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Proving he deserved a spot

Orfordville man and BTC student earns national work ethic scholarship

Blackhawk Technical College student Casey Bennett, a resident of Orfordville, is among the recipients of a 2020 Mike Rowe WORKS Foundation work ethic scholarship.

Of the 223 scholarships nationwide, only five were awarded to students in Wisconsin.

Bennett is a student in the Agribusiness Specialist program housed at Blackhawk's Monroe campus. He currently serves the Wisconsin Technical College System as a student district ambassador.

"Receiving this award means a lot, not just financially, which was generous, but as a confidence builder," Bennett said in a news release. "The Mike Rowe Work Ethic Scholarship is competitive, and the application process is designed to make you prove you want a spot."

"To go through the process and be selected is a huge confidence boost that I'm doing the right thing for me and my family, that I'm on the right path and have a supportive network that believes in my potential for success."

Bennett's background and work experience might take some by surprise. His diverse experience includes stay-at-home-dad, preschool teacher and founding member of Ghostbusters Incorporated Worldwide.

Before returning to the classroom in 2019, Bennett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He returned to BTC in 2019 to retrain for a career in agriculture.

"Since I began this journey last year, it's become more than just a goal of retraining for the workforce but a lifestyle change as well," he said.

"Casey is excelling academically and is taking full advantage of his education and other related opportunities at BTC," Agribusiness and Farm Management instructor Dustin Williams said. "Casey has a great work ethic and can-do attitude and is a great representative of a role model student."

According to the Mike Rowe WORKS Foundation, "The Work Ethic Scholarship program is about recognizing the people who understand the importance of personal responsibility, delayed gratification, a positive attitude and, of course,



Casey Bennett

work ethic.

"The hard-working men and women who keep the lights on, water running and air flowing — the next generation of skilled workers who will work smart and hard," the foundation

continues. "These are the folks we consider rock stars, and we want to reward them."

Bennett is no stranger to hard work and perseverance. At Blackhawk, he has assumed leadership roles in Professional Agriculture Students (PAS), an organization for students in the agribusiness program. In PAS, he has served as treasurer as well as the state representative.

In the community, Bennett has led Modern Woodmen, a youth club, for four years. Under his leadership, the organization has earned premiere status for the last three years.

As a recipient of the scholarship, Bennett had to sign what Mike Rowe calls The S.W.E.A.T. Pledge.

S.W.E.A.T. stands for Skill and Work Ethic Aren't Taboo. The pledge has 12 principles that outline the importance of work ethic, personal responsibility, delayed gratification and a positive attitude. To learn more about the pledge, visit mikeroweworks.org/sweat/.

Bennett is on track to complete the Agribusiness Specialist technical diploma in spring 2021 and will transition into the Agribusiness/Science Technology degree in fall 2021.

After Blackhawk, he plans to seek an administrative role within the industry or with an organization that supports agriculture. His family also plans on relocating to the country to do some sustainable homesteading and small-scale production for supplemental income.

"I would encourage other members of the BTC community to consider applying for next year's scholarship spots and say yes to a great opportunity," Bennett said.



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Current Orfordville resident Casey Bennett takes care of plants at Blackhawk Technical College's Monroe campus, where he is a student in the Agribusiness Specialist program.

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WIAA approves delayed start; questions remain

By Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control held a special business meeting to address the current state of fall sports and their possible cancellation.

The answer was never going to be an easy one, but with a final vote of 8-3, the WIAA voted to approve a delayed start for the 2020 fall sports season.

The WIAA considered several season schedule modules but ultimately decided on the delayed start with an approach that would allow winter and spring sports calendars to remain unaltered, as of now.

The board indicated the fall season may or may not end with traditional tournament series, and if said tournaments were to take place, the length and beginning of them would be decided soon.

There are a lot of moving parts and dates when it comes to this delayed start, which even includes a backup plan for school districts that are unable to or decide to opt out of the delayed start this fall.

The alternate three-sport season plan, which was derived from a proposal submitted to the WIAA executive staff by school district administrators from the southwest area of the state, helped them develop calendars for a three-sport season in the second semester of the 2020-21 school year.

The alternative plan, which will be presented at a later date, provides hope for many athletes who may find

themselves in districts unable to participate this fall.

The immediate plan allows for a staggered start, allowing "lower risk sports" such as cross country, girls golf, girls swimming and girls tennis to begin practicing on Aug. 17 with a prescribed acclimatization protocol in place. Football, volleyball and boys soccer have a start date of Sept. 7.

While many are speculative about the possibility of sports even happening this fall, at the bare minimum what the board has done will provide districts with a plan and time to develop a schedule that allows their student-athletes to carry out their fall seasons, whenever that may be.

"Because of the board's action, while they can't make any guarantees that things will work out as we plan them, they have given us the opportunity to, at least, hope and work in that direction," WIAA Executive Director Dave Anderson said in a news release.

The WIAA is aware that its plan is not perfect for everyone.

"We understand this decision will make some happy and others disappointed, but we will do our best to deliver to our membership what they have directed us to do," Anderson added.

Scheduling still appears to be a main concern, with many districts unaware of who will and will not be participating.

We already have seen entire conferences, like the Big 8, decide to forego its entire fall sports season

and not name any league champions.

"The Big 8 Conference supports the fact that education-based athletics is a privilege, not a right, which requires an added level of responsibility for those that administer them and serve as a partner in the education of student-athletes," the Big 8 Conference shared in a press release.

The release went on to say, "Since all member schools are not able to participate fully in conference contests during current fall season dates as scheduled, Big 8 Conference com-

petitions will not be held, and conference champions will not be named."

The ruling not to play passed with a unanimous vote of 10-0. Conference member schools still can play a nonconference schedule, but finding opponents is a challenge that the WIAA is hoping to improve on.

During the special business meeting, the WIAA board was informed of a staff initiative to enhance the "games wanted" form on its website in order to provide schools with a convenient, comprehensive and us-

er-friendly method of locating opponents and dates available due to postponements and cancellations.

Hopefully improving that system will allow districts to get schedules in place in a timely manner and allow student-athletes and their families to plan ahead.

It is safe to say that nothing is set in stone, and you can continue to expect major changes and announcements over the coming weeks. However, as of right now, fall sports are a go across Wisconsin.

Board provides unprecedented flexibility for fall sports

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control considered a number of season schedule models and resolved to maintain fall interscholastic opportunities with a delayed start, as well as an alternate opportunity for schools unable to start and administer the traditional fall season, at its virtual special July 23 meeting.

In an 8-3 decision, the board approved conducting the fall sports season with a delayed start. The sports of girls golf, girls tennis, girls swimming and diving and boys and girls cross country will be permitted to begin practice with prescribed acclimatization protocol Monday, Aug. 17.

The earliest practice date for the sports of football, boys soccer and boys and girls volleyball is Monday, Sept. 7.

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The earliest dates for the first competitions are Aug. 20 for girls golf, Aug. 21 for girls tennis, Aug. 25 for

cross country and girls swimming and diving. The earliest permissible date for the first boys soccer and boys and girls volleyball contests are Sept. 15, and the first possible football game may be scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 23, if the first practice is conducted on Sept. 7.

The end of the fall sports seasons remained unchanged, but the board indicated the season may or may not culminate with a traditional tournament series. The length and beginning of the tournament series will be determined in the coming days. In addition, the winter and spring season calendars were not altered.

Another component of the board's decision provides schools that are unable to start fall sports in 2020 an opportunity in the spring to conduct their fall seasons.

The board directed the executive staff to develop details and calendars for an alternative three-sport season in the second semester of the 2020-21 school year to be presented at a later date.

The alternate three-sport season plan was derived from a proposal submitted to the WIAA executive staff by school district administrators from the southwest area of the state.

The board also approved an executive office social media initiative to promote and encourage safe practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The #TeamUpToBeatCOVID campaign launched this week in efforts to enhance the likelihood of returning to school and school activities by following safe practices.

The WIAA encourages school and public involvement and interaction in the campaign on all Facebook, Instagram and Twitter platforms.

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Eric Russell, the superintendent at Baldwin-Woodville, presided over his first meeting as president during the 2020-21 school year. Newly elected Karl Morrin, assistant superintendent at Menominee Indian, participated in his first meeting. Mike Beighley, superintendent at Whitehall, returned to the board after completing two successive terms from 2011-17, serving as president in 2014-15.

The membership of the WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 513 senior high schools and 49 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It sponsors 27 championship tournament series for boys and girls in 2020-21.

For more information, call the WIAA office at 715-344-8580.

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Public conservation meeting goes virtual

Farmers, landowners, agencies statewide encouraged to participate

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wisconsin has announced it will hold one statewide virtual local working group meeting with a feedback survey to follow.

The virtual meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Participants will be able to call into a teleconference line or join audio and video through an internet browser using a Microsoft Teams meeting link.

Input gathered will help set priorities for U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation programs under the 2018 Farm Bill.

"Local working groups offer an opportunity for interested individuals and groups to advise NRCS on how best to set priorities and locally implement

conservation programs," Wisconsin state conservationist Angela Biggs said in a news release. "Members are diverse, with an interest and focus on local agriculture and various natural resource issues."

Farmers representing a variety of crops and livestock raised within the local area, private woodland owners, representatives of agricultural and environmental organizations and representatives of other agriculture and natural resource agencies are welcome and should be represented.

Wisconsin LWGs represent two or more counties grouped together by geography, similar land use, resources and type of agriculture, which allows greater flexibility and access to funding for the groups.

Green, Rock and Dane counties

form the Driftless End Moraines group.

One of the main programs discussed at the meeting will be the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, a federal conservation effort that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals.

EQIP offers technical and financial assistance to help landowners with needed conservation practices for water quality, soil health, wildlife and other natural resources.

To join the virtual meeting, choose one of these two options:

- Teleconference: Call 1-636-352-2946, then type in access code 766 186 811# when prompted.

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In my opinion

Be smart: Wear masks, continue social distancing

By Erica Roth
CONTRIBUTOR

Green County's COVID-19 numbers are continuing to rise, as are those of the state and the country.

This is concerning on so many levels and for everybody in our community. I just wrote a long, passionate paragraph about community and caring and wearing masks and more but erased it.

Spouting from a soapbox is not going to change anyone's mind; it only will cause to deepen the divides that already exist. Instead, I will appeal to common ground.

If you want things to get back to normal as much as possible as quickly as possible, masks have to be worn. Social distancing has to be followed. Everyone has to be smart

about this. And it is going to take all of us doing it all of the time.

It is simple science and math. There is a small segment of our society that is unable to wear masks for very real reasons, not just because it's uncomfortable or you don't want to.

And for those people with legitimate reasons, it's even more important that you wear a mask to keep them safe because they do not have the privilege of protecting you or themselves with a mask.

I am able to wear a mask, and you will not see me without one in public. I don't care if it's hot or inconvenient. My family, friends, neighbors, my kids' teachers, strangers, and you are more important to me.

The Green County Public Health

Department has launched an initiative to educate about masks, promote mask wearing and make masks accessible. It is called Mask Up Green County. You can find out more about it and the collaborating partners online at www.gcpublichealth.org.

• Tuesday, Aug. 11, is the 2020 Partisan Primary. You can make sure you are registered at www.myvote.wi.gov.

Due to the election, the Green County Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. The agenda will be posted on the county website at www.co.green.wi.gov.

The last couple of board meetings have offered the option of attending via Zoom if you prefer to

social distance. Residents also can get committee information, including meeting agendas and minutes, on the website.

Board members' contact information and committee assignments also are available there.

Please remember to vote in August as well as Nov. 3 in the presidential/general election.

Erica Roth represents Green County Board District 24 (Town of Albany and a corner of the Town of Brooklyn) and can be reached at 608-371-9074 or eroth@greencountywi.org.

Republicans to meet

Green County Republicans will hold its monthly breakfast meeting at the Swiss Alps restaurant in Monroe at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1. For more information, contact Bruce Kloeping at 608-897-8395.

Albany EMS thanks its fundraiser supporters

Albany Area EMS would like to give a big thank you to these individuals and businesses for making this year's fundraiser a huge success.

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Gap Church cancels annual hymn sing

The Gap Church Museum Inc. Board of Directors has canceled the 29th annual Gap Church hymn sing, scheduled for Aug. 16.

However, two events remain scheduled: Gap Church's first Fall Festival is set from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, and the old-fashioned Christmas sing is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12.

Members still hope to hold the 10th annual rummage sale this fall; it originally was planned in June.

The church is located on Wisconsin Highway 59 four miles southwest of Albany.

For more information, contact Jane Copus at 608-214-8289.

Albany Police report

- July 12**
- Cited for illegal burning was Fay C. Briggs, 72, of Albany
- July 14**
- Cited for operating while suspended and operating a motor vehicle without insurance was Randall W. Leeder, 32, of Evansville
 - Cited for operating while suspended, operating a motor vehicle without insurance and failure to stop at a stop sign was Alyssa D. Fisher, 30, of Albany
- July 17**
- Arrested for operating while un-

- der the influence (second offense) and failure to obey sign/signal was Jack T. Kern, 25, of Poplar Grove, Illinois
- July 18**
- Cited for outside consumption of alcoholic beverages was Julien S. Zubkov, 21, of Glastonbury, Connecticut
 - Cited for outside consumption of alcoholic beverages was Charli M. Collet, 28, of Warrensburg, Missouri
 - Arrested for operating while under the influence (second offense) was Aiman Yousfan, 28, of Madison

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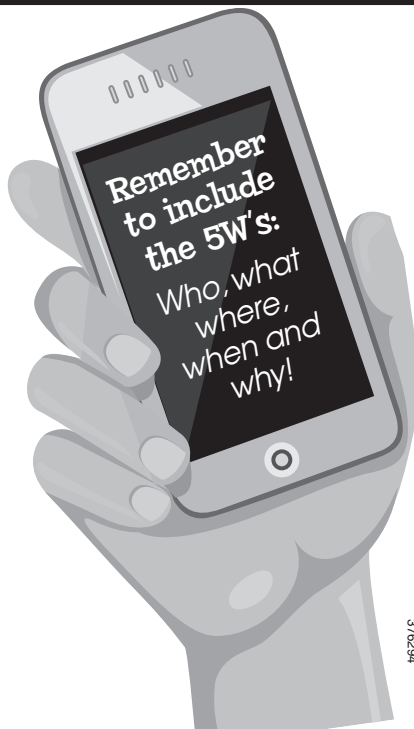
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- Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 to 3 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JULY 31**
- Albertson Memorial Library full circulation and limited computer service, 2 to 6 p.m.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 1**
- Albertson Memorial Library closed
 - Recycle center open, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- SUNDAY, AUG. 2**
- No events scheduled
- MONDAY, AUG. 3**
- Albany FFA meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup, 2 to 6 p.m.
 - Village of Albany Street & Utility, 6:30 p.m.
 - Joint recycling, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 4**
- Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 to 3 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5**
- *Albany school registration, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; also Aug. 6 from noon to 6 p.m.
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Healthful hints

Add testing your well water to summer to-do list

Many Rock County citizens receive their water from private wells. Regulations that protect public drinking water systems don't apply to privately owned wells.

Regular maintenance of your well is required to ensure the continued safety of your water and to monitor for the presence of any contaminants.

The Rock County Public Health Department has noticed a steady uptick in the amount of nitrates in private wells over the last 20 years. In Rock County, one out of six wells tested positive for bacteria and 33 percent of wells tested unsafe for nitrates.

Reasons to test

Why should you test your well wa-

ter?

- Bacteria can cause flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, fever and diarrhea.

- High nitrate levels can cause "blue baby syndrome," an oxygen deficiency in the baby's blood. Children under 6 months of age or any female who is or may become pregnant should use an alternative drinking water source.

- Insects such as earwigs can carry bacteria, viruses and pesticides into your well.

The Rock County Public Health Department has programs that protect ground water for drinking and other uses.

We offer lab services for private



By ALISON CHOUINARD Contributor

well owners that can test for nitrates and bacteria in well water. Environmental health specialists are available to provide well water information, explain test results and help to resolve contamination or water quality issues.

Test kits available

There are several options in getting a water test kit.

- Order online. Residents can or-

der a bacteria or nitrate water test kit by visiting the Rock County Public Health Department's website at www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-environmental/publichealth-water-quality/publichealth-health-lab.

The cost for each test is \$25.

- You also can stop by the health department office in Janesville or Beloit and pick up a test kit.

For more information, call 608-757-5440. Due to COVID-19, please call ahead of time.

Why do homeowners sample their water? Some reasons why private well owners sample their water are for property transfers, because of taste or odor changes and the arrival of a new infant.

Testing is one of the simplest things a private well owner can do to take care of their health and that of others. Wells should be tested annually.

The Rock County Public Health Department is certified by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for drinking water analysis of bacteria and is certified by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for drinking water analysis of nitrates.

Alison Chouinard is a health educator for the Rock County Health Department. If you would like to ask her a question to be answered in a future column, email to Alison.Chouinard@co.rock.wi.us.

Softball standings

Tues. Masters League Season Standings

Panoske Plastering 5-0; Bridge's Bar & Grill 4-1; M & J's Bar 3-2; Beast Buffet 2-3; Stables 1-4; Bank of Brodhead 0-5

July 21 results

Panoske Plastering 8, Bank of Brodhead 4; Bridge's Bar & Grill 13, Stable's 0; Beast Buffet 5, M &

J's Bar 4

Sunday Night Church Season Standings

Church of God 4-0-1; United Methodist-Brodhead 2-1-1; United Methodist of Albany 2-2; Luther Valley 2-2; UCC 2-2-1; Living Word 1-2-1; Bethlehem Lutheran 0-4

July 26 results

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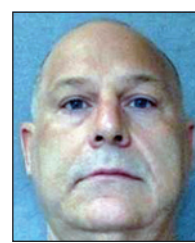
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Sex offender to be released in Juda area

The Green County Sheriff's Office announced last Friday that convicted sex offender Chester W. Bittner was scheduled to be released back into the community on or around Tuesday, July 28.

Bittner, 51, has served his sentence and will be under direct supervision with electronic monitoring, according to a Sheriff's Office news release. He must be registered with the Sex Offender Registry. Bittner will be living at N3109 County Highway S in Juda.

The Sheriff's Office has released this information pursuant to Wisconsin state statute 301.46, which authorizes law enforcement agencies



Chester W. Bittner

to inform the public about a sex offender's release, when in the discretion of the agency the release of the information will enhance public safety, awareness and protection.

Bittner has been convicted of a sex offense and his criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the potential to re-offend, according to the news release.

He is not wanted by the police, and this notice is not intended to increase

fear, but rather it is the Sheriff Office's belief that an informed public is a safer public.

The Sheriff's Office also stressed in the news release that citizen abuse of this information to threaten, harass or intimidate a registered sex offender will not be tolerated.

Bittner has been convicted of these acts, all stemming from an incident in 2005: two counts of child enticement, second-degree sexual assault and battery by prisoners. No weapons were used in the offense(s). The victims were strangers.

The Sheriff's Office release lists Bittner as a white male and being about 5-foot-10 and 275 pounds.

DATCP creates state Agriculture Youth Council

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary-designee Randy Romanski announced July 23 the creation of the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council.

The application and more details are available at AgYouthCouncil.wi.gov.

The purpose of the council is to encourage young people to engage with state government and increase their awareness of DATCP's role in

Wisconsin's agriculture industry.

The council will be comprised of 15 high school seniors from across the state who represent a variety of interest areas in Wisconsin's agriculture industry.

"I am excited to create this new opportunity for students from across Wisconsin to network with each other and state officials," Romanski said in a news release. "This council will be incredibly valuable to DATCP to share more about our programs and

encourage these students to participate in state agricultural policy development going forward."

In its first year, the council will meet each month beginning in September. These virtual meetings will feature presentations by DATCP staff on a variety of topics, breakout sessions and opportunities to rotate through leadership positions within the group. A final all-day session will be held in May.

Students will serve a one-year term on the council. To apply, students must submit a one-page application, resume, 300-word essay, one-minute video and letter of recommendation.

Applications will be accepted through Aug. 21.

"Our young people are the future of Wisconsin's agriculture industry," Romanski said. "We look forward to supporting students' passion for agriculture and introducing them to the variety of agricultural careers available in state government and across the industry."

For information, email DATCPAgYouthCouncil@wisconsin.gov.

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Well water monitoring year one results available

Groundwater is the principal water supply for Green County municipalities, industries and rural residents.

While municipal supplies regularly are monitored and required to meet drinking water standards, private well owners must make decisions regarding when and what to test for and what to do if there is a problem.

In an effort to understand changes to well water quality over time, effectively target management and focus public health outreach efforts related to groundwater and private well owners, Green County undertook steps to initiate a five-year project to monitor well water quality.

In July 2019, Green County began collaborating with the UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison Division of Extension's Center for Watershed Science and Education to test a subset of private wells.

Criteria were developed and used to select a network of wells representative of Green County's diverse soils, geology, land use and well construction. A total of 770 landowners were contacted, resulting in 388 households agreeing to participate.

Sample collection kits were sent and

342 participants successfully submitted samples for Year 1 of the project. All water samples were analyzed for nitrate-nitrogen, chloride, pH, alkalinity, total hardness and conductivity at the state-certified Water and Environmental Analysis Lab.

The goal is for these same wells to be tested annually for the next four years.

The county's groundwater generally can be characterized as slightly basic, hard water with high alkalinity. These are often associated with scaling, and treatment such as water softeners may be commonly used to counteract these effects. These aesthetic characteristics of the water largely are influenced by the geologic materials that groundwater is stored and transported in; lower values of pH, alkalinity and total hardness are sometimes found in wells near the Sugar River, where wells may be shallower and access the sand/gravel aquifer versus bedrock.

Nitrate is a common health-related contaminant found in Green County's groundwater (average = 5.3 mg/L nitrate-nitrogen). Levels less than 10 mg/L are considered suitable for drinking. Fifteen percent of wells tested

higher than the 10 mg/L drinking-water standard.

Infants and women who are or may become pregnant should not drink water higher than 10 mg/L nitrate-nitrogen; all other persons should avoid long-term consumption at these levels.

Approximately 72 percent of wells tested had nitrate levels higher than 2 mg/L. Because 2 mg/L is considered the natural level, this indicates that groundwater is impacted by land use. Sources of nitrate include nitrogen fertilizers, animal waste or other bio-solids and septic system drain fields.

Chloride provides additional insight into the effects of land use on water quality. Background levels of chloride in groundwater are typically less than 10 mg/L. Sources of chloride include potash fertilizers or certain bio-solids applied to agricultural fields, road salt and septic system drain fields. Fifty-nine percent of wells measured chloride greater than 10 mg/L; the average chloride concentration in Green County was 19.1 mg/L. There are no health effects associated with chloride.

This study provides an important benchmark of well water quality. Additional work will be done in years 2-5

to investigate the main factors affecting well water quality.

Year 1 results provide a foundation for future sampling efforts to investigate how or if groundwater is changing over time. More information about the results, including this year's report and recorded educational session, are available online at green.extension.wisc.edu.

These county departments are assisting with the project: Extension

Green County, Green County Health Department, Green County Land and Water Conservation Department, Green County Land Information Office and Green County Land Use and Zoning Department.

For more information, contact Kevin Masarik at 715-346-4276 or kmasarik@uwsp.edu, Joe Bonnell at 608-930-9850 or joe.bonnell@wisc.edu or Victoria Solomon at 608-328-9440 or victoria.solomon@wisc.edu.

• Meeting (Continued from page 2)

• Video and audio through Microsoft Teams: Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/newsroom/pnotice and then click on the Teams link at the top of the page.

Participants are asked to take the LWG feedback survey after attending the meeting by Aug. 21, by visiting the above link and clicking on the sur-

vey link.

A printed survey also may be requested by calling 608-662-4422 or emailing your name and address to april.ryan@usda.gov.

Local working group meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in becoming a member in LWGs should contact their local NRCS service center.

Obituary

SHARON STREMICK

Sharon Lee Stremick, 76, of Brodhead, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2020, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe, WI. She was born on July 20, 1944, in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Martin and Esther (Green) Herheim. She married Jacob Stremick on April 20, 1963, at the East Luther Valley Church, rural Orfordville, WI.

Sharon worked at Woodbridge Corp. in Brodhead for 15 years. Her passion for helping others then led her to pursue a career in health care. She worked as a dietary aide at the Monroe Manor of Monroe, stud-



ied nursing at Blackhawk Technical College and UW-Rock County and worked as a CNA at Rock Haven nursing home of Janesville. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brodhead. Sharon is survived by her husband Jacob ("Jack"); her children Brent Stremick, of Brodhead, Paul (Joanna) Stremick, of Cambridge, WI, Laura (Jim) Stremick-Thomp-

son, of Ixonia, WI, Barbara (Mark) Stremick-Hierl, of Waukesha; and two grandchildren, Keaton Stremick and Jacob Stremick. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Wayne Herheim, Maxine Soehner, Lois Subka and Arlene Foster.

Sharon enjoyed cooking, baking and gardening. She was the heart of her family, and all who knew her will remember her kindness.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, of Brodhead, is assisting the family. Condolences may be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- Parkview School District Buildings & Grounds Committee, 5:30 p.m.
- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% maximum capacity)

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (wear mask; 50% maximum capacity); storytime 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

- Orfordville Library, 9 a.m. to noon

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

- Orfordville Library, closed

- Rock County Farmers Market, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 3

- Village of Orfordville Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% maximum capacity)

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

- Orfordville Library, open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (wear mask; 50% maximum capacity); Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.

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Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday with a pay rate of \$12.00/hour.

Apply to Sarah Wadsworth, Pupil Services Director, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520, or call (608) 897-2141 Ext. 178.

Job description available upon request and application forms are available on the District website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Deadline for applications is **July 30, 2020**.

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Brodhead School District Full-Time Custodian

Brodhead School District has an opening for a full-time year around custodial position at Brodhead Middle School. Advanced knowledge and work related experience required in: floor care, carpet care, and general knowledge in all aspects of sanitation and cleaning of buildings.

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Apply to Brian Kammerer, Building & Grounds Supervisor, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520, or call (608) 897-2141 Ext. 171.

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Job description available upon request and application forms are available on the District website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Send completed application to: Food Service Director Dana Wytenbach at dwytenbach@brodhead.k12.wi.us or mail to 2501 W. 5th Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520.

Deadline for applications is **August 7, 2020**.

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The work for which bids are asked includes, but not limited to, replacement of the existing grit classifier and associated mechanical piping connections, electrical connection, and high performance coating of piping in Grit Removal Room.

The anticipated substantial completion date is March 31, 2021 and final completion date is April 30, 2021.

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Agenda:
1. To consider a request from Ei-

leen Meredith 467 W. Church St., Evansville, WI 53536 to rezone one acre from A-1 to R.R. to allow construction of a single family home on an area that is existing non-tillable land. The one acre is part of a parcel that is 131 acres. The property is located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 6 in the Town of Magnolia. The address of the property is 18109 W. Milbrandt Road, Evansville, WI 53536. The tax parcel number is 024 008002 (6-12-37).

2. Adjourn
Graceann Toberman,
Town Clerk/Treasurer
The Independent Register
7/22, 7/29/2020
WNAXLP 377746

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC TEST of the automatic tabulating equipment will be held on **Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** at City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. This equipment will be used at the **Partisan Primary** to be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**. This public test is open to the general public and includes a demonstration of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) electronic voting system.

Nikolai Wahl
City of Brodhead, City Clerk
The Independent Register
7/29/2020
WNAXLP 378228

Town of Avon
Regular Monthly Meeting
Avon Town Hall
Tuesday
August 4th, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Bug Tussle Rep
5. Minutes from July Meeting
6. Treasurers Report from July
7. Citizen's Concerns
8. Blackhawk Propane Contract
a. Discussion
b. Action
9. Dumping Ordinance Amendment
a. Discussion
b. Action
10. Alzheimer & Dementia Ride
a. Discussion
b. Action
11. Road Work
a. Discussion
b. Action
12. Wescott Trailer
13. August Election
14. Payment of Bills
15. Chairman's Comments
16. Adjournment

Maybe additional posting that will be posted 24 hours in advance. The three posting places in the Town of Avon are Debbie Jean's, Sugar River Bank, and the Avon Town Hall.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
The Independent Register
7/29/2020
WNAXLP 378302

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC or Commission) Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Wisconsin Power and Light has constructed a communications facility at 230 S. 5th Street, Albany, GreenCounty, WI 53502 (Latitude: 42-42-25.75 N and Longitude: 89-25-59.24 W). The facility included the replacement of an existing wooden overhead utility pole with a taller utility pole/telecommunications tower with an approximate overall height of 63 ft. and associated equipment. Wisconsin Power and Light publishes

this notice in accordance with FCC regulations (47 C.F.R. § 1.1307) in connection with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Wisconsin Power and Light respectfully requests that parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking relative to effects on cultural or historic properties or with questions on the constructed facility should contact GSS, Inc., 1054 Texan Trail, Suite 300, Grapevine, TX 76051; Ph. (682) 651-0034 within 30 days of publication of this notice. (GSS #W20197-WI-7)
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TOWN OF DECATUR NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the voting equipment to be used at the Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 for the Town of Decatur will be conducted at the Town Hall, 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Jamie E. Olson
Clerk/Treasurer
The Independent Register
7/29/2020
WNAXLP 378136

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST Village of Orfordville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 5.84, Wisconsin Statutes, that a test will be conducted on the electronic voting equipment to be utilized in the Village of Orfordville for the August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary Election. This test is being conducted to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast for all candidates. The test shall be conducted by processing a pre-audited group of ballots so marked as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate. The test will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. This test is open to the public. Persons desiring instructions for the use of the electronic voting machines are welcome to attend.

Sherri Waeger
Village Clerk
The Independent Register
7/29/2020
WNAXLP 378383

VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Village of Orfordville will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 303 E. Beloit Street to discuss the following: 1. Jason Nehls of LRN Properties has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for storage sheds at 201 S. Wright Street. Adjoining landowners or landowners within 100 feet will be notified separately by mail. 2. Ordinance 320-41(G) which requires 2 off street parking stalls per dwelling unit for Multi-Family will be reviewed to discuss amending the ordinance to require 1.5 parking stalls per dwelling unit. 3. Ordinance 320-15(D)(2) will be reviewed to discuss changing minimum side yard setbacks in R-1 Single Family Residential for principal buildings from eight feet minimum with a total of 20 feet on both sides to eight feet minimum on each side.

The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the Village Board on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall located at 303 E. Beloit Street. Both meetings are open to the public.

Sherri Waeger
Village Clerk
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Study examines additive in dairy cow feed

The optimum amount of a methane-inhibiting supplement in dairy cattle feed has been determined by an international team of researchers, indicating that widespread use of the compound could be an affordable climate change-battling strategy, if farmers embrace it.

Previous studies conducted at Penn State and around the world showed the addition of 3-Nitrooxypropanol — often referred to as 3-NOP — to the feed of dairy cows reduced their enteric methane emissions by about a third.

This follow-up research showed that the optimum dose of the white, granular compound made by Dutch health and nutrition giant DSM is 150 mg/kg — about a tablespoon in every 250 pounds of dry feed.

“The maximum mitigation effect was achieved with the three highest

3-NOP doses tested — with no statistical difference among 100, 150 and 200 mg/kg,” said researcher Alex Hristov, distinguished professor of dairy nutrition in Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences. “The decrease in methane emission yield in the study ranged from 16 to 36 percent, and emission intensity reduction ranged from 25 (percent) to 45 percent.”

3-NOP is the only substance that has worked significantly in reducing enteric methane in cattle and not had unacceptable effects on milk production or quality, added Hristov, who has experimented with many feed additives in recent years.

DSM, which has a patent on 3-NOP, has already applied to European regulators for authorization to sell the compound as a cattle feed additive.

The company hopes to launch the product in the European Union soon, followed by registrations in other regions such as Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. U.S. approval, if it is granted, will come slower because 3-NOP is considered a drug here and will be regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

In this research conducted at Penn State’s Dairy Teaching and Research Center, recently reported in the Journal of Dairy Science, 49 lactating cows were alternately fed rations containing no 3-NOP, and 40, 60, 80, 100, 150 and 200 mg of 3-NOP per kilogram of feed dry matter. Importantly, according to Hristov, dry matter intake and milk yield of the cows was not affected by 3-NOP. As a bonus to the methane mitigation, milk fat concentration and yield increased.

Methane — a natural byproduct of

digestion in ruminants — is released by cows into the atmosphere mostly through belching. So, the results of 3-NOP trials are viewed by many scientists as critical, if the carbon footprint of dairy and beef cattle production is to be reduced to help slow climate change, explained Hristov.

The climate-change contribution of methane from cow burping — often incorrectly characterized as cow flatulence — has been the subject of considerable derision within the U.S.

However, it is taken seriously in other countries, Hristov pointed out, because the average dairy cow belches approximately 350 pounds of the potent greenhouse gas each year.

“But greenhouse gases from animal agriculture are just 5 percent of the total greenhouse gases produced in the United States — much, much more comes from the energy and

transportation sectors,” he said. “So, I think it’s a fine line with the politics surrounding this subject. Do we want to look at this? I definitely think that we should, and if there is a way to reduce emissions without affecting profitability on the farm, we should pursue it.”

It is also a matter of improving the overall efficiency of producing milk or meat, he added.

For farmers to use 3-NOP, it must be economical, Hristov noted, so the research showing that relatively low dosages are effective indicates it may be, although DSM has not set a price on the feed supplement yet.

But the question remains — will the public accept it? “It’s a very small synthetic molecule that is metabolized quickly and falls apart into compounds that are naturally present in the rumen of the cow,” he said.

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