyce took an early out from the military in 1968, after reaching the rank of Sergeant. He worked at Honeywell for a couple of years, went back to college on

the G.I. bill, and got his associates degree in business.

While in college he got a part-time job at Radio Shack. He was recruited to be a store manager and worked in Minneapolis, Minn. and later in Rice Lake, Wis. Joyce decided the hours were too long and the job was too demanding, so he moved to Brodhead with his family because his wife's parents lived in Brodhead.

He took a job at Oakhill Correctional Institution in Oregon, Wis. and worked there for twenty years before retiring. Joyce also owned Sparkles Detailing in Brodhead.

Joyce has friends he still gets together with from Vietnam. He is a member of VFW Post 6858 in Brodhead.

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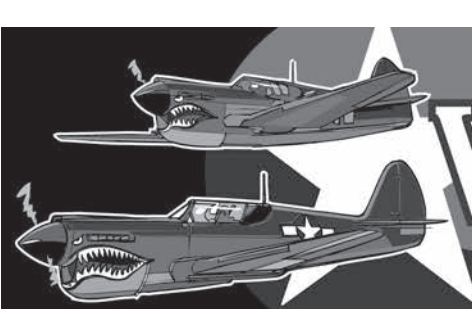
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BRODHEAD

Korean War veteran served his time as Ground Radio Operator

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER
Korean War veteran Tim Stocks brought back leadership skills after the war.

Stocks grew up on a farm outside of Stockton, Ill. He wanted to go to the military to further his education from high school. In fear of losing a helper on the family farm, Stocks parents were against his decision to go into the military.

Stocks disregarded his parents' wishes and signed up for the U.S. Air Force. He quickly qualified for administration but was sent to Korea shortly after. When Stocks arrived in Korea, he was hoping for duty in active war. He had dreams of becoming a Blue Beret,

the Air Force equivalent of the Army's Green Beret.

Stocks, instead, was assigned to man a radio shack on T59 hill at Osan K55 Air Force base in South Korea. The shack was small, less than 1,000 square feet, and filled with radio equipment. There were five inoperable M1 machine guns in the shack and one axe hanging on the wall.

Stocks asked his commanding officer what happens if the North Koreans invade. He was bluntly told that all the planes were set to leave Korea right away, and that Stocks should take the axe from the wall and smash all the radio equipment so it could never be used again. He realized he was going to be left there to face the North Koreans on his own.

Stocks suffered appendicitis during his time in Korea. There were no hospitals on the base, so he was sent from Osan to Kimpo Air Force Base near Seoul, South Korea. On the return trip to Osan, Stocks noticed the roads were in a state of disrepair. The bus shared the narrow road with oxen and pedestrians. He also noticed the animal driven machines

in the rice fields, and the groups of small huts where families lived and farmed.

Stocks also spoke of the markets in South Korea. There were stands with meat hanging from them. This meat was found, not raised or hunted. The restrooms were buried drums with slats on top. When the drums were full, a man in a Honey Wagon came and emptied the drums. He then put the waste on the rice fields. Stocks realized how bad the South Koreans had it.

Stocks wanted to make a career in the military. He volunteered to go to the Vietnam War in 1966 but was denied. He finished his time at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette, Mich. and was later discharged due to a medical condition. Stocks earned the rank of E3 before the end of his two-year military service.

Stocks returned from Korea the same

time Vietnam veterans were also returning. He remembers getting booed and jeered by the crowds because he was in uniform. Adding insult to injury, someone offered to sell him a flower to welcome him home.

Stocks returned home to Stockton, Ill. and noticed how beautiful it was compared to South Korea. He worked in farming and was also a gas station attendant before moving to Janesville, Wis. He started work at Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company as a lineman, working his way from lineman to staff supervisor, developing a preventative maintenance system before retiring from what is now AT&T.

Stocks remembers watching the news coverage of the Vietnam War. He watched the media portray the soldiers as players in a game, not real people. There were head counts of the deceased every night. This disturbed Stocks.

Stocks worked with a former Marine at the telephone company. They were driving through Janesville, Wis. and noticed a house was on fire. Stocks was impressed when his coworker grabbed the ladder off their truck and had it

against the house in no time. This kind of bravery was common to what Stocks had seen in fellow soldiers. "Military guys had something the others didn't have," Stocks said.

Leadership was the most important quality he brought back from the war. Stocks said he stands for what he believes in and is not afraid to voice his opinions. He put his leadership to work coaching and refereeing basketball, "It was some of the best enjoyment in my life," Stocks said.

Stocks is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6858 of Brodhead, Wis. He has been involved with military rites for funerals and leading the honor guard during the Memorial Day parade.

Stocks wants to thank all of the heroes who have given so much for our country.



Tim Stocks



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Proud to serve

Donald R. Mason served in World War II as a private in the Army from December 1942 to December 1945. He also served in the Coast Guard as an Electrician Mate 1st Class from 1952 to 1955. Mason was involved with the 101st Airborne, Battle of the Bulge, and Holland Conflict. Mason's son, Gary D. Mason, served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1965.

Brodhead VFW seeks younger members

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6858 of Brodhead, Wis. is always looking for more members to help serve the community.

There are certain requirements needed to join the VFW. The VFW is looking for veterans from the recent wars such as Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Freedom to join the organization.

Joel Steinmann, an Operation Desert Storm veteran, is the Commander of Post 6858. "All of us [VFW members] look at what we can give back to the community," he states. "There is a commonality between the members of the VFW. Being able to give back to the community and seeing the community

give back to either the veterans or to everybody. That's the best part of it," says Steinmann.

The VFW and American Legion team up to make a difference in the Brodhead area. They sponsor Boy Scouts of America Troop 108 and Cub Scout Pack 108. They also perform full military rites at veteran's funerals. They put on the Veteran's Day program at Albrecht Elementary School each year. They also lead the Memorial Day parade and the services at Greenwood Cemetery. "The greatest joy I ever had in my life was to be in this honor guard," says VFW member Tim Stocks.

While the focus is on service, the VFW meets the needs of the veterans. After meetings many members remi-

nise about their time in duty.

"These guys understand what I'm saying, they know when I speak and I listen to them, that I know what they're talking about," Stocks says. Steinmann says, "That's what we try to do, is just try to help, that's the big thing."

The Brodhead VFW welcomes any veterans from Brodhead, Juda, Albany, Orfordville, and anywhere else in the area where a veteran is in need, or just wants to help. Steinmann says, "It's a great organization to be in, and ever since I joined, I found out I should have joined right away [after duty]."

Younger veterans may not know that they are eligible to join this type of organization.

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Petty Officer Woelky

Information Systems Technician First Class Alex Woelky enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 2008 and currently serves aboard the USS Dewey, home ported in San Diego, Calif. Woelky is originally from Brodhead.

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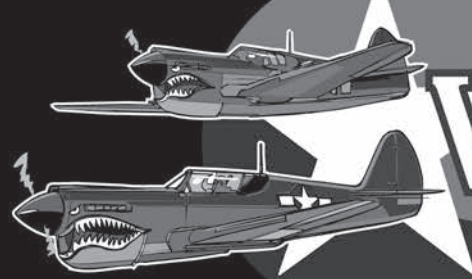
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Local wrestling coach served in Operation Desert Storm

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER

Parkview High School Wrestling coach Joel Steinmann learned many life lessons from serving the United States of America during Operation Desert Storm.

Steinmann grew up on a farm outside Monroe, Wis. He came from a long line of military veterans. His uncles served in World War II and the Korean War. His father signed up for the draft but was never called for duty. His older brother was also a Marine and served before Desert Storm.

Steinmann decided in seventh grade that he wanted to be a Marine. He signed up for the Marine Corp in 1986, at age seventeen. His parents had to sign off for him to join because of his age. His mother signed right away, while his father was reluctant.

Steinmann graduated high school in 1987 and his duties began. He went to San Diego, Cal. for basic training and later to Millington, Tenn. for his military operational specialty training as a helicopter mechanic. After training, he went back to California for six months.

Steinmann continued on assignment to Asia. He was aboard a ship with many Vietnam War veterans still serving on active duty. The ship went to Korea, the Philippines and Thailand. During their time at sea they stopped a boat filled with Vietnamese refugees. The refugees were brought on board per orders. Steinmann remembers a couple of weeks of high tension between the Vietnam Veterans on the ship and the Vietnamese refugees.

Steinmann was sent to the Middle East shortly after Thanksgiving 1990. He spent close to six months in the desert working on helicopters. Most of the helicopters were Boeing CH-46 Sea Knights. Upon inspecting the tags on the helicopters, Steinmann realized they were all older than him. The helicopters were from the Korean War and Vietnam War era.

Steinmann said they fixed bullet holes in the helicopters by putting thin sheet metal over the holes and sealing around it. Many pilots joked that instead of wearing their flack jackets while flying, they sat on them, since the gunfire came from the ground.

Steinmann also spoke of the living conditions while in the desert. The soldiers received one hot meal per day. The rest of the meals were MRE's, dried meals in a pouch. They lived in barracks and slept on cots.

Steinmann was required to carry around a Vietnam War era gas mask. When asked if they worked against the chemicals in Iraqi bombs, Steinmann stated, "I hope so."

The soldiers in the barracks used the respirators when alarms sounded for a nearby air strike. Steinmann remembers the barracks shaking during air raids.

The Iraqi army destroyed a mile of road to stop incoming forc-

es. Steinmann remembers seeing cars and bodies lying everywhere along this stretch and seeing the fires and black smoke from the oil rigs the Iraqis destroyed.

Steinmann considered a career in the military. At the end of his enlistment, he was at the rank of Corporal. He was to be promoted to Sergeant, but was declined due to the little time he had left to serve. Steinmann finished his tour of duty March 1991 and was discharged from duty in July 1991.

Steinmann fondly remembers the welcome home he and the other Desert Storm troops got. They got a red-carpet treatment complete with actual red carpet, food, beer and a phone to call home. There was a large crowd cheering upon their return.

Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" was playing, and the song still moves Steinmann today. A Vietnam veteran came over and shook Steinmann's hand and thanked him for his service. He told Steinmann he was there because he did not want anyone to come home to the same thing the Vietnam vets came home to.

Steinmann returned to Green County and decided to farm. He got married, 26 years strong, and had four children. After a while, he realized his back would not hold up to farming. He went back to school and got a degree in design. Steinmann worked for a year at Monroe Truck Equipment in Monroe, Wis. He then went to work for Knight Manufacturing, now Kuhn Manufacturing, in the engineering department.

Steinmann enjoyed receiving letters from school children during the war. Children across the country wrote letters and sent gifts to the troops.

He received a letter from a student from Albrecht Elementary in Brodhead Wis. Although they had to burn most of the letters to save space, Steinmann saved a handful of letters. He found the letters several years ago, and realized he worked with the student from Brodhead. He copied the letter from Scott Risum and placed it on his desk at work. The two had been friends and got a smile out of it.

Steinmann has coached wrestling at Parkview High School in Orfordville Wis. for 16 years. The leadership to begin coaching stemmed from his experience in the Marines.

Steinmann made some of his best friends in life during his time in the Marines. Two of his Marine friends are godfathers to two of his children.

Steinmann's experience in the Marines also taught him some important life lessons. He learned how to treat people properly and how to work with people. He also learned the importance to keep learning and to utilize the skills and knowledge of the people around you.

Steinmann is the Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6858 in Brodhead. He joined the post in 2000. Steinmann said, "Don't ever regret anything you've done in your life, because it's brought you to where you are now."

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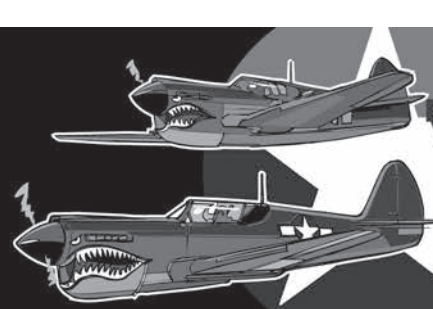
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Albany businessman recounts his time in Vietnam

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER

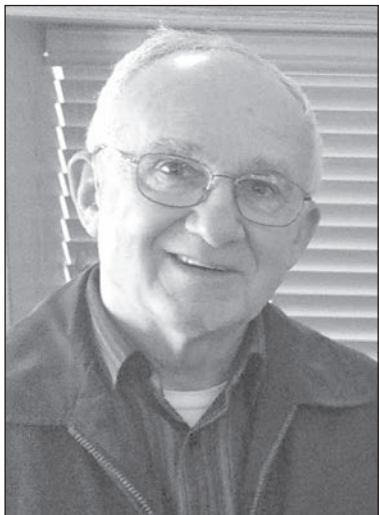
Al Roenneburg, owner of Roenneburg Machine and Tool, of Albany, Wis. served in the Vietnam War.

Prior to being drafted into the Army, Roenneburg completed a machinist apprenticeship at Ingersoll Milling Machine Co. in Rockford, Ill. He was drafted in 1968 and went to Fort Campbell, Ky. for basic training. After basic training, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C.

Roenneburg shipped out to Vietnam in early summer, 1969. He only had eleven months of duty left. He was stationed near Saigon, now Ho Chi Min City. He was a member of the 56th Transportation Company, which retrieved and repaired downed helicopters.

There was a plantation of rubber trees nearby the base. Roenneburg remembers hearing a DC3, nicknamed by the soldiers "Puff the Magic Dragon", shooting into the rubber trees one night. The DC3's guns fired thousands of rounds per minute, and it looked to Roenneburg like red ropes falling from the sky. The US forces fired on Viet Cong hiding in the trees, and the rubber trees were stripped off all their leaves.

Roenneburg was granted rest and relaxation leave halfway through his deployment. He flew to Hawaii and married his wife. Chaplain Heyward Knight officiated and told Roenneburg that these [military leave] marriages never last. Roenneburg and his wife



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Al Roenneburg, from Albany, discussed his time in the service.

have been married for 49 years.

Returning from leave, Roenneburg made some disturbing observations about the country of Vietnam. He noticed from the airplane that the rivers looked like rivers of mud. Stepping off the plane, he noticed the unsanitary smell in the air. There were no proper restroom facilities or plumbing.

Roenneburg was sent home from Vietnam in April 1970 after finishing his time in the Army. He achieved the rank of SPC 5 while in duty. He considers himself lucky to have not been exposed to Agent Orange during his

service.

Roenneburg spoke of his last day in Vietnam, beginning with the flight. "As soon as the wheels left the ground the plane flew straight up," Roenneburg said. This was to escape ground fire from the Viet Cong. The plane landed in Oakland, Cal. 13 hours later. The soldiers were sent to a gymnasium and their bags were piled in the middle of the floor. Before being allowed to leave they had to pass a physical. Roenneburg failed his hearing test, but decided to leave right away. They told him he could never return to the Army. "That's fine with me," he said, "I just got married 3 or 4 months ago, so I'm going home."

Roenneburg returned home and back to work at Ingersoll. He later took a job in Verona at Carnes Company, where he completed an apprenticeship as a tool and die maker. In 1981, Roenneburg founded Roenneburg Machine and Tool. He is also a member of the American Legion.

Roenneburg was asked how his experience in Vietnam affected him. "I think it gave me an insight of what it costs to live in this country," he said, "something like 58,000 young guys from Vietnam [war] didn't come back." He feels the country was so down on the Vietnam War because so many in the war were drafted, and the war was political. "We were going to stop communism, well the spread of communism stopped itself," Roenneburg stated, "It's a system that doesn't work."

Vietnam War veteran from Albany becomes published author

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER

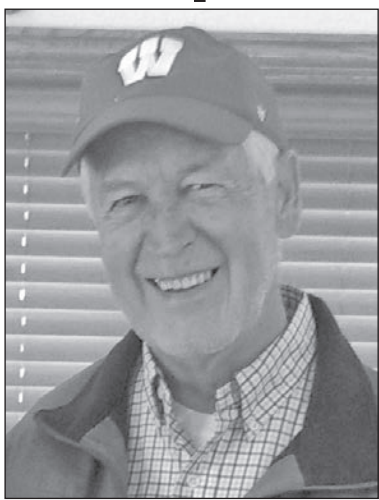
Vietnam War veteran Jim Graves, of Albany, was in one of the first U.S. Army units deployed to Vietnam and will soon release a book.

Graves was initially drafted out of Des Plaines, Ill. He was let out of that draft because it would cause him a hardship. He was drafted out of Monroe, Wis. the very next month and was a part of the 720th Military Police Battalion, which was the first entire battalion to be deployed at the same time. Graves did not stay in barracks; he stayed in a tent during his deployment.

On Easter Sunday, a catholic cardinal was sent into the field for mass. Graves remembers they had set up three crosses on a berm and lying in the middle was a machine gun. He thought, "Wasn't that a weird sight" of the gun meant to symbolize security.

Graves remembered the thirteen-day ride on the ship over to Vietnam. He said, "It took thirteen days to get to Vietnam on a ship, and only thirteen hours to fly home on a plane." Graves arrived in Oakland, Cal. and was immediately told to change out of his Army uniform and into civilian clothes.

He remembers not being welcome in California. Graves decided to take the bus back to Wisconsin instead of



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Jim Graves, of Albany, writes about his experiences in his book "The Third of Threes", available in mid to late November.

flying. He said the returning soldiers were welcomed warmly in Montana and Wyoming, but as they went east the welcome became much less warm.

Graves remembers when there was a bombing on the campus in Madison, Wis. in protest of the war.

When Graves returned home he looked at all the stuff around his house.

"When you get in your house, which is by no means a mansion and you think, do I really need something this big?" he said, realizing how good we have it in the U.S.

Graves was employed for 30 years with Mautz Paint, becoming Sherwin Williams, out of Madison, Wis. until his retirement.

Graves is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6858, Brodhead and his grandson recently joined the Marines. Graves says of his experience in Vietnam, "It's an experience you wouldn't want to do again but wouldn't give up for anything."

Graves has been featured on the pages of the Independent Register in the past and even wrote a story for Veteran's Day in 2015. He is now going to be a published author with the release of his book "The Third of Threes" in mid-November 2018.

His wife told him that everyone should accomplish three things in life: plant a tree, have a child and write a book. Graves chose the title for his book because he is on the third of these three things to do during his lifetime.

The book covers six different themes, one of which is the Vietnam War. His book will be available through Amazon Kindle and various other book stores.



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Corporal Daniel Robinson in Iraq.

Albany graduate served as Corporal in Marine Corp

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in a small town does not hinder a desire for adventure. Albany graduate, Daniel Robinson, was able to capitalize on his opportunity for adventure while serving his country.

Robinson, originally from Zion, Ill., moved to Albany while in third grade after his parents bought land and built a house. Robinson competed in basketball while in high school and worked at McDonald's.

After high school, in September 2004, he decided to enlist in the Marine Corp. Robinson describes his boot camp experience as stressful, both physically and mentally. How did he get through it? "My thoughts were basically 'Just keep your head down and keep moving. You gotta do what you signed up for'," stated Robinson.

Robinson was stationed in Chesapeake, Va., Camp Lejeune, N.C., Puget Sound, Wash., Cuba, and was

deployed to Iraq for seven months. Robinson received his rank as Corporal when stationed in Camp Lejeune. He served as a security guard, coach, and designated marksman. In Iraq, Robinson was in 2nd LAR, 2nd Light Armored Recon Battalion, where his unit performed vehicle checkpoints and mapped out areas.

Robinson said of his experience, "I don't know if I have one prominent memory from my deployment, the whole thing was eye opening. Iraq meant the most. Basically, you grow up quick and realize it's the small things that make you happy."

When asked how his experience influenced his thoughts about war or the military in general, Robinson replied, "You get kind of numb to the violence. You get a better understanding of it, both military and war."

After Robinson returned home in December 2008, he attended school and is now a computed tomography technician (CT tech) in Wausau, Wis. He is married and has two children.

Veterans Day celebration at Albany School

Albany School wants to invite the public to the Albany's Veterans Day assembly, hosted by the Civics classes, held at Albany School (400 Fifth Street, Albany, WI 53502) on Monday, Nov. 12 at 9:45 to 11 a.m.

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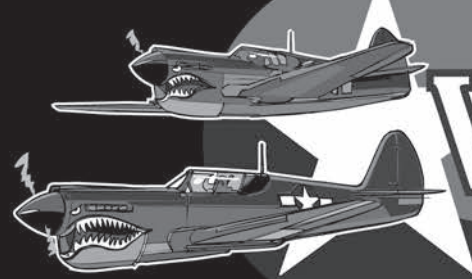
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ORFORDVILLE

Orfordville American legion Post 209 conducts car show

By Erica Gokey
STAFF WRITER

Orfordville American Legion hosted a car show and Oktoberfest celebration on Oct. 28. Twenty-two vehicles were registered in the show. Commander Allen Morris and fellow Legion

members handed out surveys to the public, who voted which cars, trucks, motorcycles, and SUV's they liked the best.

Registration fees were used to cover the cost of the trophies. Food, music, and genuine German beer was available for the public.



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Kelly Kapelke received 1st place in the car category for his 1969 Chevy Chevelle.



Commander Allen Morris won 1st place in the SUV category for his 1991 Jeep "Bumblebee".

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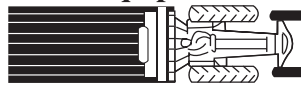
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