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State grant boosts local food efforts



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Kalena Riemer, 14, left, and her mother, Jen Riemer, hold spring lambs on the Riemer Family Farm near Brodhead. The farm was one of 14 Wisconsin entities chosen recently to receive a Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin grant. The family-run farm also includes father, Bryce, and daughters, Elli and Caroline.

A local farm is among 14 food projects across Wisconsin that were chosen recently to receive grants through the Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin program.

Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, BLBW is a competitive grant program designed to strengthen Wisconsin's agriculture and food industries by helping farms and businesses more efficiently process, market and distribute locally grown food

products. BLBW grants provide consumers with access to more Wisconsin-grown food products, including organic vegetables, hops varieties, hazelnut products, locally grown grain, and other value-added products.

Riemer Family Farm of Brodhead received a grant to help develop targeted social media and email campaigns and purchase supplies and materials for processing, packaging and labeling, a news release said.

DATCP received 37 fund-

ing requests totaling more than \$1.3 million. Fourteen projects totaling \$300,000 were selected to receive the 2021 grants.

"DATCP is pleased to provide support for these innovative local food projects," said Kara Kasten-Olson, DATCP agriculture programs supervisor. "These grants are intended to support the diverse sectors of Wisconsin agriculture, and outcomes generated by the grant recipients provide benefits to local communities and serve as models for others in the food industry."

State starts to ramp down community vaccine clinics

Plenty of chances to still get a shot, officials say

Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced late last week that the six DHS community-based vaccination clinics will gradually reduce hours of operation starting this week. These locations include clinics in Rock, Racine, Barron, Douglas, La Crosse and Marathon counties.

The Rock County location is at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville.

"Starting up these community clinics across Wisconsin was an all-hands on deck effort — and through the dedication from our vaccine team, local public health and other partners, nearly 83,000 shots were put in arms at the sites," DHS Deputy Secretary Julie Willems Van Dijk said in a news release. "While these clinics will start ramping down, I want to assure everyone that there are still many ways to get vaccinated."

"We have said this many times before and it still remains true — our top priority is to make the COVID-19 vaccine as accessible to all Wisconsinites as possible."

The DHS community-based vaccination clinics will adjust

their hours based on local demand for the vaccine and gradually decrease hours of operations to one to two days per week. Hours and days will vary by clinic. To schedule an appointment and for hours, go online to vaccinate.wi.gov or call 844-684-1064.

The clinics will offer both Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to ensure that people will be able to complete their vaccine series before the clinics close.

"All efforts will be made to provide education and secure a second dose for all individuals at an alternative location at the time of vaccination," the news release said.

In addition to the DHS clinics, there are several options to receive a vaccination:

- Pharmacies
- Doctors or health care providers
- Locally operated community-based vaccination clinics
- Local and tribal health departments
- Employers
- Pop-up clinics at places such as churches, barber shops, schools and other community-based organizations

To find a vaccine location in your community, go online to Vaccines.gov or call 211 or 877-947-2211.



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Raising hogs is one facet of the business at Riemer Family Farm near Brodhead.



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Celebrating conference success

The Brodhead Juda girls track team garnered the 2021 conference championship last week.

High school students earn honors

Dozens of Brodhead High School students were named to the honor rolls for fourth quarter.

Students who achieve a 3.50 to 4.00 GPA are placed on the "A" honor roll. Students who achieve a 3.00 to 3.49 GPA are placed on the "B" honor roll.

'A' honor roll

• Seniors: Lizbeth Aguilar, Devon Anderson, Cassandra Berget, Isabella Blakely, Kyle Braund, Nataley Bump, Bailey Diffenderfer, Haley Elmer, Braden Erb, Grant Gretebeck,

Nicholas Haegle, Blake Hanson, Ryleigh Johnson, Christopher Kamholz, Rylee Kerl, Steven Laack, Ashley Lahaie, Samantha Marquette, Madelynn McIntyre, Dayton Menehan, Emily Olmedo, Tiana Ramirez, Hannah Shickles, Lucas Steiner, Alejandra Villalva, Lindsey Waagen, Kaitlyn Welsh, Mya Wilson

• Juniors: Vanessa Allen, Melody Baxter, Makaylee Blum, Gage Boegli, Brady Bruns, Jordan Charneco, Payton Demrow, Kiersten Glynn, Cora Hafen, Madisyn Kail,

Owen Leifker, Braedon Mal-kow, Seth Mansfield, Braxton Mather, Gabrielle McCarty, Emaleigh McNeece, Jersey Medenwaldt, Brooklyn Michel, Taylor Midthun, Kierra Moe, Onnikah Oliver, Ephraim Olson, Kyleigh Raupp, Blake Senobe, Colten Steiner, Joie Steinmann, Bryce Tway, Victoria Urness, Amanda Visger, Cooper Woelky, Ellie Yates

• Sophomores: Kaidynce Bevars, Ruthann Buehl, Kaiden Chojnacki, Ephraim Corbit,

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Middle school students earn honor roll status

Officials at Brodhead Middle School recently released the list of honor roll students for the fourth quarter.

Sixth grade

• Straight A's: Emberly Ast, Josiah Blum, Kylee Cole, Ciarrh Condon, Khloe Coplien, Evelyne Droessler, Jalynn Jones, Wyatt Keyser, Bradyn Lundgren, Madison Melvin, Brooke Mueller, Elly Olson, Leah Rear, Avery Rufer, Lily Scheidegger, Chyenne Schumacher, Lillian Sievers, Zoie Smital, Kyra Thompson, Abbigale Tway, Abigail Vickers, Chesney Walker, Izabelle Ware, Rayna Wincell

• High honor roll: Grayson Arn, Emberly Ast, Kelsey Bedward, Divia Benitez-Becerril, Penelope Blakely, Jo-

siah Blum, Dakota Carlson, Kylee Cole, Ciarrh Condon, Khloe Coplien, Owen Day, Tatam Dobson, Lelin Doyle, Evelyne Droessler, Laney Fraley-Markley, Lylah Huntington, Jalynn Jones, Wyatt Keyser, Carter Kramer, Bradyn Lundgren, Landen Malcook, Madison Melvin, Kaylee Miller, Brooke Mueller, Kate Olmedo, Elly Olson, Leah Rear, Kaden Riese, Dylan Ross, Avery Rufer, Raya Santiago, Lily Scheidegger, Chyenne Schumacher, Andrew Schwarz, Lillian Sievers, Zoie Smital, Kyra Thompson, Abbigale Tway, Abigail Vickers, Chesney Walker, Izabelle Ware, Rayna Wincell

• "A" honor roll: Makayla Abel, Kenna Bevars, Tyler Coleman, Maddie Hawkins,

Jayden Nehls, Tyler Picard, Denely Ramirez, Kaylee Richards, Landon Santiago-Aguilar, Silas Stephenson, Braylon Strehlow

• "B" honor roll: Chase Bauman, Silas Begay, Seth Coplien, Ethan Groebner, Maria Hasselmann, Harmony Hawkins-Grinnell, Gavin Keller, Marcus Miller, Parker Ommodt, Landan Parker, Aiden Walker, Ryan Zumbargel.

Seventh grade

• Straight A's: Taya Anderson, Annelise Bethke, Jayde Blizard, Jasmine Collier, Danica Demrow, Gracie Fields, Taiya Hawkins, Dane Huffman, Getchen Kammerer, Karli Krumwiede, Kara Lohmar, Mara Meichtry, Jordan Menehan, Riley Mey-

thaler, Isabel Murphy, Bryson Oliver, Kayla Perry, Franco Ramirez, Brynn Riesterer, Serena Santiago, Lane Visger, Savannah Walder, Laney Weis, Aubrie Yoshida

• High honor roll: Taya Anderson, Annelise Bethke, Jayde Blizard, Nolan Bump, Jasmine Collier, Danica Demrow, Spencer Dunlavy, Emma Elsner, Gracie Fields, Taiya Hawkins, Dane Huffman, Gretchen Kammerer, Karli Krumwiede, Lily Kuebli, Addie Leifker, Kara Lohmar, Mara Meichtry, Jordan Menehan, Hannah Menzel, Riley Meythaler, Isabel Murphy, Bryson Oliver, Kayla Perry, Franco Ramirez, Sophia Riemer, Brynn Riesterer, Aidan Rossetti, Serena Santiago, Taylor Sauer, Griffin Thompson, Jorge Villal-

va, Lane Visger, Savannah Walder, Laney Weis, Aubrie Yoshida, Ismara Zelaya-Lopez

• "A" honor roll: Claire Anderson, Madilyn Arnold, Autumn Avery, Cason Baxter, Ashley Campbell, Alexis Cone, Jordan Dix, Jenna Dougherty, Seaira Foster, Leilah King, Danielle Nehls, Tegan Pinnow, Samuel Searls, Tyler Steiner, Ethan Tracy

• "B" honor roll: Reese Anderson, David Bennett, Jayden Clark, Leila Elsnert, Aidan Haegele, Kaylee Halvorson, Jacob Hilliard, Jonathan Hoff, Maddax McGinty, Bryce McIntosh, Simon Moore, Kaiden Richards, Hudson Wallin, Kaeden Wehrle

Picard, Makenna Schooff

• High honor roll: Stella Arn, Madilyn Brown, Tatam Ceslok, Emorra Eldred, Olivia Hartwig, Brooks Malkow, David Masloske, Kyla Miller, Miley Mordhorst, Eli Olson, Joselynn Picard, Ava Risum, Makenna Schooff, Parker Vandernal, Kylee Wahler

• "A" honor roll: Ethan Bahlmann, Joshua Blum, Michael Boston, Dakota Day, Henry Droessler, Jordon Gilson, Harper Krattiger, Nikolai Stephenson, Cullen Walker.

• "B" honor roll: Dax Benton, Gabe Bockhop, Jade Condon, Clayton Elliott, Achilles Fowler, Hannah Grover, Lux Hawkinson, Raelynn Johnson, Alexis Miller, Lila Montiel, Noah Perry, Max Pinnow, Emily Perys-Ramirez, Adeline Rosheisen, Princessa Santiago-Aguilar, Mason Shimeck, Bryce Turner, Jameson Wallin, Bethany Wenger, Chase Wilhite, Brady Zimmerman

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Eighth grade

• Straight A's: Stella Arn, Madilyn Brown, Tatam Ceslok, Olivia Hartwig, David Masloske, Joselynn

Obituaries

WENDY K.

(FINK) DELANEY

Wendy Kay (Fink) Delaney died at home peacefully on Dec. 10, 2020. A wonder of a woman beloved for her sense of humor, grace and generosity, she is survived by her daughter, Margaret Delaney; her partner and love, Timothy Mullins; her brother-in-law, Don (Stella) Walter; her nephew, Ardell (Pam) Wolter; and her great-nephew, Bobby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, June and Ardell Fink; and her older sister, Bonnie Wolter.

Born in Brodhead, Wendy spent many years as an elementary school teacher in



Wisconsin and Chicago. A lover of all things astrology and numerology, Wendy taught everyone she met

how to discern and appreciate the mysteries of the universe.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service for Wendy at 11 a.m. Friday, June 18, at the Congregational UCC Church in Brodhead.

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

ONALEE M. RUNAAS

Onalee Marie Runaas, age 42, passed away peacefully while surrounded by her family on March 14, 2021, at Agrace Hospice Care inpatient facility in Janesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed in her memory to the Albany Lions Club or McCarthy Nursing Home in Stoughton.

A service of remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Albany



House, 405 S. Mill St. in Albany.

A celebration of life for Onalee also will be held from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m. Sunday, June 20, at the Albany Lions Club.

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

• Honors

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Kaydence Demrow, Abbie Dix, Jackson Fields, Kirsten Fish, Breleigh Gierhart, Devan Green, Skylar Gretebeck, Taetum Hoesly, Sean Huffman, Alexis Kammerer, Jacob Kipp, Alexis Lobeck, Keira Malott, Elena Martinez, Abigail Mills, Emilee Montez, Joseph Ross, Abigail Santiago, Leon Saunders, Aidyn Vondra, Emily Welsh, Hannah Withrow, McKenna Young

• Freshmen: Evangeline Bennett, Isaiah Bishop, Joseph Brown, Macy Fernandes, Kylee Gosnell, Jaelyn Hilliard, Zoe Hoke, Brenley Jones, Paityn Kail, Alex Kesler, Brody Kiser, Tessa Kloeping, Tyra Lehman, Sophia Leitzen, Joseph Lohmar, Caden Malott, Blake Matthys, Marcus McIntyre, Claire Meythaler, Nicole Miller, Emma Nelson, Nolan Oliver, Gavin Pinnow, Kiara Quimby, Molly Regenfeld, Lexus Sandlin, Isaac Saunders, Jerrica Schwartz, Margaret Smital, Hailey Thelen, Charlie Weis, Onnika Williams, Addison Yates

Chase Harnack, Kaden Harpner, Bailey Matthys, Samantha McGuire, Austin Reed, Ethan Reed, Sabrina Siegel, Rebecca Walder, Cade Walker, Christian Wilkins

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• Freshmen: Brandon Bennett, Camaryn Blackwood, Gunner Boegli, Jaxon Dooley, Maddie Fraley-Markley, Ellyana Harding, Owen Hillstrom, Zoey Hinkle, Isabel Huebner, Caleb Leighty, Dylan Lewis, Isiah Martinez, Brittian Paulson, Lance Peterson, Montanna Schumacher, Ryan Searls, Evan Senobe, Presley Stitt, Samuel Wenger

'B' honor roll

• Seniors: Shelby Backus, Braden Cook, Faith Gobeli,

Oncology nurse receives DAISY honors

Registered nurse Sue Campbell, a Monroe Clinic oncology nurse, recently received the DAISY Award. Campbell has been a nurse with Monroe Clinic for 22 years.

A recently retired teammate, Patty Syse, nominated Campbell for the honor.

"Sue saw the need for nurse navigator services and was instrumental in creating and fulfilling this role," Syse said in the nomination. "She has a presence with patients, putting them at ease as their treatment is planning."

"Words used by families to describe Sue are, 'You made me feel heard,' (and) 'We felt special, as if we were the only ones you were caring for,' and 'you always go above and beyond.'"

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that "celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care delivered by nurses every day," according to a Monroe Clinic news release. Monroe Clinic employs more than 300 nurses serving patients throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Monroe Clinic officials ask the community to help spotlight the extraordinary contributions of nurses like Campbell by nominating them for the DAISY Award. Nomination forms are available by going online to www.monroeclinic.org/daisy.



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Registered nurse Sue Campbell has spent 20 years caring for patients at Monroe Clinic. She recently was recognized with a DAISY Award.



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Enjoy music in the park

The Monroe City Band's summer concert season will continue July 4 and July 29 at the Twining Park Bandshell. Concerts are free. The band, in its 72nd year, offers an opportunity for adults to continue to perform music after high school. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Director Brian Bruggeman at brianbruggeman@monroe.k12.wi.us or 608-328-7447.

Blackhawk students earn president's list honors

Several area students were named to the spring semester president's list at Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville.

The students are listed by hometown and area of study.

- Albany: Alexa Coplien, nursing; Hailey M. Kind, digital medical sonography and vascular technology-nonclinical; Charis Turner, business management
- Brodhead: Eyan G. Anderson, criminal justice;

- Blaine R. Berget, electric power distribution; Justyce M. Burhans, early childhood education; Craig Christensen, criminal justice; Riley Diferferer, nursing; Magnolia Grenawalt, physical therapist assistant; Bryson IIs, physical therapist assistant; Hailey Landphier, criminal justice; Erin Lemezis-Schadewaldt, human services; Marcia C. Mcguire, radiography; Ethan

- G. Reed, Start College Now; Trenton M. Sauer, automotive technician; Breanna D. Santiago, digital medical sonography and vascular technology-nonclinical; Sara Smital, electro-mechanical technology; Rhianna C. Teubert, nursing; Jillian M. Webber, early childhood education; Vicki L. Wiegel, nursing
- Footville: Morgan R. Sanwick, criminal justice

- Juda: Cortney L. Bertelrud, surgical technician; Molly A. Salzwedel, medical assistant
- Orfordville: Amanda L. Alm, nursing; Troy Belford, IT-web software developer; Casey J. Bennett, agribusiness/science technology; Erin Furrer, physical therapy assistant; Justin R. Ganus, human services; Hannah Montefelt, criminal justice; Dakota E. Weber, criminal justice

Take steps to guard against heat illness

Experts say hydration, preparation key in extreme temps

Summer is upon us, with hot temperatures already making an appearance. Officials at the Department of Health Services recently recognized Heat Awareness Day and encouraged residents to be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and encouraged them to take steps to prevent getting sick.

In 2020, 689 people went to the emergency department, 67 people were hospitalized, and seven people died in Wisconsin due to heat-related causes, according to a DHS news release. Emergency department visits were highest among younger populations, ages 15-34, while hospitalizations were most frequent among those aged 65 and older.

"Temperatures in Wisconsin are projected to keep increasing over time due to climate change," Dr. Jon Meiman, chief medical officer of the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, said in the release. "Wisconsinites need to be on alert for extremely warm days and proactively take steps to ensure their safety."

Some people are more likely to get sick from the heat, including:

- Older adults and younger children
- People who work outside
- People attending summer festivals
- People without access to air conditioning

• People who take certain medications like diuretics ("water pills") or psychotropics

Follow these tips to stay cool on hot days:

• Stay in air conditioning. When possible, stay in air conditioning on hot days. If you don't have air conditioning, head to libraries, malls and other public spaces to keep cool.

• Check on loved ones. Be sure to check on older friends and neighbors who live alone.

• Avoid the hottest part of the day. If you have to be outside, stick to the cooler morning and evening hours. Wear light, loose clothing and take frequent, air-conditioned or shade breaks.

• Beware of hot cars. Never leave a person or a pet in a parked car, even for a short time. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

• Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water on hot days. Avoid alcohol and hot, heavy meals.

• Stay informed. Watch your local weather forecasts so you can plan outdoor activities safely. Pay attention to any extreme heat alerts.

• Remember that anyone can get sick from the heat. If you start feeling overheated, weak, dizzy, nauseated or have muscle cramps, you could be experiencing heat illness. Move to air conditioning, drink water, get

under a fan and put on cool washcloths. If your symptoms worsen or don't improve, go to the emergency room.

For more information, visit the heat safety page on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT SHARED STORIES, CARDS, MEMORIALS, AND KIND WORDS WITH THE PASSING OF OUR DAD, GARY HAWKINS. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME FOR HELPING WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

-Albany School District strategic planning meeting, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

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

-Albertson Memorial Library closed

MONDAY, JUNE 21

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

-Albany Parks Committee meeting, 6 p.m.

-Albany Joint Recycle Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-Albany Police, Fire & License Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

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Homeownership gap is wide for Wisconsinites of color

By Gaby Vinick and Alexa Chatham
WISCONSIN WATCH

To Greg Lewis, the home was beautiful. Cozy and inviting, it was a two-bedroom house in Milwaukee with a finished basement, two and a half car garage, an attached apartment and a yard.

He had his eyes set on it for 42 days, only to learn that the appraisal, or valuation of the property, was lower than he expected. Lewis thought it was

going to be about \$100,000, as another house on the same block sold for \$130,000. Yet the appraisal only came in at \$90,000 — meaning banks would be limited in how much they could lend him to buy the home.

He blames the difference on racism. And he is not alone. Experts and some homeowners say historic racism continues to play a role in depressing the value of Black-owned homes, especially in majority-Black

neighborhoods.

“Some homes can be beautiful homes and the appraisal comes in short, and then you got to deal with that because they find out that it’s a Black person that owns it and is selling it,” said Lewis, who had to take a pass on buying the house.

Lower appraisals are among many barriers to building wealth faced by Black Americans, which Lewis witnessed first-hand. Wisconsin has one of the lowest Black homeown-

ership rates in the country — a rate that has not improved nationally since 1968. Owning a home allows families to preserve and grow wealth, increase their capacity to borrow and lowers the cost of housing.

In Wisconsin, just 26% of Black residents own their own homes, compared to the white homeownership rate of 72%. Experts say that historic, discriminatory practices such as redlining — areas where banks refused to lend money — and racial covenants, which banned sales to Black buyers, have combined with modern-day racism and overall lower incomes to disadvantage Black Americans, hurting their ability to buy a home.

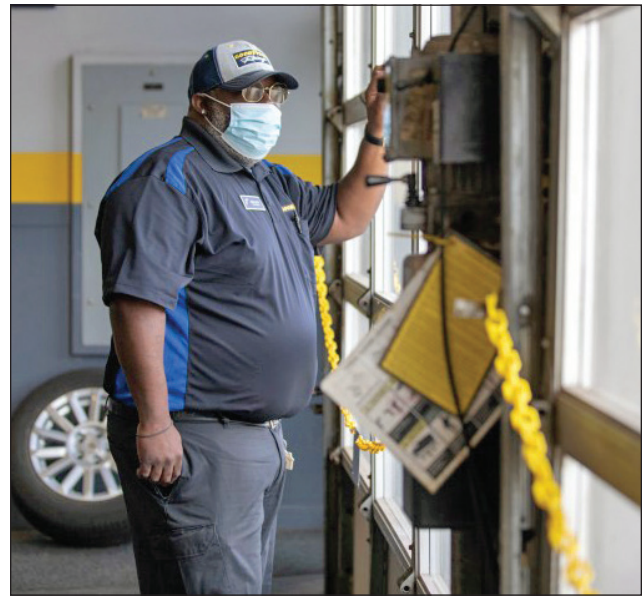
Lewis has now stalled his house-hunting, discouraged by being outbid so many times.

“It took a lot out of me,” he said. “I went into a depressive state. Looking for a house is really excruciating, and at the end of the day, you want to find something that fits you, something that you like, so that’s the hardest part.”

The National Association of Realtors found in a 2019 study that owning a home remains elusive for many Black buyers, as less than half can afford to buy the typically priced home.

“Black applicants were rejected for mortgage loans at a rate 2.5 times greater than white applicants — 10% vs. 4%, respectively,” the study found. “Nationwide, 43% of Black households can afford to buy the typical home compared to 63% of white households.”

Another study by the Center for Responsible Lending found that communities of color, particularly Black households, face another “significant” barrier to homeownership. It would take 14 years for a Black household at the national median income level to save for a 5% mortgage down payment and closing



COBURN DUKEHART/WISCONSIN WATCH *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Greg Lewis, who manages a Goodyear tire store in Brookfield, Wisconsin, has tried since January to buy a house in several Milwaukee neighborhoods. He temporarily gave up in late April after repeatedly getting outbid. Particularly disappointing was when he lost the chance to buy a two-bedroom Hampton Heights neighborhood home after a surprisingly low appraisal reduced how much a bank would be willing to lend. He is still working with a real estate agent to eventually buy a house someday.

costs for a median-priced house — and 11 years for a Latino family — while a white median-income family needs nine years to accumulate the same amount of funds.

From homeless to homeowner

Sheila DeCuevas, a mother of four, struggled to find a home for 11 years, unable to save enough money for a deposit or meet financial requirements for a loan.

“There was always problems with qualifications for any type of loan or traditional lending or any type of program, so we had a really tough time trying to get someone to help us,” she said.

DeCuevas rented for years without feeling secure after experiencing homelessness with

her then-2-year-old son.

“A lot of families like me go through all this,” she said. “Purchasing a home, it’s their life dream. A lot of people don’t understand because they have stable lives, but acquiring your own place brings peace of mind to a lot of people.”

On top of her financial stress, DeCuevas said she inherited debt from her first marriage, which prevented her from getting a home loan. Feeling overwhelmed, DeCuevas went to seminars on homeownership in hopes of getting help.

She eventually met a real-estate agent who encouraged her to enroll in the Acts Housing program of Milwaukee, which helps low-income families

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‘American Pickers’ plans Wisconsin treasure-hunting trip

The folks from “American Pickers” are returning to Wisconsin this summer. They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout the area in July.

“We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times. We at ‘American Pickers’ are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and CDC,” according to a news release. “While we plan to be in Wisconsin this July, we will continue to re-schedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking.” “American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the world of antique “picking” on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers



SUBMITTED PHOTO *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Mike Wolfe and Danielle Colby of the History Channel TV show “American Pickers” will be in Wisconsin this summer, looking to find hidden treasures.

in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them, the news release said.

Show officials are looking for leads for places to explore for treasures. If you or some-

one you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the pickers can spend the better part of a day looking through, send the name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to toamericanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

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Wisconsin National Guard launches new website

The Wisconsin National Guard recently launched a new standalone website designed to keep the public informed about the organization, including employment opportunities, resources, community relations information and more. The new site is at ng.wi.gov.

The Wisconsin National Guard has facilities in about 70 Wisconsin communities, and until now, the Guard’s web presence was housed under the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs website.

The new website is focused solely on the Wisconsin National Guard, and it includes the latest news releases and articles on the force and its troops, in addition to a wide array of resources ranging from how to request a military static display or flyover for a community event, to leadership profiles, to full-time civilian or military career opportunities in the Wisconsin National Guard, and information on the various programs that serve troops, their families, retirees and veterans.

The site also provides information on how to connect with the Wisconsin National Guard on its social media platforms, or how to sign up to receive text or e-mail updates with the latest Wisconsin National Guard news or military aircraft flight alerts.

Made up of nearly 10,000 citizen soldiers and airmen comprising the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard, the Wisconsin National Guard is administered under the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs.

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purchase and fix up their own homes. Ana Melo, Acts' community relations and marketing associate, said the 26-year-old nonprofit provides education and debt elimination programs and other services for prospective homeowners.

"It's not only about acquiring property, it's about acquiring good habits," DeCuevas said, adding that Acts Housing helped her become more financially literate.

Thanks to Acts Housing, DeCuevas now owns her own home. And her children are proud of what their family has accomplished.

"Going from homeless to owning our own place, and them telling us that they're proud of us, and that they're thankful for us ... they're more smart, they understand that owning is a big thing," said DeCuevas, who now works for Acts Housing as an office coordinator.

"My oldest is already talking about 'When I'm buying my own house,' so they're not thinking about renting. They're not thinking about making other people wealthy, they want to make themselves stable and more wealthy."

Homeownership's spinoff effects

Homeownership is a key metric for standard of living in several ways. Homes are often the largest single asset a family owns, providing a source of wealth for current and future generations. Homeownership also provides housing stability, which can help children do better in school and provide other positive benefits. It is a benefit that too many Black people do not enjoy.

Kurt Paulsen, a University of Wisconsin-Madison expert on housing affordability, said little headway has been made in increasing Black homeownership.

"Nationally, the Black homeownership rate is still not where it needs to be, and in some ways, has not significantly improved since the 1968 Fair Housing Act," Paulsen said.

The national Black homeownership rate is 44% compared to the white homeownership rate of 74.5%.

The racial disparities in Wisconsin housing reflect not only historic and economic inequal-

ities, but discrimination in all levels of the housing process, according to Paulsen.

Black households often face higher loan denial rates and higher interest rates. Although housing discrimination based on race is illegal through the Fair Housing Act, Paulsen said mortgage lenders sometimes deny Black households loans or charge higher interest rates due to lower income and a higher debt-to-income ratio.

Kacie Lucchini Butcher is a public history project director at UW-Madison whose research primarily focuses on housing inequity. Butcher emphasized the alarming implications of low Black homeownership rates, including the ability of such families to build intergenerational wealth.

Nationally, the average white household has a net worth of \$171,000 — 10 times higher than the average Black household's net worth of \$17,150.

"If homeownership continues in the way that it does, and if access to housing continues in the way it does, we are just going to see a continued exacerbation of wealth inequality and of poverty. One of the best ways to fix this is to get everybody housing," Butcher said.

Affordability a major problem

Building intergenerational wealth is not the only challenge Black Americans face.

UW-Madison professor Kris Olds, an expert on urban planning and gentrification, said housing affordability remains a huge problem, especially in Madison, but also elsewhere in Wisconsin.

"One of the problems in Madison is so much of it (housing) is allocated to single family zoning districts, and it's quite expensive to access that," he said.

If potential homeowners are unable to demonstrate that they have a high enough income relative to the cost of the home and the down payment, Olds said, "you're basically locked out of the homeownership market, even if it's relatively affordable."

In Milwaukee, income levels for Black Americans have declined by 30% since 1979. Marc Levine, UW-Milwaukee professor emeritus of history, economic development and ur-

ban studies found that across a series of metrics, Black Americans in Milwaukee are worse off today than they were 40 to 50 years ago.

Said Olds: "If you've only been renting all your life, if you've got a low credit rating, but nothing saved up, even if you've got a new job, and a relatively good stable income, you still have difficulties getting into that particular housing market."

Historical barriers to homeownership

Paige Glotzer, assistant professor of history at UW-Madison and author of a book on the history of housing discrimination, said there are a number of large, structural barriers to opportunity for many Black Americans, regardless of their socioeconomic status, ultimately contributing to "a power imbalance" between Black and white Americans.

Modern-day housing market discrimination permeates society in inconspicuous ways, Glotzer said. The value placed on a house, which she said is often based on race, also affects property taxes, funding for schools, commuting times and ultimately Black American purchasing power.

"It's sometimes hard to detect because you can always give a colorblind reason why you're taking away value from a house," she explained.

Glotzer added that a house owned by Black people or situated in a Black neighborhood will appreciate less in value than the exact same house in a majority white neighborhood.

"This means that there are a few things related to housing that are still very discriminatory, even though it has become illegal," she said.

Levine also noted that a Black household in Milwaukee with an income over \$100,000 is twice as likely to live in a concentrated poverty neighborhood as a white household with income under \$10,000 a year — meaning even a high income does not insulate Black Wisconsinites from race-based housing discrimination.

Redlining explained

Generations after the 1968 Fair Housing Act was enacted, white and Black homeownership rates and conditions



ZHIHAN HUANG/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL, FOR WISCONSIN WATCH *Brodhead Independent-Register*
Sheila DeCuavas, right, and her husband, Nabor Cuevas Tirado, mix concrete for tiles in their new house recently. DeCuavas and Cuevas Tirado worked for at least four months to fix the house.

remain miles apart. This is especially true in Milwaukee, one of the most segregated major cities in the United States.

"African Americans are more likely to buy lower-priced homes in segregated neighborhoods because of historical segregation patterns," Paulson said.

A main reason for housing segregation is redlining, which began with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation of 1932 — when the Great Depression thrust America into a housing crisis.

The federal government issued bonds to refinance the majority of Americans' mortgages. The government developed standards for which mortgages and neighborhoods it would refinance by color coding geographical areas by risk factor. Green indicated the lowest risk factors and red signaled the highest perceived risk factors — thus the term redlining.

"Redlining meant that a neighborhood that had the presence of inharmonious racial groups would be color coded red," Paulson said. "That was both Black neighborhoods and white neighborhoods that had a significant presence of people of color."

Prior to the 1930s, American cities were not officially segregated by race, but because the Federal Housing Administration provided insurance for mortgages, the federal government believed that neighborhood risk factors would affect property values. The FHA flagged a neighborhood's racial composition as a primary risk factor.

Redlining was "a close collaboration" between white federal policymakers, planners and developers, Glotzer said.

"Redlining was actually a form of lending discrimination," she said. "There are huge hurdles in terms of getting access to credit, to capital, to money and to good banking that is still very much a huge determinant of how people can live. And that is, and continues to be, very much something really based on racism."

Efforts abound to build homeownership

Several public agencies and nonprofits are working to help Black residents of Wisconsin become homeowners.

Real-estate agent Mo Simmons, who is helping Lewis buy a home, belongs to Take Root Milwaukee, a consortium of 50 community organizations, neighborhood groups, HUD-certified housing counseling agencies, real estate agents and lenders that helps residents buy, keep or fix a home.

"There's been a lot of biases that have kept Black people from being able to obtain homeownership," she said. "But there's now, in 2021, a lot more education and a lot more resources ... and Take Root is providing that," she said.

State Rep. Shelia Stubbs, D-Madison, co-chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities, said other processes must change to bolster Black homeownership rates.

"Why do you need to have credit scores when you have enough rental history that you've probably rented from some landlord for 20, 30 years?" Stubbs asked. "So you are good enough to rent, but you're not good enough to

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COBURN DUKEHART FOR WISCONSIN WATCH *Brodhead Independent-Register*
Greg Lewis hoped to buy this two-bedroom house in the Hampton Heights neighborhood of Milwaukee. But a surprisingly low appraisal reduced how much a bank would be willing to lend, scuttling his plans. Lower appraisals are among many barriers to building wealth faced by Black Americans.

News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; book club at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m.
- June Days, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Purdy Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

- Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon
- June Days, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Purdy Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

- June Days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Purdy Park
- Orfordville library closed

MONDAY, JUNE 21

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview School Board meeting, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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CITY OF BRODHEAD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BOUNDARY AND PROJECT PLAN FOR TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT (TID) NO. 8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter, the City of Brodhead Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to sections 66.1105(4)(a), and 66.1105(4)(e) of Wisconsin State Statutes at City Hall, Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520. At that time, a reasonable opportunity will be afforded to all interested parties to express their view on the proposed TID No. 8 District Boundary and Project Plan, and creation of said TID.

TID No. 8 is being created to promote mixed-use development through City infrastructure improvements, redevelopment activities and development assistance. As part of the Project Plan, cash grants may be made by the City to owners, lessees, or developers of property within TID No. 8, and within the one-half mile radius of the TID.

A copy of the TID No. 8 Boundary and Project Plan is available for inspection and will be provided upon request. Arrangements for either inspection or receipt of a copy of the Project Plan may be made by contacting Nick Wahl, Clerk-Treasurer, 1111 W 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520; Phone (608) 897-4018. The Independent Register 6/9, 6/16/2021 WNAXLP 397581

Brodhead Water & Light Brodhead, Wisconsin Substation Construction
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids for the Brodhead Municipal 4 Substation Construction, Project B16-20A, will be received by Brodhead Water & Light, at the office of Forster Electrical Engineering at 550 N Burr Oak Ave, Oregon, WI 53575, until 1:00 PM local time on July 7th, 2021, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing a new distribution substation.

Bids will be received for a single Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the substation site - 1500 11th Street in Brodhead WI, at 1:00 PM on June 21st, 2021. Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Forster Electrical Engineering, Inc. at 550 N Burr Oak Avenue Oregon, WI 53575. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment of a deposit of \$50 for each set or \$20 for an electronic version. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available

from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: **Brodhead Water & Light**
By: **Ed Hoff**
Title: **Superintendent**
Date: **June 8th, 2021**
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SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION FOR PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Avon, Rock County, Wisconsin, has adopted Resolution No. 2021-03 on June 1, 2021, reaffirming and establishing the office of constable.

The full text of the Resolution may be obtained or viewed at no charge by contacting the Town Clerk, Stephanie Schwartzlow, 15444 W. Skinner Road, Brodhead, Wisconsin 53520, or calling telephone number (608) 921-3656.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Avon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 2021-03 was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Avon on the 1st day of June, 2021 and the 8 day of June, 2021 copies of the above Resolution were posted by me in three places in the Town of Avon, Rock County, Wisconsin as follows:

- Avon Town Hall, Brodhead
 - Debbie Jean's Custom Framing & Whimsical Treasures, Brodhead
 - Sugar River Bank, Brodhead
- Furthermore, a summary of the above-referenced notice as published as a Class I Notice in the Brodhead Independent Register in compliance with 59.14 (1m), Wis. Stats

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Stephanie Schwartzlow
Town Clerk
Town of Avon,
Rock County, WI
(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of June, 2021.
Teresa A. Peters
Notary Public,
Rock County, Wisconsin
My Commission Expires:
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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE WI
ATTENTION ORFORDVILLE RESIDENTS

Copies of the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report for the Orfordville Water Utility are available at the Village Hall. Copies are also posted at the Orfordville Library, Bank of Brodhead Orfordville Branch, and the Parkview High School.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Brodhead, on June 9, 2021, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2020-21 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. unchanged line items are not present.

GENERAL FUND				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Other School Districts Within Wisconsin	300	795,050.00	778,660.00	(16,390.00)
Intermediate Sources	500	8,603.00	8,125.09	(477.91)
State Sources	600	7,909,319.00	7,918,059.00	8,740.00
Federal Sources	700	496,684.72	537,494.71	40,809.99
Total Anticipated Revenue		9,209,656.72	9,242,338.80	32,682.08
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	2,538,915.09	2,509,116.83	(29,798.26)
Regular Curriculum	120000	3,298,803.75	3,203,285.29	(95,518.46)
Vocational Curriculum	130000	356,310.69	350,133.19	(6,177.50)
Physical Curriculum	140000	345,324.26	357,974.26	12,650.00
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	246,272.00	203,192.00	(43,080.00)
Other Special Needs	170000	52,440.00	48,940.00	(3,500.00)
Pupil Services	210000	310,678.59	311,387.59	709.00
Instructional Staff Services	220000	341,143.94	335,041.94	(6,102.00)
General Administration	230000	474,172.13	464,672.13	(9,500.00)
School Building Administration	240000	828,816.26	836,081.26	7,265.00
Business Administration	250000	1,949,856.38	2,101,136.38	151,280.00
Other Support Services	290000	385,110.63	389,340.63	4,230.00
Instructional Service Payments	430000	908,026.00	848,227.00	(59,799.00)
Total Expenditure Appropriations		12,035,869.72	11,958,528.50	(77,341.22)
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Fund Balance, Unassigned	939900	3,561,384.39	3,671,407.69	110,023.30
Projected Ending Fund Balance	939900	3,561,384.39	3,671,407.69	110,023.30

SPECIAL PROJECT FUND (FUND 21)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Regular Curriculum	120000	64,183.56	74,183.56	10,000.00
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	133,240.51	145,690.51	12,450.00
General Administration	230000	14,193.35	26,593.35	12,400.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		211,617.42	246,467.42	34,850.00
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Fund Balance, Restricted	936900	915,929.10	881,079.10	(34,850.00)
Projected Ending Fund Balance	936900	915,929.10	881,079.10	(34,850.00)

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers-in	100	1,330,460.00	1,300,460.00	(30,000.00)
Local Sources	200	0.00	4,235.00	4,235.00
State Sources	600	489,704.00	499,704.00	10,000.00
Federal Sources	700	330,921.70	335,176.74	4,255.04
Total Anticipated Revenue		2,151,085.70	2,139,575.74	(11,509.96)
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Special Education Curriculum	150000	1,586,757.29	1,586,017.33	(739.96)
Pupil Services	210000	347,775.53	336,310.53	(11,465.00)
Instructional Staff Services	220000	162,902.88	159,617.88	(3,285.00)
Business Administration	250000	50,500.00	55,000.00	4,500.00
Central Services	260000	8,000.00	5,100.00	(2,900.00)
Instructional Service Payments	430000	21,585.00	23,965.00	2,380.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		2,177,520.70	2,166,010.74	(11,509.96)
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Projected Ending Fund Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers-in	100	59,405.00	89,405.00	30,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue		59,405.00	89,405.00	30,000.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Support Services	250000	587,727.00	617,727.00	30,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		587,727.00	617,727.00	30,000.00
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Projected Ending Fund Balance, Restricted	936500	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Proceedings of School District of Brodhead

City of Brodhead, Towns of Avon, Spring Grove, Decatur, Sylvester, Spring Valley and Magnolia

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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
High School Auditoria
Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, May 5, 2021 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jodi Kail, and Don Buchanan

Absent: Elizabeth Kempel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting: April 26, 2021

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved as

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Don Buchanan, to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports.

Information Technology Director Kevin Buxton thanked Superintendent Lenny Lueck for agreeing to be his mentor for Kevin's in-

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PROJECT: 2021 STREET RE-SURFACING

OWNER: Village of Orfordville
303 East Beloit Street, P.O. Box 409

Orfordville, WI 53576-0409
CONTRACTS AND BID DEAD-LINE:

Sealed bids for a single contract for street asphalt pavement construction will be received by the Village of Orfordville until

1:00 p.m., local time on July 1, 2021. Please note that currently the Village Hall is closed to outside visitors unless by appointment so bidders should plan delivery of bids accordingly. Bids will be opened under witness of the Village Clerk and read aloud at the above time and place. Bid results will be publicly made following the bid opening.

The contract consists of the following approximate quanti-

ties:
Street Pulverizing 4,000 square yards
Hot-Mix Asphalt Pavement 750 tons
Concrete Curb & Gutter 450 lineal feet
Appurtenances to the above construction items, such as traffic control are included, but are not listed above. The quantities are subject to change without notice prior to document distri-

bution.
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:
The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bidder's Proof of Responsibility, Bid Proposal Form, Affidavit of Organization and Authority, Bid Bond (in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid), Notice of Award Form, Agreement Form, Notice to Proceed
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own? I have found that to be an inequity.”

A recent Wisconsin Policy Forum analysis found that between 2014 and 2018, the city of Milwaukee spent \$26.4 million to help existing homeowners fix up their properties but comparatively less — \$3.5 million — on increasing homeownership. The city also spent \$19 million on expanding the amount of affordable housing. The think tank suggested that Milwaukee could better focus its efforts to boost the level of homeownership and affordable housing in the city.

“With more than 20 housing programs divided across three city agencies and no housing director, the city’s housing portfolio might benefit from stronger organization and clearer leadership,” the policy forum found. “Each city housing program has somewhat distinct policy objectives and target populations, but there is also considerable overlap between many, including some that are managed by different departments.”

‘Everyone should own a home’

One resource is the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Association (WHEDA), created in 1972 by the Wisconsin Legislature, which holds over \$2 billion in assets and serves as a lender for state residents in need of affordable housing financing. The organization issued 2,680 loans — totaling \$366 million — to first-time homebuyers and working families in the 2020 fiscal year.

Joaquin Altoro, CEO of WHEDA, said the history of racial oppression can affect potential homebuyers’ perception about their qualifications, fearing that banks will not lend to them or real estate agents will not want to work with them. Another issue contributing to the homeownership gap is what he describes as a “significant” poverty rate for communities of color in Wisconsin.

“And if you don’t have dollars, how in the world are you going to buy a house if you can’t even support your family?” Altoro asked. Still, Altoro said increasingly, financial institutions are identifying potential owners of color and helping them buy homes.

“What we’re seeing is there are banks, and there are research firms that are getting deep in the data, and uncovering in communities of color who is mortgage-ready, like, ‘Who is that person? Where do they live? What do they want to buy?’ Because if we can uncover that information, and share it with the world and say, ‘These are the people,’ then there might be a way for us to go directly at them,” he said. Altoro wants to change the false perception that there are few Black and Latinos qualified to purchase a home by helping more renters of color to become owners.

“I’m not trying to change racism, I can’t do that by myself,” he said. “But I can change the fact that we put one, two, three homeowners in a neighborhood.” Stubbs echoed Altoro’s hope for change. “We’re investing more money into (homeless) shelters than housing, and I think that’s a problem.” Simmons, of EXIT Realty Horizons, is doing her part, helping Lewis find his dream home. From the beginning, she advised Lewis to get his credit fixed. “The people that Mo actual-

ly put me in front of just broke it down for me, as well as her, letting me know in regards to my income what I can actually afford and how high I should go in regards to looking for a home,” he said. For Lewis, he looks forward

to the day he can finally buy a house — and possibly pass that asset along to his family. He said he is grateful for Simmons’ help that he even invited her to his wedding. “I think everyone should own a home,” he said. “That’s

a start to building some generational wealth for Blacks.” Reporter Zhen Wang contributed to this story, which was produced as part of an investigative reporting class at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Jour-

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ternship this year. He also thanked Cathy Pfeuti for her insight and assistance with the budget portion of his internship.

Elementary School Principal Dave Novy recognized Brent Bockhop for all of his work with Field Days for the third through fifth grades. Field Days was held May 7 and was a huge success.

Middle School Principal Lisa Semrow recognized Erin Kammerer for being selected as Brodhead Middle School Teacher of the Year. She also gave a shout out to Middle School Math teachers Tim Colden, Jennifer Wunsch, and Steve Krupke; Math Interventionist Megan Allen; English teachers Jennifer Hake and Shane Miller; Reading Interventionist Erin Kammerer; and Special Education teachers Brooke Kintzle and Megan Rynes for proctoring the iReady Diagnostic and analyzing the results to drive instruction.

High School Principal Jim Matthys recognized Cristi Gretebeck and Crystal Holtsapple for their work on Homecoming week. He also recognized Stephanie Hurt for her work with Prom. Both events were a great success. Lastly, he recognized Heather Fenwick for her work in organizing help for a family in need.

Pupil Services Director Sarah Wadsworth recognized and congratulated Jessica Swan for being UW-Madison’s OT Preceptor of the Year! Congratulations!

Building and Grounds Director Brian Kammerer thanked Special Education teacher Ann Anderson and her class, with the help of Rich Vogel, for planting a few trees at the High School for Arbor Day. He also thanked Janet Schliem and Glen Watrud for working extra hours to cover for custodial staff when they are out.

Superintendent Lenny Lueck recognized Kirsten Novy for all of her help with Forward Testing, Jessica Swan for all of her work with her UW Student OTs, and Brian Kammerer for his organization and work with the fall sports season that was re-scheduled between the winter and spring seasons.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
A parent spoke in regard to 5th grade class sizes for the 2021-22 school year.

AGENDA ITEMS

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS ACTION ITEM
The Board set a tie-breaking procedure for all positions by drawing a name out of the hat if there is a tie.

Presiden
Motion by Al Schneider to nominate Mike Krupke as School Board President.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Krupke. Vote results: 5-1 [D. Buchanan opposed].

Vice President
Motion by Jim Wahl to nominate Don Buchanan as School Board Vice President.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Don Buchanan. Vote results: 6-0.

Clerk
Motion by Mike Krupke to nominate Michael Oellerich as School Board Clerk.

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Mike Krupke, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Oellerich. Vote results: 6-0.

Treasurer
Motion by Mike Krupke to nominate Al Schneider as School Board Treasurer.

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jim Wahl, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Al Schneider. Vote results: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF 2024 HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TRIP TO SPAIN AND FRANCE ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the 2024 High School Spanish Trip to Spain and France, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPROVALS / DENIALS FOR 2021-22 ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the recommended Open Enrollment approval/denial list of students for school year 2021-22, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

REVIEW DENTAL PLAN REVIEW/ACTION ITEM

Superintendent Lueck presented an update on Dental Plan self-funding data and the need for increased self-funding. Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the recommended dental plan funding increase of 3.2%. Motion carried, 5-0-1 [M. Oellerich abstained].

SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFING DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Pupil Services Director Sarah Wadsworth presented a Special Education staffing plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the Special Education staffing plan as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFFING DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Elementary School Principal Dave Novy presented a staffing plan for the 2021-22 school year based on large class sizes in the incoming 4K class and 5th grade. Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to add a full-time teacher in both 4 year-old kindergarten and 5th grade for the 2021-22 school year, to be paid from ESSER2 funding. Motion carried, 6-0.

JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATES [DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK/PAYROLL BENEFITS SPECIALIST AND PUPIL SERVICES/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT] ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the changes to the District Accounts Payable Clerk/Payroll Benefits Specialist and Pupil Services/Business Administrative Assistant job descriptions, as amended. Motion carried, 6-0.

• Trombone donated by the Young family to the High School Band Department Motion carried, 6-0.

RESIGNATION(S) ACTION ITEM
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation of Amber Buxton, Middle School Counselor, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the resignation of Ashlyn Sheafor, Elementary School Night Custodian, effective May 14, 2021. Motion carried, 6-0.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the transfer of Laura Maum from Middle School [COVID] Night Custodian to full-time Elementary School Night Custodian, effective May 17, 2021. Motion carried, 6-0.

VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the following volunteer[s]: Suzanne Calhoon [ES Art and Phy Ed]. Motion carried, 6-0.

- FUTURE AGENDA [June 9, 2021]**
- Approval of WASB Membership Renewal
 - Approval of 2021-22 WIAA Membership Renewal
 - Approval of the 2020-21 Budget Revisions
 - Approval of the 2021-22 Preliminary Budget
 - Approval of New Job Descriptions [Backpack Program Coordinator & Communications Specialist]
 - Review Surveys [Employee Engagement & Parent]
 - COVID-19 Update
 - Accept Donation(s)
 - Resignation(s)
 - Employment Recommendation(s)
 - Volunteer Recommendation(s)

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) (f) ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) (f) at 8:30 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. Staffing
- b. Board Evaluations

Roll Call Vote: All ayes [6-0].
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve adding a Communications Specialist position on the extra-duties list for the District at a \$2,000 annual stipend. Motion carried, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

Date: 5-12-21 \$100 Bill List

ROGER SEARLS	\$100.00
VISA	\$223.28
BMO, HARRIS	\$13,442.12
ABLE MADISON	\$934.63
510 GRAPHICS	\$300.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$261.59
CITY OF BRODHEAD	\$1,655.45
DYNAMIC FITNESS & STRENGTH	\$605.70
EDGENUITY, INC.	\$12,718.75
HELM SERVICE, INC.	\$3,045.75
NASCO	\$134.33
PALOS SPORTS INC.	\$226.52
PIGGLY WIGGLY	\$301.22
TAPCO SAFE TRAVELS	\$317.10
VISA	\$4,609.55
WARD-BRODT MUSIC	\$299.00
WE ENERGIES	\$2,879.81
SYMMETRY	\$9,605.87
BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL	\$100.00
BOOMBAH	\$879.78
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	\$10,007.63
BUXTON, KEVIN WAYNE	\$1,140.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,171.46
EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE	\$120.00
FIRST EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, LLC	\$1,000.00
GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	\$426.04
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	\$15,730.05
HELM SERVICE, INC	\$720.00
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MENEHAN REFRIGERATION	\$272.00
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SNO SITES	\$400.00
SPEICH OIL INC	\$571.80
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VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	\$1,223.68
WAUPUN HIGH SCHOOL	\$378.00
AHRENS ACRES	\$112.00
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BEAVER DAM HIGH SCHOOL	\$3,256.00
CENTRAL WI. CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	\$378.00
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL	\$1,287.53
RBS ACTIVEWEAR	\$640.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	\$223.28
BUFFALO WILD WINGS	\$1,140.46
KAUKAUNA HIGH SCHOOL	\$3,157.00
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ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL	\$100.00
ERIC BALL	\$463.00
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9. Town of Decatur Garage Insurance
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11. Township Truck
12. WTA Workshops
13. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
14. Future Agenda Items
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