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Travel guide highlights wildflower hikes

A new travel guidebook describes more than 100 day hiking trails to enjoy wildflowers in Wisconsin, including those in the Brodhead area.

“Wisconsin’s Best Wildflower Hikes,” by hiking guidebook author Rob Bignell, covers trails from Door County to the Driftless Area and from the Northwoods to the Kettle Moraine State Forest, as well as border counties in neighboring states, according to a news release.

“When it comes to wildflowers, Wisconsin is almost



Rob Bignell

beyond compare,” Bignell said in the release. “You can hike maple forests where a dozen different spring ephemerals bloom. You can head through prairies where yellow, blue and purple flowers reach above the grass. You can walk over wetlands with exotic flowers from beautiful orchids to carnivorous plants.”

The guidebook explores trails in every county and all of the state’s major geographic features. For the Brodhead area, the guidebook lists several trails, including those at Abrahams Woods State Natural Area near Brodhead and Muralt Bluff Prairie outside of Monticello, as well as hikes near Janesville, Beloit and New Glarus.

The book provides detailed information about each trail, including driving directions, parking, scenic points, wildlife and wildflowers to watch

for and regional geology and history.

“Many of these trails are perfect for families with children,” Bignell said. The trails run from a tenth of a mile to seven miles in length, with most about one to three miles long.

Bignell is an avid backpacker and longtime editor, “Wisconsin’s Best Wildflower Hikes” is his 30th hiking guidebook and his 14th about Wisconsin. He lives with his son in western Wisconsin.

Be prepared for severe weather

Statewide tornado drills set for April 15

Gov. Tony Evers has declared April 12 through April 16 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin, and officials at ReadyWisconsin want residents to take time to talk about weather safety with their families.

ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service, Wisconsin Broadcasters Association and Wisconsin Emergency Alert System Committee also encourage everyone in the state to participate in statewide tornado drills on Thursday, April 15.

The drills will be at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. If there is severe weather expected anywhere in the state on April 15, the drill would be postponed to Friday, April 16.

“Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are a frequent weather threat across the state each year, and it’s important that people know what to do when the skies darken and warnings are issued,” Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator, said in a news release. “During the statewide tornado drill, we ask everyone to practice their plan by going to their emergency shelter location.”

Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually. During the 2020 season, the NWS confirmed 20 tornadoes touched down in the state. While spring and summer are the most active time of the year for tornadoes, they can happen in any month.

To stay safe from severe weather, ReadyWisconsin en-



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Warmer temperatures bring the potential for threatening storms. This is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin, and officials say it’s important to have a plan and practice that plan at home, work and school.

courages people to do the following:

- Create an emergency plan and practice it. Know where designated shelters are located at home, work and school, and be ready to go there when a tornado warning is issued.
- Have multiple ways to receive alerts about approaching severe weather. Outdoor warning sirens, a NOAA Weather Radio, local media and smart phone apps are all important tools. Don’t rely on any single source for important life-saving alerts.
- If you have a mobile de-

vice, make sure it is enabled to receive wireless emergency alerts. On many devices, that option is available in the settings menu.

• Keep up to date on the daily forecast for your area. It can help ensure you are ready for potential severe weather threats.

• Create an emergency kit for your home, with supplies such as food, water, a flashlight and first aid kit. Find tips for building a kit by going online to readywisconsin.wi.gov.

“While the statewide drills provide a coordinated time to

practice what they should do during a tornado, the most important thing people can do is exercise their plan when they can safely do so,” Williams said. “Even if you have to participate in a drill earlier or later in the day, we want everyone to spend a few minutes going over what they should be doing in the event a tornado warning is issued for their area.”

For more tips on severe weather preparedness and advice on creating an emergency plan, go online to readywisconsin.wi.gov.

HITTIN’ THE TRAIL: WISCONSIN

Wisconsin’s Best Wildflower Hikes

Rob Bignell

Author of the bestselling HEADIN’ TO THE CABIN guidebooks

PHOTO COURTESY ROB BIGNELL Brodhead Independent-Register

A new guidebook by Wisconsin author Rob Bignell highlights the best areas around the state to hike for enjoying wildflowers, including several spots in the Brodhead area.

Public health notes cases of virus variant in Green County

Green County Public Health has been notified that two cases of the B.1.1.7 COVID-19 variant have been identified in Green County. This variant was first discovered in England in November and reported in Wisconsin on Jan. 12.

This new strain may spread more rapidly and easily than the original strain of COVID-19, a health department news release said. The B.1.1.7 strain may also be associated with an increased risk of death; however, more research is needed to confirm this.

“With the identification of this strain of COVID-19 in our community, it is imperative that we all continue to take actions that will prevent the spread of COVID-19,” said RoAnn Warden, public health officer/director of Green County Public Health. “This strain of

COVID-19 is more transmissible than the original strain, meaning that it can more easily spread from person to person. This could lead to an increase in cases, which would increase the number of people who are missing work or school, as well as the number of people who may need clinical care.”

The B.1.1.7 variant has a specific number of gene mutations that make it unique from the original strain identified. Viruses constantly change, and it is normal for new variants to occur.

Several variants of COVID-19 have been documented in the United States and globally. These variants are identified through a process called whole genome sequencing, which takes small portions

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JOIN THE ADRC FOR A VIRTUAL DISCUSSION AS WE CREATE THE 2022-2024 AGING PLAN!

The ADRC is looking for input from the community as we work on creating better programs, services and resources for the years to come. Consider joining us whether you yourself are a senior, have a loved one who is a senior, or just someone who wants to provide input to the services at the ADRC. Any ideas are welcome!

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Blog series helps children explore renewable energy

Focus on Energy has partnered with the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program to create a four-part blog series about renewable energy in honor of Earth Day, which is April 22.

"Each week, a new blog post will explore how energy is created, like using the wind to create electricity or cooking food with a solar oven," according to a news release from Focus on Energy, an energy efficiency and renewable energy program.

The blog series is geared toward kindergarten through sixth grade and will include an overview of a renewable energy sources, resources for teachers and parents, helpful tips for saving energy in the classroom and at home and a student activity.

"We're seeing a trend as more Wisconsin schools are bringing STEM-based curriculum into the classroom, especially for elementary and middle school-aged students," said Heather Feigum, program manager with Focus on Energy. "Our goal with this blog

post series is to provide students with a hands-on approach they can apply to understand how to use energy more sustainably."

School districts are invited to show their classrooms' commitment to sustainability by capturing students participating in these energy education activities. Results can be shared on social media with the #EarthDayPledge while also tagging Focus on Energy and KEEP. Each classroom that participates in the pledge will receive a complimentary seed-

ling to plant.

"Earth Day provides a great reminder to start thinking about what you can do to make a difference and live more sustainably," said Melissa Ruether, school-to-home energy education specialist with KEEP. "Whether learning at home or in the classroom, one thing students can do anywhere is investigate how we all use energy."

To follow along with the blog series, go online to www.focusonenergy.com, facebook.com/focusonenergy or facebook.com/wiskeep.

Obituaries

STEVEN L. GISSING

Steven L. Gissing, age 70, passed away on April 9, 2021, at the Birch Tree Group Home in Fort Atkinson.

Steven was born on Dec. 28, 1950, in Monroe, the son of Lawrence and Catherine Gissing.

Steven was an avid train enthusiast and knew where every train and train track was located in southern Wisconsin. Steven loved to eat at McDonald's and Culver's, he loved the Christmas and holiday seasons and enjoyed participating in various activities like the annual Christmas dinner sponsored by the Apostolate of the Handicap "Champions Champions." Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Steven is survived by his five siblings, Susan Sack of Freeport, Illinois, Sharon (Gary) Keller of Juda, Shirley (Shane) Miller of Highbridge, Wisconsin, Connie Gissing of Monroe and Dave (Linda) Gissing of Monroe; three nephews, Joseph (Carrie) Sack of Tomball, Texas, Jim (Tracey) Sack of Freeport and Dan (Kelly) Sack



of Bridge-ton, Mis-souri; seven great-nieces and great-nephews and two great-great nieces.

Steven was preceded in death by both parents.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Birch Tree Group Home in Fort Atkinson for the special care they gave to Steven over the years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in his memory.

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. Ninth Ave. in Brodhead on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 11 a.m. A visitation also will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will conclude at Greenwood Cemetery.

For more information, go online to www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com or call 608-897-2484.

DEAN L. WITT

Dean Lee Witt, age 65, of Beloit, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on April 8, 2021, while at his home after a two year and three month courageous battle with lung and brain cancer.

Dean was born on Sept. 24, 1955, in Beloit, the son of Lester and Violet (Hansen) Witt. Dean graduated from F. J. Turner High School in Beloit in 1974. He married his wife, Brenda Bennett, on Sept. 16, 1995, at the Central Christian Church in Beloit.

Dean worked for GM starting in 1986 and retired in 2002. He also worked at the Alibi Bar and Grill in Beloit until 2020. Dean was an avid Packers, Badgers and Brewers fan and always enjoyed his adventurous trips to Lambeau Field. Dean also enjoyed snowmobiling and boating among many hobbies, but he especially enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and grandchildren.

On Jan. 8, 2019, Dean accepted Jesus Christ as his personal God and Savior, confessing and asking for forgiveness and also took his first Holy Communion.

Dean is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Beloit; two daughters, Melissa Witt of Beloit and Christine Witt (Michael Joseph, fiance) of Oshkosh; five grand-



children, T a y a n n a Kings, Kyaira Kings, Jordan Witt, Korey Witt and Kyle Witt; a sister, Lois (Roger) Elliott of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; a brother, Denis Witt, of Beloit; and many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dale Witt.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Shahid Shekhani, and the Mercy Health Hospice of Janesville, especially Natasha, Sara, Crystal and all the other nurses and staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Dean's memory.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. Ninth Ave., Brodhead. A visitation will also take place at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will conclude at the Newark Cemetery outside Beloit.

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Clean Sweep disposal starts May 1 at landfill

Green County will be offering another Clean Sweep hazardous materials collection program for county farmers and residents starting May 1 and running through Oct. 30. The Clean Sweep collection site is located at the Green County Landfill, W2002 County Highway SS, Brodhead.

The Clean Sweep program is an opportunity to dispose of banned products or supplies damaged by moisture or contamination.

Over the past 13 years of the program, more than 135,000 pounds of hazardous material has been collected in Green County.

All Green County residents will be able to dispose of materials at the landfill during normal business hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the following designated Saturdays: May 1, June 5, July 10 and Aug. 7.

Farmers will be able to dispose of up to 200 pounds and homeowners can dispose of up to 50 pounds of hazardous materials free of charge without pre-registering.

Farmers and homeowners wishing to dispose of more than these amounts must pre-register by calling the Green County Landfill at 608-897-8605.

All items should be properly identified and materials will only be accepted by authorized personnel during normal business hours.

Examples of hazardous items that will be accepted include: oven cleaners, spot removers and drain cleaners; herbicides like Atrazine, Round-up, Banvel, 2,4-D, Silvex, brush killers and many others; insecticides including Diazinon, DDT, Chlordane, Thimet, Furadan, Sevin and others; fungicides including Captan; lead; marine and auto paint; solvents; animal health products; mercury; degreasers; roofing tar; wood finishes; oil-based paint and stains; hydraulic

fluid; pool chemicals; old gasoline; paint strippers; and cadmium and lithium batteries.

Items that will not be accepted include tires, latex paint, firearms and ammunition, Freon 11 and 12 radioactive material, compressed gas cylinders, yard waste, antifreeze, waste motor oil, fluorescent tubes, recyclable materials or biological wastes.

Only Green County residents can participate in the program. For more information, go online to the Extension Green County website at green.extension.wisc.edu or call the Extension Green County Office at 608-328-9440.

FEMA to help pay funeral costs for COVID-19-related deaths

Starting this month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020, for deaths related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic.

The policy was finalized recently, and FEMA is moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, the policy states:

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19;

- If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the applicant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual;

- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals;

- The COVID-19-related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia;

- This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per

application; and

- Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

In the coming weeks, a dedicated 800 number will be established to help individuals who apply. In the meantime, potential applicants are encouraged to start gathering the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death "may have been caused by" or "was likely the result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attri-

butions;

- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant's name, the deceased individual's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses were incurred; and

- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies, or other sources.

More information regarding this assistance can be found at COVID-19 Funeral Assistance at FEMA.gov.



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Monroe Clinic marks vaccine milestone

On April 5, officials at Monroe Clinic marked the milestone of administering 20,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The health care organization received its first doses in December and has been increasing vaccination capacity since then, according to a news release. "Our success is due to dedication and adaptability of our entire Monroe Clinic team," said Katie Marti, Monroe Clinic director of primary care and vaccine coordinator. "While we pause to celebrate this achievement, we are still working hard to get all of our communities vaccinated." Monroe Clinic offers COVID-19 vaccine clinics at its main campus for people who live, work or go to school in Wisconsin. To learn how to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, go online to www.monroeclinic.org/coronavirus.

In brief

Monthly breakfast resumes in Albany

Members of the Albany American Legion are resuming their monthly breakfast events from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, April 18, at the post, 300 N. Mechanic St.

Breakfast will be available for dine-in or carry-out.

The breakfasts are expected to be held each third Sunday of the month.

Albany district wants to connect with 4K families

Families in the Albany School District with children turning 4 by Sept. 1 are eligible for 4-year-old kindergarten.

Parents should contact the school office at 608-862-3225 or 608-852-3135 to make sure their children are on the district's list to receive information about 4K

registration for the 2021-'22 school year.

Two incumbents will keep serving Albany School Board

Two incumbents were re-elected to the Albany School Board last week in an election for three seats.

Sherri Seitz garnered 355 votes, while Adam Kopp garnered 331 votes, according to

board clerk Valerie Johnson. Both will serve three-year terms.

For the third seat, Lori Modaff received four write-in votes. Modaff was expected to give a decision about accepting or rejecting the position at Monday's school board meeting (which was after press time for this paper). The third seat carries a one-year term.

Albany Police report

Albany Police Chief Robert Ritter reported the following recent citations and arrests.

- March 5: Tyler J. Flannery, 21, of Brodhead, was cited for operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

- March 5: Samuel R. Jorgenson, 28, of Monroe, was cited for operating while revoked.

- March 5: Preston L. Roberts, 18, of Fitchburg was cited for operating while suspended and speeding.

- March 13: Justin L. Buelteman, 27, of Albany was cited for operating while suspended.

- March 20: Adam D. Tomlin, 40, of South Wayne, was cited for operating while re-

voked.

- March 20: Alexander D. Rice, 26, of Albany, was cited for speeding.

- March 20: Craig T. Coulthard, 40, of Albany, was arrested for a probation warrant.

- April 3: Keriana R. Mataya, 24, of Kenosha, was cited

for speeding.

- April 3: Brett A. Squires, 28, of Brodhead, was arrested for operating while under the influence (second offense), operating while revoked, possession of open intoxicants, non-registration of auto and failure to stop for an emergency vehicle.



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-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
-Albertson Memorial Library full circulation and limited computer service, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
-Albertson Memorial Library closed
*Parkview-Albany varsity football, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
-Albany American Legion breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon (every third Sunday)

MONDAY, APRIL 19
-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
-Village of Albany Parks Committee meeting, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
-Albertson Memorial Library curbside pickup for high-risk patrons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
-Village of Albany Police, Fire & License Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
*Virtual day (no student attendance), Albany School District
-Albertson Memorial Library full circulation and limited computer service, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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Weekdays

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18 Holes - \$17/\$15
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Fees

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18 Holes w/cart - \$30

9/18 Holes Walking - \$15
Silver Ridge Golf Course is located at 3069 North Hill Road, Oregon, Ill.
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Sunset Golf: Established in 1937 by local leaders



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Looking for a new challenge? Take your game to Mt. Morris' Sunset Golf Course.

Sunset Golf Course, home of the famous Lyle Towns Old Home Week 4th of July Scramble, was founded in 1937 by the Kable brothers and other prominent figures in the Mount Morris township. In 1990 the course layout changed with the addition of four holes, which now play as # 4, 5, 6, and 8.

The course's most well know attraction is the 7th hole which is a 100 yard par 3 that requires golfers to hit their shot over a giant ravine known by locals as the Pit. On the original course layout this played

as the final hole, but today it is the 7th. What seems like such a simple hole has played mind games with golfers for years. Even the best golfers have managed to ruin their rounds after challenging this hole.

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New member discount price - \$450 (Or more than 3 years removed)

Cost to Businesses or Organizations interested in hosting a Golf Outing at Sunset is \$25 per entry/golfer for 18 holes with a cart.

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Take a short drive south of Rockford for a new and exciting way to experience golf at PrairieFire Golf & Grill in Byron! Located behind the clubhouse at PrairieView Golf Club, PrairieFire is a driving range facility featuring Toptracer Range® technology. The same ball tracing technology as seen on many PGA tournament TV broadcasts.

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The eight outdoor hitting bays are equipped with heaters,

a fire table, TVs, and lounge furniture. The interior of PrairieFire has a modern, earthy feel with a custom-made coppertop bar and additional lounge areas.

"PrairieFire is a great place for everything from a date night to small gatherings of family and friends," said Nick Schoenhard, PrairieFire Manager. "In addition to traditional golfers, we see a lot of birthday parties, bachelor/bachelorette parties, and small company events at PrairieFire."

The menu at PrairieFire includes sharable items such as sliders, traditional apps, and signature items such as loaded PrairieFire fries and Bison Bites. The bar features an extensive selection of beer, wine, and spirits.

"When coming to play with friends and family, we really felt the food and drinks should complement the activity and atmosphere," said Schoenhard.

To learn more about PrairieFire or reserve a bay online, visit prairiefiregolf.com.

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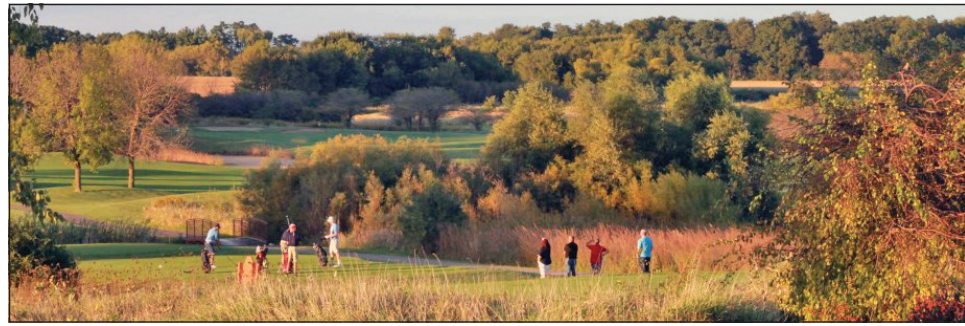
- Country setting with prairie grasses, native grasses, and wildflowers

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When you play Timber Pointe and rain, lightning, or a severe weather warning (not a watch) forces you off the course, we'll give you a Risk-Free, Full Value Rain-Check, no questions asked.

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The Risk Free, Full Value Rain Check is not available for group events or golf outings. The rain check is good until the end of the current season. Another way we're making a great game better.



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Above: Timber Pointe's 18-Hole Championship Golf Course challenges golfers of all skill levels, offering fun, exciting, and very affordable golf for players of all abilities. Above left: The Timber Pointe clubhouse boasts panoramic views atop a "pointe," the highest point in all of Boone County, as a matter of fact. Our contemporary and up-to-date clubhouse fits 90 people comfortably and opens to an outdoor patio and firepit area overlooking the golf course. Directly adjacent, our covered special event tent (seasonal) can host events for up to 175+.

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Historic mansion in Rock County gets careful refresh

The Lincoln-Tallman House, located on the Rock County Historical Society campus in Janesville, is getting revitalized thanks to grant money from the George Kemp Tallman Charitable Trust.

“From repair of plaster, shutters and windows to fresh paint and even some flooring repair, the painstaking work on the historic mansion began in 2020,” according to a news release. “Many rooms will be completed within a few months.”

The work began in March 2020, when the drawing room, ladies’ parlor and library were refreshed. Work on seven additional areas inside the house began in February 2021 and will be completed soon. These include the grand staircase, Mr. and Mrs. Tallman’s bedroom, the main hall and more. The grant totaled \$68,000.

“This grant money is significant because it helps us ensure that the historic Lincoln-Tallman House — a jewel of Janesville — is being carefully preserved,” RCHS Executive Director Tim Maahs said in the release. “From major repairs such as plaster, to the meticulous repair of all decorative

moldings, the house is being refreshed with the care it deserves.”

The last time this type of repair work was done on the home was in the early 1990s. Since then, cracks in some rooms had begun to show, Maahs said, and fresh paint was needed.

Even items such as furnace grates are being removed, cleaned and painted in the ten rooms/areas in which work is being done, Maahs added. RCHS hired Stratton & Sons Inc., a local firm, for the project.

While this grant covered much of the repair and refresh needed on the home, some rooms were not included. RCHS will begin a fundraising campaign for the remaining work at its annual Summer Solstice celebration, set for June 23.

“... this year’s event offers the public an opportunity to stroll through the Lincoln-Tallman House and view the completed work, while enjoying hors d’ouvres, drinks and music outdoors under a tent on the RCHS campus,” the release said.

Tickets for the event will be available beginning in May.



ROCK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY *Brodhead Independent-Register*
 Revitalization work is underway in several areas of the historic Lincoln-Tallman House in Janesville. The mid-1800s Victorian mansion was the longtime home of the William Tallman family and host to a visit from Abraham Lincoln in 1859.

Legal Notices

GREEN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Per Wisconsin State Statutes Sec. 88.05(2) - NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, May 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Green County Historic Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held by the Green County Drainage Board, regarding a flat fee assessment to every individual land owner in the Broughton, Decatur and Drain #1 drainage districts. The flat fee assessment is needed for administrative costs associated with conducting the business of the drainage board for a two-year period. All interested citizens are invited to attend. All questions and concerns will be heard by the board. A letter has been sent to all property owners affected. A listing of all affected property owners is on file at the Green County Land & Water Conservation office, 1627 4th Ave West, Monroe, Wisconsin, Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Any objections to the jurisdiction of the drainage board or to the sufficiency or legality of any assessment or to the equity shall be filed with the drainage board in writing before the hearing and that the objections(s) shall be set forth clearly and in detail to, John Dieckhoff, W2210 Pinnow Road, Brodhead, WI 53520; Tim Schmidt, W4199 County K, Monroe, WI 53566 or Kim Buehl, N6903 Marshall Bluff Road, Monticello, WI 53570.

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 CIRCUIT COURT,
 GREEN COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF
 THE ESTATE OF
 Gordon J. Ruppert
**Notice Setting Time to Hear
 Application and Deadline for
 Filing Claims**
 (Informal Administration)
 Case No. 21 PR
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/02/1940 and date of death 03/12/2021 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W599 Windy Lane, Brodhead, WI 53520.
 3. The application will be heard at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, WI 53566, Wisconsin, Room, before Gloria A. Baertschi, Probate Registrar, on 05-03-2021 at 9:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is 07-08-2021.

5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, WI 53566, Wisconsin, Room.
 6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (608) 328-9433 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Form completed by: Holly D. Jensen 303 East Court Street, Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 755-5050 Bar Number 1027570 The Independent Register 4/7, 4/14, 4/21/2021 WNAXLP 393349

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 The Brodhead School District is accepting proposals for RFP for Interior Lighting for District facilities.
 Brodhead School District
 2501 W. 5th Ave.
 Brodhead, WI 53520
ANTICIPATED RFP AND CONTRACT TIMELINES
 Interested parties may tour the District facilities by appointment prior to the bid deadline.
RFP Due Date: April 21, 2021.
 Selection will be made on April 26, 2021.
 Preference will be given to those firms who can guarantee a Project Completion (100%) by June 30, 2021 to be considered.
SCOPE OF WORK
 The Brodhead School District is seeking to install LED lighting in Brodhead Middle School and Brodhead High School. All information in regard to specifications can be obtained by contacting the School District.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
 Questions related to this RFP should be submitted by email to bkammerer@brodhead.k12.wi.us and no later than 96 hours before the proposal due date and time. Responses will be issued no later than 48 hours before the proposal due date and time to all parties involved in the RFP process.
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NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW
Town of Decatur, Green Co., Wisconsin
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Decatur, Green County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Town of Decatur Town Hall, located at 1408 14th Street, in the City of Brodhead, Wisconsin.
 Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:
 1. No person will be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter

onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.
 2. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board’s final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board about the person’s objection, except at a session of the Board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.
 3. The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board’s first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board’s clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board’s first scheduled meeting, and the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
 4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the Board of Review within the first 2 hours of the Board’s first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the Board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board, under oath, of all of that person’s property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the Board.
 5. When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person’s estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person’s objection and specify the information that the

person used to arrive at that estimate.
 6. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor’s manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. Stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Decatur has an Ordinance for the Confidentiality of Information about Income and Expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the Board of Review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.
 7. The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner’s or their representative’s request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
 8. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s. 70.47 (3) (a), Wis. Stats., that person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take. Notice is hereby given this 14th day of April, 2021.
 Jamie E. Olson
 Clerk/Treasurer
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TOWN OF DECATUR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 Tuesday, April 20, 2021
 7:00 PM – At the Town Hall
 1408 14th Street, Brodhead
 The Annual Town Meeting is the meeting of the people of the Town, and is the opportunity for the Town residents to have input on their Town. All residents are encouraged to attend.
 Jamie E. Olson
 Clerk/Treasurer
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TOWN OF DECATUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
7:00 PM,
immediately following the

Annual Town Meeting
 At the Town Hall - 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, WI
AGENDA:
 1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
 4. Approval of Minutes
 5. Treasurer’s Report
 6. Payment of Bills
 7. Citizen Concerns
 8. Crooks Land Division
 9. Kropke Conditional Use Permit
 10. Records Retention Schedule
 11. Re-Appoint Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
 12. ATV/UTV Usage on Town Roads
 13. Town Garage Insurance
 14. Theresa Ct – Class B Road Possible Violation
 15. Disposal of International Tractor
 16. Re-seal Town Hall Parking Lot
 17. Roadwork
 a. Estimates for 2021 Roadwork
 18. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
 19. Future Agenda Items
 20. Set Dates for Future Meetings
 21. Adjournment
 Jamie E. Olson
 Clerk/Treasurer
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NOTICE
TOWN OF MAGNOLIA ANNUAL MEETING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
 WILL BE HELD AT THE
MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL
 14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A,
 EVANSVILLE, WI 53536
 APRIL 20, 2021
 7:00 P.M.

Note: Due to changes in the election laws the Annual Town Meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of April per State Statute 60.11. All other regular Town Board Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month as usual.
Annual Meeting Agenda:
 1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Swearing in of Officers
 4. Clerk’s Report
 5. Annual Audit and Possible Adoption
 6. Cemeteries
 7. Public Comment
 8. Adjourn
April Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda:
 1. Call to Order
 2. Approve Agenda
 3. Clerk’s Report
 4. Treasurer’s Report
 5. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes per person
 6. Zoning Change Petitions
 7. Highways and Bridges
 8. Landscaping at the Town Hall
 9. Open Bids for Mowing of East Magnolia Cemetery and at the Town Hall
 10. Agenda for next Month
 11. Pay Bills
 12. Adjourn
 Graceann Toberman,
 Town Clerk/Treasurer
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TOWN OF SPRING GROVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021
5:00 p.m.
 Spring Grove Town Hall
 N2475 County Rd GG
 Brodhead, WI
 The Annual Town Meeting is the meeting of the people of the Town, and is the opportunity for the Town Residents to have input in their Town. All residents are encouraged to attend.
 Posted: 04/14/2021
 Deb Cline, Clerk
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MEETING NOTICE
 The Town of Spring Grove monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. (following the 2021 Annual Meeting) at the Town Hall, N2475 Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI.
MEETING AGENDA:
 1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of Agenda and/or Changes
 4. Reading of March Meeting Minutes
 5. Treasurers Report
 6. Public Input
 7. Peter Condon – Solar Panel Variance Request
 8. Green County Government Day Review
 9. Annual Meeting Review
 10. Road Projects
 A. Yield Sign Update
 B. Road Work Plan for 2021
 C. Road Tour with County
 11. Election Update
 12. Building Permits
 13. Driveway Permits
 14. Review of Monthly Bills
 15. Adjournment
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NOTICE
TOWN OF ALBANY
 N6065 County Rd E
 Albany, WI 53502
ANNUAL MEETING
6:30 P.M.
April 20, 2021.
 Followed by
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 Proof of posting verified –
 Town Hall, Recycling Center, on
 the website and published.
 1. Approval of March meeting 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: Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the Joint Recycling Center agreement with the Village of Albany.
 12. Fire Department.
 13. Employee Review.
 14. Grapple Bucket and Dump Trailer.
 15. Bubblers.
 16. Payment of Bills.
 17. Adjournment.
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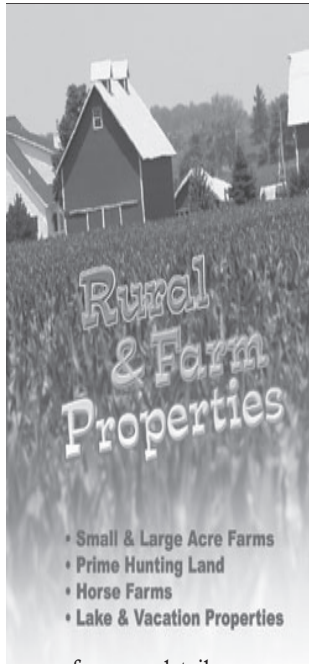
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Arts center sets auditions for summer Shakespeare production

Open auditions for the Janesville Performing Arts Center's summer production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24.

To schedule an audition time, email jim@janesvillepac.org before April 24. JPAC will provide audition materials, which should be prepared and ready to perform at the audition.

"A Midsummer's Night Dream" will be staged outdoors July 22 through July 25 on the campus of the Rock

County Historical Society. "Rock County Historical Society is very excited and honored to have the Janesville Performing Arts Center host their 2021 Shakespeare performance on our campus," RCHS Executive Director Tim Maahs said in a news release. "This collaboration demonstrates the many unique opportunities we have in Janesville to celebrate the arts and culture together. We look forward to providing a safe environment for all to enjoy." The show will be under the

direction of Beloit Memorial High School Theatre Department head Greg Wallendal. "Wallendal has been teaching theater and directing productions at Beloit Memorial since 2006 and has an incredible resume and accolades from his time teaching theatre," according to the release.

"... (A) large array of COVID-19 protocols will be in place before rehearsal begins to help tighten safety and health protocols recommended by the Rock County Health Department," the

release said. "Table read rehearsals (not face to face) will start May 3, with face-to-face rehearsals beginning June 1."

In addition, JPAC has charged local arts leader Edie Baran to teach a Shakespeare for youth class July 5 through July 17. The class will integrate with the production, as students in second through

eighth grades become a part of the magic of the Fairy world in "A Midsummer's Night's Dream."

All students who register for the program will receive a part and appear in the July production. Space is limited and the cost is \$50 per student. Contact jim@janesvillepac.org for more information.

Reservations are required for the show and can be made by calling the JPAC box office at 608-758-0297. Event admission is donation only, with a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

For more information, call the JPAC box office or email JPAC Executive Director Nathan Burkart at nathan@janesvillepac.org.

Training set for volunteer stream monitors

The Rock County Land Conservation Department and the Rock River Coalition are recruiting volunteers to assess the health of streams in Rock County and throughout the Rock River basin.

Volunteer stream monitors devote a few hours each month (from May to October) to collect information vital to understanding stream health.

"Stream monitors provide valuable information to assist in identifying healthy stream segments and flagging segments that potentially have water quality concerns," according to a news release. "This informa-

tion will help target local efforts where they are most needed."

RCLCD and the RRC are hosting a free outdoor training from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Carver-Roehl County Park near Clinton.

The training will be a combination of classroom and hands-on, feet-in-the-water, instruction about methods used to assess what affects streams. Participants will learn to measure stream flow, temperature, water clarity and dissolved oxygen. They also will learn how to assess stream health by examining aquatic insects.

All equipment is provided for

the training. Participants should bring a pencil and writing pad, lunch, water, towel and hip boots or waders (or wear shoes that can be worn in the water).

The training workshop is free, but pre-registration is required by going online to secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/O7sqhf7L67NTvjXMcpPTuw. Due to COVID restrictions, the training is limited to 10 participants, with all training occurring outdoors.

For more information, contact Addie Schlusel at addie@rockrivercoalition.org or 215-262-3366 or Anne Miller at anne.miller@co.rock.wi.us.

Variant (Continued from front page)

of virus and looks at the genetic code. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene and other laboratories are working together to conduct this testing on a small proportion of positive COVID-19 tests.

"The same steps should be taken to prevent the spread of the B.1.1.7 variant as the original strain of COVID-19,"

the release said. "Mask wearing, physical distancing, good hand hygiene and avoiding gatherings are essential to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, getting vaccinated against COVID-19 will prevent the spread of COVID-19."

Currently, all Wisconsinites 16 years of age and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Anyone who is having symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should get tested. For information on getting tested, go online to gcpublichealth.org

For more information on emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants, go online to Wisconsin Department of Health Services at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Extension lays out guidelines for fair animal exhibitors

Green County Fair market lambs and market wether goat exhibitors will be required to self-identify their lambs and goats using the RFID tag method this year. Exhibitors will be required to tag their own lambs and goats and do photo identification for each fair market animal.

Free photo identification kits and two RFID ear tags for each animal may be picked up starting April 19 at the Extension Green County office, 2841 Sixth St., Monroe.

The photo identification kits must be returned to the

Extension office by 4:30 p.m. May 3 and cannot be mailed.

For lambs, photos of each animal must be taken from one head view, clearly displaying the RFID ear tag in the animal's ear. For wether goats, two photos of each animal must be taken: one head view showing the RFID ear tag and scrapie tag in the animal's ear and one side view of the goat. Photos must be attached to the Green County Fair photo identification form.

The Extension Green County office will loan out

ear taggers for exhibitors to use for tagging their animals. The taggers must be returned to the Extension office and will be sanitized before being given to another farm to prevent the spread of disease.

Only animals that are identified using the Green County ID kits will be eligible to exhibit at the 2021 Green County Fair, which is slated for July 21 through July 25.

For more information, contact Extension ag educator Jackie McCarville at 608-328-9440 or jackie.mccarville@wisc.edu

In brief

Orfordville notes rules for yard waste disposal

The Orfordville yard waste site is now open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

When placing yard waste out for Monday pickup, residents should remember the following:

- Put grass clippings in a paper bag or a container so that they can be loaded into the back of the truck. No plastic bags are accepted and items not in a paper bag or container will not be picked up.
- Brush must be no larger than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet long to be picked up.
- Village crews will not pick up rocks, lumber or landscaping materials. These items also are also not allowed at yard waste site.

Open Book session set for Orfordville

Open Book for the village of Orfordville will be held via phone from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 29.

Open Book is an opportunity for property owners to discuss their assessed value with the village assessor in an informal setting. This year, the process is being conducted via phone because of the pandemic, according to a news release from Village Clerk Sherri Waegel.

Residents should call Waegel at 608-879-2004 to get more information about Open Book.

The Board of Review will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Village Hall, 303 E. Beloit St.

Committee to consider ATVs/UTVs on streets

Orfordville village officials are looking to form a committee to consider allowing ATV and UTVs to operate on village streets.

In an April 6 referendum, 132 Orfordville voters voted yes to allowing ATVs and UTVs on village streets, while 120 residents voted no to the

nonbinding measure.

Because the referendum was nonbinding, village officials are not bound to act based on the results.

Webinar delves into DNA testing in genealogy

The Rock County Genealogical Society will host "Privacy, DNA and Genealogy: Handling the Double-Edged Sword," a free live Zoom program, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29.

Those who would like to attend should register online in advance at www.rcgswi.org to receive an audience handout.

The speaker, Thomas MacEntee, is a genealogy professional, blogger, educator and author. His webinar will discuss the privacy challenges you or a family member face when taking a DNA test, and the risks of sharing your genealogy research data online.

Grant will help upgrade 911 services

The Rock County Communications Center recently received a federal grant to help upgrade equipment to be Next Generation 911 capable.

Rock County received a federal grant of \$48,918 to bring the total award amount to \$81,530, according to a news release from the Wisconsin Office of Emergency Communications.

Most public safety answering points were built using analog technology and need to be upgraded to digital or Internet Protocol-based 911 systems, according to 911.gov. The upgrades will enhance and speed up emergency response systems and allow information, including videos and text messages, to flow from the public to the 911 network, according to the government site.

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News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

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